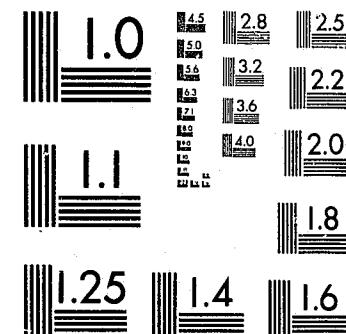


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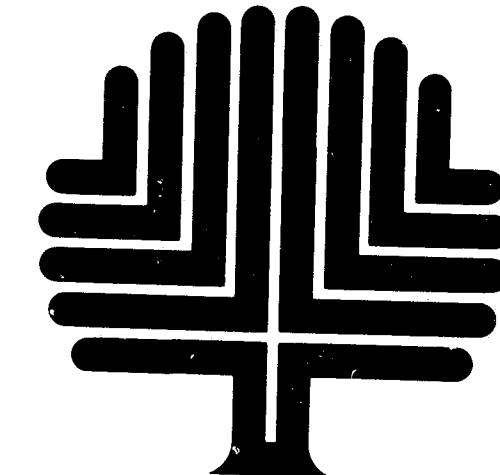
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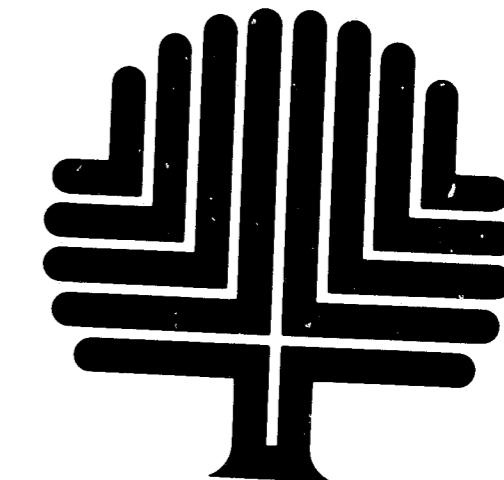
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This State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976 is the second in a series of documents containing statistical caseload data compiled from the annual reports of each state court system and from other available data. It is the result of the cooperative effort of the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators to develop within the National Center a national database of state court caseload statistics.

Questions of validity and accuracy of source data, as well as caveats regarding variation in reporting periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions used by the states, and demographic characteristics make it imperative that the data contained in this report be used with extreme caution. Care must be exercised in attempting to compare even the broadest cate-

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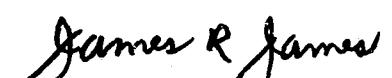
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1976. Since that year, as well as from 1975 to 1976, there have been changes in court structure and reporting procedures in several of the individual states. This report, along with the baseline data provided by the 1975 report, provides a means for measuring the effects of such changes.

Persons making use of this book are requested to read and be guided by the introductory section and, in particular, the restrictions set forth therein. Any attempt to compare the caseload data of the states is risky and should not be attempted.



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The National Court Statistics Project staff would like to recognize and thank all these many individuals who have contributed to this second in the series of annual reports on state court caseload statistics.

## Executive summary

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. 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. This second annual report reflects that orientation and emphasis, with augmentations made to better display the data and to accommodate the addition of limited jurisdiction data. The summary statistics as presented here therefore reflect the existing situation in state court statistics.

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 cases 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 6 through 10. More

specific cautionary notes are given in the discussions of individual tables. The limitations on analysis section (pages 10 to 12) provides an indication of the kinds of analysis that can and cannot be made with the data in this report.

Comparisons between the 1976 data contained in this report and the 1975 data contained in the first report 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 particular court.

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.

In terms of the structure of this annual report, summary statistical tables in Part I were constructed from the individual court profiles for all the states found in Part II. 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, which were 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 re-

sulting documentation makes up Part II of this report (pages 143 to 384).

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 1976 than for 1975 (see page 24 for appellate courts and page 55 for trial courts). At least some gross volume data are displayed in this report for all appellate courts, for all trial courts of general jurisdiction, and for 118 of the 183 trial courts of limited or special jurisdiction. For much of the data reported, however, the validity and reliability has not been ascertained.

Several general observations can be made about the 1976 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 1975 to 1976. 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 1975 to 1976. Second, the courts have managed to handle this increase in filings fairly well with most courts disposing between 90.0 and 100.0 percent of the number of cases filed and a few courts disposing of more cases than were filed. The disposition rates of less than 100.0 percent, however, mean that most courts are increasing

their pending caseload. For courts reporting pending caseload, most had increases of less than 20.0 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 50.0 percent for most courts of last resort, less than 70.0 percent for most intermediate appellate courts and for **civil caseload** in most trial courts, less than 50.0 percent for **criminal caseload** in most trial courts, and less than 30.0 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 1976 were **civil appeals**. For the trial courts in 1976 the caseload estimates indicate that of the 71 to 108 million cases filed, over 13 percent were **civil cases**, almost 13 percent were **criminal cases**, over 72 percent were **traffic cases**, and almost 1.5 percent 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 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 primary purpose of the National Court Statistics Project is to develop and implement a program to collect and report all available court caseload statistics from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.<sup>1</sup> The NCSP and COSCA coordinate within the National Center for State Courts the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of aggregated caseload data derived from each state court system.

A second purpose of the National Court Statistics Project is to compile for use in court management complete state court case-

load data that are comparable across jurisdictional boundaries.

These NCSC goals required the careful choosing of an annual report series methodology for assembling the caseload data that were 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, information was collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from

<sup>1</sup>Repetition 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 as appropriate to indicate that the reporting units being discussed include the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate clerks), the size of state population (based on Bureau of the Census 1976 revised estimates), other 1976 demographic data (taken from the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1978<sup>2</sup>), 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.<sup>3</sup>

#### 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**<sup>4</sup>) in limited jurisdiction courts. This second annual report (1976) again presents available data for appellate courts and courts of general jurisdiction, and also expands to include all available caseload data for all limited jurisdiction courts. As data from each court level become more complete, future aggregation of trial court caseloads should become more meaningful.

The 1976 report has been expand-

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1978 (Washington, D. C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

<sup>3</sup>U.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.

<sup>4</sup>The classification categories used by the NCSP are shown in boldface throughout this report.

ed 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. The scope of future reports will be broadened, if possible, to include American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

This report reflects court organization and jurisdiction as it existed in 1976, but the reader should keep in mind that court systems are not static entities. For example, in Kentucky a newly created intermediate appellate court began operation during 1976, thereby changing the jurisdiction of the court of last resort from that which existed in 1975. Kansas has instituted a unified court system, and both Kansas and Iowa have established intermediate appellate courts since 1976. Because court organizational or jurisdictional characteristics do change over time, caution should be used in attempting to compare the data in this 1976 report with 1975 data or with more current data.

#### Category classifications

When data for the 1975 report were being assembled, a classification problem resulted 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 have been 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 lim-

ited 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 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. NCSP case categories used for this 1976 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 NCSP's **request to appeal** category 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.

#### Format used

**Profiles.** After case categories were established to classify available 1976 case data, a profile of the courts in each 'state' was constructed. Each 'state' profile for 1976 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; and

--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' con-

siders it a general jurisdiction court; or

--felony cases are tried and felony sentences given, for all types of felony cases; or

--the judges of the court are general jurisdiction court judges sitting on temporary assignment. 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. These standard headings appear on the summary tables and identify the broad subject matter of the footnote; if further explanation is needed, informational statements are provided under the same standard footnote headings on the profiles in Part II.

#### 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 COSCA 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 Art<sup>5</sup>, 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 1976 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 informa-

<sup>5</sup>U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

tion 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 1976 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 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 summary charts draw attention to the missing data. As the gaps in these kinds of data are filled, the annual report series can be ex-

panded 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'. The effect of state variations on aggregated statistics make indiscriminate comparisons very dangerous. Variations that limit the comparability of the 1976 data involve: court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, case definition, completeness, accuracy, and reporting periods. These variations are discussed in broad terms below. More specific statements can be found in the analysis of the appellate court data (pages 18-51), and in the analysis of the trial court data (pages 52-139).

#### 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 1976:

--two states (Oklahoma, Texas) had two courts of last resort, while the remaining 'states' had only one court of last resort;

--twenty-five 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 3 to 63;

--the number of general jurisdiction court divisions per 'state' ranged from 1 to 261; and

--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.

#### 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 will be handling 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 handling only felony matters (after preliminary hearing in a limited jurisdiction court) and a civil division handling 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 court 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 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

**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				All trial courts
New Hampshire				
New Jersey	Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court			
New York		All trial courts		
Oklahoma			State Industrial Court	
West Virginia			Circuit Court	

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, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal, 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. Figures A and B display the existing variation in civil case definitions and criminal case units of count, respectively.

Reference to Figures A and B shows that the problem of case definition in trial courts is more acute on the criminal side. Forty-four states and Puerto Rico 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 doc-

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

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

uments filed are the count unit for all courts in 22 states, 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 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 existed among 'states' as to the appellate case categories that should be reported. There were very few states that consistently reported 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 1976 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 provided only total filings and dispositions and one state provided data only for the state's two largest counties. The remain-

ing 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico provided at least **civil and criminal** breakdowns for total cases processed in general jurisdiction courts for 1976. There were seven states that reported no limited jurisdiction data. Of the remaining states and Puerto Rico, data were reported for 118 of the 183 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 remained 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 on the court statistical profile in Part II of this report.

#### Variations in reporting periods

As indicated on profile headings and in Figure C, most 'states' report data by calendar year; many report by fiscal year, however, and

**Figure C: Reporting periods for state courts not using the calendar year, 1976.**

State	Reporting Period				
	7/01/75- 6/30/76	8/01/75- 7/31/76	9/01/75- 8/31/76	10/01/75- 9/30/76	2/4/76- 2/2/77
All appellate courts					
Alabama	All courts				
California	All courts				
Colorado					
Connecticut	Superior Court (criminal) Court of Common Pleas (criminal)		Supreme Court Court of Common Pleas (civil)		
Delaware	Probate Court				
Georgia	All trial courts				
Hawaii	All but Court of Appeals				
Kansas	All courts				
Maine	All courts				
Maryland	District Court				
Massachusetts	All courts				
Michigan	All trial courts but Re- orderer'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					
Utah	All but Supreme Court and Juvenile Court				
Wisconsin	Supreme Court				

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. Figure C displays the actual reporting periods for all courts not using the calendar year for the reporting period.

#### 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: Jurisdictions 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 pinpointing missing data or case definitions.

--Comparison of volume 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 pending caseload.

--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.

--Inappropriate use of national totals: Data have been aggregated in order to make rough estimates of overall national totals in 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, "ball-park" informational estimates, and not as representing the true 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. In addition to the central purpose of this report--that is, to be a record of the data itself--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 13 for courts at the same level that use the same event for the start of the time interval. (Comparison of the average time from notice of appeal to decision announced for all cases in the courts of last resort of the District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota can be made. These 'states' do not have an intermediate appellate court. The same comparison could be made for both the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.)

--Comparison of the proportion of trials for felony cases: These comparisons can be made from Table

39 for trial courts that have similar units of count and trial definitions and report trial data for felonies or felonies and appeals.

(Comparison of the proportion of cases disposed by jury trial in the California Superior Court, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, Michigan Circuit Court, and Florida Circuit Court can be made.)

--Comparison of the volume of tort actions: These comparisons can be made from Tables 21, 22, and 23 for 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 number of tort cases filed per 100,000 population can be made from Table 23 for Florida, Wisconsin, Washington, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Idaho, and Alaska.)

--Comparison of the proportion of total civil to total criminal filings: These comparisons can be made from Tables 20 and 31, 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. (Comparisons of the proportion of total civil to total criminal filings can be made for Illinois, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Alaska, states where the criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints; and for California, Virginia, Washington, Connecticut, Hawaii, and Idaho, states where the criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants.)

--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"). (Comparisons can be made within all states that have

an intermediate appellate court except New Jersey and New York.)

--Comparison of total volume of civil cases in trial courts: These comparisons can be made from Table 20 for 'states' that use the filing of the petition or complaint as the point that 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"). (Comparisons of the total volume of civil cases filed or the number of civil cases filed per population unit can be made for California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Hawaii, Idaho, Vermont, and Alaska.)

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.

### Statistical series continuing development

#### Evolutionary focus of the statistical 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.

It is important to the long-

term 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 availability to future researchers of successive-year data compilations, so that complete time series information is preserved. The current drawbacks occasioned by limitations in currently available data are greatly outweighed by the importance of having data compilation 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 1976 data than on the 1975 data. Still more extensive changes will be made to the 1977 and succeeding volumes of the annual report series to improve analytical content. Graphic displays, particularly for communicating analytical information, will be added to the 1977 volume. 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 the "readability" of the report.

Another type of effort will be necessary to eliminate those problems that stem from the currently unknown validity and reliability of the data. After data have been collected and state court statis-

tical profiles constructed by project staff, these charts are verified by the states for completeness and accuracy of classification, but resource limitations preclude any auditing procedures, which would be necessary for conclusively establishing data validity and reliability.

In order to improve the quality of data contained in future volumes of the annual report series, the NCSP staff and COSCA NCSP Committee intend to consider the feasibility of establishing a project capability to conduct audits of selected clusters of data from particular courts, selected either because the data they report are atypical or to randomly represent all courts. It is anticipated that the combination of these "miniaudits" 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 over time the validity and reliability of the data contained in the annual report series.

Because validity and readability of the data has not yet been established, the NCSP staff has performed only limited statistical analysis for the Annual Report, 1976. In future volumes of this series, as the quality and quantity of data improve, the analysis section of the document will be expanded to include the investigation of selected questions of interest to researchers and court administrators. Analysis within this context might, for example, include: 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; 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 community.

#### Dynamics of improvement

Ideas and suggestions for improvement of this state court case-load statistical series have come from many sources, and have provided the creative stimulus needed to constructively assess current NCSP efforts and 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 in the methodological review panel assembled by LEAA to review NCSP products and generate specific ideas and suggestions for improvement. Panel members have been most helpful to the process of identifying and discussing issues and alternatives for future NCSP efforts, and in assessing, prioritizing, and time-phasing NCSP plans for improvements.

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 has been much dialogue, flow of ideas, and movement toward improved state court statistics, but much remains to be done.

Significant steps being taken by the NCSP to promote and aid improvement of the state court caseload statistical series include the changes already effected between the 1975 and 1976 annual reports, and the changes being contemplated for the 1977 and succeeding annual reports. Closely related, the NCSP is in the last stages of development of a State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, and is nearly ready to conduct a Survey of State Court Organization. Improvement within the states is being encouraged by the NCSP through proactive technical assistance emphasizing the case classification model suggested by the NCSP and by close coordination of these efforts with state and national programs aimed at improving state judicial information and statistical reporting systems.

Because of their importance and potential impact for improving the national statistical series on caseloads (i.e., the annual report), 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 model 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 "ground-level" 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 commonality of 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 statewide and national comparison purposes. 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. As state data allow, more of the recommended classification structure will be integrated into the annual report series (this 1976 edition has begun the process by revising several of

the case categories used in the 1975 report).

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. Topics for such future exploration include, for example, further subdivision of **criminal** case categories, as well as the development of descriptive statistics and a scheme for reporting important case events in case processing. All such explorations must, of course, reflect the practicality of implementation and the trade-off considerations between perceived needs for data and the cost of acquiring such data.

The interrelationships among the annual report, model annual report, model statistical dictionary, survey of court organization, and project technical assistance are of sufficient importance that their ties and interdependence must be stressed. The relationship between the information requirements identified in the State Court Model Annual Report and the statistical terms defined in the State Court Model Statistical Dictionary is so direct that adoption of the model annual report necessitates adoption of the model statistical dictionary. The information requirements and analyses desired for future volumes of the national statistical series, in turn, mirror the information requirements of the model annual report.

This circular interdependence thus becomes a mechanism for expanding the information ultimately available for the annual report statistical series.

The State Court Organization Survey statistical series is also related to the annual report in that it contains the types of organizational information most often

sought by court administrators and researchers. As a result, the information requirements of the annual report need to consider the information requirements of the survey.

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, 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. Without such extensive interrelationship as have been described, and without complete coordination and cooperation with COSCA, the resulting NCSP products will be severely limited in usefulness.

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, 1976.

## Part I 1976 State court caseload summary statistics

### Introduction

The summary tables in Part I display the 1976 caseload of appellate courts and trial courts for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. This introduction will explain the general measures of analysis used in these tables. The summary tables for appellate courts, with commentary, will follow, and the summary tables will then be shown for trial courts.

### 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 disposed by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by 100. A percent over 100 would indicate that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than 100 would indicate 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 10 or if the quantity of missing data 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 100. A value of 100 percent would indicate 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 100 percent would indicate a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than 100 percent would indicate a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. The smaller the percent, the better a court has handled its caseload. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than 10 or if the quantity of missing data 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. A positive number indicates the addition of cases to the pending caseload while a negative number indicates a reduction in the pending caseload. Thus, a large negative change in pending indicates that the court is keeping the case-flow current, and even making headway in reducing the pending caseload. 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 100. 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 10.

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 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 1976. 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 this 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. 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 are a difficult problem. Requests for bail pending appeal, requests for delayed appeal, and petitions to stay the lower court ruling pending appeal generally would not be 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. This latter results 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 classifications 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 and requests to appeal** 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 National Court Statistics Project staff to define appellate caseload to include as 'cases' any **appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal**.

The appellate tables that follow (Numbers 1 through 15) 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 (Numbers 14 and 15) 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.

Only national totals, which appear as 'Estimated national totals' in Table 1, have been estimated. All other data in the fol-

lowing appellate tables are as reported and verified by state court personnel.

#### General appellate court caseload (Tables 1-4)

Tables 1 through 4 contain 1976 caseload data available for appellate courts. Table 1 also includes estimated nationwide caseload.

Reported and estimated national caseload for appellate courts (Table 1). This summary table displays both reported and estimated 1976 filings, dispositions, and pending cases for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and the two levels combined (all appellate courts). These caseload figures are derived from the reported totals in Table 2.

Estimated national totals in Table 1 are based on eight predictive equations: one each for the number of beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending cases in the courts of last resort and in the intermediate appellate courts.

Several variables were examined for use in the predictive equations. Among these were the number of judges, the number of courts of last resort, the number of intermediate appellate courts, and certain population and economic variables. The population variables were used because population has long been considered a good predictor of caseload. Correlations between population variables and appellate caseload proved to be quite good.

The national caseload estimates are displayed as 95 percent confidence intervals for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. The confidence intervals for all appellate courts are the sums of the intervals for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. A 95 percent confidence interval means that for 95 out of 100 samples of data, the con-

fidence interval would be expected to contain the true value. A more complete technical discussion of the procedure used for estimation can be found in Appendix B.

In addition to estimating national caseload, Table 1 introduces two comparability measures that are used in this report. First, the average number of beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending cases per judge are presented for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts separately and for all appellate courts together. Averages in Table 1 were derived by dividing the midpoint of the confidence intervals for cases filed, disposed, or pending by the number of full-time judges assigned to courts of last resort, to intermediate appellate courts, and to all appellate courts. Caseload per judge provides a measure against which states and individual courts can compare their own caseloads with states and individual courts that have a different number of judges.

Second, average filed, disposed, and pending cases per 100,000 unit of state population are presented for all appellate courts, for courts of last resort, and for intermediate appellate courts. Averages in Table 1 were constructed by dividing the interval midpoints for all appellate courts and for all courts of last resort by the total revised estimated 1976 U.S. population plus Puerto Rico (217,882,000) divided by 100,000. Averages per unit of population for intermediate appellate courts were constructed by dividing the interval midpoint for filed, disposed, and pending cases for intermediate appellate courts by the total estimated 1976 population for the 25 states that had intermediate appellate courts in 1976 (171,027,000) divided by 100,000. Average per-unit-of-population figures provide a measure for the comparison among 'states' of appellate court caseload and caseload while equalizing varia-

tions resulting from differences in state populations.

A comparison of the estimated totals for 1975 and 1976 (with the data for Puerto Rico removed from the 1976 estimates) indicates that there was almost an 8 percent increase in the number of estimated total appellate court filings. The estimated number of cases per judge and per 100,000 population have also increased from 1975 to 1976: The number of estimated filings per judge increased from 151.8 to 159.6 in all appellate courts together, from 134.3 to 147.6 in courts of last resort, and from 165.3 to 168.6 in intermediate appellate courts. The number of estimated filings per 100,000 population increased from 55.6 to 59.3 in all appellate courts together, 21.4 to 23.4 in courts of last resort, and 43.9 to 45.6 in intermediate appellate courts. Similar increases were evident in the pending and disposition figures.

Reported appellate court caseload (Table 2). This table presents the actual reported caseload data from each 'state' for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts. In addition to giving an overview of caseload activity in each appellate court, Table 2 shows the number of courts of last resort and the number of intermediate appellate courts in each 'state' as well as the number of judges assigned to these courts during 1976. The estimated 1976 population in each 'state' is shown in the last column.

"Reported totals" at the bottom of Table 2 are the totals of published and unpublished data received from the 'states'. "Number of states reporting" indicates how many 'states' provided information in each caseload phase--beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending. 'States' were included in

the nationwide totals only if data were reported for all courts in the state. "Percent of population represented" is the percent of the total U.S. population (plus Puerto Rico) represented by the number of 'states' that reported data in the caseload phase for courts of last resort, and the percent of the total population of the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts represented by the number of states reporting data for intermediate appellate courts.

The total appellate court caseload figures are the sum of available data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. If data were missing for one of the two levels of court, the total is footnoted. This table is not intended to provide a basis for direct comparison between any two states or courts. Any review of court-of-last-resort data should include an awareness of whether or not a state has an intermediate appellate court. Courts of last resort in 'states' that do not have intermediate appellate courts handle the entire appellate caseload, whereas the highest court handles only the most serious cases in states that have an intermediate appellate court. Subsequent tables in this report (Tables 5 through 8) will separate data for appellate courts of last resort in states having an intermediate appellate court from those that do not.

Another measure of comparability used on many tables in this report, the number and percent increase or decrease in end pending, is introduced in this table. An increase or decrease in the number of end pending cases serves as a measure of how well a court handled its caseload during a given year. The number change in pending cases gives an indication of whether or not a court has accumulated more cases than it

has processed, creating a pending caseload problem. The percent change in the number of cases pending at the end of the year provides a comparison of the change in pending relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and permits both internal and external comparisons. That is, the court can compare its progress against its own record, or it can compare its yearly output with the output of other courts of similar jurisdiction and judicial resources.

Of the 37 court systems (35 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) for which the percent change in pending was calculated for courts of last resort, 6 states reduced the number of pending cases. There were 16 states and the District of Columbia with a calculated percent change in pending between 0 and 20 percent, while West Virginia had over a 200 percent increase in pending--from 34 to 110 cases. In the 39 court systems (37 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) that reported pending cases, national total pending increased by 15.6 percent.

The percent change in pending cases was computed for 18 states with intermediate appellate courts. Three states showed a decrease in pending cases while half of the states (nine) had an increase in pending cases between 0 and 20 percent. Two states had large percent increases (84.4 and 77.2 percent) in pending cases. For the 18 states reporting pending data, total pending increased by 15.0 percent.

A final caution to be kept in mind is that Table 2 presents data for courts of last resort in raw form, without regard to the presence or absence of intermediate appellate courts, and without regard to composition and jurisdiction of the appellate courts in each 'state'. Comparisons between 'states' should

be made only after carefully comparing the jurisdictions of the courts in the court system charts found in Part II.

Detailed category caseload (Tables 3 and 4). Detailed caseload (appeals, original proceedings, requests to appeal, total cases) for courts of last resort and for intermediate appellate courts in those 'states' reporting data is presented in Tables 3 and 4. Case data in these tables indicate the broad subject-matter composition of appellate court cases reported to be pending, filed, and disposed.

These two tables should be viewed as summary tables, because no attempt has been made to separate courts on any criterion of comparability (e.g., separating courts of last resort in states that have intermediate appellate courts from those that do not). As increasing numbers of appellate courts report uniformly defined data, future reports will provide more information on the actual compositions of the caseload handled by appellate courts. The number of 'states' presenting data in Tables 3 and 4 is shown in Figures D and E.

For courts of last resort, the total number of court systems reporting was 52 because of the inclusion of the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Two courts of last resort reported that they do not handle original proceedings, and one stated that it does not handle requests to appeal. Therefore, 50 court systems reported handling original proceedings in the courts of last resort, and 51 court systems reported handling requests to appeal.

The states reporting appeals and total case data for the intermediate appellate courts were from the 25 states having intermediate appellate courts. In four states intermediate appellate courts do not handle

**Figure D: Number of 'states' reporting data for courts of last resort.**

	Beginning pending		Filed		Disposed		End pending	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
Appeals	26	30	44	46	41	44	27	30
Original proceedings	15	23	33	37	30	34	16	23
Requests to appeal	12	14	26	30	23	26	12	14
Total cases	35	39	47	50	46	50	35	39

Note: There were 52 'states' providing court of last resort data (50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) in 1976. Puerto Rico was not included in the 1975 data. Two states do not handle original proceedings and one state does not handle requests to appeal in courts of last resort.

**Figure E: Number of states reporting data for intermediate appellate courts, 1975 and 1976.**

	Beginning pending		Filed		Disposed		End pending	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
Appeals	17	17	23	24	22	23	17	16
Original proceedings	6	7	10	10	10	10	6	6
Requests to appeal	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4
Total cases	18	19	23	25	22	24	18	19

Note: There are 25 states with intermediate appellate courts. Four states do not handle original proceedings and five states do not handle requests to appeal in intermediate appellate courts.

original proceedings, and in five states these courts do not handle requests to appeal. Therefore, the numbers of states handling these cases are 21 and 20, respectively, for original proceedings and requests to appeal.

Although all appellate courts reported some caseload statistics in

1976, the data in this report are far from complete. The situation has improved over 1975, however, when no data were available for two appellate courts. The most noticeable increase in data availability is in the pending caseload in the courts of last resort.

**Table 1: Reported and estimated national caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1976.**  
Estimated cases per judge and per 100,000 population.

Reported and estimated caseload	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Percent change in pending
<b>All appellate courts</b>					
Reported cases.....	40,248	115,611	111,965	44,934	11.6
Number of 'states' reporting.....	37	49	48	37	--
Percent of population represented.....	53.6%	89.3%	91.7%	53.6%	--
Estimated national totals, 1976:					
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	85,544	126,922	124,502	92,612	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	53,120	131,334	120,670	63,300	--
Estimated national totals, 1975.....	56,619	118,566	108,043	64,695	14.3
<b>Courts of last resort</b>					
Reported cases.....	14,554	47,030	44,778	16,838	15.7
Number of 'states' reporting.....	39	49	48	39	--
Percent of population represented.....	58.4%	89.3%	91.7%	58.4%	--
Estimated national totals, 1976:					
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	28,031	53,276	49,038	30,358	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	16,289	48,864	47,322	19,612	--
Estimated national totals, 1975.....	15,780	45,523	41,356	16,670	5.6
<b>Intermediate appellate courts</b>					
Reported cases.....	34,065	78,058	68,605	39,162	15.0
Number of 'states' reporting.....	19	25	24	19	--
Percent of population represented.....	70.6%	100.0%	93.1%	70.6%	--
Estimated national totals, 1976:					
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	57,513	--	75,464	62,254	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	36,831	--	73,348	43,688	--
Estimated national totals, 1975.....	40,839	73,043	66,687	48,025	17.6
<b>Estimated cases per judge</b>					
All appellate courts.....	85.7	159.6	151.5	96.4	--
Courts of last resort.....	64.0	147.6	139.2	72.2	--
Intermediate appellate courts.....	101.9	168.6	160.7	114.4	--
<b>Estimated cases per 100,000 population</b>					
All appellate courts.....	31.8	59.3	56.3	35.8	--
Courts of last resort.....	10.2	23.4	22.1	11.5	--
Intermediate appellate courts.....	27.6	45.6	43.5	31.0	--

Note: 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:**

Reported cases for all appellate courts and courts of last resort are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Reported cases for intermediate appellate courts are from the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1976.

**Percent of population represented:**

'State' populations used for all appellate courts and courts of last resort are from the revised 1976 Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Bureau of Census estimates for the population in the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1976 totaled 171,027,000. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on the appropriate total population figure.

**Estimated national totals:**

Estimated national totals for 1975 are the cumulative totals of all reported data plus the estimated data for each 'state' not reporting data; the 1975 data do not include Puerto Rico.

Estimated national totals 95% confidence intervals for 1976 are the cumulative totals for all reported data plus the 95% confidence interval for each state not reporting data. A 95% confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value for 95 out of 100 samples.

**Estimated cases per judge:**

For the year 1976: there were 83 appellate courts, with a total of 809 judges assigned to them in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; there were 54 courts of last resort, with a total of 346 judges assigned to them; and 29 intermediate appellate courts with 463 judges assigned to them. Estimated cases per judge were developed by dividing the midpoints of the estimated national totals confidence intervals for each type of court by the number of judges assigned to them in 1976. The number of judges assigned does not consider that: some judges may have been unavailable because of illness or mid-year retirement; some courts use full-time commissioners to screen cases; and some use part-time judges over and above their assigned complement of judges.

**Estimated cases per 100,000 population:**

Estimated cases per 100,000 population were developed by dividing the midpoints of the estimated national totals confidence intervals by 2178.82 for all appellate courts and courts of last resort, and by 1710.27 for intermediate appellate courts.

-- = Not applicable.

**Table 2:** Reported appellate court caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1976. Number and percent change in pending. Number of courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. Number of judges in each appellate court. 1976 state population in thousands. Reported national totals 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		1976 state population	
	Beginning pending			Change in pending			Beginning pending			Change in pending			Beginning pending			Last resort			Intermedi- ate		Last resort		Inter- medi- ate	
	Filed	Dis- posed	End pending	Num- ber	Per- cent	Filed	Dis- posed	End pending	Num- ber	Per- cent	Filed	Dis- posed	End pending	Num- ber	Per- cent	Last resort	Medi- ate	Last resort	Medi- ate	In- thousands				
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	0	510 <sup>j</sup>	510	0	0	0.0	523	1,270	1,119 <sup>j</sup>	671	148	28.3	523	1,780	1,629 <sup>j</sup>	671	1	2	9	8	3,653			
Court of Civil Appeals.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	186	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	523 <sup>f</sup>	1,084	933 <sup>j</sup>	6719	148	28.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	
Alaska.....	258	468	335	391	133	51.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	258	468	335	391	1	0	5	0	408			
Arizona.....	305	1,023	1,004	324	19	6.2	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395	141	11.2	1,559	3,040	2,880	1,719	1	1	5	12	2,249			
Arkansas.....	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	1	0	7	0	2,117			
California.....	N/A	3,801 <sup>e</sup>	3,694 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,675 <sup>j</sup>	10,312	11,357	4,544 <sup>j</sup>	-131 <sup>j</sup>	-2.8 <sup>j</sup>	4,675 <sup>j</sup> p	14,113	15,051	4,544 <sup>j</sup> p	1	1	7	56	21,522			
Colorado.....	366	651	674	343	-23	-6.3	592	915	833	674	82	13.9	958	1,566	1,507	1,017	1	1	7	10	2,575			
Connecticut.....	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	1	0	6	0	3,102			
Delaware.....	233	335	282	286	53	22.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	233	335	282	286	1	0	3	0	582			
District of Columbia.....	1,103 <sup>fh</sup>	1,369	1,224	1,248 <sup>h</sup>	145	13.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,103	1,369	1,224	1,248	1	0	9	0	700			
Florida.....	1,159	2,214	2,390	983	-176	-15.2	5,118 <sup>h</sup>	9,129	8,180	6,067	949	18.5	6,277	11,343	10,570	7,050	1	1	7	20	8,353			
Georgia.....	405	1,433	1,404	4119	6	1.5	N/A	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	405 <sup>p</sup>	3,187	3,158	411 <sup>p</sup>	1	1	7	9	4,984			
Hawaii.....	221	265	166	320	99	44.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	221	265	166	320	1	0	5	0	884			
Idaho.....	315	332	249	398	83	26.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	315	332	249	398	1	0	5	0	833			
Illinois.....	340	998 <sup>b</sup>	987 <sup>g</sup>	351	11	3.2	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	3,973	3,935	4,111	38	0.9	4,413	4,971	4,922	4,462	1	1	7	34	11,193			
Indiana.....	80 <sup>h</sup>	430	430	80	0	0.0	499	777 <sup>j</sup>	653	623	124	24.8	579	1,207	1,083	703	1	1	5	0	5,313			
Iowa.....	999	1,176	1,079	1,078 <sup>j</sup>	79	7.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	999	1,176	1,079	1,078	1	0	9	0	2,874			
Kansas.....	239 <sup>f</sup>	438	340	337	98	41.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	239	438	340	337	1	0	7	0	2,299			
Kentucky.....	N/A	835	1,217 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	0k	615	71 <sup>k</sup>	544 <sup>k</sup>	544 <sup>k</sup>	--	0p	1,448	1,288	544 <sup>p</sup>	1	1	7	14	3,436			
Louisiana.....	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	760 <sup>fh</sup>	2,189	2,031	918	158	20.8	760 <sup>p</sup>	3,951	3,617	918 <sup>p</sup>	1	1	7	29	3,875			
Maine.....	279	334	299	314	35	12.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	279	334	299	314	1	0	6 <sup>c</sup>	0	1,071			
Maryland.....	25	657	668	14	-11	-44.0	187	1,541	1,491	237	50	26.7	212	2,198	2,159	251	1	1	7	12	4,125			
Massachusetts.....	N/A	663 <sup>j</sup>	609 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	605	519	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,268	1,128	N/A	1	1	7	6	5,791				
Michigan.....	396	1,045	921	520	124	31.3	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087	-40	-1.0	4,523	5,589	5,505	4,607	1	1	7	18	9,113			
Minnesota.....	N/A	911	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	911	833	N/A	1	0	9	0	3,954			
Mississippi.....	610	936	819	727	117	19.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	610	936	819	727	1	0	9	0	2,365			
Missouri.....	165	579	649	95	-70	-42.4	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033	197	10.7	2,001	2,760	2,633	2,128	1	1	7	22	4,787			
Montana.....	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	1	0	5	0	755			
Nebraska.....	388 <sup>j</sup>	716 <sup>j</sup>	634 <sup>j</sup>	470 <sup>j</sup>	82 <sup>j</sup>	21.1 <sup>j</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	388 <sup>j</sup>	716 <sup>j</sup>	634 <sup>j</sup>	470 <sup>j</sup>	1	0	7	0	1,552			
Nevada.....	256	806	803	259	3	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	256	806	803	259	1	0	5	0	613			
New Hampshire.....	249	273	320	202	-47	-18.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	249	273	320	202	1	0	5	0	827			
New Jersey.....	443 <sup>j</sup>	1,164 <sup>j</sup>	985 <sup>j</sup>	622 <sup>j</sup>	179 <sup>j</sup>	40.4 <sup>j</sup>	4,266 <sup>j</sup>	4,819 <sup>j</sup>	4,349 <sup>j</sup>	4,736 <sup>j</sup>	470 <sup>j</sup>	11.0 <sup>j</sup>	4,709 <sup>j</sup>	5,983 <sup>j</sup>	5,334 <sup>j</sup>	5,358 <sup>j</sup>	1	1	7	21 <sup>c</sup>	7,339			
New Mexico.....	168	558	603	123	-45	-26.8	249	446	550	145	-104	-41.8	417	1,004	1,153	268	1	1	5	5	1,172			
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	595 <sup>g</sup>	2,902 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,477 <sup>j</sup>	9,067	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,072 <sup>j</sup>	11,969	N/A	1	2	7	33	18,053				
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	7,362 <sup>j</sup>	7,560	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--	--		
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--		
North Carolina.....	41 <sup>j</sup>	546	492	48 <sup>j</sup>	7 <sup>j</sup>	17.1 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	1,027	999	N/A	N/A	N/A	41 <sup>p</sup>	1,573	1,491	48 <sup>p</sup>	1	1	7	9	5,462			
North Dakota.....	2 <sup>f</sup>	150	144	8	6	NC	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	150	144	8	1	0	5	0	645			
Ohio.....	N/A	1,404 <sup>g</sup>	1,374 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,5919	2,101	84.4	2,490 <sup>p</sup>	8,608	7,689	4,591 <sup>p</sup>	1	1	7	38	10,690			
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	1,426	1,998	1,795	1,646	220	15.4	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	347	163 <sup>h</sup>	71	77.2	1,518	2,416	2,142	1,809	2	1	12	6	2,770			
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	1,182	1,019	908	1,3109	128	10.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--		
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup> ....	244	979	887	336	92	37.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--		
Oregon.....	335	973 <sup>g</sup>	911 <sup>g</sup>	397	62	18.5	669	1,847	1,786	730	61	9.1	1,004	2,820	2,697	1,127	1	1	7 <sup>c</sup>	6	2,326			

Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,067	2,069P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,803	2,069P	N/A	1	2	7	14	11,802
Superior Court.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	3,651	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	
Commonwealth Court <sup>a</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	
Puerto Rico.....	369	1,204	1,123	450	81	22.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	369	1,204	1,123	450	1	0	7	0	3,214
Rhode Island.....	355	411	319	447	92	25.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	355	411	319	447	1	0	5	0	936
South Carolina.....	122	416	345	193	71	58.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	122	416	345	193	1	0	5	0	2,844
South Dakota.....	234 <sup>f</sup>	294 <sup>e</sup>	259 <sup>e</sup>	270 <sup>i</sup>	36 <sup>i</sup>	15.4 <sup>i</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	234 <sup>i</sup>	294	259	270 <sup>i</sup>	1	0	5	--	686
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	897 <sup>b</sup>	308 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,330	1,418	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,227	1,726 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	1	2	5	18	4,234
Court of Appeals <sup>c</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	694	688	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	636	730	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	877	4,774	4,280	1,371	494	56.3	847	1,824	1,717	9789	131	15.5	1,724	6,598	5,997	2,349	2	1	14	42	12,599
Supreme Court <sup>d</sup> .....	154	1,072	1,021	205	51	33.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup> ....	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	443	61.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	
Utah.....	N/A	556	274 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	556	274 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	1	0	5	0	1,232
Vermont.....	287	366	360	293	6	2.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	287	366	360	293	1	0	5	0	477
Virginia.....	501 <sup>f</sup>	1,672 <sup>b</sup>	1,574 <sup>b</sup>	5919	90	18.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	501	1,672	1,574	591	1	0	7	0	5,052
Washington.....	241	589	495	335	94	39.0	1,808 <sup>f</sup>	1,777	1,670	1,915	107	5.9	2,049	2,366	2,165	2,250	1	1	9	12	3,611
West Virginia.....	34	878	802	110	76	223.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	878	802	110	1	0	5	0	1,832
Wisconsin.....	598 <sup>f</sup>	939	901	639g <sup>i</sup>	41 <sup>i</sup>	6.9 <sup>i</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	598 <sup>i</sup>	939	901	639 <sup>i</sup>	1	0	7	0	4,610
Wyoming.....	130	138	134	134	4	3.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	130	138	134	134	1	0	5	0	391
Reported national totals.....	14,554	47,030	44,778	16,828	2,274	15.6	34,065	78,058	68,605	39,162	5,097	15.0	40,248	115,611	111,965	44,934	54	29	346	463	217,882
Number states reporting.....	39	49	48	39	39	39	19	25	24	19	19	19	37	49	48	37					
Percent of population represented*.....	58.4	89.3	91.7	58.4	58.4	58.4	70.6	100.0	93.1	70.6	70.6	70.6	53.6	89.3	91.7	55.6					

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>e</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>l</sup>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 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 25 states with intermediate appellate courts.

Percent of population represented:

<sup>l</sup>State populations used for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are the revised 1976 Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Population for the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts totals 171,027,000. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on this total population figure.

**Table 3: Detailed category caseload for courts of last resort, 1976.**  
 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	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases
Alabama--Supreme Court.....	0	0	0	0	243 <sup>j</sup>	28 <sup>j</sup>	239 <sup>j</sup>	510 <sup>j</sup>	243	28	239	510	0	0	0	0
Alaska--Supreme Court <sup>q</sup> .....	224	1	16	258	334	16	86	468	208	12	82	335	350	5	20	391
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	216	89		305	211	812		1,023	185	819		1,004	242	82		324
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	551	62		613	N/A	N/A		N/A
California--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21 <sup>e</sup>	886 <sup>e</sup>	2,894	3,801 <sup>e</sup>	118	911	2,665 <sup>e</sup>	3,694 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	366	152	225	274	651	X	X	X	674	X	X	X	343
Connecticut--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	192		49	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	233	X	X	233	335	X	X	335	282	X	X	282	286	X	X	286
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals...	1,103 <sup>f,h</sup>	0	(j)	1,103 <sup>f,h</sup>	1,342	27	(j)	1,369	1,197	27	(j)	1,224	1,248 <sup>h</sup>	0	(j)	1,248 <sup>h</sup>
Florida--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	1,159	285	627	1,302	2,214	278	626	1,486	2,390	X	X	X	983
Georgia--Supreme Court.....	319	NH	86	405	833	NH	600	1,433	862	NH	542	1,404	270 <sup>g</sup>	NH	141 <sup>g</sup>	4119
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	218	3	0	221	253	12	0	265	155	11	0	166	316	4	0	320
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	312	3		315	295	37		332	228	21		249	379	19		398
Illinois--Supreme Court.....	181	12	147	340	69 <sup>e</sup>	87 <sup>e</sup>	842	998 <sup>e</sup>	262	81 <sup>e</sup>	644 <sup>e</sup>	987 <sup>e</sup>	187	18	146	351
Indiana--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	80 <sup>h</sup>	X	X	X	430	151	58	221	430	X	X	X	80
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	999 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	999	955 <sup>j</sup>	31	190	1,176	1,079 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	1,079	1,0789 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	1,0789
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	231 <sup>f</sup>	8 <sup>f</sup>		239 <sup>f</sup>	406	32		438	304	36		340	333	4		337
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	21	833	X	X	X	1,217 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	461	1,301	X	1,762	344	1,242	X	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court <sup>q</sup> .....	246	0	0	279	269	2	6	334	236	2	6	299	279	0	0	314
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	25	0	0	25	175	18	464	657	186	18	464	668	14	0	0	14
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	555	108		663 <sup>j</sup>	501	108		609 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A		N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	143	(k)	253	396	70	(k)	975	1,045	87	(k)	834	921	126	(k)	394	520
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	911	461	372	X	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	607	3		610	780	156 <sup>h</sup>		936	662	157		819	725 <sup>h</sup>	2		727
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	116	49		165	170	409		579	215	434		649	71	24		95
Montana--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	291	118		409	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	388	X	N/A	388 <sup>i</sup>	716	X	N/A	716 <sup>i</sup>	634	X	N/A	634 <sup>i</sup>	470	X	N/A	470 <sup>i</sup>
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	256	627	172	7	806	X	X	X	803	X	X	X	259
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	X	X		249	238	35		273	X	X		320	X	X		202
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	150	40	253 <sup>j</sup>	443 <sup>i</sup>	232	95	837 <sup>j</sup>	1,164 <sup>i</sup>	187	93	705 <sup>j</sup>	985 <sup>i</sup>	195	42	385 <sup>j</sup>	622 <sup>i</sup>
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	168	213	161	184	558	288	160	155	603	X	X	X	123
New York--Court of Appeals.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	595 <sup>e</sup>		N/A	595 <sup>e</sup> <sup>i</sup>	640	2,262 <sup>e</sup>	2,902 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
North Carolina--Supreme Court.....	41	N/A		41 <sup>i</sup>	165		381	546	158	334	492	48	N/A	N/A		48 <sup>i</sup>
North Dakota--Supreme Court.....	2 <sup>f</sup>	0	0	2 <sup>f</sup>	132	15	3	150	126	15	3	144	8	0	0	8

Ohio--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	143 <sup>e</sup>	143	1,118	1,404 <sup>e</sup>	263	130	981 <sup>e</sup>	1,374 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	X	X	X	1,426	1,381	446	171	1,998	1,106	489	200	1,795	X	X	X	1,646
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	X	X	X	1,182	714	134	171	1,019	578	130	200	908	X	X	X	1,310 <sup>g</sup>
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	X	X		244	667	312		979	528	359		887	X	X		336
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	335	440 <sup>e</sup>	66	467	973 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	413 <sup>e</sup>	911 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	397
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	N/A		N/A	N/A	830		906	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	42	16	311	369	299	48	857	1,204	149	43	931	1,123	192	21	237	450
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	355	258	48	105	411	X	X	X	319	X	X	X	447
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	122	0		122	403	13		416	334	11		345	191	2		193
South Dakota--Supreme Court.....	234 <sup>fh</sup>	N/A	N/A	234 <sup>fi</sup>	255 <sup>e</sup>	15	24	294 <sup>e</sup>	223	18	18 <sup>e</sup>	259 <sup>e</sup>	270	N/A	N/A	270 <sup>i</sup>
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	246 <sup>e</sup>	NH	651	897 <sup>e</sup>	308	NH	N/A	308 <sup>ei</sup>	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	722	59	96	877	2,657	1,424	693	4,774	2,274	1,339	667	4,280	1,105	144	122	1,371
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	26	32	96	154	111	268	693	1,072	107	247	667	1,021	30	53	122	205
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	696	27		723	2,546	1,156		3,702	2,167	1,092		3,259	1,075	91 <sup>h</sup>		1,166
Utah--Supreme Court.....	N/A		N/A		556		556		274 <sup>i</sup>		274 <sup>i</sup>		N/A		N/A	
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	286	1	287		351	15		366	346	14		360	291	2		293
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	103 <sup>f</sup>	34	364	501 <sup>f</sup>	(e)	X	1,672	1,672 <sup>e</sup>	220	174	1,180 <sup>e</sup>	1,574 <sup>e</sup>	1129	61	4189	5919
Washington--Supreme Court.....	149	10	82 <sup>f</sup>	241	200	37	352	589	151	38	306	495	198	9	128	335
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals..	24	10		34	359	519		878	300	502		802	83	27		110
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	594 <sup>f</sup>	4 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	598 <sup>fi</sup>	682	177	80	939	649	172	80	901	6309	9	N/A	639g <sup>j</sup>
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	116	14	NH	130	128	10	NH	138	125	9	NH	134	119	15	NH	134
Reported national totals*.....	8,146	356	1,608	14,554	20,611	8,371	16,401	47,030	17,742	8,232	15,551	44,778	9,816	490	1,991	16,828
Number of 'states' reporting*.....	30	23	14	39	46	37	30	49	44	34	26	48	30	23	14	39
Percent of population represented*.....	47.0	37.0	31.2	58.4	89.5	66.1	69.9	89.3	89.3	68.7	69.9	91.7	47.0	37.0	31.2	58.4

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

<sup>c</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. <sup>d</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>e</sup>When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>h</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>i</sup>Reported national totals:

The reported national totals included only data for 'states' reporting data in the caseload category for all courts in the state. Incomplete data for total cases filed in New York and total cases disposed in Tennessee and Utah were not included in these national totals.

<sup>j</sup>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 51 'states' handling original proceedings and requests to appeal, respectively.

<sup>k</sup>Percent of population represented:

State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total population is 208,664,000 for the 50 'states' handling original proceedings and 217,491,000 for the 51 'states' handling requests to appeal.

<sup>l</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>m</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>n</sup>Explanation of sentence review cases:

The Alaska Supreme Court reported 17 beginning pending, 32 filed, 33 disposed, and 16 end pending sentence review cases as a part of the total case figures.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court reported 33 beginning pending, 57 filed, 55 disposed, and 35 end pending sentence review cases as a part of the total case figures.

Table 4: Detailed category caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1976. 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	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	523	X	523	1,270	1,270	X	1,270	1,119	X	1,119	671	X	671
Court of Civil Appeals.....	0		0	186	186		186	186		186	0		0
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	523 <sup>f</sup>	X	523 <sup>f</sup>	1,084	1,084	X	1,084	933 <sup>i</sup>	X	933 <sup>i</sup>	671 <sup>j</sup>	X	671 <sup>j</sup>
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	1,220	34	1,254	1,851	166	X	2,017	1,697	179	1,876	1,374	21	1,395
California--Courts of Appeal.....	4,675	N/A	NH	4,675 <sup>i</sup>	6,462	3,850	NH	10,312	7,558	3,799	NH	11,357	4,544 <sup>j</sup>
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	592		592	915			915	833		833	674		
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	X	X	X	5,118 <sup>h</sup>	7,931	666	532	9,129	7,392	503	285	8,180	X X X 6,067
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	N/A	0	N/A	1,530 <sup>h</sup>	224	1,754 <sup>h</sup>		1,591	1,63 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	0	N/A	
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	NH	NH	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	3,973	NH	NH	3,935	NH	NH	4,111		
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	499	NH	499	777 <sup>j</sup>	NH		777 <sup>j</sup>	653	NH	653	623	NH	623
Kentucky--Court of Appeals <sup>k</sup> .....	0	0	0	X	X		615	X	X	71 <sup>k</sup>	X	X	544 <sup>k</sup>
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal <sup>l</sup> .....	X	X	760 <sup>h</sup>	1,947	242		2,189	1,802	229 <sup>h</sup>	2,031	X	X	918
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	187	0	187	1,384	157		1,541	1,334	157	1,491	237	0	237
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	N/A		N/A	605			605	519		519	N/A	N/A	
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	3,535	30	562	4,127	3,007	212	1,325	4,544	3,209	189	1,186	4,584	3,333 53
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	1,815	21		1,836	1,805	376		2,181	1,617	367	1,984	2,003	30 2,033
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	4,266	(J)	4,266 <sup>i</sup>	4,819		841 <sup>J</sup>	4,819 <sup>i</sup>	4,349	(J)	4,349 <sup>i</sup>	4,736	(J)	4,736 <sup>i</sup>
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	249		249	446			446	550		550	145		
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,477	N/A		9,477 <sup>i</sup>	8,965	102	9,067	N/A	N/A	
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,362 <sup>j</sup>	N/A		7,362 <sup>i</sup>	7,458 <sup>j</sup>	102 <sup>j</sup>	7,560	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	N/A		N/A	2,115			2,115	1,507		1,507	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	N/A		N/A	1,027			1,027	999		999	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	2,413 <sup>f</sup>	77	NH	2,490	6,590	614 <sup>j</sup>	NH	7,204	5,574	741 <sup>j</sup>	NH	6,315	4,3289 2639 <sup>j</sup> NH 4,5919
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	92 <sup>h</sup>	NH	NH	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	NH	NH	418	347	NH	NH	347	163 <sup>h</sup> NH NH 163 <sup>h</sup>
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	669	0	NH	669	1,847	0	NH	1,847	1,785	0	NH	1,786	730 0 NH 730
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,762	305		6,067	X	X	2,069 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior Court.....	N/A		N/A	3,631			3,631	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Courts.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,131	305		2,436	X	X	2,069	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	NH	N/A	1,330	NH		1,330	1,418	NH	1,418	N/A	NH	N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	NH	N/A	694	NH		694	688	NH	688	N/A	NH	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	NH	N/A	636	NH		636	730	NH	730	N/A	NH	N/A
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals <sup>a</sup> ....	847		847	1,824		1,824	1,824	1,717		1,717	9789		9789
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	1,713 <sup>f</sup>	29 <sup>f</sup>	66 <sup>f</sup>	1,808 <sup>f</sup>	1,512	130	135	1,777	1,384	138	148	1,670	1,841 21 53 1,915
Reported national totals*	27,368	1,911	628	34,065	68,509	6,561	2,373	78,058	60,348	6,247	1,939	68,605	30,491 388 754 39,162
Number of states reporting*	17	7	4	19	24	10	5	25	23	10	5	24	16 6 4 19
Percent of population represented*	63.4	74.5	17.8	70.6	98.0	53.1	24.6	100.0	91.1	57.3	24.6	93.1	61.4 22.2 17.8 70.6

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>i</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>j</sup>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. Incomplete data for total cases disposed in Pennsylvania were not included in these national totals.

Number of states reporting: Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 21 states and 20 states, respectively, handling each case type.

Percent of population represented: State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 171,027,000 for the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts. The total population is 147,517,000 for the 21 states handling original proceedings and 122,526,000 for the 20 states handling requests to appeal. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on these total population figures.

### Comparative caseload (Tables 5-10)

Tables 5 through 10 have been organized to allow comparison of available caseload data on a state-to-state or court-to-court basis. All data in these tables are statistics received from the 'states'; no estimated data are included.

Within this group, there are two tables provided for each of three arrangements of appellate courts: courts of last resort in states that have intermediate appellate courts are displayed in Tables 5 and 6; courts of last resort in 'states' that do not have intermediate appellate courts are displayed in Tables 7 and 8; and intermediate appellate courts are found separately in Tables 9 and 10.

Two tables, which are identical in format, content, and analytical intent, are presented for each of these three court arrangements: Tables 5, 7, and 9 order the states by population and Tables 6, 8, and 10 by the number of judges.

Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Tables 5 and 6). Simple caseload data for courts of last resort in the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts are provided in Tables 5 and 6. Table 5 presents the data with the states ranked by population while Table 6 orders the courts by population within number-of-judges groupings. In addition to caseload data, several measures are displayed for analysis of the data.

The number of cases disposed as a percent of the number of cases filed is displayed in Table 5. All of the 22 states for which this measure was computed disposed of at least 84 percent of the number of cases filed, while 8 states disposed of more than were filed and 5 states disposed of between 95 and 100 percent of the number of cases filed. No general pattern in the

percentage points appeared when the states were ordered by population.

Table 5 also displays the number of end pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed. Of the 16 states for which the measure was computed, none had more cases pending than the number of cases filed, while half the states (8) had a pending caseload of less than 32 percent of the number of cases filed. As with the other measures, no pattern in the percentage points was visible when the states are ordered by population.

The number and percent change in pending are displayed in both Tables 5 and 6. Of the 16 states reporting pending data, 5 reduced their pending caseload and 7 had an increase in pending cases of under 20 percent. The remaining four states showed increases of between 31 and 57 percent. No patterns for the percent change in pending were visible when the states were ranked by population or number of judges. The results of the above three measures are displayed in Figures F, G, and H.

Tables 5 and 6 display the number of filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population. The number of cases filed per 100,000 population ranged from 8.1 to 72.1; the number of cases disposed per 100,000 population ranged from 8.1 to 64.8; and the number of end pending cases per 100,000 population ranged from 0.0 to 59.4. Table 5 indicates that filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population decreased as the state population figure increased. The filed and disposed cases per 100,000 population values in Table 6 increased as the number of judges decreased. The average of the 24 states reporting complete filed data was 24.4 cases filed per 100,000 population, with the mid-point being 17.0. The 23 states reporting complete disposed data had an average

**Figure F: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for appellate courts.**

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over		
<b>Courts of last resort:</b>							
In states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5)	0	0	5	9	8	22	
Number of states . . . . .							
In 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7)	1	4	7	10	1	23	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
In all 'states'	1	4	12	19	9	45	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9)	1	0	5	11	5	22	
Number of states . . . . .							
All appellate courts	1	5	12	24	3	45	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							

**Figure G: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for appellate courts.**

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over		
<b>Courts of last resort:</b>							
In states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5)	7	5	3	1	0	16	
Number of states . . . . .							
In 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7)	2	4	1	10	3	20	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
In all 'states'	9	9	4	11	3	36	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9)	1	4	5	6	2	18	
Number of states . . . . .							
All appellate courts	4	7	5	16	3	35	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							

**Figure H: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for appellate courts.**

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	-50.0 to -20.1%	-20.0 to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0% and over		
<b>Courts of last resort:</b>							
In states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5)	3	2	7	3	1	16	
Number of states . . . . .							
In 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7)	0	1	10	7	3	21	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
In all 'states' (Table 2)	3	3	17	10	4	37	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9)	1	2	9	4	2	18	
Number of states . . . . .							
All appellate courts	1	2	23	11	4	41	
Number of 'states' . . . . .							

of 24.2 cases disposed per 100,000 population and a mid-point of 16.2. For the 17 states reporting complete end pending data, the average was 10.4 end pending cases per 100,000, with a mid-point of 8.5.

The number of cases filed and disposed per judge is displayed in Table 6. The number of cases filed per judge ranged from 56.7 to 740.4, and the number of cases disposed per judge ranged from 55.0 to 651.8. The average of the 26 courts reporting filed cases for all case categories was 189.4 per judge, and the mid-point was 140.8. For the 25 courts reporting disposed cases for all case categories, the average was 189.9 per judge, and the mid-point was 131.6. Both the number of cases filed per judge and disposed per judge showed increases as the number of judges in the court became smaller. Also it appears that, within the number-of-judges groupings, the filed and disposed cases per judge decreased as the state population figure decreased. A summary of the cases per 100,000 population and cases per judge measures is given in Figures I and J.

The wide ranges that exist for filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population and for

filed and disposed cases per judge are expected because of the many problems in comparability of caseload from state to state. These measures are intended to remove the effects of population size or number of judges from the caseload figures, but it is obvious that other differences exist.

The other differences that reduce the degree of comparability are not so easy to measure as the population or the number of judges. These differences are in court jurisdiction, case classification, the point at which a case is counted, and similar problems. These problems have been discussed in greater detail in the introduction to this report.

The variation in court jurisdiction, for example, creates many problems of comparability. The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Texas Supreme Court are the courts of last resort in civil appeals only, but the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals are the appellate courts of the first and last instance for criminal appeals (Texas and Oklahoma have an intermediate appellate court for civil appeals). In the remaining states, the court of last resort handles both civil

**Figure I: Number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending in appellate courts per 100,000 population.**

	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
<b>Filed per 100,000 population:</b>					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5) . . .	24	8.1	72.1	24.4	17.0
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9) . . . . .	25	10.4	109.3	44.1	38.1
Total for all appellate courts in states with intermediate appellate courts . . .	24	21.9	135.8	68.2	62.6
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7) .	25	14.6	195.6	51.1	39.9
Total for all appellate courts in all 'states' . . . . .	49	14.6	195.6	59.5	48.7
<b>Disposed per 100,000 population:</b>					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5) . . .	23	8.1	64.8	24.2	16.2
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9) . . . . .	24	2.1	97.9	41.1	38.8
Total for all appellate courts in states with intermediate appellate courts . . .	23	19.5	128.1	65.7	60.4
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7) .	25	7.8	174.9	43.3	34.3
Total for all appellate courts in all 'states' . . . . .	48	7.8	174.9	54.0	43.9
<b>End pending per 100,000 population:</b>					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 5) . . .	17	0.0	59.4	10.4	8.5
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 9) . . . . .	19	5.7	72.6	31.5	26.2
Total for all appellate courts in states with intermediate appellate courts . .	15	6.1	84.4	44.2	44.5
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 7) .	22	1.2	178.3	38.8	32.5
Total for all appellate courts in all 'states' . . . . .	37	1.2	178.3	41.0	37.5

**Figure J: Number of cases filed and disposed per judge in appellate courts.**

	Courts report-ing	Min-i-mum	Maxi-mum	Aver-age	Mid-point
<u>Filed per judge</u>					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 6) . . .	26	56.7	740.4	189.4	140.8
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 8) . . .	25	27.6	238.9	100.7	93.6
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 10) . . . . .	29	43.4	518.7	173.3	128.4
<u>Disposed per judge</u>					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 6) . . .	25	55.0	651.8	190.4	131.6
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 8) . . .	25	26.8	224.9	88.5	72.0
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 10) . . . . .	28	5.1	409.0	149.3	120.0

and criminal appeals, but the limits (dollar amount for civil, sentence or amount of fine for criminal) vary greatly from state to state. Another important variation in court jurisdiction is the amount of discretionary jurisdiction. Although all of the courts in Tables 5 and 6 are courts of last resort in states with an intermediate appellate court, the amount of discretionary jurisdiction that they exercise varies greatly. Therefore, the jurisdiction of the courts must be checked before making comparisons.

Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Tables 7 and 8). Data regarding caseload in the courts of last resort in the 25 states without intermediate appellate courts, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are displayed in Tables 7 and 8. The formats of these tables are exactly the same as the formats of Tables 5 and 6. Table 7 displays the data in population order, and Table 8 ranks the courts by population within the number-of-judges groupings.

Of the 23 courts for which disposed cases were computed as a percent of the number of cases filed, only 1 court disposed more cases than were filed, while 15 courts disposed between 87 and 100 percent of the number of cases filed. Five courts disposed between 75 and 85 percent of the number of cases filed,

while two courts disposed less than 75 percent of the number of cases filed.

Of the 20 courts for which end pending cases were computed as a percent of the number of cases filed, only 6 had fewer than half the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year. Three courts had more cases pending than were filed, and seven had between 80 and 100 percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year.

The number and percent of change in pending cases are displayed in Tables 7 and 8. Of the 21 courts for which the percent change in pending cases was computed, only 1 had a decrease in pending cases, while 10 had an increase in pending cases of 0 to 20 percent. Two courts had an increase of between 50 and 60 percent while 1 court had over a 200 percent increase (from 34 to 110 cases) in pending cases.

All three of the above measures are displayed above in Figures F, G, and H. When compared to the same measures in Tables 5 and 6, these Figures indicate that the courts of last resort in 'states' without an intermediate appellate court have a more difficult time handling their caseload than do courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts. In general, the courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts had larger increases in their

pending caseload, disposed of a smaller percentage of the number of cases filed, and had a higher percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year.

The number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population are displayed in Tables 7 and 8. The number filed per 100,000 population ranged from 14.6 to 195.6; disposed per 100,000 population ranged from 7.8 to 174.9; and end pending per 100,000 population ranged from 1.2 to 178.3. The averages of the per 100,000 population statistic for all the courts reporting were 51.1 cases filed, 43.3 cases disposed, and 38.8 end pending cases, with the mid-points being 39.9, 34.3, and 32.5 for filed, disposed, and end pending, respectively. As with the courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, the number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 increased as the state population figure decreased, and the number of cases filed and disposed per 100,000 population increased (with the exception of the District of Columbia) as the number of judges became smaller.

The number of cases filed and disposed per judge is displayed in Table 8. The filed-per-judge measure ranged from 27.6 to 238.9, and the disposed-per-judge measure ranged from 26.8 to 224.9. More cases were filed and disposed per judge for courts with 7 and 9 judges than for courts with 5 judges.

In Figure I it is interesting to note that the number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population was higher for courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts than for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts. This higher ratio is appropriate, since the interme-

diate appellate courts should handle the final resolution of some of the appeals. Also, in Figure J it should be noted that the number of cases filed and disposed per judge was lower for the courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts than for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts.

As was indicated with regard to courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, the wide ranges that existed for filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population, and for cases filed and disposed per judge are indicative of the many problems in comparability of caseload from state to state. The measures displayed are intended to remove the effects of population size or the number of judges from the caseload figures, but it is obvious that other differences exist.

These other differences are in court jurisdiction, case classification, the point at which a case is counted, and so forth. The variation in court jurisdiction creates many problems of comparability. Although all courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts hear both civil and criminal appeals, the limits (dollar amount for civil, sentence or amount of fine for criminal) vary greatly from state to state. Also, the amount of discretionary jurisdiction these courts exercise varies greatly. The courts of last resort in Virginia and West Virginia, for example, have almost total discretion in jurisdiction. These variations require that the jurisdiction of the courts be compared carefully before making caseload comparisons.

Intermediate appellate courts (Tables 9 and 10). The caseload for the 29 intermediate appellate courts located in 25 states is presented in

Tables 9 and 10. Table 9 orders the states by population in the same format as in Tables 5 and 7. In Table 10 the states are ordered by the number of judges in the intermediate appellate courts, and the measures displayed are the same as in Tables 6 and 8.

The number of cases disposed as a percent of the number of cases filed was computed and displayed in Table 9 for 22 states. With the exception of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, which began operation in July 1976, all states disposed of at least 83 percent of the number of cases filed. Five states disposed more cases than were filed.

For 18 states the number of end pending cases was computed as a percent of the number filed. Two states had more cases pending than were filed. Only five states had less than 50 percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year.

The number and percent change in pending are displayed in Tables 9 and 10. Of the 18 states that reported pending data, only 3 reduced the number of pending cases. Two states had large increases in pending (77.2 and 84.4 percent) and the remaining 13 states showed an increase between 0 and 29 percent.

The number of filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population is displayed in Tables 9 and 10. The cases filed per 100,000 population range from 10.4 to 109.3; the cases disposed per 100,000 population range from 9.0 (ignoring the value for the Kentucky Court of Appeals) to 97.9; and the end pending cases per 100,000 range from 5.7 to 72.6. The averages per 100,000 population were 44.1 filed, 41.1 disposed, and 31.5 end pending cases. The mid-points were 38.1, 38.8, and 26.2 for filed, disposed, and end pending, respectively. There seems to be no pattern in these per

100,000 population figures, whether the states are ordered by population or by number of judges.

The number of cases filed per judge ranged from 43.4 to 518.7. The number of cases disposed per judge ranged from 40.9 (ignoring the Kentucky Court of Appeals) to 409.0. The average number of cases filed per judge was 173.3, with the mid-point at 128.4, and the average number of cases disposed per judge was 177.8, with a mid-point of 120.0. No patterns appear in the number of cases filed or disposed per judge when the states are ordered by the number of judges. Because of the jurisdiction of the different levels of appellate courts, the values for the number of cases filed and disposed per judge for the intermediate appellate courts fell between the values for courts of last resort in states with an intermediate appellate court and those in 'states' without an intermediate appellate court (displayed in Figure J).

Although the cases-per-100,000 population and cases-per-judge measures attempt to remove the effect of population size and the number of judges from the caseload figures, the large ranges indicate that there are other problems of comparability. Before any comparisons are attempted between states, the jurisdiction of the courts, the classification of cases, and the way cases are counted should be examined to ensure similarity.

There are many differences in court jurisdiction. The Texas Court of Civil Appeals and the Oklahoma Court of Appeals handle only civil appeal cases, many of which are assigned to these courts by the Supreme Court in the respective states. There is no intermediate appellate court for criminal cases in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Variations exist in the types of cases heard by the court, the point at

which the court counts a case, and the types of cases counted. These variations are discussed in the introduction to this report and the introduction to the appellate tables. If two courts are found to be similar after checking the jurisdictions and the other items mentioned above, then comparisons of their caseload can be made.

General Comparisons. Figures F through J (found above in the text) summarize the results of the comparative measures applied to courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, to courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts, and to intermediate appellate courts. The numbers of 'states' falling in certain ranges of disposed as a percent of filed, end pending as a percent of filed, and percent change in pending are shown in Figures F, G, and H, respectively. These figures indicate that the courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts seem to handle their caseload better than those in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts. One possible explanation is that these courts generally have more discretionary jurisdiction than other appellate courts.

Comparison of the total appellate caseload in states with intermediate appellate courts to caseload in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts indicates that states with two levels of appellate courts had a higher number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population. The average was 68.2 total appellate filings per 100,000 population for the states with intermediate appellate courts. The 'states' without intermediate appellate courts had an average of 51.1 cases filed per 100,000 population. The cases disposed per 100,000 population showed the same relationship (65.7 to 43.3) as for cases filed per 100,000 population. The ending pending figures were also similar, with the average being 44.2 cases per 100,000 for total appellate caseload in states with intermediate appellate courts (15 reporting), and 38.8 cases per 100,000 for courts of last resort in 'states' without an intermediate appellate court (22 reporting). The comparisons are displayed in Figure I. Similarly, in Figure J it can be seen that the number of appellate cases filed and disposed per judge was higher for states with an intermediate appellate court than for 'states' without an intermediate appellate court.

**Table 5: Caseload for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1976.**  
States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	As percent of filed			Change in pending			Per 100,000 population			
		Begin- ning pend- ing	Filed	Dis- posed	End pend- ing	Dis- posed	Per- cent	Filed	Dis- posed	End pend- ing	
California--Supreme Court.....	21,522	N/A	3,801 <sup>a</sup>	3,694 <sup>a</sup>	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	17.7	17.2	N/A
New York--Court of Appeals.....	18,053	N/A	595 <sup>b1</sup>	2,902 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	16.1	16.1	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599	877	4,774	4,280	1,371	89.7	28.7	494	56.3	37.9	34.0
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	--	154	1,072	1,021	205	95.2	19.1	51	33.1	8.5	8.1
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	--	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	88.0	31.5	443	61.3	29.4	25.9
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	11,802	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7	N/A	N/A
Illinois--Supreme Court.....	11,193	340	998 <sup>b</sup>	987 <sup>b</sup>	351	98.9	35.2	11	3.2	8.9	3.1
Ohio--Supreme Court.....	10,690	N/A	1,404 <sup>b</sup>	1,374 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	97.9	N/A	N/A	13.1	12.9	N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	9,113	396	1,045	921	520	88.1	49.8	124	31.3	11.5	10.1
Florida--Supreme Court.....	8,353	1,159	2,214	2,390	985	107.9	44.4	-176	-15.2	26.5	28.6
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	7,339	443 <sup>c</sup>	1,164 <sup>c</sup>	985 <sup>c</sup>	622 <sup>c</sup>	84.6 <sup>c</sup>	53.4 <sup>c</sup>	179 <sup>c</sup>	40.4 <sup>c</sup>	15.9 <sup>c</sup>	13.4 <sup>c</sup>
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.	5,791	N/A	663 <sup>d</sup>	609 <sup>d</sup>	N/A	91.9	N/A	N/A	11.4	10.5	N/A
North Carolina--Supreme Court.....	5,462	41 <sup>e</sup>	546	492	48 <sup>e</sup>	90.1	NC	7 <sup>e</sup>	17.1 <sup>e</sup>	10.0	9.0
Indiana--Supreme Court.....	5,313	80 <sup>f</sup>	450	450	80	100.0	18.6	0	0.0	8.1	8.1
Georgia--Supreme Court.....	4,984	405	1,433	1,404	4119	98.0	28.7	6	1.5	28.8	28.2
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	4,787	165	579	649	95	112.1	16.4	-70	-42.4	12.1	13.6
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	4,234	N/A	897 <sup>b</sup>	308 <sup>b1</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	21.2	NC	N/A
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	4,125	25	657	668	14	101.7	2.1	-11	-44.0	15.9	16.2
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	3,875	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A	90.0	N/A	N/A	45.5	40.9	N/A
Alabama--Supreme Court.....	3,653	0	510 <sup>j</sup>	510	0	100.0	0.0	0	--	14.0	14.0
Washington--Supreme Court.....	3,611	241	589	495	335	84.0	56.9	94	39.0	16.3	13.7
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	3,436	N/A	833	1,217 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	146.1	N/A	N/A	24.2	35.4	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	2,770	1,426	1,998	1,795	1,646	89.8	82.4	220	15.4	72.1	64.8
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	--	1,182	1,019	908	1,3109	89.1	128.6	128	10.8	36.8	32.8
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	--	244	979	887	336	90.6	34.3	92	37.7	35.3	32.0
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	2,575	366	651	674	343	103.5	52.7	-23	-6.3	25.3	26.2
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	2,326	335	973 <sup>b</sup>	911 <sup>b</sup>	397	93.6	40.8	62	18.5	41.8	39.2
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	2,249	305	1,023	1,004	324	98.1	31.7	19	6.2	45.5	44.6
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	1,172	168	558	603	123	108.1	22.0	-45	-26.8	47.6	51.5

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

<sup>c</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>e</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>f</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>g</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

**Table 6: Caseload for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1976.**  
Courts ranked by the number of judges and state population. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Begin- ning pend- ing		Dis- posed		End pend- ing		Change in pending		Per judge		Per 100,000 population		
			Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Number	Percent	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	
Texas--Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	9	12,599	154	1,072	1,021	205	51	33.1	119.1	113.4	8.5	8.1	1.6		
Alabama--Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	9	3,653	0	510 <sup>j</sup>	510	0	0	--	56.7	56.7	14.0	14.0	0.0		
Washington--Supreme Court.....	9	3,611	241	589	495	335	94	39.0	65.4	55.0	16.3	13.7	9.3		
Oklahoma--Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	9	2,770	1,182	1,019	908	1,3109	128	10.8	113.2	100.9	36.8	32.8	47.3		
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	5	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	443	61.3	740.4	651.8	29.4	25.9	9.3			
Court of Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	5	80 <sup>f</sup>	430	430	80	0	0.0	86.0	86.0	8.1	8.1	1.5			
Supreme Court.....	5	4,234	N/A	897 <sup>b</sup>	308 <sup>b1</sup>	N/A	N/A	179.4	NC	21.2	NC	N/A			
Court of Appeals.....	5	2,249	305	1,023	1,004	324	19	6.2	204.6	200.8	45.5	44.6	14.4		
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	5	1,172	168	558	603	123	-45	-26.8	111.6	120.6	47.6	51.5	10.5		
Oklahoma--Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	3	2,770	244	979	887	336	92	37.7	326.3	295.7	35.3	32.0	12.1		

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-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Judge information.

<sup>c</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

<sup>d</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

Table 7: Caseload for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1976.  
States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population In thousands	As percent of filed			Change In pending			Per 100,000 population				
		Begin- ning pending	Dis- posed	End pending	Dis- posed	pend- ing	Number	Per- cent	Filed	Dis- posed		
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	5,052	501 <sup>f</sup>	1,672 <sup>e</sup>	1,574 <sup>e</sup>	5919	94.1	35.3	90	18.0	33.1	31.2	11.7
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	4,610	598 <sup>f</sup>	939	901	639 <sup>g</sup>	96.0	NC	41 <sup>i</sup>	6.9 <sup>i</sup>	20.4	19.5	15.9 <sup>i</sup>
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	3,954	N/A	911	833	N/A	91.4	N/A	N/A	23.0	21.1	N/A	
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	3,214	369	1,204	1,123	450	93.3	37.4	81	22.0	37.5	34.9	14.0
Connecticut--Supreme Court.....	3,102	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.8	N/A	
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	2,874	999	1,176	1,079	1,078 <sup>g</sup>	91.8	91.7	79	7.9	40.9	37.5	37.5
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	2,844	122	416	345	193	82.9	46.4	71	58.2	14.6	12.1	6.8
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	2,365	610	936	819	727	87.5	77.7	117	19.2	39.6	34.6	30.7
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	2,299	239 <sup>f</sup>	438	340	337	77.6	76.9	98	41.0	19.1	14.8	14.7
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	2,117	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.0	N/A	
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals.....	1,832	34	878	802	110	91.3	12.5	76	223.5	47.9	43.8	6.0
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	1,552	388 <sup>i</sup>	716 <sup>i</sup>	634 <sup>i</sup>	470 <sup>i</sup>	88.5 <sup>i</sup>	65.6 <sup>i</sup>	82 <sup>i</sup>	21.1 <sup>i</sup>	46.1 <sup>i</sup>	40.9 <sup>i</sup>	30.3 <sup>i</sup>
Utah--Supreme Court.....	1,232	N/A	556	274 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	45.1	NC	N/A	
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.....	1,071	279	334	299	314	89.5	94.0	35	12.5	31.2	27.9	29.3
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	936	355	411	319	447	77.6	108.8	92	25.9	43.9	34.1	47.8
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	884	221	265	166	320	62.6	120.8	99	44.8	30.0	18.8	36.2
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	833	315	332	249	398	75.0	119.9	83	26.3	39.9	29.9	47.8
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	827	249	273	320	202	117.2	74.0	-47	-18.9	33.0	38.7	24.4
Montana--Supreme Court.....	755	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54.2	N/A	N/A	
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	700	1,103 <sup>fh</sup>	1,369	1,224	1,248 <sup>h</sup>	89.4	91.2	145	13.1	195.6	174.9	178.3
South Dakota--Supreme Court.....	686	234 <sup>fi</sup>	294 <sup>e</sup>	259 <sup>e</sup>	270 <sup>i</sup>	88.1	NC	36 <sup>i</sup>	15.4 <sup>i</sup>	42.9	37.8	39.4 <sup>i</sup>
North Dakota--Supreme Court.....	645	2 <sup>f</sup>	150	144	8	96.0	5.3	6	NC	23.3	22.3	1.2
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	613	256	806	803	259	99.6	32.1	3	1.2	131.5	131.0	42.3
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	582	233	335	282	286	84.2	85.4	53	22.7	57.6	48.5	49.1
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	477	287	366	360	293	98.4	80.1	6	2.1	76.7	75.5	61.4
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	408	258	468	335	391	71.6	83.5	133	51.6	114.7	82.1	95.8
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	391	130	138	134	134	97.1	97.1	4	3.1	35.3	34.3	34.3

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.  
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<sup>a</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.  
<sup>b</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>e</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>f</sup>Data are not complete.

Table 8: Caseload for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1976.  
Courts ranked by the number of judges and state population. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Begin- ning pending			Dis- posed			End pending			Change In pending		Per judge		Per 100,000 population	
			Filed	Dis- posed	End pending	Filed	Dis- posed	End pending	Number	Percent	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	9	3,954	NC	911	833	NC	NC	NC	N/A	N/A	101.2	92.6	23.0	21.1	N/A	N/A	
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	9	2,874	999	1,176	1,079	1,078 <sup>g</sup>	79	7.9	130.7	119.9	40.9	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	
Mississippi--Supreme Court....	9	2,365	610	936	819	727	117	19.2	104.0	91.0	39.6	34.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	9	700	1,103 <sup>fh</sup>	1,369	1,224	1,248 <sup>h</sup>	145	13.1	152.1	136.0	195.6	174.9	178.3	178.3	178.3	178.3	
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	7	5,052	501 <sup>f</sup>	1,672 <sup>e</sup>	1,574 <sup>e</sup>	5919	90	18.0	238.9	224.9	33.1	31.2	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	7	4,610	598 <sup>f</sup>	939	901	639 <sup>g</sup>	41 <sup>i</sup>	6.9 <sup>i</sup>	134.1	128.7	20.4	19.5	13.9 <sup>i</sup>	13.9 <sup>i</sup>	13.9 <sup>i</sup>	13.9 <sup>i</sup>	
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court....	7	3,214	369	1,204	1,123	450	81	22.0	172.0	160.4	37.5	34.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	7	2,299	239 <sup>f</sup>	438	340	337	98	41.0	62.6	48.6	19.1	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	7	2,117	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.6	N/A	29.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Connecticut--Supreme Court....	6	3,102	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	35	12.5	N/A	40.2	N/A	7.8	N/A	27.9	27.9	27.9	
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.	6 <sup>c</sup>	1,071	279	334	299	314	35	55.7	49.8	31.2	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	
South Carolina--Supreme Court.	5	2,844	122	416	345	193	71	58.2	83.2	69.0	14.6	12.1	6.8				
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals.....	5	1,832	34	878	802	110	76	223.5	175.6	160.4	47.9	43.8	6.0				
Utah--Supreme Court.....	5	1,232	N/A	556	274 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	111.2	NC	45.1	NC	N/A				
Rhode Island--Supreme Court...	5	936	355	411	319	447	92	25.9	82.2	63.8	43.9	34.1	47.8				
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	5	884	221</														

Table 9: Caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1976.

States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	As percent of filed						Change in pending			Per 100,000 population		
		Begin- ning pend- ing		Dis- posed		End pend- ing		Dis- posed		End pend- ing		Number per cent	
		Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	N/A	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A
California--Courts of Appeal.....	21,522	4,675 <sup>i</sup>	10,312	11,357	4,544 <sup>i</sup>	110.1	NC	-131 <sup>i</sup>	-2.8 <sup>i</sup>	47.9	52.8	21.1 <sup>i</sup>	
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	N/A	9,477 <sup>j</sup>	9,067	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.5 <sup>i</sup>	50.2	N/A	
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....	--	N/A	7,362 <sup>i</sup>	7,560	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.8 <sup>i</sup>	41.9	N/A	
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	--	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7	8.3	N/A	
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	12,599	847	1,824	1,717	9789	94.1	53.6	131	15.5	14.5	14.5	13.6	7.8
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802	N/A	6,067	2,069 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.4	NC	N/A	
Superior Court.....	--	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.8	N/A	N/A	
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup> .....	--	N/A	2,436	2,059	N/A	84.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.6	17.5	N/A	
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,193	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	3,973	3,935	4,111	99.0	103.5	38	0.9	35.5	35.2	36.7	
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	10,690	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,5919	87.7	63.7	2,101	84.4	67.4	59.1	42.9	
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	9,113	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087	100.9	89.9	-40	-1.0	49.9	50.3	44.8	
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	8,353	5,118 <sup>h</sup>	9,129	8,180	6,067	89.6	66.5	949	18.5	109.3	97.9	72.6	
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,339	4,266 <sup>i</sup>	4,819 <sup>i</sup>	4,349 <sup>i</sup>	4,736 <sup>i</sup>	90.2 <sup>i</sup>	98.3 <sup>i</sup>	470 <sup>i</sup>	11.0 <sup>i</sup>	65.7 <sup>i</sup>	59.3 <sup>i</sup>	64.5 <sup>i</sup>	
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	5,791	N/A	605	519	N/A	85.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.4	9.0	N/A	
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	5,462	N/A	1,027	999	N/A	97.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8	18.3	N/A	
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	5,313	499	777 <sup>j</sup>	653	623	84.0	80.2	124	24.8	14.6	12.3	11.7	
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	4,984	N/A	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.2	35.2	N/A	
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	4,787	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033	91.0	93.2	197	10.7	45.6	41.4	42.5	
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	N/A	1,330	1,418	N/A	106.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	31.4	33.5	N/A	
Court of Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	--	N/A	694	688	N/A	99.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	16.2	N/A	
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	--	N/A	636	730	N/A	114.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0	17.2	N/A	
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	4,125	187	1,541	1,491	237	96.8	15.4	50	26.7	37.4	36.1	5.7	
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal <sup>a</sup> .....	3,875	760 <sup>f</sup>	2,189	2,031	918	92.8	41.9	158	20.8	20.8	18.5	17.5	
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	3,653	523	1,270	1,119 <sup>i</sup>	671	NC	52.8	148	28.3	34.8	30.6 <sup>i</sup>	18.4	
Court of Civil Appeals.....	--	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	186	0	100.0	0.0	0	--	5.1	5.1	0.0	
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	--	523 <sup>f</sup>	1,084	933 <sup>i</sup>	6719	NC	61.9	148	28.3	29.7	25.5 <sup>i</sup>	18.4	
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	3,611	1,808 <sup>f</sup>	1,777	1,670	1,915	94.0	107.8	107	5.9	49.2	46.2	53.0	
Kentucky--Court of Appeals <sup>k</sup> .....	3,436	0 <sup>k</sup>	615	71k	544 <sup>k</sup>	11.5 <sup>k</sup>	88.5 <sup>k</sup>	544 <sup>k</sup>	--	17.9	2.1 <sup>k</sup>	15.8 <sup>k</sup>	
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	2,770	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	347	163 <sup>h</sup>	83.0	39.0	71	77.2	15.1	12.5	5.9	
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	2,575	592	915	833	674	91.0	73.7	82	13.9	35.5	32.3	26.2	
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	2,326	669	1,847	1,786	730	96.7	39.5	61	9.1	79.4	76.8	31.4	
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,249	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395	93.0	69.2	141	11.2	89.7	83.4	62.0	
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	1,172	249	446	550	145	123.3	32.5	-104	-41.8	38.1	46.9	12.4	

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>e</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>f</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>g</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>h</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>i</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>l</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 10: Caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1976.

States ranked by the number of judges and state population. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Begin- ning pend- ing			Dis- posed			End pend- ing			Change in pending		Per judge		Per 100,000 population		
			Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	Filed	N/A	
California--Courts of Appeal.....	56	21,522	4,675 <sup>i</sup>	10,312	11,357	4,544 <sup>i</sup>	110.1	NC	-131 <sup>i</sup>	-2.8 <sup>i</sup>	47.9	52.8	21.1 <sup>i</sup>					
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	42	12,599	847	1,824	1,717	9789	12.1	1,717	9789	131	15.5	43.4	40.9	14.5	13.6	7.8		
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	38	10,690	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,5919	2,101	2,031	918	2,101	84.4	189.6	166.2	67.4	59.1	42.9		
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	34	11,193	4,073 <sup>f</sup>															

### Special appellate court caseload (Tables 11-15)

The tables in this section present more specific appellate caseload. Breakdowns for civil and criminal **appeals** and **requests to appeal** for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts are given in Tables 11 and 12, respectively. Table 13 provides time interval data for appellate courts. The final two tables display ten-year trend data for filings in appellate courts and the number and percent change from year to year.

Civil and criminal caseload in appellate courts (Tables 11 and 12). The available civil and criminal caseload data for civil and criminal cases in courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts are presented in Tables 11 and 12, respectively. Previous tables have defined a case as any **appeal**, **original proceeding**, or **request to appeal**. **Original proceeding** cases have not been listed in Tables 11 and 12 because original proceedings are rarely classified as civil or criminal cases. Caseload figures for **appeals** and **requests to appeal**, which have been divided when possible into civil and criminal case categories, have been included in these tables. The total number of cases (including **original proceedings**) is also displayed.

Table 11 includes 34 'states' reporting civil and criminal appeals

filed in the courts of last resort. Of the **appeals** reported for courts of last resort, 51.4 percent were criminal. The number of 'states' providing civil and criminal category breakdowns for **requests to appeal** filed was quite low--10 for civil, 7 for criminal.

Nineteen states reported breakdowns for civil and criminal **appeals** in intermediate appellate courts. The majority of the appeals were civil; 43.4 percent were criminal. The criminal percentage increased to 48.2 if the Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas courts were eliminated from the calculation. These courts handle only civil matters. Only one state reported civil and criminal breakdowns for **requests to appeal** in its intermediate appellate court.

The reported totals for civil and criminal appeals are displayed in Figure K. The relative percent of criminal appeals in courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts is high because in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas the court of last resort has exclusive jurisdiction over criminal appeals in the appellate courts. It is, however, clear from the other data that a majority of the appeals were civil. For the 34 'states' that reported a civil and criminal breakdown for appeals in all their appellate courts, 55.1 percent of the appeals were civil.

As future annual reports are produced, it is hoped that addi-

**Figure K: Breakdown of civil and criminal appeals filed in appellate courts.**

'States' reporting	Appeals filed				Relative percents of civil and criminal appeals
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 11) . . . . .	12	2,533	4,424	36.4	63.6
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 12) . . . . .	19	24,089	18,480	56.6	43.4
Total for all appellate courts in states with intermediate appellate courts	12	16,381	13,764	54.3	45.7
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 11) . . . . .	22	5,423	4,003	57.5	42.5
Total for all appellate courts in all 'states' . . . . .	34	21,804	17,767	55.1	44.9

Note: The Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas courts of last resort have exclusive jurisdiction over criminal appeals in the appellate courts. This is the reason for the high proportion of criminal appeals in the court of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts. The Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas intermediate appellate courts hear only civil matters.

The totals for all appellate courts include only 'states' with data from all appellate courts in the state.

tional courts will provide more complete civil and criminal breakdowns. When such information is available, these tables should provide a broader basis for assessing the kinds of cases handled by appellate courts. In addition, the tables may permit tracking of case types from trial courts through appellate courts. This tracking would assist in assessing the impact on appellate court caseloads of legislative or procedural changes that affect the handling of civil or criminal matters in trial courts.

Time interval data for appellate courts (Table 13). This table presents available information on the time necessary to process an appellate case. Because there was variation in the beginning event reported, the 'states' in the table are grouped according to beginning event. The times displayed are from the beginning event to briefs filed, beginning event to argument or submission, argument or submission to decision announced, and beginning event to decision announced. The most common statistic used was the mean. If a state reported a mean and median value, both are displayed.

The case processing times reported by the 'states' were quite varied. In the six courts of last resort reporting, the average time for total cases from notice of appeal to decision announced ranged from 276 days to 552 days, with the three 'states' without intermediate appellate courts having higher averages than the three states with intermediate appellate courts. In the intermediate appellate courts, the average time for total cases from notice of appeal to decision announced ranged from 169 days to 531 days.

Filings in appellate courts, 1967-76 (Tables 14 and 15). Table 14 displays trend data for total cases filed from 1967 through 1976 in those court systems reporting at

least 5 years of data. For the 31 courts of last resort displayed, there was a 34.3 percent increase in cases filed from 1972 to 1976. In the 19 courts of last resort that displayed data for 1967 through 1976, the total increase in caseload was 52.5 percent. The 19 intermediate appellate courts reporting data had a 48.8 percent increase in cases filed from 1972 through 1976. In the 12 intermediate appellate courts reporting data for 1967 through 1976, total filings increased 134.6 percent.

Table 15 displays the year-to-year increase in filings in appellate courts. Most of the courts displayed have reported increases in case filings each year.

### General conclusions

The factors discussed in the introduction warn the reader against drawing conclusions or making generalizations based on data from these appellate tables. Variations in reference periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions of cases, and the completeness and accuracy of data make cross-jurisdiction comparisons extremely difficult.

One general conclusion can be drawn from the appellate court tables: In both courts of last resort and in intermediate appellate courts, the total number of cases pending at the end of 1976 increased significantly over the number pending at the end of 1975. Using the reported national totals (Table 1), end pending cases for courts of last resort appear to have increased by 15.7 percent; for intermediate appellate courts by 15.0 percent. While the percent change in the estimated pending caseload is high, it is necessary to note that both the percent increase in reported pending caseload for intermediate appellate courts and the total for all appellate courts for 1976 have decreased from the 1975 values.

Table 11: Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for courts of last resort, 1976.

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.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	510 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	510	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	147	71	X	X	258	214	113	X	X	468	141	58	X	X	335	220	126	X	X	391				
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	15	201			305	35	169				26	155			1,023	1,004	24	215			324			
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A				350	201			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A			
California--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	153	56	1,547	1,347	3,801 <sup>e</sup>	84	34	1,547 <sup>e</sup>	1,347 <sup>e</sup>	3,694 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	X	366	76	75	X	X	651	X	X	X	X	674	X	X	X	X	343			
Connecticut--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67	44	X	X	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	139	94	X	X	233	219	116	X	X	335	172	110	X	X	282	186	100	X	X	286				
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	X	X	X	X	1,103 <sup>f</sup>	346	826	(J)	(J)	1,369	X	X	X	X	1,224	X	X	X	X	1,248 <sup>h</sup>				
Florida--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	1,159	X	X	X	X	2,214	X	X	X	X	2,390	X	X	X	X	983				
Georgia--Supreme Court.....	217	102	X	X	405	591	242	X	X	1,433	582	280	X	X	1,404	1919	799	X	X	4119				
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	143	62	0	0	221	150	99	0	0	265	97	50	0	0	166	196	111	0	0	320				
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	187 <sup>f</sup>	81			315	161	82			332	122	62			249	226	101			398				
Illinois--Supreme Court.....	98	44	61	86	340	119	108	448	394	998 <sup>e</sup>	133	83	444	399	987 <sup>e</sup>	84	69	65	81	351				
Indiana--Supreme Court.....	X	X	0	X	80 <sup>h</sup>	X	X	151	X	430	X	X	151	X	430	X	X	0	X	80				
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	662 <sup>j</sup>	337 <sup>j</sup>	(J)	(J)	999	547 <sup>j</sup>	408	X	X	1,176	625 <sup>j</sup>	446 <sup>j</sup>	(J)	(J)	1,079	756 <sup>j</sup>	322 <sup>j</sup>	(J)	(J)	1,0789				
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	155 <sup>f</sup>	76 <sup>f</sup>			239 <sup>f</sup>	254	152			438	186	118			340	223	110			337				
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	833	X	X	X	X	1,217 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	453	X	X	1,762	7	337	X	X	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.....	119	127	0	0	279	145	124	X	X	334	121	115	X	X	299	143	136	0	0	314				
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	21	4	0	0	25	134 <sup>h</sup>	41 <sup>h</sup>	230	234	657	149 <sup>h</sup>	37 <sup>h</sup>	230	234	668	6	8	0	0	14				
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.....	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X	X	X	663 <sup>j</sup>	238	248			609 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	396	X	X	X	X	1,045	X	X	X	X	921	X	X	X	X	520				
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	911	279	115	X	X	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	X	X			610	507	273			936	328	163			819	X	X			727				
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	X	X			165	X	X			579	180	35			649	X	X			95				
Montana--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A			N/A	247	44			409	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	205	183	N/A	N/A	388 <sup>i</sup>	364	352	N/A	N/A	716 <sup>i</sup>	325	309	N/A	N/A	634 <sup>i</sup>	244	226	N/A	N/A	470 <sup>i</sup>				
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	X	256	249	358	X	X	806	X	X	X	X	803	X	X	X	X	259			
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	X	X			249	X	X			273	X	X			320	X	X			202				
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	443 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X	1,164 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X	985 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X	622 <sup>i</sup>				
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	168	206	7	X	X	558	X	X	X	X	603	X	X	X	X	123				
New York--Court of Appeals.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	N/A	595 <sup>g1</sup>	474	166	1,233 <sup>j</sup>	1,113	2,902 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
North Carolina--Supreme Court.....	X	X	N/A	N/A	41 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X	546	X	X	X	X	492	X	X	N/A	N/A	48 <sup>i</sup>				
North Dakota--Supreme Court.....	2 <sup>f</sup>	0	0	0	2 <sup>f</sup>	97	35	X	X	150	91	35	X	X	144	8	0	0	0	8				

Ohio--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,404 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	X	1,374 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	X	X	X	1,426		714	667	171	1,998		578	528	200	1,795	X	X	X	X	1,646	
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	X	NH	X	NH	1,182	714	NH	171	NH	1,019	578	NH	200	NH	908	X	NH	X	NH	1,310 <sup>j</sup>
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	NH	X	NH		244	NH	667	NH		979	NH	528	NH		887	NH	X	NH		336
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	335	X	X	127	238	973 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	X	911 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	X	397
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	14	5	X	X	369	40	186	X	X	1,204	37	36	X	X	1,123	17	155	X	X	450
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	355	181	61	X	X	411	X	X	X	X	319	X	X	X	X	447
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	98	24			122	226	177			416	178	156			345	146	45			193
South Dakota--Supreme Court.....	X	X	N/A	N/A	234 <sup>f1</sup>	X	X	X	X	294 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	X	259 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	N/A	N/A	270 <sup>i</sup>
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	232 <sup>e</sup>	14 <sup>e</sup>	258	393	897 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	N/A	N/A	308 <sup>e</sup> <sup>j</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	26	696	96		877	111	2,546	693		4,774	107	2,167	667		4,280	30	1,075	122		1,371
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup> .....	26	NH	96	NH	154	111	NH	693	NH	1,072	107	NH	667	NH	1,021	30	NH	122	NH	205
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	NH	696	NH		723	NH	2,546	NH		3,702	NH	2,167	NH		3,259	NH	1,075	NH		1,166
Utah--Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A			N/A	327	111			556	X	X			274 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	N/A			N/A
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	X	X			287	283	51			366	265	56			360	X	X			293
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	X	X	136	220	501 <sup>f</sup>	124	81	X	X	1,672 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	440	871	1,574 <sup>e</sup>	X	X	197	210	5919
Washington--Supreme Court.....	123 <sup>f</sup>	26 <sup>f</sup>	32	25 <sup>f</sup>	241	154	46	107	125	589	123	28	97	90	495	154	44	42	60	335
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals.	15	7			34	149	137			878	130	103			802	34	41			110
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	485 <sup>f</sup>	109 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	N/A	598 <sup>f1</sup>	511	171	X	X	939	521	128	X	X	901	4789	152	N/A	N/A	6399 <sup>j</sup>
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	80	36	NH	NH	130	82	46	NH	NH	138	97	28	NH	NH	134	65	54	NH	NH	134

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

<sup>c</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>f1</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>g</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

Table 12: Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for intermediate appellate courts, 1976.

State and court title	Beginning pending						Filed						Disposed						End pending					
	Requests			Appeals			Requests			Appeals			Requests			Appeals			Requests			Appeals		
	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--STATE TOTAL.....	0	523	X	523	186	1,084	X	1,270		186	933 <sup>j</sup>	X	1,119 <sup>j</sup>	0	671	X	671							
Court of Civil Appeals.....	0	NH	NH	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	NH	NH	186 <sup>j</sup>		186	NH	NH	186	0	NH	NH	0							
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	NH	523 <sup>f</sup>	NH	X	523 <sup>f</sup>	NH	1,084	NH	X	1,084	NH	933 <sup>j</sup>	NH	933 <sup>j</sup>	NH	6719	NH	X	6719					
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	473	653		1,254	599	1,000		2,017		482	978		1,876	590	655		1,395							
California--Courts of Appeal.....	2,579	2,096	NH	NH	4,675 <sup>j</sup>	3,183	3,279	NH	NH	10,312	X	X	NH	NH	11,357	2,555	1,989	NH	NH	4,544 <sup>j</sup>				
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	X	X		592	569	261		915		X	X		833	X	X									674
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	X	X	X	X	5,118 <sup>h</sup>	X	X	X	X	9,129	X	X	X	X	8,180	X	X	X	X	6,067				
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	943	572	X	X	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	X	X	X	X	1,754 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A				
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	1,803 <sup>f</sup>	2,270	NH	NH	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	1,858	2,115	NH	NH	3,973	1,678	2,257	NH	NH	3,935	1,983	2,128	NH	NH	4,111				
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	X	X		499	317 <sup>j</sup>	417 <sup>j</sup>		777 <sup>j</sup>		X	X		653	X	X								623	
Kentucky--Court of Appeals <sup>k</sup> .....	0	0		0 <sup>k</sup>	X	X		615		X	X		71 <sup>k</sup>	X	X								544 <sup>k</sup>	
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal <sup>a</sup> .....	X	NH	NH	760 <sup>h</sup>	1,947	NH	NH	2,189		1,802	NH	NH	2,031	X	X	NH	NH	NH	NH	918				
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	76	111	0	0	187	622	762	X	X	1,541	607 <sup>h</sup>	727 <sup>h</sup>	X	X	1,491	91	146	0	0	237				
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		605		240	62		519	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	1,139	2,396	220	342	4,127	1,096	1,911	727	598	4,544	1,001	2,208	608	578	4,584	1,234	2,099	339	362	4,087				
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	1,117	698		1,836	1,206	599		2,181		1,021	596		1,984	1,3099	6949		2,033							
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,266 <sup>j</sup>	3,157 <sup>h</sup>	1,662	N/A	N/A	4,819 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,349 <sup>j</sup>	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,736 <sup>j</sup>				
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	X	X		249	174	220		446		X	X		550	X	X								145	
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		9,477 <sup>j</sup>		X	X		9,067	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		7,362 <sup>j</sup>		X	X		7,560	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		2,115		X	X		1,507	N/A	N/A								N/A	
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		1,027		457	487		999	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	1,354	1,059	NH	NH	2,490	3,858	2,732	NH	NH	7,204	3,110	2,464	NH	NH	6,315	2,4819	1,8479	NH	NH	4,5919				
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals <sup>g</sup> .....	92 <sup>h</sup>	NH	NH	NH	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	NH	NH	NH	418	347	NH	NH	NH	347	163 <sup>h</sup>	NH	NH	NH	NH	163 <sup>h</sup>			
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	X	X	NH	NH	669	421	735	NH	NH	1,847	X	X	NH	NH	1,786	X	X	NH	NH	730				
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		6,067		N/A	N/A		2,069P	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Superior Court.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		3,631		X	X		N/A	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Commonwealth Court <sup>g</sup> .....	N/A	N/A		N/A	X	X		2,436		N/A	N/A		2,069	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A		N/A	694	636		1,330		N/A	730		1,418	N/A	N/A								N/A	
Court of Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	694	NH	NH	694	688	NH	NH	688	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A		
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	636	NH	636	NH	730	NH	730	NH	730	NH	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	847	NH	NH	847	1,624	NH	NH	1,824	NH	1,717	NH	NH	1,717	9789	NH	NH	NH	NH	9789					
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	1,110 <sup>f</sup>	603 <sup>f</sup>	X	X	1,808 <sup>f</sup>	1,017	495	X	X	1,777	974	410	X	X	1,670	1,153	688	X	X	1,915				

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Total cases pending, filed, and disposed include original proceedings as well as all appeals and all requests to appeal. For display on this table, filings after the granting of a request to appeal are included in the numbers displayed for civil and criminal appeals filed for Georgia. Filings after the granting of a request to appeal are not included, however in the total cases filed or total cases disposed figures for this court.

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<sup>a</sup>Court Jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

<sup>c</sup>Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals.

When an appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>i</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>j</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 13: Time interval (days) data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, 1976.  
 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	Number of days				Type of statistic
			Beginning event to briefs filed	Beginning event to argument or submission	Argument or submission to decision	Beginning event to decision announced	
<b>Courts of last resort</b>							
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	notice of appeal	204	305	127	432	mean
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	civil	notice of appeal	262†	805	73	878	mean
	priority civil	notice of appeal	262†	326	52	384	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	290†	351	52	406	mean
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	278†	491	61	552	mean
	civil	notice of appeal	305†	473	52	522	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	360†	464	40	503	mean
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	N/A	332	122	454	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification	79†	198	139	333	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification	166†	N/A	108	290	median
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	48†	N/A	N/A	276	mean
Washington--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	125†	247	152	400	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal	107†	N/A	183	N/A	median
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	total cases	filling of appeal	N/A	329	133	N/A	median
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	civil--regular opinion	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	665	mean
	civil--memorandum opinion	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	543	mean
	criminal--regular opinion	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	503	mean
	criminal--memorandum opinion	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	491	mean
	other--regular opinion	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	796	mean
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	total cases	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	302	mean
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	civil	filling of record	N/A	152	29	181	mean
	criminal	filling of record	N/A	127	19	146	mean
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	disposition in lower court	N/A	256	34	290	mean
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.....	total cases	entry	N/A	140	91	230	mean
Mississippi--Supreme Court .....	total cases	filling of record	N/A	347	33	379	mean
	total cases	Judgment in lower court	N/A	519	33	552	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	total cases	Judgment below	190†	309	139	444	mean
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	total cases	docketing	145†	238	54	292	mean
<b>Intermediate appellate courts</b>							
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.	total cases	notice of appeal	224†	368	27	395	mean
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	notice of appeal	196†	N/A	15	386	median
	criminal and children's torts	notice of appeal	167	N/A	N/A	242	mean
	administrative appeals	notice of appeal	159	N/A	N/A	273	mean
	workmen's compensation	notice of appeal	102	N/A	N/A	234	mean
	criminal (Bernalillo County)	notice of appeal	147	N/A	N/A	257	mean
	new appellate rules-- criminal and children's	notice of appeal	154	N/A	N/A	213	mean
	new appellate rules-- criminal (Bernalillo County)	notice of appeal	102	N/A	N/A	140	mean
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	notice of appeal	105	N/A	N/A	146	mean
Washington--Court of Appeals--All divisions.....	total cases	notice of appeal	126†	N/A	N/A	169	mean
	Division I.....	notice of appeal	192†	458	73	531	mean
	Division II.....	notice of appeal	152†	N/A	61	N/A	median
	Division III.....	notice of appeal	204†	N/A	55	N/A	median
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	198†	N/A	92	N/A	median
	entry	245†	112†	357			mean
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	civil	filling of appeal	225†	N/A	79†	N/A	mean
	criminal	filling of appeal	265†	N/A	65†	N/A	mean
	civil	filling of appeal	206†	N/A	65†	N/A	median
	criminal	filling of appeal	245†	N/A	48†	N/A	median
Texas--Court of Civil Appeals.....	total cases	filling of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	168	mean
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	disposition in lower court	N/A	N/A	30-45	N/A	mean
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	total cases	Judgment below	195	37	232	N/A	mean
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.	total cases	Judgment below	272†	415	27	442	mean

Note: Times are often given in months, fractions of months, or months and days. For comparability, these were converted to days by using 30.5 days per month. Data on this table are apparently for appeals decided on the merits after a full review by the court, although this fact is not usually made explicit in the source documents. The data for the Washington Supreme Court are only for appeals filed directly with the court, and not for appeals certified or transferred from the intermediate appellate court. The New Jersey Supreme Court data include, as well as regular appeals, some cases in which the decision on the merits is made pursuant to the argument as to whether the certification should be granted.

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

\*For the time the briefs are filed, the following events were used:

Ready for submission--Iowa Supreme Court  
 Readiness--Kansas Supreme Court  
 Date perfected--New Jersey Supreme Court  
 Washington Supreme Court  
 New Jersey Appellate Division of Superior Court  
 Washington Court of Appeals

At Issue--Oregon Supreme Court  
 New Mexico Supreme Court  
 Oregon Court of Appeals  
 Michigan Court of Appeals

For the time of argument or submission, the following events were used:  
 Consideration--Massachusetts Appeals Court  
 Hearing--Michigan Court of Appeals

Table 14: Filed cases for appellate courts, 1967-1976.  
Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases filed											
		1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975			
<b>Courts of last resort</b>													
California--Supreme Court.....	21,522	2,716	2,959	3,322	3,400	3,179	3,238	3,139	3,513	3,668	3,704		
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	11,802					905	1,001	1,144	1,203	1,323	1,479		
Ohio--Supreme Court.....	10,690												
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	9,113	361	450	544	504	708	638	811	957	974	1,045		
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	7,339	160	142	139	170	195	169	173	183	221	232		
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	5,052	1,270	1,248	1,185	1,380	1,329	1,398	1,249	1,256	1,526	1,672		
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	4,787	1,046	846	815	1,036	1,187	998	387	1,039	904	1,170		
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	4,610					455	494	555	502	607	656	709	
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	4,234	399	194	191	205	213	209	205	266	327	246		
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	4,125	714	435	411	437	489	403	348	304	290	173		
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	3,954	525	578	631	576	584	603	677	781	921	911		
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	3,875	515	532	601	755	863	1,044	1,083	1,258	1,606	1,762		
Washington--Supreme Court.....	3,611							450	414	426	497	504	589
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	3,436	862	843	960	1,153	1,144	1,160	1,142	1,225	833*			
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	3,214					878	995	1,071	1,083	1,204			
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	2,770	409P	489P	1,339	1,357	1,235	1,281	1,421	1,578	1,806	1,998		
Supreme Court.....				644	726	433	508*	702	735	992	1,019		
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	—	409	489	695	631	802	773	719	843	814	979		
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	2,575	640	574	620	568*	544	517	606	611	553	651		
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	2,365					462	455	563	626	601	613	780	
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	2,326	612	629	458*	432	558	607	553	667	750	973		
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	2,299					568	341	342	368	348			
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	2,249	444	505	556	679	697	677	686	749	890	1,023		
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	1,552	320	321	322	362	474	446	546	484	571	716		
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	1,172	331	244	255	218	240	295	298	433	500	558		
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	936					325	349	345	355	422			
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	833												
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	827	138	144	154	139	186	240	270	288	273			
Montana--Supreme Court.....	755				189	197	236	239	269	299	409		
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	700				452	613	796	980	1,128	1,221	1,342		
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	613	246	288	319	396	306	375	392	434	556	806		
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	582	137	129	201	198	176	250	247	255	273	341		
<b>Intermediate appellate courts</b>													
California--Courts of Appeal.....	21,522	5,262	6,121	6,530	7,721	8,327	8,194	8,806	9,418	9,936	10,312		
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals.....	12,599	1,199	1,133	1,153	1,228	1,328	1,397	1,332	1,502	1,764	1,824		
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802					3,780	4,474	3,916	5,023	6,067			
Superior Court.....	—					2,433	2,670	2,203	2,996	3,631			
Commonwealth Court.....	—					1,347	1,804	1,713	2,027	2,436			
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,193	1,402	1,504	1,691	1,856	2,499	3,020	3,044	3,259	4,135	3,973		
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	10,690					3,798	4,311	4,909	5,503	6,869	7,204		
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	9,113	1,795	1,894	1,999	2,214	2,336	2,799	3,076	3,579	4,435	4,544		
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,339	1,598	1,845	2,067	2,449	2,746	3,583	3,883	3,801	4,383	4,819		
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	4,787	702	703	573	660	758	1,097	1,616	1,405	1,552	1,805		
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	501	811	860	859	1,042	1,092	1,016	1,279	1,330			
Court of Appeals.....	—	434	400	430	488	452	498	494	485	649	694		
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	—	67	411	430	375	407	544	598	531	630	636		
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	4,125	339	382	500	593	729	726	880	980	1,154	1,384		
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal.....	3,875	1,336	1,430	1,406	1,416	1,455	1,573	1,589	1,579	2,020	2,189		
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	3,611					937	1,243	1,244	1,341	1,819	1,777		
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals.....	2,770	—	—	—	—	445	472	365	406	327	418		
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	2,575	—	—	—	—	373	616	426	468	444	858	915	
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	2,326	—	—	—	—	563	577	622	766	843	1,046	1,847	
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,249	526	599	671	805	783	875	921	1,321	1,725	2,017		
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	1,172	108	152	168	232	235	318	475	514	446	446		

Note: For inclusion on this table a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. The exceptions to this are: For the New Jersey, Tennessee, Maryland, Mississippi, Idaho, and District of Columbia courts of last resort and Missouri and Maryland intermediate appellate courts, the numbers represent appeals filed. The numbers are total cases without superintending control and disciplinary cases for the California Supreme Court; total cases plus other proceedings for the Missouri Supreme Court; appeals, original actions, and disciplinary cases for the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and appeals and other matters for the Rhode Island Supreme Court. The data for the Delaware Supreme Court are for the fiscal year; elsewhere in this report, Delaware fiscal year data have been combined to make calendar year data.

Blank space = Not enough information is known.

— = Not applicable.

\*Data were not available for all courts in the state.

\*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

Table 15: Number and percent change in filed cases year to year for appellate courts, 1967-1976.  
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									
		1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	
<b>Courts of last resort</b>											
California--Supreme Court.....	21,522	243( 8.9%)	363( 12.3%)	78( 2.3%)							

## Trial court summary statistics

This section contains tables that display the 1976 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, and Puerto Rico were used. Unpublished data provided by state court administrators or other officials were also used.

In this 1976 annual report the number of 'states' with trial court data displayed has increased from 44 states and the District of Columbia in 1975 to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. 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 became aware of the NCSP data needs. Several states that submitted no data for the 1975 report have changed or improved their data systems to the extent that they could provide 1976 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 da-

ta 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, probate, 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 techniques have been implemented, both by state court administrators and by the staff of the National Court Statistics Project, to keep errors to a minimum, the reader

should understand that a verification process does not guarantee absolute validity.

The final problem is variation in the subject matter jurisdiction of the courts. In four states, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, and South Dakota and in the District of Columbia, 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 have been added to this year's report in order to present a complete picture of the trial court caseload. The addition of limited jurisdiction court data to this report does not change the fact that some general jurisdiction court systems handle all the cases. The 1976 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, 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. The second: the reader should review Appendix C, which provides a court-by-court listing of case types handled in a particular court. This information will help determine whether caseloads can be

compared between 'states' or courts.

The following section will present and discuss the 1976 statistical tables for trial courts. The tables are sequenced from a general overview (national caseload totals for trial courts) to the more specific caseload detail (civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile caseload and case categories). The tables have been divided into six groups: (1) General Trial Court Caseload (Tables 16-19), which summarizes the reported caseload totals for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. (2) Civil Caseload (Tables 20-30), which provides a state-by-state summary of the **civil** caseload in the general and limited jurisdiction courts. In addition, tables are provided that display the caseload of 10 categories of cases (e.g., **domestic relations**, **probate**, **mental health**, and so forth). (3) Criminal Caseload (Tables 31-39), which provides a state-by-state summary of **criminal** caseload in the general and limited jurisdiction courts. Included in the group are tables that show the caseload of six criminal categories (e.g., **felony**, **misdemeanor**), as well as type of disposition data and criminal trial data. (4) Traffic Caseload (Tables 40-43), which provides a state-by-state summary of the traffic caseload in the general and limited jurisdiction courts. An addition, two tables display the caseload for **DWI/DUI** and **other traffic violations**. Also included is a table showing type of disposition. (5) Juvenile Caseload (Tables 44-47), which provides a state-by-state summary of the juvenile caseload in the general and limited jurisdiction courts. In addition, caseload data for three categories are displayed. (6) Special Trial Court Caseload (Tables 48-50), which displays jury trial data and trend data for the trial courts.

Only national totals for **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, **juvenile**, and to-

tal filings and dispositions, which appear as "Estimated national totals" in Table 16, have been estimated. All other data in the following tables are as reported and verified by state court personnel.

#### General trial court caseload (Tables 16-19)

The first group of tables presents 1976 caseload data for trial courts. The total caseload is displayed by nationwide summary figures (Table 16) and by state-by-state figures for total **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** cases.

Reported and estimated national caseload for trial courts (Table 16). This summary table displays both reported and estimated 1976 filings and dispositions as well as reported pending cases for general jurisdiction courts, limited jurisdiction courts, and the two levels combined ("all trial courts"). These caseload figures are derived from the reported totals in Tables 17 and 18.

Estimated national totals in Table 16 are based on eight predictive equations: one each for the number of filed and disposed cases in "all trial courts" for **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** caseload.

Several variables were examined for use in the predictive equations. A number of population and economic variables were used in addition to other caseload variables. The population variables were used because population has long been considered a good predictor of caseload. Correlations between population variables and trial court caseload proved to be quite good.

The national caseload estimates are displayed as 95 percent confidence intervals for each of the categories of caseload (**civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile**). The confidence intervals for total caseload are the sums of the intervals for each of the four categories. A 95 percent confidence interval means

that for 95 out of 100 samples of data, the confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value. A more complete technical discussion of the procedure used for estimation can be found in Appendix B.

The estimated total caseload in the trial courts for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico for 1976 is from 71 million to 108 million cases filed and from 59 million to 92 million cases disposed. The bulk of the estimated cases are **traffic** with over 72 percent of the filings. **Traffic** cases are, of course, the high-volume and low-workload cases in the state trial courts. Of the remainder of the cases, most are **civil** and **criminal** with over 13 percent and nearly 13 percent of the total estimated filings, respectively. The **juvenile** cases are the low-volume cases in the state trial courts, but may require more court time than do other cases because far fewer of the cases are disposed without a court hearing by either a judge or a referee.

Reported general jurisdiction caseload (Table 17). Displayed in Table 17 are data from courts of general jurisdiction, divided into **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, **juvenile**, and total for each caseload phase (beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending). The 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are listed in alphabetical order and have their general jurisdiction court listed beside their name if there is only one general jurisdiction court. In states with more than one general jurisdiction court, the court titles are listed below the state name, and the state total is beside the state name.

In both Table 17 and Figure L, the reader should be aware that although the 52 'states' handled both **civil** and **criminal cases** in general jurisdiction courts, only 30 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico handled **juvenile** matters in

Figure L: Number of 'states' reporting data for general jurisdiction courts, 1975 and 1976.

	Beginning pending		Filed		Disposed		End pending	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
<b>Civil</b>	35	41	44	50	44	47	35	40
<b>Criminal</b>	34	37	44	49	44	47	34	36
<b>Traffic</b>	--	8	--	12	--	13	--	8
<b>Juvenile</b>	14	15	22	27	21	25	14	15
<b>Total</b>	35	42	44	52	44	48	35	41

Note: The inclusion of Puerto Rico in 1976 caused the increase of one 'state' in each of the above 1976 columns (except on **traffic**).

-- Not applicable

these courts, and only 13 states and the District of Columbia handled **traffic** matters in general jurisdiction courts. Consequently, caution must be exercised when attempting direct comparisons of total caseload among 'states'. In addition, the jurisdiction of the courts of general jurisdiction is not uniform from state to state, and the way in which a case is counted also varies. To ascertain the way in which a case is counted for reporting purposes, refer to that court's statistical profile located in Part II of this report or to Figures A and B. To determine the jurisdiction limits of a court, refer to the court organization chart for the 'state', also in Part II of this report. To ascertain the types of cases handled in each trial court, refer to Appendix C.

The final two columns in Table 17 list the number of judges and the state population in thousands for each of the general jurisdiction courts. During 1975 there were 5,640 general jurisdiction judges in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 1976 there were 6,030 general jurisdiction judges in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. This reflects an increase of 390 in the number of judges reported on the general jurisdiction level. Of this increase, 89 resulted from the addition of

Puerto Rico to the 'states' reporting.

Reported limited jurisdiction caseload (Table 18). Table 18 displays caseload for limited jurisdiction courts in 46 states and Puerto Rico for **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, **juvenile**, and total cases. This is the first year for the collection of all available limited jurisdiction court caseload data. The number of 'states' and courts reporting data is shown in Figure M, and Table 18 indicates data that were not available to project staff. The most complete data available are for **juvenile** cases filed, with 20 'states' (of the 27 handling juvenile cases in limited jurisdiction courts) reporting data for all courts handling **juvenile**. The sparseness of other data results from the lack of uniform reporting systems, from a state decision to strengthen the data base of the courts of general jurisdiction rather than of courts of limited jurisdiction, and the fact that often a state does not manage or control local courts. Because there are so many limited jurisdiction courts, collection of data is very cumbersome. The 1976 statistics will, however, provide a foundation on which to build a more comprehensive data base.

The same problems mentioned ear-

**Figure M: Number of 'states' and courts reporting limited jurisdiction data.**

	<u>Beginning pending</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>End pending</u>
<b>Civil:</b>				
'States' reporting some limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	24	38	32	23
'States' reporting data for all limited jurisdiction courts . . .	10	24	20	9
Courts reporting limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	50	96	77	49
'States' not handling <b>civil</b> cases in limited jurisdiction courts . .	6	6	6	6
<b>Criminal:</b>				
'States' reporting some limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	17	34	28	17
'States' reporting data for all limited jurisdiction courts . . .	3	16	14	4
Courts reporting limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	25	69	55	25
'States' not handling <b>criminal</b> cases in limited jurisdiction courts . .	6	6	6	6
<b>Traffic:</b>				
'States' reporting some limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	13	30	25	14
'States' reporting data for all limited jurisdiction courts . . .	4	17	15	5
Courts reporting limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	19	61	50	20
'States' not handling <b>traffic</b> cases in limited jurisdiction courts . .	6	6	6	6
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
'States' reporting some limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	7	20	18	7
States reporting data for all limited jurisdiction courts . . .	6	20	17	6
Courts reporting limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	9	30	25	9
'States' not handling <b>juvenile</b> cases in limited jurisdiction courts . .	25	25	25	25
<b>Total:</b>				
'States' reporting some limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	25	39	35	24
'States' reporting data for all limited jurisdiction courts . . .	5	17	15	5
Courts reporting limited jurisdiction data . . . . .	57	111	93	56
'States' not having limited jurisdiction courts . . . . .	5	5	5	5

lier in regard to comparing data from general jurisdiction courts should be kept in mind because they also apply to limited jurisdiction court data.

General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts total caseload (Table 19). The 1976 caseload by state for general jurisdiction courts, for limited jurisdiction courts, and for the two jurisdictions combined (all trial courts) is displayed in Table 19, taken from both published and unpublished reports. The 'states' are arranged by population to facilitate comparison between states of similar size. The data are displayed in three parts: (a) general jurisdiction courts, (b) limited jurisdiction courts, and (c) all trial courts. At the end of each part, four columns of calculation have been added to give the reader additional comparative measures.

"Percent of filed" displays two calculations: the number of cases disposed as a percent of cases filed, and the number of cases pending at the year's end as a percent of cases filed. These percents give the proportion of the number of cases filed during the year that are disposed or still pending at the end of the year.

The two columns under "change in pending" reflect the net differences, both in numbers and in percent, between the cases pending at the beginning of the reporting year and those pending at the end of the year. A positive number and percent show an increase in pending caseload, while a negative number and percent show a decrease in pending caseload. If the number and percent are zero or close to zero, the court disposed of all or nearly all of the cases filed, but did not make headway in reducing the number of cases pending.

In this table the reader will note that data for the general jurisdiction courts are more complete

than data for the limited jurisdiction courts. The all trial courts section is far from complete.

In the measures displayed in Table 19, the cases disposed are shown as a percent of cases filed. This measure is displayed for general jurisdiction courts in 39 'states' and for limited jurisdiction courts in 18 states. The results of this measure are displayed in Figure N. In the general jurisdiction section, nine 'states' reported disposition rates over 100 percent of the cases filed, while in the limited jurisdiction section only one state disposed over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. In a majority of the 'states' reporting, the number of cases disposed as a percent of the number of cases filed for the general and limited jurisdiction courts is in the 90 to 100 percent range. The general jurisdiction section displays 23 states within this range, while 12 states in the limited jurisdiction section were in this range. In addition, seven states in the general jurisdiction section and five states in the limited jurisdiction section were under the 90 percent level. In the all trial courts section, 3 states disposed of more than 100 percent; 14 states were in the 90 to 100 percent range; and 5 states were under the 90 percent level.

These percents indicate that the trial courts kept fairly current in disposing of the number of cases filed. Incomplete data, however, may make this conclusion invalid.

The end pending as a percent of the number of cases filed was calculated for limited jurisdiction courts in only ten states. Two states had more cases pending than were filed; the remaining states had fewer than half the number of filings pending at the end of the year. Sparse data for this measure make conclusions and comparisons misleading.

With regard to the measure end

**Figure N:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over		
<b>'State' totals for general jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	1	0	10	21	8	40	
Criminal (Table 31)	0	0	5	26	12	43	
Traffic (Table 40)	0	0	1	7	2	10	
Juvenile (Table 44)	0	2	2	7	11	22	
Total (Table 19)	1	0	6	23	9	39	
<b>'State' totals for limited jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	1	2	2	10	4	19	
Criminal (Table 31)	0	1	6	9	2	18	
Traffic (Table 40)	0	2	3	10	1	16	
Juvenile (Table 44)	0	0	3	6	3	12	
Total (Table 19)	0	2	3	12	1	18	
<b>'State' totals for all trial courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	1	1	1	16	4	23	
Criminal (Table 31)	0	0	5	16	5	26	
Traffic (Table 40)	0	2	3	14	2	21	
Juvenile (Table 44)	0	2	3	11	14	30	
Total (Table 19)	1	1	3	14	3	22	

pending as a percent of the number of cases filed (see Figure O), the general jurisdiction section contains much more complete data than the limited jurisdiction section. Table 19 shows that the year-end pending caseload was a higher proportion of the filed caseload in the general jurisdiction courts than in the limited jurisdiction courts. Only one state had less than 20 percent of the number of cases filed as its year-end pending caseload in general jurisdiction courts. Seven states had 30 to 50 percent; eight 'states' had 50 to 70 percent; seven states had 70 to 100 percent; and seven states had over 100 percent of the number of cases filed still pending at the end of the year.

In the last measure displayed in both Table 19 and Figure P, (percent change in cases pending), there were nine 'states' in the general jurisdiction section with a decrease in pending caseload, while the limited jurisdiction had only three. In the all trial courts section, nine

'states' had a negative change in pending. For each of the sections (general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, all trial courts) a majority of the 'states' had an increase in pending caseload of less than 20 percent. In the general jurisdiction courts 26 'states' fell within this range (19 states 0 to 10 percent, 7 'states' 10 to 20 percent). In the limited jurisdiction courts, 14 'states' fell within this range (8 'states' 0 to 10 percent, 6 states 10 to 20 percent). In the all trial courts section, 25 states fell within this range (15 states 0 to 10 percent, 10 'states' 10 to 20 percent). A number of states fell within the 20 to 30 percent range while limited jurisdiction courts in only three states had a percent change in pending of over 50 percent. Even small increases in pending figures indicate that the courts may be having difficulty handling their caseload.

**Figure O:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over	200.0% over	
<b>'State' totals for general jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	0	5	8	10	9	1	33
Criminal (Table 31)	9	10	5	7	2	0	33
Traffic (Table 40)	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Juvenile (Table 44)	7	5	3	0	0	0	15
Total (Table 19)	1	7	8	7	6	1	30
<b>'State' totals for limited jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	4	3	3	0	1	0	11
Criminal (Table 31)	7	3	0	0	1	0	11
Traffic (Table 40)	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Juvenile (Table 44)	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
Total (Table 19)	7	1	0	0	2	0	10
<b>'State' totals for all trial courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	1	3	7	3	1	0	15
Criminal (Table 31)	8	5	3	2	0	0	18
Traffic (Table 40)	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
Juvenile (Table 44)	11	5	3	0	0	0	19
Total (Table 19)	5	4	3	1	0	0	13

**Figure P:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent						Total 'states' reporting
	-60.0 to -20.1%	-20.0 to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0% to 99.9%	100.0% and over	
<b>'State' totals for general jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	1	7	27	5	0	0	40
Criminal (Table 31)	1	9	23	3	0	1	37
Traffic (Table 40)	1	1	3	1	2	0	8
Juvenile (Table 44)	2	6	4	2	0	0	14
Total (Table 19)	0	9	26	6	0	0	41
<b>'State' totals for limited jurisdiction courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	0	7	10	4	1	0	22
Criminal (Table 31)	1	2	7	3	3	0	16
Traffic (Table 40)	0	2	6	4	1	0	13
Juvenile (Table 44)	1	1	4	1	0	0	7
Total (Table 19)	0	3	14	3	3	0	23
<b>'State' totals for all trial courts:</b>							
Civil (Table 20)	0	9	26	6	0	0	41
Criminal (Table 31)	0	7	23	3	3	1	37
Traffic (Table 40)	0	3	9	4	3	0	19
Juvenile (Table 44)	3	7	7	3	0	0	20
Total (Table 19)	0	9	25	7	0	0	41

Table 16: Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1976.  
 Estimated civil, criminal, juvenile, traffic, and total cases filed and disposed in all trial courts.

Reported and estimated caseload	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil</b>				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	2,048,289	7,745,762	6,300,254	1,750,055
Number of 'states' reporting.....	15	29	26	14
Percent of population represented.....	32.0%	66.3%	58.7%	28.2%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	13,700,000	12,000,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	10,600,000	9,900,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	2,558,819	4,731,183	4,297,027	2,451,863
Number of 'states' reporting.....	41	50	47	40
Percent of population represented.....	79.1%	98.8%	95.6%	75.2%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	789,968	4,258,189	3,343,287	655,321
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle civil cases in limited jurisdiction courts)....	10	24	20	9
Percent of population represented (196,986,000 is the population in the 46 'states').....	25.1%	63.1%	54.3%	20.9%
<b>Criminal</b>				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	171,365	4,906,518	3,467,558	236,529
Number of 'states' reporting.....	7	20	20	8
Percent of population represented.....	12.1%	46.2%	40.9%	14.6%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	14,200,000	12,000,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	8,300,000	7,800,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	498,609	1,820,828	1,770,249	462,652
Number of 'states' reporting.....	37	49	47	36
Percent of population represented.....	66.9%	97.5%	95.6%	63.0%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	115,072	3,788,243	2,356,525	156,447
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle criminal cases in limited jurisdiction courts)....	3	16	14	4
Percent of population represented (201,119,000 is the population in the 46 'states').....	6.5%	43.5%	35.9%	9.2%
<b>Traffic</b>				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	375,376	34,334,620	17,745,872	519,017
Number of 'states' reporting.....	7	21	19	8
Percent of population represented.....	8.4%	48.1%	42.0%	10.9%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	79,200,000	66,300,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	50,500,000	40,500,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	94,754	4,043,833	3,475,237	96,501
Number of 'states' reporting (14 'states' handle traffic cases in general jurisdiction courts)....	8	12	13	8
Percent of population represented (47,381,000 is the population in the 14 'states').....	45.8%	92.5%	98.6%	45.8%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	361,271	31,673,774	14,603,072	501,447
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle traffic cases in limited jurisdiction courts)....	4	18	15	5
Percent of population represented (201,119,000 is the population in the 46 'states').....	8.1%	47.3%	37.8%	10.8%

<b>Juvenile</b>				
<b>All trial courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	128,939	1,101,537	1,023,089	106,663
Number of 'states' reporting.....	19	42	38	19
Percent of population represented.....	47.4%	87.6%	82.8%	43.9%
<b>Estimated national totals, 1976:</b>				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	1,300,000	1,300,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	1,100,000	1,200,000	--
<b>General jurisdiction courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	101,043	618,987	600,705	76,948
Number of states reporting (32 'states' handle juvenile cases in general jurisdiction courts)....	15	27	25	15
Percent of population represented (134,203,000 is the population in the 32 'states').....	55.4%	90.2%	86.2%	49.6%
<b>Limited jurisdiction courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	29,343	482,550	436,552	31,392
Number of states reporting (27 states handle juvenile cases in limited jurisdiction courts)....	6	20	17	6
Percent of population represented (118,236,000 is the population in the 27 states).....	39.7%	82.9%	76.8%	39.7%
<b>Total</b>				
<b>All trial courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	1,884,702	45,568,461	39,770,791	2,080,032
Number of 'states' reporting.....	9	22	20	9
Percent of population represented.....	15.5%	46.8%	49.8%	15.5%
<b>Estimated national totals, 1976:</b>				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	108,400,000	91,600,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval.....	--	70,500,000	59,400,000	--
<b>General jurisdiction courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	3,590,546	11,725,362	10,184,336	3,417,360
Number of 'states' reporting.....	42	52	48	41
Percent of population represented.....	81.5%	100.0%	96.4%	77.7%
<b>Limited jurisdiction courts:</b>				
Reported cases.....	1,066,065	37,980,158	32,807,383	1,192,275
Number of 'states' reporting (47 'states' have limited jurisdiction courts).....	5	17	15	5
Percent of population represented (201,596,000 is the population in the 47 'states').....	9.1%	42.5%	45.8%	9.1%

Note: To ascertain the 'states' that reported data in any category, refer to Table 17 for general jurisdiction courts and Table 18 for limited jurisdiction courts.

Reported cases:

The reported cases totals for all trial courts, general jurisdiction courts, or limited jurisdiction courts include only data from 'states' with data on all trial courts, all general jurisdiction courts, or all limited jurisdiction courts, respectively.

Number of 'states' reporting:

Reported cases for civil, criminal, and total cases in general jurisdiction courts and for reported cases for each case category in all trial courts are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. For each case category in limited jurisdiction courts and for juvenile and traffic cases in general jurisdiction courts reported cases are from the number of 'states' handling the case category in that level of court.

Percent of population represented:

'State' populations used for civil, criminal, and total cases in general jurisdiction courts and for reported cases for each case category in all trial courts are from the revised 1976 Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total populations of the 'states' handling juvenile and traffic cases in general jurisdiction courts and handling each case category in limited jurisdiction courts are given separately for each of the case categories. The percent of population represented for each caseflow category is based on the appropriate total population figure.

Estimated national totals:

Estimated national totals are the cumulative totals of all reported data plus the 95% confidence interval for each 'state' not reporting data. In the Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court in Puerto Rico, disposition data for civil, criminal, and total cases are used as estimates for the filing figures. A 95% confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value in 95 out of 100 samples.

-- = Not applicable.

Table 17: Reported general jurisdiction caseload, 1976.  
Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total cases, with state population and number of judges.

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending					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			
Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>1,8</sup>	46,052 <sup>f</sup>	10,553 <sup>f</sup>	NH	NH	56,605 <sup>f</sup>	78,016	25,466	NH	NH	103,482	75,052	25,451	NH	NH	100,503	49,016	10,568	NH	NH	59,584	3,653	102	
Alaska--Superior Court <sup>1,6</sup>	7,382 <sup>h</sup>	564 <sup>f</sup>	NH	N/A	7,946 <sup>f</sup>	10,749	991	NH	NH	1,510	8,604	1,077	NH	N/A	10,814	9,527	4809	NH	N/A	10,007 <sup>j</sup>	408	19	
Arizona--Superior Court <sup>1,6</sup>	54,064 <sup>f</sup>	5,882 <sup>f</sup>	NH	794	60,740 <sup>f</sup>	62,574	13,913	NH	NH	8,287	50,394	13,765	NH	NH	62,124 <sup>i</sup>	54,4489	6,030	NH	NH	9389	61,416 <sup>g</sup>	2,249	
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	49,911 <sup>f</sup>	7,675	NH	NH	57,586 <sup>i</sup>	59,916	12,813	NH	NH	72,729	18,708	11,730	NH	NH	30,438	16,078	8,758	NH	NH	24,836	—	29	
Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup>	14,586 <sup>f</sup>	7,675 <sup>f</sup>	NH	NH	22,261 <sup>f</sup>	20,200	12,813	NH	NH	33,013	31,686 <sup>i</sup>	35,325 <sup>f</sup>	NH	NH	31,686 <sup>i</sup>	37,669 <sup>i</sup>	NH	NH	NH	37,669 <sup>i</sup>	—	26	
Chancery and Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	35,325 <sup>f</sup>	NH	NH	N/A	35,325 <sup>f</sup>	39,716	NH	NH	NH	39,716	401,496	NH	NH	NH	103,664	557,402	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,522	520	
California--Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	501,775	57,430	NH	107,917	667,122	93,686	79,096	10,031	NH	85,879	14,334	NH	22,838	121,051	87,512	2,575		
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	79,096	10,031	NH	8,795	97,922	85,879	14,334	NH	22,838	121,051	89,934	13,760	NH	24,015	NH	127,709	65,525	10,605	NH	7,618	83,748	—	99 <sup>c</sup>
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court <sup>1,8</sup>	73,424	10,031	NH	8,795	92,250 <sup>f</sup>	82,035	14,334	NH	22,838	119,207	3,752	NH	NH	NH	3,752	3,764	NH	NH	NH	NH	3,764	—	7 district Judges serve
Water Courts <sup>a,1</sup>	5,672	NH	NH	NH	5,672	1,844	NH	NH	NH	1,844	25,168	4,100	NH	NH	29,268	33,797	3,8489	NH	NH	37,6459	3,102	45	
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>1,6</sup>	32,961 <sup>f</sup>	3,370	NH	NH	36,331 <sup>f</sup>	26,004	4,555	NH	NH	30,559	7,944	4,022	NH	NH	11,966	11,205	1,357	NH	NH	12,562	582	14	
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	11,556	1,593	NH	NH	13,143	7,599	3,786	NH	NH	11,385	5,265	4,022	NH	NH	9,287	3,633	1,357	NH	NH	4,990	—	11	
Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	3,963	1,593	NH	NH	5,556	4,935	3,786	NH	NH	8,721	2,679	NH	NH	NH	2,679	7,572	NH	NH	NH	7,572	—	3	
Court of Chancery <sup>1</sup>	7,587	NH	NH	NH	7,587	2,664	NH	NH	NH	2,664	164,621 <sup>i</sup>	32,418	95,323	8,254	300,6161 <sup>i</sup>	16,009 <sup>i</sup>	5,2049	6,867	1,104	29,184 <sup>i</sup>	700	44	
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a,2,9</sup>	13,139 <sup>f</sup>	5,832	4,287	1,967	25,225 <sup>ir</sup>	170,059	31,956	97,903	7,391	307,309 <sup>h</sup>	234,3951	63,887 <sup>i</sup>	NH	61,365	359,647 <sup>i</sup>	(k)	(k)	NH	(k)	(k)	8,353	273	
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b,1,9</sup>	229,856	52,242	NH	20,767	302,865	243,129	66,166	NH	64,377	373,672	75,534	40,222	13,372	NH	129,128 <sup>f</sup>	62,502	X	X	NH	84,019 <sup>i</sup>	4,984	88	
Georgia--Superior Court <sup>1,7,9</sup>	50,903 <sup>h</sup>	X	X	NH	69,555 <sup>hr</sup>	87,133	42,962	13,517	NH	143,612 <sup>h</sup>	16,109	1,683	751	6,865	25,408 <sup>f</sup>	21,368	2,148	70	3,276	26,862 <sup>f</sup>	884	22	
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	19,379	1,803	171	2,778	24,131 <sup>f</sup>	18,098	2,028	650	7,363	28,139 <sup>h</sup>	16,005	1,683	751	6,865	25,304 <sup>f</sup>	21,251	2,148	70	3,276	26,745 <sup>f</sup>	—	22	
Circuit Court <sup>1,8</sup>	19,256	1,803	171	2,778	24,008 <sup>f</sup>	18,000	2,028	650	7,363	28,041 <sup>h</sup>	46	NH	NH	NH	46	87	NH	NH	NH	87	—	2 circuit Judges serve	
Land Court <sup>a,1</sup>	76	NH	NH	NH	76	57	NH	NH	NH	57	58	NH	NH	NH	58	30	NH	NH	NH	30	—	2 circuit Judges serve	
Tax Appeal Court <sup>a,1</sup>	47	NH	NH	NH	47	41	NH	NH	NH	41	36,663	29,360	183,679	7,513	257,215 <sup>f</sup>	23,365	6,493	4,983	2,258	37,099 <sup>h</sup>	833	91	
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	19,783	5,363	4,688	1,844	31,678 <sup>f</sup>	40,245	30,490	183,974	7,927	262,636 <sup>h</sup>	8,436	3,206	26	NH	11,670 <sup>f</sup>	8,318	1,053	5	2	9,378 <sup>f</sup>	—	25	
District Court <sup>1,8</sup>	7,035 <sup>f</sup>	889 <sup>f</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>th</sup>	7,928 <sup>hr</sup>	9,719	3,379	21	1	13,120 <sup>h</sup>	28,227	26,154	183,653	7,511	245,545 <sup>f</sup>	15,047	5,440	4,978	2,256	27,721 <sup>f</sup>	—	66	
Magistrates Division <sup>a,1,9</sup>	12,748 <sup>f</sup>	4,482 <sup>f</sup>	4,678	1,841 <sup>f</sup>	23,750 <sup>hr</sup>	30,526	27,111	183,953	7,926	249,516 <sup>h</sup>	57,535	437,221	2,229,623	26,529	3,268,638 <sup>f</sup>	397,256 <sup>f</sup>	20,511	NH	12,808	430,575 <sup>f</sup>	11,193	603	
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>1,7</sup>	344,005 <sup>i</sup>	19,278 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	13,666 <sup>i</sup>	376,889 <sup>i</sup>	633,246	520,112	23,305,483	25,731	3,484,572 <sup>i</sup>	166,710	52,192	45,991	13,331	281,224 <sup>f</sup>	X	X	X	X	232,342 <sup>f</sup>	5,313	173	
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X	X	231,648 <sup>f</sup>	175,924	45,889	48,337	12,981	281,131 <sup>f</sup>	168,710	49,769	46,991	13,331	278,801 <sup>f</sup>	X	X	X	X	232,134 <sup>f</sup>	—	169	
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>1,7</sup>	X	X	X	X	231,492 <sup>f</sup>	173,924	43,495	48,337	12,981	278,737 <sup>h</sup>	5,265	NH	NH	NH	2,423	NH	2089	NH	NH	2089	—	4	
Criminal Court of Marion County <sup>1,7</sup>	NH	356	NH	NH	356	NH	NH	2,394	NH	NH	118,771 <sup>i</sup>	182,199	285,710	6,629	593,309 <sup>ir</sup>	47,844 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	N/A	123,047 <sup>ir</sup>	2,874	318 <sup>c</sup>	
Iowa--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	47,146 <sup>f</sup>	X	X	N/A	133,424 <sup>ir</sup>	125,415	125,415	X	X	5,672	37,059	18,705 <sup>f</sup>	37,059	6,672	19,354	2,061	B3	NH	44,118 <sup>f</sup>	2,299	63		
Kansas--District Court <sup>1,7</sup>	18,602 <sup>f</sup>	1,902 <sup>f</sup>	46 <sup>f</sup>	NH	20,550 <sup>f</sup>	37,811	7,026	229	NH	45,066 <sup>f</sup>													

Table 18: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1976.  
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
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Probate Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Court of Jefferson County.....	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Justice Court, Morgan County.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	5,076P	5,352P	14,156P	NH	24,584PR	6,954	22,895	59,682	NH	91,531P		
District Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	5,076h	5,352h	14,156	NH	24,584f	8,652	21,335	59,002	NH	88,989P		
Magistrates Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....				N/A		302	1,560	680	NH	2,542P		
Arizona--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,915	30,840P	212,435P	NH	275,190P		
Justices of the Peace <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,915	30,840	212,435	NH	275,190		
City Magistrates.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NB	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A		
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,225	163,377	413,389	6,588	539,579P		
Court of Common Pleas <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	241	NH	NH	NH	241		
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	300	NH	NH	6,588	6,888		
Municipal Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	15,255	99,254	391,424	NH	505,933P		
City Court and Police Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	196	3,520	18,062	NH	21,778P		
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	233	603	3,903	NH	4,739P		
California--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	765,892	720,573	13,756,850	NH	15,243,315P		
Justice Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	58,031	83,863	929,609	NH	1,071,503P		
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	707,661	636,710	12,827,241	NH	14,171,812P		
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	8,955	11,509P	37,613P	NH	58,077PR	47,617	41,862P	142,420P	NH	231,899P		
County Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	8,955	11,509	37,613	NH	58,077P	47,617	41,862	142,420	NH	231,899P		
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NB	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A		
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL.....	42,680P	19,772	17,730	1,692	81,874PR	191,344	91,191	227,207	14,452	524,194P		
Court of Common Pleas <sup>1,9</sup> .....	42,680	19,772	17,730	NH	80,182P	140,130	91,191	227,207	NH	458,528P		
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	51,214	NH	NH	NH	51,214		
Juvenile Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,692	NH	NH	14,452	14,452P		
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	7,833P	X	X	2,166	12,789PR	27,717P	37,034P	76,658P	9,823	151,232P		
Court of Common Pleas <sup>a,1,10</sup> .....	2,056	827	NH	2,683	NH	3,354	5,762	NH	9,116			
Family Court <sup>1</sup> .....	1,789	NH	234	2,166	4,189P	10,522	NH	1,612	9,823	21,957P		
Municipal Court of Wilmington <sup>10</sup> .....	NH	678	485	NH	1,163P	NH	8,754	12,265	NH	21,019P		
Alderman's Court <sup>1,10</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A		
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>1,10</sup> .....	3,988	X	X	NH	4,554P	13,841	22,518	62,781	NH	99,140P		
Florida--STATE TOTAL.....	155,619	146,848P	N/A	NH	302,467P	222,233	213,873P	N/A	NH	436,106P		
County Court <sup>b,1,9</sup> .....	155,619	146,848	NH	NH	302,467	222,233	213,873	NH	NH	436,106		
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Georgia--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	87,472P	71,770P	262,971P	28,362	450,575PR		
State Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	87,472	68,443	147,204	NH	303,119P		
Probate Court <sup>9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	3,327	113,645	NH	116,972P		
Juvenile Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	2,122	28,362	30,484P			
County Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Municipal Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Small Claims Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A		
Magistrate's Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Justice of the Peace Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A		
Recorders' Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, and Criminal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,493	4,101	41,460	NH	51,054S		
Hawaii--District Court <sup>1,10</sup> .....	5,493	4,101	41,460	NH	51,054S	11,653	42,088	549,317	NH	603,038S		
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	X	X	X	1,397	83,194PR	73,652P	71,804P	226,459P	6,055	377,970P		
County Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	X	X	X	NH	2,385P	51,951	36,167	130,149	NH	218,267P		
Juvenile Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	NH	6	NH	1,397	1,403	NH	42	NH	6,055	6,097		
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	10,541	NH	NH	NH	10,541	6,744	NH	NH	NH	6,744		
Municipal Court of Marion County <sup>1,7</sup> .....	8,797	13,918	46,150	NH	68,655P	14,957	35,595	96,310	NH	146,862P		
City Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Town Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Justice of the Peace Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Small Claims Court of Marion County.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Kansas--STATE TOTAL.....	24,873I	X	X	N/A	36,709PR	42,752I	X	X	N/A	311,647PR		
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	5,791	X	X	NH	9,949P	27,935	X	X	NH	113,077HR		
County Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	2,495	X	X	NH	10,173P	7,274b	X	X	NH	190,127HR		
Probate Court and Juvenile Court <sup>1</sup> .....	16,587fI	NH	NH	N/A	16,587fI	7,543I	NH	NH	N/A	7,543I		
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Kentucky--County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62,755	209,356	426,446	26,043	724,600P		
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,557P	112,158P	387,983	5,075	564,753PR		
City Court and Parish Court, New Orleans Municipal and Traffic Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,557	112,158	387,983	5,075	564,753P		
Justice of the Peace Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A		
Mayor's Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A		
Maine--STATE TOTAL.....</												

Table 18: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1976 (continued)

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed				
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	8,902 <sup>1</sup> P	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,902 <sup>1</sup> P	387,515	217,869	1,480,214	49,467	2,135,065 <sup>5</sup>
District Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	239,885	202,711	1,065,955	37,552	1,546,103 <sup>5</sup>
Boston Municipal Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,079	9,909	414,259	NH	455,247 <sup>5</sup>
Housing Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	7,490	5,198	NH	NH	12,688
Land Court <sup>1</sup> .....	8,902 <sup>1</sup> H	NH	NH	NH	8,902 <sup>1</sup> H	7,699	NH	NH	NH	7,699
Court of Probate and Insolvency <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	101,362	NH	NH	NH	101,362
Juvenile Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	51	NH	11,915	NH	11,966
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	359,497 <sup>1</sup>	91,199	280,326	N/A	731,022 <sup>1</sup> F	428,620	272,476	1,479,998	25,623	2,206,717 <sup>1</sup>
Common Pleas Court of Detroit <sup>9</sup> .....	18,612 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	18,612 <sup>1</sup>	NH	171,573	NH	NH	171,573	
District Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	51,765	67,246	191,874	NH	310,885 <sup>1</sup>	172,746	231,787	1,291,319	NH	1,695,852 <sup>1</sup>
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	2,497	23,953	88,452	NH	114,902 <sup>1</sup>	16,590	40,689	188,679	NH	245,950 <sup>1</sup>
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	286,623 <sup>1</sup> H	NH	NH	N/A	286,623 <sup>1</sup> H	67,711	NH	25,623	NH	93,334
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL.....	48,043P	13,657P	X	X	124,419P	125,278P	65,153P	X	X	653,911P
Conciliation Court <sup>3</sup> .....	4,346	NH	NH	NH	4,346	37,934	NH	NH	NH	37,934
County Court <sup>3,12</sup> .....	42,631	9,709	X	X	110,045 <sup>1</sup>	74,215	39,019	X	X	503,706 <sup>1</sup>
County Municipal Court <sup>3,12</sup> .....	1,066	3,948	5,014	NH	10,028 <sup>1</sup>	13,129	26,494	72,648	NH	112,271 <sup>1</sup>
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Justices of the Peace <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Mississippi--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Family Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Justices of the Peace <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Missouri--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	11,340P	N/A	NH	11,340P	N/A	20,330P	N/A	NH	20,330P
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction <sup>7</sup> .....	NH	11,340	NH	NH	11,340	NH	20,330	NH	NH	20,330
Magistrate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Municipal Courts <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Montana--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Justice Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
City Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL.....	29,494P	16,218P	10,022P	1,127P	56,861P	43,810	X	X	5,254	352,178 <sup>1</sup>
County Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	29,494	16,218	10,022	1,127	56,861 <sup>1</sup>	27,967	44,958	151,609	3,184	227,718 <sup>1</sup>
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	15,081	X	X	NH	121,628 <sup>1</sup>
Juvenile Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	2,070	NH	2,070
Workmen's Compensation Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	762	NH	NH	NH	762
Nevada--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Justice Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	1,806P	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,806 <sup>1</sup> P	38,984	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,984 <sup>1</sup>
District Court <sup>5,12</sup> .....	1,783	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,783 <sup>1</sup>	25,370	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,370 <sup>1</sup>
Probate Court <sup>5,12</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	15,055	NH	NH	NH	15,055
Municipal Court <sup>5,12</sup> .....	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	23 <sup>1</sup>	559	N/A	N/A	N/A	559 <sup>1</sup>
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	48,449	N/A	N/A	11,602	60,051 <sup>1</sup> P	355,791	331,601	3,495,397	84,484	4,267,273 <sup>5</sup>
County District Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	44,380	N/A	N/A	NH	44,380 <sup>1</sup>	293,917	216	80,773	NH	376,666 <sup>5</sup>
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court <sup>1</sup> .....	4,069 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	11,602 <sup>1</sup>	15,671 <sup>1</sup>	61,874	NH	84,484	NH	146,358
Municipal Court <sup>7</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	329,425	3,414,624	NH	3,744,049 <sup>5</sup>	
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	13,645P	23,687P	62,231	NH	99,563P
Magistrate Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	13,645	23,687	62,231	NH	99,563 <sup>1</sup>
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Municipal Courts <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Small Claims Court of Albuquerque <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	71,349P	9,421P	N/A	11,396	92,166P	572,166 <sup>1</sup> P	226,160P	N/A	48,872	847,198 <sup>1</sup> P
Civil Court of the City of New York <sup>1,1</sup> .....	20,353	NH	NH	NH	20,353	151,488	NH	NH	151,488	
Criminal Court of the City of New York <sup>1,2</sup> .....	NH	9,421 <sup>1</sup> H	NH	NH	9,421 <sup>1</sup> H	NH	226,160	NH	NH	226,160
Family Court <sup>1</sup> .....	47,406	NH	NH	11,396	58,802	243,416	NH	NH	48,872	292,288
Surrogate's Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	53,351 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	NH	53,351 <sup>1</sup>
Court of Claims <sup>1</sup> .....	3,590	NH	NH	NH	3,590	1,014	NH	NH	NH	1,014
District Court and City Court <sup>1,1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	122,897	N/A	N/A	NH	122,897 <sup>1</sup>
Town and Village Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--District Court <sup>1,12</sup> .....	52,049	X	X	N/A	157,368 <sup>1</sup>	224,810	366,335	678,855	22,757	1,292,757 <sup>1</sup>
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	7,378 <sup>1</sup>	15,687 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NH	23,065 <sup>1</sup> P
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	5,603 <sup>1</sup>	10,900 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NH	16,503 <sup>1</sup>
County Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,342 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	NH	1,342 <sup>1</sup>
County Justice Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	433	4,787	N/A	NH	5,220 <sup>1</sup>
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	105,051	33,326P	46,101P	NH	184,478P	329,358	290,393P	1,339,866P	NH	1,959,617P
County Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	4,486	3,599	6,142	NH	14,227 <sup>1</sup>	20,874	25,360	154,689	NH	200,923 <sup>5</sup>
Municipal Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	100,260	29,727	39,959	NH	169,946 <sup>1</sup>	307,954	265,033	1,185,177	NH	1,758,164 <sup>1</sup>
Court of Claims <sup>1,1</sup> .....	305	NH	NH	NH	305	530	NH	NH	NH	530
Mayor's Court <sup>1</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N							

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Table 18: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1976 (continued)

State and court title	Beginning pending						Filed						
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total			
Oregon--STATE TOTAL.....	22,361 <sup>a</sup>	X	X	N/A	119,000 <sup>b</sup>	62,030	58,775	665,993 <sup>b</sup>	242	787,440 <sup>c</sup>			
District Court <sup>d</sup> , <sup>e</sup> , <sup>f</sup> .....	21,312 <sup>d</sup>	X	X	NH	83,305 <sup>b</sup>	58,920	39,769	454,790	NH	553,479 <sup>c</sup>			
Justice Court <sup>d</sup> , <sup>e</sup> , <sup>f</sup> .....	634 <sup>d</sup>	793 <sup>b</sup>	7,276 <sup>b</sup>	NH	8,703 <sup>b</sup>	2,896	4,936	89,564	NH	97,396 <sup>c</sup>			
Municipal Court <sup>d</sup> , <sup>e</sup> .....	NH	3,433 <sup>b</sup>	23,144 <sup>b</sup>	NH	26,577 <sup>b</sup>	NH	14,070	121,639	NH	135,709 <sup>c</sup>			
County Court.....	415 <sup>d</sup>	NH	NH	N/A	415 <sup>d</sup>	214	NH	NH	242	456			
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	10,570 <sup>d</sup>	5,208 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	NH	15,778 <sup>b</sup>	220,891	482,223 <sup>b</sup>	2,758,296 <sup>b</sup>	NH	3,461,410 <sup>c</sup>			
Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>g</sup> , <sup>h</sup> .....	10,570 <sup>d</sup>	5,208 <sup>b</sup>	NH	NH	15,778 <sup>b</sup>	69,219	43,904	NH	NH	113,123			
District Justice Court <sup>g</sup> , <sup>h</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	151,672	438,319	1,105,175	NH	1,695,166 <sup>c</sup>			
Philadelphia Traffic Court.....	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	1,653,121	NH	1,653,121 <sup>c</sup>			
Pittsburgh Traffic Magistrates.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A			
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....	24,215 <sup>d</sup>	18,612 <sup>b</sup>	21,755	NH	64,582 <sup>b</sup>	46,697 <sup>b</sup>	67,916 <sup>b</sup>	234,719	NH	349,332 <sup>c</sup>			
District Court <sup>i</sup> , <sup>j</sup> , <sup>k</sup> .....	24,215 <sup>d</sup>	18,612 <sup>b</sup>	21,755	NH	64,582 <sup>b</sup>	46,697	67,916	234,719	NH	349,332 <sup>c</sup>			
Justices of the Peace <sup>i</sup> , <sup>j</sup> , <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
Municipal Court <sup>i</sup> , <sup>j</sup> , <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,141 <sup>b</sup>	28,769 <sup>b</sup>	697 <sup>b</sup>	6,436	70,043 <sup>c</sup>			
District Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	29,026	28,757	N/A	NH	57,783 <sup>c</sup>			
Family Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,115	12	697	6,436	12,260 <sup>c</sup>			
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
Probate Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	25,033 <sup>d</sup>	N/A	X	X	27,162 <sup>b</sup>	146,126 <sup>b</sup>	70,546 <sup>b</sup>	X	X	616,376 <sup>c</sup>			
County Court and Civil and Criminal Court <sup>o</sup> , <sup>p</sup> .....	15,183	(k)	NH	NH	15,183	23,065	(k)	NH	NH	23,065			
Family Court <sup>o</sup> , <sup>p</sup> .....	9,850	NH	X	X	11,979 <sup>b</sup>	28,303	NH	X	X	42,245			
Magistrate Court <sup>o</sup> , <sup>p</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	94,758	70,546	385,762	NH	551,066 <sup>c</sup>			
Probate Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
Municipal Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A			
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Probate Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
County Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A			
Juvenile Court.....	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A			
General Sessions Court.....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A			
Justice of the Peace Court.....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A			
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	111,355 <sup>d</sup>	P	156,759 <sup>b</sup>	42,399 <sup>b</sup>	1,090	311,603 <sup>b</sup>	284,573	848,793	5,510,451	1,296	6,645,113 <sup>c</sup>		
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court <sup>q</sup> , <sup>r</sup> .....	111,355 <sup>d</sup>	156,759	42,399	1,090	311,603 <sup>b</sup>	131,036	168,423	69,222	1,296	369,977 <sup>c</sup>			
Municipal Court <sup>q</sup> , <sup>r</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	435,360	4,523,153	NH	4,958,513 <sup>s</sup>			
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>q</sup> , <sup>r</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	153,537	245,010	918,076	NH	1,316,623 <sup>c</sup>			
Utah--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,705 <sup>b</sup>	23,920 <sup>b</sup>	479,562 <sup>b</sup>	22,482	549,669 <sup>c</sup>			
Juvenile Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	238	13,658	22,482	36,378 <sup>c</sup>			
City Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	23,705	23,682	465,904	NH	513,291 <sup>s</sup>			
Justice of the Peace Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A			
Vermont--Probate Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	7,621	NH	NH	NH	7,621	4,523	NH	NH	NH	4,523			
Virginia--District Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	400,925	264,557	820,859	111,675	1,598,016 <sup>c</sup>			
Washington--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	67,661	112,064	746,510	NH	926,235 <sup>c</sup>			
Municipal and Police Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	39,112	222,131	NH	261,243 <sup>c</sup>			
District Court and Justices of the Peace Court <sup>l</sup> , <sup>m</sup> , <sup>n</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	67,661	72,952	524,379	NH	664,992 <sup>c</sup>			
West Virginia--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A			
County Commission.....	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A			
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A			
Justice Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A			
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court <sup>7</sup> .....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A			
Wyoming--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A			
Justice Court.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A			
Municipal Court.....	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A			

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Data was computed.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>h</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>i</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>j</sup>Data include traffic cases other than parking.

<sup>k</sup>Data include traffic cases (DWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations).

Civill	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Disposed				End pending				Population In thousands	Number of judges
					Civill	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civill	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	
63,361 <sup>d</sup>	55,555	645,415	N/A	764,331 <sup>b</sup>	20,903 <sup>d</sup>	X	X	N/A	141,340 <sup>c</sup>	2,326	269			
60,751 <sup>d</sup>	37,279	440,585	NH	538,615 <sup>b</sup>	19									

Table 19: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts total caseload, 1976.  
States ranked by 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			As percent of filed			Change in pending			Beginning pending		
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Filled	
California.....	21,522	N/A	667,122	557,402	N/A	83.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,243,315 <sup>s</sup>			
New York.....	18,053	66,709 <sup>t</sup>	145,758	150,949	66,809 <sup>t</sup>	103.6	NC	100 <sup>t</sup>	0.1 <sup>t</sup>	92,166 <sup>t</sup> P	847,198 <sup>t</sup> P		
Texas.....	12,599	344,282	361,949	339,336	366,895	95.8	101.4	22,613	6.6	311,603 <sup>t</sup> PR	6,645,113 <sup>t</sup> S		
Pennsylvania.....	11,802	96,597	292,186	289,548	89,640	99.1	30.7	-6,957	-7.2	15,778P	3,461,410PR		
Illinois.....	11,193	376,889 <sup>t</sup>	3,484,572 <sup>t</sup>	3,268,838 <sup>t</sup>	430,575 <sup>t</sup>	95.8	NC	53,686 <sup>t</sup>	14.2 <sup>t</sup>	--	--		
Ohio.....	10,690	193,697 <sup>t</sup>	464,438	476,904	176,329 <sup>t</sup>	102.7	NC	-17,368 <sup>t</sup>	-9.0 <sup>t</sup>	184,478PR	1,959,617PR		
Michigan.....	9,113	125,312 <sup>t</sup> R	1,033,060 <sup>s</sup>	170,347 <sup>t</sup>	136,046 <sup>t</sup> R	NC	NC	10,743 <sup>t</sup>	-8.6 <sup>t</sup>	731,022 <sup>t</sup> R	2,206,717 <sup>t</sup> R		
Florida.....	8,353	302,865	373,672	359,647 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	302,467P	436,106P		
New Jersey.....	7,339	76,879	96,557	86,859	86,577	90.0	89.7	9,698	12.6	60,051 <sup>t</sup> P	4,267,273 <sup>s</sup>		
Massachusetts.....	5,791	136,438	68,593	67,165	137,866	97.9	201.0	1,428	1.0	8,902 <sup>t</sup> P	2,135,065 <sup>s</sup>		
North Carolina.....	5,462	28,551	63,321	58,789	35,083	92.8	52.2	4,532	15.9	157,368 <sup>t</sup> R	1,292,757 <sup>t</sup> R		
Indiana.....	5,313	231,848 <sup>t</sup>	281,131 <sup>t</sup>	281,224 <sup>t</sup>	232,342 <sup>t</sup>	100.0	82.6	494	0.2	83,194 <sup>t</sup> P	377,970PR		
Virginia.....	5,052	94,953 <sup>t</sup>	106,819	105,324	96,448	98.6	90.3	1,495	1.6	N/A	1,598,016 <sup>t</sup> R		
Georgia.....	4,984	69,535 <sup>t</sup> R	143,612 <sup>t</sup>	129,128 <sup>t</sup> R	84,019 <sup>t</sup> R	89.9 <sup>t</sup>	58.5 <sup>t</sup>	14,484 <sup>t</sup>	20.8 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	450,575 <sup>t</sup> PR		
Missouri.....	4,787	83,724	109,483	110,253	82,954	100.7	75.8	-770	-0.9	11,340P	20,330P		
Wisconsin.....	4,610	148,989 <sup>t</sup> R	682,475 <sup>t</sup> R	723,231 <sup>t</sup> R	165,527 <sup>t</sup> R	NC	NC	16,538 <sup>t</sup>	11.1 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	N/A		
Tennessee.....	4,234	66,823	112,811	112,451	67,183	99.7	59.6	360	0.5	N/A	N/A		
Maryland.....	4,125	N/A	121,676	115,706	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,245,813 <sup>t</sup> R	1,124,138PR		
Minnesota.....	3,954	10,024 <sup>t</sup>	30,562 <sup>t</sup>	29,868 <sup>t</sup>	10,709 <sup>t</sup>	97.7 <sup>t</sup>	35.0 <sup>t</sup>	685 <sup>t</sup>	6.8 <sup>t</sup>	124,419PR	653,911PR		
Louisiana.....	3,875	N/A	163,571 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	564,753 <sup>t</sup> PR			
Alabama.....	3,653	56,605	103,482	100,503	59,584	97.1	57.6	2,979	5.3	N/A	N/A		
Washington.....	3,611	N/A	121,811	91,113 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	926,235 <sup>t</sup> R			
Kentucky.....	3,436	79,948 <sup>t</sup>	70,699 <sup>t</sup>	66,850 <sup>t</sup>	85,256 <sup>t</sup>	94.6 <sup>t</sup>	120.6 <sup>t</sup>	5,308 <sup>t</sup>	6.6 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	724,600 <sup>t</sup> R		
Puerto Rico.....	3,214	81,974	111,022	120,073	72,923	108.2	65.7	-9,051	-11.0	64,582PR	349,332PR		
Connecticut.....	3,102	36,331	30,559	29,268	37,645	95.8	123.2	1,314	3.6	81,874PR	524,194 <sup>t</sup> R		
Iowa.....	2,874	133,424 <sup>t</sup> R	587,921 <sup>t</sup> R	593,309 <sup>t</sup> R	123,047 <sup>t</sup> R	NC	NC	-10,377 <sup>t</sup>	--	--	--		
South Carolina.....	2,844	33,343	53,925	59,407	28,211	110.2	52.3	-5,132	-15.4	27,162PR	616,376PR		
Oklahoma.....	2,770	216,311 <sup>t</sup> R	403,013	389,368 <sup>t</sup>	229,915 <sup>t</sup> R	96.6	NC	13,604 <sup>t</sup>	6.3 <sup>t</sup>	7P	9P		
Colorado.....	2,575	97,922	121,051	131,461	87,512	108.6	72.3	-10,410	-10.6	58,077 <sup>t</sup> PR	231,899 <sup>t</sup> PR		
Mississippi.....	2,365	N/A	59,658 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Oregon.....	2,326	44,212 <sup>t</sup>	83,754	60,617 <sup>t</sup>	46,909 <sup>t</sup>	NC	NC	2,697 <sup>t</sup>	6.1 <sup>t</sup>	119,000 <sup>t</sup> R	787,040 <sup>t</sup> R		
Kansas.....	2,299	20,550 <sup>t</sup>	45,066 <sup>t</sup>	44,118 <sup>t</sup>	21,498 <sup>t</sup>	97.9	47.7	948	4.6	36,709 <sup>t</sup> PR	311,647 <sup>t</sup> PR		
Arizona.....	2,249	60,740 <sup>t</sup>	84,774 <sup>t</sup>	82,986 <sup>t</sup>	61,416 <sup>t</sup>	97.9 <sup>t</sup>	72.4 <sup>t</sup>	676 <sup>t</sup>	1.1 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	275,190 <sup>t</sup> PR		
Arkansas.....	2,117	57,586 <sup>t</sup>	72,729	62,124 <sup>t</sup>	62,505 <sup>t</sup>	NC	NC	4,919 <sup>t</sup>	8.5 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	539,579 <sup>t</sup> R		
West Virginia.....	1,832	N/A	53,697 <sup>t</sup>	45,106 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	84.0 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Nebraska.....	1,552	6,115	24,447	23,073	7,489	94.4	30.6	1,374	22.5	56,861PR	352,178 <sup>t</sup> R		
Utah.....	1,232	15,965	28,601	25,132	19,434	87.9	67.9	3,469	21.7	N/A	549,669PS		
New Mexico.....	1,172	22,249	43,955	42,166	24,038	95.9	54.7	1,789	8.0	N/A	99,563PR		
Maine.....	1,071	12,032	12,384	11,363	13,053	91.8	105.4	1,021	8.5	N/A	177,845 <sup>t</sup> R		
Rhode Island.....	936	N/A	10,010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,043 <sup>t</sup> PR			
Hawaii.....	884	24,131 <sup>t</sup>	28,139 <sup>t</sup>	25,408 <sup>t</sup>	26,862 <sup>t</sup>	90.3	95.5	2,731	11.3	51,054 <sup>s</sup>	603,038 <sup>s</sup>		
Idaho.....	833	31,678 <sup>t</sup>	262,636 <sup>t</sup>	257,215 <sup>t</sup>	37,099 <sup>t</sup>	97.9	14.1	5,421	17.1	--	--		
New Hampshire.....	827	22,872	24,189	22,268	24,793	92.1	102.5	1,921	8.4	1,806 <sup>t</sup> P	38,984 <sup>t</sup>		
Montana.....	755	N/A	22,583 <sup>t</sup>	14,127	N/A	62.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
District of Columbia.....	700	25,225 <sup>t</sup> R	307,309 <sup>t</sup>	300,616 <sup>t</sup> R	29,184 <sup>t</sup> R	NC	NC	3,959 <sup>t</sup>	15.7 <sup>t</sup>	--	--		
South Dakota.....	686	N/A	4,210 <sup>t</sup>	34,689 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--		
North Dakota.....	645	3,421 <sup>t</sup>	9,685 <sup>t</sup>	8,700 <sup>t</sup>	4,272 <sup>t</sup>	89.8	44.1	851	24.9	N/A	23,065 <sup>t</sup> P		
Nevada.....	613	N/A	32,082 <sup>t</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Delaware.....	582	13,143	11,385	11,966	12,562	105.1	110.3	-581	-4.4	12,78			

### Civil caseload (Tables 20-30)

The second group of tables (Tables 20-30) displays 1976 civil statistics, both published and unpublished, for all the trial courts. The first table in the group shows the total civil caseload, while Tables 21-30 show caseload for individual civil case categories.

Total civil caseload (Table 20). Table 20 displays total civil caseload for 1976 in three sections-- general jurisdiction courts, limited jurisdiction courts, and all trial courts. The 'states' have been listed in population order to allow the reader to compare states with similar populations. Twenty-seven states reported some data for all general and limited jurisdiction courts. In addition, the four states and the District of Columbia that do not have limited jurisdiction courts reported some data for their general jurisdiction courts.

The measure, dispositions as a percent of filings, is used in Table 20, as well as in the criminal, traffic, and juvenile tables. The measure reveals that the problems in keeping caseload current in 1976 were greater for civil cases than

for criminal, traffic, or juvenile cases. Comparisons can be made by examining Figure N, in the previous section, where it can be seen that for civil cases in general jurisdiction courts a higher proportion of the 'states' have less than a 90.0 percent disposition rate than for other case types in general jurisdiction courts. Of the 52 'states' that reported general jurisdiction court data (see Figure Q below), eight disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. This fact indicates that these states made headway in reducing pending caseload. In addition, 21 states disposed of at least 90 percent but less than 100 percent of the number of cases filed. At the opposite end of the scale, only one state disposed of less than 70 percent (58.9%) of the cases filed. Lack of data prevented calculation of the measure for 12 states.

The number of dispositions in limited jurisdiction courts was also computed as a percent of the number of filings. Of the 47 'states' with limited jurisdiction courts (see Figure Q above), 4 disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed, and 10 others disposed of at least 90 percent of the cases

**Figure Q: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for civil caseload in trial courts.**

	Range in percent					
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over	Total 'states' reporting
<b>Total civil caseload:</b>						
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	1	0	10	21	8	40
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	1	2	2	10	4	19
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 20). . . . .	1	1	1	16	4	23
<b>Civil case categories:</b>						
Auto tort (Table 21) . . . . .	0	1	3	4	4	12
Non-auto tort (Table 22) . . . . .	0	2	5	1	2	10
Total tort (Table 23). . . . .	0	1	6	6	4	17
Contract (Table 24). . . . .	0	1	1	7	3	12
Small claims (Table 25). . . . .	1	2	0	9	7	19
Property rights (Table 26) . . . . .	0	0	4	6	11	21
Domestic relations (Table 27). . . . .	0	0	6	14	6	26
Probate (Table 28) . . . . .	1	2	7	6	9	25
Mental health (Table 29) . . . . .	2	0	1	6	6	15
Civil appeals (Table 30) . . . . .	1	3	3	2	1	10

filed. At the opposite end of the scale, one state disposed of less than 70 percent. Lack of data prevented calculation of the measure for 28 'states'.

The number of dispositions was also computed as a percent of filings for all trial courts data. The total number of 'states' in each percent range differs from the number of 'states' reporting in the general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts for two reasons: (1) there are 4 states (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, and South Dakota) and the District of Columbia that do not have limited jurisdiction courts (thus general jurisdiction had 52 'states' reporting, while limited jurisdiction had only 47), and (2) in states that have both general and limited jurisdiction courts, the general jurisdiction court data will probably differ in percent of cases disposed from that in limited jurisdiction courts. Therefore, the all trial courts figure is the number of 'states' that fall within the specified percentage range after combining the cases disposed and calculating the total as a percent of the number of combined filings. Of the 23 states reporting (see Figure Q above), 4 disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed at

the two levels combined. Figure Q indicates that 16 other states disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of cases filed. At the opposite end of the scale, one state disposed of less than 70 percent. Lack of data prevented calculation of the measure for 29 states.

The end pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed is also displayed in Table 20. There are 33 'states' for which the measure was computed for general jurisdiction courts and 11 'states' for which the measure was computed for limited jurisdiction courts. In Figure R (below) the measure shows that limited jurisdiction courts generally have a lower end pending caseload relative to the filing caseload than the general jurisdiction courts.

There were 40 'states' for which the percent change in pending was computed for general jurisdiction courts and 22 for which this measure was computed for limited jurisdiction courts. Eight 'states' reduced the general jurisdiction pending figure and seven 'states' reduced the limited jurisdiction pending figure (see Figure S below). The increase in pending was less than 20 percent for general jurisdiction courts in 27 states and for limited jurisdiction courts in 10 states.

**Figure R: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for civil caseload in trial courts.**

	Range in percent						
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0 to 199.9%	200.0% and over	Total 'states' reporting
<b>Total civil caseload:</b>							
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	0	5	8	10	9	1	33
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	4	3	3	0	1	0	11
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 20). . . . .	1	3	7	3	1	0	15
<b>Civil case categories:</b>							
Auto tort (Table 21) . . . . .	0	0	0	1	4	2	7
Non-auto tort (Table 22) . . . . .	0	1	0	1	2	1	5
Total tort (Table 23). . . . .	0	0	0	1	7	2	10
Contract (Table 24). . . . .	1	1	2	0	3	1	8
Small claims (Table 25). . . . .	12	1	1	2	0	0	16
Property rights (Table 26) . . . . .	6	1	2	2	2	1	14
Domestic relations (Table 27). . . . .	4	6	7	1	2	0	20
Probate (Table 28) . . . . .	1	1	0	2	3	8	15
Mental health (Table 29) . . . . .	5	2	0	2	0	2	11
Civil appeals (Table 30) . . . . .	0	0	0	4	2	0	6

Table 20: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts civil caseload, 1976.  
States ranked by 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			As percent of filed			Change in pending			Beginning pending		
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Pending	Number	Percent	Disposed	Pending	Number	Filed	
California.....	21,522	N/A	501,775	401,496	N/A	80.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	765,892			
New York.....	18,053	66,709	114,099	113,287	66,809	99.3	58.6	100	0.1	71,349 <sup>1</sup> p	572,166 <sup>1</sup> p		
Texas.....	12,599	270,142	272,601	250,595	292,188	91.9	107.2	22,046	8.2	111,351 <sup>1</sup> p	284,573 <sup>1</sup>		
Pennsylvania.....	11,802	61,553	178,800	177,060	59,717	99.0	33.4	-1,836	-3.0	10,570 <sup>1</sup> p	220,891		
Illinois.....	11,193	344,005 <sup>1</sup>	633,246	575,465	397,256 <sup>1</sup>	90.9	N/C	53,251 <sup>1</sup>	15.5 <sup>1</sup>	—	—		
Ohio.....	10,690	167,984 <sup>1</sup>	244,569	256,271	151,380 <sup>1</sup>	104.8	N/C	-16,604 <sup>1</sup>	-9.9 <sup>1</sup>	105,051	329,358		
Michigan.....	9,113	106,669	127,911	120,449	114,131	94.2	89.2	7,462	7.0	359,497 <sup>1</sup>	428,620 <sup>1</sup>		
Florida.....	8,353	229,856	243,129	234,395 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	155,619	222,233		
New Jersey.....	7,339	49,443	64,877	57,393	56,927	88.5	87.7	7,484	15.1	48,449	359,791		
Massachusetts.....	5,791	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015	107.3	292.8	-2,276	-2.4	8,902 <sup>1</sup> p	387,515		
North Carolina.....	5,462	13,269	10,774	9,391	14,652	87.2	136.0	1,383	10.4	52,049	224,810		
Indiana.....	5,313	N/A	173,924	168,710	N/A	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,338 <sup>1</sup> p	73,652 <sup>1</sup> p		
Virginia.....	5,052	82,779	63,976	63,074	83,681	98.6	150.8	902	1.1	N/A	400,925		
Georgia.....	4,984	50,903 <sup>1</sup>	87,133	75,534 <sup>1</sup>	62,502 <sup>1</sup>	86.7 <sup>1</sup>	71.7 <sup>1</sup>	11,599 <sup>1</sup>	22.8 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	87,472 <sup>1</sup> p		
Missouri.....	4,787	63,023	74,474	73,846	63,651	99.2	85.5	628	1.0	N/A	N/A		
Wisconsin.....	4,610	88,715 <sup>1</sup>	208,280	226,516	103,212 <sup>1</sup>	109.7	NC	14,497 <sup>1</sup>	16.3 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH		
Tennessee.....	4,234	49,880	83,202	82,153	50,929	98.7	61.2	1,049	2.1	N/A	N/A		
Maryland.....	4,125	N/A	62,158	54,464	N/A	87.6	N/W	N/A	N/A	332,812 <sup>1</sup> p			
Minnesota.....	3,954	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666	98.1	40.0	405	4.9	48,043 <sup>1</sup> p	125,276 <sup>1</sup> p		
Louisiana.....	3,875	N/A	100,868 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,537 <sup>1</sup> p			
Alabama.....	3,653	46,052	78,016	75,052	49,016	96.2	62.8	2,964	6.4	N/A	N/A		
Washington.....	3,611	N/A	94,325	79,911 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	67,661			
Kentucky.....	3,436	71,720 <sup>1</sup>	59,497 <sup>1</sup>	55,110 <sup>1</sup>	76,104 <sup>1</sup>	92.6 <sup>1</sup>	127.9 <sup>1</sup>	4,384 <sup>1</sup>	6.1 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	62,755		
Puerto Rico.....	3,214	53,236	78,476	85,491	46,221	108.9	58.9	-7,015	-13.2	24,215 <sup>1</sup> p	46,697 <sup>1</sup> p		
Connecticut.....	3,102	32,961	26,004	25,168	33,797	96.8	130.0	836	2.5	42,680 <sup>1</sup> p	191,344		
Iowa.....	2,874	47,146 <sup>1</sup>	125,415	118,771 <sup>1</sup>	47,844 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	698 <sup>1</sup>	1.5 <sup>1</sup>	—	—		
South Carolina.....	2,844	22,215	25,377	32,214	15,796	126.9	62.2	-6,419	-28.9	25,033 <sup>1</sup> p	146,126 <sup>1</sup> p		
Oklahoma.....	2,770	134,417	160,562	146,131	148,848	91.0	92.7	14,431	10.7	14,431	7P	9P	
Colorado.....	2,575	79,096	83,879	93,686	69,289	111.7	82.6	-9,807	-12.4	8,955	47,617		
Mississippi.....	2,365	N/A	52,217	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Oregon.....	2,326	39,238 <sup>1</sup>	55,799	45,708 <sup>1</sup>	42,359 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	3,121 <sup>1</sup>	6.0 <sup>1</sup>	22,361 <sup>1</sup>	62,030 <sup>1</sup>		
Kansas.....	2,299	18,602	37,811	37,059	19,354	98.0	51.2	752	4.0	24,873 <sup>1</sup>	42,752 <sup>1</sup>		
Arizona.....	2,249	54,064 <sup>1</sup>	62,574 <sup>1</sup>	62,133 <sup>1</sup>	54,448 <sup>1</sup>	99.3 <sup>1</sup>	87.0 <sup>1</sup>	384 <sup>1</sup>	0.7 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	31,915 <sup>1</sup>		
Arkansas.....	2,117	49,911 <sup>1</sup>	59,916	50,394 <sup>1</sup>	53,747 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	3,836 <sup>1</sup>	7.7 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	16,225 <sup>1</sup>		
West Virginia.....	1,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Nebraska.....	1,552	5,220	17,232	16,250	6,202	94.3	36.0	982	18.8	29,494 <sup>1</sup> p	43,810		
Utah.....	1,232	15,678	25,533	22,638	18,573	88.7	72.7	2,895	18.5	N/A	23,705 <sup>1</sup> p		
New Mexico.....	1,172	17,305	33,990	32,785	18,530	96.4	54.5	1,225	7.1	N/A	13,645 <sup>1</sup> p		
Maine.....	1,071	8,188	5,851	5,024	9,015	85.9	154.1	827	10.1	N/A	38,693 <sup>1</sup> p		
Rhode Island.....	936	N/A	6,733	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,141 <sup>1</sup> p			
Hawaii.....	884	19,379	18,098	16,109	21,368	89.0	118.1	1,989	10.3	5,493	11,633		
Idaho.....	833	19,783	40,245	36,663	23,365	91.1	58.1	3,582	18.1	—	—		
New Hampshire.....	827	18,361	17,758	16,494	19,675	92.9	110.8	1,314	7.2	1,806 <sup>1</sup> p	38,984		
Montana.....	755	N/A	18,668	10,987	N/A	56.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
District of Columbia.....	700	13,139 <sup>1</sup>	170,059	164,621 <sup>1</sup>	16,009 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	2,870 <sup>1</sup>	21.8 <sup>1</sup>	—	—		
South Dakota.....	686	N/A	N/A	17,439 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	—	—		
North Dakota.....	645	2,908	7,630	6,784	3,752	88.9	49.2	844	29.0	N/A	7,378 <sup>1</sup>		
Nevada.....	613	N/A	25,106 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Delaware.....	582	11,550	7,599	7,944	11,205	104.5	147.5	-345	-3.0	7,833 <sup>1</sup> p	27,717 <sup>1</sup> p		
Vermont.....	477	21,997	19,559	23,968	17,588	122.5	89.9	-4,409	-20.0	7,621	4,523		
Alaska.....	408	7,382	10,749	8,604	9,527	80.0	88.6	2,145	29.1	5,076 <sup>1</sup> p	8,954		
Wyoming.....	391	2,789 <sup>1</sup>	7,981	7,255 <sup>1</sup>	3,515								

**Figure S: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for civil caseload in trial courts.**

	Range in percent							Total and 'states' over reporting
	-50.0 to -20.1%	-20.0 to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 99.9%	100.0% Total cases		
<b>Total civil caseload:</b>								
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	1	7	27	5	0	0	40	
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 20)	0	7	10	4	1	0	22	
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 20) . . . . .	0	10	25	6	0	0	41	
<b>Civil case categories:</b>								
Auto tort (Table 21) . . . . .	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	
Non-auto tort (Table 22) . . . . .	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	
Total tort (Table 23) . . . . .	0	2	8	1	0	0	11	
Contract (Table 24) . . . . .	0	2	5	1	0	0	8	
Small claims (Table 25) . . . . .	1	6	5	4	0	2	18	
Property rights (Table 26) . . . . .	4	5	6	2	0	0	17	
Domestic relations (Table 27) . . . . .	2	3	16	3	0	0	24	
Probate (Table 28) . . . . .	0	6	12	2	1	0	21	
Mental health (Table 29) . . . . .	1	0	5	2	0	2	10	
Civil appeals (Table 30) . . . . .	0	1	2	3	0	0	6	

**Civil case categories (Tables 21-30).** This group of tables includes 10 civil case categories: **auto tort, non-auto tort, total tort, contracts, small claims, property rights, domestic relations, probate, mental health, and civil appeals.** These tables list only the 'states' and courts that report the particular case type.

The 'states' have been ranked by population to allow for easier comparison of caseload in general and limited jurisdiction courts among states of similar population. By having the data in this order, and using the measure of the number of cases filed per 100,000 (last column in Tables 21-30), developing patterns can be examined.

These tables reflect the use of five comparative measures. The first is the number of cases disposed during the year as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year. This number indicates the ability of the court to dispose of its caseload. A low percent here indicates that a court is falling behind in disposing of filed cases.

The second comparative measure used is the number of pending cases at the end of the year shown as a percent of the number of filings. If pending cases equal the number of

filings (100 percent), then a court has a year's accumulation of filings on hand at year end. A percent over 100 would indicate that the court has more than a year's accumulation of filings pending at the end of the year.

The third and fourth measures deal with end pending figures. Both the number and the percent change in pending cases compare the number of cases on hand at year end with the beginning pendings. Like the two measures previously discussed, these figures indicate the ability of a court to handle its caseload.

The fifth comparative measure used is the number of cases filed per 100,000 population. This measure should enable smaller 'states' to compare themselves with larger 'states' if data are complete, if the 'states' use similar case classifications, and if court jurisdiction matches. (See Figure T on page 78.)

This measure indicates that the number of cases filed per 100,000 varies throughout the 'states', regardless of population size. This lack of correlation between population and cases filed may result from any of a number of factors, some of which have been discussed already. The most important of these are the lack of complete data and the varia-

tions in the case categories used by the 'states' which make accurate compilation of caseload very difficult. These factors must be remembered when making any comparison of case category statistics among 'states'. More uniform classification of data from individual 'states' and courts would permit more effective analysis in Tables 21-30.

Cases disposed as percent of the number of cases filed, shown in Figure Q and in Tables 21-30, indicates that the courts are keeping fairly current in disposing of the number of cases being filed. A majority of the 'states' disposed of at least 90.0 percent of the number of cases filed in all cases categories except non-auto tort and civil appeals, and

many 'states' disposed more cases than were filed. This ability to keep somewhat current may be the result of alternate methods in disposing of these types of cases such as citizen dispute settlement programs and the use of referees by the courts.

The end pending cases as percent of the number of cases filed, shown in Figure R and Tables 21-30, indicates that the 'states' have a large pending caseload. In some case categories, end pending cases were as much as a year's accumulation of cases filed. This buildup is especially noticeable in probate cases (Table 28) where 11 states reported an end pending figure of over 100.0 percent of the number of cases filed

**Table 21: Auto tort caseload for trial courts, 1976.**

States ranked by population. Courts reporting auto 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	As percent of filed				Change in pending	Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending		
California--Superior Court	21,522	N/A	52,574P	40,138P	N/A	76.3P	N/A
New York--Supreme Court and County Court <sup>a</sup>	18,053	N/A	22,574P	23,202P	N/A	102.6P	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	39,592P	26,424P	23,374P	42,642P	88.5P	161.4P
District Court <sup>b</sup>	--	26,151	17,540	15,220	28,471	86.8	162.3
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court <sup>c</sup>	--	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171	91.8	159.5
Michigan--Circuit Court <sup>d</sup>	9,113	20,847P	10,472P	10,147P	21,172P	96.5P	202.2P
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>e</sup>	8,353	N/A	9,629J	7,728J	N/A	80.3	N/A
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	23,173	30,458	28,498	25,133	93.6	82.5
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court <sup>f</sup>	--	18,473P	15,896	13,541	20,828	85.2	131.0
County District Court <sup>g</sup>	--	4,700	14,562	14,957	4,305	102.7	29.6
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	6,999P	6,649P	N/A	95.0P	N/A
Circuit Court <sup>c</sup>	--	N/A	6,656	6,308	N/A	94.8	N/A
Law and Equity Court <sup>b</sup>	--	N/A	343	341	N/A	99.4	N/A
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>c</sup>	4,125	N/A	5,914P	6,811P	N/A	115.2P	N/A
Louisiana--District Court <sup>c</sup>	3,875	N/A	8,616P	N/A	N/A	143.4P	N/A
Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>c</sup>	3,653	N/A	6,966P	N/A	N/A	222.3P	N/A
Washington--Superior Court <sup>c</sup>	3,611	N/A	3,567	N/A	N/A	190.7P	N/A
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>c</sup>	3,102	7,417P	3,062P	2,908P	7,571P	95.0P	247.3P
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>c</sup>	2,770	4,473P	4,398	3,726	5,145	84.7	117.0
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court <sup>c</sup>	2,575	N/A	751P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas--District Court <sup>c</sup>	2,299	1,497P	1,260P	1,325P	1,432P	105.2P	113.7P
Hawaii--Circuit Court <sup>c</sup>	884	1,404	816	844	1,376	103.4	168.6
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas <sup>c</sup>	582	N/A	334P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>f</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>g</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>1</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

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

**Figure T: Number of civil cases filed in trial courts per 100,000 population.**

'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:				
Auto tort (Table 21)	17	29.2	415.0	149.2
Non-auto tort (Table 22)	13	36.1	136.3	80.9
Total tort (Table 23)	24	57.4	475.9	231.0
Contract (Table 24)	15	11.6	2,129.4	590.1
Small claims (Table 25)	26	157.0	5,434.0	1,618.3
Property rights (Table 26)	28	2.8	16,344.0	983.0
Domestic relations (Table 27)	44	355.6	2,129.5	1,004.9
Probate (Table 28)	37	8.0	1,443.9	432.0
Mental health (Table 29)	25	0.1	204.7	71.0
Civil appeals (Table 30)	19	1.7	69.6	15.8
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:				
Auto tort (Table 21)	5	92.3	415.0	176.0
Non-auto tort (Table 22)	4	46.1	117.8	76.6
Total tort (Table 23)	9	178.2	475.9	261.6
Contract (Table 24)	6	11.6	1,143.7	599.0
Small claims (Table 25)	22	157.0	5,434.9	1,688.4
Property rights (Table 26)	13	7.0	16,344.0	1,828.5
Domestic relations (Table 27)	36	546.5	2,129.5	1,025.1
Probate (Table 28)	33	8.0	1,443.9	426.6
Mental health (Table 29)	20	17.8	204.7	76.5
Civil appeals (Table 30)	15	1.7	69.6	18.0

**Table 22: Non-auto tort caseload for trial courts, 1976.**  
States ranked by population. Courts reporting non-auto 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	population in thousands	As percent of filed			Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population			
		In Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending				
California--Superior Court <sup>a</sup>	21,522	N/A	27,767P	20,023P	N/A	72.1P	N/A	N/A	129.0P	
New York--Supreme Court and County Court <sup>b</sup>	18,053	N/A	13,990P	11,577P	N/A	82.8P	N/A	N/A	77.5P	
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>c</sup>	8,353	N/A	3,851J	3,041J	N/A	79.0	N/A	N/A	46.1	
New Jersey--County District Court <sup>d</sup>	7,339	1,447P	4,469P	4,398P	1,518P	98.4P	34.0P	71P	4.9P	60.9P
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	5,164P	5,654P	N/A	109.5P	N/A	N/A	122.0P	
Circuit Court <sup>e</sup>	--	N/A	4,969	5,465	N/A	110.0	N/A	N/A	117.4	
Law and Equity Court <sup>f</sup>	--	N/A	195	189	N/A	96.9	N/A	N/A	4.6	
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>g</sup>	4,125	N/A	2,282P	3,025P	N/A	132.6P	N/A	N/A	55.3P	
Louisiana--District Court <sup>h</sup>	3,875	N/A	5,280P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	136.3P	
Washington--Superior Court <sup>i</sup>	3,611	N/A	3,182	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.1	
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>j</sup>	3,102	4,641P	1,899P	1,531P	5,009P	80.6P	263.8P	368P	7.9P	61.2P
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>k</sup>	2,770	2,553f	3,264	2,660	3,157	81.5	96.7	604	23.7	117.8
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court <sup>l</sup>	2,575	N/A	929P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36.1P	
Kansas--District Court <sup>m</sup>	2,299	1,480fp	1,533P	1,532P	1,681P	86.9P	109.7P	201P	13.6P	66.7P
Hawaii--Circuit Court <sup>n</sup>	884	813	482	398	897	82.6	186.1	84	10.3	54.5

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

bParticular court or reporting system information.

cJudge information.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

JExplanation of data included in the category.

PData were not available for all courts in the state.

tCivil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

**Table 23: Total tort caseload for trial courts, 1976.**

States ranked by population. Courts reporting tort (auto tort, non-auto tort, or unclassified 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			End		As percent of filed	Change in pending	Filed per 100,000 population
		pending	Filed	Disposed	pending	Disposed			
California--Superior Court <sup>o</sup>	21,522	N/A	80,341P	60,161P	N/A	74.9P	N/A	N/A	373.3P
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	83,110P	82,080P	N/A	98.8P	N/A	N/A	460.4P
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>p</sup>	--	N/A	36,564	34,779	N/A	95.1J	N/A	N/A	202.5
Civil Court of the City of New York <sup>q</sup>	--	N/A	46,546	47,301	N/A	101.6	N/A	N/A	NC
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	39,592P	26,424P	23,374P	42,642P	88.5P	161.4P	3,050P	7.7P
District Court <sup>r</sup>	--	26,151	17,540	15,220	28,471	86.8	162.3	2,320	8.9
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court <sup>s</sup>	--	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171	91.8	159.5	730	5.4
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	34,274P	35,528P	39,205P	31,565P	110.3P	NC	-2,709P	-7.9P
Court of Common Pleas <sup>t</sup>	--	22,924f	19,424	19,561	22,668	100.7	NC	-256f	-1.1f
County Court <sup>u</sup>	--	168	324	378	1169	116.7	35.8	52	-31.0
Municipal Court <sup>v</sup>	--	11,182	15,780	19,266	8,781P	122.1	55.6	-2,401	-21.5
Michigan--Circuit Court <sup>w</sup>	9,113	20,847P	10,472P	10,147P	21,172P	96.9P	202.2P	325P	1.6P
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>x</sup>	8,353	N/A	26,096J	21,631J	N/A	82.9	N/A	N/A	312.4
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	24,620	34,927	32,896	26,651	94.2	76.3	2,031	8.2
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court <sup>y</sup>	--	18,473f	15,896	13,541	20,828	85.2	131.0	2,355	12.7
County District Court <sup>z</sup>	--	6,147	19,031	19,355	5,823	101.7	30.6	-324	-5.3
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas <sup>aa</sup>	4,787	N/A	N/A	6,865P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	10,379fh	8,281	7,704	10,956	93.0	577	5.6	179.6
Circuit Court <sup>bb</sup>	--	X	5,685	5,344	X	94.0	X	X	123.3
County Court <sup>cc</sup>	--	X	2,596	2,360	X	90.9	X	X	56.3
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	12,163P	12,303P	N/A	101.2P	N/A	N/A	287.3P
Circuit Court <sup>dd</sup>	--	N/A	11,625	11,773	N/A	101.3	N/A	N/A	274.6
Law and Equity Court <sup>ee</sup>	--	N/A	538	530	N/A	98.5	N/A	N/A	12.7
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>ff</sup>	4,125	N/A	8,196P	9,836P	N/A	120.0P	N/A	N/A	198.7P
Louisiana--District Court <sup>gg</sup>	3,875	N/A	13,896P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.6P
Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>hh</sup>	3,653	N/A	6,965P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	190.7P
Washington--Superior Court <sup>ii</sup>	3,611	N/A	6,749	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	186.9
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	11,747	5,790	7,286	10,251	125.8	177.0	-1,496	-12.7
Superior Court <sup>jj</sup>	--	9,801	3,755	5,230	8,326	139.3	221.7	-1,475	-15.0
District Court <sup>kk</sup>	--	1,946	2,035	2,056	1,925	101.0	94.6	-21	-1.1
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>ll</sup>	3,102	12,058P							

as well as a substantial number of cases disposed. The fact that guardianship, conservatorship, and trusteeship cases, which may be pending for long periods of time, are included in probate caseload, may account for this large volume of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases. The case category with the lowest proportion of end pending cases compared to the number of cases filed was **small claims**. This is most likely due to the nature of small claims cases; that is, they are cases generally handled in a special manner to allow quick court processing.

The percent of change in pending measure shown in Figure S and Tables 21-30 indicates that 'states' showing

decreases in pending case figures were few, and a large number showed increases, but most increases were less than 20.0 percent.

The number of cases filed per 100,000 population for civil case categories is displayed in Figure T and in Tables 21-30. Figure T gives the minimum, maximum, average, and mid-point for all 'states' reporting filings of any kind in the case category, as well as for 'states' reporting filing data for all courts handling the case category. The greatest volume of cases is in the **small claims and domestic relations** categories, with **non-auto tort, mental health, and civil appeals** having the lowest volume of cases.

Table 24: Contract caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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	End Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent			
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	N/A	33,988P	32,294P	N/A	95.0P	N/A	N/A	186.3P	
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	10,350	9,505	N/A	91.8	N/A	N/A	57.3	
Civil Court of the City of New York <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	23,638	22,789	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	NC	
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court <sup>1</sup> ,.....	12,599	38,073P	25,112P	23,326P	39,859P	92.9P	158.7P	1,786P	4.7P	199.3P
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	57,506P	162,862P	173,237P	53,098P	106.4P	32.6P	-4,408P	-7.7P	1,523.5P
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	1,380	4,125	4,354	1,1479	105.6	27.8	-233	-16.9	38.6
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	56,126	158,737	168,883	51,9519	106.4	32.7	-4,175	-7.4	1,484.9
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	8,353	N/A	28,324	26,638	N/A	94.0	N/A	N/A	339.1	
New Jersey--County District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	7,339	30,229P	196,275P	155,550P	30,954P	99.5P	19.8P	725P	2.4P	2,129.4P
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	N/A	3,443P	3,906P	N/A	113.4P	N/A	N/A	81.3P	
Law and Equity Court <sup>b</sup> ,.....	--	N/A	177	144	N/A	81.4	N/A	N/A	4.2	
Chancery Court <sup>c</sup> ,.....	--	N/A	3,266	3,762	N/A	115.2	N/A	N/A	77.1	
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	4,125	N/A	4,615P	4,250P	N/A	92.1P	N/A	N/A	111.9P	
Louisiana--District Court <sup>1</sup> ,.....	3,875	N/A	26,779P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.1P	
Washington--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	3,611	N/A	18,141	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	502.4	
Puerto Rico--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	3,214	621	373	467	527	125.2	141.3	-94	-15.1	11.6
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	3,102	3,227P	1,745P	1,459P	3,513P	83.6P	201.3P	286P	8.9P	56.3P
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	2,770	19,658P	19,820	14,909	24,569	75.2	124.0	4,911	25.0	715.5
Kansas--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	2,299	3,734P	6,375P	6,033P	4,076P	94.6P	63.9P	342P	9.2P	277.3P
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	884	4,827	10,110	9,399	5,538	93.0	51.8	711	14.7	1,143.7
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	1,494	1,513	1,229	1,778	81.2	117.5	284	19.0	171.2
New Hampshire--District Court <sup>5</sup> .....	--	3,333	8,597	8,170	3,760	95.0	43.7	427	12.8	972.5
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	408	N/A	3,596	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	881.4	
Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	1,190	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	291.7	
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	2,406	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	589.7	

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

<sup>a</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>b</sup>Judge Information.

<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>e</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>f</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>g</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>h</sup>A civil case is not counted in the same manner throughout the state.

Table 25: Small claims caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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	Beginning pending				End pending				As percent of filed	Change in pending	Filed per 100,000 population
		Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed					
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	N/A	434,642	298,112P	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,019.5		
Justice Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	44,219	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	205.5		
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	390,423	298,112	N/A	76.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,814.1		
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	11,802	6,041P	32,334P	32,936P	5,439P	101.9P	16.8P	-602P	-10.0P	NC		
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	11,193	37,636P	185,811J	184,161	39,288	99.1	21.1	1,650	4.4	1,660.1		
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	11,648	84,837	84,768	12,759	99.9	15.0	1,111	9.5	793.6		
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	1,635	12,419	12,600	1,5659	101.5	12.6	-70	-4.3	116.2		
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	10,013	72,418	72,168	11,1949	99.7	15.5	1,181	11.8	677.4		
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	9,113	9,646P	45,658	45,777	9,465P	100.3	NC	-181P	-1.9P	501.0		
Common Pleas Court of Detroit <sup>1</sup> ,.....	--	N/A	2,465	2,403	N/A	97.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC		
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	9,642	42,752	42,940	9,454	100.4	22.1	-188	-1.9	469.1		
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> ,.....	--	4	441	434	11	98.4	2.5	7	NC	4.8		
New Jersey--County District Court.....	7,339	4,529	37,132	36,059	5,602	97.1	15.1	1,073	23.7	506.0		
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	N/A	122,364	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,113.0		
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	116,737	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,015.8		
Boston Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	3,623	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC		
Housing Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	2,004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.6		
North Carolina--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	5,462	N/A	144,846	N/A	17,831	N/A	12.3	N/A	N/A	2,651.9		
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	5,313	255P	58,165P	40,813P	5,738P	70.2P	NC	5,485P	2,168.0P	1,094.8P		
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	253	17,407	11,833	5,738P	68.0	33.0	5,485	2,168.0	327.6		
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	N/A	40,758	28,980	N/A	71.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	767.1		
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL.....	4,610	15,906 <sup>th</sup>	110,393	110,950	15,349	100.5	13.9	-557	-3.5	2,394.6		
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	X										

Table 26: Property rights caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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				Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Pending	
California--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	21,522	N/A	3,622P	3,241P	N/A	89.5P	N/A	16.8P
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	N/A	77,037P	75,602P	N/A	98.1P	N/A	426.7P
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	224	336	N/A	150.0	N/A	1.2
Civil Court of the City of New York <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	76,813	75,266	N/A	98.0	N/A	NC
Texas--County Court at Law <sup>1</sup> , <sup>2</sup> .....	12,599	1,978P	359P	499P	1,838P	139.0P	512.0P	-140P -7.1P 2.8P
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	11,802	990P	14,243P	14,218P	1,015P	99.8P	7.1P	25P 2.5P NC
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	11,193	1,441 <sup>h</sup>	785	856	1,370	109.0	174.5	-71 -4.9 7.0
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	11,835P	45,478P	46,379P	12,323P	102.0P	27.1P	488P 4.1P 425.4P
County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	331	1,924	1,681	570P	87.4	29.6	239 72.2 18.0
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	11,504	43,554	44,698	11,753P	102.6	27.0	249 2.2 407.4
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	9,113	3,807P	68,820P	65,580P	5,035P	95.3P	NC	1,228P 32.3P 755.2P
Common Pleas Court of Detroit <sup>1</sup> , <sup>3</sup> .....	—	N/A	31,588	29,576	N/A	95.6	N/A	NC
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	3,313	34,088	33,035	4,366	96.9	12.8	1,053 31.8 374.1
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>3</sup> .....	—	494	3,144	2,969	669	94.4	21.3	175 35.4 34.5
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	8,353	N/A	20,975	19,380	N/A	92.4	N/A	251.1
New Jersey--County District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	7,339	3,475P	81,479P	82,213P	2,741P	100.9P	3.4P	-734P -21.1P 1,110.2P
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	8,902 <sup>1</sup> P	13,185P	5,535P	11,056P	NC	2,154P	24.2P 227.7P
Housing Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	5,486	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.7
Land Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	8,902 <sup>h</sup>	7,699	5,535	11,056 <sup>l</sup>	71.9	143.6	2,154 <sup>l</sup> 24.2 <sup>l</sup> 132.9
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	N/A	2,405P	2,481P	N/A	103.2P	N/A	N/A 56.8P
Circuit Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	537	891	N/A	165.9	N/A	N/A N/A 12.7
Law and Equity Court <sup>b</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	259	257	N/A	99.2	N/A	N/A N/A 6.1
Chancery Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	1,609	1,333	N/A	82.8	N/A	N/A N/A 38.0
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125	N/A	256,728	2,112P	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A 5,738.9
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	2,481	2,112	N/A	85.1	N/A	N/A N/A 60.1
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	234,247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A 5,678.7
Minnesota--County Municipal Court <sup>3</sup> .....	3,954	125P	10,357P	10,419P	63P	100.6P	0.6P	-62P -49.6P 261.9P
Louisiana--District Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>1</sup> , <sup>3</sup> .....	3,875	N/A	1,758	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.4
Washington--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	3,611	N/A	3,529	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	97.7
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....	3,214	8,764	14,174	14,188	8,750	100.1	61.7	-14 -0.2 441.0
Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	8,394	13,613	13,619	8,388	100.0	61.6	-6 -0.1 423.6
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	370	561	569	362	101.4	64.5	-8 -2.2 17.5
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	3,102	1,644P	2,126P	1,909P	1,861P	89.8P	87.5P	217P 13.2P 68.5P
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	2,770	5,511 <sup>f</sup>	7,678	6,938	6,251	90.4	81.4	740 13.4 277.2
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575	5,672P	7,113	3,752P	3,764P	NC	-1,908P	-33.6P 276.2
District Court and Denver Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	5,269	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	204.6
Water Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	5,672	1,844	3,752	3,764	203.5	204.1	-1,908 -33.6 71.6
Mississippi--Circuit Court <sup>k</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	2,365	N/A	75P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2P
Kansas--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	2,299	1,152 <sup>f</sup>	2,220	2,251	1,121	101.4	50.5	-31 -2.7 96.6
Nebraska--County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	1,552	82P	144P	156P	70P	108.3P	48.6P	-12P -14.6P 9.3P
Utah--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	1,232	N/A	106	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.6
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	884	877	973	823	1,027	84.6	105.5	150 17.1 110.1
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	231	272	230	273	84.6	100.4	42 18.2 30.8
Land Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	—	76	57	46	87	80.7	152.6	11 14.5 6.4
District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	570	644	547	667	84.9	103.6	97 17.0 72.9
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	827	42P	1,403P	1,404P	42P	100.1P	3.0P	0P 0.0P 169.6P
District Court <sup>5</sup> .....	—	42	1,393	1,394	429	100.1	3.0	0 0.0 168.4
Municipal Court <sup>5</sup> .....	—	0	10	10	0	0	NC	1.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>8</sup> , <sup>4</sup> .....	700	444	114,408	114,564	288	100.1	0.3	-156 -35.1 16,344.0
North Dakota--District Court <sup>1</sup> .....	645	N/A	496	450	N/A	90.7	N/A	N/A N/A 76.9
Delaware--Superior Court <sup>a</sup> , <sup>1</sup> .....	582	N/A	636P	572P	N/A	89.9P	N/A	N/A N/A 109.3P
Alaska--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	408	N/A	450P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A 110.3P

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>1</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

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

<sup>3</sup>A civil case is counted at the note if issue.

<sup>4</sup>A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Table 27: Domestic relations caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Pending	
California--Superior Court <sup>1</sup> .....	21,522	N/A	168,887	146,179	N/A	86.6	N/A	N/A N/A 784.7
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	54,353P	300,466P	323,401P	39,563P	NC	13.2P	-14,790P -27.2P 1,664.4P
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	7,173 <sup>f</sup>	57,991	6,6719	101.2	11.5	-502	-7.0 321.2
Family Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	47,180	242,475	261,052	32,892	107.7	13.6	-14,288 -30.3 1,343.1
Surrogate's Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	N/A	3,658	N/A	N/A	N	



Table 29: Mental health caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent			
California--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	21,522	N/A	6,514	6,108	N/A	93.8	N/A	N/A	30.3		
New York--Family Court <sup>1</sup>	8,053	0P	17P	30P	0SP	176.5P	0.0P	0	--	0.1P	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	11,802	306	6,628	6,706	228	101.2	3.4	-78	-25.5	56.2	
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	11,193	1,424 <sup>h</sup>	8,515	8,466	1,473	99.4	17.3	49	3.4	76.1	
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	10,690	N/A	6,340	7,232	N/A	114.1	N/A	N/A	59.3		
Michigan--Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	9,113	2,450 <sup>h</sup>	6,748	3,679	5,519	54.5	81.8	3,069	125.3	74.0	
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup>	8,353	N/A	10,891J	11,742J	N/A	107.8	N/A	N/A	130.4		
Massachusetts--District Court <sup>1</sup>	5,791	N/A	1,899P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.8P		
Wisconsin--County Court <sup>1</sup>	4,610	N/A	N/A	2,845	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Washington--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	3,611	N/A	2,679	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.2		
Connecticut--Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	3,102	N/A	5,031P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	188.0P		
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>1</sup>	2,770	800f	2,810	2,661	949	94.7	33.8	149	18.6	101.4	
Colorado--District Court, Denver Probate Court, and Denver Juvenile Court <sup>1</sup>	2,575	731f	1,923	1,847	807	96.0	42.0	76	10.4	74.7	
Mississippi--Chancery Court <sup>a</sup>	2,365	N/A	3,599	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152.2		
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	N/A	4,762	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	204.7		
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	4,707	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	202.4		
District Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8		
County Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.6		
Arizona--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	2,249	1,340f <sup>1</sup>	400 <sup>1</sup>	411 <sup>1</sup>	1,3269 <sup>1</sup>	102.8 <sup>1</sup>	331.5 <sup>1</sup>	-14 <sup>1</sup>	-1.0 <sup>1</sup>	17.8 <sup>1</sup>	
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	2,117	N/A	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.9		
Utah--District Court <sup>1</sup>	1,232	N/A	648	750	N/A	115.7	N/A	N/A	52.6		
Maine--District Court <sup>1</sup>	1,071	N/A	418	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39.0		
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	161	202	167	196	82.7	97.0	35	21.7	24.2	
District Court <sup>1</sup>	--	2 <sup>fh</sup>	1	2	1	NC	NC	-1	NC	0.1	
Magistrates Division <sup>a</sup>	--	159 <sup>fh</sup>	201	165	195	82.1	97.0	36	22.6	24.1	
New Hampshire--Probate Court <sup>5</sup>	827	N/A	182P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0P		
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a</sup>	700	70	760	726	104	95.5	13.7	34	48.6	108.6	
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	666	N/A	N/A	619P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	N/A	926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	N/A	747	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
County Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	N/A	179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Nevada--District Court <sup>1</sup>	613	N/A	390	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63.6		
Delaware--Court of Chancery	582	151P	12P	3P	160P	25.0P	1,333.3P	9P	6.0P	2.1P	
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	19	378	346	51	91.5	13.5	32	168.4	79.2	
District Court <sup>1</sup>	--	19	371	341	49	91.9	13.2	30	157.9	77.8	
Probate Court <sup>1</sup>	--	0	7	5	2	71.4	28.6	2	NC	1.5	
Alaska--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	408	N/A	203	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.8		

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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-- = Not applicable.

aCourt jurisdiction.

bParticular court or reporting system information.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 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.

kData were not available for all courts in the state.

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

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

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

Table 30: Civil appeals caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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						Change in pending			Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent			
California--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	21,522	N/A	9,092	8,478	N/A	93.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.2
Michigan--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	9,113	430f	559	481	\$08	86.0	90.9	78	18.1	6.1	
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup>	8,353	1,261	833	474 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0	
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	143P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.5P		
District Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	105	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8	
Boston Municipal Court <sup>1</sup>	--	N/A	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC	
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	543fh	613	557	599	90.9	97.7	56	10.3	13.3	
Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	--	X	570	464	X	81.4	X	X	X	12.4	
County Court <sup>1</sup>	--	X	43	93	X	216.3	X	X	X	0.9	
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	4,125	N/A	768	677	N/A	88.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6	
Louisiana--District Court <sup>c</sup>	3,875	N/A	65	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7	
Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup>	3,653	N/A	1,725	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.2	
Washington--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	3,611	N/A	520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.4	
Puerto Rico--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	3,214	N/A	147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6	
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	3,102	132 <sup>j</sup>	211J	173J	170 <sup>j</sup>	82.0	80.6	38	28.8	6.8	
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	2,575	N/A	58P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.3P	
Mississippi--Circuit Court <sup>k</sup>	2,365	N/A	349P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8P	
Utah--District Court <sup>1</sup>	1,232	N/A	113	84	N/A	74.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.2	
Rhode Island--Superior Court <sup>1</sup>	936	N/A	52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.6	
Idaho--District Court <sup>1</sup>	833	109 <sup>fh</sup>	152	112	149	73.7	98.0				

## Criminal caseload (Tables 31-39)

The third group of tables (Tables 31-39) displays the criminal statistics available in 1976, both published and unpublished. All criminal data are arranged according to the unit the 'state' uses in counting cases, with the 'states' further arranged by population within the unit of count groupings.

The reader should note that traffic cases are not included in Tables 31-39. Traffic caseload is covered in a separate section of this report, "Traffic Caseload," in order that criminal caseload data will be as precise and uniform as possible. In some courts the criminal and traffic data could not be separated. For these courts the data are included in the total caseload, but are not included in either the criminal or the traffic tables.

The criminal tables have been grouped into three subsets. The first subset is Table 31, which shows total criminal caseload. In the second subset (Tables 32-37), caseload in trial courts is broken down into criminal case categories by jurisdiction. In some 'states' certain case categories are handled in both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts; in other 'states' these categories are handled by only one court. Finally, the last subset is made up of Tables 38 and 39, which display the types of criminal dispositions reported for trial courts, and includes comprehensive data on criminal trials in 1976.

As in the tables showing civil caseload and total civil caseload, several measures are used to allow comparisons among 'states'. These include the number of cases disposed, shown as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year; the number of pending cases at

the end of the year, shown as a percent of the number of cases filed; the number and percent of change in year-end pending cases as compared to beginning pending figures; and the number of cases filed per 100,000 population.

Comparison of the size of criminal caseloads requires that courts possess similar subject-matter jurisdiction, and that the courts being compared use the same unit of count for criminal cases. This is the major reason for listing the 'states' and courts according to the unit of count they use.

Total criminal caseload (Table 31). Table 31 exhibits the total criminal caseload during 1976 in three parts: general jurisdiction courts, limited jurisdiction courts, and all trial courts. In addition to caseload figures, disposed and pending cases in each state are shown as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year. Also included is the number and percent of change in year-end pending cases compared to beginning pending.

The unit of count is indicated in both Table 31 and Figure B for all of the 52 'states'. Of the total, 47 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico reported complete total criminal filing data for general jurisdiction courts; 16 states reported complete filing data for limited jurisdiction courts. For all trial courts, 19 states and the District of Columbia reported complete filing data.

Certain observations can be made from Figure U (below). First, general jurisdiction courts reported more complete data than did the limited jurisdiction courts. This observation is confirmed by the numbers in the columns in Table 31 labeled not available (N/A) or not computed (NC).

Second, the general jurisdiction section of Table 31 and Figure U reveals that there are 10 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, that disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. In addition, 26 states out of the 43 reporting disposed of between 90 and 100 percent of the number of cases filed. In contrast, the limited jurisdiction section shows that only 2 states out of the 18 reporting disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. Also, only nine states disposed of between 90 and 100 percent of the number of criminal cases filed in the limited jurisdiction courts. More complete breakdowns of cases disposed as a percent of the number of cases filed are displayed in Figure U.

The end pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed are displayed in Table 31 and in Figure V. Figure V shows that the values for this measure are much higher for general jurisdiction courts than for limited jurisdiction courts.

Figure U: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for criminal caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent					Total 'states' reporting
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over	
<b>Total criminal caseload:</b>						
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	0	0	5	26	12	43
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	0	1	6	9	2	18
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 31) . . . . .	0	0	5	16	5	26
<b>Criminal case categories:</b>						
Felony (Table 32) . . . . .	0	0	3	17	7	27
Misdemeanor (Table 33) . . . . .	0	0	4	13	5	22
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34) . . . . .	1	0	4	14	8	27
Ordinance violations (Table 35) . . . . .	0	1	1	7	1	10
Felony preliminary (Table 36) . . . . .	1	1	1	7	6	16
Criminal appeals (Table 37) . . . . .	1	2	2	4	3	12

In Table 31, the change in pending measure is worth noting. Again, the measure is more complete for the courts of general jurisdiction than for the courts of limited jurisdiction. No data were available from 15 states in the general jurisdiction section and from 30 of the 46 'states' handling criminal caseload in the limited jurisdiction section.

In the general jurisdiction courts 10 'states' had a negative change in pending (see Figure W, below); only 3 states in the limited jurisdiction section had a negative change. In other words, approximately one-fourth of the 'states' reporting in the general jurisdiction section and one-fifth of the states reporting in the limited jurisdiction section effectively cleared their calendars of the number of cases filed in 1976, and also made headway in reducing the cases that were pending at the beginning of the year.

Of those 'states' that had an increase in pending, 23 out of 37 reporting at the general jurisdiction level and 7 out of 16 reporting at

**Figure V: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for criminal caseload in trial courts.**

	Range in percent							Total 'states' reporting
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0 to 199.9%	200.0% and over		
<b>Total criminal caseload:</b>								
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	9	10	5	7	2	0	33	
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	7	3	0	0	1	0	11	
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 31) . . . . .	8	5	3	2	0	0	18	
<b>Criminal case categories:</b>								
Felony (Table 32) . . . . .	3	8	5	3	3	0	22	
Misdemeanor (Table 33) . . . . .	7	7	1	0	0	0	15	
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34) . . . . .	8	3	5	2	2	0	20	
Ordinance violations (Table 35) . . . . .	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Felony preliminary (Table 36) . . . . .	5	0	0	0	1	0	6	
Criminal appeals (Table 37) . . . . .	3	1	0	4	0	0	8	

the limited jurisdiction level had an increase in pending of less than 20 percent. The number of states with an increase in pending cases of over 50 percent was higher for limited jurisdiction courts (3 states) than for general jurisdiction courts (1 state).

Several factors may have contributed to preventing large

increases in the 'states' change in pending figures and to reducing year-end pending figures in a substantial number of 'states'. Two of these factors were (1) more specific guidelines within the 'states' to expedite criminal cases, and (2) national concern with the defendant's right to a speedy trial.

**Figure W: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for criminal caseload in trial courts.**

	Range in percent							Total 'states' reporting
	-100.0 to -20.1%	-20.0 to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over		
<b>Total criminal caseload:</b>								
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	1	9	23	3	0	1	37	
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 31)	1	2	7	3	3	0	16	
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 31) . . . . .	0	7	23	3	3	1	37	
<b>Criminal case categories:</b>								
Felony (Table 32) . . . . .	2	5	13	3	0	0	23	
Misdemeanor (Table 33) . . . . .	1	5	10	6	0	0	22	
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34) . . . . .	0	9	20	4	1	0	34	
Ordinance violations (Table 35) . . . . .	1	0	2	3	0	0	6	
Felony preliminary (Table 36) . . . . .	3	0	5	1	0	0	9	
Criminal appeals (Table 37) . . . . .	0	3	4	1	0	1	9	

**Felony caseload (Table 32).**  
Table 32 shows general jurisdiction felony caseload data from the 34 'states' reporting the felony case category. Courts that did not identify a segment of their total criminal caseload as felony cases were excluded from this table. In 1976, five more 'states' reported data in this category than in 1975.

Interstate comparisons of reported felony caseload should be made only among 'states' that use the same unit for counting their cases and classify the same types of cases as felonies. To facilitate this type of comparison, the 'states' that reported felony cases have been arranged in Table 32 according to the unit of count they use and further ranked by population.

Along with caseload figures, Table 32 displays felony dispositions and pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year. In addition, the number and percent of change in year-end pending cases over beginning pending cases are displayed. Also included is a measure of the number of cases filed per 100,000 population.

The data displayed in Table 32 indicate that the courts were able to remain current with their felony caseload (see Figures U, V, and W above). This may be a result of the move for speedy trials, the factors enumerated in connection with Table 31, or state and local provisions that mandate the prompt disposition of criminal cases. Table 32 displays 34 'states' that reported data for felony caseload. Of the 27 'states' reporting comparable filings and dispositions, 24 disposed of 90 percent or better of the number of cases filed. Of these, seven 'states' reduced the number of end pending cases over their beginning pending cases by disposing more cases than were filed. This indicates that these states made headway in reducing current pending caseload. Three of the states disposed of 80 to

90 percent of the number of felony cases filed. The remaining seven states did not report enough data to be calculated.

For the 22 'states' reporting comparable data permitting the computation of the number of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases, cases pending in 11 states were less than 50 percent of cases filed and only 3 states had more cases pending at the end of the year than were filed.

(See Figure V.) As can be seen in Figure W, the change in pending caseload for felony caseload is similar to that for total criminal caseload, with 7 of the 23 'states' reporting reducing their pending caseload, and only 3 having an increase of over 20 percent.

The last column of Table 32, showing the filings per 100,000 population, indicates two points worth noting. First, in the "informations, indictments, or complaints" grouping of states, the number of cases filed per 100,000 population is higher in the middle of the range of states listed, which are in population order. Second, in the "number of defendants" grouping of states, there appears to be no cluster of 'states' that are high or low compared to the other 'states'. Until all states report felony case data and all data are complete, any inferences may be misleading. As can be seen in Figure X on page 95, the average number of felony cases filed per 100,000 population for the 32 'states' reporting was 405.0, with a mid-point of 378.4 and the range from a minimum of 132.1 to the maximum of 787.7. When the 'states' are separated according to unit of count, it is seen that, as would be expected, the average number of felony cases filed per 100,000 population is higher for 'states' counting the number of defendants (420.8) than for states counting the number of informations, indictments, or complaints (379.3).

Table 31: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts criminal caseload, 1976.  
States ranked by 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	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts						Limited												
		Beginning pending			As percent of filed			Change in pending			Beginning pending			As percent of filed						
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent	End	Number	Percent	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Filed	Disposed					
<b>Informations, Indictments, or complaints</b>																				
Illinois.....	11,193	19,278 <sup>1</sup>	520,112	437,221	20,511 <sup>1</sup>	84.1	N/A	1,233 <sup>1</sup>	6.4 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	297,066	N/A	89.6	N/A					
New Jersey.....	7,339	27,436	31,680	29,466	29,650	93.0	95.6	2,214	8.1	N/A	331,601	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Massachusetts.....	5,791	43,147	37,508	33,804	46,851	90.1	124.9	3,704	8.6	N/A	217,869	59,698 <sup>1</sup>	23,596 <sup>1</sup>	83.1P	43,147P					
Indiana.....	5,313	356 <sup>1</sup>	45,889	52,192	208 <sup>1</sup>	113.7	NC	-148 <sup>1</sup>	-41.6P	13,924P	71,804P	9,494 <sup>1</sup> P	22,176P	95.6P	19,693P					
Missouri.....	4,787	10,171	18,080	17,964	10,287 <sup>1</sup>	99.4	56.9	116	1.1	11,340P	20,330P	26,619	NC	109.1P	10,836P					
Wisconsin.....	4,610	24,504	78,403	78,725	24,182	100.4	30.8	-322	-1.3	N/A	N/A	251	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Tennessee.....	4,234	16,943	29,609	30,298	16,254	102.3	54.9	-689	-4.1	N/A	N/A	4,125	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Maryland.....	4,125	N/A	34,333	33,491	N/A	97.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	110,606	N/A	3,436	8,228 <sup>1</sup>	11,202 <sup>1</sup>	9,152 <sup>1</sup> P					
Kentucky.....	3,436	8,228 <sup>1</sup>	11,202 <sup>1</sup>	11,740 <sup>1</sup>	9,152 <sup>1</sup>	104.8 <sup>1</sup>	81.7 <sup>1</sup>	924 <sup>1</sup>	11.2 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	209,356	1,287P	1,287P	1,287P	1,287P					
Iowa.....	2,874	N/A	N/A	182,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	N/A	N/A	2,770	33,150 <sup>1</sup>	55,581 <sup>1</sup>	55,581 <sup>1</sup>					
South Carolina.....	2,844	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,415	95.3	43.5	1,287	11.6	N/A	70,546P	55,555 <sup>1</sup>	4,956 <sup>1</sup> P	94.5 <sup>1</sup>	53,150 <sup>1</sup> P					
Oklahoma.....	2,770	33,150 <sup>1</sup>	55,581	53,717	34,972 <sup>1</sup>	96.6	5.5 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,326	14,485	14,909	4,550	17.3 <sup>1</sup> P				
Oregon.....	2,326	4,974	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424	-8.5	4,226 <sup>1</sup> P	58,775 <sup>1</sup>	2,299	1,902	7,026P	7,026P	7,026P				
Kansas.....	2,299	1,902	7,026	6,867	2,061	97.7	29.3	159	8.4	N/A	N/A	2,117	7,675	11,730	8,758P	11,730P				
Arkansas.....	2,117	7,675	12,813	11,730	8,758	91.5	68.4	1,083	14.1	N/A	103,377 <sup>1</sup>	2,132	287	2,132	2,132					
Utah.....	1,232	287	3,068	2,494	861	81.3	28.1	574	200.0	N/A	23,920P	2,132	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Maine.....	1,071	3,844	6,533	6,339	4,038	97.0	61.8	194	5.0	N/A	N/A	2,105	7,030P	92.2	1,678P	1,678P				
Rhode Island.....	936	N/A	3,277	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,769P	N/A	2,105	1,678P	1,678P	1,678P	1,678P				
Montana.....	755	N/A	2,122	1,726	N/A	81.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,105	1,678P	1,678P	1,678P	1,678P				
South Dakota.....	686	N/A	N/A	13,278 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	2,105	87.3 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A				
North Dakota.....	645	N/A	1,051	989	N/A	94.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,687 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	2,105	92.9	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Vermont.....	477	4,567	16,897	16,853	4,701	99.2	27.7	134	2.9	NH	NH	2,105	7,030P	92.2	27.7	1,678P				
Alaska.....	408	564	991	1,077	480	108.7	48.4	-84	-14.9	5,352P	22,895	391	704 <sup>1</sup>	1,329P	1,346 <sup>1</sup> P	1,346 <sup>1</sup> P				
Wyoming.....	391	704 <sup>1</sup>	1,329	1,346 <sup>1</sup>	687 <sup>1</sup>	101.3 <sup>1</sup>	51.7 <sup>1</sup>	-17 <sup>1</sup>	-2.4 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	2,105	51.7 <sup>1</sup> P	-17 <sup>1</sup> P	-2.4 <sup>1</sup> P	-2.4 <sup>1</sup> P				
<b>Number of defendants</b>																				
California.....	21,522	N/A	57,430	52,242	N/A	91.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	720,573	579,812P	439,034 <sup>1</sup>	14,847P	6.6P	5,426P	57.6P				
New York.....	18,053	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A	119.0	N/A	N/A	9,421P	226,160P	665,949 <sup>1</sup>	179,666 <sup>1</sup> P	78.5 <sup>1</sup>	22,907 <sup>1</sup> P	14.6 <sup>1</sup> P	225,571 <sup>1</sup> P	14,847P			
Texas.....	12,599	68,612	78,317	77,370	69,759	98.8	89.1	947	1.4	156,759 <sup>1</sup> P	848,795 <sup>1</sup>	462,354P	4,450P	95.9P	-758P	-14.6P	249,425 <sup>1</sup> P			
Pennsylvania.....	11,802	29,124	76,302	74,343	25,064	97.4	32.8	-4,060	-13.9	5,208P	482,223P	294,029P	40,096P	101.3P	13.8P	6,770P	20.3P	39,813P		
Ohio.....	10,690	6,487	30,527	30,312	6,702	99.3	22.0	215	3.3	33,326P	290,393P	267,800 <sup>1</sup>	95,875 <sup>1</sup>	98.3 <sup>1</sup>	35.2 <sup>1</sup>	4,676 <sup>1</sup>	5.1 <sup>1</sup>	107,279 <sup>1</sup>	395,370P	
Michigan.....	9,113	16,080 <sup>1</sup>	122,894	43,459 <sup>1</sup>	18,746 <sup>1</sup>	NC	2,666 <sup>1</sup>	16.6 <sup>1</sup>	91,199 <sup>1</sup>	272,476 <sup>1</sup>	185,903P	N/A	86.9P	N/A	N/A	N/A	109,090P	280,039P		
Florida.....	8,353	52,242	66,166	63,887 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	146,848P	213,873P	260,163	N/A	98.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,174P	307,400	302,413	
Virginia.....	5,052	12,174	42,843	42,250	12,767	98.6	29.8	593	4.9	N/A	264,557	64,051P	N/A	89.2P	N/A	N/A	N/A	114,732P	104,273P	12,767P
Georgia.....	4,984	N/A	42,962	40,222	N/A	93.6 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	71,770P	62,273P	62,273P	17,252P	95.1	26.3	3,595	26.3	15,420P	74,432P	70,907P
Minnesota.....	3,954	1,763	8,919	8,634	2,043	96.8	22.9	280	15.9	13,657P	65,513P	92,992P	N/A	82.9 <sup>1</sup> P	N/A	N/A	N/A	164,455P	92,992P	N/A
Louisiana.....	3,875	N/A	52,297 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,158P	92,992P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,553P	25,466P	25,451P	10,568P
Alabama.....	3,655	10,553	25,466	25,451	10,568	99.9	41.5	15	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	126,117	14,374P	N/A	N/A
Washington.....	3,611	N/A	14,053	14,374	N/A	102.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,064	95,907	15,263								

Table 32: Felony caseload for general jurisdiction courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending				As percent of filed		Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End	Number	Percent	Change	
<b>Informations, Indictments, complaints</b>										
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>7</sup> .....	11,193	19,278 <sup>h</sup>	30,645	29,412	20,511	96.0	66.9	1,233	6.4	273.8
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court <sup>6</sup> .....	7,339	26,571 <sup>f</sup>	27,663	25,495	28,739	92.2	103.9	2,168	8.2	376.9
Massachusetts--Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	5,791	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894	89.7	125.7	1,959	8.9	328.4
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas <sup>6</sup> .....	4,787	N/A	N/A	13,957	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL.....	4,610	5,324 <sup>fh</sup>	14,833	12,767	7,390	86.1	49.8	2,066	38.8	321.8
Circuit Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	X	5,880	5,972	X	101.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	127.5
County Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	X	8,953	6,795	X	75.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	194.2
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court <sup>c</sup> .....	4,234	13,103 <sup>fh</sup>	22,001	22,894	12,290	104.1	95.9	-893	-6.8	519.6
Iowa--District Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,874	9,964 <sup>fj</sup>	18,015	16,534	11,458 <sup>j</sup>	91.8	NC	1,494	15.0	626.8
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,770	17,471 <sup>f</sup>	20,179	19,365	18,285	96.0	814	4.7	728.5	
Mississippi--Circuit Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,365	N/A	6,598	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	279.0
Oregon--Circuit Court <sup>11</sup> .....	2,326	4,974 <sup>h</sup>	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424	-8.5	622.7
Kansas--District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	2,299	1,417 <sup>f</sup>	5,514	5,427	1,504	98.4	27.3	87	6.1	239.8
Arkansas--Circuit Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,117	5,209 <sup>f</sup>	7,758	7,642	5,325	98.5	68.6	116	2.2	366.5
Rhode Island--Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	936	N/A	2,159	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	230.7
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	686	N/A	N/A	2,556	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--District Court <sup>6</sup> .....	645	N/A	852	781	N/A	91.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	132.1
Vermont--STATE TOTAL.....	477	1,012	2,341	2,245	1,108	95.9	47.3	96	9.5	490.8
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	11	37	26	22	70.3	59.5	11	100.0	7.8
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	1,001 <sup>f</sup>	2,304	2,219	1,086	96.3	47.1	85	8.5	483.0
Alaska--Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	408	531	782	898	415	114.8	53.1	-116	-21.8	191.7
Wyoming--District Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	391	704	1,329	1,346	687	101.3	51.7	-17	-2.4	339.9
<b>Number of defendants</b>										
California--Superior Court <sup>8</sup> .....	21,522	N/A	54,906	50,094	N/A	91.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	255.1
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	12,599	57,284	64,701	66,057	55,928	102.1	86.4	-1,356	-2.4	513.5
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas <sup>8</sup> .....	10,690	6,487 <sup>f</sup>	30,527	30,312	6,702	99.3	22.0	215	3.3	285.6
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	9,113	15,532	38,871	35,976	18,206	92.6	46.8	2,674	17.2	426.5
Circuit Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	10,811 <sup>f</sup>	25,821	24,962	11,670	96.7	45.2	859	7.9	283.3
Recorder's Court of Detroit <sup>9</sup> .....	--	4,721	13,050	11,014	6,536 <sup>g</sup>	84.4	50.1	1,815	38.4	NC
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b,9</sup> .....	8,353	52,097	65,799	63,856	(1)	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	787.7
Virginia--Circuit Court <sup>8</sup> .....	5,052	7,737 <sup>fh</sup>	23,772	23,252	8,257	97.8	34.7	520	6.7	470.5
Georgia--Superior Court <sup>c,9</sup> .....	4,984	N/A	24,850	23,263	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	498.6
Louisiana--District Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	3,875	N/A	14,721	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	379.9
Colorado--District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	2,575	N/A	10,972	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	426.1
Arizona--Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	2,249	4,678	10,556	10,334	4,900	97.9	46.4	222	4.7	469.4
Nebraska--District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	1,552	777	4,416	4,431	762	100.3	17.3	-15	-1.9	284.5
Hawaii--Circuit Court <sup>8</sup> .....	884	1,329	1,551	1,258	1,622	81.1	104.6	293	22.0	175.5
Idaho--District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	833	752 <sup>fh</sup>	2,620	2,451	921	93.5	35.2	169	22.5	314.5
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a,9</sup> ....	700	2,008	4,227	4,759	1,476	112.6	34.9	-532	-26.5	603.9
<b>Number of charges</b>										
Puerto Rico--Superior Court <sup>10</sup> .....	3,214	14,148	15,077	14,361	14,869	95.3	98.6	721	5.1	469.1
No consistent definition										
North Carolina--Superior Court <sup>12</sup> .....	5,462	N/A	29,010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	531.1
Note: Felony preliminary cases are not included on this table. Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.										

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.<sup>c</sup>Judge information.<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.<sup>i</sup>Additional information available.<sup>6</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations or Indictments.<sup>7</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations, Indictments, or complaints.<sup>8</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information, Indictment, or complaint.<sup>9</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information, Indictment, or complaint.<sup>10</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.<sup>11</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the Information, Indictment, or complaint at arraignment.<sup>12</sup>The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Figure X: Number of criminal cases filed in trial courts per 100,000 population, by unit of count.

'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:

'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
All units of count:				
Felony (Table 32) . . . . .	32	132.1	787.7	405.0
Misdemeanor (Table 33) . . . . .	35	6.4	6,477.2	2,124.6
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34) . . . . .	49	175.4	6,990.8	1,943.4
Ordinance violations (Table 35) . . . . .	14	26.1	5,392.2	1,238.1
Felony preliminary (Table 36) . . . . .	22	106.8	1,153.3	507.0
Criminal appeals (Table 37) . . . . .	22	4.4	589.7	117.1
Information, indictment, or complaint:				
Felony (Table 32) . . . . .	16	132.1	728.5	334.2
Misdemeanor (Table 33) . . . . .	18	6.4	5,122.0	2,174.5
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34) . . . . .	23	246.2	5,488.4	1,972.3
Ordinance violations (Table 35) . . . . .	4	533.3	1,246.2	579.0
Felony preliminary (Table 36) . . . . .	10	106.8	746.2	420.6



disposed cases as percent of the number of filings could not be calculated. This may preclude any conclusions. Adjudication of misdemeanor caseloads may have been expedited, as in the felony category, as a result of the Speedy Trial Act or state and local provisions that mandate the timely disposition of criminal cases.

Figure U (above) indicates how well the trial courts disposed of their misdemeanor caseload. This figure is based on the 22 'states' that reported comparable data for misdemeanor cases filed and disposed in Table 33. Of these 22 'states', 18 disposed of 90 percent or better of the number of cases filed. Of these, four 'states' disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing the number of end pending cases over beginning pending cases. There were only four states that disposed of 80 to 90 percent of the number of misdemeanor cases filed. Nineteen states, however, did not report enough data to be calculated or did not report complete data for either dispositions or filings. With such a large number of states not reporting, or reporting data that cannot be compared, any inferences may be misleading.

Only 15 'states' reported comparable data for the computation of the number of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases. Only one state had over half the number of filings still pending at the end of the year. (See Figure V.) The percent changes in pending caseload are displayed in Table 33 and shown in Figure W. Of the 22 'states' reporting pending caseload, 6 reduced the number of pending cases and 6 had an increase in pending caseload of over 20 percent.

The system of ranking by population the 'states' that use the same unit of count, and of displaying the number of cases filed per 100,000 population, as is done in Table 33, allows for better

comparison. With all units of count taken together, there were 18 'states' reporting misdemeanor filings for all courts handling misdemeanors. For these 18 'states', the average number of cases filed per 100,000 population was 2,715.0 with a mid-point of 2,282.3 and a range of 971.0 to 6,477.2.

Felony and misdemeanor caseload (Table 34). Table 34 shows the combined **felony and misdemeanor** criminal caseload for the courts in 1976. Displayed in Table 34 are the reported data from Tables 32 and 33, plus data from five additional states that do not separate felonies from misdemeanors (**felony/misdemeanor**) and were not included in Tables 32 or 33. In viewing the data in Table 34 and in Figures U, V, and W, the reader will notice that the courts are remaining fairly current with their criminal caseload.

Figure U is based on the 51 'states' that reported data for **felony, misdemeanor, and felony/misdemeanor** caseload in Table 34. Of the 27 'states' reporting comparable filings and dispositions, 22 disposed of 90 percent or better of cases filed, with 8 'states' disposing of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. Four states disposed between 80 and 90 percent of the number of cases filed, and one state disposed of less than 70 percent of the number of cases filed. Twenty-three states, however, did not report enough data to be calculated or did not report comparable filings and dispositions. This number is large enough to change the distribution and percent range, and to lead to incorrect data interpretations if it is ignored.

There were 20 'states' that reported comparable data for the computation in Table 34 of end pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed. Of these 'states', 11 had less than half the

number of cases filed still pending at the end of the year, and 2 had more cases pending than were filed. (See Figure V.) Of the 34 'states' that reported pending caseload, 9 reduced the number of pending cases, 20 had less than a 20 percent increase, and only 1 had an increase of over 50 percent. (See Figure W.)

The final column in Table 34 displays the number of cases filed per 100,000 population. The minimum, maximum, average, and mid-point for this measure are given in Figure X, arranged according to case unit of count. With all units of count taken together, there were 24 'states' reporting felony and misdemeanor filings for all courts handling felony or misdemeanor cases. The average number of cases filed per 100,000 population was 2,971.4 with a mid-point of 2,769.0 and a range of 376.9 to 6,990.8.

Additional criminal case categories (Tables 35, 36, and 37). This group of tables (35-37) includes the following three criminal categories: **ordinance violations, felony preliminary, and criminal appeals.** Each table lists only the 'states' and courts that reported the specific case type in their data. The 'state' data are footnoted with a "p" if all courts handling the case type did not report data. These tables include the same five comparative measures that appear throughout the tables in the trial courts section.

The 'states' have been ranked by population and by unit of count to allow for easier comparison between 'states' of similar population and systems of counting. The listing of the data in this order and the use of the measure of the number of cases filed per 100,000 (last column in Tables 35-37) permit examination of possible patterns that may be developing. Population cannot be used as the only variable in seeking

correlations with caseload, but it is a possible indicator and should be coupled with other indices.

Some general comments can be made about Tables 35-37 and the measures used therein. First, collecting data is a cumbersome task; compiling and categorizing it into specific case types requires even more energy, time, and effort. It can be said, in looking at Tables 35-37, that the more selective the case type, the lower the number of states reporting such data. The number of 'states' and courts that appear in Tables 35-37 is small when compared with the number that appear in the tables showing **felony and misdemeanor** case types or certain civil case types. Second, it appears that most courts reported only "filed" and "disposed" as caseload for **ordinance violations, felony preliminaries, and criminal appeals.** This does not give a complete picture of caseload in the courts, but does show caseload added in the current year. Finally, reporting only part of the caseload affects the use of comparative measures in Tables 35-37. The rate of disposition of cases as a percent of filed and the number of cases filed per 100,000 population are the most complete columns.

With regard to this information, some limitations must be pointed out. The larger numbers of cases filed per 100,000 are scattered throughout the 'states', regardless of population size. The lack of correlation between population and cases filed may result from any of a number of reasons, some of which have been highlighted earlier. In addition, the variations in the case categories used by the 'states' make accurate compilation of caseload very difficult. Case definitions used by the 'states' may also cause inflated numbers and affect the measures. Factors such as these must be considered when making any comparison of case category statistics among 'states'. More complete statistics

Table 34: Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1976.

States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony, misdemeanor, or felony/misdemeanor caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	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	
<b>Informations, Indictments, complaints</b>								
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>7</sup>	11,193	19,278 <sup>11</sup>	458,190	378,335	20,511 <sup>11</sup>	82.6	N/A	1,233 <sup>1</sup> 6.4 <sup>1</sup> 4,093.5
<b>New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division) and County Courts<sup>6</sup></b>								
7,339	26,571 <sup>f</sup>	27,663	25,495	28,739	92.2	103.9	2,168 8.2	376.9
5,791	21,935 <sup>p</sup>	221,225	17,057 <sup>p</sup>	23,894 <sup>p</sup>	NC	NC	1,959 <sup>p</sup> 8.9 <sup>p</sup>	3,820.2
<b>Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL</b>								
Superior Court <sup>6</sup>	—	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894	89.7	125.7	1,959 8.9
District Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	187,051	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,230.0
Boston Municipal Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	171.1
Housing Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.8
Juvenile Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9
<b>Indiana--STATE TOTAL</b>								
5,313	14,280 <sup>P</sup>	99,009 <sup>P</sup>	95,585 <sup>P</sup>	23,804 <sup>P</sup>	96.5 <sup>P</sup>	NC	9,524 <sup>P</sup> 66.7 <sup>P</sup>	1,863.5 <sup>P</sup>
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	29,163	37,293	N/A	127.9	N/A	548.9
Criminal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup>	—	356	2,394	2,423	2089	101.2	8.7	-148 -41.6 NC
County Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	31,815	23,715	N/A	74.5	N/A	598.8
Municipal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup>	—	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573 <sup>9</sup>	90.3	66.2	9,655 69.4 NC
Juvenile Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup>	—	6	42	25	23	59.5	54.8	17 NC
<b>Missouri--STATE TOTAL</b>								
4,787	10,171 <sup>P</sup>	32,771 <sup>P</sup>	22,640 <sup>P</sup>	10,287 <sup>P</sup>	69.1 <sup>P</sup>	NC	116 <sup>P</sup> 1.1 <sup>P</sup>	684.6 <sup>P</sup>
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas <sup>5</sup>	—	10,171 <sup>f</sup>	18,080	17,964 <sup>J</sup>	10,287	99.4	56.9	116 1.1
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	14,691	4,676	N/A	31.8	N/A	N/A NC
<b>Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL</b>								
4,610	21,478 <sup>th</sup>	59,595	59,676	21,397	100.1	35.9	-81 -0.4	1,292.7
Circuit Court <sup>6</sup>	—	X	5,988	6,223	X	103.9	X	X X 129.9
County Court <sup>6</sup>	—	X	53,607	53,453	X	99.7	X	X X 1,162.8
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court <sup>5,6</sup>	4,234	16,943 <sup>fhp</sup>	29,609 <sup>P</sup>	30,298 <sup>P</sup>	16,254 <sup>P</sup>	102.3 <sup>P</sup>	54.9 <sup>P</sup>	-689P -4.1P 699.3P
<b>Maryland--STATE TOTAL</b>								
4,125	N/A	139,125	27,881 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	3,372.7
Circuit Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	28,519	27,856	N/A	97.7	N/A	N/A 691.4
County Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	110,606	25 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	2,681.4
Kentucky--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup>	3,436	8,208 <sup>P</sup>	11,013 <sup>P</sup>	11,589 <sup>P</sup>	9,094 <sup>P</sup>	105.2 <sup>P</sup>	82.6 <sup>P</sup>	886P 10.8P 320.5P
Iowa--District Court <sup>5</sup>	2,874	N/A	69,882	69,426	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL	2,844	11,128 <sup>P</sup>	80,831	27,193 <sup>P</sup>	12,415 <sup>P</sup>	NC	NC	1,287P 11.6P 2,842.2
Circuit Court, County Court, and Civil and Criminal Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,415 <sup>P</sup>	95.3	43.5 1,287 11.6 1,003.8
Magistrate Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	32,283	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,838.4
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>6</sup>	2,770	31,951 <sup>I</sup>	53,876	51,995	33,782	96.5	62.7	1,881 5.9 1,945.0
Mississippi--Circuit Court <sup>6</sup>	2,365	N/A	6,598 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	297.0P
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	5,767 <sup>P</sup>	51,104	49,153	5,337 <sup>P</sup>	96.2	NC	-430P -7.5P 2,197.1
Circuit Court <sup>11</sup>	—	4,974 <sup>h</sup>	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424 -8.5 622.7
District Court <sup>11</sup>	—	N/A	31,683	29,302	N/A	92.5	N/A	N/A 1,362.1
Justice Court <sup>11</sup>	—	N/A	793 <sup>h</sup>	4,936	4,942	787	100.1	15.9 -6 -0.8 212.2
Kansas--District Court <sup>7</sup>	2,299	1,467 <sup>P</sup>	5,660 <sup>P</sup>	5,571 <sup>P</sup>	1,556 <sup>P</sup>	96.4 <sup>P</sup>	27.5 <sup>P</sup>	89P 6.1P 246.2P
<b>Arkansas--STATE TOTAL</b>								
2,117	7,675 <sup>P</sup>	116,190	11,730 <sup>P</sup>	8,758 <sup>P</sup>	NC	NC	1,083 <sup>P</sup> 14.1 <sup>P</sup>	5,488.4
Circuit Court <sup>6</sup>	—	7,675 <sup>f</sup>	12,813	11,730	8,758	91.5	68.4	1,083 14.1 605.2
Municipal Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,688.4
City Court and Police Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	166.3
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.5
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	N/A	11,078 <sup>P</sup>	2,120 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	899.2P
District Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	2,520	2,120	N/A	84.1	N/A	N/A 204.5
Juvenile Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	238	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.3
City Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	8,320 <sup>J</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	675.3
Maine--Superior Court <sup>7</sup>	1,071	3,844 <sup>hd</sup>	6,533 <sup>P</sup>	6,339 <sup>P</sup>	4,038 <sup>hd</sup>	97.0 <sup>P</sup>	61.8 <sup>P</sup>	5.0P 610.0P
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	936	N/A	25,232	22,081 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A 2,695.7
Superior Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	2,867 <sup>h</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	306.3
District Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	22,365	22,081	N/A	98.7	N/A	N/A 2,389.4
Montana--District Court <sup>7</sup>	755	N/A	2,122 <sup>P</sup>	1,726 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	81.3 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	N/A 281.1P
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup>	686	N/A	13,278 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	15,339	13,494 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	88.0 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	N/A 2,378.1 <sup>I</sup>
District Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	902	850	N/A	94.2	N/A	N/A 139.8
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction <sup>1,7</sup>	—	N/A	9,939 <sup>I</sup>	8,616 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	86.7 <sup>I</sup>	N/A	N/A 1,540.9 <sup>I</sup>
County Justice Court <sup>1,7</sup>	—	N/A	4,498	4,028	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A 697.4
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	4,559	16,969	16,830	4,698	99.2	27.7	139 3.0 3,557.4
Superior Court <sup>6</sup>	—	11	41	30	22	75.2	55.7	11 100.0 8.6
District Court <sup>7</sup>	—	4,548 <sup>f</sup>	16,928	16,800	4,676	99.2	27.6	128 2.8 3,548.8
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	4,605 <sup>P</sup>	20,728	18,413 <sup>P</sup>	6,046 <sup>P</sup>	NC	NC	1,441P 31.3P 5,080.4
Superior Court <sup>6</sup>	—	N/A	815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	199.8
District Court <sup>7</sup>	—	4,605	18,452	17,041	6,046 <sup>P</sup>	92.4	32.8	1,441 31.3 4,522.5
Magistrates Court <sup>7</sup>	—	N/A	1,461	1,372	N/A	93.9	N/A	N/A 358.1
Wyoming--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	391	704 <sup>P</sup>	1,329 <sup>P</sup>	1,346 <sup>P</sup>	687 <sup>P</sup>	101.3 <sup>P</sup>	51.7 <sup>P</sup>	-17P -2.4P 339.9 <sup>P</sup>

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Table 34: Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1976 (continued)

and accurate classification of cases would permit more effective analysis of the data in Tables 35-37.

Tables 35-37 and the disposed cases as percent of the number of filed cases listed in Figure U (above) indicate that the courts and 'states' were keeping current to a degree in 1976 in disposing of cases being filed. In all three categories a majority of the states disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of cases filed. In addition, the major concentration for total criminal caseload falls in the same range. There are, however, a higher number of 'states' disposing of fewer than 80 percent of the number of cases filed for ordinance violations, felony preliminaries, and criminal appeals than for other criminal categories or for total criminal caseload.

The end pending cases as percent of the number of filed cases listed in Figure V (above) shows that Tables 35-37 indicate low proportions of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the court year. The majority of 'states' appear in the 0 to 30 percent range. In most of the other rows of this figure, the major concentration for all criminal cases appears in this same range, but for the other criminal categories, there are more 'states' located in the higher percent ranges.

The next measure, percent change in pending cases, in Figure W (above) and Tables 35-37, indicates that 'states' reported a decrease in cases pending at the end of the court year as follows: one 'state' for ordinance violations; three 'states' for felony preliminary; and three states for criminal appeals. In addition, the majority of states reported having less than a 20 percent increase in the cases pending at the end of the court year.

The minimum, maximum, average,

and mid-point for the cases filed per 100,000 population measure are displayed in Figure X. In the 7 'states' that reported ordinance violations, 11 'states' that reported felony preliminary, and 21 'states' that reported criminal appeals in all courts handling the case type, the average number of cases filed per 100,000 population was 1,517.8, 585.2, and 122.0, respectively.

**General comparisons.** A few general comparisons can be made by using the results of the five measures from Tables 31-37, which are displayed in Figures U, V, W, and X. First, the disposition rate (dispositions as a percent of the number of cases filed) was in general higher for the **felony** case category and lower for the **criminal appeals** case category, with the **misdemeanor** rate also being fairly high. Second, the number of cases pending at the end of the year as a percent of the number of cases filed indicates that the **felony** case category has the higher ratios of pendings to filings, while the **ordinance violations** case category has the lower ratios. Third, the percent change in pending caseload is similar for all case categories except that the **misdemeanor** and **ordinance violations** case categories have a slightly higher proportion of the 'states' with over a 20 percent increase. Finally, the filed per 100,000 measure indicates that the largest volume of criminal cases is in the **misdemeanor** case category, the smallest volume is in the **criminal appeals** category, and the next smallest volume is in the **felony** case category. When the averages are compared, the number of filings per 100,000 for **ordinance violations** is higher than for **felony preliminary**, but the mid-points are similar.

In summary, it appears that the

Table 35: Ordinance violations caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending			As percent of filed			Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number Percent			
<b>Informations, indictments, complaints</b>										
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>7</sup> .....	11,193	N/A	61,922	58,886	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	553.2
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court <sup>7</sup> .....	4,610	N/A	N/A	25,044P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa--District Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,874	N/A	N/A	95,183	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon--Municipal Court <sup>11</sup> .....	2,326	3,433bP	14,070P	13,334P	4,169P	94.8P	29.6P	736P	21.4P	604.9P
Nebraska--County Court <sup>7</sup> .....	1,552	1,291P	8,277P	8,211P	1,357P	99.2P	16.4P	66P	5.1P	533.3P
Utah--City Court <sup>7</sup> .....	1,232	N/A	15,353P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,246.2P
<b>Number of defendants</b>										
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	N/A	29,298	21,564P	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	136.1
Justice Court <sup>9</sup> .....	—	N/A	4,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8
Municipal Court <sup>9</sup> .....	—	N/A	25,250	21,564	N/A	85.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	117.3
New York--District Court and City Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	18,053	N/A	N/A	20,736P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court <sup>9</sup> .....	11,802	N/A	214,570P	205,475P	N/A	95.8P	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,818.1P
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit <sup>9</sup> .....	9,113	N/A	75,178P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Florida--County Court <sup>9,12</sup> .....	8,353	7,214P	14,214P	12,519P	(K)	88.1P	N/A	N/A	N/A	170.2
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court <sup>1</sup> , Municipal and Traffic Court <sup>9</sup> .....	3,875	N/A	91,131P	72,256P	N/A	79.3P	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,351.8P
Washington--Municipal and Police Court <sup>9</sup> .....	3,611	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,083.1
Kentucky--Police Court <sup>b,9</sup> .....	3,436	N/A	185,275	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,392.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>9,12</sup> .....	700	237	3,177	3,168	2829	99.7	8.9	45	19.0	453.9
<b>Number of charges</b>										
Puerto Rico--District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	3,214	263P	840P	895P	208P	106.5P	24.8P	-55P	-20.9P	26.1P
Hawaii--District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	884	399	25,070	24,881	588	99.2	2.3	189	47.4	2,836.0
<b>No consistent definition</b>										
Minnesota--County Court <sup>12</sup> .....	3,954	875P	5,086P	4,924P	1,1669P	96.8P	22.9P	291P	33.3P	128.6P

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>d</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>e</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>f</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>g</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>6</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations or indictments.

<sup>7</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations, indictments, or complaints.

<sup>9</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>10</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

<sup>11</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.

<sup>12</sup>The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

trial courts are keeping current with the criminal caseload entering the court system. Some of the reasons for this may be identified as (1) speedy trial provisions, (2) local or state time guidelines for processing criminal cases, (3) federal agencies that provide grants to study court improvement, and (4) alternative types of programs that operate within the trial courts.

In this annual report, more data are available because of the growing awareness among state court administrators of the need for good data. Traffic cases were removed from the criminal section. This has caused some problems in that some states reported criminal and traffic combined, and the data could not be separated. In future annual reports, this separation will be pursued.

Table 36: Felony preliminary caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	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		
<b>Informations, indictments, complaints</b>										
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	5,313	186P	6,353P	4,756P	8P	74.9P	NC	-178P	-95.7P	119.6P
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	186	2,001	927	89	46.3	0.4	-178	-95.7	37.7
County Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	N/A	4,352	3,829	N/A	88.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.9
Missouri--St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction <sup>7</sup> .....	4,787	N/A	5,113P	3,067P	N/A	60.0P	N/A	N/A	N/A	106.8P
Iowa--District Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,874	2,709	19,980	19,590	3,099	98.0	15.5	390	14.4	695.2
South Carolina--Magistrate Court <sup>6</sup> .....	2,644	N/A	18,263P	18,367P	N/A	100.6P	N/A	N/A	N/A	642.2P
Oregon--District Court <sup>11</sup> .....	2,326	N/A	8,086P	7,977P	N/A	98.7P	N/A	N/A	N/A	291.9P
Nebraska--County Court <sup>7</sup> .....	1,552	4,171P	4,328P	3,998P	4,502P	92.4P	104.0P	331P	7.9P	347.6P
Utah--City Court <sup>7</sup> .....	1,232	N/A	5,038	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico--Magistrate Court <sup>b,7</sup> .....	1,172	N/A	8,745P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	746.2P
Rhode Island--District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	936	N/A	6,392P	6,108P	N/A	95.6P	N/A	N/A	N/A	682.9P
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL.....	645	N/A	1,250 <sup>1</sup>	1,049 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	83.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	193.8
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	N/A	961 <sup>1</sup>	821 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	85.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	149.0
County Justice Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	N/A	289	228	N/A	78.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.8
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	408	476P	1,548	1,426	573P	92.1	NC	97P	20.4P	379.4
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	476	1,449	1,359	573P	93.8	39.5	97	20.4	355.1
Magistrates Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	N/A	99	67	N/A	67.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.3
<b>Number of defendants</b>										
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	N/A	105,421	80,149P	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	489.8
Justice Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	N/A	10,423	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.4
Municipal Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	N/A	94,998	80,149	N/A	84.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	441.4
New York--District Court and City Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	18,053	N/A	N/A	13,740P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802	950P	113,975	115,919	757P	101.7	NC	-193P	-20.3P	965.7
Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	950	11,934	12,127	757	101.6	6.3	-193	-20.3	NC
District Justice Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	N/A	102,041	103,792	N/A	101.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	864.6
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	5,152	42,531	43,556	5,318	102.4	12.5	166	3.2	397.9
County Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	510	3,997	3,812	7099	95.4	17.7	199	39.0	37.4
Municipal Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	4,642	38,534	39,744	4,609P	103.1	12.0	-33	-0.7	360.5
Florida--County Court <sup>b,9</sup> .....	8,353	15,347P	22,031P	20,803P	JP (k)	94.4P	N/A	N/A	N/A	263.7P
Washington--District Court <sup>k,9</sup> .....	3,611	N/A	9,083	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	251.5
Kentucky--Quarterly Court and Police Court <sup>b,9</sup> .....	3,436	N/A	24,081	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	700.8
Colorado--County Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	2,575	OP	16,120P	16,120P	OP	100.0P	0.0P	OP	--	626.0P
Arizona--Justices of the Peace <sup>1,9</sup> .....	2,249	N/A	14,058	14,058	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	625.1
Idaho--Magistrates Division <sup>a,9</sup> .....	833	1,191	4,866	4,631	1,426	95.2	29.3	235	19.7	584.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a,9</sup> .....	700	243	8,073	8,139	177	100.8	2.2	-66	-27.2	1,153.3
<b>Number of charges</b>										
Puerto Rico--TOTAL.....	3,214	7,084P	21,766P	97,894	7,392P	NC	NC	308P	4.3P	677.2P
Superior Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	463	860	904	419	105.1	48.7	-44	-9.5	26.8
District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	6,621	20,906	20,554	6,973	98.3	33.4	352	5.3	650.5
Justices of the Peace <sup>10</sup> .....	--	N/A	N/A	67,267J	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	N/A	N/A	9,169J	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii--District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	884	N/A	N/A	738	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Justice of the Peace Court <sup>10</sup> .....	582	N/A	1,186P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	203.8P
<b>No consistent definition</b>										
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	827	N/A	N/A	2,999P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court <sup>12</sup> .....	--	N/A	N/A	2,920	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>12</sup> .....	--	N/A	N/A	79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

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<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>9</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and disposition.

<sup>10</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>l</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>6</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.

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

<sup>8</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.

<sup>9</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>10</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

<sup>11</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.

<sup>12</sup>The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 37: Criminal appeals caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	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		
<b>Informations, indictments, complaints</b>										
New Jersey--County Court <sup>6</sup> .....	7,339	797 <sup>f</sup>	3,790	3,730	857	98.4	22.6	60	7.5	51.6
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	21,212P	34,152	16,747P	22,957P	NC	NC	1,745P	8.2P	589.7
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	21,212	18,492	16,747	22,957	90.6	124.1	1,745	8.2	319.3
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	N/A	15,660	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	270.4
Missouri--STATE TOTAL.....	4,787	N/A</								

courts), trial conviction, acquittal, nolle prosequi, and dismissal (which includes cases dismissed because of action on another case). Twenty-nine court systems (27 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) reported data for inclusion in Table 38. Because of the small number of states reporting each type of criminal disposition data, comparisons or specific conclusions could be misleading, but some interesting points can be noted.

Among the six disposition types, the disposition type "pleas" is reported most often. Of the 29 'states' displayed in Table 38, 28 reported data for this disposition type in some courts. In addition, 13 of the 25 'states' with percents computed used this method of disposition for 50 percent or more of the cases disposed. The average of the 25 state proportions of total dispositions that fall into the "pleas" category is 50.6 percent. The next disposition type for which data were most complete is "dismissals." Of the 29 states, 25 reported dismissal

data for some courts. The average of the 21 state values of dismissal dispositions was much lower--22.3 percent. If the individual court values are looked at instead of the 'state' total values, more data are available, but the averages and midpoints are similar to those for the 'state' totals. For all courts reporting, the average percent of cases disposed by a guilty plea was 48.7, with 6.5 percent of the cases resulting in a trial conviction, 4.0 percent resulting in an acquittal, 17.4 percent resulting in a nolle prosequi, and 22.4 percent being dismissed. These averages along with the ranges and midpoints are displayed in Figure Y (below).

One very important point about Table 38 is that only 29 court systems reported data for inclusion, and not all courts in each of these 'states' reported data. This makes comparison very difficult because data from the other courts and other states could change the picture completely. Therefore, conclusions drawn at this time may be misleading.

**Figure Y: Criminal disposition types as a percent of the number of criminal dispositions in trial courts.**

Percent of criminal dispositions for individual courts:	Courts reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
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Disposition type:	Plea . . . . .	45	6.1	82.5	48.7	49.4
Total conviction . . .	12	23.6	78.7	48.3	51.2	
Trial conviction . . .	18	0.2	16.7	6.5	6.0	
Acquittal . . . . .	18	0.1	17.5	4.0	2.4	
Nolle prosequi. . . . .	13	3.8	39.6	17.4	17.5	
Dismissal . . . . .	41	1.8	50.4	22.4	21.5	

Percent of criminal dispositions for 'state' totals for all courts reporting:	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
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Disposition type:	Plea . . . . .	24	20.9	76.8	50.6	51.4
Total conviction . . .	5	33.2	78.7	56.9	58.0	
Trial conviction . . .	7	1.9	8.1	5.2	5.5	
Acquittal . . . . .	8	1.3	15.9	3.9	2.4	
Nolle prosequi. . . . .	6	5.7	28.5	18.3	18.2	
Dismissal . . . . .	21	1.8	41.2	22.3	22.2	

**Criminal trial data (Table 39).** This table displays the 69 individual courts that reported criminal trial data. The 'states' have been listed in population order within their particular unit of count grouping. This table includes four kinds of information that will aid comparison: (1) case categories that were included in the reporting of trial data; (2) the court's definition of a criminal trial; (3) the number and percent of jury and non-jury trials as a percent of total criminal trials, and (4) the percent of jury, non-jury, and total trials as compared to the total criminal dispositions.

Table 39 does not permit definite conclusions about the data or direct comparisons between 'states' for the following reasons: (1) the data do not represent the same case categories in each court; (2) the trial definitions are not similar throughout the courts displayed; (3) the courts use different units of count; and (4) the data displayed are only a small proportion of the total picture that could be displayed, given complete data from all

**Figure Z: Criminal jury and non-jury trials as a percent of the total trials and a percent of the criminal dispositions, by unit of count.**

Courts reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point	
Jury trials as a percent of total trials:					
All units of count . . . . .	46	0.0	88.9	37.9	40.2
Informations, indictments, or complaints . . . . .	18	0.0	88.9	39.1	39.0
Number of defendants . . . . .	23	0.0	78.0	37.3	42.6
Non-jury trials as a percent of total trials:					
All units of count . . . . .	53	11.1	100.0	67.1	77.1
Informations, indictments, or complaints . . . . .	12	11.1	100.0	68.1	82.2
Number of defendants . . . . .	26	22.0	100.0	67.0	65.2
Jury trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count . . . . .	52	0.0	15.1	4.7	4.2
Informations, indictments, or complaints . . . . .	18	0.0	15.1	5.7	4.2
Number of defendants . . . . .	28	0.2	13.6	4.2	4.4
Non-jury trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count . . . . .	52	0.3	92.4	13.1	6.6
Informations, indictments, or complaints . . . . .	22	0.3	46.0	13.1	6.8
Number of defendants . . . . .	25	0.8	92.4	14.5	7.8
Total trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count . . . . .	51	0.3	98.5	16.0	12.5
Informations, indictments, or complaints . . . . .	25	0.3	51.9	17.0	14.6
Number of defendants . . . . .	31	0.4	98.5	16.6	11.3

'states'. These differences are quite evident when the ranges in percents in Figure Z are examined. The proportion of trials that are jury trials ranges from 0.0 to 88.9 percent, and the proportion of trials that are non-jury trials ranges from 11.1 to 100.0 percent. The average percent of trials that are jury trials is 37.9 percent, while the average percent of trials that are non-jury trials is 67.1 percent, indicating that there are approximately twice as many non-jury trials as jury trials for criminal cases.

The percent of criminal cases disposed by jury trials and non-jury trials ranges widely, however, with values from 0.0 to 15.1 for jury trials, and from 0.3 to 92.4 for non-jury trials. While the average percents are 4.7 for jury, 13.1 for non-jury, and 16.0 for all criminal trials, the only comparable figures are for jury trials because there are many more definitional problems for non-jury trials (some states include everything other than jury trials as non-jury trials).

Table 38: Criminal disposition types for trial courts, 1976.  
 States ranked by 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	State population In thousands	Total criminal disposi- tions	Plea		Total conviction		Trial conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed
<b>Informations, indictments, complaints</b>														
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	326,532	15,329 <sup>P</sup>	NC	109,770	NC	1,809 <sup>P</sup>	NC	1,355 <sup>P</sup>	NC	N/A	N/A	6,827 <sup>P</sup>	NC
Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court <sup>5</sup> .....	--	29,466	15,329	52.0	N/A	N/A	1,809	6.1	1,355	4.6	N/A	N/A	6,827	23.2
County District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	2,320	N/A	N/A	330	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	294,746	N/A	N/A	109,440	37.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana--Criminal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> ...	5,313	2,423	766	31.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	436	18.0
Missouri--STATE TOTAL.....	4,787	22,640	14,666	64.8	N/A	N/A	29 <sup>P</sup>	NC	4 <sup>P</sup>	NC	2,184 <sup>P</sup>	NC	2,734 <sup>P</sup>	NC
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas <sup>6</sup> ..	--	17,964	10,807	60.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,184	12.2	2,734	15.2
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction <sup>7</sup> ...	--	4,676	3,859	82.5	N/A	N/A	29	0.6	4	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah--STATE TOTAL.....	1,232	26,684	9,548	35.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,553	24.6
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	2,494	1,268	50.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	367	14.7
City Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	24,190	8,280	34.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,186	25.6
Rhode Island--District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	936	6,108	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,300	37.7
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	686	13,278	8,623	64.9	N/A	N/A	726	5.5	188	1.4	N/A	N/A	1,828	13.8
Vermont--STATE TOTAL.....	477	16,853	12,044	71.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,089	18.3	1,402	8.3
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	.53	5	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	3.8	8	15.1
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	16,800	12,039	71.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,087	18.4	1,394	8.3
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	408	19,298	11,892	61.6	12,636	65.5	712	3.7	316	1.6	N/A	N/A	4,467	23.1
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	--	898	429	47.8	561	62.5	100	11.1	31	3.5	N/A	N/A	247	27.5
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	--	18,400	11,463	62.3	12,075	65.6	612	3.3	285	1.5	N/A	N/A	4,220	22.9
Wyoming--District Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	391	1,346	531	39.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	404	30.0
<b>Number of defendants</b>														
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	632,054	346,762	54.9	N/A	N/A	1,722 <sup>P</sup>	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	125,138	19.8
Superior Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	52,242	34,958	66.9	N/A	N/A	6,722	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,136	11.7
Municipal Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	579,812	311,804	53.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	119,002	20.5
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	340,815	159,648	46.8	N/A	N/A	2,582 <sup>P</sup>	NC	1,656 <sup>P</sup>	NC	N/A	N/A	140,485	41.2
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	37,662	26,006	69.1	N/A	N/A	2,175	5.8	1,041	2.8	N/A	N/A	8,440	22.4
Criminal Court of the City of New York <sup>9</sup> ...	--	220,734	99,727	45.2	N/A	N/A	407	0.2	615	0.3	N/A	N/A	91,650	41.5
District Court and City Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	82,419	33,915	41.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40,395	49.0
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599	743,319	104,029 <sup>P</sup>	NC	49,001 <sup>P</sup>	NC	71,534 <sup>P</sup>	NC	2,771	3.1	N/A	N/A	160,506	21.6
District Court <sup>8</sup> and Criminal District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	--	77,370	39,970	51.7	49,001	63.3	N/A	N/A	784	1.0	N/A	N/A	26,897	34.8
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	145,516	64,059	44.0	N/A	N/A	1,676	1.2	1,218	0.8	N/A	N/A	67,076	46.1
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	360,950	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43,205	12.0	18,080	5.0	N/A	N/A	40,156	11.1
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	159,483	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26,653	16.7	2,689	1.7	N/A	N/A	26,377	16.5

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Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802	524,570	225,588	43.0	N/A	N/A	28,012P	NC	39,557P	NC	22,845P	NC	24,442P	NC
Court of Common Pleas <sup>a</sup> .....	--	74,343	29,811	40.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,090	13.6	N/A	N/A
Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>b</sup> .....	--	32,237	1,965	6.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,755	39.6	N/A	N/A
District Justice Court <sup>c</sup> .....	--	417,990	193,812	46.4	N/A	N/A	28,012	6.7	39,557	9.5	N/A	N/A	24,442	5.8
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>d</sup> .....	11,193	38,408	17,032	44.8	18,609	48.9	1,577	4.1	990	2.6	N/A	N/A	13,996	36.8
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	324,341	150,281	46.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,783 <sup>e</sup>	NC	66,624	20.5
Court of Common Pleas <sup>b</sup> .....	--	30,312	16,550	54.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,783	12.5	4,131	13.6
County Court <sup>b</sup> .....	--	25,608	10,358	40.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,880	19.1		
Municipal Court <sup>b</sup> .....	--	268,421	123,373	46.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57,613	21.5		
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit <sup>d</sup> .....	9,113	17,829	9,813	55.0	N/A	N/A	1,303	7.3	481	2.7	N/A	N/A	5,572	31.3
Florida--STATE TOTAL.....	8,353	228,987 <sup>f</sup>	122,555	53.5	132,737	58.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> , <sup>g</sup> .....	--	63,887 <sup>i</sup>	31,422	49.2	34,131	53.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Court <sup>b</sup> , <sup>g</sup> .....	--	165,100	91,133	55.2	98,606	59.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia--STATE TOTAL.....	4,984	104,273	55,992	53.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,154	22.2
Superior Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>h</sup> , <sup>i</sup> .....	--	40,222	22,828	56.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,057	25.0
State Court <sup>g</sup> .....	--	60,701	31,977	52.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,792	21.1
Probate Court <sup>g</sup> .....	--	3,350	1,187	35.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	305	9.1
Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	3,653	25,451	15,136	59.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Connecticut--Superior Court <sup>b</sup> .....	3,102	4,100	3,148	76.8	3,226	78.7	78	1.9	55	1.3	719	17.5	100	2.4
Arizona--Superior Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>h</sup> .....	2,249	13,765	7,031	51.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,992	36.3
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	884	42,205	653P	NC	9,569P	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,420	5.7	4,996	11.8
Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	--	1,683	653	38.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	486	28.9	92	5.5
District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	40,522	N/A	N/A	9,569	23.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,934	4.8	4,904	12.1
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a</sup> , <sup>g</sup> .....	700	32,418	6,789	20.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,888	18.2	1,511	4.7
Delaware--Superior Court <sup>a</sup> , <sup>h</sup> .....	--	4,022	2,294	57.0	N/A	N/A	327	8.1	91	2.3	1,148	28.5	72	1.8
<b>Number of charges</b>														
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....	3,214	94,208	25,514	27.1	31,281	33.2	5,767	6.1	15,003	15.9	2,987P	NC	27,618	29.3
Superior Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	28,752	10,306	35.8	12,773	44.4	2,467	8.6	3,531	12.3	N/A	N/A	9,066	31.5
District Court <sup>10</sup> .....	--	65,456	15,208	23.2	18,508	28.3	3,300	5.0	11,472	17.5	2,987	6.7	18,552	38.3
<b>No consistent definition</b>														
North Carolina--Superior Court <sup>k</sup> , <sup>12</sup> .....	5,462	49,398	24,420	49.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL.....	3,954	65,983	36,132	54.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,102	33.5
District Court <sup>12</sup> .....	--	8,634	5,715	66.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,250	26.1
County Court <sup>12</sup> .....	--	32,149	18,852	58.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,153	22.2
County Municipal Court <sup>12</sup> .....	--	25,200	11,565	45.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,699	50.4
New Hampshire--Superior Court <sup>12</sup> .....	827	5,771	2,785	48.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,241	21.5	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed. 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.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>d</sup>Data were not complete.

<sup>e</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>f</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>g</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.

<sup>h</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

<sup>i</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.

<sup>j</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>k</sup>The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

<sup>l</sup>The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 39: Criminal trial data for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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	State population in thousands	Definitions										Criminal trials			Percent of criminal dispositions		
		Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Appeals	Felony preliminary	Jury	Non- jury	Jury	Non- jury	Total	Percent of total trials	Percent of total trials	Number of criminal disposi- tions	Non- jury trial	Jury trial	Total trial
<b>Informations, indictments, complaints</b>																	
New Jersey:	7,339																
Superior Court (Law Division)																	
and County Court <sup>6</sup> .....	—	/			B E	2,895	80.6	695	19.4	3,590	25,495	11.4	2.7	14.1			
County District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/	/	B E	NH	NH	379	100.0	379	2,320	NH	16.3	16.3			
Municipal Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/	/	E	NH	NH	5,385	100.0	5,385	294,746	NH	1.8	1.8			
Massachusetts--Superior Court <sup>6</sup> ....	5,791	/	/		C E	X	X	X	X	3,438	33,804	X	X	10.2			
Indiana:	5,313																
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	A A	846	13.2	5,571	86.8	6,417	49,789	1.7	11.2	12.9			
Criminal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	366	68.7	167	31.3	533	2,423	15.1	6.9	22.0			
County Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/		A A	81	2.0	3,944	98.0	4,025	27,544	0.3	14.3	14.6			
Juvenile Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	—	/			A A	0	0.0	10	100.0	10	25	0.0	40.0	40.0			
Municipal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	—	/			A A	100	0.8	11,946	99.2	12,046	32,129	0.3	37.2	37.5			
Missouri:	4,787																
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas <sup>6</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	C E	1,061	47.4	1,178	52.6	2,239	17,964	5.9	6.6	12.5			
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/	/	A A	NH	NH	33	100.0	33	9,494	NH	0.3	0.3			
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>6</sup> ....	4,125	/	/	/	A E	1,970	11.5	15,209	88.5	17,179	33,073	6.0	46.0	51.9			
Iowa--District Court <sup>6</sup> ....	2,874	/	/	/	C D	1,022	4.1	23,780	95.9	24,802	182,199	0.6	13.1	13.6			
Oregon:	2,326																
Circuit Court <sup>11</sup> .....	—	/			C D	1,059	64.7	577	35.3	1,636	14,909	7.1	3.9	11.0			
Municipal Court <sup>11</sup> .....	—		/		C D	X	X	X	X	2,270	13,334	X	X	17.0			
Utah:	1,232																
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	C E	340	70.0	146	30.0	486	2,494	13.6	5.9	19.5			
City Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/	/	C E	137	3.8	3,445	96.2	3,582	24,190	0.6	14.2	14.8			
Maine--Superior Court <sup>7</sup> .....	1,071	/	/		F F	X	X	X	X	604	6,339	X	X	9.5			
Rhode Island--District Court <sup>7</sup> ....	936	/	/		C E	NH	NH	9,420	100.0	9,420	28,189	NH	33.4	33.4			
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>6</sup> ...	686	/	/		C E	281	30.7	633	69.3	914	13,278	2.1	4.8	6.9			
Vermont:	477																
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	A A	8	88.9	1	11.1	9	53	15.1	1.9	17.0			
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	130	59.9	87	40.1	217	16,800	0.8	0.5	1.3			
Alaska:	408																
Superior Court <sup>6</sup> .....	—	/			A A	118	86.8	18	13.2	136	898	13.1	2.0	15.1			
District Court <sup>7</sup> .....	—		/		A A	447	47.7	491	52.3	938	17,041	2.6	2.9	5.5			
Wyoming--District Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>6</sup> ....	391	/			H H	79	22.4	273	77.6	352	1,346	5.9	20.3	26.2			
<b>Number of defendants</b>																	
California:	21,522																
Superior Court <sup>8</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	C E	4,695	42.6	6,317	57.4	11,012	52,242	9.0	12.1	21.1			
Municipal Court <sup>9</sup> .....	—		/	/	B E	X	X	X	X	60,488	579,812	X	X	10.4			
New York:	18,053																
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>8</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	X	X	X	X	3,090	37,662	X	X	8.2			
Criminal Court of the City of New York <sup>9</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	X	X	X	X	864	220,734	X	X	0.4			
District Court and City Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>9</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	X	X	X	X	1,449	68,679	X	X	2.1			
Texas:	12,599																
District Court and Criminal District Court <sup>8</sup> .....	—	/	/		C G	3,400	7.8	40,354	92.2	43,754	77,370	4.4	52.2	56.6			
County Court at Law and Con- stitutional County Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>9</sup> ...	—	/	/		A A	1,137	37.9	1,866	62.1	3,003	145,516	0.8	1.3	2.1			
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>9</sup> .....	—	/	/		A A	550	0.9	60,735	99.1	61,285	360,950	0.2	16.8	17.0			
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>1</sup> , <sup>9</sup> ...	—	/	/		A A	523	1.8	28,819	98.2	29,342	159,483	0.3	18.1	18.4			
Pennsylvania:	11,802																
Court of Common Pleas <sup>8</sup> .....	—	/	/	/	A A	3,272	31.6	7,071	68.4	10,343	74,343	4.4	9.5	13.9			
Philadelphia Municipal Court <sup>8</sup> ...	—	/			A NH	NH	6,342	100.0	6,342 <sup>20</sup>	32,237	NH	19.7	19.7				
District Justice Court <sup>9</sup> .....	—		/	/	NH K	NH	194,815	100.0	194,815	417,990	NH	46.6	46.6				
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>7</sup> .....	11,193	/			A A	1,147	44.7	1,420	55.3	2,567	38,408	3.0	3.7	6.7			
Ohio:	10,690																
Court of Common Pleas <sup>8</sup> .....	—	/			C D	2,049	46.6	2,									

### Traffic caseflow (Tables 40-43)

The fourth group of tables displays the traffic statistics available in 1976, both published and unpublished, for all the trial courts. Table 40 shows the total traffic caseflow categories; Tables 41 and 42 show total reported court caseflow for traffic case categories; and Table 43 reports traffic disposition types. In each of these tables, all 'states' have been arranged by population to facilitate comparison between states of similar size. The reader should note that only courts that have reported traffic data are displayed in Tables 41-43.

In addition, parking cases are not included in Tables 41 and 42 if states have reported parking separately from other traffic violations. If, however, states have included parking as a part of their traffic total, those figures are as reported. It is often impossible to tell whether parking cases have been included in the traffic data.

Total traffic caseflow (Table 40). Table 40 displays the total traffic caseflow for 1976 in three parts: general jurisdiction courts, limited jurisdiction courts, and all trial courts. The data in Table 40

are sparse. There are 13 states in the general jurisdiction section that handle traffic cases, and of those 13, all but one reported data for inclusion in Table 40. In comparison, of the states that handle traffic cases in limited jurisdiction courts, 12 did not report traffic data. In addition, the reader will note that of the 34 'states' that did report data, 4 provided only disposition data, 9 provided only filing data, 10 did not provide complete case disposition data, and 12 did not provide complete case filing data for all courts in the state (footnote "p").

The same measures that were used in the civil and criminal section have been used in this traffic section. The results of these measures are displayed in Figures AA, BB, and CC below. Although the data are sparse and thus prevent conclusions, the results of these measures should be noted.

The number of cases disposed as a percent of the number of cases filed indicates that a majority of the 'states' reporting disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of cases filed and all disposed of at least 74.8 percent of the number of cases filed at both the general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction level.

**Figure AA:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for traffic caseflow in trial courts.

	Range in percent					
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% to over	Total 'states' reporting
<b>Total traffic caseflow:</b>						
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	0	0	1	7	2	10
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	0	2	3	10	1	16
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 40) . . . . .	0	2	3	14	2	11
<b>Traffic case categories:</b>						
DWI/DUI (Table 41) . . . . .	0	1	0	3	1	5
Other traffic violations (Table 42) . . . . .	0	0	2	11	1	14

**Figure BB:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for traffic caseflow in trial courts.

	Range in percent						
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0 to 199.9%	200.0% and over	Total 'states' reporting
<b>Total traffic caseflow:</b>							
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 40) . . . . .	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
<b>Traffic case categories:</b>							
DWI/DUI (Table 41) . . . . .	2	1	2	0	0	0	5
Other traffic violations (Table 42) . . . . .	8	1	0	0	0	0	9

The proportion of the number of filed cases that remained pending at the end of the year is quite low for traffic caseflow. Of the seven 'states' at the general jurisdiction level and nine 'states' at the limited jurisdiction level that reported comparable data for the computation of end pending as a percent of the number of cases filed, only one state (reporting at the general jurisdiction level) had a percent over 30. For all trial courts, there were 13 'states' with between 0 and 30 percent of the number of cases filed still pending at the end of the year and only 1 state with over 30 percent (36.2).

The percent change in pending cases is also displayed in Table 40, with the number of 'states' having specific ranges of percents shown in Figure CC. There were two states in the general jurisdiction section, two 'states' in the limited jurisdiction section, and three 'states' in the all trial courts section that reduced the number of pending traffic cases. For 'states' with increases in pending traffic cases, most had less than a 20 percent increase for both levels of trial courts. Increases of over 50 percent occurred in only two, one, and three 'states' for general, limited, and all trial courts, respectively.

**Figure CC:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for traffic caseflow in trial courts.

	Range in percent						
	-60.0 to -20.1%	-20.0 to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over	Total 'states' reporting
<b>Total traffic caseflow:</b>							
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	1	1	3	1	2	0	8
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 40) . . .	0	2	6	4	1	0	13
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 40) . . . . .	0	3	9	4	3	0	19
<b>Traffic case categories:</b>							
DWI/DUI (Table 41) . . . . .	0	0	4	0	0	1	5
Other traffic violations (Table 42) . . . . .	0	1	5	2	3	0	11

Table 40: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts traffic caseload, 1976.  
States ranked by 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			As percent of filed		Change in pending		
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed
California.....	21,522	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	13,756,850
New York.....	18,053	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Texas.....	12,599	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	42,399 <sup>1</sup> P	5,510,451 <sup>1</sup>
Pennsylvania.....	11,802	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	2,758,296P
Illinois.....	11,193	N/A	2,305,483	2,229,623	N/A	96.7	N/A	N/A	—
Ohio.....	10,690	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	46,101P	1,339,866P
Michigan.....	9,113	2,563 <sup>1</sup>	782,255	6,439 <sup>1</sup>	3,169 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	606 <sup>1</sup>	23.6 <sup>1</sup>
Florida.....	8,353	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
New Jersey.....	7,339	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	3,495,397
Massachusetts.....	5,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,480,214
North Carolina.....	5,462	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	678,855
Indiana.....	5,313	N/A	48,337	46,991	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	226,459P
Virginia.....	5,052	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	820,859
Georgia.....	4,984	N/A	13,517	13,372 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	98.9 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	262,971 <sup>1</sup> P
Missouri.....	4,787	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin.....	4,610	35,770	395,792	393,429	38,133	99.4	9.6	2,363	6.6
Tennessee.....	4,234	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Maryland.....	4,125	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	677,673
Minnesota.....	3,954	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	5,014P	72,648P
Louisiana.....	3,875	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	387,983 <sup>1</sup>
Alabama.....	3,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Washington.....	3,611	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	746,510
Kentucky.....	3,436	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	426,446
Puerto Rico.....	3,214	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	21,755	234,719
Connecticut.....	3,102	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	17,730	227,207
Iowa.....	2,874	N/A	N/A	285,710	N/A	N/A	N/A	—	—
South Carolina.....	2,844	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	385,762P
Oklahoma.....	2,770	44,833	178,599	182,717	40,715	102.3	22.8	-4,118	-9.2
Colorado.....	2,575	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	37,613P	142,420P
Mississippi.....	2,365	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Oregon.....	2,326	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	30,420 <sup>1</sup> P	665,993 <sup>1</sup>
Kansas.....	2,299	46	229	192	83	83.8	36.2	37	80.4
Arizona.....	2,249	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	212,435 <sup>1</sup> P
Arkansas.....	2,117	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	413,389 <sup>1</sup>
West Virginia.....	1,832	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Nebraska.....	1,552	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	10,022P	151,609P
Utah.....	1,232	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	479,562P
New Mexico.....	1,172	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	62,231
Maine.....	1,071	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island.....	936	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	697P
Hawaii.....	884	171	650	751	70	115.5	10.8	-101	-59.1
Idaho.....	833	4,688	183,974	183,679	4,983	99.8	2.7	295	6.3
New Hampshire.....	827	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Montana.....	755	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia.....	700	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867	97.4	7.0	2,580	60.2
South Dakota.....	686	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	—	—
North Dakota.....	645	N/A	3	5	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada.....	613	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Delaware.....	582	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	719P	76,658P
Vermont.....	477	2,396	37,091	37,006	2,481	99.8	6.7	85	3.5
Alaska.....	408	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	14,156P	59,682
Wyoming.....	391	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

State	State population in thousands	Jurisdiction courts						All trial courts							
		As percent of filed			Change in pending			Beginning pending			As percent of filed				
		Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	End	Number	Percent	disposed	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending		
California.....	21,522	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,756,850	11,331,553P	N/A	NC	N/A		
New York.....	18,053	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,586,686 <sup>1</sup>	2,586,686 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Texas.....	12,599	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	42,399 <sup>1</sup> P	5,510,451 <sup>1</sup>	4,138,773 <sup>1</sup>	44,923 <sup>1</sup> P	75.1 <sup>1</sup>	2,524 <sup>1</sup> P	6.0 <sup>1</sup> P	
Pennsylvania.....	11,802	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	2,758,296P	2,063,464P	N/A	74.8P	N/A	N/A	
Illinois.....	11,193	N/A	2,305,483	2,229,623	N/A	96.7	N/A	N/A	—	N/A	96.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Ohio.....	10,690	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	46,101P	1,339,866P	1,338,424P	55,818P	99.9P	4.2P	9,717P	
Michigan.....	9,113	2,563 <sup>1</sup>	782,255	6,439 <sup>1</sup>	3,169 <sup>1</sup>	NC	NC	606 <sup>1</sup>	280,326 <sup>1</sup>	1,479,998 <sup>1</sup>	1,419,828 <sup>1</sup>	340,496 <sup>1</sup>	95.9 <sup>1</sup>	23.0 <sup>1</sup>	
Florida.....	8,353	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
New Jersey.....	7,339	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	3,495,397	2,836,791	N/A	81.2	N/A	N/A	
Massachusetts.....	5,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,480,214	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
North Carolina.....	5,462	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	678,855	N/A	72,698	N/A	10.7	N/A	
Indiana.....	5,313	N/A	48,337	46,991	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	46,150P	226,459P	203,088P	76,996P	89.7	30.8P	
Virginia.....	5,052	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	820,859	802,955	N/A	97.8	N/A	N/A	
Georgia.....	4,984	N/A	13,517	13,372 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	98.9 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	251,238 <sup>1</sup> P	251,238 <sup>1</sup> P	N/A	95.7 <sup>1</sup> P	N/A	N/A
Missouri.....	4,787	NH	NH	N											

Traffic case categories (Tables 41 and 42). Table 41 exhibits the data for the case type DWI/DUI (driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence). Eight states reported data for this case type. Data were provided by all courts handling DWI/DUI cases in only two of these states.

Table 42 displays the data for the case type other traffic violations. This table exhibits 28 'states' (27 states and the District of Columbia) that reported 1976 data for this case type for the trial courts. Only 12 'states' reported either filings or dispositions or both for all courts handling traffic cases.

The results of the caseload measures in Tables 41 and 42 are displayed in Figures AA, BB, CC, and DD. The number of 'states' that each of the measures was computed for is quite low. This makes conclusions based on these measures inadvisable; however, there are a few observations that can be made.

**Figure DD: Number of traffic cases filed in trial courts per 100,000 population.**

'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
DWI/DUI (Table 41)	8	3.8	1,219.9	518.0
Other traffic violations (Table 42)	22	0.5	23,613.6	10,270.0
				10,995.8
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting				
DWI/DUI (Table 41)	2	796.8	1,219.8	1,008.3
Other traffic violations (Table 42)	9	8,653.1	23,613.6	16,066.8
				14,260.2

In general, the 'states' reporting seemed to be handling both DWI/DUI and other traffic violations cases quite well. The disposition rate (dispositions as a percent of the number of cases filed) was over 90.0 percent for 4 of the 5 states reporting DWI/DUI caseload and for 12 of the 14 'states' reporting other traffic violations caseload.

The ratio of end pending cases to filed cases was low for all 'states' reporting information for the two traffic case categories. For DWI/DUI, only two states had more than 50.0 percent (55.3, 64.9) of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year, and only one state had more than 30.0 percent (31.9) of the number of other traffic violations cases filed pending at the end of the year.

There was an increase in the pending caseload for all 'states' reporting the two categories, except that one state reduced the number of pending for other traffic violations. The reported increases, however, were

not large and the number of 'states' reporting was quite low, thus preventing any conclusions.

The final measure in Tables 41 and 42 is the number of cases filed per 100,000 population. The minimum, maximum, average, and mid-point are given in Figure DD for all 'states' reporting and for 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling

the case type. Only two states reported filing data for all courts handling DWI/DUI cases and thus the average is not meaningful. Nine 'states' reported filing data for all courts handling other traffic violations and had an average of 16,066.8 cases filed per 100,000 population, with a mid-point of 14,260.2 and a range of 8,653.1 to 23,613.6.

**Table 41: DWI/DUI caseload for trial courts, 1976.**

States ranked by 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	Beginning pending		As percent of filed		Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number Percent	
Texas—County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court <sup>1</sup> .....	12,599	42,399P	69,222P	66,698P	44,923P	96.4P	64.9P	2,524P 6.0P 549.4P
Ohio—STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	9,797P	59,295P	59,638P	10,492P	100.6P	17.7P	695P 7.1P 554.7P
County Court.....	—	1,986	10,635	10,143	2,4609	95.4	23.1	474 23.9 99.5
Municipal Court.....	—	7,811	48,660	49,495	8,0329	101.7	16.5	221 2.8 455.2
Massachusetts—District Court.....	5,791	N/A	17,994P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	310.7P
South Carolina—Magistrate Court.....	2,844	N/A	10,419P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	366.4P
Oklahoma—District Court.....	2,770	4,490fp	9,492P	8,733P	5,249P	92.0P	55.3P	759P 16.9P 342.7P
Kansas—District Court.....	2,299	17fp	88P	67P	38P	76.1P	43.2P	21P 123.5P 3.8P
Arkansas—STATE TOTAL.....	2,117	N/A	25,824	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,219.8
Municipal Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	23,236	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,097.6
City Court and Police Court <sup>1</sup> .....	—	N/A	2,279	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	107.7
Justice of the Peace Court.....	—	N/A	309	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.6
Idaho—STATE TOTAL.....	833	1,086	6,637	6,547	1,176	98.6	17.7	90 8.3 796.8
District Court.....	—	6fh	20	24	2	120.0	10.0	— NC 2.4
Magistrates Division <sup>2</sup> .....	—	1,080fh	6,617	6,523	1,174	98.6	17.7	94 8.7 794.4

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation was deemed inappropriate if the division was less than 10.

<sup>1</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>2</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>3</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>4</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>5</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>6</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 42: Other traffic violations casflow for trial courts, 1976.  
States ranked by population. Courts reporting other traffic violations casflow. 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	
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	N/A	5,082,113	4,104,938P	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A
Justice Court.....	--	N/A	658,253	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,613.6
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	4,423,860	4,104,938	N/A	92.8	N/A	N/A
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	N/A	N/A	2,586,686	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court and City Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town and Village Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--Municipal Court.....	12,599	N/A	2,121,974P	2,068,481P	N/A	97.5P	N/A	16,842.4P
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	36,304P	1,280,571P	1,278,786P	45,326P	99.9P	3.5P	9,022P
County Court.....	--	4,156	144,054	143,374	4,804P	99.5	3.3	648
Municipal Court.....	--	32,148	1,136,517	1,135,412	40,522P	99.9	3.6	8,374
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit.....	9,113	2,563P	164,304P	6,439P	3,169P	606P	23.6P	NC
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	N/A	1,046,557	978,116	N/A	93.5	N/A	N/A
County District Court.....	--	N/A	38,833	32,455	N/A	83.6	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	1,007,724	945,661	N/A	93.8	N/A	13,731.1
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	N/A	501,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,653.1
District Court.....	--	N/A	487,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,425.3
Boston Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	13,191	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	5,313	46,150P	274,796P	250,079P	76,996P	91.0P	NC	30,846P
Superior Court and Circuit Court.....	--	N/A	48,337	46,991	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A
County Court.....	--	N/A	130,149	116,663	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court of Marion County.....	--	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996P	89.7	79.9	30,846
Georgia--Juvenile Court <sup>a</sup> .....	4,984	N/A	2,122P	1,964P	N/A	92.6P	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court.....	4,610	N/A	N/A	79,694P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota--County Court.....	3,954	N/A	N/A	354,003P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court, and New Orleans Traffic Court.....	3,875	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A	86.5	N/A	10,012.5
Kentucky--County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court <sup>b</sup> .....	3,436	N/A	426,446	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,411.1
Iowa--District Court.....	2,674	N/A	N/A	285,710	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	2,844	N/A	375,343P	1,436P	N/A	NC	N/A	13,197.7P
Family Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	1,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Magistrate Court.....	--	N/A	375,343	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,197.7
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770	40,343P	169,107P	173,984P	35,466P	102.9P	21.0P	-4,877P
Oregon--Municipal Court.....	2,326	23,144P	121,639P	117,350P	27,433P	96.5P	22.6P	4,289P
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299	29P	141P	125P	45P	88.7P	31.9P	16P
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	2,117	N/A	387,565	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,307.3
Municipal Court <sup>c</sup> .....	--	N/A	368,188	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,392.0
City Court and Police Court <sup>c</sup> .....	--	N/A	15,783	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	745.5
Justice of the Peace Court.....	--	N/A	3,594	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	169.8
Nebraska--County Court.....	1,552	10,022P	151,609P	150,007P	11,602P	98.0P	7.7P	1,580P
Utah--STATE TOTAL.....	1,232	N/A	155,703P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,644.7P
Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,108.6
City Court.....	--	N/A	142,125	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,536.1
Rhode Island--Family Court.....	936	N/A	697P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.5P
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	884	41,059	195,081	191,326	44,814	98.1	23.0	3,755
Circuit Court.....	--	171	650	751	70	115.5	10.8	-101
District Court.....	--	40,888	194,431	190,575	44,744	98.0	23.0	3,856
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	833	3,602	177,337	177,132	3,807	99.9	2.1	205
District Court.....	--	4th	1	2	3	NC	NC	-1
Magistrates Division <sup>d</sup> .....	--	3,596P	177,336	177,130	3,804	99.9	2.1	206
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	827	N/A	N/A	115,484	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	109,165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	6,319	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>e</sup> .....	700	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867	97.4	7.0	2,580
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL.....	645	N/A	3P	88,625	N/A	NC	N/A	0.5P
District Court.....	--	N/A	3	5	N/A	NC	N/A	0.5
County Court with increased Jurisdiction.....	--	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Justice Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Family Court <sup>a</sup> .....	582	234P	1,612P	1,580P	266P	98.0P	16.5P	32P
Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.								
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.								
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.								
aCourt jurisdiction.								
bParticular court or reporting system information.								
cJudge information.								
Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.								
9Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.								
fFigure was computed.								
1Data are not complete.								
2Data were not available for all courts in the state.								

#### Traffic disposition types (Table 43).

This table displays the 'states' and courts that reported traffic disposition types. There are data for 26 individual courts in 17 'states' (15 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico). To aid in comparison, the 'states' have been listed in population order. This table displays total traffic dispositions as well as the following eight disposition types: **plea**, **violations bureau**, **bail or bond forfeiture**, **total conviction**, **trial conviction**, **acquittal**, **nolle prosequi**, and **dismissal**. The disposition type **total conviction** includes pleas as well as other convictions by the courts. The violations bureau dispositions are cases where the disposition is rendered by a violations bureau; generally, these involve just the payment of a fine.

Because so few 'states' and courts reported data by disposition type for traffic cases and the disposition types may have overlapping definitions, conclusions are impossible; however, there are some interesting points that can be noted. The most commonly reported disposi-

tion type was **dismissal**, with 19 courts reporting an average of 7.5 percent of their traffic cases dismissed. (See Figure EE.) The next most commonly reported disposition type was **plea**, with 15 courts reporting an average of 45.6 percent of their traffic cases disposed after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere. **Violations bureau and bail or bond forfeiture** dispositions were each reported by nine courts, with averages of 63.2 percent and 48.7 percent of their traffic cases disposed, respectively. Both of these disposition types are probably used in a fashion similar to pleas, making the averages similar to the average for pleas. As with criminal cases, the proportion of traffic cases having an acquittal disposition was low, with an average of 2.8 percent of the dispositions in the seven courts reporting.

In summary, this Figure represents data on only some of the courts in about a third of the 'states'. The Figure does suggest, however, the conclusion that a majority of traffic cases do not go to trial or hearing.

Figure EE: Traffic disposition types as a percent of the number of traffic dispositions in trial courts.

Courts reporting	Percent of traffic dispositions			
	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
<b>Disposition type:</b>				
Plea . . . . .	15	6.3	87.9	45.6
Violations bureau . . . . .	9	41.0	87.8	63.2
Bail or bond forfeiture . . . . .	9	1.5	86.8	48.7
Total conviction . . . . .	7	9.2	97.4	53.1
Trial conviction . . . . .	6	1.2	9.6	3.6
Acquittal . . . . .	7	0.6	8.3	2.8
Nolle prosequi . . . . .	3	0.7	12.3	5.0
Dismissal . . . . .	19	0.1	39.1	7.5

Table 43: Traffic disposition types for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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	Plea		Violations bureau*		Bail or bond forfeiture		Total conviction		Trial conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed	Number	As percent of dis- posed
California--Municipal Court.....	21,522	11,331,553	1,068,989	9.4	N/A	N/A	8,752,169	77.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,292,688	11.4		
New York--District Court and City Court <sup>b</sup> ....	18,053	927,376	748,017	80.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	166,239	17.9		
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599	4,138,773	54,602 <sup>c</sup>	NC	2,029,086 <sup>d</sup>	NC	255,827 <sup>e</sup>	NC	N/A	N/A	210,089	5.1	65,622	1.6	N/A	N/A	344,144	8.3
County Court at Law, and Constitutional																		
County Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	66,698	54,602	81.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	855	1.3	487	0.7	N/A	N/A	9,503	14.2
Municipal Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	3,246,633	N/A	N/A	1,329,690	41.0	243,640	7.5	N/A	N/A	130,051	4.0	60,552	1.9	N/A	N/A	304,548	9.4
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	825,442	N/A	N/A	699,396	84.7	12,187	1.5	N/A	N/A	79,183	9.6	4,583	0.6	N/A	N/A	30,093	3.6
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court.....	11,802	1,099,190	878,696	80.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,393	3.3	90,853	8.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690	1,338,424	525,309	39.2	620,696	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,349	3.3
County Court.....	--	153,517	62,989	41.0	68,992	44.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,584	1.7
Municipal Court.....	--	1,184,907	462,320	39.0	551,704	46.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41,765	3.5
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	9,113	1,419,828	N/A	N/A	743,518	52.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court.....	--	1,277,551	N/A	N/A	644,061	50.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	142,277	N/A	N/A	99,457	69.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	2,836,791	N/A	N/A	2,367,364	83.5	N/A	N/A	356,657	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County District Court.....	--	62,717	N/A	N/A	55,092	87.8	N/A	N/A	5,764	9.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	2,774,074	N/A	N/A	2,312,272	83.4	N/A	N/A	350,893	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia--STATE TOTAL.....	4,984	262,646	81,357	31.0	N/A	N/A	150,803	57.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,881	6.8
Superior Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	13,372	3,634	27.2	N/A	N/A	8,628	64.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	940	7.0
State Court.....	--	136,727	46,305	33.9	N/A	N/A	69,639	50.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,440	6.9
Probate Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	112,547	31,398	27.9	N/A	N/A	72,536	64.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,501	6.7
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL.....	3,954	424,656	139,012	32.7	211,857 <sup>c</sup>	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,204	9.9
County Court.....	--	354,003	98,634	27.9	211,857	59.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,568	4.1
County Municipal Court.....	--	70,653	40,378	57.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,636	39.1
Washington--District Court and Justices of the Peace <sup>k</sup> .....	3,611	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	319,147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--District Court.....	3,214	231,112	169,787	73.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	172,514	74.6	2,727	1.2	6,991	3.0	N/A	N/A	20,319	8.8
Utah--City Court.....	1,232	425,682	43,509	10.2	N/A	N/A	369,585	86.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,180	1.5
Hawaii--District Court.....	884	545,340	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	411,353	75.4	67,662	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,870	0.7	12,456	2.3
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>f</sup> .....	700	95,323	6,040	6.3	N/A	N/A	9,367	9.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,693	12.3	3,063	3.2
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL.....	645	46,431	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,178	97.3	N/A	N/A	1,205	2.6	N/A	N/A	48	0.1
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction <sup>l</sup> .....	--	30,826	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30,031	97.4	N/A	N/A	776	2.5	N/A	N/A	19	0.1
County Justice Court <sup>f</sup> .....	--	15,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,147	97.1	N/A	N/A	429	2.7	N/A	N/A	29	0.2
Vermont--District Court.....	477	37,006	32,534	87.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	772	2.1	607	1.6
Alaska--District Court.....	408	56,419	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,524	68.3	1,095	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Judge Information.

<sup>c</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>d</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>e</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

\*Violations bureau dispositions are cases where the disposition is rendered by a violations bureau. Generally these involve just the payment of a fine. In the Texas Justice of the Peace Court these are called payment of fine dispositions.

### Juvenile caseflow (Tables 44-47)

The fifth group of tables displays trial court juvenile statistics, both published and unpublished. In each table, the 'states' have been arranged by population to aid comparison between states of similar size.

The juvenile tables have been divided into two subsets. The first subset consists of Table 44, which displays total juvenile caseflow. In the second subset (Tables 45-47), total reported caseflow is broken down into juvenile case categories. The reader should note that juvenile traffic caseload is not included in Tables 44-47 but has been incorporated in the general section "Traffic Caseflow" so as to enhance the clarity and comparability of the juvenile caseload. States that reported only total juvenile cases may have included juvenile traffic in that total, however.

As in the tables showing total, civil, criminal, and traffic caseflow, several measures are presented to allow comparisons among 'states'. These include the total number of cases disposed during the year listed as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year; the total number of pending cases at the end of the year shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed; and the number and percent change in year-end pending case figures as compared

to beginning pending case figures. In addition, the second subset uses the measure of the number of cases filed per 100,000 population.

Thirty of the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico indicated that they handle juvenile cases in their general jurisdiction courts, while 27 states handle juvenile cases in limited or special jurisdiction courts. When attempting comparisons of juvenile caseflow from these tables, it is important that the similarity of court jurisdictions be verified by reference to each court's profile in Part II of this report and that the types of cases included in the caseload be checked for similarity.

Total juvenile caseflow (Table 44). Table 44 exhibits 1976 juvenile caseflow for general and limited or special jurisdiction courts, and the total for all trial courts. In addition to caseflow figures, the measures mentioned earlier are included.

Table 44 and Figure FF indicate that the 'states' reporting data were keeping fairly current with juvenile caseflow, with almost half the 'states' disposing more cases than were filed. This may be indicative of an express desire by the courts and other court-related agencies for timely disposition of juvenile matters. Courts of general

**Figure FF: Number of 'states' with specified ranges of disposed cases as a percent of filed cases for juvenile caseflow in trial courts.**

	Range in percent					Total 'states' over reporting
	Under 70.0%	70.0 to 79.9%	80.0 to 89.9%	90.0 to 99.9%	100.0% and over	
<b>Total juvenile caseflow:</b>						
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	0	2	2	7	11	22
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	0	0	3	6	3	12
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 44) . . . . .	0	2	3	11	14	30
<b>Juvenile case categories:</b>						
Delinquency (Table 45) . . . . .	0	1	1	11	5	18
Dependency and neglect (Table 46) . . . . .	0	0	2	2	10	14
Status offenses (Table 47) . . . . .	0	0	0	6	5	11

Table 44: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts juvenile caseload, 1976.  
States ranked by 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			As percent of filed			Change in pending			Beginning					
		disposed	filed	disposed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed			
California.....	21,522	N/A	107,917	103,664	N/A	96.1	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	103,664	N/A	125.2	N/A		
New York.....	18,053	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,396	48,872	61,174	12,057	661	5.8		
Texas.....	12,599	5,328	11,031	11,411	4,948	103.4	44.9	-380	-7.1	1,090 <sup>1</sup>	1,296 <sup>1</sup>	1,232 <sup>1</sup>	49.3 <sup>1</sup>	-346 <sup>1</sup>	-5.4 <sup>1</sup>	
Pennsylvania.....	11,632	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859	102.9	13.1	-1,061	-17.9	NH	NH	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859	
Illinois.....	11,193	13,605	25,731	26,529	12,808	103.1	49.8	-798	-5.9	--	--	13,606	25,731	26,529	12,808	
Ohio.....	10,690	19,226	189,342	190,321	18,247	100.5	9.6	-979	-5.1	NH	NH	19,226	189,342	190,321	18,247	
Michigan.....	9,113	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	25,623	22,935	N/A	89.5	N/A	N/A	
Florida.....	8,353	20,767	64,377	61,365	N/A	95.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	20,767	64,377	61,365	(1)	95.3	N/A
New Jersey.....	7,339	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,602	84,484	83,276	12,810	98.6	15.2	1,208	10.4
Massachusetts.....	5,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	49,467	49,467	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
North Carolina.....	5,462	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	22,757	22,906	N/A	100.7	N/A	N/A	
Indiana.....	5,313	N/A	12,981	13,331	N/A	102.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677	100.4	NC	
Virginia.....	5,052	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	111,675	103,414	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Georgia.....	4,984	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	28,362 <sup>1</sup>	27,727 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	97.8 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	
Missouri.....	4,787	10,530	16,929	18,443	9,016	108.9	53.3	-1,514	-14.4	NH	NH	10,530	16,929	18,443	9,016	
Wisconsin.....	4,610	N/A	N/A	22,561	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	10,530	16,929	18,443	9,016	
Tennessee.....	4,234	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,397 <sup>P</sup>	19,036	19,106	1,677 <sup>P</sup>	
Maryland.....	4,125	N/A	25,185	27,751	N/A	110.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	111,675	103,414	92.6	N/A	
Minnesota.....	3,954	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	
Louisiana.....	3,875	N/A	10,406 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	
Alabama.....	3,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	
Washington.....	3,611	N/A	13,433	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	14,168 <sup>P</sup>	N/A	
Kentucky.....	3,436	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	26,043	26,043	N/A	107.1	N/A	N/A	
Puerto Rico.....	3,214	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	93.8	46.0	385	15.6	NH	NH	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	
Connecticut.....	3,102	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,692	14,452	14,452	14,452	9.3	-348	
Iowa.....	2,874	N/A	5,672	6,629	N/A	116.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	14,452	14,452	14,452	N/A	
South Carolina.....	2,844	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	10,701	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Oklahoma.....	2,770	3,911	8,272	6,803	5,380	82.2	65.0	1,469	37.6	NH	NH	3,911	8,272	6,803	5,380	
Colorado.....	2,575	8,795	22,838	24,015	7,618	105.2	33.4	-1,777	-13.4	NH	NH	8,795	22,838	24,015	7,618	
Mississippi.....	2,365	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Oregon.....	2,326	N/A	13,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,712	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Kansas.....	2,299	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	21,007	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Arizona.....	2,249	794 <sup>1</sup>	8,287 <sup>1</sup>	7,088 <sup>1</sup>	938 <sup>1</sup>	85.5 <sup>1</sup>	11.3 <sup>1</sup>	144 <sup>1</sup>	18.1 <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	794 <sup>1</sup>	8,287 <sup>1</sup>	7,088 <sup>1</sup>	938 <sup>1</sup>	
Arkansas.....	2,117	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	6,588	N/A	N/A	N/A	
West Virginia.....	1,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Nebraska.....	1,552	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,127 <sup>P</sup>	5,254	N/A	5,254	5,254	5,254	
Utah.....	1,232	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	22,482	22,482	22,482	22,482	22,482	22,482
New Mexico.....	1,172	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279	91.8	62.4	431	15.1	NH	NH	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279	
Maine.....	1,071	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	4,517	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island.....	936	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	6,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii.....	884	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276	93.2	44.5	498	17.9	NH	NH	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276	
Idaho.....	833	1,844	7,927	7,513	2,258	94.8	28.5	414	22.5	--	--	1,844	7,927	7,513	2,258	
New Hampshire.....	827	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	5,498	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Montana.....	755	N/A	1,793	1,414	N/A	78.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	1,793	1,414	78.9	N/A	
District of Columbia.....	700	1,967	7,391	8,254	1,104	111.7	14.9	-863	-43.9	--	--	1,967	7,391	8,254	1,104	
South Dakota.....	686	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,210 <sup>1</sup>	3,972 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	
North Dakota.....	645	N/A	1,001	922	186	92.1	18.6	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	1,001	922	186	
Nevada.....	613	N/A	2,343 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	2,343 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Delaware.....	582	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,166	9,823	9,823	2,380	97.8	24.2	
Vermont.....	477	255	1,020	1,103	172	108.1	16.9	-83	-32.5	NH	NH	255	1,020	1,103	172	
Alaska.....	408	N/A	1,510	1,133	N/A	75.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	1,510	1,133	N/A		

jurisdiction in 11 'states' out of the 22 'states' reporting disposed of more juvenile cases than were filed in 1976, compared with courts of limited jurisdiction in only 3 states of the 12 states reporting. In all trial courts together, 14 of the 30 'states' reporting disposed of more cases than were filed.

The next measure displayed in Table 44 is the number of end pending cases as a percent of the

number of filed cases. This ratio of pending to filed cases was quite low for all 'states' reporting data. Seven of the 15 'states' reporting at the general jurisdiction level, 5 of the 6 states reporting at the limited jurisdiction level, and 11 of the 19 'states' reporting for all trial courts had fewer than 30.0 percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year. (See Figure GG.)

**Figure GG:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of end pending cases as a percent of filed cases for juvenile caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent						Total
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0 to 199.9%	200.0% over	'states' reporting
<b>Total juvenile caseload:</b>							
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	7	5	3	0	0	0	15
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 44) . . . . .	11	5	3	0	0	0	19
<b>Juvenile case categories:</b>							
Delinquency (Table 45) . . . . .	6	2	1	0	0	0	9
Dependency and neglect (Table 46) . . . . .	0	3	2	1	0	0	6
Status offenses (Table 47) . . . . .	3	1	0	1	0	0	5

Figure HH displays the number of 'states' in general jurisdiction, in limited jurisdiction, and in all trial courts for which change-in-pending cases was computed. In addition, it shows the number of 'states' in which the courts had an increase or decrease in pending caseload. The number of states in which change (number and percent) in pending cases was computed was small

because of the lack of complete data; for those reporting, however, approximately the same number of states had an increase in pending as had a decrease. Of the 'states' reporting increases in pending, the largest increase was 37.6 percent. Because of the small number of states displayed, however, these numbers cannot be construed to represent a trend across the United States.

**Figure HH:** Number of 'states' with specified ranges of percent change in pending cases for juvenile caseload in trial courts.

	Range in percent						Total
	-50.0% to -20.1%	-20.0% to -0.1%	0.0 to 19.9%	20.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 99.9%	100.0% over	'states' reporting
<b>Total juvenile caseload:</b>							
'State' total for general jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	2	6	4	2	0	0	14
'State' total for limited jurisdiction courts (Table 44) . . . . .	1	1	4	1	0	0	7
'State' total for all trial courts (Table 44) . . . . .	3	7	7	3	0	0	20
<b>Juvenile case categories:</b>							
Delinquency (Table 45) . . . . .	2	0	4	2	1	0	9
Dependency and neglect (Table 46) . . . . .	0	5	0	1	0	0	6
Status offenses (Table 47) . . . . .	0	2	3	0	0	0	5

**Juvenile case categories (Tables 45, 46, 47).** Each table in this group compiles one of the following juvenile case categories: **delinquency, dependency and neglect, and status offenses.** The tables list only the 'states' and courts that reported these case types in their data. There is a change in a juvenile case category title: "children in need of supervision," which was used in the 1975 annual report, becomes **status offenses**, a term more commonly used in the juvenile justice system.

Some general comments can be made about Tables 45-47 and the measures used therein. First, these tables indicate that the more selective the case type, the lower the number of 'states' reporting such data. Second, it appears that most 'states' were reporting only "filed" and "disposed" as caseload for **delinquency, dependency and neglect, and status offenses.** This does not give a complete picture of caseload in the courts, but does show caseload added in the current year. Finally, reporting only a portion of caseload affects the use of comparative measures in Tables 44-47. The rate of disposition as a percent of the number of cases filed and the number of cases filed per

100,000 population are the most complete columns. The other columns cannot be completed without additional caseload data.

Figures FF, GG, and HH indicate that in total juvenile caseload the 'states' seemed to be handling all three juvenile categories quite well. Almost all 'states' reporting disposed of at least 90.0 percent of the number of cases filed and had less than 60.0 percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year for each of the three juvenile categories. Many of the 'states' reporting data had decreases in the pending caseload, and the largest increase in pending was 70.0 percent (for **delinquency**).

The minimum, maximum, average, and mid-point for the number of cases filed per 100,000 population in each of the categories are displayed in Figure II. The largest volume of juvenile cases is in the **delinquency** category, with an average of 510.9 per 100,000 population for the 24 'states' reporting. Both **dependency and neglect** and **status offenses** had much lower averages, with 67.4 per 100,000 for the 19 'states' reporting **dependency and neglect** data for all courts and 99.3 for the 15 'states' reporting **status offenses** data for all courts.

**Figure II:** Number of juvenile cases filed in trial courts per 100,000 population.

'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
<b>'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:</b>				
Delinquency (Table 45) . . . . .	24	74.7	1,687.8	510.9
Dependency and neglect (Table 46) . . . . .	20	7.7	172.1	64.4
Status offenses (Table 47) . . . . .	16	0.1	540.6	94.4
<b>'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:</b>				
Delinquency (Table 45) . . . . .	24	74.7	1,687.8	510.9
Dependency and neglect (Table 46) . . . . .	19	12.5	172.1	65.3
Status offenses (Table 47) . . . . .	15	0.1	540.6	99.3

Table 45: Delinquency caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by population. Courts reporting delinquency 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		End disposed		End pending		Number	Percent	
		Filed	Disposed	Disposed	Pending	Disposed	Pending	Number	Percent	
California--Superior Court.....	21,522	N/A	93,864	89,995	N/A	95.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	436.1
New York--Family Court.....	18,053	5,923	27,324	32,632	6,6169	119.4	24.2	693	11.7	151.4
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599	N/A	9,411	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.7
District Court and Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	8,280	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65.7
County Court of Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court <sup>a</sup> .....	--	N/A	1,131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.0
Michigan--Probate Court.....	9,113	N/A	21,074 <sup>f</sup>	18,156 <sup>j</sup>	N/A	86.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	231.3 <sup>j</sup>
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	8,353	N/A	38,613	37,790	N/A	97.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	462.3
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	7,339	10,925 <sup>f</sup>	75,862	74,752	12,035	98.5	15.9	1,110	10.2	1,033.7
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	N/A	45,331	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	782.8
District Court.....	--	N/A	34,733	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	599.8
Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	10,598	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	183.0
North Carolina--District Court.....	5,462	N/A	13,241	12,954	N/A	97.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	242.4
Georgia--Juvenile Court <sup>c</sup> .....	4,984	N/A	17,850	17,173	N/A	96.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.1
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125	N/A	24,256	26,266	N/A	108.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	588.0
Circuit Court.....	--	N/A	22,276	24,740	N/A	111.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	540.0
District Court.....	--	N/A	1,980	1,526	N/A	77.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.0
Minnesota--County Court <sup>d</sup> .....	3,954	N/A	N/A	11,462 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL.....	3,875	N/A	10,070	3,951 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	NC	NC	N/A	N/A	259.9
District Court <sup>c</sup> , Family Court, and Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	5,501	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	142.0
City Court and Parish Court <sup>i</sup> .....	--	N/A	4,569	3,951	N/A	86.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	117.9
Puerto Rico--Superior Court.....	3,214	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	93.8	46.0	385	15.6	193.4
Connecticut--Juvenile Court.....	3,102	1,314	13,709	14,021	1,002	102.3	7.3	-312	-23.7	441.9
South Carolina--Family Court.....	2,844	N/A	N/A	9,582	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770	1,736 <sup>f</sup>	4,698	3,482	2,952	74.1	62.8	1,216	70.0	169.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	2,575	N/A	5,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	229.5
Utah--Juvenile Court.....	1,232	N/A	14,200	17,550	N/A	123.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,152.6
Rhode Island--Family Court.....	956	N/A	4,993	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	533.4
Hawaii--Circuit Court.....	884	1,677	4,957	4,513	2,121	91.0	42.8	444	26.5	560.7
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	833	1,538	7,490	7,023	2,005	93.8	26.8	467	30.4	899.2
District Court.....	--	2 <sup>fh</sup>	0	1	1	NC	NC	-1	NC	0.0
Magistrates Division <sup>e</sup> .....	--	1,536 <sup>fh</sup>	7,490	7,022	2,004	93.8	26.8	468	30.5	899.2
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	827	N/A	N/A	4,573	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	4,377	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	196	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>g</sup> .....	700	1,618	6,236	7,036	818	112.8	13.1	-800	-49.4	890.9
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>i</sup> .....	666	N/A	3,465	3,337	N/A	96.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	505.1
North Dakota--District Court.....	645	N/A	499	460	N/A	92.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.4
Delaware--Family Court <sup>h</sup> .....	582	2,166	9,823	9,609	2,380	97.8	24.2	214	9.9	1,687.8
Alaska--Superior Court.....	408	N/A	1,223 <sup>h</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	299.8

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category.

<sup>i</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 46: Dependency and neglect caseload for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by 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 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	As percent of filed						Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending		End disposed		End pending		Number	Percent	
		Filed	Disposed	Disposed	Pending	Disposed	Pending	Number	Percent	
California--Superior Court.....	21,522	N/A	14,053	13,669	N/A	97.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	65.3
New York--Family Court.....	18,053	3,625	9,358	13,002	3,3929	136.9	36.2	-233	-6.4	51.8
Michigan--Probate Court.....	9,113	N/A	4,549	4,779	N/A	105.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.9
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	8,353	N/A	14,373	12,417	N/A	86.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	172.1
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	N/A	1,079	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6
District Court.....	--	N/A	775	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4
Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	304	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.2
North Carolina--District Court.....	5,462	N/A	4,691	5,301	N/A	113.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.9
Georgia--Juvenile Court <sup>c</sup> .....	4,984	N/A	3,889	4,166	N/A	107.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.0
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125	N/A	3,976	3,979	N/A	100.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.4
Circuit Court.....	--	N/A	2,909	3,011	N/A	103.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.5
District Court.....	--	N/A	1,067	968	N/A	90.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Minnesota--County Court.....	3,954	N/A	N/A	1,260 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court <sup>i</sup> ...	3,875	N/A	299 <sup>p</sup>	304 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	101.7 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.7 <sup>p</sup>
Connecticut--Juvenile Court.....	3,102	378	743	779	342	104.8	46.0	-36	-9.5	24.0
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770	810 <sup>f</sup>	1,869	1,574	1,105	84.2	59.1	295	36.4	67.5
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	2,575	N/A	1,757	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	68.2

Table 47: Status offenses caseflow for trial courts, 1976.

States ranked by population. Courts reporting status offenses caseflow. 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	Filled	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Pending	
New York--Family Court.....	18,053	1,848	12,190	15,540	2,049	127.5	16.8	201 10.9 67.5
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599	N/A	1,187	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.4
District Court and Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	1,022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court <sup>c</sup> .....	--	N/A	165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.3
Florida--Circuit Court <sup>b</sup> .....	8,353	N/A	9	61	N/A	677.8	N/A	0.1
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	7,339	677	8,622	8,524	775	98.9	9.0	98 14.5 117.5
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	5,791	N/A	3,057	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.8
District Court.....	--	N/A	2,044	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.3
Juvenile Court.....	--	N/A	1,013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.5
North Carolina--District Court.....	5,462	N/A	4,825	4,651	N/A	96.4	N/A	88.3
Georgia--Juvenile Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>i</sup> .....	4,984	N/A	6,237	6,076	N/A	97.4	N/A	125.1
Louisiana--District Court <sup>c</sup> , <sup>i</sup> , Family Court, and Juvenile Court.....	3,875	N/A	854 <sup>d</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0P
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770	1,365 <sup>f</sup>	1,705	1,747	1,323	102.5	77.6	-42 -3.1 61.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	2,575	N/A	731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.4
Utah--Juvenile Court.....	1,232	N/A	6,660	7,847	N/A	117.8	N/A	540.6
Hawaii--Circuit Court.....	884	446	1,227	1,212	461	98.8	37.6	15 3.4 138.8
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	827	N/A	N/A	489	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	464	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court.....	--	N/A	N/A	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>a</sup> .....	700	124	590	609	105 <sup>h</sup>	103.2	17.8	-19 -15.3 84.3
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>i</sup> .....	686	N/A	659	635	N/A	96.4	N/A	96.1
North Dakota--District Court.....	645	N/A	173	163	N/A	94.2	N/A	26.8
Alaska--Superior Court.....	408	N/A	211 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.7

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>g</sup>Figure was computed.

<sup>h</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>i</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

### Special trial court caseflow (Tables 48-50)

The sixth and final group of tables (Tables 48-50) in the trial court section display special trial court caseflow. These tables have been created to provide the reader with data that do not appear elsewhere in this report. To allow comparison, states have been listed by population. The reader must be cautious, however, when viewing the tables in this section. All limitations that have been pointed out earlier within this trial court section apply to these tables. Any comparisons or conclusions drawn from these data could be misleading.

**Jury trials (Table 48).** Table 48 exhibits jury trial data for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total cases. Only 'states' and courts that reported jury trial data are displayed in this table.

There are 39 'states' (37 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) that reported the number of jury trials for civil, criminal, or traffic cases, and, as well, the total number of dispositions for civil, criminal, or traf-

fic categories for some courts. Juvenile jury trial and disposition data are also included in the table when provided. Using these data, calculations were made to display the number of jury trials as a percent of total dispositions.

The data indicate that a relatively low number of dispositions, especially in civil, traffic, and juvenile cases, were the result of jury trials. The mean for the proportions of cases disposed by jury trial in the 55 courts reporting civil jury data reveals that 1.8 percent of the civil dispositions were handled by jury trial, whereas the mean for criminal jury trials in 51 courts reporting criminal jury data is 4.7 percent. (See Figure JJ.) The mean for traffic is 0.2 percent for the 18 courts reporting traffic jury data, but cannot be considered as giving an accurate picture because of the lack of data. Indeed, because of the lack of state and court data for civil and criminal jury trials, the other figures cannot be considered as being representative of all states and courts.

**Figure JJ: Jury trials as a percent of dispositions for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseflow.**

	Courts reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
<b>Caseflow:</b>					
Civil . . . . .	55	0.0	16.7	1.8	1.0
Criminal . . . . .	51	0.0	15.1	4.7	4.4
Traffic . . . . .	18	0.004	0.9	0.2	0.1
Juvenile . . . . .	3	0.1	2.1	0.9	0.6
Total . . . . .	57	0.0	15.1	2.0	1.1

Table 48: Jury trials for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload.  
 States ranked by 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	
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,922		3,157	X	X	9,278	X	X	X	1,187,396	X	X	
Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	C	3,131 <sup>m</sup>	4,695	NH	7,826	394,709	52,242	NH	446,951	0.8	9.0	
Justice Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	B	26	X	X	1,452	X	X	X	740,445 <sup>i</sup>	X	X	
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053		2,988	N/A	NH	N/A	263,152	37,662	NH	296,576	1.1	N/A	
Supreme Court and County Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	A	2,067	N/A	NH	N/A	113,287	37,662	NH	146,711	1.8	N/A	
Civil Court of the City of New York <sup>1,1</sup> .....	--	A	921	NH	NH	921	149,865	NH	NH	149,865	0.6	N/A	
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	12,599		5,657	5,610	4,595(238 <sup>a</sup> )	16,130	446,776	743,319	4,138,773(11,411*)	5,340,279	1.3	0.8	0.1(2.1*)
District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	C	4,088	3,400	NH(238 <sup>a</sup> )	7,726	250,555	77,370	NH(11,411*)	339,336	1.6	4.4	NH(2.1*)
County Court at Law, Probate Court <sup>1,1,9</sup> .....	--	A	1,040	1,137	590	2,767	72,939 <sup>i</sup>	145,516	66,698	285,153 <sup>i</sup>	1.4	0.8	0.9
County Court, and Probate Court <sup>1,1,9</sup> .....	--	A	NH	550	1,851	2,401	NH	360,950	3,246,633	3,607,583	NH	0.2	0.1
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	A	529	523	2,154	3,206	123,282	159,483	825,442	1,108,207	0.4	0.3	0.3
Justice of the Peace Court <sup>1,1,9</sup> .....	--	A	1,952 <sup>m</sup>	3,272	NH	5,224	49,286	74,343	NH	123,629	4.0	4.4	NH
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas <sup>1,8</sup> .....	11,802	A	1,148	1,147	N/A	N/A	144,890	29,412	2,229,623	2,403,925	1.0	3.9	N/A
Illinois--Circuit Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	11,193	A	1,998	3,056	998	6,052	332,997	324,341	1,338,424	1,995,967	0.6	0.9	0.1
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,690		1,630 <sup>m</sup>	2,049	NH	3,679	71,152	30,312	NH	101,464	2.3	6.8	NH
Court of Common Pleas <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	C	7 <sup>m</sup>	76	150	233	8,568	25,608	153,517	187,693	0.1	0.3	0.1
County Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	C	361 <sup>m</sup>	931	848	2,140	252,945	268,421	1,184,907	1,706,273	0.1	0.3	0.1
Municipal Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	--	C	0	NH	NH	0	332	NH	NH	332	0.0	NH	0.0
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....	9,113		2,486	5,174	2,703	9,463 <sup>p</sup>	470,282	311,204	1,419,828	2,207,006	0.5	1.7	0.2
Circuit Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	1,224	1,806	NH	3,030	119,948	25,575	NH	145,523	1.0	7.1	NH
Recorder's Court of Detroit <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	NH	900	N/A	N/A	NH	17,829	6,439 <sup>i</sup>	24,323 <sup>i</sup>	NH	5.0	N/A
Common Pleas Court of Detroit <sup>1</sup> .....	--	C	486	NH	NH	486	165,177	NH	NH	165,177	0.3	NH	0.3
District Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	773	2,399	2,398	5,770	169,108	228,547	1,277,551	1,675,206	0.5	1.0	0.2
Municipal Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	3	69	105	177	16,049	39,253	142,277	197,579	0.02	0.2	0.1
Florida--STATE TOTAL.....	8,353		2,376	5,550	NH	7,926	457,648 <sup>i</sup>	249,790 <sup>i</sup>	NH	707,438 <sup>i</sup>	0.5	2.2	NH
Circuit Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	2,314	3,564	NH	5,878	234,395 <sup>i</sup>	63,887 <sup>i</sup>	NH	298,282 <sup>i</sup>	1.0	5.6	NH
County Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	C	62	1,986	NH	2,048	223,253	185,903	NH	409,156	0.03	1.1	NH
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339		3,415	2,895	NH	6,310	350,570	29,466	--	380,036	1.0	9.8	NH
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court <sup>2,6</sup> .....	--	B	2,699	2,895	NH	5,594	57,393	29,466	NH	86,859	4.7	9.8	NH
County District Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	B	716	NH	NH	716	293,177	--	--	293,177	0.2	NH	0.2
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462		1,211	3,899	NH	5,110	221,599	49,398	--	270,997	0.5	7.9	NH
Superior Court <sup>1,12</sup> .....	--	C	602	3,899	NH	4,501	9,391	49,398	NH	56,789	6.4	7.9	NH
District Court <sup>1,12</sup> .....	--	C	609	NH	NH	609	212,208	--	--	212,208	0.3	NH	0.3
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	5,313		X	X	X(X*)	2,640	227,034	111,890	250,079(19,106*)	608,109	X	X	
Superior Court and Circuit Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	A	X	X	X(X*)	1,934	168,710	49,769	46,991(13,331*)	278,801	X	X	
Criminal Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	--	A	NH	366	NH	366	NH	2,423	NH	2,423	NH	15.1	
County Court <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	A	X	X	X	155	34,716	27,544	116,663	178,923	X	X	
Juvenile Court of Marion County <sup>7</sup> .....	--	A	NH	0	NH(4*)	4	NH	25	NH(5,775*)	5,800	NH	0.0	
Probate Court <sup>1</sup> .....	--	A	3	NH	NH	3	5,759	NH	NH	5,759	0.1	NH	0.1
Municipal Court of Marion County <sup>1,7</sup> .....	--	A	39	100	39	178	17,849	32,129	86,425	136,403	0.2	0.3	0.04
Virginia--Circuit Court <sup>1,8</sup> .....	5,052	C	2,132 <sup>m</sup>	2,601	NH	4,733	24,909	42,250	NH	67,159	8.6	6.2	NH
Georgia--STATE TOTAL.....	4,984		2,616 <sup>p</sup>	3,075	248	5,935 <sup>p</sup>	145,454 <sup>p</sup>	104,273	262,646	512,373 <sup>i</sup>	1.8 <sup>p</sup>	2.9	0.1
Superior Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	A	1,594	2,406	33	4,033	75,534	40,222	13,372	129,128	2.1	6.0	0.2
State Court <sup>1,9</sup> .....	--	A	1,022	669	211	1,902	69,920	60,701	136,727	267,348	1.5	1.1	0.2
Probate Court <sup>9</sup> .....	--	A	N/A	0	4	N/A	3,350	112,547	115,897 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	0.0	0.004	N/A
Missouri--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup> .....	4,787	C	N/A	1,061	NH	N/A	73,846	17,964	NH	91,810	N/A	5.9	NH
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234		2,628	N/A	NH	96	51,862	30,298	NH	82,160	5.1	N/A	NH
Circuit Court and Criminal Court <sup>1,5</sup> .....	--	C	2,532	N/A	NH	N/A	47,321	30,298	NH	77,619	5.4	N/A	NH
Law and Equity Court <sup>b,1</sup> .....	--	C	96	NH	NH	96	4,541	NH	NH	4,541	2.1	NH	2.1
Maryland--Circuit Court <sup>1,5</sup> .....	4,125	A	1,206	1,970	NH	3,176	54,464	33,073	NH	87,537	2.2	6.0	NH
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL.....	3,954		1,475	913	595	2,983	107,131	65,983	424,656	597,170	1.4	1.4	0.1
District Court <sup>3,12</sup> .....	--	A	1,015	472	NH	1,487	21,234	8,634	NH	29,868	4.8	5.5	NH
County Court <sup>3,12</sup> .....	--	A	153	227	424	804	72,689	32,149	354,003	456,041	0.2	0.7	0.1
County Municipal Court <sup>3,12</sup> .....	--</td												

Alabama--Circuit Court <sup>1,8</sup>	3,693	A	N/A	1,808	NH	N/A	75,052	25,451	NH	100,503	N/A	7.1	NH	N/A	
Washington--STATE TOTAL	3,611	C	1,026	X	X	4,100	79,911 <sup>p</sup>	14,374 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	91,113 <sup>p</sup>	NC	NC	NC	NC	
Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	--	C	993	1,752	NH	2,745	79,911 <sup>i</sup>	14,374	NH	91,113 <sup>i</sup>	1.2	12.2	NH	3.0	
Municipal and Police Court	--	C	NH	NH	193	193	NH	--	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
District Court and Justices of the Peace <sup>1,9</sup>	--	C	33	X	X	1,162	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Puerto Rico--Superior Court <sup>1,10</sup>	3,214	A	NH	627	NH	627	--	28,752	NH	28,752	NH	2.2	NH	2.2	
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	C	583	102 <sup>p</sup>	NH	434 <sup>p</sup>	51,868	100,007	--	151,875	1.1	NC	NH	NC	
Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	--	C	332	102	NH	434	25,168	4,100	NH	29,268	1.3	2.5	NH	1.5	
Court of Common Pleas <sup>1,9</sup>	--	C	25 <sup>m</sup>	N/A	NH	N/A	26,700	95,907	--	122,607	0.9	N/A	NH	N/A	
Iowa--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	2,874	C	384	1,022	160	1,566	118,767 <sup>i</sup>	182,199	285,710	586,676	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	
South Carolina--Magistrate Court <sup>1,6</sup>	2,844	J	91	X	X	2,656	87,272	X	X	541,985	0.1	X	X	0.5	
Oklahoma--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	2,770	A	1,203	X	X	X(38*)	2,636	146,131	53,717	182,717(6,803*)	369,368	0.8	X	X(0,6*)	0.7
Colorado--County Court <sup>1,9</sup>	2,575	C	56	246	743	1,045	46,392	25,508	142,611	214,511	0.1	1.0	0.5	0.5	
Oregon--Circuit Court <sup>1,11</sup>	2,326	C	1,158 <sup>m</sup>	1,059	NH	2,217	39,355	14,909	NH	54,254	2.9	7.1	NH	4.1	
Kansas--STATE TOTAL	2,299	C	1,552	N/A	N/A	N/A	72,294	X	X	348,086	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	
District Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	B	389	X	X	1,127	37,059	6,867	192	44,118	1.0	X	X	2.6	
County Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	B	1,162	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,966	X	X	169,776	16.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	B	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,269	X	X	114,192	0.004	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Arizona--Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	2,249	B	541 <sup>m</sup>	784	NH	1,325	52,369	13,765	NH	65,134	1.0	5.7	NH	2.0	
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	C	286	477	250	1,013	43,022	26,684	425,682	495,308	0.7	1.8	0.1	2.0	
District Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	C	253	340	NH	593	22,638	2,494	NH	25,132	1.1	13.6	NH	2.4	
City Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	C	33	137	250	420	20,384	24,190	425,682	470,256	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL	1,172	C	35P	X	X	151 <sup>p</sup>	32,765 <sup>p</sup>	4,573 <sup>p</sup>	N/A	37,338 <sup>p</sup>	NC	NC	NC	NC	
District Court <sup>1,9</sup>	--	B	N/A	352	NH	N/A	32,765	4,573	NH	37,338	N/A	7.7	NH	N/A	
Magistrate Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	B	35	X	X	151	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Hawaii--Circuit Court <sup>8</sup>	884	C	127	229	NH	356	16,005	1,683	--	17,688	0.8	13.6	NH	2.0	
New Hampshire--Superior Court <sup>5,12</sup>	827	H	202	379	NH	581	16,494	5,771	NH	22,268	1.2	6.6	NH	2.6	
District of Columbia--Superior Court <sup>4,2,9</sup>	700	A	230 <sup>m</sup>	1,167	36	1,433	4,065	32,418	95,323	131,806	5.7	3.6	0.04	1.1	
South Dakota--Circuit Court <sup>1,6</sup>	686	C	111 <sup>m</sup>	281	NH	392	4,565	15,278	NH	17,843	2.4	2.1	NH	2.2	
North Dakota--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	645	A	N/A	X	X	42 <sup>i</sup>	--	989	5	994 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	X	X	4.2 <sup>i</sup>	
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	C	N/A	238 <sup>i</sup>	NH	N/A	8,509	9,667	NH	18,176	N/A	NC	NH	N/A	
Superior Court <sup>1,8</sup>	--	C	N/A	163 <sup>i</sup>	NH	N/A	5,265	4,022	NH	9,287	N/A	NC	NH	N/A	
Court of Common Pleas <sup>1,10</sup>	--	C	N/A	75	NH	N/A	3,244	5,645	NH	8,889	N/A	1.3	NH	N/A	
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	C	86	138	16	240	20,426	16,853	37,006	74,285	0.4	0.8	0.04	0.3	
Superior Court <sup>1,6</sup>	--	A	83 <sup>m</sup>	8	NH	91	3,600	53	NH	3,653	2.3	15.1	NH	2.5	
District Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	A	3 <sup>m</sup>	130	16	149	16,826	16,800	37,006	70,632	0.02	0.8	0.04	0.2	
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	C	63	565	NH	628	3,037 <sup>p</sup>	17,939	--	20,976 <sup>p</sup>	NC	3.1	NH	NC	
Superior Court <sup>1,6</sup>	--	A	48 <sup>m</sup>	118	NH	166	N/A	898	NH	898 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	13.1	NH	NC	
District Court <sup>1,7</sup>	--	A	15	447	NH	462	3,037	17,041	--	20,078	0.5	2.6	NH	2.3	
Wyoming--District Court <sup>1,6</sup>	391	H	60	79	NH	139	7,255	1,346	NH	8,601	0.8	5.9	NH	1.6	

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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

NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information.

<sup>c</sup>Judge Information.

<sup>d</sup>Data are not complete.

<sup>e</sup>Additional information available.

<sup>f</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial date.

<sup>g</sup>Data were not available for all courts in the state.

<sup>h</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>i</sup>A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).

<sup>j</sup>The data displayed as traffic for the Texas District Court, Indiana Juvenile Court of Marion County, and Oklahoma District Court<sup>4</sup> are juvenile data. These are the only courts reporting jury trial data for juvenile cases.

Jury trial definitions:

A = A trial is counted if tried to Judgment.

B = A Jury trial is counted when the Jury is impaneled.

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

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. All cases not concluded by jury trial are considered non-jury trials.

Filings in trial courts, 1967-1976 (Tables 49 and 50). The purpose of displaying these tables is to show trend data in the trial courts for civil, criminal, juvenile, and total case filings from 1967 to 1976. Traffic was not displayed because of the few 'states' reporting traffic trend data, but some states may have included this category in their criminal total. Only 'states' and courts that reported trend data are displayed. The reported data range from 5 years as a minimum to 10 years as a maximum. Ten years was chosen because few states can provide trend data for a longer period. Because reporting systems have been improving at the state level, however, there has been a substantial increase in courts and states reporting trend data in the past 5 years.

The trend data displayed indicate a sizable increase in cases filed between 1972 and 1976 (the years for which most complete data are available). The percent increases were 21 percent for total cases, 32 percent for civil cases, 9 percent for criminal cases, and 33 percent for juvenile cases. Some of the reasons for this increase can be identified as (1) population growth across the United States (especially in the early 70's); (2) population shifts (urban vs. rural); (3) laws being created or changed (e.g., drug laws); (4) a major refinement in gathering statistics; (5) the emphasis placed on gathering and evaluating statistics by state court

administrative offices; and (6) increasing public awareness of the law and individual rights.

The case filings for criminal cases appear to have been increasing more in the period 1974-1976 than in 1972-1974; however, the opposite appears to be true for civil cases where the increase in case filings has decreased from over 16 percent for 1972-1974 to 12 percent for 1974-1976. Some of the possible reasons for this decrease can be identified as (1) recent tapering off in population growth, (2) new programs being developed to reduce the number of cases filed (arbitration, etc.), (3) the redefining of working roles and attitudes of society (minority recruitment), and (4) personal economic growth. These are not conclusive indicators, but they are variables that may influence the trend of trial court filings. In addition, all 'states' and their courts are not represented within this table; therefore, any conclusions could be misleading. With 'states' reporting more and more data, future analysis can be more extensive, and future national reports can be more conclusive.

The purpose of Table 50 is to show the number and percent change in cases filed in the trial courts between the years 1967-1976. Only 'states' and courts that appeared in Table 49 appear in this table. The 'states' remain in population order, and the data are broken down into total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases.

Table 49: Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1967-1976.  
Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	State population In thousands	Cases Filed										
		1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975		
<b>Total cases</b>												
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	11,215,532	11,582,083	11,814,295	13,001,054	13,417,794	13,357,774	13,338,348	13,985,522	15,250,622	15,910,437	
Superior Court.....	--	446,500	467,560	493,631	507,163	527,488	522,256	532,563	562,248	602,470	667,122	
Justice Court.....	--	1,301,441	1,284,284	1,232,728	1,228,981	1,237,765	1,298,940	1,202,217	1,181,749	1,305,928	1,071,503	
Municipal Court.....	--	9,467,591	9,830,239	10,067,936	11,264,910	11,652,541	11,536,578	11,603,568	12,241,525	13,342,224	14,171,812	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802							240,688	243,315	263,359	290,757	
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,113	93,698	97,848	98,129	105,213	111,717	119,799	131,387	138,805	153,420	153,350	
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,359	109,442	121,620	140,367	156,346	165,452	183,841	192,455	206,627	228,277	242,915	
Superior Court and County Court.....	--	58,376	64,711	66,628	70,576	76,782	84,571	87,196	84,934	94,731	96,557	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	--	51,066	56,909	73,739	85,770	88,670	99,270	105,259	121,693	133,546	146,358	
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462						1,198,174	1,250,749	1,350,029	1,404,980	1,333,321	
Superior Court.....	--						48,542	50,849	56,693	64,424	63,321	
District Court.....	--						1,149,632	1,199,900	1,293,336	1,340,556	1,270,000	
Virginia--Circuit Court.....	5,052	68,130	69,604	73,614	79,400	83,154	85,581	88,751	98,249	104,582	106,819	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....	4,787						97,065	94,145	100,093	110,825	109,483	
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	63,588	70,841	78,052	84,397	81,995	81,272	88,644	101,382	109,869	112,811	
Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	--	47,206	54,397	59,660	63,528	60,571	58,009	61,567	69,988	76,058	76,966	
Law and Equity Court.....	--	2,567	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,847	
Chancery Court.....	--	13,815	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998	
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125				89,930 <sup>p</sup>	95,264 <sup>p</sup>	100,734 <sup>p</sup>	875,353	909,845	1,019,005	1,125,426	1,287,753
Circuit Court.....	--				89,930	95,264	100,734	95,417	95,007	100,958	110,407	121,198
District Court.....	--							779,936	814,838	918,047	1,015,019	1,166,555
Washington--STATE TOTAL.....	3,611	75,400 <sup>p</sup>	78,052 <sup>p</sup>	84,810 <sup>p</sup>	824,653	870,648	916,692	889,807	966,107	1,005,928	1,048,046	
Superior Court.....	--	75,400	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	399,097	429,371	
District Court and Justices of the Peace.....	--				317,802	336,791	365,720	367,126	440,155	490,191	496,864	
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770			275,784	321,925	324,986	340,353	329,151	329,139	373,342	402,655	
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575				106,150 <sup>p</sup>	118,292 <sup>p</sup>	221,423	243,594	271,608	315,957	319,397	
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.....	--						77,220	80,540	94,130	116,593	119,207	
Water Court.....	--				865	2,034	14,063	3,287	1,767	1,608	1,640	
County Court.....	--				105,293	116,258	130,140	159,767	175,711	197,756	198,550	
Oregon--STATE TOTAL.....	2,326	31,286 <sup>p</sup>	32,316 <sup>p</sup>	33,791 <sup>p</sup>	240,939	261,028	406,533	429,297	500,745	512,971	610,355	
Circuit Court.....	--	31,175	32,185	33,601	37,725	39,790	41,540	44,943	50,987	55,052	56,889	
Tax Court.....	--	111	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	
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299	30,579	30,102	30,622	34,043	35,151	37,309	36,947	39,534	42,038	45,066	
Arizona--Superior Court.....	2,249					64,943	75,538	86,464	90,575	84,774		
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	2,117	49,133	44,811	49,582	50,957	52,110	56,607	60,768	66,617	71,792	72,970	
Circuit Court.....	--	18,893	18,262	21,158	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795	33,013	
Chancery Court.....	--	16,988	17,490	18,921	19,438	21,326	24,532	25,824	28,055	28,791	29,749	
Probate Court.....	--	9,069	8,904	9,330	8,795	9,434	9,836	9,717	9,553	9,842	9,967	
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	183	155	173	246	241	248	248	367	364	241	
Utah--District Court.....	1,232				20,519	22,305	23,922	**	28,672	28,601		
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL.....	936					75,644	84,125	91,705	86,809	67,793		
Superior Court.....	--					9,104	9,248	9,092	10,207	10,010		
District Court.....	--					66,540	74,877	82,613	76,602	57,783		
Idaho--District Court and Magistrates Division.....	833					128,730	175,248	231,894	241,417	250,210	262,419	
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	13,670	14,597	14,716	16,060	16,469	18,401	19,917	21,974	23,719	24,189	
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	8,282 <sup>p</sup>	77,727	90,055	94,429	99,400	109,124	105,866	109,210	135,746	139,289	
Superior Court.....	--	4,629	5,011	5,642	6,198	6,570	8,649	8,289	8,546	11,260	8,668	
Court of Chancery.....	--	279	244	288	350	354	355	339	452	386	408	
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	3,374	3,418	4,386	4,857	5,262	5,260	6,436	6,779	8,375	9,116	
Family Court.....	--		14,906	15,685	15,977	17,662	13,787	14,294	17,113	21,206	21,957	
Justice of the Peace Court.....	--	54,148	64,034	67,047	69,552	81,073	76,508	76,320	94,519	99,140		

Table 49: Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) in trial courts, 1967-1976 (continued)

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State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases Filed									
		1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	
<b>Civil cases</b>											
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	715,824P	744,469	706,570	725,146	700,959	718,510	785,661	844,875	937,832	933,638
Superior Court.....	--		88,746	88,594	95,627	104,214	110,656	120,159	137,849	156,626	167,746
Justice Court.....	--	95,747	83,011	71,963	67,041	59,016	60,049	65,152	67,340	69,134	58,051
Municipal Court.....	--	620,077	572,712	546,013	562,478	537,729	547,805	600,350	639,686	712,072	707,861
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,113	79,569	82,510	82,292	87,123	91,346	100,772	111,417	117,146	127,229	126,924
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	255,682	257,444	258,643	298,757	321,547	332,097	351,516	366,923	399,061	420,668
Superior Court and County Court.....	--	43,615	47,687	46,430	47,800	48,910	52,430	58,366	56,901	63,231	64,877
County District Court.....	--	190,967	188,734	186,674	215,491	237,548	239,213	251,743	260,664	280,941	293,917
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	--	21,100	21,023	31,539	35,466	35,089	40,454	41,407	49,358	50,889	61,874
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462						156,988	179,858	213,889	230,347	235,584
Superior Court.....	--						8,249	8,490	10,065	10,919	10,774
District Court.....	--						148,739	171,368	203,824	219,428	224,810
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787						65,954	63,259	66,591	74,314	74,474
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	46,091	52,773	58,651	63,507	60,113	61,168	66,691	74,799	80,407	83,202
Circuit Court.....	--	29,709	36,329	40,259	42,638	38,689	37,905	39,614	43,375	46,596	47,357
Law and Equity Court.....	--	2,567	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,847
Chancery Court.....	--	13,815	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,369	30,998
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			50,384P	53,667P	57,985P	277,593	298,429	345,253	356,531	394,970
Circuit Court.....	--			50,384	53,667	57,985	50,591	52,601	53,916	57,330	62,158
District Court.....	--						227,002	245,828	291,337	299,201	332,812
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL.....	3,102	25,198	24,748	25,755	29,017	26,577	27,871	28,107	30,779	48,904	56,591
Superior Court.....	--	16,972	17,288	17,565	19,399	18,221	19,822	20,279	23,170	25,003	25,793
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	8,226	7,460	8,190	9,618	8,356	8,049	7,828	7,609	23,901	30,798
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770				97,914	115,389	120,892	130,189	142,744	156,342	166,164
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575				14,980P	15,743P	82,185	76,689	86,704	106,115	114,318
District Court and Denver Superior and Probate Courts.....	--						54,127	57,587	65,681	80,226	82,035
Water Court.....	--						865	2,034	14,063	3,287	1,767
County Court.....	--						14,115	13,709	13,995	15,815	19,256
Oregon--Tax Court.....	2,326	111	131	190	202	189	175	223	148	232	181
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299				25,995	28,737	29,026	31,649	31,488	33,491	35,312
Utah--District Court.....	1,232						18,599	20,207	21,594	**	26,029
Rhode Island--District Court.....	936							26,141	26,738	31,217	33,335
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	11,677	12,074	12,133	12,741	12,868	13,736	15,064	16,829	17,398	17,758
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						168,126	167,582	162,920	164,770	159,597
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	4,533	4,528	5,833	6,156	6,081	6,477	7,915	8,006	10,673	8,644
Superior Court.....	--	2,987	3,126	4,085	4,105	4,081	4,638	5,256	5,369	7,173	4,882
Court of Chancery.....	--	279	244	288	350	354	355	339	452	386	408
Court of Common Pleas .....	--	1,267	1,158	1,460	1,701	1,646	1,484	2,230	2,185	3,114	3,354
<b>Criminal cases</b>											
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	624,527	638,968	687,937	748,351	748,161	746,660	742,193	742,109	774,966	775,479
Superior Court.....	--	46,328	55,067	68,159	71,422	76,386	65,487	61,605	54,635	55,635	54,906
Justice Court.....	--	94,242	90,115	89,573	91,899	90,694	94,058	97,518	98,980	97,344	83,863
Municipal Court.....	--	483,957	493,786	530,205	585,030	581,081	587,115	583,070	589,304	621,987	636,710
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802						67,230	62,078	67,047	78,141	76,302
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas.....	10,690							24,155	25,121	28,782	31,554
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,113	14,129	15,338	15,837	18,090	20,371	19,027	19,970	21,659	26,191	26,426

New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court.....	7,339	14,761	17,024	20,198	22,776	27,872	32,141	28,830	28,033	31,500	31,680
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462						1,041,186	1,070,891	1,136,140	1,174,533	1,097,737
Superior Court.....	—						40,293	42,359	46,628	53,505	52,547
District Court.....	—						1,000,893	1,028,532	1,089,512	1,121,028	1,045,190
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787						15,326	14,449	16,341	17,760	18,080
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,234	17,497	18,068	19,401	20,890	21,882	20,104	21,953	26,583	29,462	29,609
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			23,280P	24,974P	22,308P	133,469	129,902	142,575	167,402	186,737
Circuit Court.....	—			23,280	24,974	22,308	20,546	21,081	24,603	29,606	33,744
District Court.....	—						112,923	108,821	117,972	137,796	152,993
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770		177,870	206,536	204,094	210,164	186,407	172,797	207,178	233,821	
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575			91,178P	102,549P	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	
County Court.....	—			91,178	102,549	116,145	143,952	156,455	173,475	167,907	
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299			4,627	5,306	5,325	5,660	5,459	6,043	6,726	7,255
Utah--District Court.....	1,232					1,920	2,098	2,328	**	2,643	3,068
Rhode Island--District Court.....	936						40,399	48,139	51,396	43,267	28,757
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	1,993	2,523	2,583	3,319	3,601	4,665	4,853	5,145	6,321	6,431
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	10,822	11,594	11,875	11,702	12,785	15,513	15,634	15,606	18,133	18,302
Superior Court.....	—	1,642	1,885	1,557	2,093	2,489	4,011	3,042	3,177	4,087	3,786
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	2,107	2,260	2,926	3,156	3,616	3,776	4,116	4,594	5,261	5,762
Municipal Court of Wilmington.....	—	7,073	7,449	7,392	6,453	6,680	7,726	8,476	7,835	8,785	8,754
<b>Juvenile cases</b>											
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802						24,770	27,094	35,120	39,882	37,084
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	7,339	29,966	35,886	42,200	50,304	53,581	58,816	63,852	72,335	82,657	84,484
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787						15,785	16,437	17,161	18,751	16,929
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			17,886	18,335	21,916	25,498	22,871	24,527	25,330	28,373
Circuit Court.....	—			16,266	16,623	20,441	24,280	21,325	22,459	23,471	25,296
District Court.....	—			1,620	1,712	1,475	1,218	1,546	2,088	1,859	3,077
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court..	2,575						12,736	13,278	17,314	21,798	22,838
New Hampshire--District Court and Municipal Court...	827	1,847	2,186	2,681	2,741	2,912	2,883	3,580	N/A	5,497	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						7,665	7,847	7,772	7,756	7,391

Note: The data displayed as total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases include the same case categories as the grand total, total civil, total criminal, and total juvenile figures on the court statistical profiles in Part II with the following exceptions:

#### Total cases:

Arizona Superior Court--the 1972 figure does not include juvenile data for five counties.

Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.

Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.

Idaho District Court and Magistrates Division--does not include appeals.

Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences data.

Maryland District Court--the criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.

North Carolina District Court--does not include juvenile data.

Oklahoma District Court--does not include criminal extraordinary writs.

Oregon Circuit Court--does not include adoption, probate, mental health, or juvenile data.

Oregon District Court--does not include domestic relations, probate, or mental health data.

Washington District Court and Justices of the Peace--does not include Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

Washington Municipal and Police Court--includes Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

#### Juvenile cases:

Maryland Circuit Court and District Court--includes adult offenses against juveniles cases.

Blank space = Data were not provided in the 1976 source documents.

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

#### Civil cases:

California Superior Court--includes only auto tort, non-auto tort, and other complaints.

Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Connecticut Superior Court--does not include appeals.

Connecticut Court of Common Pleas--does not include civil--geographical areas or small claims cases.

Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.

Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.

Oklahoma District Court--includes civil and juvenile cases.

#### Criminal cases:

California Superior Court--includes only felony cases.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Kansas District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.

Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences or adult offenses against juveniles cases.

Maryland District Court--does not include adult offenses against juveniles cases. The criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.

North Carolina District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.

Oklahoma District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases; does not include criminal

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

\*\*The missing data for Utah in 1974 was the result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

Table 50: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year for trial courts, 1967-1976.  
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								
		1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
<b>Total cases</b>										
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	366,551 ( 3.3%)	232,212 ( 2.0%)	1,186,859 (10.0%)	416,740 ( 3.2%)	-60,020 (-0.4%)	-19,426 (-0.1%)	647,174 ( 4.9%)	1,265,100 ( 9.0%)	659,815 ( 4.3%)
Superior Court.....	--	21,060 ( 4.7%)	26,071 ( 5.6%)	13,532 ( 2.7%)	20,325 ( 4.0%)	-5,232 (-1.0%)	10,307 ( 2.0%)	29,685 ( 5.6%)	40,222 ( 7.2%)	64,652 (10.7%)
Justice Court.....	--	-17,157 (-1.3%)	-31,556 (-2.5%)	-23,747 (-1.9%)	8,784 ( 0.7%)	61,175 ( 4.9%)	-96,723 (-7.4%)	-20,468 (-1.7%)	124,179 (10.5%)	-234,425 (-18.0%)
Municipal Court.....	--	362,648 ( 3.8%)	237,697 ( 2.4%)	1,196,974 (11.9%)	387,631 ( 3.4%)	-115,963 (-1.0%)	66,990 ( 0.6%)	637,957 ( 5.5%)	1,100,699 ( 9.0%)	829,588 ( 6.2%)
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802									
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,113	4,150 ( 4.4%)	281 ( 0.3%)	7,084 ( 7.2%)	6,504 ( 6.2%)	8,082 ( 7.2%)	11,588 ( 9.7%)	7,418 ( 5.6%)	14,615 (10.5%)	-70 (-0.0%)
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	12,176 (11.1%)	18,747 (15.4%)	15,979 (11.4%)	9,106 ( 5.8%)	18,389 (11.1%)	8,614 ( 4.7%)	14,172 ( 7.4%)	21,650 (10.5%)	14,638 ( 6.4%)
Superior Court and County Court.....	--	6,335 (10.9%)	1,917 ( 3.0%)	3,948 ( 5.9%)	6,206 ( 8.8%)	7,789 (10.1%)	2,625 ( 3.1%)	-2,262 (-2.6%)	9,797 (11.5%)	1,826 ( 1.9%)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	--	5,843 (11.4%)	16,850 (29.6%)	12,031 (16.3%)	2,900 ( 3.4%)	10,600 (12.0%)	5,989 ( 6.0%)	16,434 (15.6%)	11,853 ( 9.7%)	12,812 ( 9.6%)
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462									
Superior Court.....	--									
District Court.....	--									
Virginia--Circuit Court.....	5,052	1,474 ( 2.2%)	4,010 ( 5.8%)	5,786 ( 7.9%)	3,754 ( 4.7%)	2,427 ( 2.9%)	3,170 ( 3.7%)	9,498 (10.7%)	6,333 ( 6.4%)	2,237 ( 2.1%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....	4,787									
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	7,253 (11.4%)	7,211 (10.2%)	6,345 ( 8.1%)	-2,402 (-2.8%)	-723 (-0.9%)	7,372 ( 9.1%)	12,738 (14.4%)	8,487 ( 8.4%)	2,942 ( 2.7%)
Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	--	7,191 (15.2%)	5,263 ( 9.7%)	3,868 ( 6.5%)	-2,957 (-4.7%)	-2,562 (-4.2%)	3,558 ( 6.1%)	8,391 (15.6%)	6,100 ( 8.7%)	908 ( 1.2%)
Law and Equity Court.....	--	-180 (-7.0%)	671 (28.1%)	-36 (-1.2%)	108 ( 3.6%)	664 (21.2%)	79 ( 21.0%)	592 (12.9%)	-940 (-18.1%)	605 (14.3%)
Chancery Court.....	--	242 ( 1.8%)	1,277 ( 9.1%)	2,513 (16.4%)	447 ( 2.5%)	1,175 ( 6.4%)	3,018 (15.5%)	3,755 (16.7%)	3,327 ( 12.7%)	1,429 ( 4.8%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125									
Circuit Court.....	--									
District Court.....	--									
Washington--STATE TOTAL.....	3,611	2,652P ( 3.5%)	6,758P ( 8.7%)	NC ( NC )	45,995 ( 5.6%)	46,044 ( 5.3%)	-26,885 (-2.9%)	76,300 ( 8.6%)	39,821 ( 4.1%)	42,118 ( 4.2%)
Superior Court.....	--	2,652 ( 3.5%)	6,758 ( 8.7%)	3,817 ( 4.5%)	3,742 ( 4.2%)	3,044 ( 3.3%)	4,722 ( 4.9%)	11,342 (11.3%)	5,163 ( 4.6%)	5,171 ( 4.4%)
Municipal and Police Court.....	--									
District Court and Justices of the Peace.....	--									
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770									
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575									
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.....	--									
Water Court.....	--									
County Court.....	--									
Oregon--STATE TOTAL.....	2,326	1,030P ( 3.3%)	1,475P ( 4.6%)	NC ( NC )	20,089 ( 6.3%)	145,505 (55.7%)	22,764 ( 5.6%)	71,448 (16.6%)	12,226 ( 2.4%)	97,384 (19.0%)
Circuit Court.....	--	1,010 ( 3.2%)	1,416 ( 4.4%)	4,124 (12.3%)	2,065 ( 5.5%)	1,750 ( 4.4%)	3,403 ( 8.2%)	6,044 (13.4%)	4,065 ( 8.0%)	1,837 ( 3.3%)
Tax Court.....	--	20 (18.0%)	59 (45.0%)	12 ( 6.3%)	-13 (-6.4%)	-14 (-7.4%)	48 ( 27.4%)	-75 (-33.6%)	84 (56.8%)	-51 (-22.0%)
District Court.....	--									
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299	-477 (-1.6%)	520 ( 1.7%)	3,421 (11.2%)	1,108 ( 3.3%)	2,158 ( 6.1%)	-362 (-1.0%)	2,587 ( 7.0%)	2,504 ( 6.3%)	3,028 ( 7.2%)
Arizona--Superior Court.....	2,249									
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	2,117	-322 (-0.7%)	4,771 (10.6%)	1,375 ( 2.8%)	1,153 ( 2.3%)	4,497 ( 8.6%)	4,161 ( 7.4%)	5,849 ( 9.6%)	5,175 ( 7.6%)	1,178 ( 1.6%)
Circuit Court.....	--	-631 (-3.3%)	2,896 (15.9%)	1,320 ( 6.2%)	-1,369 (-6.1%)	882 ( 4.2%)	2,988 (13.6%)	3,663 (14.7%)	4,153 (14.5%)	218 ( 0.7%)
Chancery Court.....	--	502 ( 3.0%)	1,431 ( 8.2%)	517 ( 2.7%)	1,888 ( 9.7%)	3,206 (15.0%)	1,292 ( 5.3%)	2,231 ( 8.6%)	736 ( 2.6%)	958 ( 3.3%)
Probate Court.....	--	-165 (-1.6%)	426 ( 4.6%)	-535 (-5.7%)	639 ( 7.3%)	402 ( 4.3%)	-119 (-1.2%)	-164 (-1.7%)	289 ( 3.0%)	125 ( 1.3%)
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	-28 (-15.3%)	18 (11.6%)	73 (42.2%)	-5 (-2.0%)	7 ( 2.9%)	0 ( 0.0%)	119 (48.0%)	-3 (-0.6%)	-123 (-33.8%)
Utah--District Court.....	1,232									
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL.....	936									
Superior Court.....	--									
District Court.....	--									
Idaho--District Court and Magistrates Division.....	833									
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	927	927 ( 6.6%)	119 ( 0.8%)	1,344 ( 9.1%)	409 ( 2.5%)	1,932 (11.7%)	56,646 (32.3%)	9,523 ( 4.1%)	8,793 ( 3.6%)	12,209 ( 4.9%)

Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	NC ( NC )	12,308 ( 15.8% )	4,394 ( 4.9% )	4,971 ( 5.3% )	9,724 ( 9.8% )	-3,258 (-3.0% )	3,344 ( 3.2% )	26,536 ( 24.3% )	3,543 ( 2.6% )	
Superior Court.....	--	382 ( 8.3% )	631 ( 12.6% )	556 ( 9.9% )	372 ( 6.0% )	2,079 ( 31.6% )	-360 (-4.2% )	257 ( 3.1% )	2,714 ( 31.8% )	-2,592 (-23.0% )	
Court of Chancery.....	--	-35(-12.5% )	44 ( 18.0% )	62 ( 21.5% )	4 ( 1.1% )	1 ( 0.3% )	-16 (-4.5% )	113 ( 33.3% )	-66(-14.6% )	22 ( 5.7% )	
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	44 ( 1.3% )	968 ( 28.3% )	471 ( 10.7% )	405 ( 8.3% )	-2 (-0.0% )	1,176 ( 22.4% )	343 ( 5.3% )	1,596 ( 23.5% )	741 ( 8.8% )	
Family Court.....	--		779 ( 5.2% )	292 ( 1.9% )	1,685 ( 10.5% )	-3,875 (-21.9% )	507 ( 3.7% )	2,819 ( 19.7% )	4,093 ( 23.9% )	751 ( 3.5% )	
Justice of the Peace Court.....	--		9,886 ( 18.3% )	3,013 ( 4.7% )	2,505 ( 3.7% )	11,521 ( 16.6% )	-4,565 (-5.6% )	-188 (-0.2% )	18,199 ( 23.8% )	4,621 ( 4.9% )	
<b>Civil cases</b>											
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	NC ( NC )	-37,899 (-5.1% )	18,576 ( 2.6% )	-24,187 (-3.3% )	17,551 ( 2.5% )	67,151 ( 9.3% )	59,214 ( 7.5% )	92,957 ( 11.0% )	-4,194 (-0.4% )	
Superior Court.....	--		-152 (-0.2% )	7,033 ( 7.9% )	8,587 ( 9.0% )	6,442 ( 6.2% )	9,503 ( 8.6% )	17,690 ( 14.7% )	18,777 ( 13.6% )	11,120 ( 7.1% )	
Justice Court.....	--	-12,736 (-13.3% )	-11,048 (-13.3% )	-4,922 (-6.8% )	-8,025 (-12.0% )	1,033 ( 1.8% )	5,103 ( 8.5% )	2,188 ( 3.4% )	1,794 ( 2.7% )	-11,103 (-16.1% )	
Municipal Court.....	--	-47,365 (-7.6% )	-26,699 (-4.7% )	16,465 ( 3.0% )	-24,749 (-4.4% )	10,076 ( 1.9% )	52,545 ( 9.6% )	39,336 ( 6.6% )	72,586 ( 11.3% )	-4,211 (-0.6% )	
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,113	2,941 ( 3.7% )	-218 (-0.3% )	4,831 ( 5.9% )	4,223 ( 4.8% )	9,426 ( 10.3% )	10,645 ( 10.6% )	5,729 ( 5.1% )	10,083 ( 8.6% )	-305 (-0.2% )	
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,339	1,762 ( 0.7% )	1,199 ( 0.5% )	40,114 ( 15.5% )	22,790 ( 7.6% )	10,550 ( 3.3% )	19,419 ( 5.8% )	15,407 ( 4.4% )	28,138 ( 7.7% )	25,607 ( 6.5% )	
Superior Court and County Court.....	--	4,072 ( 9.3% )	-1,257 (-2.6% )	1,370 ( 3.0% )	1,110 ( 2.3% )	3,520 ( 7.2% )	5,936 ( 11.3% )	-1,465 (-2.5% )	6,330 ( 11.1% )	1,646 ( 2.6% )	
County District Court.....	--	-2,233 (-1.2% )	-8,060 (-4.3% )	34,817 ( 19.3% )	22,057 ( 10.2% )	1,665 ( 0.7% )	12,530 ( 5.2% )	8,921 ( 3.5% )	20,277 ( 7.8% )	12,976 ( 4.6% )	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	--	-77 (-0.4% )	10,516 ( 50.0% )	3,927 ( 12.5% )	-377 (-1.1% )	5,365 ( 15.3% )	953 ( 2.4% )	7,951 ( 19.2% )	1,551 ( 3.1% )	10,985 ( 21.6% )	
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,462							22,870 ( 14.6% )	34,031 ( 18.9% )	16,458 ( 7.7% )	
Superior Court.....	--							241 ( 2.9% )	1,575 ( 18.6% )	854 ( 8.5% )	
District Court.....	--							22,629 ( 15.2% )	32,456 ( 18.9% )	15,604 ( 7.7% )	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787							-2,659 (-4.1% )	3,332 ( 5.3% )	7,723 ( 11.6% )	
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	6,682 ( 14.5% )	5,878 ( 11.1% )	4,856 ( 8.3% )	-3,394 (-5.3% )	1,055 ( 1.8% )	5,523 ( 9.0% )	8,108 ( 12.2% )	5,608 ( 7.5% )	2,795 ( 3.5% )	
Circuit Court.....	--	6,620 ( 22.3% )	3,930 ( 10.8% )	2,379 ( 5.9% )	-3,949 (-9.3% )	-784 (-2.0% )	1,709 ( 4.5% )	3,761 ( 9.5% )	3,221 ( 7.4% )	761 ( 1.6% )	
Law and Equity Court.....	--	-180 (-7.0% )	671 ( 28.1% )	-36 (-1.2% )	108 ( 3.6% )	664 ( 21.2% )	798 ( 21.0% )	592 ( 12.9% )	-940 (-18.1% )	605 ( 14.3% )	
Chancery Court.....	--	242 ( 1.8% )	1,277 ( 9.1% )	2,513 ( 16.4% )	447 ( 2.5% )	1,175 ( 6.4% )	3,018 ( 15.5% )	3,755 ( 16.7% )	3,327 ( 12.7% )	1,429 ( 4.8% )	
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125				3,283P ( 6.5% )	4,318P ( 6.0% )	NC ( NC )	20,836 ( 7.5% )	46,824 ( 15.7% )	11,278 ( 3.3% )	
Circuit Court.....	--				3,283 ( 6.5% )	4,318 ( 8.0% )	-7,394 (-12.8% )	2,010 ( 4.0% )	1,315 ( 2.5% )	3,414 ( 6.3% )	
District Court.....	--							18,826 ( 8.3% )	45,509 ( 18.5% )	7,864 ( 2.7% )	
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL.....	3,102	-450 (-1.8% )	1,007 ( 4.1% )	3,262 ( 12.7% )	-2,440 (-8.4% )	1,294 ( 4.9% )	236 ( 0.8% )	2,672 ( 9.5% )	18,125 ( 58.9% )	7,687 ( 15.7% )	
Superior Court.....	--	316 ( 1.9% )	277 ( 1.6% )	1,834 ( 10.4% )	-1,178 ( 6.1% )	1,601 ( 8.8% )	457 ( 2.3% )	2,891 ( 14.3% )	1,833 ( 7.9% )	790 ( 3.2% )	
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	-766 (-9.3% )	730 ( 9.8% )	1,428 ( 17.4% )	-1,262 (-13.1% )	-307 (-3.7% )	-221 (-2.7% )	-219 (-2.8% )	16,292 ( 214.1% )	6,897 ( 28.9% )	
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770				17,475 ( 17.8% )	5,503 ( 4.8% )	9,297 ( 7.7% )	12,555 ( 9.6% )	13,598 ( 9.5% )	9,822 ( 6.3% )	
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575				763P ( 5.1% )	NC ( NC )	-5,496 (-6.7% )	10,015 ( 13.1% )	19,411 ( 22.4% )	8,203 ( 7.7% )	
District Court, and Denver Superior and Probate Courts.....	--							3,460 ( 6.4% )	8,094 ( 14.1% )	14,545 ( 22.1% )	
Water Court.....	--							1,169 ( 135.1% )	12,029 ( 591.4% )	-10,776 (-76.6% )	
County Court.....	--							-406 (-2.9% )	286 ( 2.1% )	1,820 ( 13.0% )	
Oregon--Tax Court.....	2,262	20 ( 18.0% )	59 ( 45.0% )	12 ( 6.3% )	-13 (-6.4% )	-14 (-7.4% )	48 ( 27.4% )	-75 (-33.6% )	84 ( 56.8% )	-51 (-22.0% )	
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299				2,742 ( 10.5% )	1,089 ( 3.8% )	1,823 ( 6.1% )	-161 (-0.5% )	2,003 ( 6.4% )	1,821 ( 5.4% )	
Utah--District Court.....	1,232							1,608 ( 6.6% )	1,387 ( 6.9% )	N/A	-496 (-1.9% )
Rhode Island--District Court.....	936							597 ( 2.3% )	4,479 ( 16.8% )	2,118 ( 6.8% )	-4,309 (-12.9% )
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	397 ( 3.4% )	59 ( 0.5% )	608 ( 5.0% )	127 ( 1.0% )	868 ( 6.7% )	1,328 ( 9.7% )	1,765 ( 11.7% )	569 ( 3.4% )	360 ( 2.1% )	
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700							-544 (-0.3% )	-4,662 (-2.8% )	1,850 ( 1.1% )	-5,173 (-3.1% )
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	-5 (-0.1% )	1,305 ( 28.8% )	323 ( 5.5% )	-75 (-1.2% )	396 ( 6.5% )	1,438 ( 22.2% )	91 ( 1.1% )	2,667 ( 33.3% )	-2,029 (-19.0% )	
Superior Court.....	--	139 ( 4.6% )	959 ( 30.7% )	20 ( 0.5% )	-24 (-0.6% )	557 ( 13.6% )	618 ( 13.5% )	113 ( 2.1% )	1,804 ( 33.6% )	-2,291 (-31.9% )	
Court of Chancery.....	--	-35(-12.5% )	44 ( 18.0% )	62 ( 21.5% )	4 ( 1.1% )	1 ( 0.3% )	-16 (-4.5% )	113 ( 33.3% )	-66(-14.6% )	22 ( 5.7% )	
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	-109 (-8.6% )	302 ( 26.1% )	241 ( 16.5% )	-55 (-3.2% )	-162 (-9.8% )	836 ( 56.3% )	-135 (-5.8% )	929 ( 42.5% )	240 ( 7.7% )	
<b>Criminal cases</b>											
California--STATE TOTAL.....	21,522	14,441 ( 2.3% )	48,969 ( 7.7% )	60,414 ( 8.8% )	-190 (-0.0% )	-1,501 (-0.2% )	4,467 (-0.6% )	-84 (-0.0% )	32,857 ( 4.4% )	513 ( 0.1% )	
Superior Court.....	--	8,739 ( 18.9% )	13,092 ( 23.8% )	3,263 ( 4.8% )	4,964 ( 7.0% )	-10,899 (-14.3% )	-3,882 (-5.9% )	-6,970 (-11.3% )	1,000 ( 1.8% )	-729 (-1.3% )	
Justice Court.....	--	-4,127 (-4.4% )	-542 (-0.6% )	2,326 ( 2.6% )	-1,205 (-1.3% )	3,364 ( 3.7% )	3,460 ( 0.6% )	562 ( 0.6% )	-736 (-0.8% )	-13,481 (-13.8% )	
Municipal Court.....	--	9,829 ( 2.0% )	36,419 ( 7.4% )	54,825 ( 10.3% )	-3,949 ( 0.7% )	6,034 ( 1.0% )	-4,045 (-0.7% )	6,324 ( 1.1% )	32,593 ( 5.5% )	14,723 ( 2.	

Table 50: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, juvenile) year to year for trial courts, 1967-1976.

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State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed								
		1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
<b>Criminal cases</b>										
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787									
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,234	571 (-3.3%)	1,333 (-7.4%)	1,489 (-7.7%)	992 (-4.7%)	-1,778 (-8.1%)	1,849 (-9.2%)	4,630 (21.1%)	2,879 (10.8%)	147 (0.5%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			1,694P (-7.3%)	-2,666P (-10.7%)	NC ( NC )	-3,567 (-2.7%)	12,673 (-9.8%)	24,827 (17.4%)	19,335 (11.6%)
Circuit Court.....	--			1,694 (-7.3%)	-2,666 (-10.7%)	-1,762 (-7.9%)	535 (-2.6%)	3,522 (16.7%)	5,003 (20.3%)	4,138 (14.0%)
District Court.....	--						-4,102 (-3.6%)	9,151 (-8.4%)	19,824 (16.8%)	15,197 (11.0%)
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770		28,666 (16.1%)	-2,442 (-1.2%)	6,070 (-3.0%)	-23,757 (-11.3%)	-13,610 (-7.3%)	34,381 (19.9%)	26,643 (12.9%)	
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575			11,371P (12.5%)	NC ( NC )	27,125 (21.4%)	13,963 (-9.1%)	20,454 (12.2%)	-5,803 (-3.1%)	
District Court and Denver Superior Court.....	--						-682 (-6.6%)	1,460 (15.1%)	3,434 (30.8%)	-235 (-1.6%)
County Court.....	--			11,371 (12.5%)	13,596 (13.3%)	27,807 (23.9%)	12,503 (8.7%)	17,020 (10.9%)	-5,568 (-3.2%)	
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299		679 (14.7%)	19 (-0.4%)	335 (-6.3%)	-201 (-3.6%)	584 (10.7%)	683 (11.3%)	529 (7.9%)	
Utah--District Court.....	1,232			178 (9.3%)	230 (11.0%)	N/A	N/A	425 (16.1%)		
Rhode Island--District Court.....	936				7,740 (19.2%)	3,257 (-6.8%)	-8,129 (-15.8%)	-14,510 (-33.5%)		
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	530 (26.6%)	60 (-2.4%)	736 (28.5%)	282 (-8.5%)	1,064 (29.5%)	188 (-4.0%)	292 (-6.0%)	1,176 (22.9%)	110 (1.7%)
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						3,424 (-4.6%)	16,262 (20.9%)	10,782 (11.4%)	11,608 (11.1%)
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	772 (-7.1%)	281 (-2.4%)	-173 (-1.5%)	1,083 (-9.3%)	2,728 (21.3%)	121 (-0.8%)	-28 (-0.2%)	2,527 (16.2%)	169 (0.9%)
Superior Court.....	--	243 (14.8%)	-328 (-17.4%)	536 (34.4%)	396 (18.9%)	1,522 (61.1%)	-969 (-24.2%)	135 (-4.4%)	910 (28.6%)	-301 (-7.4%)
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	153 (7.3%)	666 (29.5%)	230 (7.9%)	460 (14.5%)	160 (4.4%)	340 (9.0%)	478 (11.6%)	667 (14.5%)	501 (9.5%)
Municipal Court of Wilmington.....	--	376 (5.3%)	-57 (-0.6%)	-939 (-12.7%)	227 (-3.5%)	1,046 (15.7%)	750 (9.7%)	-641 (-7.6%)	950 (12.1%)	-31 (-0.4%)
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>										
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802					2,324 (-9.4%)	8,026 (29.6%)	4,762 (13.6%)	-2,798 (-7.0%)	
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court...	7,339	5,920 (19.8%)	6,314 (17.6%)	8,104 (19.2%)	3,277 (-6.5%)	5,235 (-9.8%)	5,036 (-8.6%)	8,483 (13.3%)	10,322 (14.3%)	1,827 (2.2%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787					652 (-4.1%)	724 (-4.4%)	1,590 (9.3%)	-1,822 (-9.7%)	
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			449 (-2.5%)	3,581 (19.5%)	3,582 (16.3%)	-2,627 (-10.3%)	1,656 (-7.2%)	803 (-3.3%)	3,043 (12.0%)
Circuit Court.....	--			357 (-2.2%)	3,818 (23.0%)	3,839 (18.8%)	-2,955 (-12.2%)	1,114 (-5.2%)	1,032 (4.6%)	1,825 (7.8%)
District Court.....	--			92 (5.7%)	-237 (-13.8%)	-257 (-17.4%)	328 (26.9%)	542 (35.1%)	-229 (-11.0%)	1,218 (65.5%)
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court..	2,575							542 (4.3%)	4,036 (30.4%)	4,484 (25.9%)
New Hampshire--District Court and Municipal Court...	827	339 (18.4%)	495 (22.6%)	60 (-2.2%)	171 (-6.2%)	-29 (-1.0%)	697 (24.2%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						182 (2.4%)	-75 (-1.0%)	-16 (-0.2%)	-365 (-4.7%)

Note: The data displayed as total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases include the same case categories as the grand total, total civil, total criminal, and total juvenile figures on the court statistical profiles in Part II with the following exceptions:

#### Total cases:

Arizona Superior Court--the 1972 figure does not include juvenile data for five counties.  
Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.

Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.

Idaho District Court and Magistrates Division--does not include appeals.

Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences data.

Maryland District Court--the criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.

North Carolina District Court--does not include juvenile data.

Oklahoma District Court--does not include criminal extraordinary writs.

Oregon Circuit Court--does not include adoption, probate, mental health, or juvenile data.

Oregon District Court--does not include domestic relations, probate, or mental health data.

Washington District Court and Justices of the Peace--does not include Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

Washington Municipal and Police Court--includes Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

#### Juvenile cases:

Maryland Circuit Court and District Court--includes adult offenses against juveniles cases.

Blank space = Data were not provided in the 1976 source documents.

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

#### Civil cases:

California Superior Court--includes only auto tort, non-auto tort, and other complaints.

Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Connecticut Superior Court--does not include appeals.

Connecticut Court of Common Pleas--does not include civil--geographical areas or small claims cases.

Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.

Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.

Oklahoma District Court--includes civil and juvenile cases.

#### Criminal cases:

California Superior Court--includes only felony cases.

Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.

Kansas District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.

Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences or adult offenses against juveniles cases.

Maryland District Court--does not include adult offenses against juveniles cases. The criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.

North Carolina District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.

Oklahoma District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases; does not include criminal extraordinary writs.

Data were not available for all courts in the state. Only courts with data are included in this number.

\*The missing data for Utah in 1974 was the result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

#### **General conclusions**

A number of factors relating to these data, other than those already discussed, should be emphasized. In 1976, there was a substantial increase in the number of states reporting data and in the number of courts displayed. This resulted from the addition of Puerto Rico and the limited jurisdiction courts to the report, and meant a major increase in the quantity of data to be compiled and analyzed.

With this vast amount of data, questions of reliability and validity arise. Murphy's Law can be applied to statistics and, in this case, addresses reliability and validity questions. "Any error that can creep into calculation will--and

will always be in the direction that causes the most damage to the calculation," and "in any collection of data, the figures that are obviously correct will contain errors." The above is not meant to be humorous, but to emphasize the fact that, when dealing with large amounts of data, such as for the trial courts, even though various controls to correct any errors are implemented, the possibility of error remains.

One final point is that there is much room for improvement. More data and more complete data are needed to make comparisons that can lead to accurate conclusions. Many courts, court administrators, and judges will benefit through the achievement of these goals.

#### **Part II State court statistical profiles**

## 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 caseload 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 or a reciprocal support case reported by a trial court is displayed under the general heading of **domestic relations** for civil caseload. 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. Only the standard footnote headings are displayed on the summary tables in Part I. For example, on Tables 17 and 19, the total pending cases for the Alaska Superior Court are footnoted (i). The standard footnote heading for footnote (i) is "Data are not complete". In the statistical profile for the Alaska Superior Court, the explanation under footnote (i) indicates that juvenile cases are not included in the grand total pending figures.

In addition to the 14 standard footnotes used on the statistical profiles, 3 additional standard footnotes have been used in Part I for summary tables. These are footnote (p) indicating that data were not available for all courts, footnote (r) indicating that the total includes traffic cases other than parking, and footnote (s) indicating that the total includes traffic (DWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations) data.

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 A.

## State court system, 1976

### COURT OF LAST RESORT

Number of justices

Jurisdiction:

- Exclusive
- Kinds of appeals
- Discretionary review

### INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT (Number of courts)

Number of judges

Jurisdiction:

- Original
- Exclusive

### GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS (Number of courts)

Number of judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil
  - Criminal
  - Juvenile
- Appeals heard  
Jury trial/no jury trial

### LIMITED AND SPECIAL JURISDICTION COURTS (Number of courts)

Number of judges

Jurisdiction:

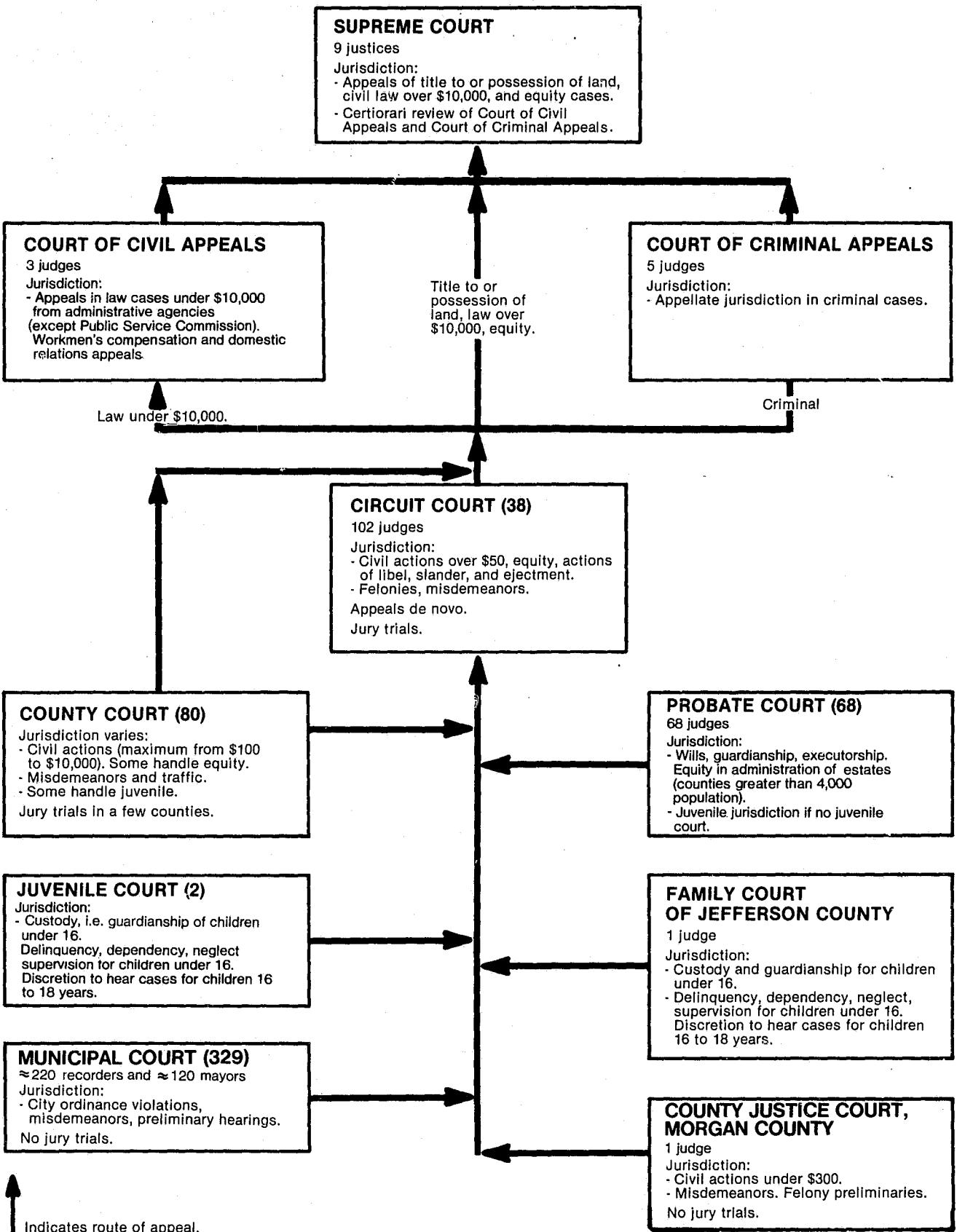
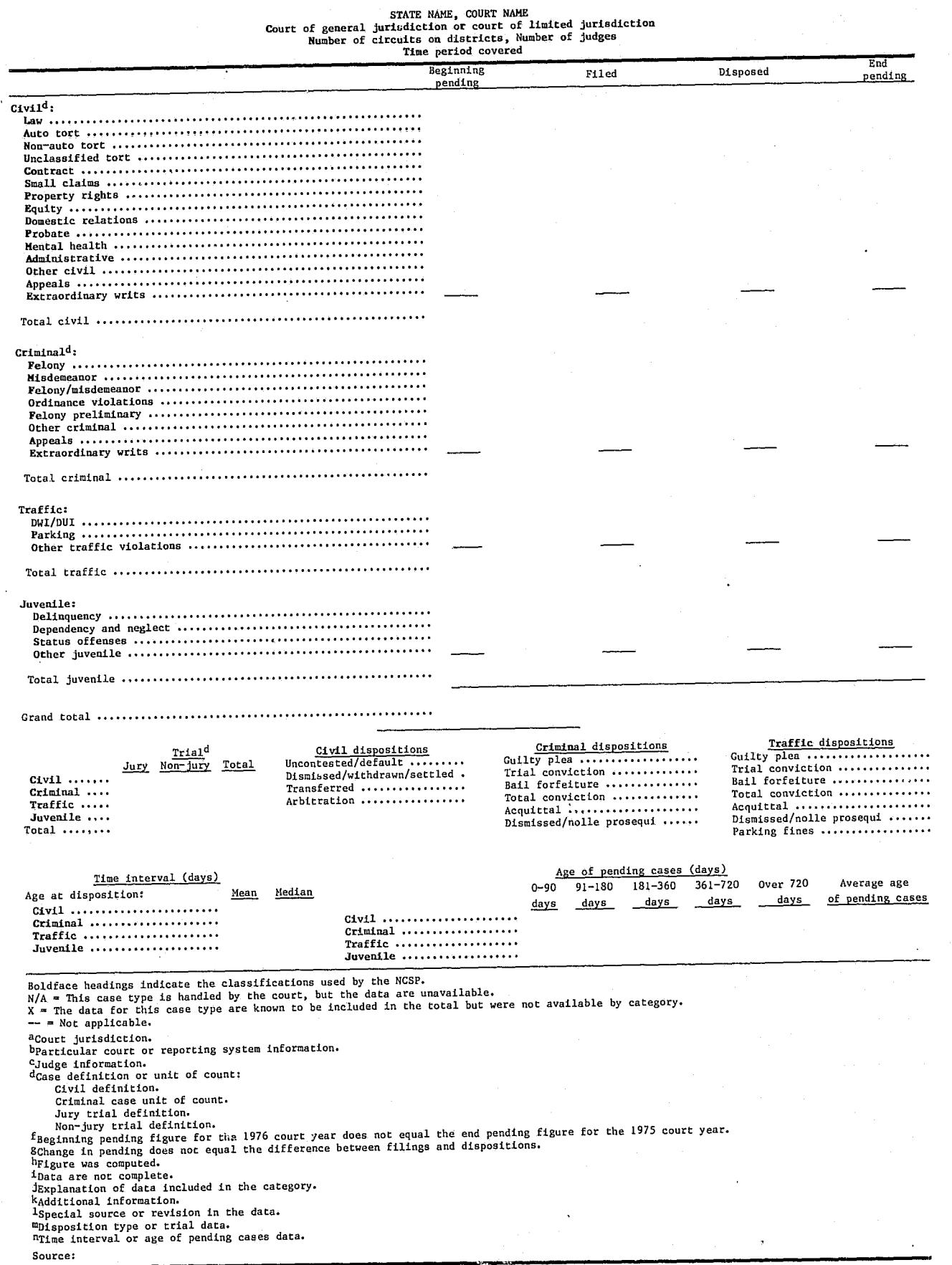
- Civil
  - Criminal
  - Juvenile
- Jury trial/no jury trial

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								
<b>Cases:</b>												
<b>Appeals:</b>												
Civil .....												
Criminal .....												
Postconviction remedy .....												
Administrative agency .....												
Juvenile .....												
Total appeals .....												
<b>Other cases:</b>												
Original proceedings .....												
Original jurisdiction .....												
Disciplinary matter .....												
Advisory opinion cases .....												
Total .....												
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>												
Civil .....												
Criminal .....												
Postconviction remedy .....												
Administrative agency .....												
Juvenile .....												
Total .....												
Sentence review only .....												
Total other cases .....												
<b>Total cases .....</b>												
<b>Other proceedings:</b>												
Rehearing requests .....												
Other matters .....												
Total other proceedings .....												
<b>Manner of disposition</b>												
Opinion .....												
Memorandum decision .....												
Order (decision without opinion) .....												
Dismissed/withdrawn/settled .....												
Transferred .....												
Other .....												
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>												
Affirmed .....												
Modified .....												
Reversed .....												
Reversed and remanded .....												
Remanded .....												
<b>Time interval<sup>n</sup> (months/days)</b>												
Ready for hearing to under advisement (submission or oral argument) to Notice of appeal to decision												
Appeals .....	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median				
<b>Age of pending cases (days)</b>												
Not ready for hearing Awaiting court reporter's transcript Awaiting appellant's brief Awaiting respondent's brief Ready for hearing Under advisement (Submitted or oral argument completed)					Average age of pending cases							
Appeals .....	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days
Original proceedings .....												
Requests to appeal .....												
<b>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.</b>												
<b>aCourt jurisdiction. bParticular court or reporting system information. cJudge information. eCases not included in the total to avoid double counting. fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 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 data. mCategories for disposition type or trial data. nTime interval or age of pending data.</b>												

## **Alabama court system, 1976**



ALABAMA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
9 justices

October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals .....	0	243 <sup>j</sup>	243	0
Total appeals .....	0	243 <sup>j</sup>	243	0
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings: Petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition .....	0	28 <sup>j</sup>	28	0
Requests to appeal: Petitions for writ of certiorari .....	0	38	38	0
Petitions for writ of certiorari for preliminary examination.....	0	201	201	0
Total .....	0	229 <sup>j</sup>	229	0
Total other cases .....	0	267 <sup>j</sup>	267	0
Total cases .....	0	510 <sup>j</sup>	510	0
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters: Requests for advisory opinion .....	0	9	9	0
Miscellaneous matters .....	0	39	39	0
Total .....	0	48	48	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	48	48	0
<b>Manner of disposition<sup>m</sup></b>				
Written opinion .....	285			
Transferred or dismissed by agreement .....	4			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed cases as displayed are "cases submitted," indicating the number of cases ready for adjudication. There were 378 appeals and extraordinary writs docketed and 217 petitions for certiorari docketed. These 595 "cases docketed" indicate the total number of cases entering the system, but only 510 cases were submitted to the court.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition include 24 petitions for mandamus disposed with no written opinion.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Manner of disposition categories are for appeals, petitions for writs of certiorari, and petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition with written opinion.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 judges

October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals: Civil <sup>a</sup> :				
Cases .....	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	186	0
Total appeals .....	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	186	0
Other cases: Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	0	186 <sup>j</sup>	186	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Cases decided .....	186			

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

Court has jurisdiction in civil appeal cases only.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed cases include only those completed cases submitted to a judge either on oral argument or submitted on brief.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
5 judges

October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals: Criminal <sup>a</sup> :				
Total appeals .....	523 <sup>fj</sup>	1,084	933 <sup>i</sup>	671 <sup>b</sup>
Total cases .....	523 <sup>f</sup>	1,084	933 <sup>i</sup>	671 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	523 <sup>f</sup>	1,084	933 <sup>i</sup>	671 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	396			

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

Court has jurisdiction in criminal appeal cases only.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

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

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Beginning pending is the number of cases brought forward from the 1974-75 term. It includes cases pending on certiorari in the Supreme Court of Alabama and the Supreme Court of the United States and those in which appeals have not been perfected (all necessary documents filed).

End pending is the number of cases carried forward to the 1976-77 term. There were no submitted cases carried over to the 1976-77 term.

Total appeals include requests to appeal as well as appeals.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
38 circuits, 102 judges

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Original civil .....	X	25,123	X	X
Auto tort:				
Motor vehicle .....	X	6,966	X	X
Equity .....	X	5,106	X	X
Domestic relations .....	X	39,096	X	X
Appeals .....	X	1,725	X	X
Total civil .....	46,052 <sup>fh</sup>	78,016	75,052	49,016
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments .....	X	18,454	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	1,139	X	X
Total .....	X	19,593	X	X
Appeals .....	X	5,873	X	X
Total criminal .....	10,553 <sup>fh</sup>	25,466	25,451	10,568
Grand total .....	56,605 <sup>fh</sup>	103,482	100,503	59,584

	Jury	Trial	Non-Jury	Total	Civil dispositions	Criminal dispositions
Civil .....	X	X		28,764	Dismissed/settled .....	45,394
Criminal ....	1,808	908		2,716	Dismissal/noile prosequi ...	7,513
Total .....	X	X		31,480	Guilty plea .....	15,136

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.

<sup>a</sup>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 indictment.

A trial is counted if tried to completion.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>fh</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Alaska court system, 1976

ALABAMA COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
80 courts  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

ALABAMA JUVENILE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

ALABAMA PROBATE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
68 courts, 68 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

FAMILY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 1 judge  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

ALABAMA MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
329 courts; ≈ 220 recorders, ≈ 120 mayors  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

COUNTY JUSTICE COURT, MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 1 judge  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

### SUPREME COURT

5 justices  
Jurisdiction:  

- Appeals as a matter of right from final judgments.
- Discretionary review of any order or decision not appealable.
- Criminal cases appealed by state only for testing sufficiency of indictment or leniency of sentence.
- Sentence review.

### SUPERIOR COURT (4)

19 judges  
Jurisdiction:  

- Original jurisdiction in all civil. Exclusive jurisdiction in domestic relations, probate, guardianship, and civil commitments.
- Original jurisdiction in all criminal.
- Exclusive jurisdiction in juvenile.

Appeals on record unless trial de novo is granted.  
Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (4)

27.8 full-time equivalent judges  
Jurisdiction:  

- Civil actions under \$10,000, auto tort under \$15,000, small claims.
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations, felony preliminaries.

Six-man jury trials.

### MAGISTRATES COURT (56)

56 part-time magistrates  
Jurisdiction:  

- Civil actions under \$1,000.
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations, felony preliminaries.

No jury trial.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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ALASKA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil and cross appeals .....	1471	214	141	220
Criminal .....	711	113	58	126
Juvenile .....	6	7	9	4
Total appeals .....	224	334	208	350
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	1	16	12	5
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review .....	16	86	82	20
Sentence review:				
Sentence appeal .....	17	32	33	16
Total other cases .....	34	134	127	41
Total cases .....	258	468	335	391

Manner of disposition  
Disposition of appeals<sup>m</sup>

Written opinion ....	133	Affirmed ....	47
Mandate opinion ....	13	Reversed and remanded ..	40 <sup>m</sup>
Order of court ....	2	Affirmed in part/ reversed in part .....	14
Dismissed ....	135	Reversed .....	6
Review denied ....	52	Remanded .....	2

Time interval<sup>n</sup> (median months/days)  
Bringing an appeal to issue ..... 10 months 24 days  
Disposing an appeal by opinion ..... 4 months 11 days

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Figure was revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Disposition of appeals categories are for civil appeals, criminal appeals, and petitions for review.  
Reversed and remanded criminal disposition figure does not reflect actual reversals of criminal convictions. Five of the reversed cases are petitions for review of appeals brought by the State of Alaska in criminal matters.

<sup>n</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are for regular civil and criminal appeals. The time period for bringing an appeal to issue begins with the date of the filing of an appeal in the clerk's office and ends at the time the appeal is heard or assigned on briefs. The time period for disposing an appeal by opinion is computed by starting from the date the case is heard or assigned on the briefs and ending with the date of publication of the opinion.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977); and memo from clerk to Justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976." 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, 19 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Civil damage .....	X	870	X	X
Contract:				
Debts, contracts, and notes .....	X	1,190	X	X
Property rights:				
Housing, real estate .....	X	450	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	4,190	X	X
Reciprocal support .....	X	1,058	X	X
Other .....	X	288	X	X
Adoption .....	X	622	X	X
Total .....	X	6,158	X	X
Probate:				
Estate .....	X	547	X	X
Guardianship .....	X	18	X	X
Probate waiver .....	X	90	X	X
Protective .....	X	125	X	X
Other .....	X	19	X	X
Total .....	X	799	X	X
Mental health:				
Sanity .....	X	203	X	X
Administrative:				
Administrative review .....	X	96	X	X
Other civil:				
Other .....	X	983	X	X
Total civil .....	7,382 <sup>h</sup>	10,749	8,604	9,527

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Alaska Superior Court (continued)

<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	531	782	898	415
Misdemeanor .....	X	33	X	X
Other criminal:				
Probation revocation .....	X	57	X	X
Other .....	X	34	X	X
Total .....	X	91	X	X
<b>Appeals:</b>				
From District Court .....	X	50	X	X
To Supreme Court .....	X	35	X	X
Total .....	X	85	X	X
Total criminal .....	564 <sup>f</sup>	991	1,077	4808

<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	1,223 <sup>h</sup>	X	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency .....	N/A	76 <sup>h</sup>	X	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision .....	N/A	211 <sup>h</sup>	X	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	1,510	1,133	N/A

Grand total .....	7,946 <sup>fi</sup>	13,250	10,814	10,007 <sup>i</sup>
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	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>	Criminal (felony) dispositions
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	48	243	291	Default .....	437
Criminal (felony) .....	118	18	136	Withdrawn .....	714
Total .....	166	261	427	Judgment .....	315

	Age at disposition <sup>n</sup> :	Average	Median	Age of pending cases <sup>n</sup> 12/31/76 (days)	Average	Median
Domestic relations ...	202	80	207	Domestic relations .	257	207
Probate .....	361	71	568	Probate .....	834	568
Other civil .....	474	275	285	Other civil .....	358	285
Felony .....	155	102	195	Felony .....	313	195
All other criminal ...	163	72	329	All other criminal .	365	329

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. Some occur after preliminary hearings in District Court.

A trial is counted if tried to judgment.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

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

hFigures are as reported in the annual report.

iFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

The juvenile filing figure for each category was derived from the percent of formal petitions for each category multiplied by the total number of formal petitions.

jData are not complete:

Grand total pending figures do not include juvenile cases.

kCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil jury trial and civil disposition data are for civil damages; debts, contracts, and notes; housing, real estate; administrative review; and other civil cases. Civil non-jury trials also include domestic relations (divorce, reciprocal support, other) cases.

lTime interval or age of pending data:

Age at disposition and age of pending data represent those categories listed in the annual report.

These categories include the following case types:

All other criminal--misdemeanors, probation revocation, other appeals from District Court, and appeals to Supreme Court.

Domestic relations--divorce, reciprocal support, 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.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
4 districts, 27.8 full-time equivalent judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Civil damage .....	X	461	X	X
Contract:				
Debt, contract, and notes .....	X	2,406	X	X
Small claims .....	2,490 <sup>b</sup>	4,985	3,747	3,728
Other civil:				
Other .....	X	800	X	X
Total civil .....	5,076 <sup>b</sup>	8,652	6,784	6,944
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	4,605	18,452	17,041	6,046 <sup>b</sup>
Felony preliminary .....	476	1,449	1,359	573 <sup>b</sup>
Other criminal .....	271	1,434	1,266	411 <sup>b</sup>
Total criminal .....	5,352	21,335	19,666	7,030 <sup>b</sup>
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	14,156	59,002	56,419	16,794 <sup>b</sup>
Grand total .....	24,584	88,989	82,869	30,768 <sup>b</sup>

Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>		Criminal dispositions	
			Default .....	Withdrawn .....	Misdemeanor	Felony
Civil:			1,101	1,138		
Small claims ....	NH	585	585	244	Guilty/no contest plea .....	11,463
All other civil ..	15	202	217	244	Trial conviction .....	612
Total .....	15	787	802	249	Total conviction .....	12,075
Criminal:					Acquittal .....	285
Misdemeanor .....	447	491	938		Dismissal .....	3,567
Traffic .....	NH	1,494	1,494		Reduced to misdemeanor .....	653
Total .....	462	2,772	3,234		Moved to Superior Court .....	154
						543

	Time interval (days)			Age of pending cases 12/31/76 (days)		
	Age at disposition:		Average	Median	Age of pending cases 12/31/76 (days)	
Traffic dispositions	Small claims .....	196	83	Small claims .....	289	272
Trial conviction .....	All other civil ....	282	151	All other civil ....	281	263
Total conviction .....	Misdemeanor <sup>n</sup> .....	48	17	Misdemeanor .....	232	119
	Felony preliminary ...	47	18	Other criminal ....	291	293
	Other criminal .....	69	22	Felony preliminary .....	182	166
	Traffic .....	189	172			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

NH = This classification 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.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments or complaints.

A trial is counted if tried to judgment.

<sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>m</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>n</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil dispositions do not include disposition of small claims cases.

<sup>p</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Misdemeanor age at disposition is measured from first appearance to dismissal, acquittal, or sentencing.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA MAGISTRATES COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
56 courts, 56 part-time magistrates  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	302	193	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	1,461	1,372	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	99	67	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	1,560	1,439	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	680	715	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	2,542	2,347	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.

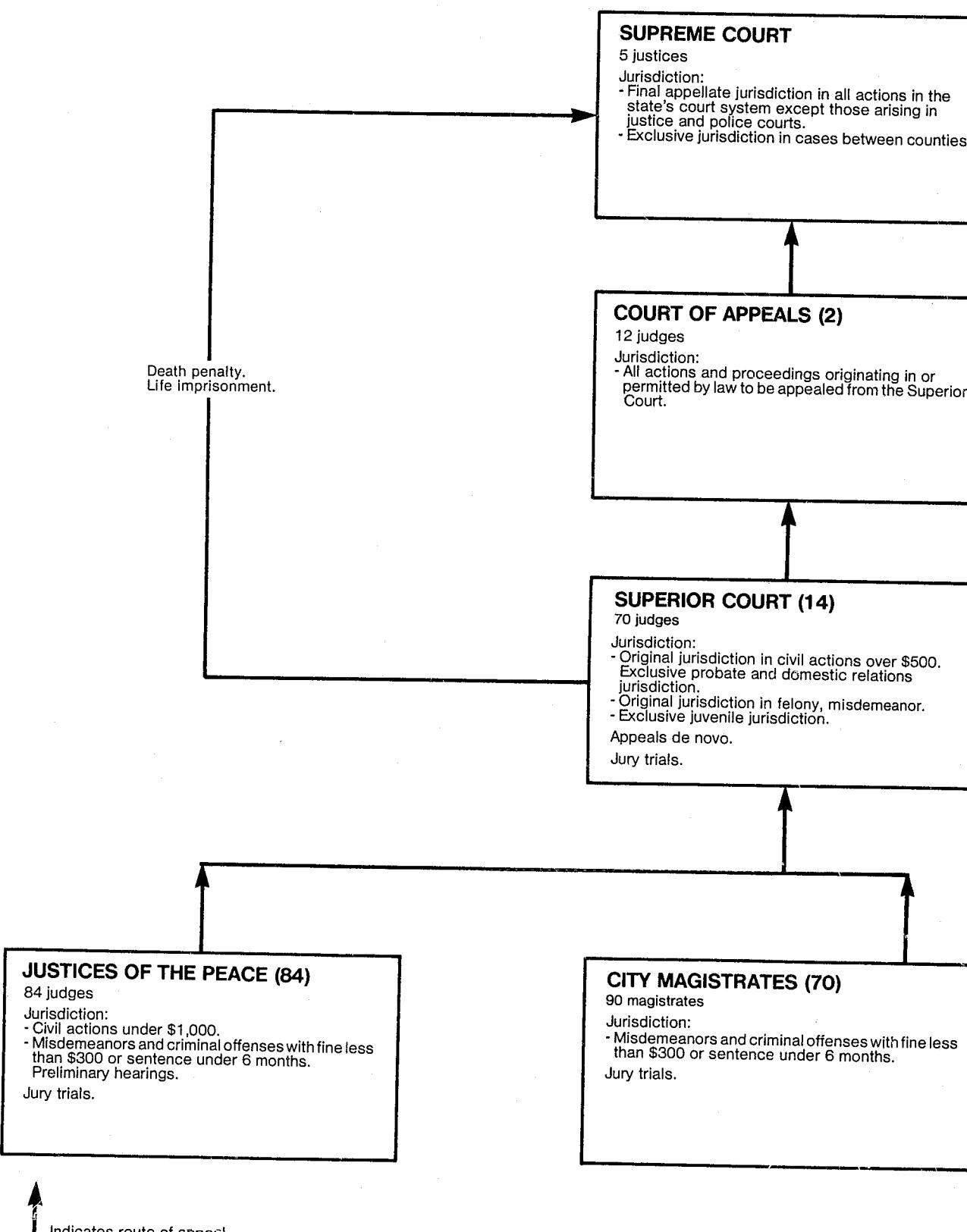
<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

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

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Arizona court system, 1976



ARIZONA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	15	35	26	24
Criminal .....	201	169	155	215
Delayed appeals .....	0	7	4	3
Total appeals .....	216	211	185	242
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	0	21	19	2
Special actions .....	21	170	171	20
Bar matters .....	3	29	26	6
Petitions for review .....	65 <sup>f</sup>	592	603	54
Total .....	89	812	819	82
Requests to appeal .....	89	812	819	82
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	305	1,023	1,004	324
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous .....	0	40	39	1
Total other proceedings .....	0	40	39	1
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	185			
Memorandum .....	84			
Terminated without written opinion .....	774			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....		163		
Reversed .....		43		
Reversed and remanded .....		33		
Remanded .....		28		
Dismissed <sup>m</sup> .....		776		

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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.  
<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Dismissed includes special actions declined and petitions for review.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *The Arizona Courts Summary Report* (Phoenix, Arizona: 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 administrative director.

ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
2 divisions, 12 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed <sup>j</sup>	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	473	599	482	590
Criminal .....	633	1,000	978	655
Delayed appeals .....	7	0	7	0
Industrial Commission .....	102	243	217	128
Juvenile .....	5	9	13	1
Total appeals <sup>j</sup> .....	1,220	1,851	1,697	1,374
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus <sup>i</sup> .....	2	2	2	2
Special actions <sup>j</sup> .....	32	160	173	19
Petitions for review .....	0	4	4	0
Total .....	34	166	179	21
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....	34	166	179	21
Total cases .....	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395

Manner of disposition

Written opinion .....	449
Memorandum .....	619
Terminated without opinion .....	647

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.

<sup>j</sup>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: Administrative Office of the Courts, *The Arizona Courts Summary Report* (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT<sup>i</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
14 counties, 70 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed <sup>j</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	29,723	28,992	29,138	29,577
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations .....	9,797	22,025	23,231	8,591 <sup>g</sup>
Adoption <sup>j</sup> .....	1,415 <sup>f</sup>	1,638	1,440	1,506 <sup>g</sup>
Reciprocal support .....	5,046 <sup>f</sup>	2,389	1,900	6,176 <sup>g</sup>
Total .....	16,258 <sup>f1</sup>	26,052	26,571	16,273 <sup>g1</sup>
Probate <sup>j</sup> .....	6,743 <sup>f1</sup>	7,130	6,013	7,272 <sup>g1</sup>
Mental health <sup>j</sup> .....	1,340 <sup>f</sup>	400	411	1,326 <sup>g</sup>
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil .....	54,064 <sup>f</sup>	62,574	62,133	54,448 <sup>g</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	4,678	10,556	10,334	4,900
Misdemeanor <sup>j</sup> .....	1,204	3,357	3,431	1,130
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal .....	5,882 <sup>f</sup>	13,913	13,765	6,030
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile <sup>j</sup> .....	794	8,287	7,088	938 <sup>g</sup>
Grand total .....	60,740 <sup>f</sup>	84,774	82,986	61,416 <sup>g</sup>

	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>	Criminal dispositions
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	541	2,713	3,254	Default judgment .....	5,548
Criminal .....	784	871	1,655	Dismissed .....	7,031
Total .....	1,325	3,584	4,909	Dismissed/nonprosecution .....	5,871
				Transferred .....	364
				Otherwise no trial .....	14,101

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Arizona Superior Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 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.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

This discrepancy is due to missing data. See (i).

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Adoption pending figures do not include data for Cochise and Maricopa Counties.

Mental health data do not include data for Maricopa County.

Reciprocal support pending figures do not include data from Cochise County.

Probate pending figures do not include Cochise and Maricopa Counties.

Juvenile pending data do not include Maricopa, Cochise, Navajo, Pima, Yuma, or Yavapai Counties.

Juvenile figures include no filing or disposition data from Pima County and only partial filing and disposition data for Maricopa County.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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.

Appeals (civil) are reported in the law category.

Misdemeanor cases include lower court appeals and nonfelony cases.

Appeals (criminal) are reported in the misdemeanor category.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials and disposition types do not include data for probate, adoption, reciprocal support, or mental health.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *The Arizona Courts Summary Report* (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977); and Administrative Office of the Courts, *The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report* (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). Statistics are from the reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the administrative director.

ARIZONA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE<sup>i</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
84 courts, 84 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil .....	N/A	31,915	26,363	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	16,782	X	N/A
felony preliminary .....	N/A	14,058		N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	30,840	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	212,435	X	N/A
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....	N/A	275,190	250,570	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.

<sup>d</sup>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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

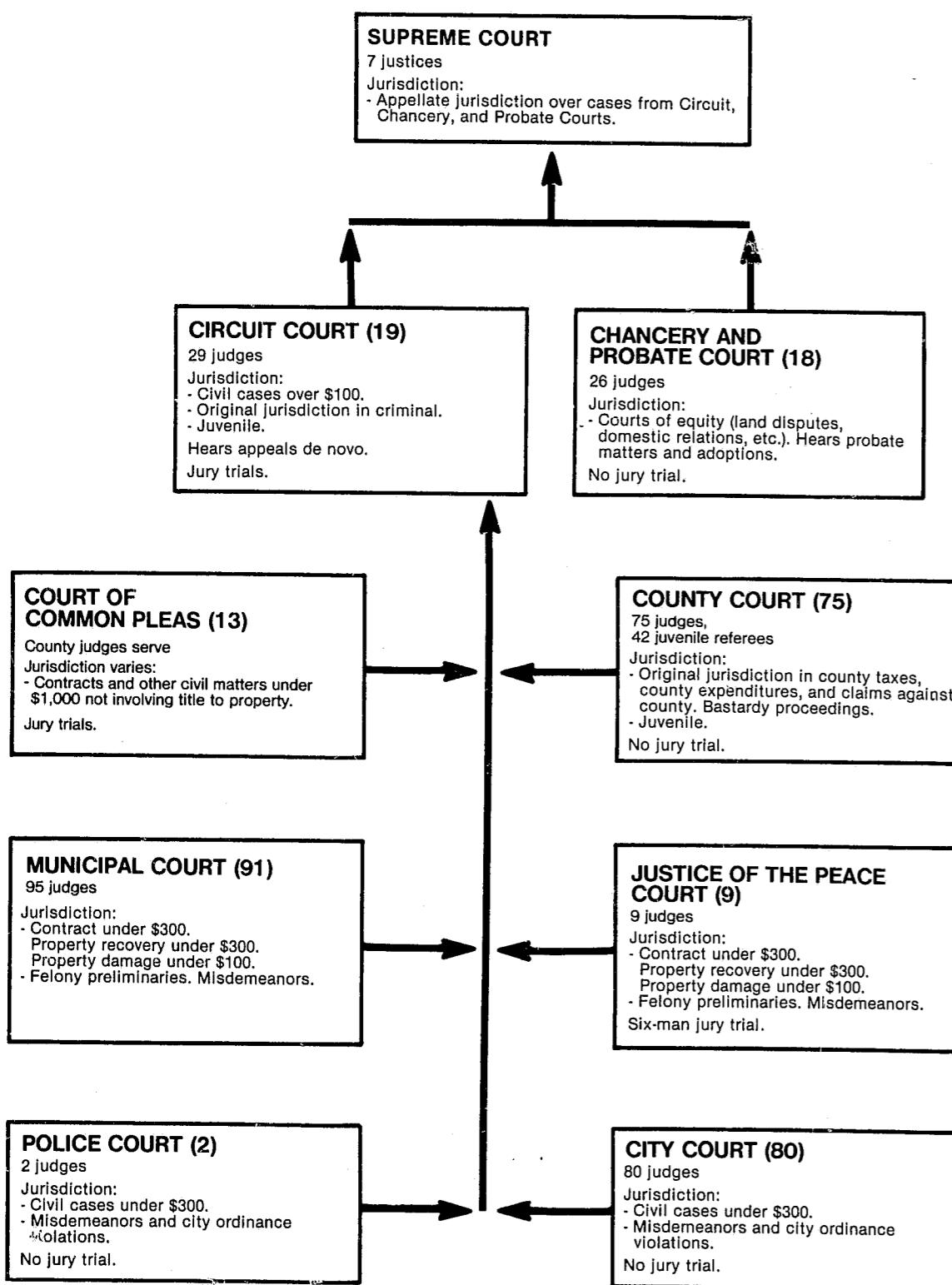
There were incomplete data for Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, Navajo, Apache, Gila, Graham, and Greenlee Counties.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *The Arizona Courts Summary Report* (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA CITY MAGISTRATES  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
70 courts, 90 magistrates  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Magistrate Court for 1976. Data collection for these courts began in 1978.

## Arkansas court system, 1976



ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil:				
Law .....	N/A	N/A	193	N/A
Equity .....	N/A	N/A	137	N/A
Probate .....	N/A	N/A	20	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	350	N/A
Criminal:				
Postconviction .....	N/A	N/A	19	N/A
Capital .....	N/A	N/A	11	N/A
Other felony .....	N/A	N/A	162	N/A
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	201	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	N/A	551	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus-felony .....	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Mandamus .....	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
Prohibition .....	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Postconviction .....	N/A	N/A	19	N/A
Writs of certiorari .....	N/A	N/A	15	N/A
Other petitions .....	N/A	N/A	6	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	62	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	N/A	62	N/A
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....				
Total cases .....	N/A	N/A	613	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....				
Other matters:				
Motions (excluding extension of time) .....	N/A	N/A	300	N/A
Motions for extension of time .....	N/A	N/A	1,102	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	1,402	N/A
Total other proceedings .....				
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	1,526	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....				
581				
Per curiam .....				
43				
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....				
331				
Reversed .....				
46				
Reversed and remanded .....				
64				
Remanded .....				
44				
Dismissed without opinion .....				
22				
Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....				
21				
Affirmed as modified or on condition .....				
10				
Dismissed with opinion .....				
7				
Affirmed in part .....				
2				
Reversed with directions .....				
1				
<b>Time intervals (average days)</b>				
Civil				
Record filing to submission .....	152.09	126.52		
Submission to decision .....	28.54	19.40		
Record filing to decision .....	180.63	145.92		
Criminal				

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: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
19 circuits, 29 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law .....	14,586 <sup>f</sup>	20,200	18,708	16,078
Appeals .....	( <sup>j</sup> )	( <sup>j</sup> )	( <sup>j</sup> )	( <sup>j</sup> )
Total civil .....	14,586 <sup>f</sup>	20,200	18,708	16,078
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Capital .....	100 <sup>f</sup>	99	129	70
Felony .....	5,109 <sup>f</sup>	7,659	7,513	5,255
Total .....	5,209 <sup>f</sup>	7,758	7,642	5,325
Misdemeanor .....	2,466 <sup>f</sup>	5,055	4,088	3,433
Total criminal .....	7,675 <sup>f</sup>	12,813	11,730	8,758
Grand total .....	22,261 <sup>f</sup>	33,013	30,438	24,836

	Age of pending cases		
	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil .....	10,773	3,190	2,115
<b>Criminal:</b>			
Capital .....	45	10	15
Felony .....	3,473	1,008	774
Misdemeanor .....	2,571	466	396
Total criminal .....	6,089	1,484	1,185

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 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, 26 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Equity .....	7,369 <sup>f</sup>	5,900	5,328	7,941
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations .....	12,893 <sup>f</sup>	21,871	21,014	13,750
Reciprocals IN .....	1,670 <sup>f</sup>	1,338	1,000	2,008
Reciprocals OUT .....	0 <sup>f</sup>	640	640	0
Adoption .....	N/A	1,538	N/A	N/A
Total .....	14,563 <sup>f</sup> <sup>i</sup>	25,387	22,654 <sup>i</sup>	15,758 <sup>i</sup>
Probate:				
Decedents' estates .....	13,393 <sup>f</sup>	4,281	3,704	13,970
Guardianship .....	N/A	1,662	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous probate .....	N/A	1,176	N/A	N/A
Total .....	13,393 <sup>f</sup> <sup>i</sup>	7,119	3,704 <sup>i</sup>	13,970 <sup>i</sup>
Mental health:				
Alcoholics and mental .....	N/A	1,310	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	35,325 <sup>f</sup> <sup>i</sup>	39,716	31,686 <sup>i</sup>	37,669 <sup>i</sup>
Grand total .....	35,325 <sup>f</sup> <sup>i</sup>	39,716	31,686 <sup>i</sup>	37,669 <sup>i</sup>

	Age of pending cases	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil .....				
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Equity .....	3,400	1,877	2,664	
Domestic relations .....	7,551	2,866	3,333	
Reciprocals IN .....	1,011	469	528	
Reciprocals OUT .....	0	0	0	
Total civil .....	11,962	5,212	6,525	

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Domestic relations pending and disposed totals do not include adoptions.

Probate pending and disposed totals do not include guardianship and miscellaneous probate.

Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include adoptions, guardianship, alcoholics and mental, and miscellaneous probate.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
13 courts, county judges serve  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	241	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	241	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 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, 42 juvenile referees  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Bastardy .....	N/A	300	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....				
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	6,588	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....				
	N/A	6,888	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.				
<sup>d</sup> Case definition or unit of count: A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.				
Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, <u>Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics</u> (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>i</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
91 courts, 95 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	15,255	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....				
	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated .....	N/A	23,236	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic .....	N/A	225,160	N/A	N/A
Other traffic .....	N/A	143,028	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	368,188	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....				
	N/A	391,424	N/A	N/A
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....				
	N/A	505,933	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.				
<sup>d</sup> 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, indictments, or complaints.				
<sup>i</sup> Data are not complete: There were no data for Drew County. Only 6-month totals were available and are included for Newton, Fulton, Lee, Desha, Montgomery, Franklin, Randolph, and Benton Counties.				
Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, <u>Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics</u> (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

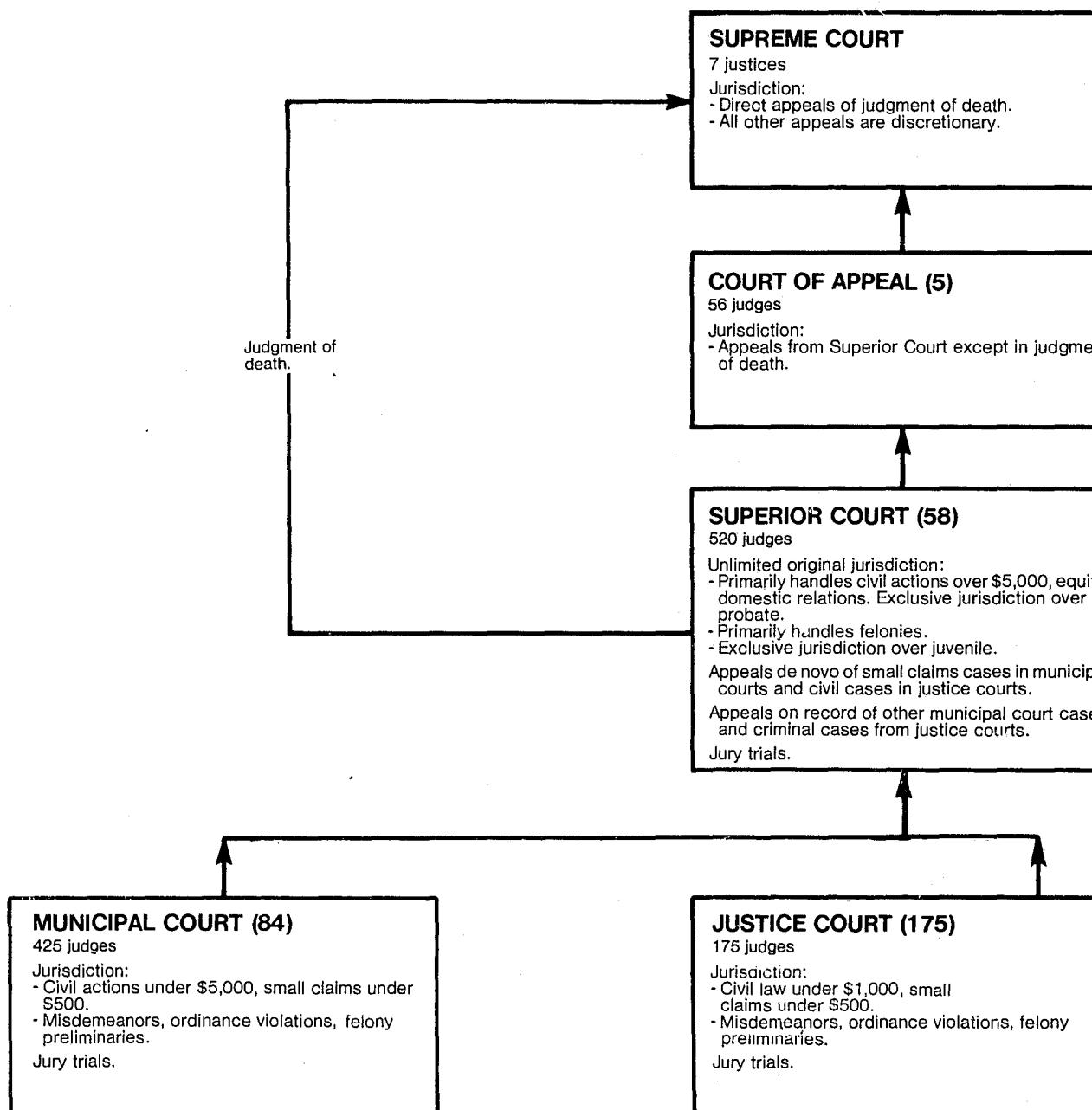
ARKANSAS CITY COURT AND POLICE COURT<sup>i</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
80 city courts, 2 police courts; 82 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	196	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....				
	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated .....	N/A	2,279	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic .....	N/A	10,628	N/A	N/A
Other traffic .....	N/A	5,155	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	15,783	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....				
	N/A	18,062	N/A	N/A
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....				
	N/A	21,778	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.				
<sup>d</sup> 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, indictments, or complaints.				
Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, <u>Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics</u> (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

ARKANSAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
9 courts, 9 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	233	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	603	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....				
	N/A	603	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated .....	N/A	309	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic .....	N/A	3,188	N/A	N/A
Other traffic .....	N/A	406	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,594	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....				
	N/A	3,903	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....				
	N/A	4,739	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.				
<sup>d</sup> 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, indictments, or complaints.				
Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, <u>Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics</u> (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

## California court system, 1976



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Indicates route of appeal.

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	X (153) <sup>e</sup>	84	N/A
Criminal:				
Direct appeals.....	N/A	21	0	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	X ( 35) <sup>e</sup>	34	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	X ( 35) <sup>e</sup>	34	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	21 (188) <sup>e</sup>	118	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil .....	N/A	197 ( 32) <sup>e</sup>	185	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	592 ( 9) <sup>e</sup>	629	N/A
Attorney disciplinary proceedings .....	N/A	97	97	N/A
Total .....	N/A	886 ( 41) <sup>e</sup>	911	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Civil appeals .....	N/A	1,233	1,233 ( X ) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Criminal appeals .....	N/A	1,077	1,077 ( X ) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Civil original proceedings .....	N/A	314	314 ( X ) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Criminal original proceedings .....	N/A	270	270 ( X ) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total .....	N/A	2,894	2,665 ( 229) <sup>ek</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	3,740 ( 41) <sup>e</sup>	3,576 ( 229) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	3,801 ( 229) <sup>e</sup>	3,694 ( 229) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	60	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	24	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	84	N/A
Other matters:				
Transfers and retransfers .....	N/A	N/A	252	N/A
Orders/writs to show cause .....	N/A	N/A	61	N/A
Notions decided .....	N/A	N/A	124	N/A
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	N/A	1,650	N/A
Executive clemency applications .....	N/A	N/A	38	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	2,125	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	2,209	N/A
<i>Manner of disposition</i>		191	<i>Disposition of appeals (criminal)</i>	
Written opinion .....			Affirmed .....	8
			Affirmed with modifications .....	5
			Reversed .....	0
			Reversed and remanded .....	16

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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:  
Petitions for hearings granted are not counted as a disposed petition until the resulting appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Direct criminal appeals are capital (death penalty) cases only.

Requests to appeal are petitions for hearing cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Total requests to appeal disposed is not the sum of the dispositions for the reported case categories. Each individual case category disposition value includes some portion of the 229 granted petitions. These 229 granted petitions are not included in the requests to appeal disposed.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
Intermediate appellate court  
5 divisions, 56 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	2,579	3,183	X	2,555
Criminal .....	2,096	3,279	X	1,989
Total appeals .....	4,675	6,462	7,558	4,5448
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil .....	N/A	2,842	X	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	1,008	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,850	3,799	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	3,850	3,799	N/A
Total cases .....	4,6751	10,312	11,357	4,5441
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	N/A	1,363	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certification .....	N/A	48	N/A	N/A
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	736	N/A
Orders (miscellaneous) .....	N/A	N/A	5,456	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	6,192	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	4851	7,5551	N/A
<u>Manner of disposition</u>				
Written opinion .....	5,943			
<u>Disposition of appeals (criminal)<sup>m</sup></u>				
Affirmed .....		1,979		
Affirmed with modifications .....		217		
Reversed .....		12		
Reversed and remanded .....		143		

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.

<sup>a</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>b</sup>Data are not complete:

Total cases pending do not include original proceedings.

Total other proceedings filed are only for motions to dismiss on clerk's certification. Filings are not reported for the other categories.

Total other proceedings disposed do not include disposition of motions to dismiss on clerk's certification.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Disposition of appeals data include only criminal appeals terminated by written opinion.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
58 courts, 520 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....				N/A
Non-auto tort .....				N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain (parcels) .....				N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family lawj .....				N/A
Probate:				
Probate and guardianship .....				N/A
Mental health .....				N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaints .....				N/A
Other petitions .....				N/A
Total .....				N/A
Appeals:				
Appeals from lower courts .....				N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....				N/A
Total civil .....				N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal .....				N/A
Appeals .....				N/A
Total criminal .....				N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency .....				N/A
Dependency and neglect .....				N/A
Total juvenile .....				N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>				N/A
				667,122
				557,402
				N/A

	Trial		Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>
	Jury	Non-Jury	
Civil <sup>a</sup> .....	3,131	240,4451	243,5761
Civil appeals .....	0	9,0881	9,0881
Criminal .....	4,695	3,793	8,488
Criminal appeals .....	0	2,5241	2,5241
Total .....	7,826	255,850	263,676

	Criminal dispositions
Guilty plea .....	34,958
Trial conviction .....	6,722
Dismissals .....	6,1361
Transfers .....	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.

<sup>a</sup>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 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.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Family law includes annulment, divorce, and separate maintenance cases.

Special source or revision in data:

Figures are as revised by the administrative office of the courts.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials include mental health hearings; do not include juvenile, habeas corpus, or appeal hearings.

Civil disposition types do not include data for habeas corpus or appeal hearings.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
175 courts, 175 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	44,219	X	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	13,812	X	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	58,031	X	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor .....	N/A	36,417	X	N/A
Group B misdemeanor .....	N/A	32,975	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	69,392	X	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic infraction .....	N/A	4,048	X	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	10,423	X	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	83,863	X	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking:				
Illegal parking .....	N/A	271,356	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Group C misdemeanor .....	N/A	32,509	X	N/A
Group D misdemeanor .....	N/A	40,777	X	N/A
Traffic infractions .....	N/A	584,967	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	658,253	X	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	929,609	X	N/A
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....	N/A	1,071,503	740,4451	N/A

	Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>		Criminal and traffic dispositions <sup>m</sup>
			Total	
Civil .....	26	X	X	Convicted or bound over after guilty plea .....
Criminal and traffic <sup>m</sup> .....	1,4261	X	X	Bail forfeiture .....
Total .....	1,4521	63,7381	65,1901	135,399 442,953

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.

<sup>d</sup>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.

A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins.

A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Traffic and grand total dispositions do not include illegal parking cases.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Figures are as revised by the administrative office of the courts.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Criminal and traffic dispositions and criminal and traffic trials are for all criminal and traffic categories except illegal parking.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
84 courts, 425 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	390,423	298,112	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	317,438	239,796	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	707,861	537,908	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor .....	N/A	315,831	286,299	N/A
Group B misdemeanor .....	N/A	200,631	191,800	N/A
Total .....	N/A	516,462	478,099	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic infractions .....	N/A	25,250	21,564	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	94,998	80,149	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	636,710	579,812	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking:				
Illegal parking .....	N/A	8,403,381	7,226,615	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Group C misdemeanor .....	N/A	247,664	199,244	N/A
Group D misdemeanor .....	N/A	147,540	281,858	N/A
Traffic infractions .....	N/A	4,028,656	3,623,836	N/A
Total .....	N/A	4,423,860	4,104,938	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	12,827,241	11,331,553	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	14,171,812	12,449,273	N/A

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Civil dispositions
Civil:		
Contested .....	118,381	Dismissed before trial .....
Uncontested .....	179,883	Judgments by clerk and summary judgments .....
Total .....	298,264	239,641
Criminal:		
Contested .....	14,497	Guilty pleas .....
Uncontested .....	45,991	Dismissed before trial/hearing .....
Total .....	60,488	119,002
Traffic:		
Contested .....	81,361	Bail forfeitures .....
Uncontested .....	83,870	54,849
Total .....	165,231	1,068,989
Total:		
Contested .....	214,239	Dismissed before trial .....
Uncontested .....	309,744	1,292,688
Total .....	523,983	229,660

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

<sup>d</sup>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.

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

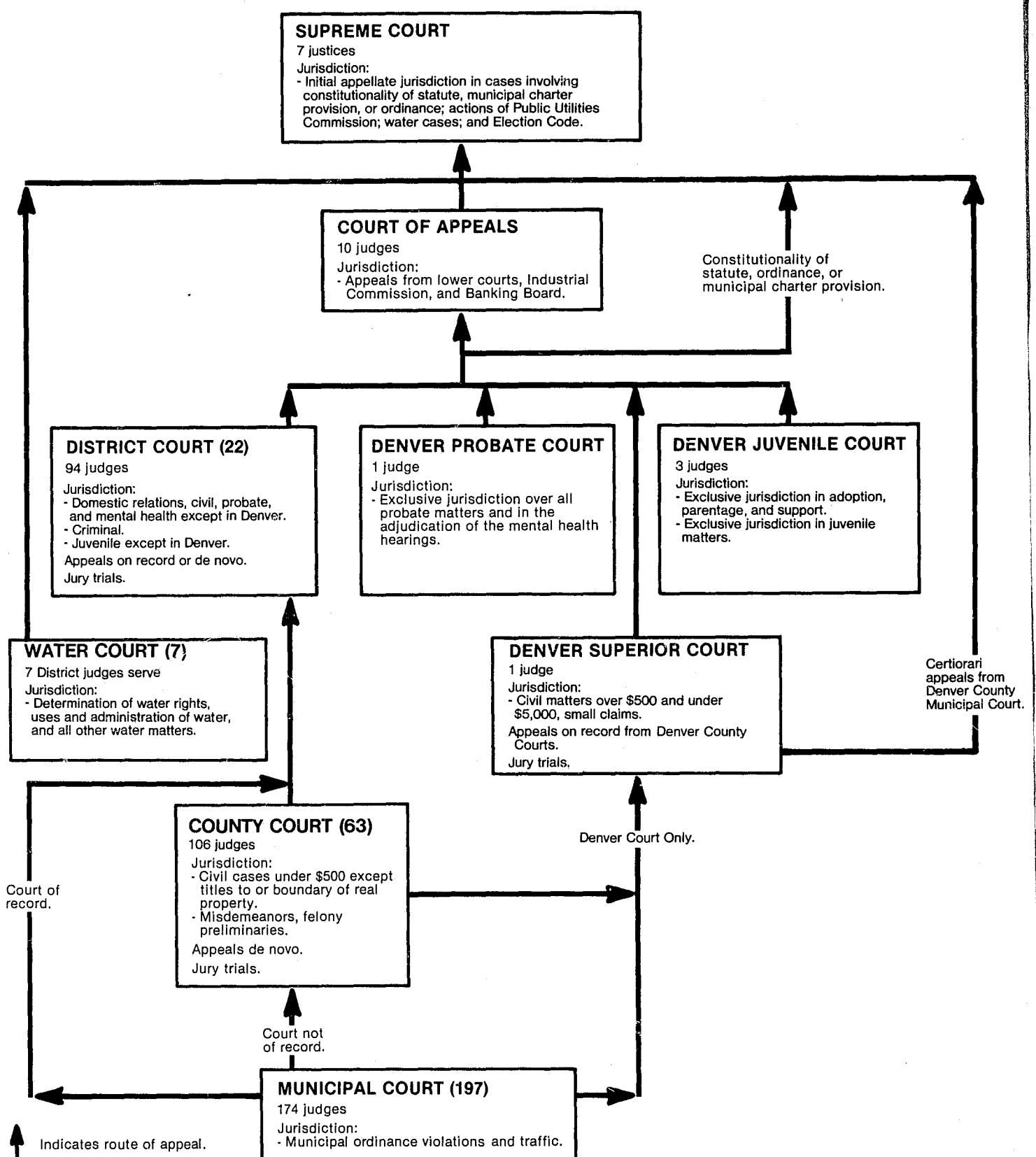
statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Civil and criminal dispositions have been revised by the administrative office of the courts during verification of the data.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

## Colorado court system, 1976



COLORADO SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	76	X	X
Criminal .....	X	75	X	X
Other appeals:				
Statutory review .....	X	0	X	X
Reopened cases .....	X	1	X	X
Bail reduction .....	X	0	X	X
Total .....	X	1	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	152	X	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings .....	X	188	X	X
Habeas corpus .....	X	19	X	X
Interlocutory .....	X	16	X	X
Interrogatories .....	X	2	X	X
Total .....	X	225	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petition in certiorari .....	X	274	X	X
Total other cases .....	X	499	X	X
Total cases .....	366	651	674	343

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 293  
Without opinion ..... 377  
Transferred to Court of Appeals ... 4

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: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76* (Denver, Colorado: 1976). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	569	X	X
Criminal .....	X	261	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Industrial commission .....	X	85	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	915	X	X
Total .....	592	833	674	
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	592	915	833	674

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 599  
Without opinion ..... 193  
Transferred to Supreme Court ..... 81

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.

Explanation of data included in the category: Civil appeals filed include one reopened case. Special source of revision in data: Figures are as revised by the office of the state court administrator because one opinion for fiscal year 1976 was withdrawn in fiscal year 1977.
Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, <i>Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76</i> (Denver, Colorado). 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.

COLORADO DISTRICT COURT,  
DENVER SUPERIOR COURT, DENVER JUVENILE COURT,  
AND DENVER PROBATE COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
22 districts, 99 judges<sup>c</sup>  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Postjudgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>					
Law:					
Money demands .....	X	14,986	X	X	X
Auto tort:					
Negligence--motor vehicle .....	X	751	X	X	X
Non-auto tort:					
Personal injury--other .....	X	929	X	X	X
Unclassified tort:					
Property damage .....	X	1,439	X	X	X
Wrongful death .....	X	131	X	X	X
Total .....	X	1,570	X	X	X
Property rights:					
Real and personal property .....	X	5,269	X	X	X
Domestic relations:					
Dissolution of marriage .....	X	23,028	X	X	X
Legal separation .....	X	481	X	X	X
Invalidity of marriage .....	X	165	X	X	X
Child custody .....	X	229	X	X	X
Reciprocal nonsupport interstate .....	X	5,497	X	X	X
Reciprocal nonsupport intrastate .....	X	791	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	170	X	X	X
Total .....	24,588	30,361	7,619	44,728	17,840
Probate:					
Intestates .....	X	1,399	X	X	X
Testutes .....	X	3,152	X	X	X
Small estates .....	X	331	X	X	X
Guardianships .....	X	222	X	X	X
Conservatorships .....	X	549	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	362	X	X	X
Total .....	18,722 <sup>f</sup>	6,015	282	5,966	19,053
Mental health:					
Short-term treatment .....	X	483	X	X	X
Developmentally disabled admissions .....	X	60	X	X	X
Petition for evaluation .....	X	890	X	X	X
Long-term treatment .....	X	23	X	X	X
Involuntary commitment of alcoholic .....	X	91	X	X	X
Other .....	X	127	X	X	X
Total .....	731 <sup>f</sup>	1,674	249	1,847	807
Administrative:					
Administrative review and local government .....	X	463	X	X	X
Appeals:					
County court appeals .....	X	58	X	X	X
Extraordinary writs:					
Miscellaneous <sup>j</sup> .....	X	3,817	X	X	X
Total civil .....	73,424	65,893	16,142	89,934	65,525
Criminal <sup>d</sup> :					
Felony:					
Criminal .....	X	10,972	X	X	X
Other criminal:					
Non-offense <sup>j</sup> .....	X	347	X	X	X
Appeals:					
Municipal and County Court appeals .....	X	322	X	X	X
Total criminal <sup>k</sup> .....	10,031	11,641	2,693	13,760	10,605
Juvenile:					
Delinquency .....	X	5,909	X	X	X
Dependency and neglect .....	X	1,757	X	X	X
Status offenses:					
Child in need of supervision .....	X	731	X	X	X
Other juvenile:					
Relinquishments .....	X	456	X	X	X
Adoptions <sup>j</sup> .....	X	2,348	X	X	X
Paternity and support <sup>j</sup> .....	X	4,401	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	803	X	X	X
Total .....	X	8,008	X	X	X
Total juvenile <sup>k</sup> .....	8,795	16,405	6,433	24,015	7,614
Grand total <sup>k</sup> .....	92,250 <sup>f</sup>	93,939	25,268	127,709	83,748

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Colorado District Court (continued)

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:  
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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:

These figures have changed because of the inclusion of Denver Probate Court pending figures, which had not previously been reported.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Miscellaneous includes habeas corpus and other remedial writs, injunctions, etc.

Criminal includes felonies as well as cases filed as felonies but reduced to misdemeanors.

Non-offense cases include extraditions, revocations, parole, and release from commitment hearings.

Adoptions and paternity and support are included in the juvenile figures because pendings and dispositions could not be separated from other juvenile data.

kAdditional information:

Total civil category includes 29,383 beginning pending cases, 7,992 postjudgment actions filed, 37,393 disposed, and 27,825 pending at the end that were not previously displayed in this table. These relate to the 27,843 cases filed in the law, auto tort, non-auto tort, unclassified tort, property rights, administrative, appeals, and extraordinary writs categories.

Total filings as displayed on the Part I table include postjudgment actions filed.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO WATER COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
7 districts, 7 district judges serve  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Post judgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>					
Property rights:					
Water adjudications .....	X	1,441	165	X	X
Diligence findings .....	X	171	36	X	X
Review petitions .....	X	2	0	X	X
Other <sup>j</sup> .....	X	26	3	X	X
Total .....	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764
Total civil .....	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764
Grand total .....	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764

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.

cCourt 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:

"Other" includes cases involving springs, waste waters, etc.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Connecticut court system, 1976

COLORADO COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
63 counties, 106 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	8,955	47,617	46,392	10,180
<b>Criminal<sup>i</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	11,509	25,742	25,508	11,743
Felony preliminary .....	0	16,120	16,120	0
Total criminal .....	11,509	41,862	41,628	11,743
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	37,613	142,420	142,611	37,422
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>58,077</b>	<b>231,899</b>	<b>230,631</b>	<b>59,345</b>
<b>Jury trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Civil .....	56			
Criminal .....	246			
Traffic .....	743			
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,045</b>			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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.

A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Felony advisements (no complaints lodged) data were not available for Denver County. Data for other felony preliminaries were available and included for Denver County.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1975-76.

### SUPREME COURT

6 justices

Jurisdiction:  

- Appeals from appellate session of Superior Court upon certification.
- Appeals as a matter of right from decisions of Superior and Common Pleas Courts (except zoning which must be certified by two justices).

### SUPERIOR COURT (9)

45 judges

Jurisdiction:  

- Civil law and equity over \$7,500 (exclusive over \$15,000), divorce.
- Criminal (exclusive jurisdiction if sentence greater than 5 years).

Appeals de novo from Probate Court.

Appeals on record from Juvenile Court.

Appellate session hears appeals from Court of Common Pleas.

Jury trials.

### COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (19)

61 judges

Jurisdiction:  

- Civil law and equity under \$15,000.
- Criminal cases with possible fine less than \$1,000 and/or sentence less than 1 year.

Jury trials.

### JUVENILE COURT (3)

6 judges

Jurisdiction:  

- Exclusive jurisdiction in matters of juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect.

### PROBATE COURT (129)

129 judges

Jurisdiction:  

- Original civil jurisdiction in probate matters.

Indicates route of appeal.

**CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT**  
**Court of last resort**  
**6 justices**  
**October 1975 to September 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts .....	N/A	N/A	13	N/A
Equity .....	N/A	N/A	17	N/A
Negligence .....	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
Other torts .....	N/A	N/A	7	N/A
Construction of wills .....	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	67	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	44	N/A
Agency appeals .....	N/A	N/A	34	N/A
Other appeals:				
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	N/A	47	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	N/A	192	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification .....	N/A	N/A	49	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	N/A	49	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	N/A	241	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	386	N/A
Reservations .....	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	389	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	389	N/A

**Disposition of appeals**

Affirmed .....	138
Reversed .....	22
Reversed and remanded .....	32

**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: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977).**  
**Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.**

**CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**9 courts, 45 judges**  
**1975 to 1976<sup>b</sup>**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Auto tort:				
Vehicular torts .....	7,417	3,062	2,908	7,571
Non-auto tort:				
Torts, other than vehicular .....	4,641	1,899	1,531	5,009
Contract .....	3,227	1,745	1,459	3,513
Property rights:				
Property, such as foreclosure .....	1,269	1,896	1,653	1,512
Eminent domain .....	375	230	256	349
Total .....	1,644	2,126	1,909	1,861
Domestic relations:				
Family docket .....	13,347 <sup>e</sup>	15,453	15,555	13,245
Probate:				
Wills, estates, etc. .....	271	186	179	278
Administrative:				
Administrative appeals .....	678	227	414	491
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous, including injunctive relief .....	1,604	1,095	1,040	1,659
Appeals:				
Appellate session <sup>j</sup> .....	132	211	173	170
Total civil .....	32,961 <sup>f</sup>	26,004	25,168	33,797
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories <sup>j</sup> .....	3,370 <sup>i</sup>	4,555 <sup>i</sup>	4,100 <sup>i</sup>	3,8488 <sup>i</sup>
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal .....	3,370	4,555	4,100	3,8488
Grand total .....	36,331 <sup>f</sup>	30,559	29,268	37,6458

	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil .....	332	1,515	1,847	Guilty plea .....
Criminal .....	102	31	133	Trial conviction .....
Total .....	434	1,546	1,980	Total conviction .....

Time interval (average months)		
Civil:		
Return day to disposition .....	16.1	
Date claimed for trial list to jury trial .....	32.0	
Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial .....	23.9	

**Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.**

**bParticular court or reporting system information:**

The civil data are for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976. The criminal data are for the fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 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 or indictment.

**eA non-jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.**

**fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:**

The number of pending cases was adjusted by the office of the chief court administrator to reflect transfers and other related year-end input.

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

Figures are as reported.

**jExplanation of data included in the category:**

Appellate session appeals are both civil and criminal.

Criminal categories are felonies and misdemeanors.

**lSpecial source or revision in data:**

Data were obtained from unpublished report.

**Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977).**

Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the Executive Secretary.

CONNECTICUT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
19 courts, 61 judges  
1975 to 1976<sup>b</sup>

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	94,595	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family docket .....	20	8	1	27
Other civil:				
Nonfamily docket .....	28,072	30,790	26,699	32,163
Civil--geographical areas .....	14,588	14,737	24,925	4,400
Total .....	<u>42,660</u>	<u>45,527</u>	<u>51,624</u>	<u>36,563</u>
Total civil .....	42,680 <sup>i</sup>	140,130	51,625 <sup>i</sup>	36,590 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	<u>19,772</u>	<u>91,191</u>	<u>95,907</u>	<u>15,2638</u>
Total criminal .....	19,772	91,191	95,907	15,2638
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	17,730	227,207	225,446	17,4548
Grand total .....	80,182 <sup>i</sup>	458,528	372,978 <sup>i</sup>	69,307g <sup>i</sup>
Jury      Trial <sup>d</sup> Jury      Non-jury      Total Civil <sup>m</sup> ..... 251      1,086      1,337				
Time interval (average months)				
Civil <sup>n</sup> : Return day to disposition ..... 14.5 Date claimed for trial list to jury trial ..... 16.3 Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial ..... 22.3				

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

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information:

The civil data are for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976. The criminal data are for fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

<sup>d</sup>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.

A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include small claims cases. Small claims data are included in the filing figures.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial data are only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

<sup>n</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977).

Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
129 courts, 129 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions and terminations .....	N/A	2,334	N/A	N/A
Marriages .....	N/A	773	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,107	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Decedent's estate .....	N/A	33,770	N/A	N/A
Guardianship .....	N/A	2,087	N/A	N/A
Trustees .....	N/A	6,419	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	42,276	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments .....	N/A	1,808	N/A	N/A
Conservators .....	N/A	4,023	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	5,831	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	51,214	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	51,214	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

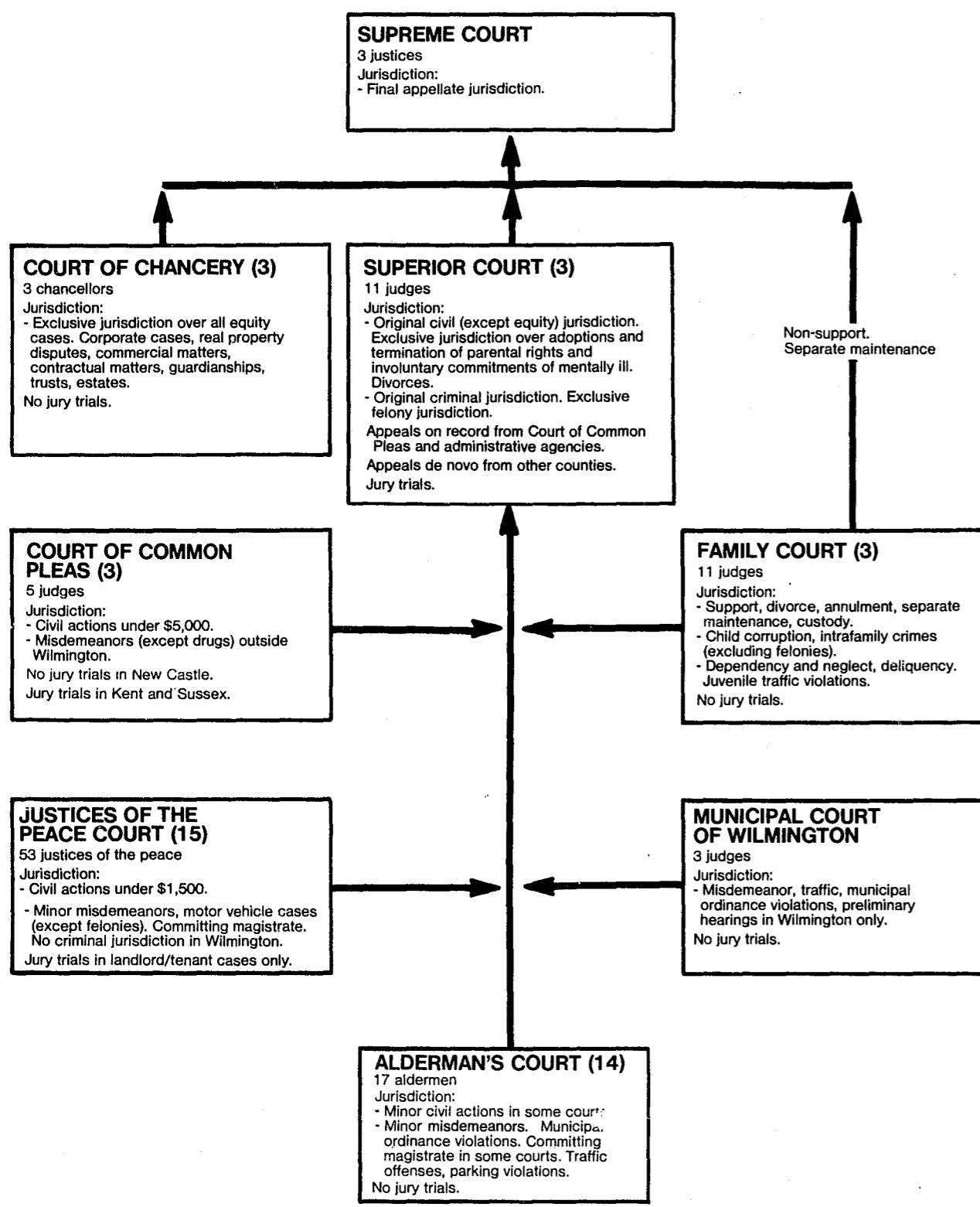
CONNECTICUT JUVENILE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
3 courts, 6 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	1,314	13,709	14,021	1,002
Dependency and neglect .....	378	743	779	342
Total juvenile .....	1,692	14,452	14,800	1,344
Grand total .....	1,692	14,452	14,800	1,344

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Juvenile Court 1976 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Delaware court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DELAWARE SUPREME COURT Court of last resort 3 justices January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	139	219	172	186
Criminal .....	94	116	110	100
Total appeals .....	<u>233</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>286</u>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases .....	<u>(j)</u>	<u>(j)</u>	<u>(j)</u>	<u>(j)</u>
Total cases .....	233	335	282	286
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.				
jExplanation of data included in the category: All matters reported by the court are classified as civil or criminal appeals.				
Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976, 1977). Data are reported quarterly; calendar year 1976 was computed from the two fiscal year reports.				
DELAWARE SUPERIOR COURT <sup>a</sup> Court of general jurisdiction 3 counties, 11 judges July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Complaints .....	X	1,927	1,370	X
Property rights:				
Mortgages and mechanic's liens .....	X	636	572	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	1,112 <sup>b</sup>	1,370 <sup>a</sup>	2,390 <sup>a</sup>	921
Adoption and termination .....	176 <sup>b</sup>	395	407	164 <sup>b</sup>
Total .....	1,288	1,765	2,797	256
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous .....	X	554	493	X
Involuntary commitments .....	0 <sup>b</sup>	531	331	20 <sup>b</sup>
Total .....	<u>X</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>X</u>
Total civil .....	3,963	4,935	5,265	3,633
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	1,593 <sup>c</sup>	3,786 <sup>d</sup>	4,022	1,357 <sup>e</sup>
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal .....	1,593	3,786	4,022	1,357
Grand total .....	5,556	8,721	9,287	4,990
<b>Trialdi</b>				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	
Criminal .....	163 <sup>f</sup>	46 <sup>f</sup>	209 <sup>f</sup>	
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Plea .....				2,294
Trial conviction .....				327
Acquittal .....				91
Dismissal .....				72
Nolle prosequi .....				1,148
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: Divorces filed and disposed are for a 5-month period only (July 1975 through November 1975). Jurisdiction for these cases was transferred to Family Court beginning December 1975.				
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, 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.				
iData are not complete: Criminal trial figures are for a 6-month period only (January 1 through June 30, 1976). Figures for the previous 6 months are unavailable.				
jExplanation of data included in the category: Criminal cases include appeals that are tried de novo.				
lSpecial source or revision in data: Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.				
Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.				

DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY  
Court of general jurisdiction  
3 counties, 3 chancellors  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Probate:				
Estates .....	3,147	1,634	1,846 <sup>1</sup>	2,935
Guardians for minors .....	1,009	190	134	1,065
Guardian for infirm .....	519	129	51	597
Trusts .....	1,869	158	155	1,872
Other matters .....	262	133 <sup>1</sup>	101 <sup>1</sup>	294 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	6,806	2,244	2,287	6,763
Mental health:				
Trustees for mentally ill .....	151	12	3	160
Other civil:				
Cases <sup>1</sup> .....	630	408	389	649
Total civil .....	7,587	2,664	2,679	7,572
Grand total .....	7,587	2,664	2,679	7,572

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Cases include corporate cases, equity, real property disputes (boundaries and title), commercial matters, contractual matters, Delaware's "Sunshine Law," etc. Corporate matters take up the bulk of time.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
3 courts, 5 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	X	334	X	X
Other civil .....	X	3,020	X	X
Total civil .....	2,056	3,354	3,244	2,166
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	827	5,762	5,645	944
Total criminal .....	827	5,762	5,645	944
Grand total .....	2,883	9,116	8,889	3,110
Jury trial <sup>a</sup>				
Criminal .....	75			

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
Jury trials are not handled in the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas; jury trials 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.

<sup>d</sup>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 charges.  
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE FAMILY COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
3 courts, 11 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce and annulments <sup>a</sup> .....	543	1,899	984	969
Other civil:				
Adults <sup>1</sup> .....	1,735	8,623 <sup>1</sup>	8,648 <sup>1</sup>	1,710
Total civil .....	1,789	10,522	9,632	2,679
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--juvenile .....	234	1,612	1,580	266
Total traffic .....	234	1,612	1,580	266
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	2,166	9,823 <sup>1</sup>	9,609 <sup>1</sup>	2,380
Total juvenile .....	2,166	9,823 <sup>1</sup>	9,609 <sup>1</sup>	2,380
Grand total .....	4,189	21,957	20,821	5,325

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
Divorce and annulment cases were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Family Court after November 1975; therefore, these figures reflect filings beginning December 1, 1975.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

The beginning pending figure for divorce and annulments is the number pending on December 1, 1975.

The adults category includes both civil and criminal cases. In New Castle County, adult criminal informations represented 16.7% of the total adult civil and criminal actions handled by that court. Civil and criminal breakdowns were not available for the other two courts.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Other civil and delinquency filed and disposed figures were corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 3 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Criminal <sup>1</sup> .....	678	8,754	8,979	453
Total criminal .....	678	8,754	8,979	453
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	485	12,265	12,235	515
Grand total .....	1,163	21,019	21,214	968

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Criminal cases include misdemeanor cases, ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## District of Columbia court system, 1976

DELAWARE ALDERMAN'S COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
14 courts, 17 aldermen  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Small claims:				
Other .....	N/A	N/A	342 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	N/A	342 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	1,105 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	N/A	1,105 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	11,497 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>13,503<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>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 charges.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Disposed figures are minimums because breakdowns in some courts are unavailable. In addition, the disposed column does not sum to the grand total figure because of the lack of breakdown in some courts.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

DELAWARE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
15 courts, 53 justices of the peace  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	3,988	13,841	13,001	4,828
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	X	16,325 <sup>j</sup>	X	X
Felony preliminary .....	X	1,186	X	X
Other criminal:				
Fish/game .....	X	1,536	X	X
Other .....	X	3,471	X	X
Total .....	X	5,007	X	X
Total criminal .....	X	22,518	X	X
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	X	62,781	X	X
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>99,140</b>	<b>98,388<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>5,306<sup>i</sup></b>

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.

<sup>d</sup>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 charges.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Preliminary hearings were held in 2,170 of the misdemeanor cases.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

### COURT OF APPEALS

9 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Appeals from the Superior Court and certain District of Columbia agencies.

### SUPERIOR COURT

44 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Unlimited civil jurisdiction.  
Family: domestic relations, mental health, intrafamily and neglect, probate.  
- Felony, misdemeanor, traffic, ordinance violations.  
- Family: juvenile.  
Jury trials.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS  
Court of last resort  
9 judges

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	346	X	X
Criminal .....	X	826	X	X
Agency appeals .....	X	170	X	X
Total appeals <sup>j</sup> .....	1,103 <sup>fh</sup>	1,342	1,197	1,248 <sup>h</sup>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary .....	0	27	27	0
Requests to appeal .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total other cases .....	0	27	27	0
Total cases .....	1,103 <sup>fh</sup>	1,369	1,224	1,248 <sup>h</sup>
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Procedural motions .....	0	5,628	5,628	0
Substantive motions .....	0	1,737	1,737	0
Total .....	0	7,365	7,365	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	7,365	7,365	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Time interval (average days)				
Written opinion .....	307	Notice of appeal to filing of record .....	82	
Judgment .....	373	Filing of record until briefing is completed .....	122	
By order .....	517	Completed briefing to argument .....	101	
		Argument to decision .....	127	
		Notice of appeal to decision .....	432	

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 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

Figure was computed.

Pending figure was estimated from bar graphs presented in annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Appeals include appeals and petitions for review.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, 1976 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
1 court, 44 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil jury .....	3,113	3,657	2,840	3,930
Civil non-jury .....	574	1,780	1,225	1,129
Total .....	3,687	5,437	4,065	5,059
Small claims .....	1,955	38,044	37,936	2,063
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant.....	444	114,408	114,564	288
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	3,963	3,990	3,122	4,831
Adoption .....	168	388	346	210
Paternity .....	359	406	370	395
Support .....	584	242	150	676
Reciprocal support .....	975	887	983	879
Intrafamily .....	482 <sup>f</sup>	818	795	505
Total .....	6,531 <sup>fi</sup>	6,731	5,766	7,496
Probate:				
Decedents' estates .....	N/A	2,416	N/A	N/A
Minors' estates .....	N/A	152	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	2,568	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Judicial petitions .....	70	760	726	104
Administrative:				
Civil tax .....	103	68	53	118
Criminal tax .....	28	562 <sup>k</sup>	68	522
Total .....	131	630	121	640
Other civil:				
Auditor-master division .....	296	1,475	1,438	333
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	25	6	5	26
Total civil .....	13,139 <sup>fi</sup>	170,059	164,621 <sup>i</sup>	16,009 <sup>i</sup>

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District of Columbia Superior Court (continued)

<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	2,008	4,221	4,759	1,476
Misdemeanor .....	3,299	14,429	14,305	3,2218
Ordinance violations:				
Major triable District of Columbia cases .....	12	117	95	34
Other District of Columbia cases .....	225	3,060	3,073	2488
Total .....	237	3,177	3,168	2828
<b>Felony preliminary:</b>				
Preliminary hearings .....	243	8,073	8,139	177
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Special operations <sup>j</sup> .....	45	2,050	2,047	48
Total criminal .....	5,832	31,956	32,418	5,2048
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Major triable traffic .....	1,209	4,297	4,052	1,454
Other traffic .....	3,078	93,606	91,271	5,413
Total .....	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867
Total traffic .....	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	1,618	6,236	7,036	818
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect .....	225 <sup>f</sup>	565	609	181
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision .....	124 <sup>j</sup>	590	609	105 <sup>h</sup>
Total juvenile .....	1,967 <sup>f</sup>	7,391	8,254	1,104
Grand total .....	25,225 <sup>fi</sup>	307,309	300,616 <sup>i</sup>	29,184 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	230	164	394	
Criminal .....	1,167	742	1,909	
Traffic .....	36	905	941	
Total .....	1,433	1,811	3,244	
<b>Civil dispositions<sup>m</sup></b>				
Settled out of court .....	1,745			
Dismissed before trial .....	690			
Noelle prosequi .....	5,888			
No paper .....	6,393			
Settled at pretrial or trial conference .....	585			
Transfer rule 105 .....	427			
Summary judgment .....	37			
Settlement .....	71			
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Guilty plea .....	6,789			
Dismissed .....	1,511			
Noelle prosequi .....	5,888			
No paper .....	6,393			
Transfer rule 105 .....	427			
Absconded .....	2,112			
Mental observation .....	149			
Security forfeit .....	571			
Other <sup>m</sup> .....	58,357			

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:

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 decedents' estates and minors' 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 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

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 do not include estate cases. Estate cases are included in the filing figures.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Special operations include fugitive from justice complaints, writs of habeas corpus, out of state witnesses, and show cause of contempt proceedings.

Persons in need of supervision beginning pending figure is the end pending figure for 1975.

kAdditional information:

The 562 criminal tax cases filed indicate the number of charges brought against 51 individuals and organizations.

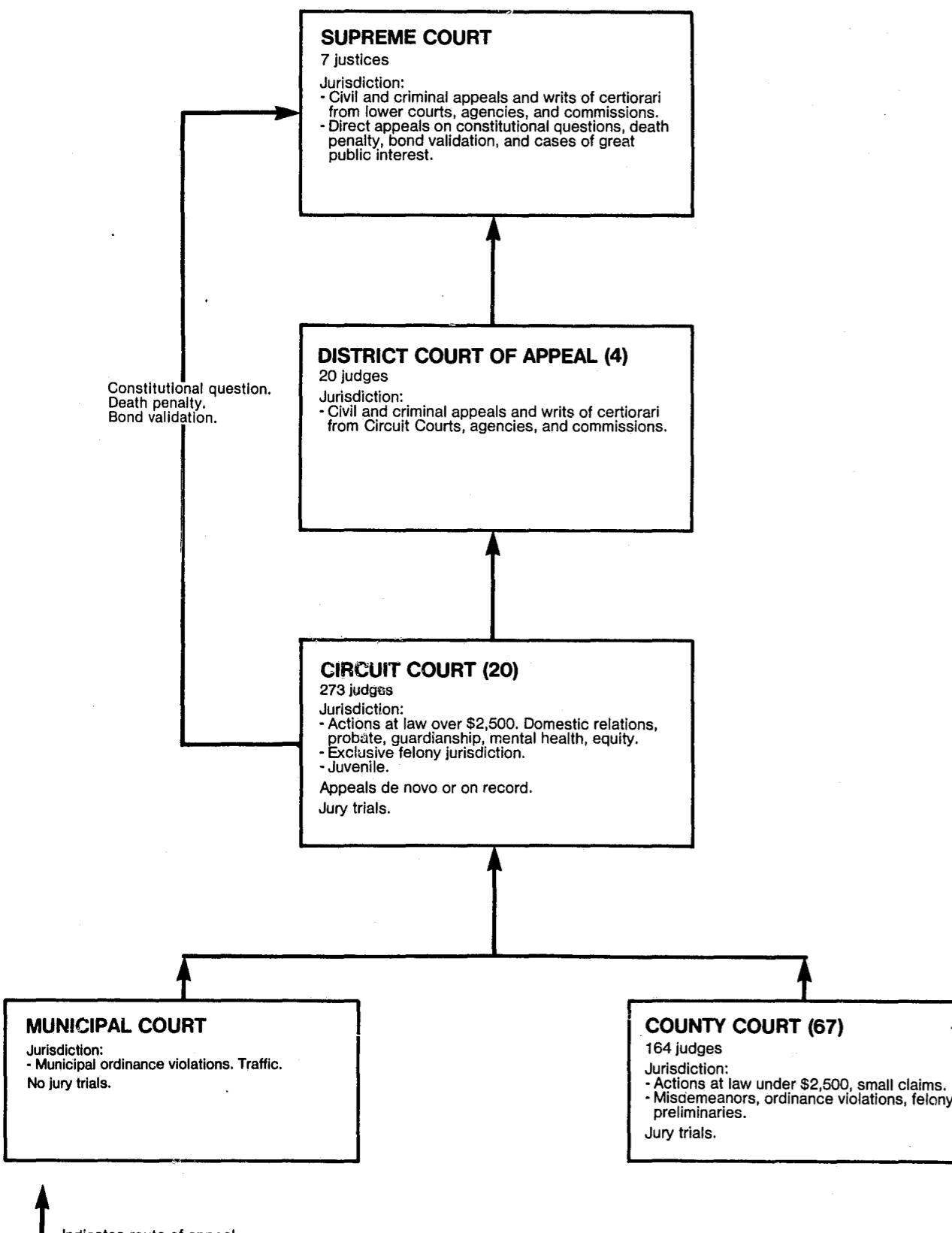
mCategories for dispositions type or trial data:

Civil trials and civil dispositions are for law cases only.

Other traffic dispositions are defendants whose cases are in the traffic summons stage in accordance with procedures outlined in the Traffic Violation Notice Systems.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, 1976 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Florida court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Total appeals .....	X	285	278	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	288	281	X
Mandamus .....	X	76	78	X
Prohibition .....	X	28	22	X
Florida Bar (disciplinary) .....	X	97	107	X
Certified questions .....	X	15	11	X
Board of bar examiners .....	X	54	60	X
Other .....	X	69	67	X
Total .....	X	627	626	X
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Writs of certiorari from:				
District Court of Appeal .....	X	1,089	1,225	X
Circuit Court .....	X	10	10	X
Industrial Relations Commission .....	X	179	210	X
Public Service Commission .....	X	22	38	X
Other .....	X	2	3	X
Total .....	X	1,302	1,486	X
Total other cases .....	X	1,929	2,112	X
Total cases .....				
Total cases .....	1,159	2,214	2,390	983
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....				
Rehearing requests .....	64 <sup>h</sup>	504	435	133
Total other proceedings .....				
Total other proceedings .....	64 <sup>h</sup>	504	435	133
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....		274		
Per curiam .....		141		
Disposition by order .....		1,975		

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.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:  
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL  
Intermediate appellate court  
4 districts, 20 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals .....	X	7,931	7,392	X
Total appeals .....	X	7,931	7,392	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Other original writs .....	X	612	484	X
Otherj .....	X	54	19	X
Total .....	X	666	503	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari .....	X	532	285	X
Total other cases .....	X	1,198	788	X
Total cases .....	5,118 <sup>b</sup>	9,129	8,180	6,067
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	369 <sup>b</sup>	1,381	1,366	384
Total other proceedings .....	369 <sup>b</sup>	1,381	1,366	384
<u>Manner of disposition</u>				
Written opinion .....	1,311			
Per curiam .....	3,823			
Voluntary dismissal (appeal).....	1,256			

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.

bFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

"Other" category includes reinstated appeals and certified questions.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA CIRCUIT COURT<sup>b</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
20 circuits, 273 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed <sup>j</sup>	End pending <sup>k</sup>
Civil:				
Auto tortj .....	X	9,629	7,728	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
All other negligencej .....	X	3,344	2,783	N/A
Medical malpracticej .....	X	408	207	N/A
Medical malpractice cases litigated in courtj .....	X	99	51	N/A
Total .....	X	3,851	3,041	N/A
Unclassified tort:				
Negligencej .....	X	12,616	10,862	N/A
Contract:				
Contracts and indebtedness .....	X	28,324	26,638	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain .....	X	1,741	918	N/A
Landlord and tenant .....	X	158	160	N/A
Mortgage foreclosuresj .....	X	8,332	8,185	N/A
Real property .....	X	9,672	9,151	N/A
Replevin-liens-foreclosuresj .....	X	1,072	966	N/A
Total .....	X	20,975	19,380	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Dissolution and annulment .....	X	75,681	78,334	N/A
Support and custodyj .....	X	9,663	6,885	N/A
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement Support Actj .....	X	7,677	6,439	N/A
Adoptionj .....	X	2,968	2,384	N/A
Total .....	X	95,989	94,042	N/A
Probate:				
Probated .....	X	30,423	34,185	N/A
Guardianship .....	X	4,048	2,192	N/A
Trustsj .....	X	1,013	643	N/A
Other probated .....	X	1,292	1,237	N/A
Total .....	X	36,776	38,257	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental healthj .....	X	5,982	6,642	N/A
Baker Act and Myers Actj .....	X	4,909	5,100	N/A
Total .....	X	10,891	11,742	N/A
Administrative:				
Bond validationj .....	X	57	62	N/A
Tax litigationj .....	X	102	60	N/A
Total .....	X	159	122	N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaintsj .....	X	4,702	3,904	N/A
Other petitionsj .....	X	2,569	2,282	N/A
Other civil .....	X	15,395	15,580	N/A
Total .....	X	22,666	21,766	N/A
Appeals .....	1,261	833	4741	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpusj .....	X	420	343	N/A
Total civil .....	229,856	243,129	234,395 <sup>i</sup>	N/A

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Florida Circuit Court (continued)

<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal categories .....	52,097	65,799	63,856	N/A
Appeals .....	145	367	314	N/A
Total criminal .....	52,242	66,166	63,887 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	X	38,613	37,790	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependencyj .....	X	13,308	11,398	N/A
Dependency change or modificationj .....	X	921	876	N/A
Terminate dependencyj .....	X	144	143	N/A
Total .....	X	14,373	12,417	N/A
Status offense:				
Children in need of supervisionj .....	X	9	61	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Violation of or modify probationj .....	X	1,459	1,372	N/A
Violation of or modify supervisionj .....	X	78	83	N/A
Terminate probationj .....	X	2,180	2,163	N/A
Terminate supervisionj .....	X	852	843	N/A
Other (January to June) .....	X	974	912	N/A
Other (July to December) .....	X	5,839	5,724	N/A
Total .....	X	11,382	11,097	N/A
Total juvenile .....	20,767	64,377	61,365	N/A
Grand total .....	302,865	373,672	359,647 <sup>i</sup>	N/A

Jury trials<sup>dk</sup>

Civil .....	2,314
Criminal .....	3,564
Total .....	5,878

Civil dispositions

Final judgment/order .....	129,445
Dismissed/settled .....	
out of court .....	64,969

Criminal dispositions

Plea .....	31,422
Total convicted .....	34,131
Acquitted/dismissed .....	3,813

Time interval<sup>n</sup> (average weeks)

Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Jury trial .....	61.9	27.6
Non-jury trial/hearing .....	23.6	28.7
No trial/hearing .....	46.6	20.2
Guilty plea .....	--	22.0
No plea .....	--	18.6

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.

-- = Not applicable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

Two different reporting systems were used during 1976, one between January and June and another between July and December. The first system counted supplemental filings and dispositions in addition to original filings and dispositions. The second system counted only original filings and dispositions.

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.

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:

Appeals disposed are for January to June only. Appeals filed are for the entire year.

eExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed and disposed include original and supplemental cases for January to June. Only original cases were counted for July to December. Auto tort and all other negligence data were collected for January to June. Medical malpractice, medical malpractice litigated in court, and negligence data were collected for July to December.

fMortgage foreclosures, replevin-liens-foreclosures, adoption, bond violation, tax litigation, and habeas corpus data are for January to June only. Data for July to December are contained in the all-inclusive "other" category classified as other civil.

gSupport and custody case data were collected for January to June and URESA case data were collected for July to December.

hTrusts and other probate are listed by category for January to June only. These cases are included in the probate category for July to December.

iMental health data were collected for January to June. Baker Act (relating to mental health) and Myers Act (relating to alcoholism) cases were collected for July to December.

jOther complaints and other petitions data are for January to June. Other civil data are for July to December.

kDependency termination and change or modification cases were separated from other dependency cases for the January to June period only.</p

**FLORIDA COUNTY COURT<sup>b</sup>**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
67 counties, 164 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed <sup>j</sup>	End pending <sup>k</sup>
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				N/A
Summary procedure <sup>j</sup> .....	130,325	180,651	184,557	
Other civil <sup>j</sup> .....	25,294	41,582	38,696	N/A
Total .....	155,619	222,233	223,253	N/A
Total civil .....	155,619	222,233	223,253	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	124,287	177,628	152,581	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Municipal ordinance .....	2,792	8,420	7,209	N/A
County ordinance .....	4,422	5,794	5,310	N/A
Total .....	7,214	14,214	12,519	N/A
Felony preliminary <sup>j</sup> .....	15,347	22,031 <sup>j</sup>	20,803 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Total criminal .....	146,848	213,873	185,903	N/A
Grand total .....	302,467	436,106	409,156	N/A
<b>Jury trial<sup>dk</sup></b>				
Civil .....	62	Final judgment .....	105,221	Criminal dispositions
Criminal .....	1,986	Dismissal/settled out of court .....	113,454	Misdemeanor and ordinance violations:
Total .....	2,048			Plea .....
<b>Time interval<sup>n</sup> (average weeks)</b>				
	<b>Civil</b>	<b>Criminal</b>		
Filing to termination:				Misdemeanor and ordinance violations:
Jury trial .....	53.3	15.4		Plea .....
Non-jury trial .....	16.6	13.5		Total conviction .....
No trial .....	29.8	9.2		Acquitted/dismissed .....
Guilty pleas .....	—	7.5		Felony preliminary <sup>j</sup> :
No pleas .....	—	11.2		Charge reduced .....
				Dismissed .....
				Bound over after hearing .....
				Bound over hearing waived .....
				Jurisdiction terminated .....

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.

**bParticular court or recording system information:**

Two different reporting systems were used during 1976, one for January to June and one for July to December. The first system counted supplemental filings and dispositions in addition to original filings and dispositions. The second system counted only original filings and dispositions.

**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 at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

**jExplanation of data included in the category:**

Filed and disposed include original and supplemental cases for January to June. Only original cases were counted for July to December.  
Summary procedure cases are those involving \$0 to \$1,500 in damages.  
Other civil cases are those involving \$1,500 to \$2,500 and nonmonetary civil cases.  
Felony preliminaries were counted only for January to June. These cases were no longer counted by the County Court after July 1, 1976.

**kAdditional information:**

End pending figures were not computed because the change in reporting systems made it inappropriate.  
Non-jury trials were not counted for July to December. For the period January to June, there were 16,460 civil non-jury trials and 4,153 criminal non-jury trials.

**mCategories for disposition type or trial data:**

Felony preliminary dispositions are for January to June only.

**nTime interval or age of pending data:**

Time interval data are for January to June only.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Judicial System Statistical Report, 1976* (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished sources except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**FLORIDA MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Courts during 1976. These courts were phased out over a 3-year period and were eliminated as of January 3, 1977.

## Georgia court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

7 justices  
Jurisdiction:  
- Appellate jurisdiction over cases of constitutional issue, title to land, validity of and construction of wills, habeas corpus, extraordinary remedies, convictions of capital felonies, equity, divorce, alimony.  
- Certified questions and certiorari from Court of Appeals.

### COURT OF APPEALS (3)

9 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Appellate jurisdiction over lower courts in cases in which the Supreme Court has no exclusive appellate jurisdiction.

### SUPERIOR COURT (42)

88 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive divorce, title to land, and equity jurisdiction. Law.  
- Exclusive felony jurisdiction. Misdemeanors, felony preliminaries.  
- Juvenile (if no juvenile court).  
Jury trials.

### COUNTY COURT (4)

Jurisdiction:  
- Misdemeanors.  
Jury trials.

### JUVENILE COURT (35)

35 judges, Superior Court judges serve in counties with no juvenile court.  
Jurisdiction:  
- Dependent, neglected, delinquent juveniles.  
Jury trials.

### STATE COURT (64)

74 judges  
Jurisdiction varies:  
- Civil law cases.  
- Misdemeanors, felony preliminaries.  
Jury trials.

### MUNICIPAL COURT (4)

11 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil law and landlord-tenant cases (amount varies).  
- Misdemeanors and preliminary hearings in 2 courts.  
Jury trials in civil cases.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

≈1700 judgeships  
Jurisdiction:  
- Contracts, tort, or conversion under \$200.  
- Issue warrants and act as Court of Inquiry.  
Jury trials.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT (49)

49 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$500 (varies to \$1,000).  
- Committing magistrate, issues criminal warrants.  
Jury trials.

### MAGISTRATE'S COURT (2)

2 magistrates  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil law and landlord-tenant under \$1,000 in Clarke County.  
- Felony preliminaries, misdemeanor guilty pleas.  
Jury trials in Clarke County.  
No jury trials in Glynn County.

### PROBATE COURT (159)

159 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive jurisdiction in probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians, issuance of lunacy commissions, and issuance of marriage licenses.  
- Traffic in some counties.  
- Truancy in some counties.  
No jury trials.

### RECORDER'S COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, CRIMINAL COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY COUNCIL COURT, POLICE COURT (≈410)

Jurisdiction:  
- Ordinance violations, traffic, felony preliminaries.  
No jury trials.

Indicates route of appeal.

GEORGIA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending <sup>j</sup>	Filed	Disposed	End pending <sup>j</sup>
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	217	591	582	191 <sup>g</sup>
Criminal .....	102	242	280	79 <sup>g</sup>
Total appeals .....	319	833	862	270 <sup>g</sup>
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari .....	58	348	316	90
Applications (habeas corpus) .....	27	161	144	42 <sup>g</sup>
Applications for interlocutory appeal .....	1	91	82	9 <sup>g</sup>
Total .....	86	600	542	141 <sup>g</sup>
Total other cases .....	86	600	542	141 <sup>g</sup>
Total cases .....	405	1,433	1,404	411 <sup>g</sup>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	801			
Orders .....	257			
Transfer .....	65			
Withdrawal .....	43			
Dismissed .....	12			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Pending case figures include appeals that had been docketed, but were not ready for decision (they were not yet argued or submitted), as well as appeals that were ready for decision. There were 154 civil and 71 criminal beginning pending appeals and 124 civil and 51 criminal end pending appeals that were docketed but not ready for decision.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 divisions, 9 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Cases:</b>					
Appeals:					
Civil .....	N/A	943	X	N/A	
Criminal .....	N/A	572	X	N/A	
Agency appeals .....	N/A	76	X	N/A	
Total appeals .....	N/A	1,530 (61) <sup>ek</sup>	1,591	N/A	
Other cases:					
Original proceedings .....					
Requests to appeal:					
Application in interlocutory matter .....	0	224	163 (61) <sup>e</sup>	0	
Total other cases .....	0	224	163 (61) <sup>e</sup>	0	
Total cases .....	N/A	1,754 (61) <sup>e</sup>	1,754 (61) <sup>e</sup>	N/A	
<b>Manner of disposition</b>					
Opinion .....	1,336	<b>Disposition of appeals</b>	<b>Time interval (average days)</b>		
Affirmed .....	856	Reversed .....	242	Submission to decision .....	30-45 days
Remanded .....	40	Dismissed .....	161	Mean	
Affirmed in part .....	37	Withdrawn .....	255		

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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

Applications in interlocutory matters granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed and a filing is not counted for the appeal. The granted applications are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Total appeals filed is not the sum of the filings for the reported case categories. The filings by category each include some portion of the 61 granted applications for interlocutory matters. These 61 granted applications are not included in the total appeals filed.

<sup>l</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

There is a constitutional provision that a case must be decided by the Court of Appeals either the first or second term after submission. There are three terms a year. This provision accounts for the low average time from submission to decision.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT<sup>c</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
42 circuits, 88 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending <sup>i</sup>	Filed	Disposed <sup>i</sup>	End pending <sup>i</sup>
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations .....		X	48,902	45,080
Other civil:				
Civil general .....		X	38,231	30,454
Total civil .....	50,903 <sup>h</sup>		87,133	75,534
Total criminal .....				62,502
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....		X	24,850	23,263
Misdemeanor .....		X	18,112	16,959
Total criminal .....		X	42,962	40,222
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....		X	13,517	13,372
Grand total .....	69,535 <sup>hj</sup>		143,612	129,128
				84,019 <sup>j</sup>

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
<b>Civil:</b>			
Domestic relations .....	215	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	1,379	N/A	N/A
Total .....	1,594	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>			
Felony .....	2,076	780	2,856
Misdemeanor .....	330	458	788
Total .....	2,406	1,238	3,644
Traffic .....	33	111	144
Total .....	4,033	N/A	N/A
<b>Civil dispositions<sup>k</sup></b>			
Judgment:			
Domestic relations ...	37,478		
Other civil ....	15,850		
Total .....	53,328		
Dismissal:			
Domestic relations ...	7,387		
Other civil ....	13,059		
Total .....	20,446		
<b>Criminal dispositions<sup>k</sup></b>			
Pleas:			
Felony .....		15,494	
Misdemeanor .....		7,334	
Total .....		22,828	
Bond:			
Felony .....		3,376	
Misdemeanor .....		5,291	
Total .....		10,057	
<b>Traffic dispositions</b>			
Pleas .....		3,634	
Bond .....		8,628	
Dismissal .....		940	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case 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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without Juvenile Courts. These cases are included on the Juvenile Court statistical profile.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictment or accusation.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Beginning pending figure represents only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1975, that were not disposed prior to July 1, 1975. End pending and disposed figures represent only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1976, that were disposed or still pending in 1976.

<sup>hj</sup>Additional information:

Trial, judgment, and dismissal categories do not equal total dispositions for civil and criminal cases because specific types of dispositions for some cases were unknown.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); 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 have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

**GEORGIA STATE COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
64 courts, 74 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	87,472	69,920	N/A
Criminal <sup>d</sup> :				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	147,204	136,727	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	303,119	267,348	N/A
	Jury Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury Total	Civil dispositions <sup>k</sup>	Criminal dispositions
Civil .....	1,022	N/A	Judgment .....	50,361
Criminal .....	669	6,985	Dismissal .....	18,408
Traffic .....	211	11,132	Plea .....	31,977
Total .....	1,902	11,343	Bond .....	8,278
		N/A	Dismissal .....	12,792
			Plea .....	46,305
			Bond .....	69,639
			Dismissal .....	9,440

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>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 indictment or accusation.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Since data specifying the type of disposition of civil cases were not complete, the number of civil jury trials, judgments, and dismissals does not equal the number of total civil dispositions.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

**GEORGIA PROBATE COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
159 counties, 159 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Probate .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal <sup>d</sup> :				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	113,645	112,547	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	116,972 <sup>i</sup>	115,897 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
	Jury Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury Total	Criminal dispositions	Traffic dispositions
Criminal .....	0	42	42	Plea .....
Traffic .....	4	1,108	1,112	Dismissal .....
Total .....	4	1,150	1,154	Plea .....
			Bond .....	1,187
			Dismissal .....	31,398
			Plea .....	1,816
			Bond .....	72,536
			Dismissal .....	305
			Plea .....	7,501

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Grand total filed and disposed figures do not include civil cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**GEORGIA JUVENILE COURT<sup>c1</sup>**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
35 courts, 35<sup>c</sup> judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile traffic .....	N/A	2,122	1,964	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	2,122	1,964	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	17,850	17,173	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Deprived .....	N/A	3,889	4,166	N/A
Status offenses:				
Unruly .....	N/A	6,237	6,076	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings .....	N/A	386	312	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	28,362	27,727	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	30,484	29,691	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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without a separate Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in the Juvenile Court totals.

<sup>j</sup>Data are not complete:

Data were not available for the Eastern, Rome, and Western Judicial Circuits.

<sup>i</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed and disposed figures are cases in which formal petitions were filed and heard by Superior, State, or Juvenile Court judges.

Source: The Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**GEORGIA COUNTY COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
4 courts  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for fiscal year 1976.

**GEORGIA MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
4 courts, 11 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

**GEORGIA SMALL CLAIMS COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
49 courts, 49 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for fiscal year 1976.

**GEORGIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts, 2 magistrates  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate's Court for fiscal year 1976.

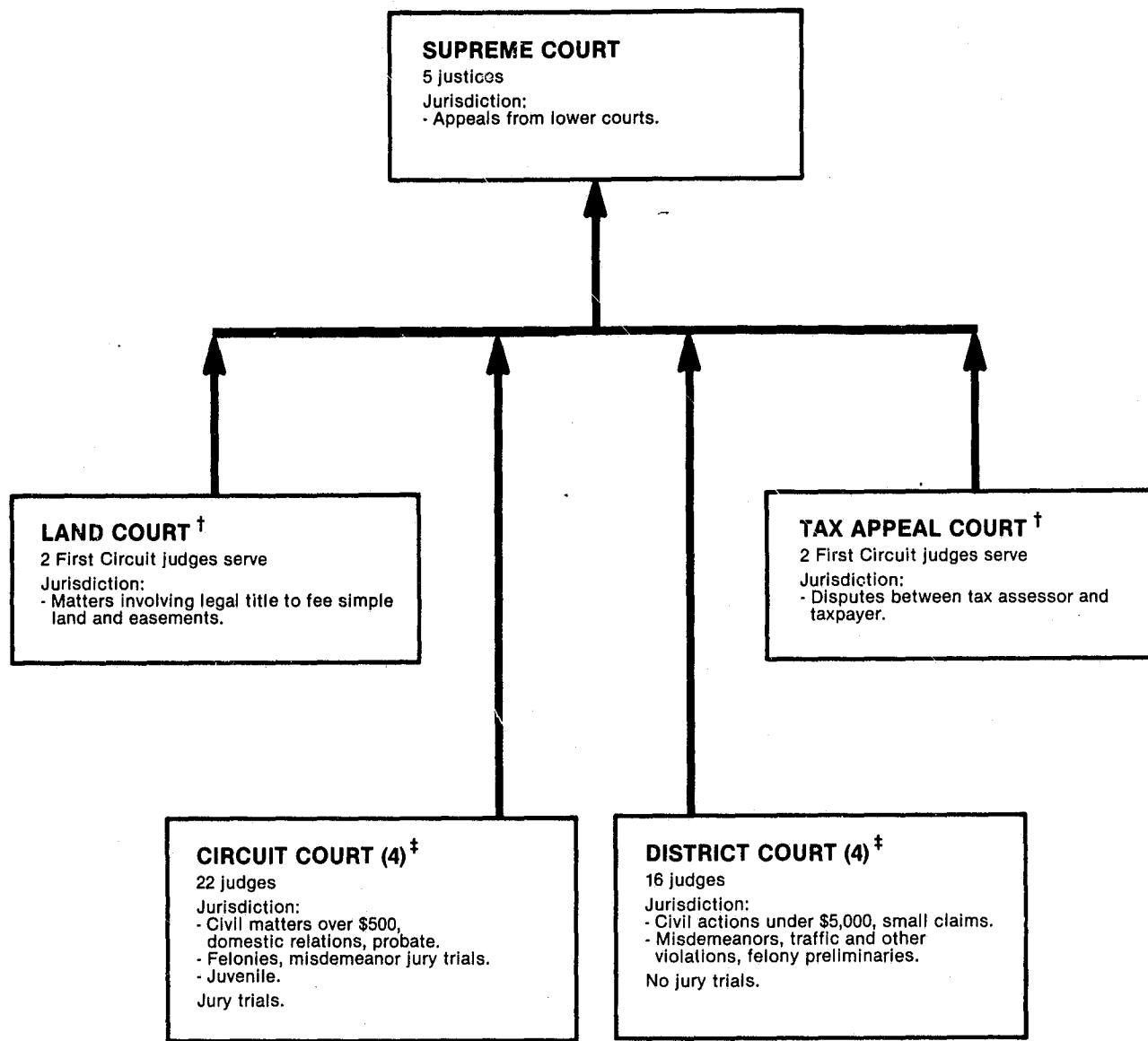
**GEORGIA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
~1700 judgeships  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1976.

**GEORGIA RECORDER'S COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT,  
CITY COUNCIL COURT, POLICE COURT, CRIMINAL COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
~410 courts  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

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 1976.

## **Hawaii court system, 1976**



Indicates route of appeal.

<sup>†</sup> 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 our purposes, 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	<u>Beginning pending</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>End pending</u>
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	143	150	97	196
Criminal .....	62	99	50	111
Other appeals .....	13	4	8	9
Total appeals .....	<u>218</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>316</u>
<b>Other cases<sup>1</sup>:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	1	2	2	1
Prohibition .....	0	7	5	2
Other .....	2	3	4	1
Total.....	3	12	11	4
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....	0	0	0	0
Total other cases .....	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
Total cases .....	221	265	166	320
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	2	15	15	2
Other matters:				
Motions .....	<u>5</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>339</u>	<u>26</u>
Total other proceedings .....	7	375	354	28
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<u>Manner of disposition</u>		<u>Disposition of cases<sup>2</sup></u>		
Written opinion .....	731	Affirmed (including reversed in part and modified and affirmed) .....	52	
Memorandum opinion .....	221	Reversed (including remands) .....	27	
Dismissal/withdrawal ...	65	Motion .....	5	
Other .....	360	Petition for rehearing .....	1	
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<u>Time periods (average months)</u>				
<u>Civil</u>		<u>Criminal</u> <sup>1</sup>		
Appeal filed to regular opinion filed .....	21.8	16.5	26.1	
Appeal filed to memorandum opinion filed .....	17.8	16.1	0	

**Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.**

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Data were supplied by the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Data displayed are for those cases disposed of by opinion.

Data displayed are for those cases disposed of by opinion.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977) 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, 22 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	1,404	816	844	1,376
Non-auto tort .....	813	482	398	897
Contract .....	1,494	1,513	1,229	1,778
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Condemnation .....	135	68	70	133
Landj .....	9	0	0	9
Mechanics' and materialmen's lien .....	87	204	160	131
Total .....	231	272	230	273
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce .....	2,494	5,507	5,409	2,592
Annulment .....	27	38	43	22
Separation and separate maintenance .....	101	116	125	92
Uniform reciprocal enforcement .....	340	734	691	383
Adoption .....	420	749	760	409
Paternity/parental proceedings .....	130	256	88	298
Miscellaneous familyj .....	286	528	280	534
Adult's referrals .....	276	661	653	284
Supplemental proceedings .....	1,620	1,687	1,546	1,761
Total .....	5,694	10,276	9,595	6,375
<b>Probate:</b>				
Regular probate .....	2,181	938	807	2,312
Small estate over \$700 .....	471	443	475	439
Small estate under \$700 .....	256	333	336	253
Guardianship proceedings .....	3,959	427	364	4,022
Totalj .....	6,867	2,141	1,982	7,026
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Naturalization .....	94	187	98	183
Other civil action .....	1,599	1,239	858	1,980
Other special proceedings .....	308	270	157	421
Supplemental proceedingsj .....	658	718	551	825
District Court transfersj .....	94	86	63	117
Total .....	2,753	2,500	1,727	3,526
Total civil.....	19,256	18,000	16,005	21,251
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felonyj .....	1,329	1,551	1,258	1,622
Misdemeanorj .....	454	437	380	511
Other criminal:				
Criminal actions in Family Court .....	20	40	45	15
Total criminal .....	1,803	2,028	1,683	2,148
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile traffic .....	171	650	751	70
Total traffic .....	171	650	751	70
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Law violation .....	1,677	4,957	4,513	2,121
Dependency and neglect:				
Needing services .....	157	153	160	150
Status offenses:				
Needing protective supervision .....	446	1,227	1,212	461
Other juvenile:				
Other .....	65	155	125	95
Supplemental proceedings .....	433	871	855	449
Total .....	498	1,026	980	544
Total juvenile .....	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276
Grand total .....	24,008	28,041	25,304	26,745

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
<b>Civil dispositions</b>			
Civil .....	127	198	325
Criminal .....	229	83	312
Total .....	356	281	637
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>			
Plea .....	6531		
Dismissal .....	92		
Nolle prosequi .....	4861		
<b>Traffic (juvenile) dispositions</b>			
Contested hearing .....		8	
Uncontested hearing .....		333	

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Hawaii Circuit 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 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:

Land cases handled by the Land Court are not included.

Miscellaneous family contains mental health cases.

Probate data include some 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.

lSpecial source or revision in data:  
Data breakdown for felony and misdemeanor cases and for cases disposed by nolle prosequi or plea were obtained by letter from the administrative office of the courts.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

HAWAII LAND COURT<sup>a</sup>

Court of general jurisdiction

2 first circuit judges serve

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Property rights .....	76	57	46	87
Total civil .....	76	57	46	87
Grand total .....	76	57	46	87

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

aCourt 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.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII TAX APPEAL COURT<sup>a</sup>

Court of general jurisdiction

2 first circuit judges serve

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Administrative .....	47	41	58	30
Total civil .....	47	41	58	30
Grand total .....	47	41	58	30

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

aCourt 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 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Idaho court system, 1976

**HAWAII DISTRICT COURT**  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
4 districts, 16 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Tort .....	787	813	638	962
Contract:				
Assumpsit .....	3,333	8,597	8,170	3,760
Small claims .....	472	1,388	1,393	467
Property rights:				
Summary possession .....	570	644	547	667
Administrative:				
Nonpayment of taxes .....	275	59	82	252
Other civil .....	56	132	123	65
Total civil .....	5,493	11,633	10,953	6,173
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	X	X	15,671	X
Ordinance violations .....	399	25,070	24,881	588
Felony preliminary .....	X	X	738	X
Total criminal .....	4,101	42,088	41,290	4,899
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking .....	572	354,886	354,765	693
Other traffic violations:				
Moving arrest and citation .....	26,210	145,819	142,607	29,422
Nonmoving .....	14,678	48,612	47,968	15,322
Total .....	40,888	194,431	190,575	44,744
Total traffic .....	41,460	549,317	545,340	45,437
Grand total .....	51,054	603,038	597,583	56,509
<b>Non-jury trial</b>				
Civil .....	646			
<b>Civil dispositions</b>				
Discontinuance/dismissed .....		3,188		
Default/confession .....		7,119		
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Misdemeanor and ordinance violations:				
Nolle prosequi .....	1,934			
Total conviction .....	9,569			
Discharge/dismissal .....	4,904			
Stricken .....	1,420			
Bail forfeiture .....	22,331			
Transfer for jury trial .....	394			
Felony preliminary:				
Stricken or discharged .....	231			
Committed to grand jury .....	312			
Committed to Circuit Court .....	195			
<b>Traffic dispositions</b>				
Nolle prosequi .....	3,870			
Total conviction .....	67,662			
Discharge/dismissal .....	12,456			
Stricken .....	49,986			
Bail forfeiture .....	411,353			
Transfer for jury trial .....	13			

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.

**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 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 1975-1976* (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

### SUPREME COURT

5 justices

Jurisdiction:

- Original jurisdiction in claims against state (advisory opinions).
- Appeals from interim orders and final judgments in District Court.
- Appeals from administrative agencies.

### DISTRICT COURT (7)

25 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Original civil, personal injury and other tort, contracts, domestic relations, and habeas corpus.
- Original criminal, felony, post-conviction review.
- Appeals from magistrates and state agencies and boards.

Appeals de novo.

Jury trials.

### MAGISTRATES DIVISION OF DISTRICT COURT (7)

66 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil actions to \$5,000, forcible entry and detainer; liens to \$1,000 on real and personal property; probate and administration of decedent estates; and small claims to \$500.
- Misdemeanors, felony preliminaries, arrest warrants; and searches and seizures.
- Juvenile.

Jury trials except in small claims.

Indicates route of appeal.

IDaho SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Auto negligence .....	11 <sup>f</sup>	2	7	6
Other negligence .....	10	2	8	4
Tax appeals .....	8 <sup>f</sup>	7	5	10
Domestic relations .....	18	11	13	16
YRA and CPA <sup>k</sup> .....	2 <sup>f</sup>	0	1	1
Environment/zoning .....	4	1	2	3
Other .....	134 <sup>f</sup>	138	86	186
Total .....	187 <sup>f</sup>	161	122	226
Criminal:				
Judgments .....	66 <sup>f</sup>	68	53	81
Postconviction relief .....	8 <sup>f</sup>	3	5	6
Other .....	7	11	4	14
Total .....	81	82	62	101
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation .....	20	43	28	35
Public utility commission .....	10	3	4	9
Total .....	30	46	32	44
Other:				
Habeas corpus appeals .....	14	6	12	8
Total appeals .....	312	295	228	379
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	0	2	1	1
Mandamus .....	1	10	7	4
Prohibition .....	2	8	8	2
Disciplinary .....	0	5	1	4
Other .....	0	12	4	8
Total .....	3	37	21	19
Requests to appeal .....	3	37	21	19
Total other cases .....	315	332	249	398
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	11	11	N/A
Other matters:				
Extension of time .....	N/A	426	418	N/A
Motion to dismiss .....	N/A	106	103	N/A
Other .....	N/A	280	262	N/A
Total .....	N/A	812	783	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	823	794	N/A

Manner of disposition  
Written majority opinion..... 136

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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Filed includes cases added and transferred.

    YRA 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.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
    Juvenile cases are considered civil proceedings in Idaho.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDaho DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
7 districts, 25 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury/property damage .....	1,076 <sup>f</sup> h	934	778	1,232
Small claims .....	14 <sup>f</sup> h	20	19	15
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations .....	1,508 <sup>f</sup> h	4,210	3,409	2,309
Support proceedings .....	556 <sup>f</sup> h	785	682	659
Adoption .....	9 <sup>f</sup> h	4	11	2
Total .....	2,073 <sup>f</sup> h	4,999	4,102	2,970
Probate:				
Informal estate .....	57 <sup>f</sup> h	16	63	10
Formal estate .....	8 <sup>f</sup> h	7	10	5
Guardianship of minors .....	4 <sup>f</sup> h	2	4	2
Total .....	69 <sup>f</sup> h	25	77	17
Mental health:				
Guardianship of incapacitated .....	2 <sup>f</sup> h	1	2	1
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions .....	3,627 <sup>f</sup> h	3,386	3,172	3,841
All other special hearings .....	37 <sup>f</sup> h	55	61	31
Total .....	3,664 <sup>f</sup> h	3,441	3,223	3,872
Appeals:				
Civil appeal .....	92 <sup>f</sup> h	118	86	124
Special proceeding appeal .....	17 <sup>f</sup> h	34	26	25
Total .....	109 <sup>f</sup> h	152	112	149
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	28 <sup>f</sup> h	147	113	62
Total civil .....	7,035 <sup>f</sup> h	9,719	8,436	8,318
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Felony--drug .....	111 <sup>f</sup> h	446	410	147
Felony--driving while intoxicated .....	44 <sup>f</sup> h	174	148	70
Other felony .....	597 <sup>f</sup> h	2,000	1,893	704
Total .....	752 <sup>f</sup> h	2,620	2,451	921
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug .....	45 <sup>f</sup> h	416	418	43
Other misdemeanor .....	41 <sup>f</sup> h	278	288	31
Total .....	86 <sup>f</sup> h	694	706	74
Appeals .....	42 <sup>f</sup> h	65	49	58
Total criminal .....	880 <sup>f</sup> h	3,379	3,206	1,053
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated .....	6 <sup>f</sup> h	20	24	2
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	4 <sup>f</sup> h	1	2	3
Total traffic .....	10 <sup>f</sup> h	21	26	5
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other .....	2 <sup>f</sup> h	0	1	1
Dependency and neglect:				
Child Protection Act .....	1 <sup>f</sup> h	1	1	1
Total juvenile .....	3 <sup>f</sup> h	1	2	2
Grand total .....	7,928 <sup>f</sup> h	13,120	11,670	9,378
<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Civil:				
Civil .....	3,138			
Appeal .....	37			
Total .....	3,175			
Criminal:				
Felony .....	303			
Misdemeanor .....	65			
Appeals .....	10			
Total .....	378			
Traffic:				
Misdemeanor--DWI .....	3			
Juvenile .....	1			
Total .....	3,557			

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 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).

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Special proceeding appeals may include some juvenile appeals.

<sup>h</sup>Figures were computed:

    Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Illinois court system, 1976

**IDaho MAGISTRATES DIVISION<sup>a</sup> OF DISTRICT COURT**  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 7 districts, 66 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury/property damage .....	315fh	550	428	437
Small claims .....	1,740fh	10,130	9,670	2,200
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations .....	2,112fh	4,049	4,496	1,665
Support proceedings .....	639fh	1,610	1,316	933
Adoption .....	207fh	974	941	240
Total .....	2,958fh	6,633	6,753	2,838
Probate:				
Informal estate .....	1,400fh	2,591	2,108	1,883
Formal estate .....	1,150fh	1,231	1,160	1,221
Guardianship of minors .....	141fh	197	150	188
Total .....	2,691fh	4,019	3,418	3,292
Mental health:				
Guardianship of incapacitated .....	159fh	201	165	195
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions .....	4,703fh	8,300	7,188	5,815
All other special hearings .....	176fh	685	597	264
Total .....	4,879fh	8,985	7,785	6,079
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	6fh	8	8	6
Total civil .....	12,748fh	30,526	28,227	15,047
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug .....	220fh	1,300	1,334	186
Other misdemeanor .....	3,072fh	20,945	20,189	3,828
Total .....	3,292fh	22,245	21,523	4,014
Felony preliminary:				
Felony--drug .....	71fh	679	668	82
Felony--driving while intoxicated .....	41fh	236	244	33
Other felony .....	1,079fh	3,951	3,719	1,311
Total .....	1,191fh	4,866	4,631	1,426
Total criminal .....	4,483fh	27,111	26,154	5,440
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated .....	1,080fh	6,614	6,521	1,173
Juvenile--driving while intoxicated .....	0fh	3	2	1
Total .....	1,080fh	6,617	6,523	1,174
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	3,598fh	177,336	177,130	3,804
Total traffic .....	4,678fh	183,953	183,653	4,978
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--drug .....	61fh	212	209	64
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other .....	1,475fh	7,278	6,813	1,940
Total .....	1,536fh	7,490	7,022	2,004
Dependency and neglect:				
Child Protection Act .....	305fh	436	489	252
Total juvenile .....	1,841fh	7,926	7,511	2,256
Grand total .....	23,750fh	249,516	245,545	27,721
<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Civil .....	12,851			
Criminal				
Misdemeanor .....	1,800			
Felony preliminary .....	155			
Total .....	1,955			
Traffic:				
Traffic .....	3,684			
Misdemeanor--DUI .....	648			
Juvenile--DUI .....	1			
Total .....	4,333			
Juvenile .....	3,471			
Total .....	22,610			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
 The Magistrates Division is a division of the District Court and its data are included in the general jurisdiction summary tables.

<sup>b</sup>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.

A trial is counted when it is officially begun (the jury is sworn or there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence).

<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>d</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

### SUPREME COURT

7 judges

#### Jurisdiction:

- Discretionary original jurisdiction in revenue, mandamus, prohibition, and habeas corpus.
- Appeals as a matter of right from Circuit Court when death sentence imposed and from Appellate Court when federal or state constitutional question arises for the first time or on certificate by the Appellate Court.
- Other appeals from Circuit and Appellate Court as provided by Supreme Court rule.
- Redistricting of General Assembly.
- Ability of Governor to serve or resume office. Admission and discipline of attorneys.

Death sentence.  
 Other appeals provided by rule.

### APPELLATE COURT (5 DISTRICTS)

34 judges

#### Jurisdiction:

- Appeals as a matter of right except in cases appealable directly to the Supreme Court or from judgments of acquittal in criminal cases.
- Direct review of administrative actions as provided by law.



Indicates route of appeal.

### CIRCUIT COURT (21)

603 circuit and associate judges

#### Jurisdiction:

- All justiciable matters except where the Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction or where the Supreme Court exercises discretionary original jurisdiction.
- Review of administrative action as provided by law.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed .....	59	( 71)e	80	50
Action for motion in public interest case [rule 302(b)] allowed .....	23	( 36)e	37	22
Statute held invalid .....	15	9	14	10
Certificate of importance .....	1	3	2	2
Total .....	98	12 (107)e	133	84
Criminal:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed .....	36	( 86)e	68	54
Action for motion in public interest case [rule 302 (b)] allowed .....	0	( 6)e	3	3
Statute held invalid .....	7	16	12	11
Death penalty [rule 603] .....	1	0	0	1
Total .....	44	16 ( 92)e	83	69
Agency appeals:				
Industrial Commission <sup>a</sup> .....	39	41	46	34
Total appeals .....	181	69 (199)e	262	187
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil:				
Original action motions .....	0	45	32 ( 11)e	2
Original action motions allowed .....	4	( 11)e	8	7
Miscellaneous .....	0	4	4	0
Total civil .....	4	49 ( 11)e	44 ( 11)e	9
Criminal:				
Original action motions .....	1	16	13 ( 2)e	2
Original action motions allowed .....	2	( 2)e	3	1
Miscellaneous .....	0	11	11	0
Total criminal .....	3	27 ( 2)e	27 ( 2)e	3
Attorney disciplinary .....	5	11	10	6
Total .....	12	87 ( 13)e	81 ( 13)e	18
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition of leave to appeal .....	61	392	317 ( 71)e	65
Petition for public interest [rule 302(b)] motion .....	0	56	20 ( 36)e	0
Total civil .....	61	448	337 (107)e	65
Criminal:				
Petition for leave to appeal .....	86	388	307 ( 86)e	81
Petition for public interest [rule 302(b)] motion .....	0	6	0 ( 6)e	0
Total criminal .....	86	394	307 ( 92)e	81
Total .....	147	842	644 (199)e	146
Total other cases .....	159	929 ( 13)e	725 (212)e	164
Total cases .....	340	998 (212)e	987 (212)e	351
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for rehearing .....	N/A	N/A	76	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	76	N/A

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 236

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
Appeals from administrative agencies will not be handled by the Supreme Court after January 1, 1979.

<sup>b</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

Petitions for leave to appeal, rule 302(b) motions, or 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: Unpublished statistical report provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court and by the administrative office of the Illinois courts.  
Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT  
Intermediate appellate court  
5 districts, 34 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending		
<b>Cases:</b>						
<b>Appeals:</b>						
Civil .....	1,803 <sup>f</sup>	1,858	1,678	1,983		
Criminal .....	2,270	2,115	2,257	2,128		
Total appeals .....	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	3,973	3,935	4,111		
Total cases .....	4,073 <sup>f</sup>	3,973	3,935	4,111		
<u>Manner of disposition</u>						
Full opinion .....	1,952	Affirmed .....	1,895			
By rule 23 order .....	1,008	Reversed .....	670			
Without opinion or rule 23 order .....	975	Affirmed in part .....	254			
		Dismissed .....	52			
		Modified .....	89			
<u>Time interval (months)</u>						
	Under 6 months	6 to 12 months	1 to 1½ years	1½ to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Over 3 years
Date of filing to date of disposition:						
Civil .....	406	457	533	190	77	15
Criminal .....	352	63	878	263	112	17
Date briefs filed to date of disposition:						
Civil .....	795	515	170	76	6	1
Criminal .....	1,288	563	152	65	1	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:  
This difference in the pending figure is due to an adjustment during an inventory of cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Indiana court system, 1976

ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT Court of general jurisdiction 21 circuits, 603 circuit and associate judges January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976				
	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending <sup>k</sup>
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Law \$15,000 and under .....	61,400 <sup>h</sup>	124,822	116,837	69,385
Law over \$15,000 .....	61,293 <sup>h</sup>	33,718	28,053	66,958
Total .....	122,693 <sup>h</sup>	158,540	144,890	136,343
Small claims .....	37,638 <sup>h</sup>	185,811	184,161	39,288
Equity:				
Chancery .....	30,489 <sup>h</sup>	20,650	16,802	34,337
Property rights:				
Eminent domain .....	1,441 <sup>h</sup>	785	856	1,370
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	32,929 <sup>h</sup>	69,634	65,359	37,204
Family .....	14,560 <sup>h</sup>	20,807	16,499	18,868
Total .....	47,489 <sup>h</sup>	90,441	81,858	56,072
Probate .....	N/A	33,533	29,003	N/A
Mental health .....	1,424 <sup>h</sup>	8,515	8,466	1,473
Administrative:				
Tax .....	96,848 <sup>h</sup>	128,906	104,080	121,674
Municipal corporations .....	421 <sup>h</sup>	219	179	461
Total .....	97,269 <sup>h</sup>	129,125	104,259	122,135
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous remedies .....	5,562 <sup>h</sup>	5,846	5,170	6,238
Total civil .....	344,005 <sup>l</sup>	633,246	575,465	397,256 <sup>l</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	19,278 <sup>h</sup>	30,645	29,412	20,511
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanors <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	420,388	342,097	N/A
Conservation violations .....	N/A	7,157	6,826	N/A
Total .....	N/A	427,545	348,923	N/A
Ordinance violations .....	N/A	61,922	58,886	N/A
Total criminal .....	19,278 <sup>l</sup>	520,112	437,221	20,511 <sup>l</sup>
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	2,305,483	2,229,623	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile .....	13,606 <sup>h</sup>	25,731	26,529	12,808
Grand total .....	376,889 <sup>l</sup>	3,484,572	3,268,838	430,575 <sup>l</sup>
<u>Criminal dispositions (felony)<sup>m</sup></u>				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	
Civil (law) <sup>m</sup> .....	1,448	N/A	N/A	17,032
Criminal (felony) <sup>m</sup> .....	1,147	1,420	2,567	1,577
Total .....	2,595	N/A	N/A	18,609
Acquitted .....				990
Dismissed .....				13,996
<u>Time interval (average months)</u>				
Date of filing to date of verdict: Law--jury .....	30.7			

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

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints. Each defendant is counted for criminal trials and criminal dispositions.  
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:  
Beginning pending cases were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

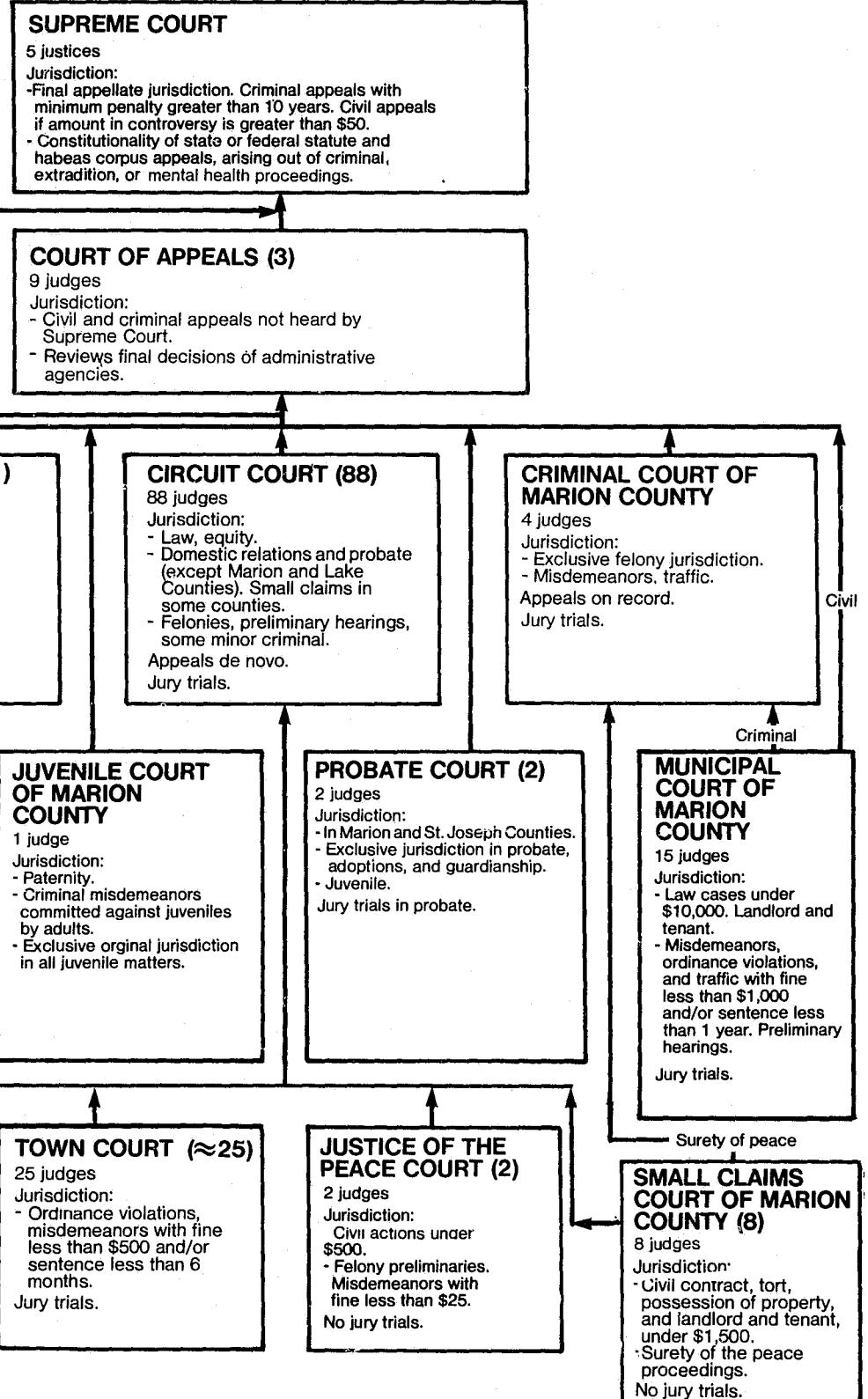
<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Civil total pendings do not include pending cases for probate.  
Criminal total pendings do not include pending cases for misdemeanor and ordinance violations.  
Grand total pendings do not include pending cases for probate, misdemeanor, ordinance violations, and traffic.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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 and conservation violations in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
The end pending figures for the 1976 court year reflect an accurate inventory count for those counties reporting. There are incomplete pending data for all case categories except law, because some counties are delinquent in reporting their pending figures.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Civil jury trials are for law cases only.  
Criminal trials and criminal dispositions are for felony cases only. Each defendant is counted for trials and disposition types.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.



INDIANA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Direct appeals .....	X	X	137	X
Civil petitions to transfer after granted.....	X	X	7	X
Criminal petitions to transfer after granted .....	X	X	7	X
Total appeals .....	X	X	151	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions.....	X	X	11	X
Disciplinary cases.....	X	X	9	X
Writs.....	0	38	38	0
Total.....	X	X	58	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil petitions to transfer.....	0	151	151	0
Criminal petitions to transfer denied.....	X	X	70	X
Total.....	X	X	221	X
Total other cases.....	X	X	279	X
Total cases.....	80 <sup>h</sup>	430	430	80
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Petitions for extension of time .....	N/A	N/A	464	N/A
Special judge matters .....	N/A	N/A	191	N/A
Hearing officers in disciplinary matters .....	N/A	N/A	21	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	676	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Majority opinion .....	165 <sup>k</sup>			
Per curiam .....	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.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

There were 25 concurring opinions and 25 dissenting opinions.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 districts, 9 judges

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	317	X	X
Criminal .....	X	417	X	X
Other appeals:				
Expedited cases .....	X	43	X	X
Total appeals .....	499	777	653	623
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal .....	—	—	—	—
Total other cases.....	—	—	—	—
Total cases.....	499	777	653	623
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Notions to dismiss/affirm .....	20	170	147	43
Chief judge matters .....	—	2,894	2,894	—
Total .....	20	3,064	3,041	43
Total other proceedings .....	20	3,064	3,041	43
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion (majority) .....	639			
Opinion (other) .....	97			
Order .....	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.

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

— = Not applicable.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filled cases are "fully briefed cases" forwarded to the court by the clerk's office.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 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  
31 counties, 81 judges; 88 circuits, 88 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Civil:</b>					
Small claims (County Court function) <sup>k</sup> .....	253	17,407	11,833	5,738 <sup>b</sup>	
Domestic relations:					
Dissolution .....	X	44,223	46,826	X	
Redocketed dissolutions .....	X	21,782	19,931	X	
Total .....	X	66,005	66,757	X	
Probate:					
Probate/adoption .....	X	18,190	16,200	X	
Guardianship .....	X	3,665	3,775	X	
Total .....	X	21,855	19,975	X	
Other civil:					
Civil .....	X	44,073	56,806	X	
Redocketed civil .....	X	15,846	11,411	X	
Plenary proceeding <sup>k</sup> .....	168	45	39	938 <sup>b</sup>	
Redocketed civil (County Court function) <sup>k</sup> .....	0	4,405	2,089	2,069 <sup>b</sup>	
Venued in .....	—	—	4,288	—	
Total .....	X	68,657	70,145	X	
Total civil .....	X	173,924	168,710	X	
<b>Criminal:</b>					
Misdemeanor:					
Criminal (County Court function) <sup>k</sup> .....	4,395	13,236	17,452	2,939 <sup>b</sup>	
Redocketed criminal (County Court function) <sup>k</sup> .....	93	5	72	97 <sup>b</sup>	
Total .....	4,488	13,241	17,524	3,036 <sup>b</sup>	
Felony/misdemeanor:					
Criminal .....	X	14,275	18,481	X	
Redocketed criminal .....	X	1,647	1,288	X	
Total .....	X	15,922	19,769	X	
Felony preliminary:					
Other (County Court function) <sup>j</sup> .....	186	2,001	927	8 <sup>b</sup>	
Other criminal:					
Other <sup>j</sup> .....	X	12,331	11,549	X	
Total criminal .....	X	43,495	49,769	X	
<b>Traffic:</b>					
Other traffic violations:					
Nonfelony traffic .....	X	74	322	X	
Nonfelony traffic (County Court function) <sup>k</sup> .....	3,574	48,263	46,669	3,817 <sup>b</sup>	
Total traffic .....	X	48,337	46,991	X	
<b>Juvenile:</b>					
Total juvenile .....	X	12,981	13,331	X	
Grand total .....	231,492	278,737	278,801	232,134 <sup>b</sup>	
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	Civil dispositions	
Civil .....	756	15,735	16,491	Settled .....	17,026
Criminal .....	846	5,571	6,417	Default .....	18,307
Other <sup>m</sup> .....	332	83,726	84,058	Criminal and traffic dispositions	
Total .....	1,934	105,032	106,966	Plea .....	31,516
				Traffic Violations Bureau .....	20,582

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.

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as added up from the annual report.

<sup>f</sup>Explanation 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.

<sup>g</sup>Additional information:

Cases in this category are considered a County Court function (cases usually handled in the County Courts) of the Superior Court and Circuit Court.

<sup>h</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

"Other" trials include data for trials in small claims, domestic relations, probate, traffic, juvenile, and other cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	351	1,948	2,348	173 <sup>g</sup>
Redocketed criminal .....	5	113	75	35 <sup>g</sup>
Venued in .....	—	333	—	—
Total .....	356	2,394	2,423	208 <sup>g</sup>
Total criminal .....	356	2,394	2,423	208 <sup>g</sup>
Grand total .....	356	2,394	2,423	208 <sup>g</sup>
Trial				
Jury	Trial			
Criminal .....	366	167	533	
Criminal dispositions				
Plea .....	766			
Dismissed .....	436			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

— = Not applicable.

d Case 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.

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

Figures are as added up from the annual report.

Source: Division of State Court Administrator, 1976 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  
60 courts, 60 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	X	40,758	28,980	X
Other civil:				
Plenary proceedings .....	X	3,697	1,780	X
Redocketed civil .....	X	7,496	3,956	X
Total .....	X	11,193	5,736	X
Total civil .....	X	51,951	34,716	X
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	X	31,582	23,281	X
Redocketed criminal .....	X	233	434	X
Total .....	X	31,815	23,715	X
Felony preliminary:				
Other <sup>j</sup> .....	X	4,352	3,829	X
Total criminal .....	X	36,167	27,544	X
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonfelony traffic .....	X	130,149	116,663	X
Total traffic .....	X	130,149	116,663	X
Grand total .....	2,385 <sup>k</sup>	218,267	178,923	42,444 <sup>g</sup>
Trial				
Jury	Trial			
Civil .....	11	7,926	7,937	
Criminal .....	81	3,944	4,025	
Other <sup>m</sup> .....	63	10,398	10,461	
Total .....	155	22,268	22,423	
Civil dispositions				
Settled .....	6,842	Plea .....	57,685	
Default .....	12,658	Traffic Violations Bureau .....	68,981	

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.

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 informations, indictments, or complaints.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

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

Figure is as added up from the annual report.

j Explanation 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 were probable cause cases in the County Courts.

k Additional information:

The beginning pending figure is low because a majority of the County Courts began handling operation on January 1, 1976.

m Categories for disposition type or trial data:

"Other" trials include data for trials in small claims, traffic, and felony preliminary cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	6	42	25	23
Total criminal .....	6	42	25	23
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile .....	1,287	5,968	5,714	1,541
Other <sup>j</sup> .....	110	87	61	136
Total .....	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677
Total juvenile .....	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677
Grand total .....	1,403	6,097	5,800	1,700
Trial				
Jury	Trial			
Criminal .....	0	10	10	
Juvenile .....	4	4,316	4,320	
Total .....	4	4,326	4,330	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

d Case 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.

j Explanation 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, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	396	408	368	435 <sup>g</sup>
Probate:				
Probate/adoption .....	4,091	3,687	3,722	4,275 <sup>g</sup>
Guardianship .....	4,771	822	661	4,838 <sup>g</sup>
Total .....	8,862	4,509	4,363	9,113 <sup>g</sup>
Other civil .....	1,283	1,827	1,028	1,864 <sup>g</sup>
Total civil .....	10,541	6,744	5,759	11,412 <sup>g</sup>
Grand total .....	10,541	6,744	5,759	11,412 <sup>g</sup>

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil dispositions				
Jury	Trial			
Civil .....	3	3,677	3,680	
Settled .....			133	
Default .....			215	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

d Case 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.

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

Figures are as added up from the annual report.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Iowa court system, 1976

MUNICIPAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 1 court, 11 full-time and 4 part-time judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	5,616	8,249	10,058	3,800 <sup>g</sup>
Redocketed civil .....	3,181	6,701	7,791	2,091 <sup>h</sup>
Venued in .....	--	7	--	--
Total .....	8,797	14,957	17,849	5,891 <sup>g</sup>
Total civil .....	8,797	14,957	17,849	5,891 <sup>g</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573 <sup>g</sup>
Total criminal .....	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573 <sup>g</sup>
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonfelony traffic .....	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996 <sup>g</sup>
Total traffic .....	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996 <sup>g</sup>
Grand total .....	68,865	146,862	136,403	106,460 <sup>g</sup>
Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury	Total	
Civil .....	39	6,075	6,114	Civil dispositions
Criminal .....	100	11,946	12,046	Criminal and traffic dispositions
Traffic .....	39	24,062	24,101	
Total .....	178	42,083	42,261	
			Settled .....	306
			Default .....	5,906
			Dismissed .....	4,017
			Venued out .....	83
			Other .....	1,423
Plea .....	59,399			
Traffic Violations Bureau .....	8,361			
Dismissed .....	12,865			
Other .....	1,782			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 -- = 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 the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.  
 A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

**e**Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:  
 Figures are as reported in the annual report.

**h**Figure was computed:  
 End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the City Court for 1976.

INDIANA TOWN COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 25 courts, 25 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Town Court for 1976.

INDIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 2 courts, 2 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 8 courts, 8 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1976.

### SUPREME COURT

9 justices  
 Jurisdiction:  
 - Appeals as of right in all cases from District Court except real estate under \$1,000 or decisions on small claims appeals.

### DISTRICT COURT (8)

89 judges  
 Jurisdiction:  
 - General and original civil, probate.  
 - General and original criminal.  
 - Juvenile.  
 Appeals de novo and on record.  
 Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (8)

16 district associate judges  
 14 regular full-time magistrates  
 8 substitute full-time magistrates  
 Jurisdiction:  
 - Civil actions \$3,000 or less, small claims \$1,000 or less. Forcible entry and detainer except title to property.  
 - Misdemeanors, indictable misdemeanors, non-indictable misdemeanors, including traffic and ordinance violations.  
 Preliminary hearings.  
 - Juvenile.  
 Six-person jury trials in simple misdemeanor (non-indictable) cases.  
 No jury trials in small claims.

### DISTRICT COURT (8)

191 part-time magistrate positions  
 Jurisdiction:  
 - Small claims \$1,000 or less. Forcible entry and detainer except title to property.  
 - Non-indictable misdemeanor including traffic and ordinance violations (fine less than \$100 or sentence less than 30 days).  
 Preliminary examinations.  
 No jury trial in small claims.  
 Jury trial in criminal cases.

Indicates route of appeal.

IOWA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
9 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil <sup>j</sup> .....	662	547	625	756
Criminal <sup>j</sup> .....	337	408	446	322
Other:				
Disciplinary .....	(1)	(1)	8	(1)
Total appeals .....	999	955	1,079	1,078 <sup>g</sup>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	(1)	31	(1)	(1)
Requests to appeal .....	(1)	190	(1)	(1)
Total other cases .....	(1)	221	(1)	(1)
Total cases .....	999	1,176	1,079	1,078 <sup>g</sup>
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions and orders .....	--	2,281	2,281	--
Total other proceedings .....	--	2,281	2,281	--
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Signed written opinion .....	317			
Per curiam .....	70			
Affirmed without opinion .....	7			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	254			
Reversed .....	87			
Mixed .....	35			
Dismissal or withdrawal .....	474			
Transferred .....	69			
Consolidated .....	28			
<b>Time interval (average months)</b>				
	Civil	Priority civil	Criminal	All
Notice of appeal to readiness .....	8.6	8.6	9.5	9.1
Readiness to submission .....	17.8	2.1	2.0	7.0
Submission to filing of decision .....	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Notice of appeal to decision .....	28.8	12.6	13.3	18.1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals disposed and pending figures include direct civil appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal arising out of civil cases. Disciplinary cases are included in civil appeals under filed and pending.

Criminal appeals disposed and pending figures include both direct criminal appeals and original proceedings arising out of criminal cases.

<sup>n</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Priority civil includes postconviction relief 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, 1976 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1977). 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 DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
8 districts<sup>c</sup>  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims:				
Small claims (associate judges and regular magistrates) .....	974	5,752	5,911	815
Small claims (substitute and part-time magistrates) .....	570 <sup>h</sup>	12,220	12,265	525
Small claims (disposed by clerk) .....	X	X	46,037	X
Total <sup>j</sup> .....	12,982 <sup>f</sup>	62,416	64,213	11,185
Probate:				
Estate <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	18,594	16,950	N/A
Guardianship and conservatorship <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	3,630	N/A	N/A
Trusteeship <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	672	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	22,896	16,950 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Other civil:				
Regular civil (district judges) .....	X	39,719	37,242	X
Regular civil (associate judges, substitute and regular magistrates) .....	X	384	366	X
Total .....	34,164 <sup>f</sup>	40,103	37,608	36,659
Total civil .....	47,146 <sup>i</sup>	125,415	118,771 <sup>i</sup>	47,844 <sup>i</sup>

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Iowa District Court (continued)

<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Regular criminal <sup>j,k</sup> .....	9,964 <sup>f,j</sup>		18,015	16,534
Misdemeanor:				
Regular criminal <sup>j,k</sup> .....	(j)		8,143	8,130
Nonindictable state <sup>k</sup> .....	X		X	44,762
Total .....	X		X	52,892
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary examination <sup>j</sup> (associate judges and regular magistrates) .....	1,650 <sup>f</sup>		7,285	7,258
Preliminary examination (substitute and part-time magistrates) .....	1,059 <sup>f,h</sup>		12,695	12,332
Total .....	2,709		19,980	19,590
Ordinance violations:				
Nonindictable ordinance <sup>k</sup> .....	X		X	93,183
Total criminal <sup>k</sup> .....	X		X	182,199
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonindictable state <sup>k</sup> .....	X		X	147,127
Nonindictable ordinance <sup>k</sup> .....	X		X	138,583
Total .....	X		X	285,710
Total traffic .....	X		X	285,710
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile (district judges) .....	N/A		3,134	2,797
Juvenile (associate judges and regular magistrates) .....	N/A		2,538	3,832
Total .....	N/A		5,672	6,629
Total juvenile .....	N/A		5,672	6,629
Grand total .....	133,424 <sup>i</sup>		587,921	593,309 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Age of pending cases 12/31/76</b>				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	
Civil .....	384	14,857	15,241	
Criminal .....	1,022	23,780	24,802	
Traffic .....	160	8,506	8,666	
Total .....	1,566	47,143	48,709	
<b>Over 1 year Under 1 year</b>				
Regular civil ....	16,564	20,095		
Regular criminal ..	2,665	8,793		

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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

Data include cases handled by 89 district and 16 district associate judges, 14 regular full-time, 8 substitute full-time, and 191 part-time magistrates.

<sup>d</sup>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.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:

The disparity between these figures is due to inventory corrections.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete:

Probate, total civil, and grand total disposed figures do not include guardianship and conservatorship, or trusteeship.

Total civil pending does not include probate data.

Grand total pending does not include probate or juvenile data.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Small claims total includes cases handled by the clerk. The cases are not listed as filed or pending in the "by clerk" category because the

cases are filed as regular cases and not as cases to be specifically disposed by the clerk.

Regular criminal cases handled by the district judges include felonies and appeals.

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.

<sup>i</sup>Additional information:

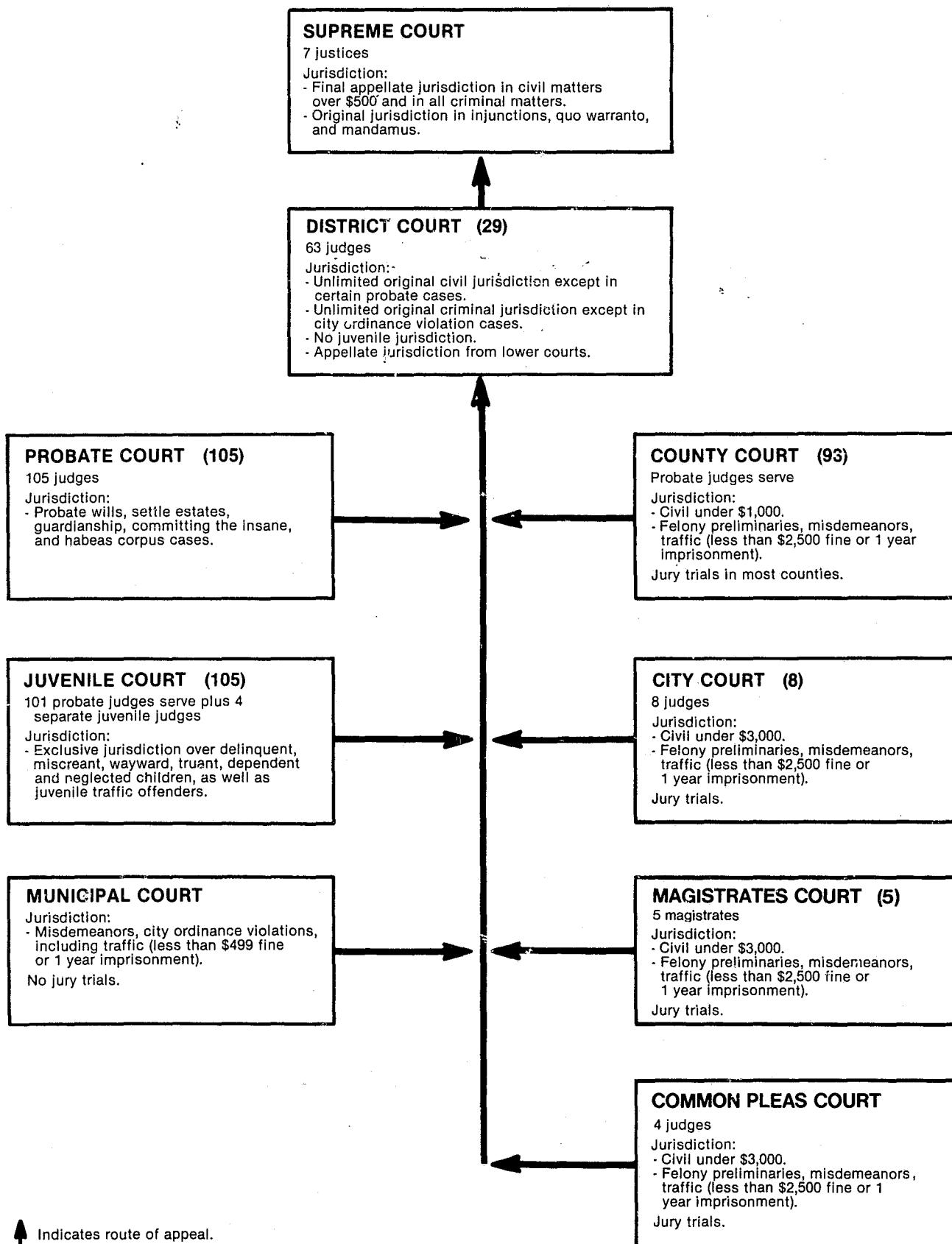
Estate, guardianship and conservatorship, trusteeship, and regular criminal (felony) are handled by district judges only.

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 238 search warrants and 30 miscellaneous actions handled by district associate and regular full-time magistrates, and 840 search warrants and 73 miscellaneous actions handled by substitute full-time and part-time magistrates.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Kansas court system, 1976



KANSAS SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	155 <sup>f</sup>	254	186	223
Criminal .....	76 <sup>f</sup>	152	118	110
Total appeals .....	231 <sup>f</sup>	406	304	333
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	X	11	X
Mandamus .....	X	X	13	X
Disciplinary cases .....	X	X	10	X
Quo warranto .....	X	X	1	X
Error coram nobis .....	X	X	1	X
Total .....	8 <sup>f</sup>	32	36	4
Requests to appeal .....	8 <sup>f</sup>	32	36	4
Total other cases .....	8 <sup>f</sup>	32	36	4
Total cases .....	239 <sup>f</sup>	438	340	337
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Application for intermediate relief (rules 5, 15, 16, and 17) .....	0 <sup>f</sup>	42	42	0
Total other proceedings .....	0 <sup>f</sup>	42	42	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Appeals terminated by opinion .... 276				
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	190			
Reversed .....	65			
Reversed in part .....	16			
Dismissed .....	33			
<b>Time intervals (average months)</b>				
Notice of appeal to docketing .....	5.6	7.7		
Docketing to readiness .....	4.4	4.1		
Readiness to decision .....	7.1	4.8		
Docketing to decision .....	11.6	8.8		
Notice of appeal to decision .....	17.1	16.5		
Docketing to submission .....	9.9	7.5		
Age of pending cases from date of notice of appeal ....	10.4	13.9		
Age of pending cases from date of docketing cases ....	4.8	4.1		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The 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.  
<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.  
Source: Judicial Council, *Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report* (Topeka, Kansas: December 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
29 districts, 63 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>					
Auto tort .....	1,497 <sup>f</sup>	1,260	1,325	1,432	
Non-auto tort .....	1,480 <sup>f</sup>	1,533	1,332	1,681	
Contract .....	3,734 <sup>f</sup>	6,375	6,033	4,076	
Property rights:					
Foreclosure .....	540 <sup>f</sup>	1,012	1,027	525	
Real property .....	612 <sup>f</sup>	1,208	1,224	596	
Total .....	1,152 <sup>f</sup>	2,220	2,251	1,121	
Domestic relations:					
Divorce .....	7,309 <sup>f</sup>	18,545	18,817	7,037	
Separate maintenance .....	352 <sup>f</sup>	502	589	265	
Annulment .....	111 <sup>f</sup>	438	459	90	
Reciprocal IN .....	392 <sup>f</sup>	1,301	1,143	550	
Reciprocal OUT .....	112 <sup>f</sup>	1,210	1,203	119	
Other domestic relations .....	191 <sup>f</sup>	603	538	256	
Total .....	8,467 <sup>f</sup>	22,599	22,749	8,317	
Other civil:					
Other regular civil .....	1,982 <sup>f</sup>	3,412	2,928	2,466	
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	
Extraordinary writs:					
K.S.A. 60-1507 .....	28 <sup>f</sup>	53	62	19	
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus .....	262 <sup>f</sup>	359	379	242	
Total .....	290 <sup>f</sup>	412	441	261	
Total civil .....	18,602 <sup>f</sup>	37,811	37,059	19,354	
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>					
Felony:					
Crime against person .....	388 <sup>f</sup>	1,212	1,250	350	
Crime against property .....	701 <sup>f</sup>	3,163	3,088	776	
Other felony .....	328 <sup>f</sup>	1,139	1,089	378	
Total .....	1,417	5,514	5,427	1,504	
Misdemeanor .....	50 <sup>f</sup>	346	144	52	
Appeals:					
Driving while intoxicated .....	110 <sup>f</sup>	315	303	122	
Other traffic .....	142 <sup>f</sup>	451	424	169	
Other offenses .....	183 <sup>f</sup>	600	569	214	
Total .....	435 <sup>f</sup>	1,366	1,296	505	
Total criminal .....	1,902 <sup>f</sup>	7,026	6,867	2,061	
<b>Traffic:</b>					
DWI/DUI:					
Driving while intoxicated .....	17 <sup>f</sup>	88	67	38	
Other traffic violations:					
Traffic .....	29 <sup>f</sup>	141	125	45	
Total traffic .....	46 <sup>f</sup>	229	192	83	
Grand total .....	20,550 <sup>f</sup>	45,066	44,118	21,498	
<b>Contested trial<sup>d</sup></b>					
	Jury	Non-jury	Total		
<b>Criminal and traffic dispositions</b>					
Civil .....	389 <sup>l</sup>	8,941 <sup>l</sup>	9,330	Pleas of guilty .....	3,838
Criminal and traffic .....	738	693	1,431	Trial convictions .....	1,096
Total .....	1,127	9,634	10,761	Acquitted .....	335
				Dismissed <sup>m</sup> .....	1,790
<b>Age of pending cases</b>					
Age of cases at disposition:					
Under 6 month .....	5,771	1,278	17,670	Under 12 months .....	17,670
6 to 12 months .....	1,854	129	2,806	12 to 24 months .....	2,806
Over 12 months .....	1,705	24	1,022	Over 24 months .....	1,022

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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).

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>l</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Civil appeals are listed in categories according to the nature of the suit.

<sup>m</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Figure is as revised by the office of the judicial administrator.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Dismissed criminal dispositions include dismissals, other uncontested matters, and appeals from lower courts.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1976); and Office of Judicial Administrator, Statistical Report on the District Courts 1976 (Topeka, Kansas: 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the judicial administrator.

KANSAS CITY COURT, MAGISTRATES COURT, AND COMMON PLEAS COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
14 courts, 17 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>					
Law:					
Civil .....	5,791 <sup>l</sup>	27,935 <sup>h</sup>	28,269	5,457	
Total civil .....	5,791 <sup>l</sup>	27,935 <sup>h</sup>	28,269	5,457	
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>					
Total criminal .....	X	X	X	X	
<b>Traffic:</b>					
Total traffic .....	X	X	X	X	
Grand total .....	9,949 <sup>l</sup>	113,977 <sup>h</sup>	114,192	9,734	
	Trial <sup>d</sup>				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Civil .....	1	2,761	2,762	Pleas of guilty .....	73,877
Criminal and traffic .....	X	X	2,648	Trial convicted .....	2,263
Total .....	X	X	5,410	Trial acquitted .....	385
				Dismissed .....	6,506
				Bound over to District Court ....	2,892

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.

<sup>d</sup>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, 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).

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:  
Filed figure was computed from pending and disposed data.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1975 Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1975, 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
93 counties; probate judges serve  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	2,495 <sup>l</sup>	7,274 <sup>h</sup>	6,966	2,803
Total civil .....	2,495 <sup>l</sup>	7,274 <sup>h</sup>	6,966	2,803
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	X	X	X	X
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	X	X	X	X
Grand total .....	10,173 <sup>l</sup>	190,127 <sup>h</sup>	189,776	10,524

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
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<sup>d</sup>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, 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).

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:  
Filed figure was computed from pending and disposed data.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1975 Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1975, 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS PROBATE COURT AND JUVENILE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
109 courts, 109 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	2,432	N/A
Probate:				
Estates .....	8,175 <sup>f</sup>	5,747	5,287	8,635
Guardianship, conservatorship .....	8,412 <sup>f</sup>	1,796	1,184	9,024
Trusts under supervision .....	N/A	N/A	1,954	N/A
Care and treatment proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	3,347	N/A
Determination of descent .....	N/A	N/A	2,680	N/A
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	N/A	1,234	N/A
Foreign transcripts .....	N/A	N/A	1,890	N/A
Total .....	16,587 <sup>fi</sup>	7,543 <sup>i</sup>	17,576	17,659 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus hearings .....	N/A	N/A	20	N/A
Orders in absence of District Court judge .....	N/A	N/A	582	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	602	N/A
Total civil .....	16,587 <sup>fi</sup>	7,543 <sup>i</sup>	20,610	17,659 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	21,007	N/A
Grand total .....	16,587 <sup>fi</sup>	7,543 <sup>i</sup>	41,617	17,659 <sup>i</sup>

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

<sup>i</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>fi</sup>Data are not complete:

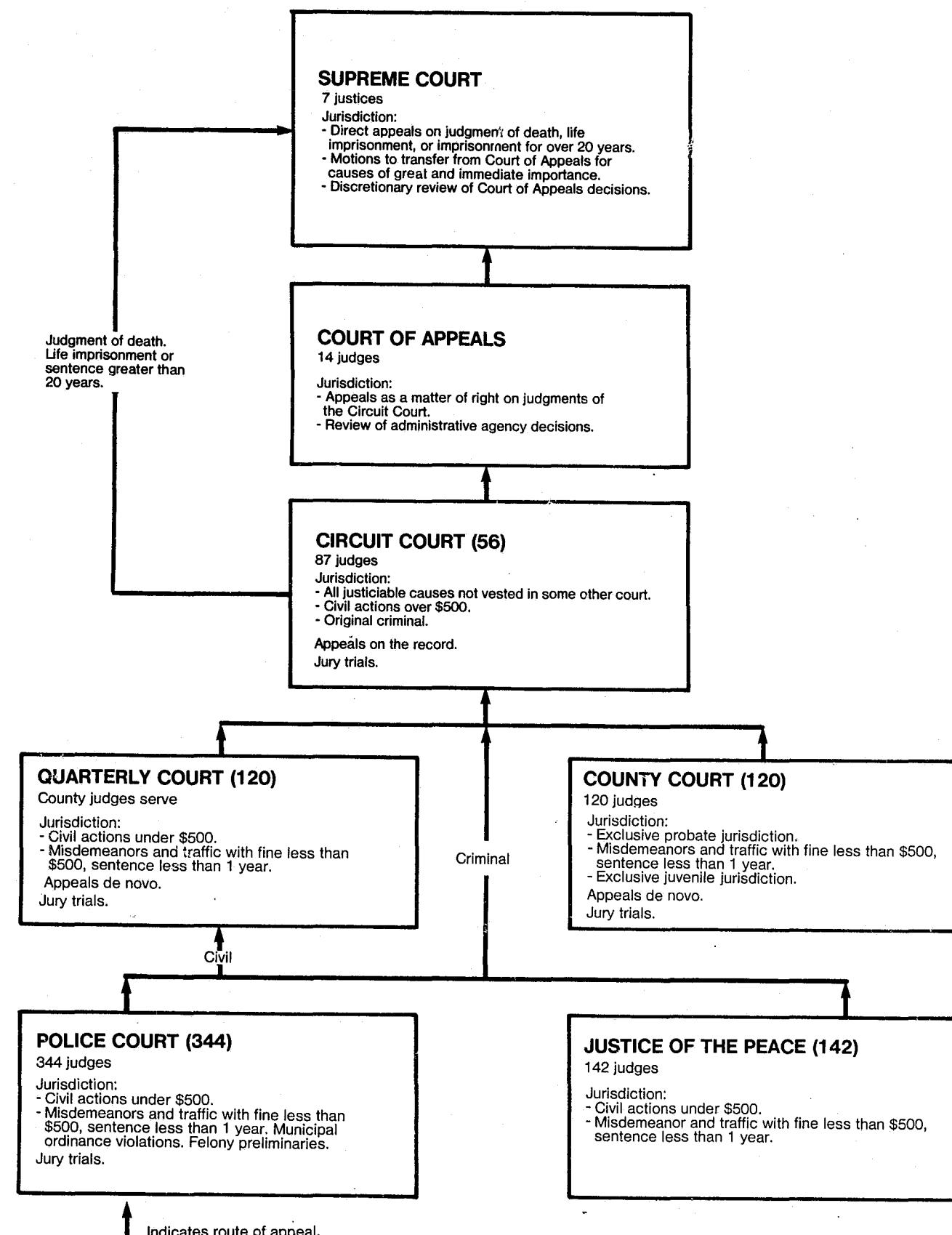
Probate, total civil, and grand total pending and filed figures include only estates and guardianship, conservatorship cases.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: December 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

## Kentucky court system, 1976



KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Total appeals .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
Actions for injunctive relief .....	N/A	14	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for appeal .....	N/A	11	X	N/A
Motion for transfer .....	N/A	7	X	N/A
Motion for discretionary review .....	N/A	3	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	21	X	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	833	1,217j	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing .....	N/A	141	130	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	141	130	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	750			
Order .....	314			
Transfer .....	153			

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.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Total cases disposed include 153 cases transferred to the Court of Appeals.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS<sup>k</sup>  
Intermediate appellate court  
14 judges  
July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Total appeals .....	0	X	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions .....	0	X	X	X
Actions for injunctive relief <sup>a</sup> .....	0	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	X
Total .....	0	X	X	X
Requests to appeal .....	0	X	X	X
Total other cases .....	0	X	X	X
Total cases .....	0k	615	71k	544k
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing .....	0	0	0	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	0	0	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	38			
Order .....	33			

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.

aCourt jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction regarding "actions for injunctive relief" was retained by the Supreme Court until February 1, 1977. The Court of Appeals obtained jurisdiction on that date.

kAdditional information:

The Court of Appeals became operational in August 1976. Appeals were docketed beginning on July 1, 1976.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report.

KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT<sup>l</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
56 districts, 87 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil .....	71,720f	59,497	55,110	76,104g
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	8,208	11,013	11,589	9,094g
Extraordinary writs:				
Prisoner petitions .....	20	189	151	58
Total criminal .....	8,228f	11,202	11,740	9,152g
Grand total .....	79,948f	70,699	66,850	85,256g

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 in general the number of informations or indictments. Counts were made for both the number of informations or indictments and the number of defendants, with more data being available for the information or indictment unit of count. Estimates for those counties missing information or indictment data were taken to be the number of defendants.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

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

Discrepancy for criminal cases results from estimation procedures used to arrive at some criminal figures.

iData are not complete:

The following counties were not included in the state totals because their caseload reports were not received in time by the administrative office of the courts: Breathitt, Carroll, Casey, Johnson, Knott, Lincoln, Montgomery, Rockcastle, Scott, Whitley, and Woodford.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal cases include felony, misdemeanor, and civil and criminal appeal cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KENTUCKY COUNTY COURT, QUARTERLY COURT, POLICE COURT, AND JUSTICE COURT

Court of limited jurisdiction

120 county courts, 120 judges; 120 quarterly courts, county judges serve;

344 police courts, 344 judges; 142 justice courts, 142 judges

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>b</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	42,658	N/A	N/A
Probate .....	N/A	20,097	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	62,755	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Ordinance violations:				
Criminal/city ordinance .....	N/A	185,275	N/A	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	31,081	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	209,356	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Serious traffic .....	N/A	73,425	N/A	N/A
Other traffic .....	N/A	333,021	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	406,446	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	426,446	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	26,043	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	724,600	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:

Lower court data were not reported and not previously estimated in Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Bell, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Bullitt, Caldwell, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Casey, Clark, Crittenden, Cumberland, Davie, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Garrard, Graves, Grayson, Greenup, Hancock, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, McLean, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Menifee, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Owen, Perry, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Scott, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Union, Wayne, Webster, Whitley, Wolfe, and Woodford counties. The projected caseload for each case category was substituted for actually reported figures in these counties.

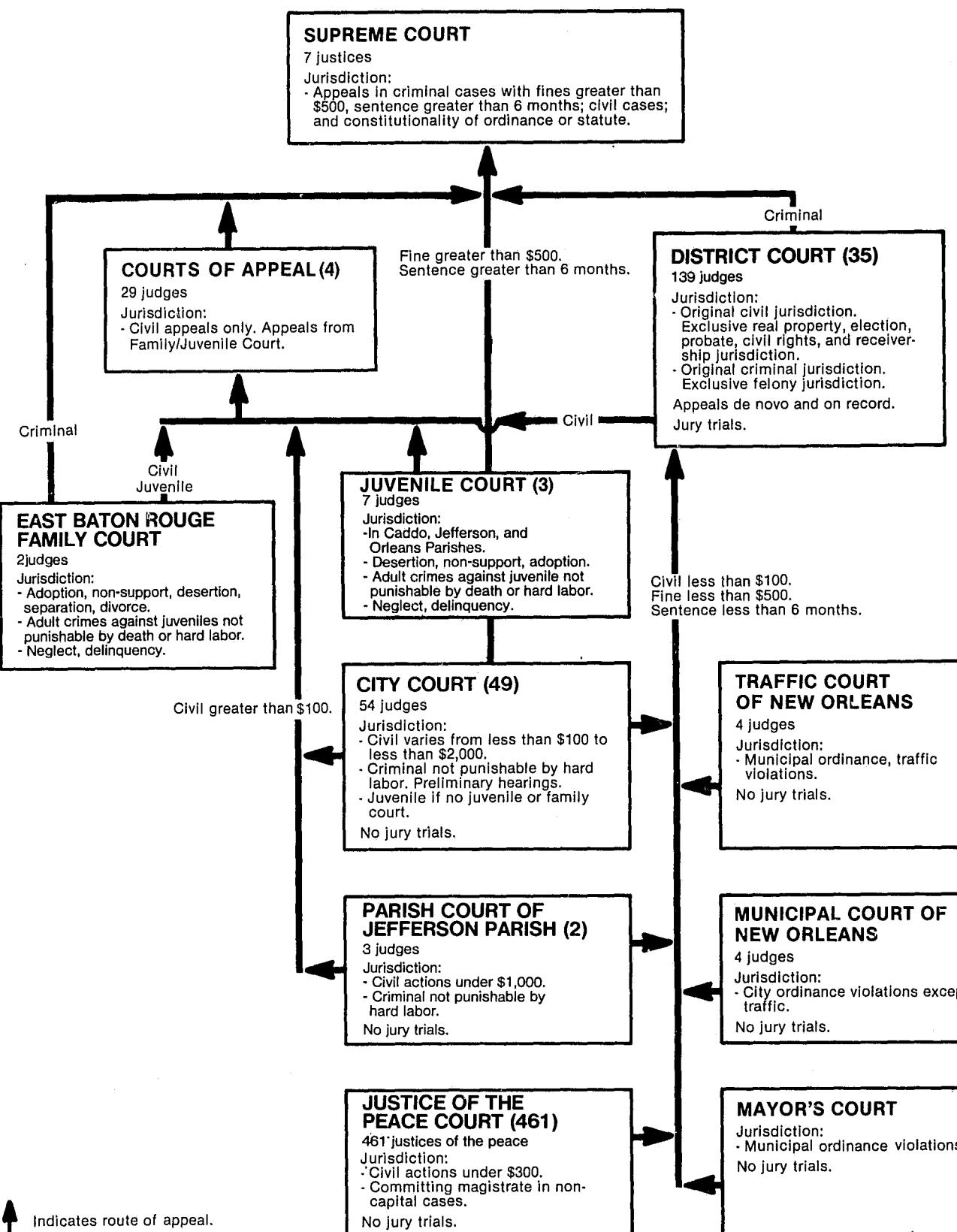
cCase definition or unit of count:

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, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Louisiana court system, 1976



LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	8	7	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	453	337	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	461	344	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Writs .....	N/A	1,278	1,233k	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	22	8j	N/A
Other .....	N/A	1	1	R/A
Total .....	N/A	1,301	1,242	R/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	(k)	(k)	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	1,301	1,242	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	212	236	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	212	236	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	513			
Per curiam without opinion .....	61			
Appeals dismissed .....	13			

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

Explanation of data included in the category:

Disciplinary case dispositions were assumed to be equal to the number of reported opinions rendered on disciplinary cases.  
Additional information:

Of the 1,233 writs disposed, 145 were reported as opinions written after the granting of the writ and argument of the case.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana); and Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Annual Statistical Resume (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the clerk of court. Unpublished data were obtained through telephone calls to the office of the clerk.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL<sup>a</sup>  
Intermediate appellate court  
4 circuits, 29 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	1,947	1,802	X
Total appeals .....	X	1,947	1,802	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Writs .....	X	242	229h	X
Requests to appeal .....	X	242	229	X
Total other cases .....	X	242	229	X
Total cases .....	760fh	2,189	2,031	918
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	N/A	896	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	896	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Judgments rendered .....	1,627			
Cases dismissed .....	175			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.  
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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

Court hears civil appeals only.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

hFigure 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 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURT<sup>1</sup>, FAMILY COURT, AND JUVENILE COURT  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 35 districts, 139<sup>c</sup> judges; 1 court, 2 judges; 3 courts, 7 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Auto tort .....	N/A	8,616	N/A	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort .....	N/A	5,280	N/A	N/A
Contract .....	N/A	26,779	N/A	N/A
Property rights .....	N/A	1,758	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Domestic .....	N/A	26,605	N/A	N/A
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation .....	N/A	4,307	N/A	N/A
Succession .....	N/A	9,442	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	13,749	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	15,559	N/A	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	65	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	100,868 <sup>k</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal categories .....	N/A	14,721	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories .....	N/A	37,576	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	52,297	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency .....	N/A	5,501	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need .....	N/A	854	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile .....	N/A	3,671	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	10,406 <sup>k</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total<sup>i</sup>:</b>	N/A	163,571	N/A	N/A

Time interval (median days)				
Filing to disposition:	Cases tried	Cases set for trial but not tried	Cases disposed without being set for trial	Total for all cases
Civil .....	52	85	37	40
Criminal:				
Felony .....	114	97	66	84
Misdemeanor .....	65	53	20	26

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

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:  
 Nine of the 139 District Court judges are in the 5 parishes that submitted no reports.

<sup>d</sup>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 or indictment.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Of the 64 parishes, no data were submitted for St. Mary, Ascension, Assumption, Plaquemines, and Terrebonne Parishes.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Total civil and total juvenile filings as reported do not equal the sum of the filings by category.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA CITY COURT<sup>1</sup> AND PARISH COURT<sup>1</sup>, NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL AND TRAFFIC COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 53 courts, 65 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	59,537	35,081	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	59,537	35,081	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	21,027	20,736	N/A
Ordinance violations .....	N/A	91,131	72,256	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	112,158	92,992	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
State cases .....	N/A	126,205	121,172	N/A
Ordinance cases .....	N/A	254,839	209,504	N/A
State cases--juvenile .....	N/A	4,175	3,672	N/A
Ordinance cases--juvenile .....	N/A	2,764	1,114	N/A
Total .....	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A
Total other traffic .....	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	4,569	3,951	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect .....	N/A	299	304	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings .....	N/A	207	154	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	5,075	4,409	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	N/A	564,753	467,944	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.

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Data were not available for Oakdale and Plaquemines.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

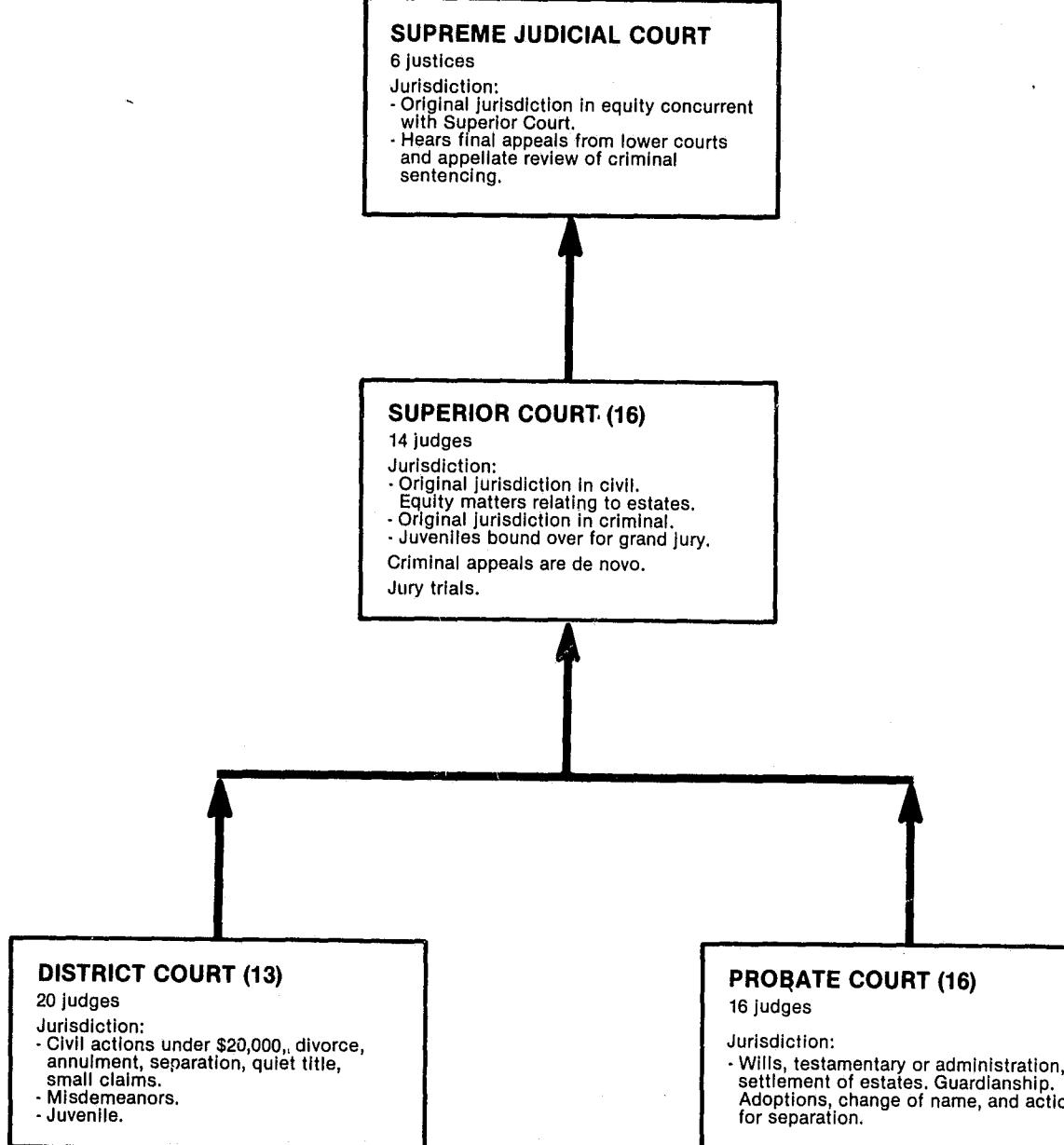
LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 461 courts, 461 justices of the peace  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

LOUISIANA MAYOR'S COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayor's Court for 1976.

## Maine court system, 1976



↑  
Indicates route of appeal.

MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
Court of last resort  
6c justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	119	145	121	143
Criminal .....	127	124	115	136
Total appeals .....	246	269	236	279
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Solemn occasion opinions <sup>j</sup> .....	0	2	2	0
Requests to appeal:				
Requests for certificate of probable cause .....	0	6	6	0
Sentence review:				
Appeals in the appellate division .....	33	57	55	35
Total other cases .....	33	65	63	35
Total cases .....	279	334	299	314
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	155			
Per curiam opinions .....	11			
Solemn occasion opinions .....	2			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Sustained .....		34		
Denied .....		113		
Remanded .....		19		
Dismissed .....		68		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

One "active retired" justice serves in addition to the six justices.

<sup>d</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Solemn occasion opinions are requests from the legislature or governor for advisory opinions.

A request for a certificate of probable cause can be filed after denial of a petition for postconviction relief, and if granted, results in a regular appeal.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the clerk of the court.

MAINE SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
16 counties, 14 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	8,188 <sup>h</sup>	5,851	5,024	9,015 <sup>h</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments .....	X	X	2,675	X
Transfers .....	X	X	3,664	X
Total .....	3,844 <sup>h</sup>	6,533	6,339	4,038 <sup>h</sup>
Total criminal .....	3,844 <sup>h</sup>	6,533	6,339	4,038 <sup>h</sup>
Grand total .....	12,032 <sup>h</sup>	12,384	11,363	13,053 <sup>h</sup>

<sup>d</sup>Trial<sup>d</sup>  
Civil ..... 477  
Criminal .... 604  
Total ..... 1,081

**Civil:**  
Pretrial memo to pretrial conference ..... 101.3  
Pretrial conference to disposition for all cases disposed ..... 140.0  
Pretrial conference to disposition for cases disposed by trial... 138.0  
**Criminal:**  
Days to disposition for indictment ..... 76.2  
Days to disposition for transfer ..... 79.4

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.

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints.

A trial is counted by the state when it has officially begun.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from data available for 1975.

End pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and beginning pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977); and "Summary of clerk's monthly report to the chief justice for the year ending December 31, 1974" (unpublished). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Maryland court system, 1976

MAINE DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
13 courts, 20 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending <sup>k</sup>	Filed	Disposed <sup>k</sup>	End pending <sup>k</sup>
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Disclosure .....	N/A	5,951	N/A	N/A
Other .....	N/A	12,449	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	18,400	N/A	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A	12,511	N/A	N/A
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce .....	N/A	7,323	N/A	N/A
Reciprocal .....	N/A	41	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	7,364	N/A	N/A
Mental health .....	N/A	418	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	38,693	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	4,517	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>117,845</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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.

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints.

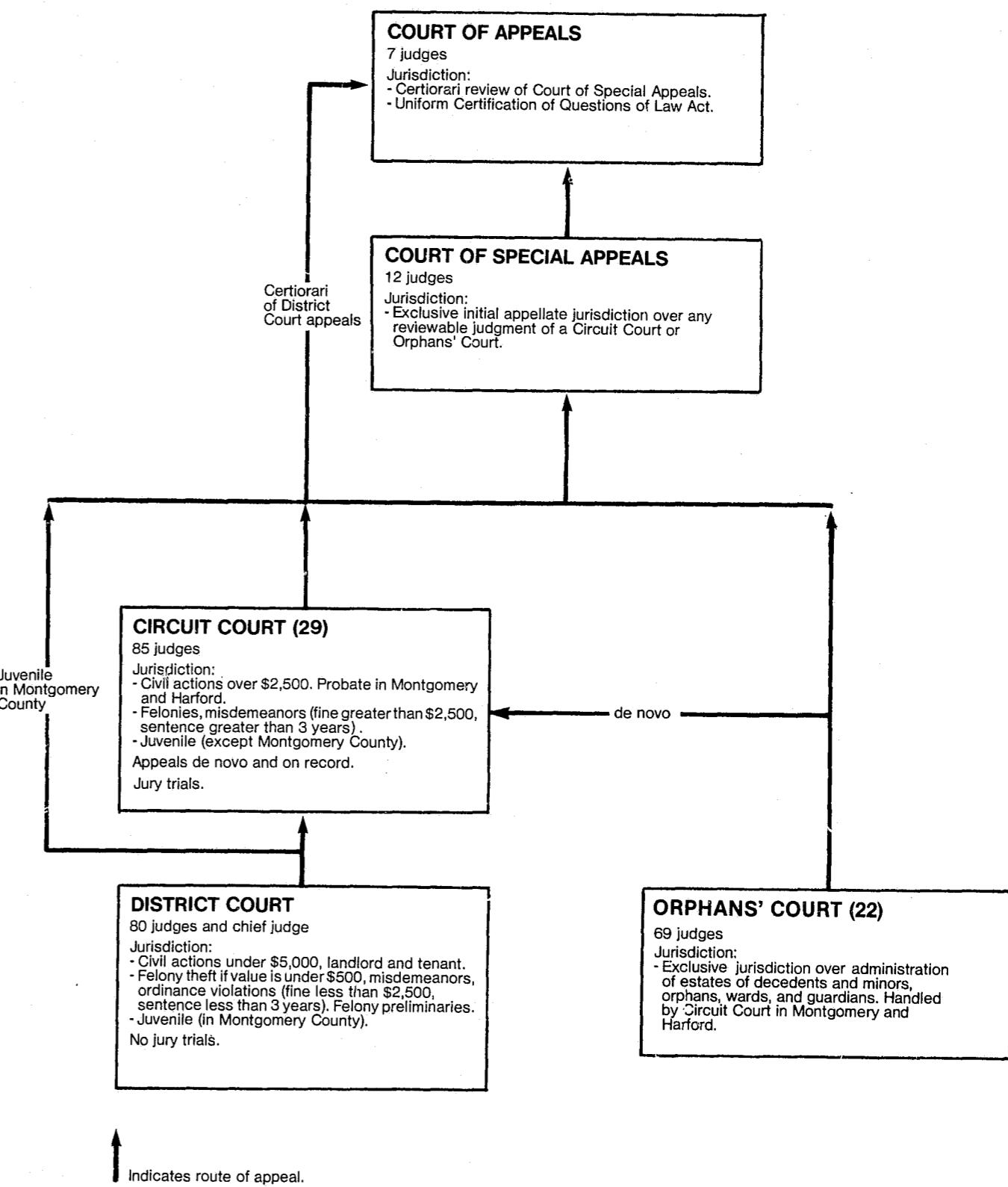
<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Data for pending and disposed categories cannot be accurately reported by the District Courts at this time. A new reporting system is being developed and data for the beginning pending, disposed, and end pending categories should be available at a later date.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE PROBATE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
16 courts, 16 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.



MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS  
Court of last resort  
7 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	211	134 <sup>h</sup>	149 <sup>h</sup>	6
Criminal .....	41	41 <sup>h</sup>	37 <sup>h</sup>	8
Total appeals .....	25	175	186	14
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary .....	0	18	18	0
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari:				
Civil .....	0	230	230	0
Criminal .....	0	234	234	0
Total .....	0	464	464	0
Total other cases .....	0	482	482	0
Total cases .....	25	657	668	14
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Bar examination review .....	0	32	32	0
Bar admittance review .....	0	45	45	0
Total .....	0	77	77	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	77	77	0

<u>Manner of disposition</u>	<u>Disposition of appeals</u>
Reported written opinion .....	125
Unreported written opinion .....	3
Per curiam .....	7
Affirmed .....	69
Reversed .....	55
Dismissed .....	19
Remanded .....	5
Transferred out .....	25
Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....	5
Modified and affirmed .....	6

<u>Time interval (average months)</u>
Disposition in lower court to docketing .....
Docketing to argument .....
Argument to decision .....

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Civil and criminal appeal filings and dispositions were computed from available data.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Civil and criminal appeal beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1974-75 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
12 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law .....		X	368	X
Equity .....		X	254	X
Total .....	761	622	607 <sup>h</sup>	91
Criminal .....	111 <sup>l</sup>	762	727 <sup>h</sup>	146
Total appeals .....	187	1,384	1,334	237
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary .....				
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for leave to appeal:				
Postconviction .....	0	122	122	0
Defective delinquent .....	0	35	35	0
Total .....	0	157	157	0
Total other cases .....	0	157	157	0
Total cases .....	187	1,541	1,491	237

<u>Manner of disposition</u>	<u>Disposition of appeals</u>
Reported written opinion .....	305
Unreported written opinion .....	633
Per curiam .....	632

<u>Disposition of appeals</u>
Affirmed .....
Reversed .....
Dismissed in part, reversed in part .....
Remanded .....
Modified and affirmed .....
Transferred .....
Dismissed .....

<u>Time interval (average months)</u>
Disposition in lower court to docketing .....
Docketing to argument .....
Argument to decision .....

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
<sup>X</sup> = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Civil and criminal appeal dispositions were computed from available data.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Civil and criminal appeal beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1974-75 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
29 courts, 85 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Confessed judgments .....	N/A	1,354	1,369	N/A
Other law .....	N/A	1,512	1,806	N/A
Total .....	N/A	2,866	3,175	N/A
Auto tort .....	N/A	5,914	6,811	N/A
Non-auto tort .....	N/A	2,282	3,025	N/A
Contract .....	N/A	4,615	4,250	N/A
Property rights:				
Condemnation .....	N/A	418	429	N/A
Foreclosure .....	N/A	2,063	1,683	N/A
Total .....	N/A	2,481	2,112	N/A
Equity:				
Other equity .....	N/A	8,231	6,238	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Divorce, nullity, maintenance .....	N/A	24,015	19,749	N/A
Adoption .....	N/A	1,802	1,685	N/A
Paternity .....	N/A	6,784	4,664	N/A
Total .....	N/A	32,601	26,098	N/A
Probate:				
Petition for guardianship .....	N/A	539	545	N/A
Administrative:				
Administrative agency appeals .....	N/A	1,333	1,032	N/A
Appeals:				
District Court .....	N/A	768	677	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	528	481	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	62,158	54,464	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Desertion and nonsupport .....	N/A	2,703	1,955	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	25,705	25,803	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles .....	N/A	111	98	N/A
Total .....	N/A	28,519	27,856	N/A
Appeals:				
Motor vehicle .....	N/A	2,065	1,950	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	2,742	2,784	N/A
Review of sentences .....	N/A	478	483	N/A
Total .....	N/A	5,285	5,217	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction .....	N/A	529	418	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	34,333	33,491	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency .....	N/A	22,276	24,740	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision .....	N/A	2,909	3,011	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	25,185	27,751	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	121,676	115,12	N/A

Time interval (average days)

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil .....	1,206	16,580	17,786
Criminal .....	1,970	15,209	17,179
Total .....	3,176	31,789	34,965

Filing to trial or hearing:	
Law .....	534
Equity .....	192
Criminal .....	110
Juvenile .....	60

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 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.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
12 districts, 80 judges and chief judge  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Contract and tort cases .....	N/A		89,781	N/A
Landlord and tenant .....	N/A		234,247	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A		8,784	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A		332,812	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A		110,576	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles .....	N/A		30	25
Total .....	N/A		110,606	25 <sup>1</sup>
Total criminal .....	N/A		110,606	25 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A		677,673	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A		1,980	1,526
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision .....	N/A		1,067	968
Total juvenile .....	N/A		3,047	2,494
Grand total .....	N/A		1,124,138	2,519 <sup>1</sup>

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.

iData are not complete:  
Misdemeanor and total criminal disposed do not include dispositions of cases that Maryland calls "criminal."  
Grand total disposed does not include civil, or traffic dispositions, or dispositions of cases that Maryland calls "criminal."

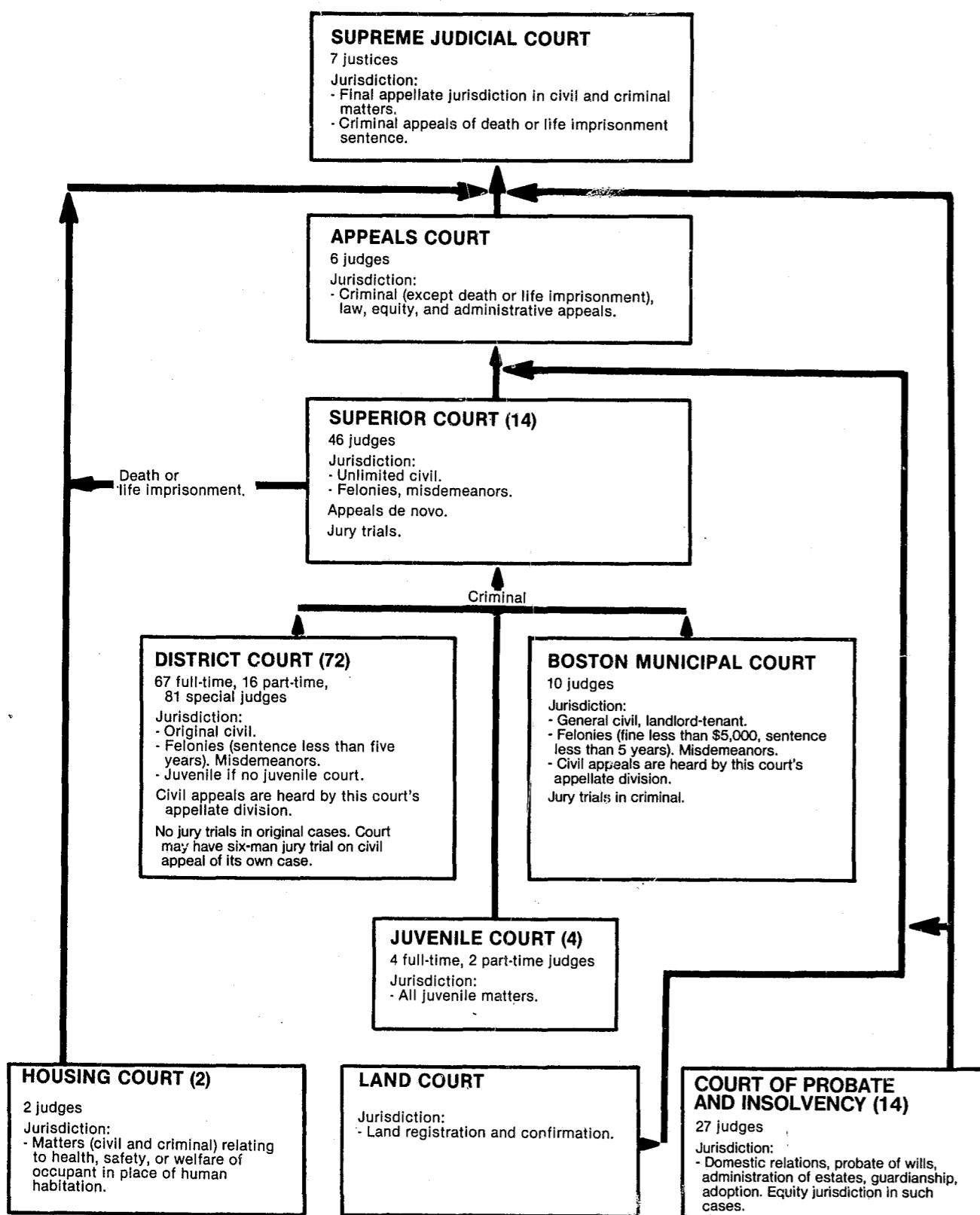
kAdditional information:  
Juvenile cases are handled by the District Court in Montgomery County only. Juvenile cases are handled by the Circuit Court in all other counties and in Baltimore City.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND ORPHANS' COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
22 counties, 69 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Orphans' Court for fiscal year 1976.

## Massachusetts court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Full court appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	X	204 <sup>h</sup>	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	X	93	N/A
Cases dismissed .....	—	—	15	—
Total full court appeals .....	N/A	366	312	N/A
Single justice appeals <sup>a</sup> :				
Civil (appeals from Appellate Tax Board) .....	N/A	34	34	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	155	155	N/A
Total single justice appeals .....	N/A	189	189	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	555	501	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Single justice original proceedings <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	108	108	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	108	108	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	108	108	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	663 <sup>j</sup>	609 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Single justice matters <sup>a</sup> :				
Other civil .....	N/A	301	301	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	113	113	N/A
Total .....	N/A	414	414	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	414	414	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b> (Full court appeals)				
Written opinion .....	255			
Rescript opinion .....	42			
<b>Disposition of full court appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	168			
Reversed .....	76			
Remanded .....	1			
Modified and affirmed .....	9			
No decision in lower court ..	36			
Dismissed .....	21			
<b>Time interval (average days)</b>				
Entry to consideration .....	139.5			
Consideration to decision .....	90.7			
Entry to decision .....	230.2			

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**N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.**  
**— = Not applicable.**

**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 double counted.

**h**Figure was computed:

**j**Civil appeals disposed was computed by subtracting the number of criminal cases from the total number of cases decided by opinion.

**Explanation of data included in the category:**

**Total appeals filed and disposed contain both full court and single justice session cases. As explained in footnote a, there may be some double counting in this total.**

**Source:** Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Source of case (by county) data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS APPEALS COURT  
Intermediate appellate court  
6 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Cases:</b>					
Appeals:					
Civil .....	N/A	X	240	N/A	
Criminal .....	N/A	X	62	N/A	
Unspecified cases dismissed without a decision					
on the merits .....	--	--	217	--	
Total appeals <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	605	519	N/A	
Other cases:					
Original proceedings .....					
Requests to appeal .....					
Total other cases .....					
Total cases .....	N/A	605	519	N/A	
Other proceedings:					
Other matters:					
Petitions for interlocutory relief .....	N/A	2,268	2,268	N/A	
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	2,268	2,268	N/A	
<b>Manner of disposition</b>					
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>					
Full opinion .....	152	Affirmed .....	199	Entry to consideration .....	245.3
Rescript opinions .....	134	Reversed .....	77	Consideration to decision .....	111.7
		Modified and affirmed .....	10	Entry to decision .....	357.0
		Dismissed .....	207		
		No decision in lower court .....	2		

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

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-- = Not applicable.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
There were in addition 214 cases entered directly into Appeals Court but not considered by the court. Of these, 155 were transferred "quo sponte" to the Supreme Judicial Court, and 59 applications for direct appellate review were allowed.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
14 courts, 46 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Other civil:				
Jury cases .....	52,972	15,139	20,599	47,512
Non-jury cases .....	40,319	15,946	12,762	43,503
Total .....	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015
Total civil .....	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Indictment <sup>j</sup> .....	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894
Appeals:				
Appeals .....	20,781	17,782	16,218	22,345
Sentence review .....	431	710	529	612 <sup>d</sup>
Total .....	21,212	18,492	16,747	22,957
Total criminal .....	43,147	37,508	33,804	46,851
Grand total .....	136,438	68,593	67,165	137,866

**Trial**  
**Age of pending cases (months)**  
Civil jury cases:  
Under 12 months ..... 12,053 |  || Over 12 months ..... | 30,914 |  |

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Indictments consist mostly of felonies (sentence 2 1/2 years or more) although some serious misdemeanors may be included as indictments.  
The 612 sentence review cases shown as pending on June 30, 1976, include 323 cases that have, at the request of the appellants, been removed from the hearing list until the appellant moves to restore thereto.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
72 courts; 67 full-time, 16 part-time,  
and 81 special judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil complaints .....	N/A		80,523	N/A
Supplementary process .....	N/A		33,920	N/A
Total .....	N/A		114,443	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A		116,737	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Neglect of family, nonsupport .....	N/A		3,271	N/A
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act .....	N/A		3,097	N/A
Total .....	N/A		6,368	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments of mentally ill .....	N/A		1,899	N/A
Administrative:				
Petitions for compensation of victims of violent crimes .....	N/A		333	N/A
Appeals:				
Appellate Division .....	N/A		105	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A		239,885	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal complaints (except motor vehicle) <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A		187,051	N/A
Appeals:				
Criminal appeals .....	N/A		15,660	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A		202,711	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating under influence of intoxicating liquor .....	N/A		17,735	N/A
Operating under influence of drugs .....	N/A		259	N/A
Total .....	N/A		17,994	N/A
Parking:				
Criminal parking .....	N/A		560,052	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Operating so as to endanger .....	N/A		12,258	N/A
All other motor vehicle complaints .....	N/A		475,651	N/A
Total .....	N/A		487,909	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A		1,065,955	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Juvenile drug complaints .....	N/A		1,193	N/A
All other juvenile complaints .....	N/A		33,540	N/A
Total .....	N/A		34,733	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected children .....	N/A		775	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision petitions .....	N/A		2,044	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A		37,552	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A		1,546,103	N/A
<b>Non-jury trial</b>				
Civil .....		12,351		
<b>Time interval (average months)</b>				
Hearing to rendering an opinion on appeals .....	5.5			

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<sup>d</sup>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 complaints.

A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil business .....	N/A	26,598	N/A	N/A
Transferred from Superior Court .....	N/A	630	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	27,228	N/A	N/A
Small claims:				
Small claims .....	N/A	2,073	N/A	N/A
Supplementary process .....	N/A	1,550	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,623	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Reciprocal support .....	N/A	190	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Appellate Division .....	N/A	38	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	31,079	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Domestic relations .....	N/A	110	N/A	N/A
Other criminal cases <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	9,799	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A
Total criminal <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking .....	N/A	401,068	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	13,191	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	414,259	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	455,247	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 complaints.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

"Other criminal cases" include the more serious offenses. Some felonies with a fine less than \$5,000 and/or sentence less than 5 years are included.

kAdditional information:

Of the 23,100 other criminal cases and other traffic violations complaints filed in fiscal year 1975-76, 15,674 were disposed. Data were not available for cases filed prior to but disposed after July 1, 1975.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts<sup>b</sup>, 2 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	2,004	N/A	N/A
Property rights:				
Civil .....	N/A	1,684	N/A	N/A
Summary process .....	N/A	3,802	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	5,486	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	7,490	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	12,688	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 two courts are in Boston and Hampden.

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.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Property rights:				
Land registration .....	1,840 <sup>h</sup>	340	318	1,862
Subsequent petitions .....	88 <sup>h</sup>	1,581	1,560	109
Land confirmation .....	N/A	50	40	N/A
Tax liens .....	2,779 <sup>h</sup>	1,292 <sup>h</sup>	1,015	3,056
Equity and miscellaneous .....	4,195 <sup>h</sup>	4,436	2,602	6,029
Total .....	8,902 <sup>i</sup>	7,699	5,535	11,056 <sup>i</sup>
Total civil .....	8,902 <sup>i</sup>	7,699	5,535	11,056 <sup>i</sup>
Grand total .....	8,902 <sup>i</sup>	7,699	5,535	11,056 <sup>i</sup>

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.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

iData are not complete:

Property rights, total civil, and grand total pending figures do not include land confirmation cases.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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## Michigan court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Jurisdiction:  
 - Hears cases that are appealed to it from all courts.

### COURT OF APPEALS (3 PANELS)

18 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Appeals as a matter of right from Circuit Court and Recorder's Court of Detroit.

### COURT OF CLAIMS

1 circuit judge serves

Jurisdiction:  
 - Exclusive jurisdiction over claims and demands against State.  
 No jury trials.

### CIRCUIT COURT (48)

138 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Exclusive domestic relations, equity, and general civil over \$10,000.  
 - Exclusive felony jurisdiction except where there are special criminal courts.  
 Appeals de novo or on record.  
 Jury trials.

### RECORDER'S COURT OF DETROIT

23 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - All criminal within Detroit.  
 Felony, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance violations, and traffic.  
 Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (86)

185 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Exclusive civil litigation under \$10,000 excluding equity. Small claims under \$300.  
 - Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony jurisdiction.  
 Jury trials.

### PROBATE COURT (83)

103 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Exclusive jurisdiction over cases pertaining to wills, estates, and other related matters.  
 - Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony jurisdiction.  
 Jury trials in juvenile.

### COMMON PLEAS COURT OF DETROIT

13 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Exclusive civil actions under \$5,000 in Detroit. Civil actions under \$10,000. Small claims under \$300. Landlord and tenant.  
 - Misdemeanors, traffic, and ordinance violations with fine less than \$500 and sentence less than 3 months.  
 Jury trials.

### MUNICIPAL COURT (24)

36 judges

Jurisdiction:  
 - Civil, landlord and tenant under \$1,500. Some courts handle small claims.  
 - Misdemeanors, traffic, and ordinance violations with fine less than \$500 and sentence less than 3 months.  
 Jury trials.

Indicates route of appeal.

### MASSACHUSETTS COURT OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Court of limited jurisdiction

14 courts, 27 judges

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed <sup>k</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	N/A	23,483	N/A	N/A
Separate support and maintenance .....	N/A	4,966	N/A	N/A
Desertions and living apart .....	N/A	71	N/A	N/A
Custody of minors .....	N/A	303	N/A	N/A
Adoptions .....	N/A	3,296	N/A	N/A
Irrevocable breakdown 208 §§1A and 1B .....	N/A	1,203	N/A	N/A
Contempt petitions .....	N/A	6,193	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	39,515	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Wills .....	N/A	14,158	N/A	N/A
Administrations .....	N/A	11,879	N/A	N/A
Trustships .....	N/A	1,078	N/A	N/A
Guardianships (minor) .....	N/A	1,417	N/A	N/A
Guardianships (mentally ill) .....	N/A	1,018	N/A	N/A
Accounts and distributions .....	N/A	26,590	N/A	N/A
Partitions .....	N/A	310	N/A	N/A
Real estate sales .....	N/A	3,938	N/A	N/A
Equitable relief .....	N/A	1,459	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	61,847	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	101,362	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>101,362</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Complete disposition data were not available. The number of petitions or complaints allowed or dismissed was, however, given for some categories.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

### MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE COURT

Court of limited jurisdiction

4 courts, 4 full-time and 2 part-time judges

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Adults .....	N/A	51	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	51	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Juvenile criminal .....	N/A	208	N/A	N/A
Delinquent .....	N/A	10,385	N/A	N/A
Appellate--delinquency .....	N/A	5	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	10,598	N/A	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of care and protection .....	N/A	294	N/A	N/A
Appellate--care and protection .....	N/A	10	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	304	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision .....	N/A	1,012	N/A	N/A
Appellate--child in need of supervision .....	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,013	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	11,915	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>11,966</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

The criminal and juvenile case unit of count is the number of complaints.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT				
Court of last resort				
7 justices				
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals .....	143	703	87	126
Total appeals <sup>k</sup> .....	143	703	87	126
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Requests to appeal:				
Applications .....	253	975	834	394
Total other cases .....	253	975	834	394
Total cases .....	396	1,045	921	520
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	159			
Order without opinion .....	72			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Appeals filed are the number granted (70) from the total 1,045 cases filed in 1976. The denied appeals appear as requests to appeal.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

    Court indicates that "approximately 99 percent of all appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court are discretionary. Appeals of right exist only for certain State Bar Grievance Board cases and for judicial disciplinary cases. The few appeals of right are accounted for in this report as if they were applications for discretionary appeals."

    There is approximately one case per month, on an average, that is handled as an original proceeding, according to the information obtained from the clerk's office.

Source: Unpublished document entitled "Status Report, Part I: Number of Cases in Each Stage," provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court. Document gives calendar year data for 1974, 1975, and 1976. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS				
Intermediate appellate court				
3 panels, 18 judges				
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	1,139	1,096	1,001	1,234
Criminal .....	2,396	1,911	2,208	2,099
Total appeals .....	3,535	3,007	3,209	3,333
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	3	11	10	4
Mandamus .....	9	83	74	18
Superintending control .....	18	118	105	31
Total .....	30	212	189	53
Requests to appeal:				
Civil application .....	159	666	558	267
Civil application (delayed) .....	61	61	50	72
Criminal application .....	80	229	228	81
Criminal application (delayed) .....	262	369	350	281
Total .....	562	1,325	1,186	701
Total other cases .....	592	1,537	1,375	754
Total cases .....	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087

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Other proceedings:

    Rehearing requests:

        Motions for rehearing .....

        Motions for rehearing of opinion .....

    Total .....

    Motion to dismiss or affirm .....

    Miscellaneous motions .....

    Guilty plea submission on merit .....

    Total .....

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MICHIGAN COURT OF CLAIMS<sup>a</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
1 circuit judge serves  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Administrative:				
Cases .....	301 <sup>f</sup>	441	356	386
Appeals <sup>j</sup> .....	0	546	145	401
Total .....	301 <sup>f</sup>	987	501	787
Total civil .....	301	987	501	787
Grand total .....	301 <sup>f</sup>	987	501	787
<b>Civil dispositions</b>				
Settled .....	13			
Consent judgment .....	204			
Dismissed on motion .....	62			
Stipulation .....	49			
Judgment for plaintiff .....	8			
Judgment for defendant .....	8			
Voluntary dismissal .....	4			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Court 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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Appeals are appeals under the Vietnam Era Bonus Section Act.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RECODER'S COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
Court of general jurisdiction  
1 court, 23 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Felony Division .....	4,592	13,005	10,959	6,4178
Felony and high misdemeanor--Traffic and Ordinance division <sup>a</sup> .....	129	45	55	119
Total .....	4,721	13,050	11,014	6,5368
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor Division .....	N/A	8,240	6,870	N/A
Ordinance violations				
Arrest <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	9,911	N/A	N/A
Pedestrian <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	5,347	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous <sup>d</sup> .....	N/A	19,789	N/A	N/A
City inspector cases <sup>e</sup> .....	N/A	40,131	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	75,178	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	4,721 <sup>i</sup>	96,468	17,884 <sup>i</sup>	6,5361
Traffic:				
Parking <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	617,951	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
State misdemeanor cases <sup>a</sup> .....	2,563	7,045	6,439	3,169
Accident <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	8,409	N/A	N/A
Moving <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	148,850	N/A	N/A
Total .....	2,563 <sup>i</sup>	164,304	6,439 <sup>i</sup>	3,169 <sup>i</sup>
Total traffic .....	2,563 <sup>i</sup>	782,255	6,439 <sup>i</sup>	3,169 <sup>i</sup>
Grand Total .....	7,284 <sup>i</sup>	878,723	24,323 <sup>i</sup>	9,705 <sup>i</sup>

	Criminal dispositions			Misdemeanor Division
	Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury	
Felony Division .....	868	N/A	N/A	5,894
Misdemeanor Division .....	32	2,919	2,951	488
Total criminal .....	900	N/A	N/A	314
				167
				Dismissed .....
				3,603
				1,969

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Recorder's Court of Detroit, Michigan (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.

<sup>a</sup>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.

<sup>d</sup>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. A guilty plea is counted as a criminal trial.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>i</sup>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 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.

<sup>j</sup>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, 1976 Annual Report (Detroit, Michigan). 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.

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN<sup>a</sup>

Court of limited jurisdiction

1 court, 13 judges

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Regular:				
Principal .....			X	53,917
Garnishment .....			X	83,603
Total .....			X	137,520
Small claims:				
Principal .....			X	1,997
Garnishment .....			X	468
Total .....			X	2,465
Property rights:				
Rent cases .....			N/A	30,641
Land contract .....			N/A	912
Jury cases .....			N/A	35
Total .....			N/A	31,588
Total civil .....	18,612 <sup>i</sup>	171,573	165,177	25,691 <sup>i</sup>
Grand total .....	18,612 <sup>i</sup>	171,573	165,177	25,691 <sup>i</sup>

	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions		
				Default cases and judgments:	Civil Division <sup>a</sup>	Landlord-tenant Division <sup>a</sup>
Civil:	383	9,936	10,319		48,429	
Civil Division <sup>a</sup> .....	103	5,542	5,645		23,931	
Landlord-tenant Division <sup>a</sup> .....	486	15,478	15,964		72,360	
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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

Law and small claims cases are handled by the Civil Division.

Property rights cases are handled by the Landlord-tenant Division.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total civil and grand total pending figures do not include data for property rights cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
86 courts, 185 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	38,810	95,906	93,133	41,583
Small claims .....	9,642	42,752	42,940	9,454
Property rights:				
Landlord summary .....	3,313	34,088	33,035	4,366
Total civil .....	51,765	172,746	169,108	55,403
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Non-traffic <sup>j</sup> .....	67,246	231,787	228,547	70,486
Total criminal .....	67,246	231,787	228,547	70,486
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	191,874	1,291,319	1,277,551	205,642
Grand total .....	310,885	1,695,852	1,675,206	331,531

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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.  
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.  
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Non-traffic cases include misdemeanors, ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>1</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
24 courts, 36 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	1,999	13,005	12,646	2,358
Small claims .....	4	441	434	11
Property rights:				
Landlord summary .....	494	3,144	2,969	669
Total civil .....	2,497	16,590	16,049	3,038
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Non-traffic <sup>j</sup> .....	23,953	40,689	39,253	25,389
Total criminal .....	23,953	40,689	39,253	25,389
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	88,452	188,679	142,277	134,854
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....	114,902	245,958	197,579	163,281

Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury	Total	
Civil .....	3	2,279	2,282	
Criminal .....	69	5,766	5,835	
Traffic .....	105	14,828	14,933	
Total .....	177	22,873	23,050	

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Michigan Municipal Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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.  
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.  
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
No data were reported for the courts in Grosse Pointe and Wyoming.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Non-traffic cases include misdemeanors and ordinance violations.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption .....			N/A	5,503
Marriages .....			N/A	4,532
Miscellaneous <sup>j</sup> .....			60 <sup>h</sup>	9,963
Total .....			60 <sup>h</sup>	172
Probate:				
Decedents estates .....			180,721 <sup>h</sup>	30,963
Guardianships .....			103,392 <sup>h</sup>	34,270
Total .....			284,113 <sup>h</sup>	177,414
Mental health .....				
Mental commitments and restorations .....			2,450 <sup>h</sup>	6,748
Total civil .....			286,623 <sup>hi</sup>	67,711
Juvenile:				
Delinquency <sup>j</sup> .....			N/A	21,074
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect/abuse .....			N/A	4,549
Total juvenile .....			N/A	25,623
Grand total .....			286,623 <sup>hi</sup>	93,334
Time interval (average months)				
Age of probate cases:				
Trusts .....			59.9	
Guardians .....			45.1	
Testate .....			18.5	
Intestate .....			20.6	

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

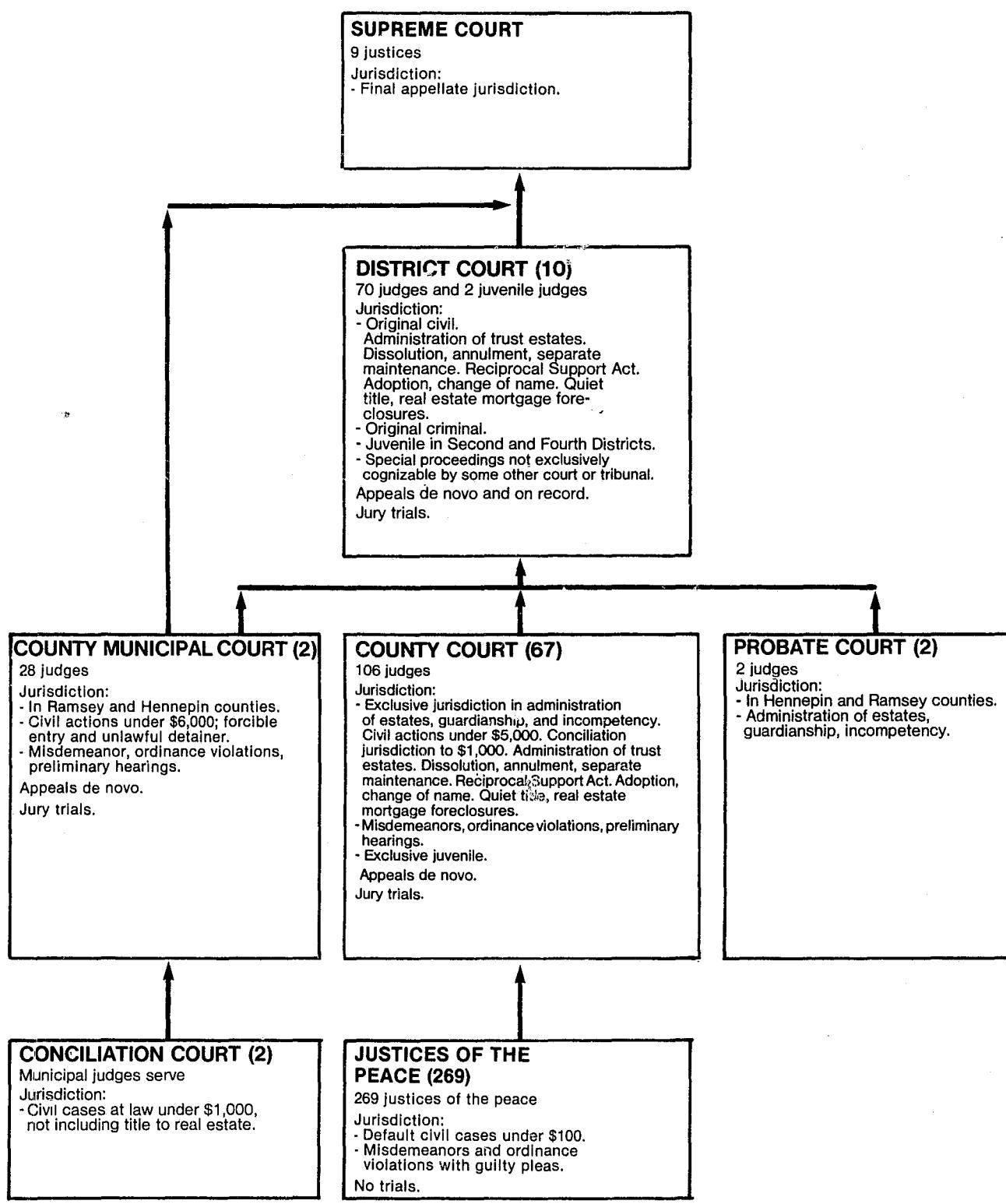
<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:  
Beginning pending figure for 1976 was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Total domestic relations, total civil, and grand total pending figures do not include adoption or marriage cases. The grand total pending figure also does not include juvenile cases.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Miscellaneous includes condemnation, paternity, name change, and other.  
Delinquency includes status offenses and delinquency cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Minnesota court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
**9 justices**  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	X	279	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	X	115	N/A
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation .....	N/A	X	49 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Tax court .....	N/A	X	8 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Department employment service .....	N/A	X	8 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Total .....	N/A	X	65	N/A
Other .....	N/A	X	2 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	X	461	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Mandamus, prohibition .....	N/A	X	3 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	X	2 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Special matters .....	N/A	X	367	N/A
Total .....	N/A	X	372	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	X	372	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	911	833	N/A

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 450

Time interval (average months)  
Filing notice of appeal to hearing .... 10.9  
Hearing to issuance of opinion ..... 4.0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

<sup>1</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
These cases are included in the special matters count except where considered by the court en banc.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Disposition figure was provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota); and address of Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran, "The State of the Judiciary, 1977." Statistics are from the annual report and the address except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
10 districts, 70 judges and 2 juvenile judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Other civil:				
Jury demand cases .....	5,138	7,858	7,514	5,478 <sup>b</sup>
Court cases .....	3,123	13,785	13,720	3,188 <sup>b</sup>
Total .....	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666 <sup>b</sup>
Total civil .....	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Total criminal .....	1,763	8,919	8,634	2,043 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total<sup>i</sup></b> .....	10,024 <sup>i</sup>	30,562 <sup>i</sup>	29,868 <sup>i</sup>	10,709 <sup>8i</sup>

	Trial <sup>d</sup>			Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total	Jury	Court	
Civil .....	1,015	9,066	10,081	Settled during trial .....	987	746
Criminal .....	472	197	669	Settled, stricken, or dismissed .....	5,512	3,908
Total .....	1,487	9,263	10,750			
	Age of pending cases					
	Civil	Civil	Criminal	Jury	Court	
Guilty pleas .....	5,715			12 months or less .....	4,413	2,804
Dismissed .....	2,250			12+ to 24 months .....	878	234
				24+ to 36 months .....	33	15
				36+ to 48 months .....	15	9
				Over 48 months .....	2	0
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A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.  
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).

**g**Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:  
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

**i**Data are not complete:  
Grand total figures do not include juvenile.

**j**Explanation of data included in the category:  
Total criminal includes felony, misdemeanor, and appeal cases as criminal cases.

**m**Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Civil disposition figures represent data from 1,013 monthly reports out of a possible 1,056 monthly reports.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota). 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.

MINNESOTA CONCILIATION COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts; municipal judges serve  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims:				
Conciliation Court .....	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834
Total civil .....	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834
Grand total .....	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834
<b>Non-jury trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Civil .....	8,775	Dismissed .....	30,671	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

**d**Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted at the note of issue.  
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
67 districts, 106 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	3,262	8,585	8,064	3,785 <sup>b</sup>
Small Claims:				
Conciliation Court .....	4,527	42,288	41,983	4,834 <sup>b</sup>
Domestic relations:				
Divorce, annulment, separate maintenance .....	X	X	7,398	X
Reciprocal enforcement of support .....	X	X	3,081	X
Commitments <sup>j</sup> .....	X	X	886	X
Other family civil .....	X	X	1,753	X
Total .....	6,835	14,061	13,118	7,841 <sup>b</sup>
Probate:				
Deceased estate .....	17,144	6,491	7,208	16,427
Guardianship .....	X	X	1,394	X
Trust estate .....	X	X	28	X
Incompetency <sup>j</sup> .....	X	X	727	X
Other probate .....	X	X	167	X
Total .....	28,007	9,281	9,524	27,800 <sup>b</sup>
Total civil .....	42,631	74,215	72,689	44,260 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Other criminal .....	8,834	33,933	32,149	10,844 <sup>b</sup>
Ordinance violations:				
Justice of the peace .....	875	5,086	4,924	1,166 <sup>b</sup>
Total criminal .....	9,709	39,019	37,073	12,010 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	10,688	123,116	120,188	14,580 <sup>b</sup>
Traffic Violation Bureau .....	40,382	229,933	211,857	58,982 <sup>b</sup>
Juvenile .....	X	X	21,958	X
Total .....	X	X	354,003	X
Total traffic .....	X	X	354,003	X
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	X	X	11,462	X
Dependency and neglect .....	X	X	1,260	X
Other juvenile:				
Other .....	X	X	1,015	X
Other family criminal <sup>j</sup> .....	X	X	431	X
Total .....	X	X	1,446	X
Total juvenile .....	X	X	14,168	X
Grand total .....	110,045	503,706	477,933	138,066 <sup>b</sup>

	Civil dispositions <sup>m</sup>		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Settled .....	153	21,740	21,893
Contested (domestic relations) .....	227	2,147	2,374
Traffic .....	424	6,562	6,986
Total .....	804	30,449	31,253

	Traffic dispositions		
	Criminal (misdemeanor) dispositions		
	Guilty pleas .....		
			98,634
	Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default .....		14,568
	At preliminary hearing .....		3,770
	Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default .....		7,153

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<b>j</b> Explanation of data included in the category: Commitments, incompetency, and other family criminal are included with domestic relations, probate, and juvenile cases, respectively, because their pending and filed figures could not be separated from other cases within each of these categories.
Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Mississippi court system, 1976

MINNESOTA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts, 28 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending															
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>																			
Court .....	449	1,694	1,721	422															
Jury .....	492	1,078	1,068	502															
Total .....	941	2,772	2,789	924															
<b>Property rights:</b>																			
Unlawful detainers .....	125	10,357	10,419	63															
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>13,129</b>	<b>13,208</b>	<b>987</b>															
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>																			
Other criminal:																			
Other violations <sup>j</sup> .....	3,948	26,494	25,200	5,242															
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>26,494</b>	<b>25,200</b>	<b>5,242</b>															
<b>Traffic:</b>																			
<b>Total traffic .....</b>	<b>5,014</b>	<b>72,648</b>	<b>70,653</b>	<b>7,009</b>															
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>10,028</b>	<b>112,271</b>	<b>109,061</b>	<b>13,238</b>															
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**j**Explanation of data included in the category:  
"Other violations" include misdemeanor, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules and regulations of any subdivision of government, including the Metropolitan Airport Commission.

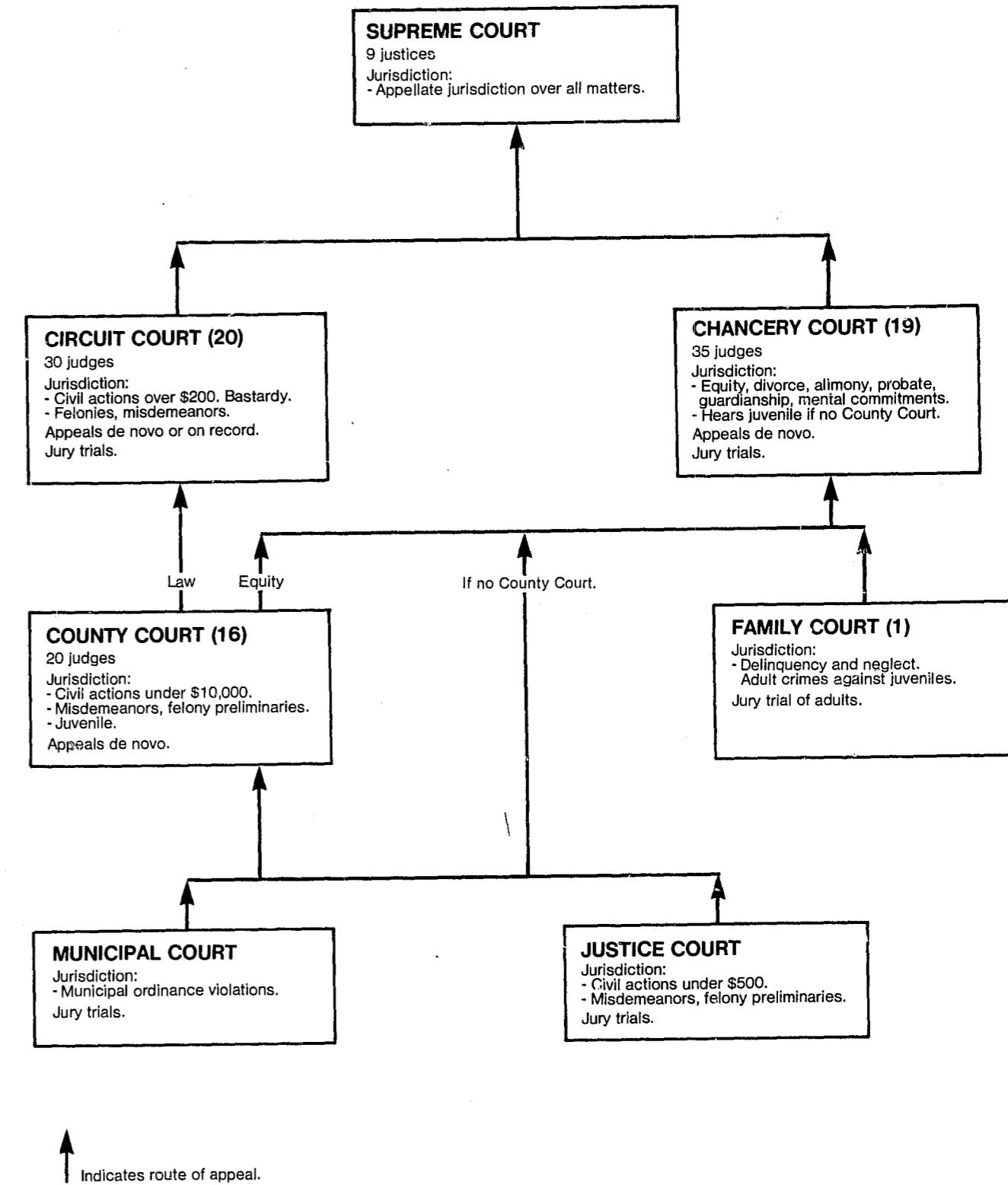
Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts, 2 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

MINNESOTA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
269 courts, 269 justices of the peace  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justices of the Peace for 1976.



MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
9 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	507	328	X
Criminal .....	X	273	163	X
Unspecified cases (dismissed) .....	X	(k)	171	X
Total appeals .....	607	780	662	725 <sup>ii</sup>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Other petitions .....	3	156 <sup>h</sup>	157	2
Requests to appeal .....	3	156	157	2
Total other cases .....	6	632	615	30
Total cases .....	610	936	819	727
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	7	127 <sup>h</sup>	123	11
Other matters:				
Motions .....	6	50 <sup>h</sup>	492	19
Total other proceedings .....	13	632	615	30
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .... 367	Affirmed .....	325	Record filed to submitted .....	347
Per curiam .... 439 <sup>m</sup>	Reversed .....	141	Submitted to decision .....	33
	Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....	20	Record filed to decision .....	379
	Affirmed on condition of remittitur or additur .....	5	Judgment in lower court to decision .....	552
	Dismissed .....	171		
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Time interval (average days)				
Record filed to submitted .....	347			
Submitted to decision .....	33			
Record filed to decision .....	379			
Judgment in lower court to decision .....	552			

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<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

    End pending figure was computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed data.

    The filing figures were computed from disposed and end pending data.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

    Cases disposed by dismissal are included in the civil and criminal appeals filings, but a civil/criminal breakdown for cases dismissed is not available.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

    Number of per curiam opinions are for cases on the merits, petitions for rehearing, and other petitions. There were, in addition, 486 per curiam decisions on motions (only 8 motions had written opinions).

Source: Executive Assistant, Supreme Court, 10th Annual Statistical Report 1975; 11th Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jackson, Mississippi). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
20 circuit districts, 30 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Dollar declaration <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	10,599	N/A	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain .....	N/A	75	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	1,612	N/A	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	349	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	12,635	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Indictments .....	N/A	6,598	N/A	N/A
Other criminal <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	843	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	7,441	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	20,076	N/A	N/A

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

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Other criminal includes criminal appeals and other unclassified criminal cases.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

    The jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace Courts was increased in December 1975 to a \$500 limit for civil actions. This increased ceiling may be the cause for the reduction from 1975 in the number of dollar declaration filings in the Circuit Court.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the judicial council. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
19 chancery districts, 35 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Equity:				
General equity .....	N/A	2,072	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Domestic <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	19,487	N/A	N/A
URESA .....	N/A	1,538	N/A	N/A
Minor's matters <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	3,082	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	24,107	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Probate and guardianship/conservatorship .....	N/A	6,789	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	3,599	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	3,015	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	39,582	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	39,582 <sup>i</sup>	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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

    The Chancery Court handles juvenile cases in 66 of the state's 82 counties. No juvenile data were available.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

    The grand total filed figure does not include juvenile cases.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Domestic cases are divorce, support, separate maintenance, and other marital matters.

    Minor's matters are adoptions, removal of disability, and other matters relating to the handling of minors other than by parents or guardians.

    Commitments are cases for commitment because of lunacy, alcohol, or drugs.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the judicial council. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
16 counties, 20 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1976.

MISSISSIPPI FAMILY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Family Court for 1976.

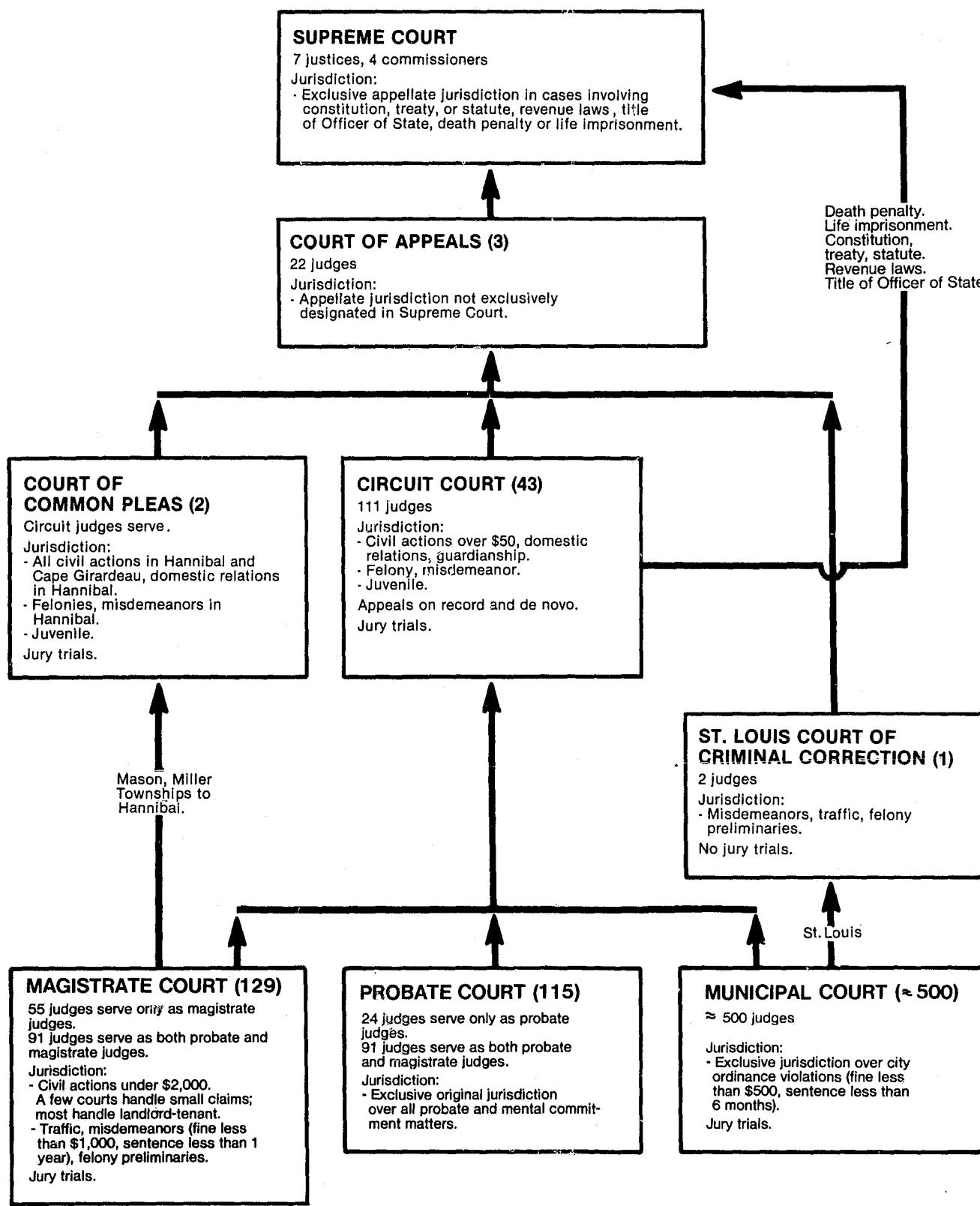
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

MISSISSIPPI JUSTICES OF THE PEACE  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justice of the Peace for 1976.

## Missouri court system, 1976



MISSOURI SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices, 4 commissioners  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	X	180	X
Criminal .....	X	X	35	X
Total appeals .....	116	170	215	71
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	X	85	X
Mandamus .....	X	X	46	X
Prohibition .....	X	X	41	X
Quo warranto .....	X	X	2	X
Other writs .....	X	X	37	X
Application to transfer .....	X	X	223	X
Total .....	49	409	434	24
Requests to appeal .....	49	409	434	24
Total other cases .....	49	409	434	24
Total cases .....	165	579	649	95
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	10	51	56	5
Other matters:				
Motion activity .....	17	540	545	12
Total other proceedings .....	27	591	601	17
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	150			
Dismissal .....	37			

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Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report 1976* (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 districts, 22 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	1,117	1,206	1,021	1,309 <sup>b</sup>
Criminal .....	698	599	596	694 <sup>b</sup>
Total appeals .....	1,815	1,805	1,617	2,003
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	128	X	X
Mandamus .....	X	116	X	X
Prohibition .....	X	129	X	X
Certiorari .....	X	2	X	X
Quo warranto .....	X	1	X	X
Total .....	21	376	367	30
Requests to appeal .....	21	376	367	30
Total other cases .....	21	376	367	30
Total cases .....	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	898			
Dismissal .....	708			

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<sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.  
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report 1976* (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT AND COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Court of general jurisdiction  
43 circuits, 111 judges; 2 courts, circuit judges serve  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort.....	X	X	6,865	X
Personal injury .....				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	X	36,202	X
Modify divorce decrees .....	X	X	2,912	X
Total .....	X	X	39,114	X
Other civil .....	X	X	27,461	X
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Extraordinary writs:				
Proceeding under rule 27.26 .....	X	X	406	X
Total civil .....	63,023 <sup>f</sup>	74,474	73,846	63,651
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	X	X	13,957	X
Misdemeanor .....	X	X	4,007	X
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total criminal .....	10,171 <sup>f</sup>	18,080	17,964 <sup>j</sup>	10,287
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	10,530 <sup>f</sup>	16,929	18,443	9,016
Grand total .....	83,724 <sup>f</sup>	109,483	110,253	82,954
<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
	<b>Jury</b>	<b>Non-Jury</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Civil .....	X	X	10,919	
Criminal .....	1,061	1,178	2,239	
Total .....	X	X	13,158	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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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.

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 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Total civil category includes appeals. Appeals are counted in civil categories according to the subject matter of the case appealed.

Total criminal dispositions include 1,293 appeals or changes in venue and 2,017 appeals from Municipal Courts that could not be separated from the felony and misdemeanor data.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor <sup>j</sup> .....		X	14,691	4,676
Felony preliminary .....		X	5,113	3,067
Other criminal:				
Search warrant applications .....		X	57	35
Fugitive warrants .....		X	49	N/A
Restoration of driving privileges .....		X	73	N/A
Total .....		X	179	351
Appeals:				
City appeals .....		X	144	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs of habeas corpus .....		X	7	8
Total criminal .....		11,340	20,330 <sup>k</sup>	9,494 <sup>ik</sup>
Grand total .....		11,340	20,330 <sup>k</sup>	9,494 <sup>ik</sup>
<b>Non-jury trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Criminal .....	33			
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Guilty pleas .....			3,859	
Trial conviction .....			29	
Acquitted .....			4	
Nolle prosequi, abated, bond forfeited, or dismissed .....			751	
Felony preliminary:				
Defendants held for trial .....			1,582	
Defendants released .....			429	
Nolle prosequi, abated, or transferred .....			1,056	

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 informations, indictments, or complaints. A filing may involve multiple defendants. A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion.

iData are not complete:

Other criminal, total criminal, and grand total disposed do not include dispositions of fugitive warrants and restoration of driving privileges cases.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Misdemeanor includes 11,512 license cases.

kAdditional information:

Categories do not sum to the total. All figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI MAGISTRATE COURT

Court of limited jurisdiction  
129 courts: 55 judges serve only as magistrates;  
91 judges serve as both probate and magistrate judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate Court for fiscal year 1976.

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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

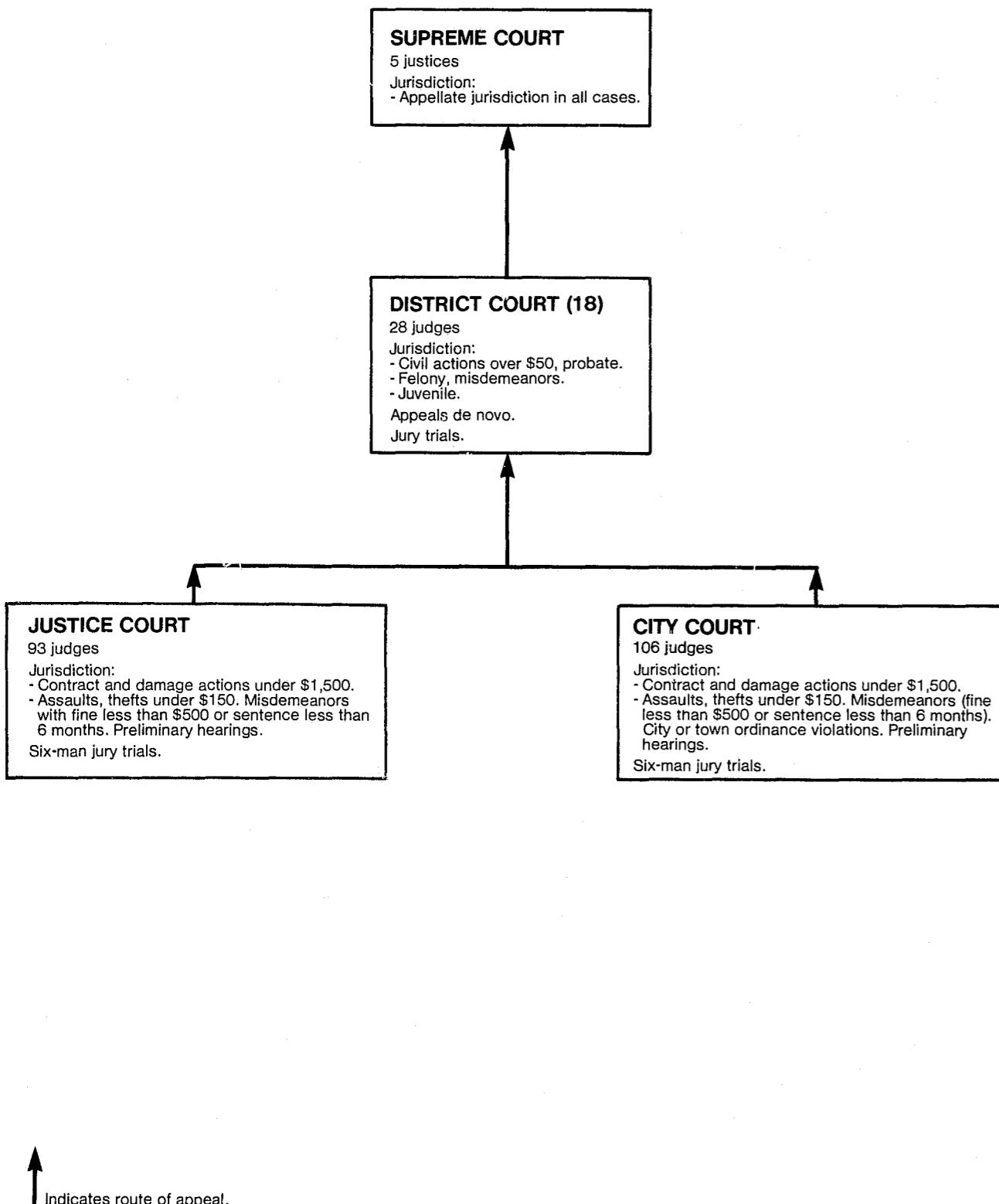
There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for fiscal year 1976.

MISSOURI MUNICIPAL COURT

Court of limited jurisdiction  
500 courts, ≈ 500 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

## Montana court system, 1976



MONTANA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	247	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	44	N/A	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	291	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings .....	N/A	118	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	118	N/A	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	236	N/A	N/A
<b>Total cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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: Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary (Helena, Montana: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
18 districts, 28 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Probate .....	N/A	3,570	1,094	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	15,098	9,893	N/A
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>18,668</b>	<b>10,987</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	N/A	2,122	1,726	N/A
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	1,793	1,414	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>22,583<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>14,127</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

<sup>d</sup>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 complaints.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Grand total filings exclude 800 "other" cases filed in this year but not detailed in case distributions table.

Source: Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary (Helena, Montana: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

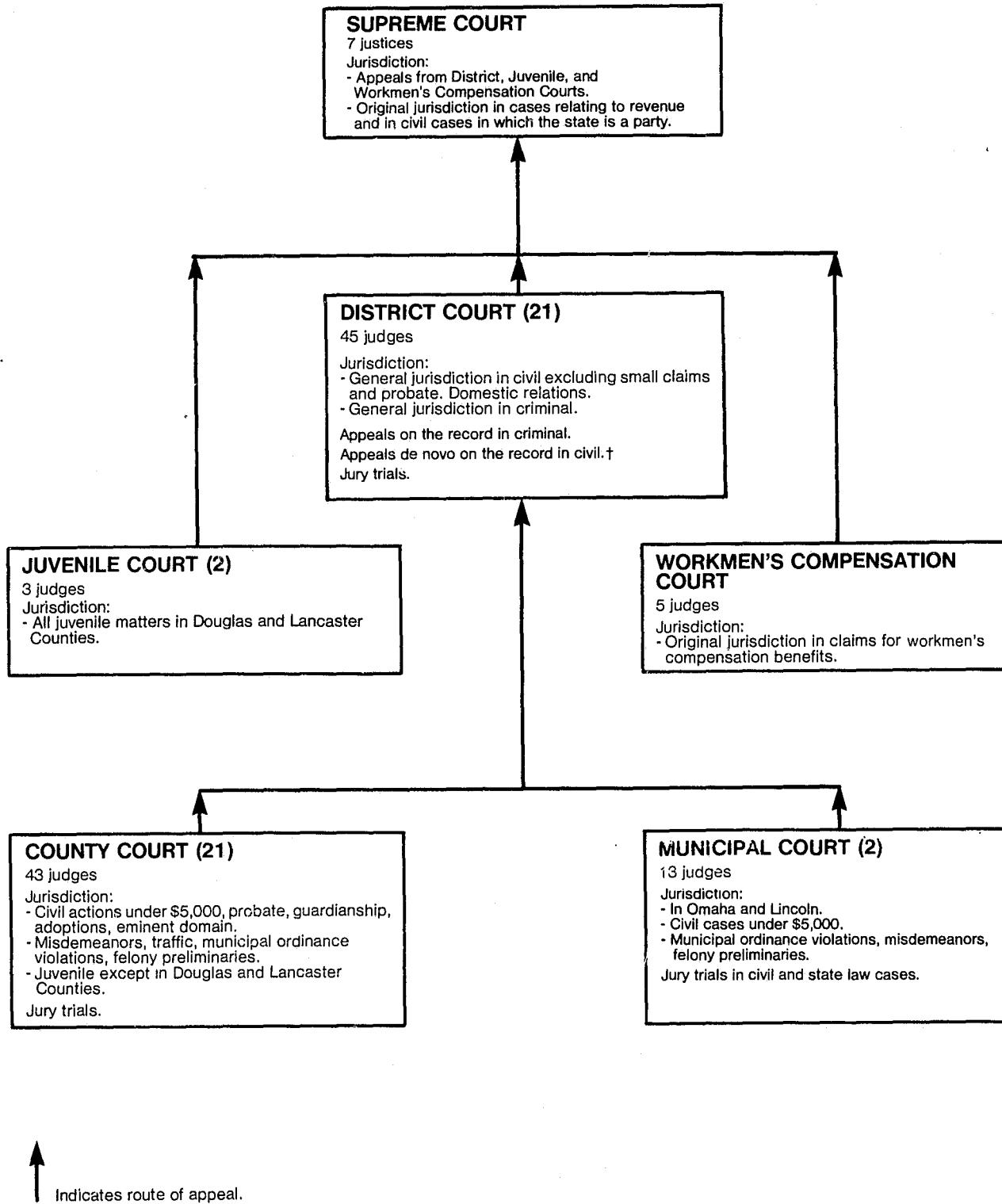
MONTANA JUSTICE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
93 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for fiscal year 1976.

MONTANA CITY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
106 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Court for fiscal year 1976.

## Nebraska court system, 1976



† In Nebraska, "de novo on the record" means that the court may make an independent determination of the facts.

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	2051	3641	3251	2441
Criminal .....	1831	3521	3091	2261
Total appeals .....	3881	716	634	4701
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	X	X	X	X
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total other cases .....	X	X	X	X
Total cases .....	3881	716	634	4701

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 393

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.

<sup>a</sup>Data 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 are not docketed nor reported statistically.

<sup>b</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
These figures are from an unpublished source supplied by the Supreme Court clerk.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the Supreme Court clerk.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
21 districts, 45 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	2,240 <sup>1</sup>	10,874	10,193	2,921 <sup>1</sup>
Other civil .....	2,980 <sup>1</sup>	6,358	6,057	3,281 <sup>1</sup>
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total civil .....	5,220 <sup>1</sup>	17,232	16,250	6,202 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal .....	777 <sup>1</sup>	4,416	4,431	762 <sup>1</sup>
Appeals .....	118 <sup>1</sup> J	2,799 <sup>1</sup>	2,392 <sup>1</sup> J	525 <sup>1</sup> J
Total criminal .....	895 <sup>1</sup>	7,215	6,823	1,287 <sup>1</sup>
Grand total .....	6,115 <sup>1</sup>	24,447	23,073	7,489 <sup>1</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>c</sup>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 or indictment.

<sup>d</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include the number of reopened cases placed before the District Court.

Appeals that are listed as criminal appeals include both civil and criminal appeals. Statement in the annual report indicates that more than half were criminal appeals.

Criminal cases may include a few misdemeanor cases.

<sup>e</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Pending data were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEBRASKA COUNTY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
21 districts, 43 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	7,027 <sup>1</sup>	7,235	6,435	7,827 <sup>1</sup>
Small claims .....	1,153 <sup>1</sup>	8,182	7,802	1,533 <sup>1</sup>
Property rights:				
Eminent domain .....	82 <sup>1</sup>	144	156	70 <sup>1</sup>
Domestic relations:				
Adoption .....	222 <sup>1</sup>	1,347	1,336	233 <sup>1</sup>
Probate:				
Probate and inheritance tax .....	11,657 <sup>1</sup>	8,940	9,011	11,586 <sup>1</sup>
Guardianship and conservatorship .....	9,353 <sup>1</sup>	2,119	1,777	9,695 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	21,010 <sup>1</sup>	11,059	10,788	21,281 <sup>1</sup>
Total civil .....	29,494 <sup>1</sup>	27,967	26,517	30,944 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor statute .....	10,756 <sup>1</sup>	32,353	30,931	12,1998 <sup>1</sup>
Ordinance violations:				
Ordinance non-traffic .....	1,291 <sup>1</sup>	8,277	8,211	1,3578 <sup>1</sup>
Felony preliminary:				
Felony .....	4,171 <sup>1</sup>	4,328	3,998	4,5028 <sup>1</sup>
Total criminal .....	16,218 <sup>1</sup>	44,958	43,140	18,0588 <sup>1</sup>
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Statute traffic .....	7,632 <sup>1</sup>	120,032	118,877	8,7658 <sup>1</sup>
Ordinance traffic .....	2,390 <sup>1</sup>	31,577	31,130	2,8378 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	10,022 <sup>1</sup>	151,609	150,007	11,6028 <sup>1</sup>
Total traffic .....	10,022 <sup>1</sup>	151,609	150,007	11,6028 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	1,127 <sup>1</sup>	3,184	3,256	1,0888 <sup>1</sup>
Grand total .....	56,861 <sup>1</sup>	227,718	222,920	61,6928 <sup>1</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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, 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.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported.

<sup>f</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Pending figures were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2<sup>b</sup> courts, 13 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil/small claims .....	N/A	15,081	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	15,081	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	121,628	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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
Municipal Courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving violations of local ordinances.  
<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information:  
The two Municipal Courts are in Omaha and Lincoln.  
<sup>c</sup>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.  
Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA JUVENILE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2<sup>b</sup> courts, 3 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	2,070	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	2,070	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.

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information:  
There are two separate Juvenile Courts in Nebraska, located in Douglas County and Lancaster County.  
Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Administrative:				
Disputed claims .....	N/A	762	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	762	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	762	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

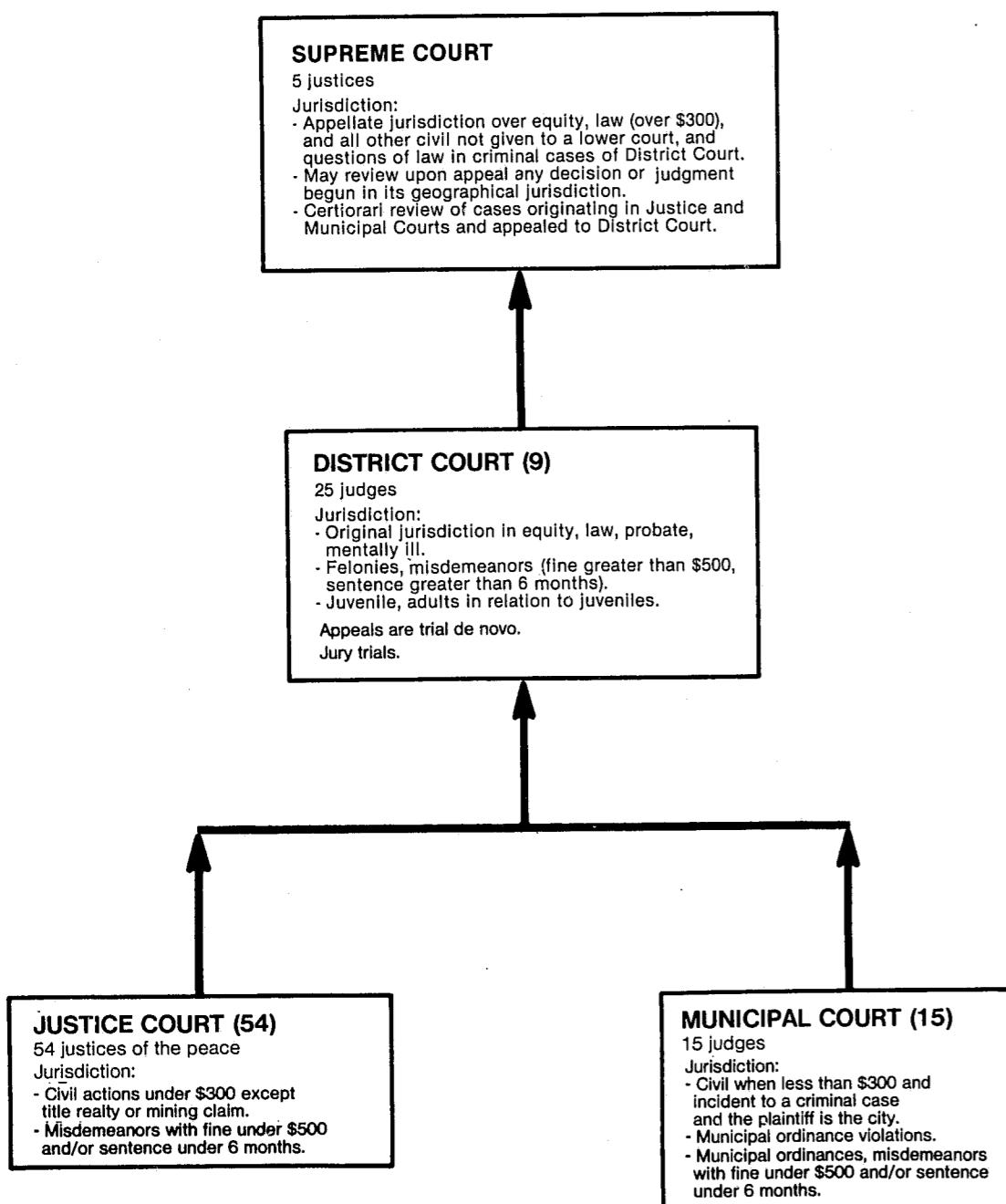
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>e</sup>Additional information:

There were 820 original and settlement hearings and 151 rehearings held and settled. The number of cases disposed ... unknown.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Nevada court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

NEVADA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	249	X	X
Criminal .....	X	358	X	X
Reinstated .....	X	20	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	627	X	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	13	X	X
Mandamus .....	X	44	X	X
Prohibition .....	X	22	X	X
Quo warrantum .....	X	0	X	X
Exceptions .....	X	11	X	X
Bar .....	X	23	X	X
Motions .....	X	59	X	X
Total .....	X	172	X	X
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Certiorari .....	X	7	X	X
Total other cases .....	X	179	X	X
Total cases .....	256	806	803	259
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	0	98	83	15
Total other proceedings .....	0	98	83	15
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	252	Affirmed .....	162	
Per curiam .....	169	Reversed .....	66	
Dismissed by order .....	535	Partially affirmed .....	10	
		Other .....	14	

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: Chief Justice, Supreme Court, "Nevada State of the Judiciary Message 1975-76," in *Inter Alia*, 42:2 (April, 1977); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the "State of the Judiciary" message and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.



NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil and criminal .....	X	210	X	X
Agency appeals .....	X	28	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	238	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original cases filed .....	X	28	X	X
Advisory opinions .....	X	5	X	X
Certification of questions .....	X	2	X	X
Total .....	X	35	X	X
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....	X	35	X	X
<b>Total cases .....</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>202</b>

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, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
10 courts, 13 justices  
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Actions at law .....	9,702	5,685	5,390 <sup>h</sup>	9,997
Equity:				
Equitable actions and petitions .....	2,667	2,438	2,051 <sup>h</sup>	3,054
Domestic relations:				
Marital cases .....	6,002	9,610	9,186 <sup>h</sup>	6,426
Appeals:				
Probate appeals .....	40	25	17 <sup>h</sup>	48
Total civil .....	18,361 <sup>k</sup>	17,758	16,494 <sup>k</sup>	19,675 <sup>k</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments .....	2,172	2,909	2,240	2,841
Informations .....	30	447	434	43
Complaints .....	337	677	566	448
Total .....	2,539	4,033	3,240 <sup>h</sup>	3,332
Appeals .....	1,922	2,398	2,476 <sup>h</sup>	1,844
Total criminal .....	4,461	6,431	5,771 <sup>k</sup>	5,118 <sup>k</sup>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>22,872<sup>k</sup></b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>22,268<sup>k</sup></b>	<b>24,793<sup>k</sup></b>

	Trial <sup>d</sup>			Criminal dispositions		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Guilty plea or nolo	contendere .....	Total
Civil .....	202	2,138 <sup>m</sup>	2,340			
Criminal .....	379	165	544			
Total .....	581	2,303	2,884			
				Nolle prossse .....	1,241	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the biennial report.

<sup>h</sup>Figures were calculated:

Dispositions were calculated by category from available filing and pending data.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
Disposition figures that were calculated do not sum to the total given in the biennial report. Total dispositions given in the report are displayed for total civil and total criminal dispositions.

Pending figures by category in the biennial report do not sum to the total given in the biennial report. Figures are as they appear in the biennial report.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Civil non-jury trials include law cases tried by the court, contested marital cases, and other equity cases heard as non-jury civil trials.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
41 courts, 77 justices  
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Person or property damage .....	X		X	792
Contract:				
Contracts, notes, etc. .....	X		X	3,794
Small claims .....	772		17,610	16,401
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant .....	42		1,393	1,394
Other civil:				
Appealed to Superior Court .....	X		X	91
Appealed to Supreme Court .....	X		X	6
Total .....	X		X	97
Total civil .....	1,783		23,370	22,478
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A		N/A	25,931
Felony preliminary:				
Class A felonies .....	N/A		N/A	569
Class B felonies .....	N/A		N/A	2,351
Total .....	N/A		N/A	2,920
Total criminal .....	N/A		N/A	28,851
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Violations of city or town .....	N/A		N/A	23,607
Violations of state .....	N/A		N/A	85,558
Total .....	N/A		N/A	109,165
Total traffic .....	N/A		N/A	109,165
Juvenile:				
Delinquency .....	N/A		N/A	4,377
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected .....	N/A		N/A	427
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision .....	N/A		N/A	464
Total juvenile .....	N/A		N/A	5,268
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>1,783<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>23,370<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>165,762</b>	<b>3,227<sup>i</sup></b>
<b>Non-jury trial</b>		<b>Civil dispositions</b>		<b>Criminal and traffic dispositions</b>
		Civil ..... 3,679	Default judgment .....	10,524
			Settled .....	5,797
			Withdrawn or dismissed ....	2,175
			Not guilty .....	2,576
			Nolle prossse .....	7,270

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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<sup>i</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

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

<sup>j</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the biennial report.

<sup>k</sup>Data are not complete:

Grand total filing and pending data are for civil cases only. Disposition data are for all case categories.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption .....	N/A	77	N/A	N/A
Change of name .....	N/A	406	N/A	N/A
Commitment to Laconia State School .....	N/A	20	N/A	N/A
Marriage waivers granted .....	N/A	1,729	N/A	N/A
Total Civil .....	N/A	2,932	N/A	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Guardians appointed .....	N/A	381	N/A	N/A
Will allowed .....	N/A	2,618	N/A	N/A
Administrations allowed .....	N/A	1,407	N/A	N/A
Voluntary administrations .....	N/A	659	N/A	N/A
Inheritance tax .....	N/A	22	N/A	N/A
Successor custodian .....	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Death certificate .....	N/A	100	N/A	N/A
Will authenticity .....	N/A	173	N/A	N/A
Trustees appointed .....	N/A	154	N/A	N/A
Inquisitions .....	N/A	169	N/A	N/A
Accounts allowed .....	N/A	6,254	N/A	N/A
Total Probate .....	N/A	11,941	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Conservators appointed .....	N/A	182	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	15,055	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	15,055	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
18 courts, 22 full-time and 22 special justices  
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	23	549	546	278
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant .....	0	10	10	0
Total civil .....	23	559	556	278
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanors .....	N/A	N/A	1,497	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Class A felonies .....	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Class B felonies .....	N/A	N/A	70	N/A
Total Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	79	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	N/A	1,576	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Violations of city or town .....	N/A	N/A	765	N/A
Violations of state .....	N/A	N/A	5,554	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	6,319	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	N/A	196	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected children .....	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision .....	N/A	N/A	25	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	230	N/A
Grand total .....	23 <sup>1</sup>	559 <sup>1</sup>	8,681	27 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Non-jury trial</b>				
Civil .....	131			
Default Judgment .....	224			
Settled .....	163			
Withdrawn or dismissed .....	38			
<b>Civil dispositions</b>				
Civil .....				
Not guilty .....	125			
Nolle prossse .....	328			
<b>Criminal and traffic dispositions</b>				

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

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>8</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

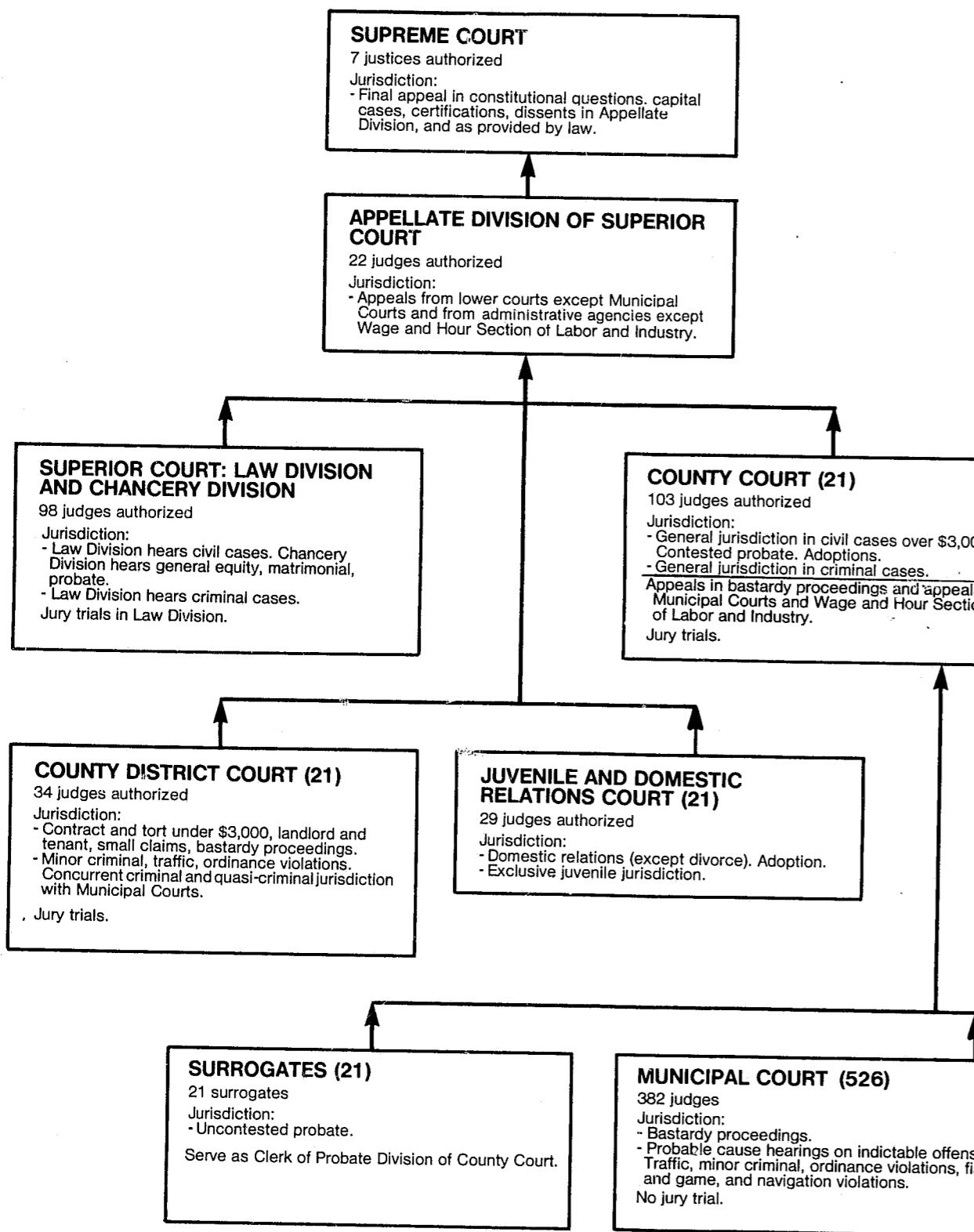
Figures are as reported in the biennial report.

<sup>1</sup>Data are not complete:

Grand total filing and pending data are for civil cases only. Disposition data are for all case categories.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## New Jersey court system, August 31, 1976



↑  
Indicates route of appeal.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices authorized  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Notice of appeal filed .....	--	77	--	--
Certifications on petitions granted .....	--	113	--	--
Certifications on motion .....	--	16	--	--
Appeals by leave granted .....	--	26	--	--
Appeals removed from calendar .....	--	--	187	195
Total appeals .....	150	232	187	195
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary .....	40	95	93	42
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification .....	253	837	705	385
Total other cases .....	293	932	798	427
Total cases .....	443 <sup>i</sup>	1,164 <sup>i</sup>	985 <sup>i</sup>	622 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Other matters:				
Motions and other petitions <sup>j</sup> .....	188	1,058	1,144	102
Total other proceedings .....	188	1,058	1,144	102
<b>Manner of disposition<sup>m</sup></b>				
Written opinion .....	137		Affirmed .....	63
Per curiam .....	30		Reversed .....	19
			Modified .....	6
			Reversed and remanded .....	15
			Affirmed and reversed in part .....	2
			Remanded .....	2
			Dismissed .....	1
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....			Affirmed .....	63
Reversed .....			Reversed .....	19
Modified .....			Modified .....	6
Reversed and remanded .....			Reversed and remanded .....	15
Affirmed and reversed in part .....			Affirmed and reversed in part .....	2
Remanded .....			Remanded .....	2
Dismissed .....			Dismissed .....	1
<b>Time intervals (months/days)</b>				
	Mean	Median		
Judgment below to notice of appeal or granting of certification .....	3/19	3/4		
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to perfection .....	2/18	1/17		
Perfection to argument .....	3/28	3/13		
Argument to decision .....	4/17	3/17		
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to decision .....	10/28	9/15		
Perfection to decision .....	8/15	7/23		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
-- = Not applicable.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Total cases do not include motions for leave to appeal because these data could not be separated from the motions and other petitions listed as other matters.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
"Appeals removed from calendar" include 43 cases dismissed before argument, 15 cases remanded, 18 cases decided without oral argument, and 3 cases consolidated with certification.

"Motions and other petitions" disposed include at least 72 motions for leave to appeal and 23 motions for rehearing. Since the number of these motions filed or pending was unknown, the disposed motions were not added to the requests to appeal or rehearing requests categories.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
The 137 written opinions and 30 per curiam opinions disposed of 108 appeals and 16 disciplinary matters.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1975-76* (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). 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 judges  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	3,157 <sup>h</sup>	X	X
Criminal .....	X	1,662	X	X
Total appeals .....	4,266	4,819 <sup>k</sup>	4,349 <sup>k</sup>	4,736
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	4,266 <sup>l</sup>	4,819 <sup>kl</sup>	4,349 <sup>kl</sup>	4,736 <sup>l</sup>
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions <sup>j</sup> .....	132 <sup>f</sup>	3,149	3,011 <sup>k</sup>	270
Total other proceedings .....	132 <sup>f</sup>	3,149	3,011 <sup>k</sup>	270
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Published opinions <sup>m</sup> .....	350	Affirmed .....	2,308	
Per curiam <sup>m</sup> .....	2,777	Reversed .....	439	
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	1,224	Remanded .....	31	
Transfers <sup>m</sup> .....	16	Certifications .....	16	
		Modified .....	331	
		Dismissed .....	2,241	
<b>Time interval (months/days)</b>				
	Mean	Median		
Date of appeal to perfected .....	7/11	6/13		
Perfected to argued or submitted .....	4/21	4/9		
Argued or submitted to decided .....	0/27	0/15		
Date of appeal to decided .....	12/29	12/20		
Judgment below to notice of appeal .....	1/17	1/12		

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.

<sup>j</sup>Judge information:

There are 22 judges authorized in this court, but 1 judge serves as the acting administrative director of the courts.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>m</sup>Figure was computed:

Civil appeals filed were computed by subtracting the number of criminal appeals filed from the number of total appeals filed.

<sup>d</sup>Data are not complete:

Total cases data do not include requests to appeal data because these data could not be separated from the motions and petitions listed as other matters.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

"Motions and petitions" filed include 841 motions for leave to appeal and 102 motions for rehearing. These filed motions were not listed under the categories of requests to appeal or rehearing requests because the number of these motions disposed and pending was unknown.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Total appeals filed and disposed include 16 certifications by the Supreme Court before calendaring by the Appellate Division.

Total other proceedings disposed includes 114 withdrawn motions.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Published opinions and per curiam opinions are both written opinions.

Transfers are cases transferred to the Supreme Court by certification.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). 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, 201 judges authorized  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Other--Law Division .....	22,381 <sup>f</sup>	21,070	17,218	26,233
Auto tort .....	18,473 <sup>f</sup>	15,896	13,541	20,828
Equity .....		2,657 <sup>f</sup>	3,936	2,683
Domestic relations <sup>k</sup> :				
Matrimonial .....	5,764 <sup>f</sup>	23,391	22,205	6,950
Probate (County Court):				
Wills and administration .....	X	176	X	X
Accounting .....	X	194	X	X
Adoptions .....	X	31	X	X
Other probate matters .....	X	183	X	X
Total .....	168 <sup>f</sup>	584	519	233
Total civil .....	49,443 <sup>f</sup>	64,877	57,393	56,927
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Indictments and accusations .....	26,571 <sup>f</sup>	27,663	25,495	28,739
Appeals (County Court) .....	797 <sup>f</sup>	3,790	3,730	857
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction relief .....	68 <sup>f</sup>	227	241	54
Total criminal .....	27,436 <sup>f</sup>	31,680	29,466	29,650
Grand total .....	76,879 <sup>f</sup>	96,557	86,859	86,577

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Civil dispositions					
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Law	Equity	Domestic relations	
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	2,699	10,714	13,413	Settled .....	X	1,691	29
Criminal .....	2,895	695	3,590	Dismissed or discontinued .....	X	815	355
Total .....	5,594	11,409	17,003	Total .....	25,405	2,506	384
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>							
Guilty or nonvult plea .....	15,329			Jury	Non-jury	All trial cases	
Trial conviction .....	1,809			Mean	Median	Mean	
Acquitted .....	1,355			Civil:			
Dismissed .....	6,827			Complaint to answer ....	2/28	1/25	2/7
Conditional discharge .....	175			Answer to pretrial ....	12/0	10/18	10/27
Petition summarily disposed .....	58			Prertrial to trial ....	8/28	6/17	7/10
No relief granted .....	164			Complaint to trial ....	21/29	20/23	19/25
Some relief granted .....	19						
Defendants for whom trials commenced							
	Indictment or	Not guilty plea		Indictment or	Not guilty		
	accusation to	to trial or		accusation to	plea to		
	first plea	guilty plea		first plea	retraction		
Criminal:							
Murder .....	0/26	0/25	3/26	Mean	Median	Mean	
Other .....	1/14	0/21	7/16	0/10	0/7	4/18	
				0/10	0/7	4/10	
				1/27	0/24	5/23	

	Age of pending cases <sup>n</sup> (months)	Domestic relations				
	Law	Auto tort	Equity	relations	Probate	Criminal
Under 6 months ....	6,344	4,246	1,099	2,709	171	9,962
6+ to 12 months ....	7,741	6,264	988	2,562	38	3,468
12+ to 18 months ....	6,067	5,144	326	1,134	24	1,374
18+ to 24 months ....	3,408	2,975	107	328	--	451
24+ to 36 months ....	1,846	1,653	72	134	--	383
Over 36 months ....	187	148	10	40	--	223

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.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 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.

<sup>n</sup>Additional information:

Domestic relations matters are also handled in the juvenile and domestic relations courts; they are not included here.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials do not include uncontested matrimonial cases.

<sup>n</sup>Time 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 October 1975.

Age of pending data reflect active cases only.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
21 courts, 34 judges authorized  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	4,700	14,562	14,957	4,305
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort .....	1,447	4,469	4,398	1,518
Contract .....	30,229	156,275	155,550	30,954
Small claims <sup>j</sup> .....	4,529	37,132	36,059	5,602
Property rights:				
Tenancy .....	3,475	81,479	82,213	2,741
Total civil .....	44,380	293,917	293,177	45,120
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Criminal <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	2,176	2,320	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	2,176	2,320	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking:				
Parking cases .....	N/A	41,940	30,262	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic cases .....	N/A	38,833	32,455	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	80,773	62,717	N/A
<b>Grand total</b> .....	44,380 <sup>i</sup>	376,866	358,214	45,120 <sup>i</sup>

Trial <sup>d</sup>		
Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil ....	716	53,039
Criminal ..	--	379
Total ....	716	53,418

53,755  
379  
54,134

Civil dispositions		
Judgments by default .....	122,471	
Settled, dismissed, or discontinued ..	27,523	
Before trial date .....	25,869	
On trial date .....	60,184	
Placed on inactive list or transferred	3,375	

Age of pending cases (months)		
Civil:	Jury	Non-Jury
Under 6 months ....	1,650	37,434
6+ to 12 months ....	807	4,281
12+ to 18 months ...	204	545
18+ to 24 months ...	37	68
Over 24 months ....	42	52

Criminal dispositions		
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court....	330	
Violations Bureau .....	17	
Dismissed after conditional discharge or		
pretrial intervention .....	49	
Other dismissals and acquittals .....	443	
Referred to other court .....	30	
Referred to county prosecutor .....	1,072	

Time interval <sup>n</sup> (months/day)						
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	All trial cases	Traffic dispositions		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	
Complaint to answer .....	2/11	11/5	2/3	0/27	2/4	27
Answer to pretrial .....	No pretrial	2/12	2/12	2/12	12	Violations Bureau .....
Pretrial to trial .....	No pretrial	0/12	0/12	0/12	12	Dismissals and acquittals .....
Complaint to trial .....	10/11	7/10	7/25	7/23	8/4	1,860
						Referred to other court .....

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.

<sup>d</sup>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, 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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Grand total pending figures do not include criminal or traffic cases.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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.

<sup>n</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:  
Time interval data are for all civil cases in which trials commenced during October 1975, except small claims and tenancy.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977) and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1975-August 31, 1976 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). 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, 29 judges authorized  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations and reciprocal support .....	4,069 <sup>f</sup>	61,874	61,439	4,504
Total civil .....	4,069 <sup>f</sup>	61,874	61,439	4,504
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	10,925 <sup>f</sup>	75,862	74,752	12,035
Status offenses:				
Juvenile in need of supervision (JINS) .....	677	8,622	8,524	775
Total juvenile .....	11,602 <sup>f</sup>	84,484	83,276	12,810
<b>Grand total</b> .....	15,671 <sup>f</sup>	146,358	144,715	17,314
<b>Age of pending cases (months)</b>				
	<b>Domestic relations</b>	<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>Status offenses</b>	
Under 1 month .....	2,061	4,093	260	
1 to 3 months .....	2,014	5,630	348	
Over 3 months .....	429	2,312	167	
3+ to 6 months .....	(k)	1,787	121	
Over 6 months .....	(k)	525	46	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 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.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

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 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
526 courts, 382 judges  
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Criminal <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	329,425 <sup>j</sup>	294,746	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	329,425 <sup>j</sup>	294,746	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking:				
Parking cases .....	N/A	2,406,900	1,828,413	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic cases .....	N/A	1,007,724	945,661	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	3,414,624	2,774,074	N/A
<b>Grand total</b> .....	N/A	3,764,049	3,068,820	N/A

<b>Non-jury trial</b>	<b>Criminal dispositions</b>	<b>Traffic dispositions</b>
Criminal .....	5,385	Convictions and guilty pleas in open court .. 109,440
		Violations Bureau ..... 19,117
		Dismissal after conditional discharge ..
		and pretrial intervention .. 9,535
		Other dismissals and acquittals ..... 81,142
		Referred to other court ..... 4,265
		Referred to county prosecutor ..... 65,862

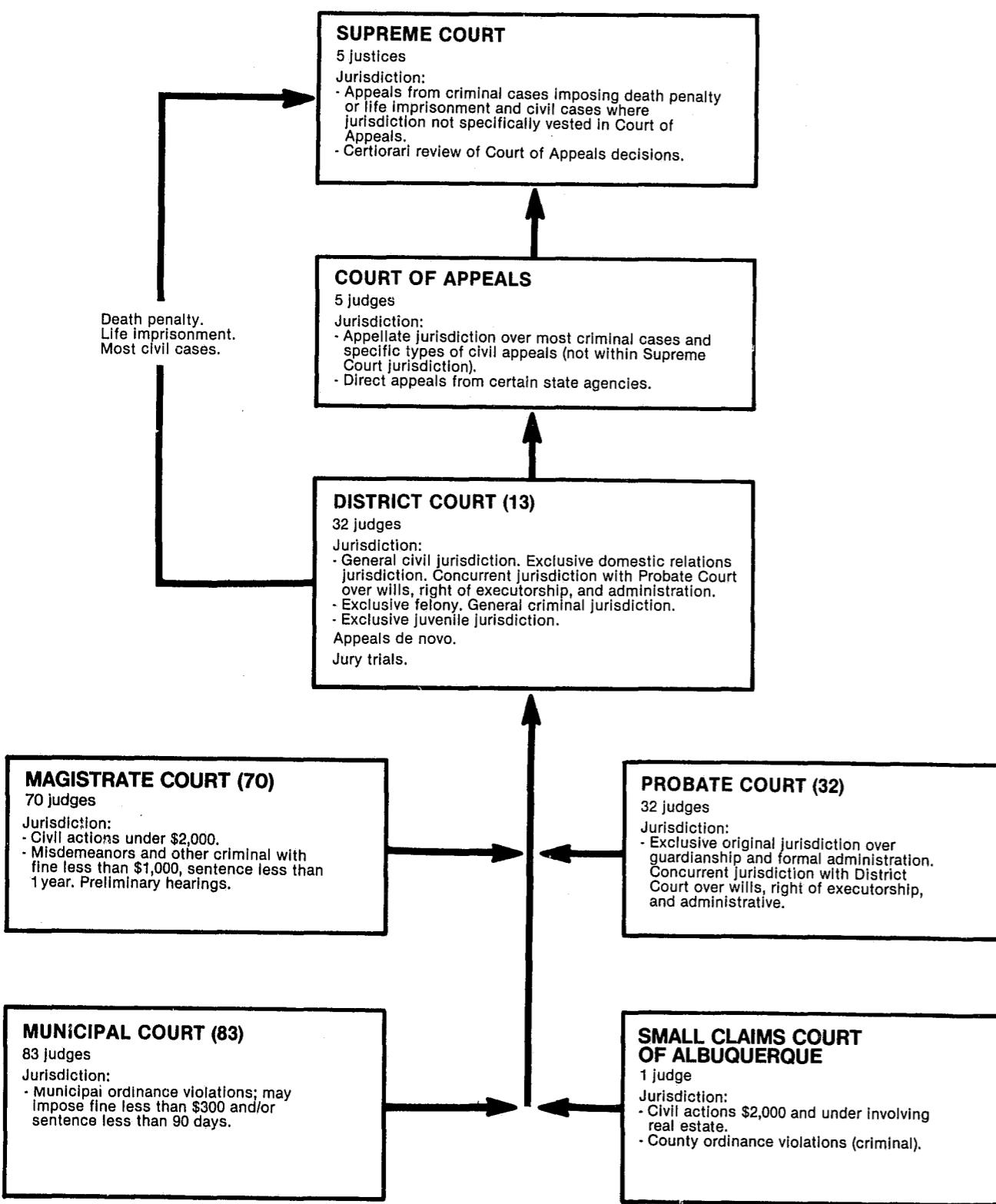
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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

The criminal case unit of count is

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NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	206	X	X
Criminal .....	X	7	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	213	288	
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	94 <sup>j</sup>	94	X
Mandamus .....	X	21	20	X
Prohibition .....	X	27	25	X
Standards commission .....	X	1	1	X
Superintending control .....	X	3	3	X
Disciplinary .....	X	11	12	X
Other .....	X	4	5	X
Total.....	X	161	160	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari .....	X	184	155	X
Total other cases.....	X	345	315	
Total cases .....	168	558	603	123
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Rule 37 motions <sup>j</sup> .....	0	415	415	0
Rule 34 motions .....	0	23	23	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	438	438	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>		<b>Disposition of appeals<sup>m</sup></b>		
Written opinion .....	211	Affirmed .....	122	
Per curiam .....	1	Reversed .....	71	
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	53	Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....	12	
Transfer .....	7	Remanded .....	2	
		Modified opinion .....	1	
<b>Time interval (average days)</b>				
Docketing to issue .....	144.7			
Issue to submission .....	93.6			
Submission to opinion or decision .....	53.9			
Docketing to mandate .....	249.0			

**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.**

**jExplanation 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.

**mCategories for disposition type or trial data:**  
The disposition of appeals types are the results of opinions.

**Source:** Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, *Annual Report, 1976* (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	174	X	X
Criminal .....	X	220	X	X
Agency appeals .....	X	48	X	X
Other appeals:				
Reinstated cases .....	X	4	X	X
Total appeals .....	249	446	550	145
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases <sup>k</sup> .....	249	446	550	145
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	0	79	79	0
Other matters:				
Motions .....	0	518	518	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	597	597	0
<u>Manner of disposition</u>				
Written opinion .....				
141				
Memorandum .....	287			
Transfer .....	10			
By order .....	111			
Certification .....	1			
<u>Disposition of appeals</u>				
New appellate rules:				
Affirmed .....	278			
Reversed .....	108			
Dismissed .....	11			
Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....	31			
Time interval (average days)				
Notice of appeal to Answer brief filed Decision to				
answer brief filed to decision mandate				
Criminal and children's .....	167.03	74.67	26.54	
Torts .....	158.65	114.66	31.84	
Administrative appeals .....	102.48	131.50	29.68	
Workmen's compensation .....	147.22	109.84	26.37	
Criminal (Bernalillo County) .....	153.59	58.97	26.86	
Criminal and children's .....	101.53	38.88	25.74	
Criminal (Bernalillo County) .....	104.94	41.17	26.55	

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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.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

Cases involving certiorari to the New Mexico Supreme Court were omitted from total cases filed to avoid double counting. There were 187 of those cases dealt with in 1976 with 8 cases pending at the end of 1976.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1976 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). 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, 32 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	17,305	33,990	32,765	18,530
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229
Total criminal .....	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279
Grand total .....	22,249	43,955	42,166	24,038
<u>Jury trial<sup>d</sup></u>				
Criminal .....	352			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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.

A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

Source: Judicial department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1976 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). 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 MAGISTRATE COURT<sup>b</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
71 courts, 70 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning <sup>k</sup> pending	Filed	Disposed <sup>k</sup>	End <sup>k</sup> pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	13,645	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	13,645	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic .....	N/A	14,942	N/A	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Felony .....	N/A	8,745	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	23,687	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	62,231	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	99,563	N/A	N/A
<u>Jury trial<sup>d</sup></u>				
Civil .....	35			
Criminal and traffic .....	116			
Total .....	151			

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

<sup>b</sup>Particular court or reporting system information:

Data for this court are displayed in the annual report by workload activity. Through on-site visits and sampling techniques, weights for the workload involved with each case have been established.

<sup>c</sup>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 indictments or complaints.

A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

<sup>d</sup>Additional information:

Magistrate Courts report only cases filed. Pending and disposed records are not maintained.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts.

NEW MEXICO PROBATE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
32 courts, 32 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

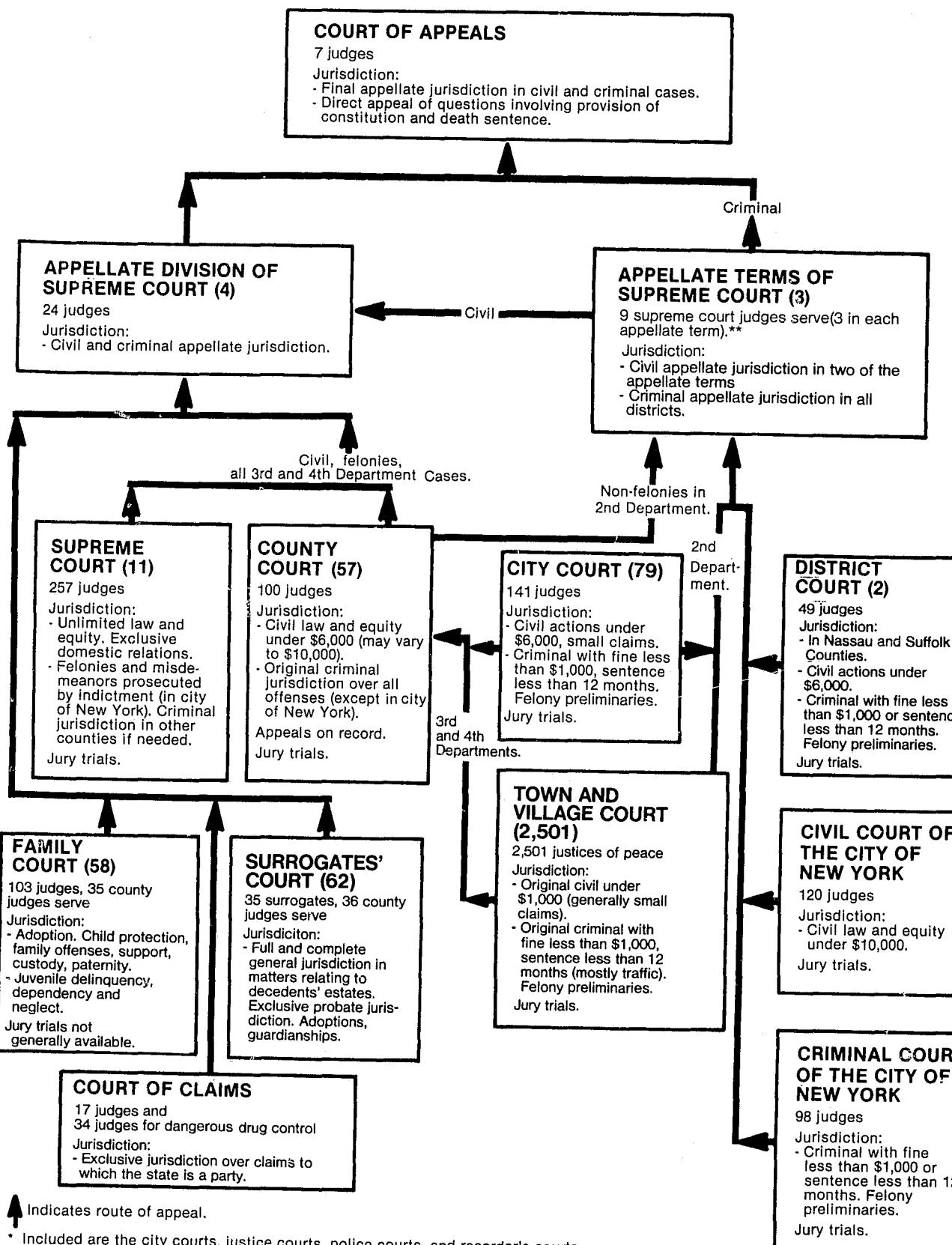
NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
83 courts, 83 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 1 judge  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1976.

## New York court system 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

\* Included are the city courts, justice courts, police courts, and recorder's courts.

\*\* Fifty retired justices of the Supreme Court were certified to continue to serve. Of these, 12 were temporarily designated to the Appellate Term.

NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS  
Court of last resort  
7 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	X	474	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	X (84) <sup>e</sup>	166	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	595 (84) <sup>e</sup>	640	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal:				
Application for leave to appeal (criminal) .....	N/A	N/A	1,029 (84) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	1,233	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	2,262 (84) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	N/A	2,262 (84) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	595 <sup>i</sup> (84) <sup>e</sup>	2,902 (84) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	353			
Per curiam .....	34			
Memorandum .....	205			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	414			
Reversed .....	165			
Modification .....	46			
Dismissal .....	14			
Other .....	1			

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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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

Eighty-four applications for leave to appeal criminal convictions were granted by the court.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete.

Total cases filed do not include requests to appeal.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Motions include motions to appeal in civil cases and an unknown number of procedural motions.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT  
Intermediate appellate court  
4 divisions, 24 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Total appeals .....	N/A	7,362 <sup>j</sup>	7,458 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary proceedings .....	N/A	N/A (j)	102 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	N/A (j)	102 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	N/A (j)	102 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	7,362 <sup>i</sup>	7,560	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Motions decided .....	--	--	14,967	--
Total other proceedings .....	--	--	14,967	--
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Full opinion .....	421			
Per curiam .....	48			
Memorandum .....	5,107			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	4,730			
Reversal not including new trials .....	1,031			
Modifications .....	687			
Dismissals .....	431			
New trials .....	188			

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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete.

Total cases filed do not include all original proceedings.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). 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<sup>c</sup>  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals .....	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				

Total cases ..... N/A 2,115 1,507 N/A

Other proceedings:  
 Other matters:  
 Motions heard or submitted ..... -- -- 2,447 --  
 Total other proceedings ..... -- -- 2,447 --

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Opinions filed ..... 16	Affirmed ..... 509
Per curiam ..... 600	Reversed ..... 294
Memoranda written, not filed .... 334	Dismissed/discontinued/withdrawn/remanded .... 551
	Modified ..... 142

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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:  
 During 1976, there were three appellate terms sitting with three judges in each term; hence the total of nine judges for 1976.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). 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 court administration.

**NEW YORK SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT**  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 11 districts, 257 judges; 57 counties, 100 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
Civil <sup>d</sup> :				
Auto tort .....	X	22,574	23,202	X
Non-auto tort:				
Medical malpractice .....	X	1,428	1,065	X
Other tort .....	X	12,562	10,512	X
Total .....	X	13,990	11,577	X
Contract .....	X	10,350	9,505	X
Property rights:				
Condemnations .....	X	224	336	X
Domestic relations:				
Matrimonial .....	7,173 <sup>f</sup>	57,991	58,681	6,671 <sup>g</sup>
Administrative:				
Tax certiorari .....	X	5,165	3,991	X
Other civil .....	X	3,805	5,995	X
Total civil .....	66,709 <sup>fi</sup>	114,099	113,287	66,809 <sup>g</sup>
Criminal <sup>d</sup> :				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments--New York City .....	N/A	16,499	19,812	N/A
Indictments--outside New York City .....	N/A	15,160	17,850	N/A
Total .....	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A
Grand total .....	66,709 <sup>fi</sup>	145,758	150,949	66,809 <sup>g1</sup>

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**New York Supreme Court and County Court (continued)**

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions
Civil .....	2,067	57,109	59,176	Settled or discontinued ..... 37,562
Criminal:				Default or consent judgment ..... 851
New York City .....	X	X	1,892	Dismissed ..... 1,002
Outside New York City .....	X	X	1,198	Transferred, consolidated, or referred to referee or arbitrator ..... 6,463
Total .....	X	X	3,090	Marked off calendar ..... 7,807
Total .....	X	X	62,266	

**Criminal dispositions**

Pleas of guilty .....	26,006
Trial conviction .....	2,175
Acquittal .....	1,041
Dismissal .....	8,440

**Time interval (average months)**  
 Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition:  
 Nonmatrimonial cases:  
 Supreme Court ..... 13

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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.  
 The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>f</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

This difference is because of adjustments made by the court.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not complete:

Grand total pending figure does not include criminal cases.

<sup>h</sup>Explanation 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.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK<sup>i</sup>**  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 1 court, 120 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Unclassified tort:				
Tort .....	X	46,546	47,301	X
Contract:				
Commercial .....	X	23,638	22,789	X
Property rights:				
Housing part actions .....	X	180	1,575	311
Housing part (summary proceeding) .....	X	75,238	73,822	X
Total .....	X	76,813	75,266	X
Other civil:				
Nonhousing part actions .....	X	4,491	4,509	X
Total civil .....	20,353	151,488	149,865	22,589 <sup>g</sup>

Grand total<sup>i</sup> ..... 20,353 151,488 149,865 22,589<sup>g</sup>

**Trial**

Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil .....	921	11,313
		12,234

**Civil dispositions**  
 Settled, discontinued, dismissed ..... 102,603  
 Default judgment (inquest) ..... 24,685  
 Dismissed during trial ..... 417  
 Consent judgment ..... 70  
 Marked off calendar ..... 8,100

Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition<sup>n</sup> ..... 3

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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

<sup>f</sup>Data are not complete:

Data do not include arbitration cases for which data are available only in Bronx County.

<sup>g</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are for only tort, commercial, and housing part actions.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 98 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	9,421 <sup>h</sup>	226,160	220,734	14,847
<b>Grand total</b> .....	9,421 <sup>h</sup>	226,160	220,734	14,847

**Trial<sup>d</sup>**  
**Criminal** ..... 864

<b>Criminal dispositions</b>	
Pleas of guilty .....	99,727
Trial conviction .....	407
Acquittal .....	615
Referrals to grand jury .....	17,316
Dismissals .....	91,650

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

**d**Case 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.

**h**Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK FAMILY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
58 courts; 103 judges and 35 county judges serve  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending <sup>b</sup>
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoptions .....	976	4,097	4,067	1,0288
Supreme Court referral .....	109	1,414	1,524	4008
Custody of minors .....	1,609	8,483	7,753	1,5238
Foster care review .....	2,078	6,037	7,237	7108
Foster care placement .....	1,231	6,782	7,342	6218
Physically handicapped .....	1,015	4,189	4,716	2548
Family offense .....	3,564	23,548	25,711	2,2558
Paternity .....	5,694	19,699	23,213	4,5408
Support .....	8,856	45,713	55,749	7,2808
Uniform support of dependents .....	4,094	23,071	24,197	2,9738
Consent to marry .....	15	393	413	98
Other .....	242	2,920	10,507	588
Supplementary .....	17,697	96,129	88,633	11,2418
<b>Total</b> .....	47,180	242,475	261,062	32,8928
<b>Probate:</b>				
Guardianship .....	226	924	815	3898
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mental defective .....	0	17	30	08
<b>Total civil</b> .....	47,406	243,416	261,907	33,2818
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	5,923	27,324	32,632	6,6168
Dependency and neglect:				
Permanent neglect .....	527	1,012	1,050	4978
Child protective--neglect .....	2,274	7,019	11,271	2,4188
Child protective--abuse .....	824	1,327	681	4778
<b>Total</b> .....	3,625	9,358	13,002	3,3928
<b>Status offenses:</b>				
Person in need of supervision .....	1,848	12,190	15,540	2,0498
<b>Total juvenile</b> .....	11,396	48,872	61,174	12,0578
<b>Grand total</b> .....	58,802	292,288	323,081	45,3388

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New York Family Court (continued)

Juvenile child protective proceedings involving child abuse:	Time interval (days) <sup>k</sup>								
	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
Filing of petition to initial fact-finding hearing:									
Boys .....	98	19	9	16	70	66	46	14	6
Girls .....	121	40	19	27	117	80	61	12	6
Initial fact-finding hearing to disposition hearing:									
Boys .....	101	4	5	2	76	83	57	11	5
Girls .....	149	12	2	11	117	93	74	23	2

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

**d**Case definition or unit of count:

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

**g**Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

**k**Additional information:

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, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoptions .....	N/A	N/A	3,658	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Wills .....	N/A	41,958	40,883	N/A
Administrative .....	N/A	N/A	21,578	N/A
Accountings .....	N/A	11,393	7,944	N/A
Guardianship .....	N/A	N/A	5,824	N/A
Other .....	N/A	N/A	3,852	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	53,351	80,081	N/A
<b>Total civil</b> .....	N/A	53,351	83,739	N/A
<b>Grand total</b> .....	N/A	53,351	83,739	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.

**d**Case definition or unit of count:

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

**i**Data are not complete:

Total civil filed and grand total filed include only wills and accountings. Dispositions contain data for all categories.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). 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<sup>c</sup> judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Administrative .....	3,590	1,014	872	3,732
Total civil .....	3,590	1,014	872	3,732
Grand total .....	3,590	1,014	872	3,732
<b>Civil dispositions</b>				
Awards .....	249			
Dismissed .....	623			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:  
In addition to the 17 Court of Claims judges, 34 judges were appointed pursuant to Chapter 603, Laws of 1973, Emergency Dangerous Drug Control Program.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK DISTRICT COURT AND CITY COURT<sup>i</sup>

Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 counties: 2 courts, 49 judges; 61 cities: 79 courts, 141 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	122,897	125,243	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	122,897	125,243	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	N/A	47,943	N/A
Ordinance violations .....	N/A	N/A	20,736	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	N/A	13,740	N/A
Other criminal:				
Quasi-criminal offenses .....	N/A	N/A	28,035	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	N/A	110,454	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
All motor vehicle offenses .....	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	122,897 <sup>i</sup>	1,163,073	N/A

<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				<b>Traffic dispositions</b>
	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violations	Felony preliminary	Total	
Misdemeanor .....	1,016	Plea 19,426	14,489	--	33,915
Ordinance violations 433	Dismissed 27,501	5,814	7,080	40,395	Plea ..... 748,017
Total ..... 1,449	Waiver --	--	3,331	3,331	Dismissed ..... 166,239
Traffic ..... 13,120	Hearing --	--	3,329	3,329	
Total ..... 14,569					

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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.  
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.  
<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Reports were not received from Glen Falls and Saratoga Springs. Incomplete data were received from Olean City Court in the Eighth District, and from Oneida Justice Court in the Sixth District.  
Total civil figures do not include cases disposed by arbitration in Binghamton (Broome County), Schenectady (Schenectady County), and Rochester (Monroe County).  
Grand total filed figures include only civil cases. Disposed figures include civil, criminal, and traffic cases.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK TOWN AND VILLAGE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2,501 courts, 2,501 justices of the peace  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

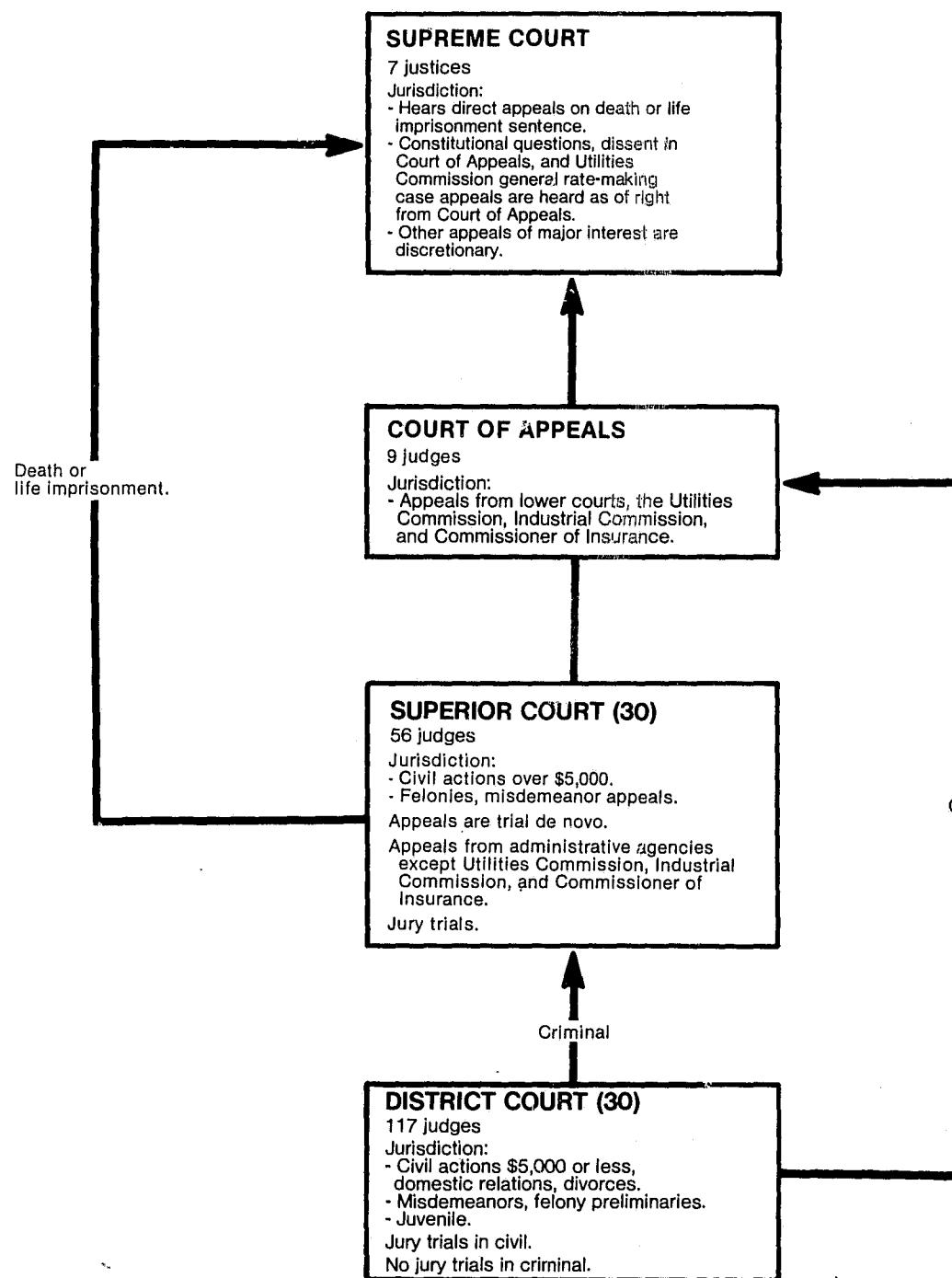
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Private litigants and penalty actions .....	N/A	N/A	54,516	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	N/A	54,516	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Penal law and indictable offenses .....	N/A	N/A	93,415	N/A
Other criminal: .....	N/A	N/A	14,431	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	N/A	107,846	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Vehicle and traffic .....	N/A	N/A	706,565	N/A
Town and village ordinances and vehicle and traffic law				
Title VII .....	N/A	N/A	952,745	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	N/A	1,821,672	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.  
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.

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.

## North Carolina court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
February 4, 1976 to February 2, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Total appeals .....	411 <sup>j</sup>	165 <sup>j</sup>	158	481 <sup>j</sup>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Petition for discretionary review .....	N/A N/A	381 381	334 334	N/A N/A
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	411 <sup>j</sup>	546	492	481 <sup>j</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests:				
Other matters:				
Motions <sup>j</sup> .....	--	2	359	--
Total other proceedings .....	--	2	359	--
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	142			
Dismissed or withdrawn .....	16			

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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete.  
<sup>j</sup>Total cases pending does not include requests to appeal.  
Explanation of data included in the category:  
Total appeals and total cases pending figures are the number of advisory cases docketed in the spring term plus the number of cases carried forward to the spring term.  
Total appeals filed is the number of cases docketed minus the advisory cases docketed and cases carried forward to the spring term of 1976.  
Motions consist of petitions acted on, other than petitions for certiorari to review a decision of the Court of Appeals, plus other motions acted on.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, *Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1976; Fall Term 1976* (Raleigh, North Carolina). 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	N/A	X	457 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	X	487	N/A
Unspecified .....	N/A	X	55	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	1,027	999	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	—	—	—	—
Requests to appeal .....	—	—	—	—
Total other cases .....	—	—	—	—
Total cases .....	N/A	1,027	999	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions .....	0	1,081	1,081	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	1,081	1,081	0

Manner of disposition  
Written opinion ..... 944<sup>m</sup>  
Disposed without written opinion  
and cases consolidated with another  
case on one written opinion ..... 55

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.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Civil appeals disposed figure includes appeals from the Insurance Commission, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission, as well as civil appeals.  
<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:  
Of 944 written opinions filed, 487 were in criminal cases and 457 were in civil cases. One opinion may dispose of more than one case.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT<sup>k</sup>  
Court of general jurisdiction  
30 districts, 56 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Civil:</b>					
Law:					
Civil .....	13,269 <sup>f</sup>	10,774	9,391	14,652	
Total civil <sup>k</sup> .....	13,269 <sup>f</sup>	10,774	9,391	14,652	
<b>Criminal:</b>					
Felony: .....	X	29,010	X	X	
Appeals:					
Misdemeanor trial de novo .....	X	23,537	X	X	
Total criminal .....	15,282 <sup>f</sup>	52,547	49,398	18,431	
Grand total <sup>k</sup> .....	28,551 <sup>f</sup>	63,321	58,789	33,083	
	Trial				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total		
Civil ....	602	3,842	4,444		
Criminal ...	3,899	N/A	N/A		
Total .....	4,501	N/A	N/A		
			<u>Criminal dispositions</u>		
			Pleas .....	24,420	
<b>Age of pending cases</b>					
	Civil	Felony	Misdemeanor	Estates <sup>k</sup>	Special proceedings <sup>k</sup>
Under 30 days	756	1,697	1,263	1,754	1,165
30 to 60 days	(n)	1,650	1,490	(n)	(n)
61 to 90 days	(n)	1,312	1,193	(n)	(n)
30 to 90 days	1,707	2,962	2,683	3,603	2,034
91 to 180 days	1,985	2,075	1,490	4,779	2,208
181 days to 1 year	3,332	1,921	1,403	7,618	2,851
1+ to 2 years	3,831	1,359	681	6,304	3,209
Over 2 years	3,042	587	310	19,572	8,866

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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.

<sup>d</sup>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 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.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>f</sup>Additional information:

Total civil and grand total figures do not include estates and special proceedings, which are handled by the clerk of the Superior Court.  
There were 27,382 estates filed, 26,425 disposed, and 43,630 end pending; and 28,254 special proceedings filed, 29,468 disposed, and 20,333 end pending.

<sup>g</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Civil, estates, and special proceedings data for 30-60 days and 61-90 days are included in the total figure listed as 30-90 days.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

## North Dakota court system, 1976

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
30 districts, 117 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Other civil .....	X	44,015	X	31,479 <sup>1</sup>
Small claims .....	X	144,846	X	15,341 <sup>1</sup>
Domestic relations .....	X	35,949	X	17,831 <sup>1</sup>
Total civil .....	52,049	224,810	212,208	64,651
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Other criminal .....	X	366,335	X	40,410 <sup>1</sup>
Total criminal .....	X	366,335	X	40,410
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	X	678,855	X	72,698 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Juvenile<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Capital .....	N/A	25	X	N/A
Other felony .....	N/A	3,669	X	N/A
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	7,052	X	N/A
Probation violation .....	N/A	2,495	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	13,241	12,954	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependent .....	N/A	2,333	2,641	N/A
Neglected .....	N/A	2,358	2,660	N/A
Total .....	N/A	4,691	5,301	N/A
Status offenses:				
Truancy .....	N/A	1,463	X	N/A
Other undisciplined .....	N/A	3,362	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	4,825	4,651	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	22,757	22,906	N/A
Grand total .....	157,368 <sup>1</sup>	1,292,757	1,272,515	177,759 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
	Jury	Non-jury	By magistrate	Total
Civil .....	609	44,389	135,918	180,916
Criminal and traffic .....	NH	92,236	NH	92,236
Total .....	609	136,625	135,918	273,152
<b>Criminal and traffic dispositions</b>				
Plea .....				269,642
Waiver (traffic only) .....				444,513
Preliminary hearing .....				26,348
<b>Age of pending cases</b>				
Civil pending before magistrate	Civil appealed from magistrate	Child support	Domestic relations	Other civil
				Motor vehicle
Under 30 days .....	5,630	90	277	1,703
30 to 60 days .....	1,591	129	177	1,787
61 to 90 days .....	996	115	149	1,075
91 to 180 days .....	1,297	248	259	2,063
181 days to 1 year .....	1,342	387	335	2,937
1+ to 2 years .....	2,149	337	1	3,067
2+ to 4 years .....	1,051	81	0	4,034
				7,854
				5,328
				4,112

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSC.

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

NH - This classification is not handled by this court.

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

<sup>d</sup>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.

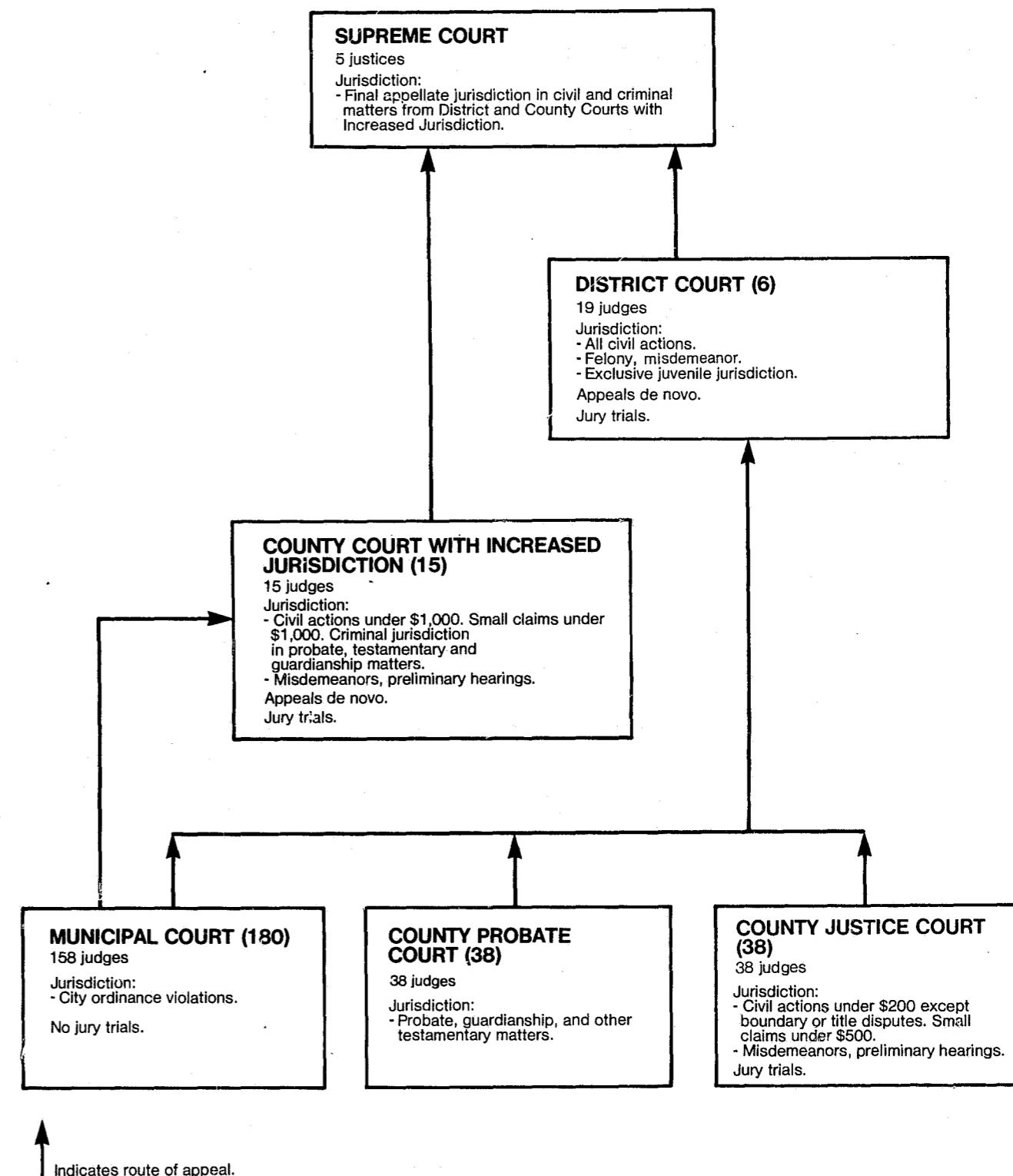
<sup>1</sup>Data are not complete:

Grand total pending figures do not include juvenile cases. Grand total filed and disposed include all categories.

<sup>2</sup>Special source or revision in data:

End pending figures for case categories were obtained from the 1977 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 and North Carolina Courts, 1977 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977, 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 administrative office of the courts.



NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>d</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	2 <sup>f</sup>	97	91	8
Criminal .....	0	35	35	0
Total appeals .....	2 <sup>f</sup>	132	126	8
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition .....	0	9	9	0
Disciplinary .....	0	3	3	0
Certified questions .....	0	3	3	0
Total .....	0	15	15	0
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari .....	0	3	3	0
Total other cases .....	0	18	18	0
Total cases .....	2 <sup>f</sup>	150	144	8
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	3 <sup>f</sup>	31	27	7
Total other proceedings .....	3 <sup>f</sup>	31	27	7

<u>Manner of disposition</u>	<u>Disposition of appeals</u>		
	Civil	Criminal	
Written opinion .....	122	Affirmed .....	60
Per curiam .....	0	Reversed .....	27
By order .....	26	Modified .....	1
		Dismissed .....	22
		Affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified in part ..	5
<u>Age of pending cases</u>			
	Civil	Criminal	
Under 6 months .....	8	0	
6+ to 12 months .....	0	0	
12+ to 18 months .....	0	0	
Over 18 months .....	0	0	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
6 districts, 19 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Actions on debt .....	X	2,092	1,887	X
Unclassified tort:				
Damages .....	X	846	844	X
Property rights:				
Real estate matter .....	X	496	450	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	2,395	2,247	X
Reciprocal support .....	X	736	432	X
Adoption .....	X	487	459	X
Total .....	X	3,618	3,138	X
Probate:				
Trusts .....	X	13	13	X
Administrative:				
Appeal administrative hearing .....	X	75	53	X
Other civil .....	X	331	287	X
Appeals:				
Appeal other .....	X	65	46	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Special remedy .....	X	94	66	X
Total civil .....	3,908 <sup>f</sup>	7,630	6,784	3,752 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Felony A .....	X	30	33	X
Felony B .....	X	167	133	X
Felony C .....	X	655	615	X
Total .....	X	852	781	X
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor A .....	X	40	60	X
Misdemeanor B .....	X	10	9	X
Total .....	X	50	69	X
Other criminal .....	X	33	52	X
Appeals .....	X	97	73	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Special remedy .....	X	19	14	X
Total criminal .....	X	1,051	989	X
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Infractions .....	X	3	5	X
Total traffic .....	X	3	5	X
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	X	499	460	X
Dependency and neglect:				
Deprived child .....	X	136	110	X
Termination of parental rights .....	X	153	156	X
Total .....	X	289	266	X
Status offenses:				
Unruly .....	X	173	163	X
Other juvenile:				
Other juvenile .....	X	22	17	X
Special proceedings .....	X	18	16	X
Total .....	X	40	33	X
Total juvenile .....	X	1,001	922	186 <sup>l</sup>
Grand total .....	3,421 <sup>l</sup>	9,685	8,700	4,272 <sup>g</sup>
<b>Trial</b>				
	<u>Age of pending cases</u>	<u>Criminal and traffic dispositions</u>		
Criminal and traffic .....	Trial Jury Non-jury Total	Civil over 18 months .....	Gilty plea .....	424
	42 297 339	160	Trial conviction .....	326
		75	Acquittal .....	13
		0	Dismissal .....	223
			Uniform Postconviction Procedures Act .....	2
			Change of venue .....	6

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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 or indictment.  
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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Total juvenile end pending figure was obtained by telephone from the office of the state court administrator.

Grand total pending figures were obtained from the judicial master program.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota); and North Dakota Supreme Court, The North Dakota Judicial Master Program for the FY 1977-1979 Biennium (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report and master program except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY COURT WITH INCREASED JURISDICTION<sup>i</sup>  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 15 counties, 15 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	2,736 <sup>i</sup>	2,647 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A	1,190	1,080	N/A
Probate:				
Probate .....	N/A	1,530 <sup>i</sup>	939 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship .....	N/A	147 <sup>i</sup>	144 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,677 <sup>i</sup>	1,083	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings held .....	N/A	N/A <sup>i</sup>	747 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	5,603 <sup>i</sup>	5,557 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	9,939 <sup>i</sup>	8,616 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	961 <sup>i</sup>	821 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	10,900 <sup>i</sup>	9,437 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Noncriminal traffic .....	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	16,503 <sup>i</sup>	45,820 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Traffic dispositions</b>				
Convictions .....		30,031		
Acquittal .....		776		
Dismissal .....		19		

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

<sup>d</sup>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 case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
 Filed and disposed figures for felony preliminary, misdemeanor, and civil cases in Stark County and for probate, guardianship/conservatorship, and mental health cases in Morton County are for a 6-month period only.  
 Total civil filed does not include mental health hearings.  
 Grand total filed does not include mental health hearings or traffic cases.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (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  
 180 courts, 158 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Criminal traffic .....	N/A	N/A	3,067	N/A
Noncriminal traffic .....	N/A	N/A	39,122	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	N/A	42,189	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.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Probate:				
Probate .....	N/A	1,232	968	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship .....	N/A	110	115	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,342	1,083	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings .....	N/A	N/A	179	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	1,342 <sup>i</sup>	1,262	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	1,342 <sup>i</sup>	1,262	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
 A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
 Total civil and grand total filed figures do not include mental health hearings. Mental health hearings are included in the disposed figures.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT<sup>i</sup>  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 38 counties, 38 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	163	167	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A	270	248	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	433	415	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	4,498	4,028	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	289	228	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	4,787	4,256	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Noncriminal traffic .....	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	5,220 <sup>i</sup>	20,276 <sup>i</sup>	N/A

**Traffic dispositions**

Convictions .....	15,147
Acquittals .....	429
Dismissals .....	29

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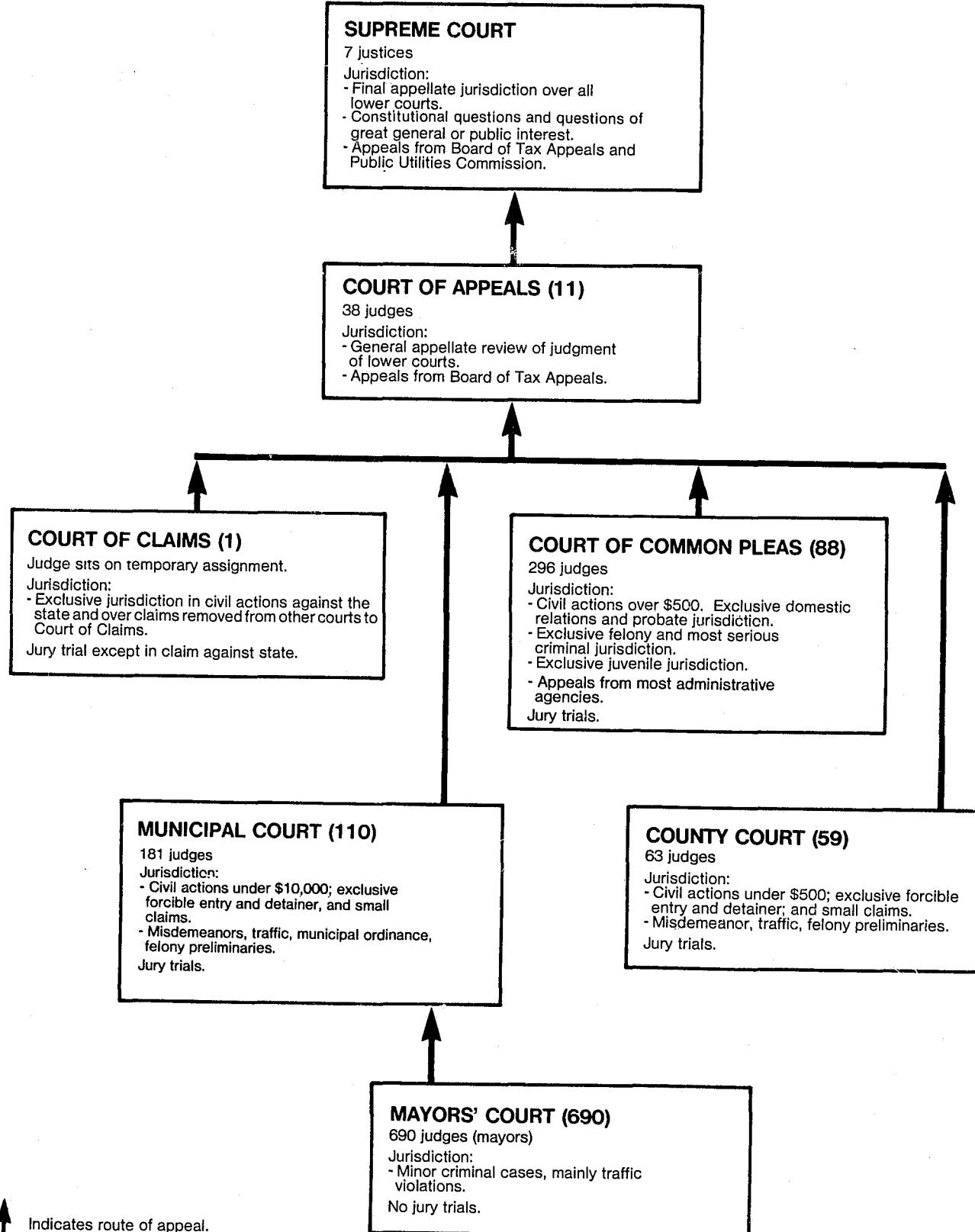
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
 Filed and disposed figure for Bottineau, Golden Valley, McKenzie, and Renville Counties represent only 6 months of data.

Grand total filing figure does not include traffic cases. Traffic cases are included in the disposed figure.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Ohio court system, 1976



OHIO SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals .....	N/A	143 (75) <sup>e</sup>	263	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	143 (75) <sup>e</sup>	263	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	14	11	N/A
Other original actions .....	N/A	109	93	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	20	26	N/A
Total .....	N/A	143	130	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for leave to appeal .....	N/A	465	431	N/A
Motion to certify .....	N/A	653	625	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,118	981 <sup>k</sup> (75) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	1,261	1,111 (75) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	1,404 (75) <sup>e</sup>	1,374 (75) <sup>e</sup>	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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases 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.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
Total disposed figure for requests to appeal is not the sum of the category values since the 75 granted motions are within the 2 categories.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, *Ohio Courts Summary 1976* (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, 38 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	1,354	3,858	3,110	2,4818
Criminal .....	1,059	2,732	2,464	1,8478
Total appeals .....	2,413 <sup>f</sup>	6,590	5,574	4,3288
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Miscellaneous .....	77	614	741	2638
Total other cases .....	77	614	741	2638
Total cases .....	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,5918

Manner of disposition  
Full opinion ..... 2,319  
Per curiam ..... 1,735  
Dismissal ..... 2,261

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<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.  
<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Miscellaneous cases include habeas corpus, original actions, administrative appeals, and appeals from the Court of Claims.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, *Ohio Courts Summary 1976* (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, 296 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending																																																																																															
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>																																																																																																			
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Personal injury .....	22,924 <sup>f</sup>	18,678	18,934	22,668																																																																																															
Wrongful death .....	N/A	746	627	N/A																																																																																															
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Birth records .....	N/A	4,538	4,528	N/A																																																																																															
Name change .....	N/A	2,897	2,878	N/A																																																																																															
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Decedents' estates .....	55,307 <sup>f</sup>	62,378	68,916	45,171 <sup>i</sup>																																																																																															
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Minor's settlement .....	N/A	1,757	1,697	N/A																																																																																															
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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.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figures for the 1976 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Pending data were not reported for all civil categories. Only those reported are included in the total.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials include only trials for personal injury, administrative, and other civil cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COUNTY COURT  
Court of Limited Jurisdiction  
59 courts, 63 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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OHIO MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
110 courts, 181 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury and property damage .....	11,182	15,780	19,266	8,7818
Contract .....	56,126	158,737	168,883	51,9518
Small claims .....	10,013	72,418	72,168	11,1948
Property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer .....	11,504	43,554	44,698	11,7538
Other civil .....	11,435	17,465	20,098	9,0938
Total civil .....	100,260	307,954	325,113	92,7728
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor .....	25,085	226,499	228,677	32,1488
Felony preliminary .....	4,642	38,534	39,744	4,609
Total criminal .....	29,727	265,033	268,421	36,7578
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated .....	7,811	48,660	49,495	8,0328
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	32,148	1,136,517	1,135,412	40,5228
Total traffic .....	39,959	1,185,177	1,184,907	48,5548
Grand total .....	169,946	1,758,164	1,778,441	178,0838

	Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Total	Civil dispositions
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	361	8,771	9,132	Pretrial ..... 5,648
Criminal .....	931	16,067	16,398	Dismissed for want of prosecution .. 23,490
Traffic .....	848	19,019	19,867	Other dismissals ..... 79,952
Total .....	2,140	43,857	45,997	Transfer ..... 2,733
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Plea .....	123,373	Plea .....	462,320	Traffic dispositions
Prertrial .....	6,754	Prertrial .....	4,721	Plea .....
Dismissed for want of prosecution .....	11,103	Dismissed for want of prosecution ..	5,112	Prertrial .....
Other dismissals .....	46,510	Other dismissals .....	36,653	Dismissed for want of prosecution ..
Transfer .....	1,028	Transfer .....	973	Other dismissals .....
Violations Bureau .....	13,668	Violations Bureau .....	551,704	Transfer .....
Preliminary hearing boudnover .....	13,820	Unavailability of accused .....	103,557	Violations Bureau .....
Waiver of preliminary hearing, boudnover .....	10,831			Unavailability of accused .....
Unavailability of accused .....	24,336			

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Personal injury and property damage .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	378
Contract, forcible entry and detainer, and other civil .....	N/A	N/A	5,362	(n)
Small claims .....	N/A	1,048	(n)	(n)
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	496	(n)	(n)
Felony preliminary .....	419	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic .....	N/A	644	(n)	(n)

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<sup>d</sup>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 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.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

<sup>f</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include reactivated cases as well as original filings.

<sup>g</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials do not include 17,012 hearings by judge in small claims cases.

<sup>h</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

Contract, forcible entry and detainer, 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.

Felony preliminary 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 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF CLAIMS<sup>a</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court; 1 judge sits on temporary assignment  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Administrative:				
Administrative .....	77	231	88	220
Judicial .....	228	294	244	278
Victims of crimes <sup>d</sup> .....	—	5	0	5
Total .....	305	530	332	503
Total civil .....	305	530	332	503
Grand total .....	305	530	332	503

	Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Total	Civil dispositions
Civil .....	0	42	42	Settlement ..... 31
				Administrative determination ..... 82
				Dismissal ..... 177

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

— = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Court 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 \$100.00 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.

Jurisdiction over victims of crime cases was given to the court as of December 28, 1976.

<sup>b</sup>Case 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.

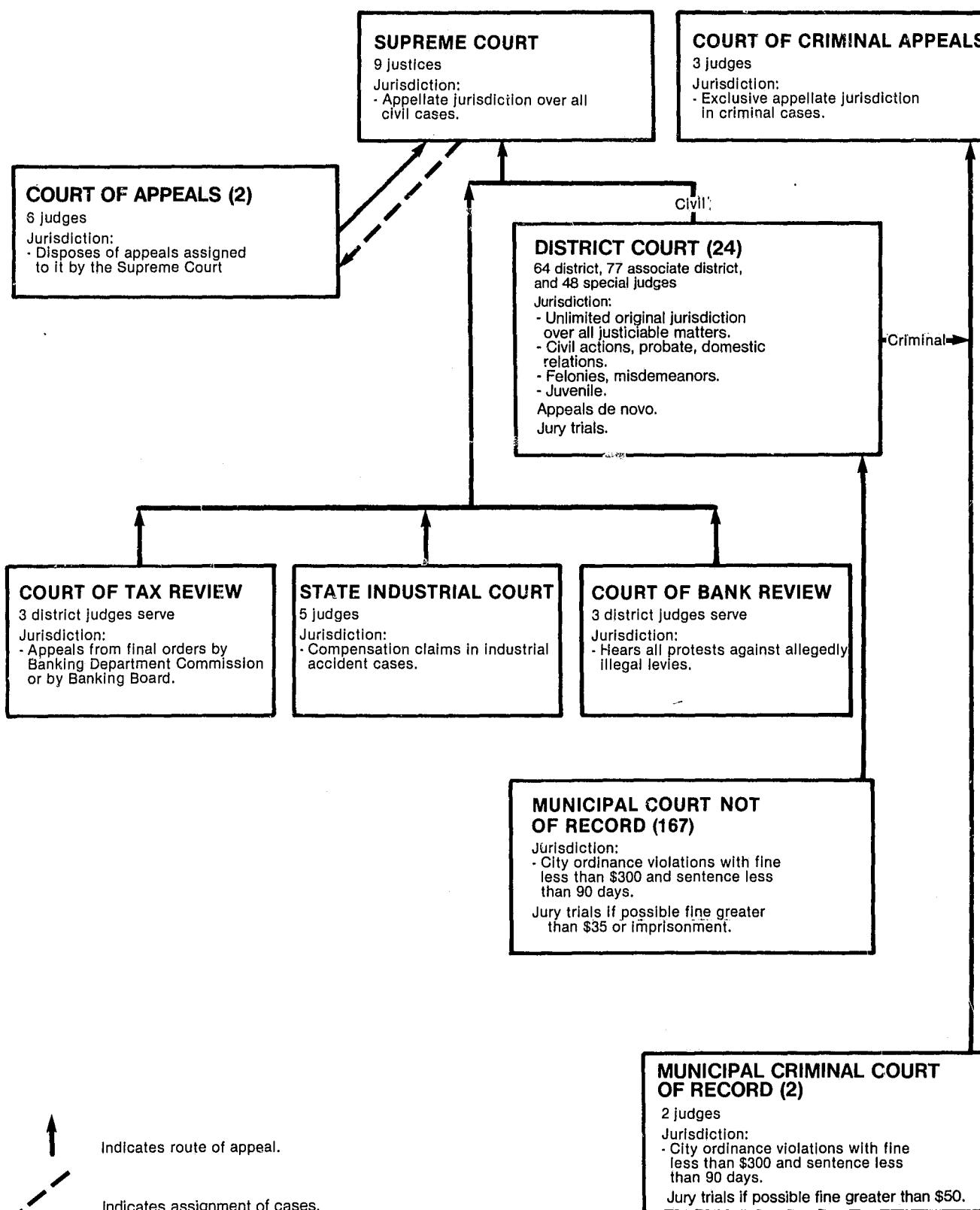
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OHIO MAYORS' COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
690 courts, 690 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayors' Court for 1976.

## Oklahoma court system, 1976



OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of last resort  
9 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil ..... X	714	578	X	
Total appeals ..... X	714	578	X	
Other cases:				
Original proceedings ..... X	134	130	X	
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari ..... X	171	200	X	
Total other casesj ..... X	305	330	X	
Total casesj .....	1,182	1,019	908	1,3108

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases.

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

Explanation 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 1976* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS<sup>a</sup>  
Court of last resort  
3 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal ..... X	524	382	X	
Postconviction ..... X	143	146	X	
Total appeals ..... X	667	528	X	
Other cases:				
Original proceedings ..... X	312	359	X	
Requests to appeal ..... X	312	359	X	
Total other cases ..... X	312	359	X	
Total cases .....	244	1979	887	336

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion ..... 370	Affirmed ..... 291
By order ..... 517	Affirming denial ..... 101
	Reversed ..... 58
	Dismissed ..... 51
	Modified and affirmed .... 23

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<sup>a</sup>Court 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 1976* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
2 divisions, 6 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil <sup>a</sup> .....	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	347	163 <sup>h</sup>
Total appeals .....	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	347	163 <sup>h</sup>
Total cases .....	92 <sup>h</sup>	418	347	163 <sup>h</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Court 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.

<sup>h</sup>Figure 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.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Auto tort .....	4,473 <sup>f</sup>	4,398	3,726	5,145
Non-auto tort .....	2,553 <sup>f</sup>	3,264	2,660	3,157
Contract .....	19,658 <sup>f</sup>	19,820	14,909	24,569
Small claims:				
Possession of personal property .....	1,327 <sup>f</sup>	1,851	1,771	1,407
Possession of real property .....	1,869 <sup>f</sup>	5,100	5,248	1,721
Small claims .....	53,777 <sup>f</sup>	56,844	55,365	55,256
Total .....	56,973 <sup>f</sup>	63,795	62,384	58,384
Property rights:				
Lien or mortgage foreclosure .....	2,942 <sup>f</sup>	3,165	2,873	3,234
Real property .....	2,569 <sup>f</sup>	4,513	4,065	3,017
Total .....	5,511 <sup>f</sup>	7,678	6,938	6,251
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	16,279 <sup>f</sup>	30,757	28,350	18,686
Separate maintenance .....	556 <sup>f</sup>	501	383	674
Annulment .....	124 <sup>f</sup>	332	282	174
Reciprocal support--IN .....	1,377 <sup>f</sup>	2,285	1,030	2,632
Reciprocal support--OUT .....	860 <sup>f</sup>	855	597	1,118
Paternity proceedings .....	213 <sup>f</sup>	161	148	226
Adoption .....	840 <sup>f</sup>	2,600	2,518	922
Total .....	20,249 <sup>f</sup>	37,491	33,308	24,432
Probate:				
Administration of estates and probate proper .....	11,858 <sup>f</sup>	8,832	8,095	12,595
Determination of death of joint or life tenant .....	570 <sup>f</sup>	2,982	3,073	479
Guardianship and conservatorship .....	3,163 <sup>f</sup>	1,517	1,359	3,321
Other probate .....	125 <sup>f</sup>	348	357	116
Total .....	15,716 <sup>f</sup>	13,679	12,884	16,511
Mental health .....	800 <sup>f</sup>	2,810	2,661	949
Administrative:				
Appeals from administrative tribunals .....	469 <sup>f</sup>	716	571	614
Other civil .....	6,850 <sup>f</sup>	5,557	5,016	7,391
Extraordinary writs:				
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus, habeas corpus .....	1,165 <sup>f</sup>	1,354	1,074	1,445
Total civil .....	134,417 <sup>f</sup>	160,562	146,131	148,848
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Crime against person .....	3,038 <sup>f</sup>	4,343	4,236	3,145
Crime against property .....	8,971 <sup>f</sup>	9,645	8,922	9,694
Other felony .....	5,462 <sup>f</sup>	6,191	6,207	5,446
Total .....	17,471 <sup>f</sup>	20,179	19,365	18,285
Misdemeanor:				
Other misdemeanor .....	14,420 <sup>f</sup>	33,697	32,630	15,497
Appeals .....	1,249 <sup>f</sup>	1,346	1,405	1,190
Extraordinary writs:				
Felony postconviction appeals .....	N/A	359	317	N/A
Total criminal .....	33,150 <sup>fi</sup>	55,581	53,717	34,972 <sup>i</sup>

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Oklahoma District Court (continued)

Traffic:				
DWI/BUI:				
Driving while intoxicated .....	4,490 <sup>f</sup>		9,492	8,733
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	40,343 <sup>f</sup>		169,107	173,984
Total traffic .....	44,833 <sup>f</sup>		178,599	182,717
Juvenile:				
Delinquency .....	1,736 <sup>f</sup>		4,698	3,482
Dependency and neglect .....	810 <sup>f</sup>		1,869	1,574
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision .....	1,365 <sup>f</sup>		1,705	1,323
Total juvenile .....	3,911 <sup>f</sup>		8,272	6,803
Grand total .....	216,311 <sup>fi</sup>		403,014	389,368
229,915 <sup>i</sup>				

Civil dispositions				
On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss <sup>m</sup> .....	5,281			
Pretrial <sup>m</sup> .....	1,813			
Without contest .....	87,322			
Dismissal <sup>m</sup> .....	6,132			
Decree or approved settlement <sup>m</sup> .....	18,385			
Order or settlement <sup>m</sup> .....	522			
Trial or contested <sup>d</sup>				
Criminal and traffic dispositions				
Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Civil .....	1,203	22,441	23,644	Guilty plea .....
Criminal and traffic .....	1,395	17,579	18,974	Dismissal by state .....
Juvenile .....	38	4,286	4,324	On demurrer, motion to quash, or
Total .....	2,636	44,306	46,942	dismissal by court .....
21,233				Bond forfeitures .....

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dCase definition or unit of count:				
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The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.				
A trial or contest is counted if tried to completion.				
fBeginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.				
Data are not complete:				
Total criminal and grand total pending figures do not include pending figures for felony postconviction appeals. This category is included in the filing and disposition totals.				
Categories for disposition type or trial data:				
On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss, and pretrial are dispositions for auto tort, non-auto tort, property rights, contract, administrative, extraordinary write, and other civil cases only.				
Dismissal, decree or approved settlement, and order or settlement are dispositions for domestic relations cases only.				
Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

OKLAHOMA STATE INDUSTRIAL COURT<sup>k</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction<sup>a</sup>  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Administrative .....		N/A	N/A	10,712
Total civil .....		N/A	N/A	10,712
Grand total .....		N/A	N/A	10,712
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<sup>a</sup> Court jurisdiction:				
The special jurisdiction is limited to injuries to an employee arising out of his employment.				
<sup>d</sup> Case definition or unit of count:				
A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing claim.				
<sup>k</sup> Additional information:				
After July 1, 1978, the name for this court will be the Worker's Compensation Court.				
Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

OKLAHOMA COURT OF BANK REVIEW  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court, 3 district judges serve  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil <sup>d</sup> :				
Administrative .....	7	9	8	8
Total civil .....	7	9	8	8
Grand total .....	7	9	8	8

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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 1976 (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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil <sup>d</sup> :				
Administrative .....	0	0	0	0
Total civil .....	0	0	0	0
Grand total .....	0	0	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary. The report indicates that no new tax review cases were handled in 1976.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts, 2 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Criminal Court of Record for 1976.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL COURT NOT OF RECORD  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
167 courts  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court Not of Record for 1976.

## Oregon court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Jurisdiction:  
- Certiorari review of Court of Appeals decisions.  
- Direct appeals from Circuit Courts on certain civil cases.

### COURT OF APPEALS

6 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive appellate jurisdiction over criminal, constitutionality of city charter or ordinance, probate, juvenile, guardianship, domestic relations from Circuit Court.  
- Appeals from administrative agencies.

Certain civil cases.

### TAX COURT

1 judge

Jurisdiction:  
- Appeals from county boards of equalization and Oregon Department of Revenue.

### CIRCUIT COURT (20)

68 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- General jurisdiction over civil not granted exclusively to another court. Probate.  
- General jurisdiction over criminal not granted exclusively to another court.  
- Juvenile.  
Appeals de novo.  
Jury trials.

### JUSTICE COURT (47)

47 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$1,000, small claims.  
- Misdemeanors, traffic, felony, preliminary hearings.  
Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (23)

47 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$3,000, small claims.  
- Misdemeanors (fine less than \$3,000, sentence less than 1 year), traffic, felony preliminaries.  
Appeals de novo.  
Six-man jury trial.

### COUNTY COURT (9)

10 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive probate in 6 counties.  
- Exclusive juvenile in 7 counties.

### MUNICIPAL COURT (165)

165 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive jurisdiction over municipal ordinances. Traffic.  
Jury trials.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

OREGON SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices<sup>c</sup>  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Appeals from Circuit Court .....	X	424	X	X
Court of Appeals review allowed .....	X	(43) <sup>e</sup>	X	X
Tax Court appeals .....	X	16	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	440 (43) <sup>e</sup>	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings .....	X	55	X	X
Bar matters .....	X	21	X	X
Total .....	X	66	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil .....	X	127	X	X
Criminal .....	X	238	X	X
Workmen's compensation .....	X	22	X	X
Habeas corpus and postconviction .....	X	11	X	X
Judicial review .....	X	69	X	X
Total.....	X	467	413 (43) <sup>e</sup>	X
Total other cases .....	X	533	X	X
Total cases .....	335	973 (43) <sup>e</sup>	911 (43) <sup>e</sup>	397
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	1	54	52	3
Total other proceedings .....	1	54	52	3
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Written opinion .....	305	Affirmed .....	146	
Dismissal or without opinion .....	193	Reversed .....	108	
		Modified .....	23	
		Dismissed with opinion .....	4	
		Miscellaneous <sup>m</sup> .....	24	
<b>Time interval (average days)</b>				
Notice of appeal to date case at issue.....			166	
Date case at issue to final decision.....			110	
Notice of appeal to final decision.....			276	

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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

There were 7.58 full-time equivalent judges for 1976.

<sup>e</sup>Cases 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 numbers appearing in parentheses.

<sup>m</sup>Categories 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, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. 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 state court administrator.

OREGON COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
6 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	421	X	X
Criminal .....	X	735	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation .....	X	104	X	X
Administrative agency review .....	X			
Total .....	X	176	X	X
Other appeals:				
Parole Board review .....	X	280	X	X
Postconvictions and habeas corpus .....	X	30	X	X
Corrections disciplinary review .....		360	X	X
Total .....	X	411	X	X
Total appeals .....	669	1,847	1,786	730
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	0	0	0	0
Total other cases .....	0	0	0	0
Total cases.....	669	1,847	1,786	730

<u>Manner of disposition</u>	<u>Disposition of appeals</u>
Written opinion .....	630
Bench decisions .....	553
Memorandum .....	52
Dismissal/transferred .....	483
Consolidation .....	68
Affirmed .....	974
Reversed .....	187
Modified .....	47
Dismissed on merits .....	18

Time interval (average days)

Notice of appeal to date case at issue ..... 126  
Date case at issue to final decision ..... 43  
Notice of appeal to final decision ..... 169

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: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.



**OREGON JUSTICE COURT<sup>i</sup>**  
**Court of limited jurisdiction**  
**47 courts\*, 47 judges**  
**January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	144h	534	504	174
Small claims .....	490h	2,362	1,953	899
Total civil .....	634h	2,896	2,457	1,073
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Offenses .....	793h	4,936	4,942	787
Total criminal .....	793h	4,936	4,942	787
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	7,276h	89,564	87,480	9,360
<b>Grand total<sup>i</sup></b> .....	<b>8,703h</b>	<b>97,396</b>	<b>94,879</b>	<b>11,220</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 case number assigned at arraignment.

<sup>h</sup>Figures were computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Only 26 justice courts, out of a total of 47 courts, reported data for 1976.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**OREGON MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>i</sup>**  
**Court of limited jurisdiction**  
**165 courts\*, 165 judges**  
**January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Ordinance violations:				
Other cases .....	3,433h	14,070	13,334	4,169
Total criminal .....	3,433h	14,070	13,334	4,169
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violation:				
Major traffic offenses .....	4,518h	10,633	10,862	4,289
Minor traffic offenses .....	18,626h	111,006	106,488	23,144
Total .....	23,144h	121,639	117,350	27,433
Total traffic .....	23,144h	121,639	117,350	27,433
<b>Grand total<sup>i</sup></b> .....	<b>26,577h</b>	<b>135,709</b>	<b>130,684</b>	<b>31,602</b>

	<u>Trial</u>
Criminal .....	2,270
Traffic:	
Major traffic offense .....	3,412
Minor traffic offenses .....	10,315
Total .....	13,727
Total .....	15,997

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Only 73 Municipal Courts, out of a total of 165 courts, reported data for 1976.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**OREGON COUNTY COURT**  
**Court of limited jurisdiction**  
**9 counties, 10 judges**  
**January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption .....		N/A	42	N/A
Probate:				
Decedents' estates .....		258 <sup>1</sup>	122	131h
Guardianship and conservatorship .....		157	36	22
Total .....		415	158	171
Mental health:				
Mental competency .....		N/A	14	N/A
Total civil <sup>i</sup> .....		415 <sup>1</sup>	214	153 <sup>1</sup>
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile .....		N/A	242	N/A
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....		415 <sup>1</sup>	456	153 <sup>1</sup>

<u>Age of pending cases</u>	<u>Over 36 months</u>
Decedents' estates .....	75

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

A juvenile case is counted with the filing of a petition.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Decedents' estates disposed figure was computed from filing and pending figures.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total civil pending and disposition figures do not include data for adoption and mental competency cases. Filings include data for all categories.

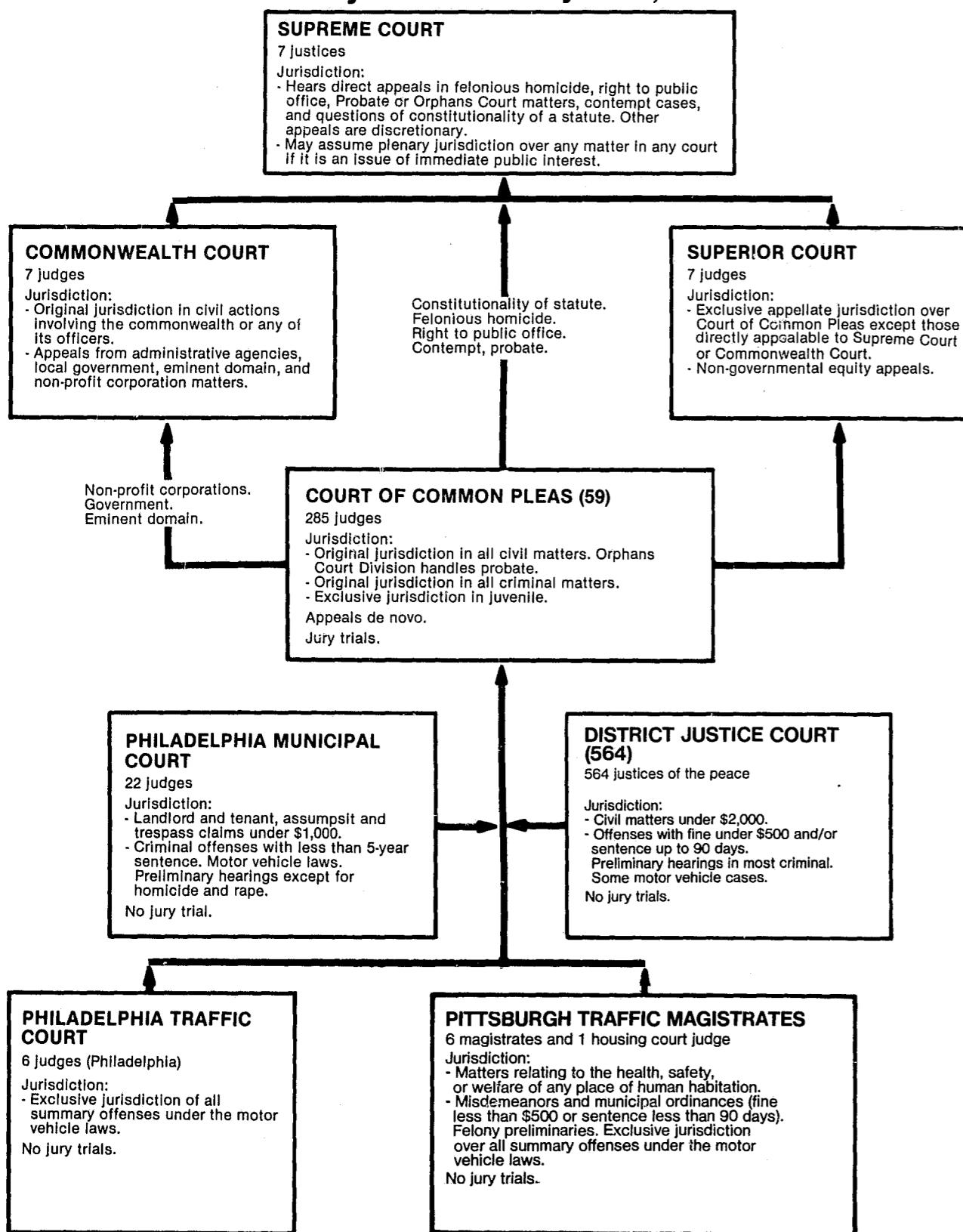
Grand total pending and disposition figures do not include data for adoption, mental competency, or juvenile case. Filings include data for all categories.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figure for decedents' estates was obtained from Oregon's 1975 annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 22nd, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Pennsylvania court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals: .....	N/A	830	N/A	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	830	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings: .....	N/A	906	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for allocatur .....	N/A	906	N/A	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	906	N/A	N/A
Total cases.....	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions .....	N/A	1,195	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	1,195	N/A	N/A
<i>Manner of disposition</i>				
Written opinion .....	583			

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, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals: .....	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....	N/A	—	—	—
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	—	—	—
Total other cases.....	N/A	—	—	—
Total cases.....	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions .....	N/A	6,223	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	6,223	N/A	N/A
<i>Manner of disposition</i>				
Written opinion .....	1,596			

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, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (continued)

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURTS  
Intermediate appellate court  
7 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Appeals from Court of Common Pleas .....	N/A	668	X	N/A
Transfers from other courts .....	N/A	34	X	N/A
Agency appeals .....	N/A	1,429	X	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	2,131	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction .....	N/A	305	X	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A	305	X	N/A
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinion .....	760
Withdrawal, discontinued, and by order of court .....	205

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:  
The Commonwealth Court handles only cases involving officials or offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 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  
59 courts, 285 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations .....	6,909	51,496	51,551	6,854
Divorce .....	15,630	39,339	38,878	16,091
Custody .....	582	3,831	3,751	662
Adoption .....	856	6,760	6,770	846
Total .....	23,977	101,426	100,950	24,433
Probate:				
Orphan court's audits .....	1,719	20,075	20,118	1,676
Mental health .....	306	6,628	6,706	228
Other civil:				
Civil .....	20,279	21,127	20,652	17,178
Arbitration .....	15,272	29,544	28,634	16,182
Total .....	35,551	50,671	49,286	33,360
Total civil .....	61,553	178,800	177,060	59,717
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	27,238	68,227	66,408	23,038
Appeals:				
Miscellaneous .....	1,479	7,105	7,097	1,487
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction appeals .....	407	970	838	539
Total criminal .....	29,124	76,302	74,343	25,064
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile .....	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859
Grand total .....	96,597	292,186	289,548	89,640

	Trial <sup>d</sup>			Civil dispositions			Criminal dispositions		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Settlement .....	9,156	Guilty pleas .....	29,811	Nolle prossed .....	10,090
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	1,952	3,807	5,759	Hearing settled .....	1,515	ARD (rehabilitation program) .....	10,834	Transferred to arbitration .....	1,482
Criminal .....	3,272	7,071	10,343	Stricken .....	1,007	Rule 1100 .....	784	Other .....	1,733
Total .....	5,224	10,878	16,102						

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Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 or indictment.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).

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

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Explanation of data 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.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial data include only those cases in the other civil category.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	6,041			
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant .....	990			
Other civil:				
Code enforcement .....	3,539			
Total civil .....	10,570			
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	4,258			
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearings .....	950			
Total criminal .....	5,208			
Grand total .....	15,778			

Non-jury trial <sup>d</sup>	Criminal dispositions <sup>m</sup>
Criminal .....	6,342
	Guilty pleas .....
	1,965
	Nolle prossed .....
	12,755
	ARD (rehabilitation program) ....
	11,086

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 or indictment.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision). There are no jury trials in this court.

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

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Criminal trials and criminal disposition types are only for misdemeanor cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report and 1977 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT JUSTICE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
564 courts, 564 justices of the peace  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil complaints .....	N/A	151,672	142,612	N/A
Total civil .....				
N/A	151,672	142,612		N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic citations .....	N/A	214,570	205,475	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Misdemeanor/felony complaintsj .....	N/A	102,041	103,792	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary complaints .....	N/A	121,708	108,723	N/A
Total criminal .....				
N/A	438,319	417,990		N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	1,105,175	1,098,190	N/A
Grand total .....				
N/A	1,695,166	1,658,792		N/A
<b>Non-jury triald</b>				
Civil .....	34,241	Settled .....	33,004	
Criminal .....	194,815	Default judgment .....	62,707	
Total .....	229,056	Withdrawn .....	2,978	
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Ordinance violations and other criminal:				
Guilty plea .....	193,812	Guilty plea .....	878,696	
Acquited .....	39,557	Acquited .....	90,853	
Trial conviction .....	28,012	Trial conviction .....	36,393	
Substantive defective .....	2,380	Substantive defective .....	8,440	
Withdrawn .....	42,513	Withdrawn .....	48,277	
Felony preliminary:				
Dismissed .....	24,442			
Bound over .....	35,852			
Preliminary hearing waived .....	18,551			

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 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).

jExplanation of data included in the category:  
Misdemeanor/felony complaints include misdemeanor and felony preliminary cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Trafficd:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	1,653,121	965,274	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	1,653,121	965,274	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, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PITTSBURGH TRAFFIC MAGISTRATES, PENNSYLVANIA  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
1 court; 6 magistrates and 1 Housing Court judge serve  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Pittsburgh Traffic Magistrates for 1976.

## Puerto Rico court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

7 justices  
Jurisdiction:  
- Reviews judgments and decisions of Court of First Instance\*, and cases on appeal or review before the Superior Court.  
- Reviews rulings of the Registrar of Property and rulings of certain administrative agencies.

### SUPERIOR COURT\* (11)

89 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions over \$10,000, actions in connection with taxes, eminent domain, and divorce.  
- Felonies and misdemeanors (except those vested in District Court).  
- Cases concerning minors.  
- Review rulings of administrative agencies (except those reviewable by Supreme Court).  
Jury trials in criminal cases; non-jury in criminal and civil.

### DISTRICT COURT\* (38)

98 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$10,000, except those matters in which cognizance is given to the Superior Court.  
- Certain misdemeanors and violations of municipal ordinances.  
No jury trials; non-jury in criminal and civil.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

25 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil investigations, summonses.  
- Probable cause hearings search warrants, summonses, warrants of imprisonment, warrants to release from jail, and bails. Violations of municipal ordinances. Accepts guilty pleas.  
No trials.

### MUNICIPAL COURT

25 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil investigations, summonses.  
- Probable cause hearings search warrants, summonses, warrants of imprisonment, warrants to release from jail, and bails. Violations of municipal ordinances. Accepts guilty pleas.  
No trials.

\* The Court of First Instance consists of two divisions: the Superior Court and the District Court.

Indicates route of appeal.

PUERTO RICO SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>d</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	14	40	37	17
Criminal .....	5	186	36	155
Agency appeals:				
Industrial Commission .....	7	40	40	7
Governmental .....	4	9	11	2
Labor Relations Board .....	4	11	10	5
Board of Electors .....	3	13	15	1
Total .....	18	73	76	15
Other appeals:				
Dissolution of corporation .....	5	0	0	5
Total appeals .....	42	299	149	192
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	0	15	13	2
Mandamus .....	1	17	17	1
Quo warranto .....	4	0	0	4
Writ of prohibition .....	0	2	2	0
Certifications .....	0	2	2	0
Professional conduct .....	9	12	7	14
Bringing of charge .....	2	0	2	0
Total .....	16	48	43	21
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari .....	69	423	419	73
Certiorari r. <sup>e</sup> 15.1 (a) .....	7	8	15	0
Civil reviews .....	235	426	497	164
Total .....	311	857	931	237
Total other cases .....	327	905	974	258
Total cases .....	369	1,204	1,123	450
Manner of disposition				
Opinion .....	78	Affirmed .....	61	
Per curiam .....	41	Reversed .....	200	
Without opinion .....	1,004	Modified .....	93	
		Dismissed .....	52	
		Writ denied .....	648	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by NCSP.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include new filings and restored cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. 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, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>d</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Debt collections .....	3,687	2,220	3,107	2,800
Wages .....	358	116	163	311
Total .....	4,045	2,336	3,270	3,111
Unclassified tort:				
Torts .....	9,801	3,755	5,230	8,326
Contract:				
Contract executions .....	28	20	25	23
Contract ratification .....	3	1	3	1
Note cancellation .....	129	157	159	127
Specific performance to contract .....	207	93	129	171
Contract cancellations .....	91	38	62	67
Action of nullification .....	162	64	88	138
Affidavits revision .....	1	0	1	0
Total .....	621	373	467	527
Property rights:				
Property .....	4,419	4,632	4,735	4,316
Transfer of farm title .....	3	2	2	3
Claim of rights .....	170	496	359	307
Expropriation .....	3,802	8,483	8,523	3,762
Total .....	8,394	13,613	13,619	8,388
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	13,581	19,707	23,114	10,174
Other domestic relations .....	5,684	5,768	6,481	4,971
Total .....	19,265	25,475	29,595	15,145
Administrative:				
Taxes .....	225	181	158	248
Dissolution of corporation or firm .....	26	8	15	19
Total .....	251	189	173	267
Other civil:				
Other special proceedings <sup>j</sup> .....	3,210	830	960	3,080
License to bear arms .....	3,733	29,385	28,979	4,139
Disability .....	48	48	65	31
Other actions <sup>j</sup> .....	2,253	1,030	1,281	2,002
Total .....	9,244	31,293	31,285	9,252
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Extraordinary writs .....	1,615	1,442	1,852	1,205
Total civil .....	53,236	78,476	85,491	46,221

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Puerto Rico Superior Court (continued)

<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup></b>				
Felony .....		14,148	15,077	14,361
Misdemeanor .....		11,653	10,394	13,487
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearing .....		463	860	904
Appeals .....		(J)	(J)	(J)
Total criminal .....		26,264	26,331	28,752
Juvenile <sup>d</sup> :				
Delinquency:				
Charges .....		2,474	6,215	5,830
Total juvenile .....		2,474	6,215	5,830
Grand total .....		81,974	111,022	120,073
				72,923

Civil dispositions

Civil <sup>m</sup>	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil <sup>m</sup> ....	6,099	6,099	
Criminal ....	627	5,371	5,998
Total ....	627	11,470	12,097

Settled ..... 4,296  
Dismissed ..... 23,958  
Transferred ..... 1,924  
Uncontested ..... 41,273

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea .....	10,306
Trial conviction .....	2,467
Total conviction .....	12,773
Acquitted .....	3,531
Dismissed .....	9,066
Transferred .....	2,213
Probable cause found .....	300
No probable cause found .....	367

Guilty plea ..... 10,306

Trial conviction ..... 2,467

Total conviction ..... 12,773

Acquitted ..... 3,531

Dismissed ..... 9,066

Transferred ..... 2,213

Probable cause found ..... 300

No probable cause found ..... 367

Time interval (months)

Cases disposed in	less than 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 to 18 months	18 to 24 months	24 months and over
Civil ....	45,559	1,103	350	115	120	42	83
Criminal ....	402	475	695	678	651	503	1,116
Juvenile <sup>d</sup> ....	211	1,421	1,023	441	204	111	60

less than 1 month ..... 402

1 to 2 months ..... 475

2 to 3 months ..... 695

3 to 4 months ..... 678

4 to 5 months ..... 651

5 to 6 months ..... 503

6 to 7 months ..... 1,116

7 to 10 months ..... 645

10 to 13 months ..... 493

13 to 19 months ..... 340

19 to 25 months ..... 27

and over ..... 20

and over ..... 45

less than 1 month ..... 211

1 to 2 months ..... 1,421

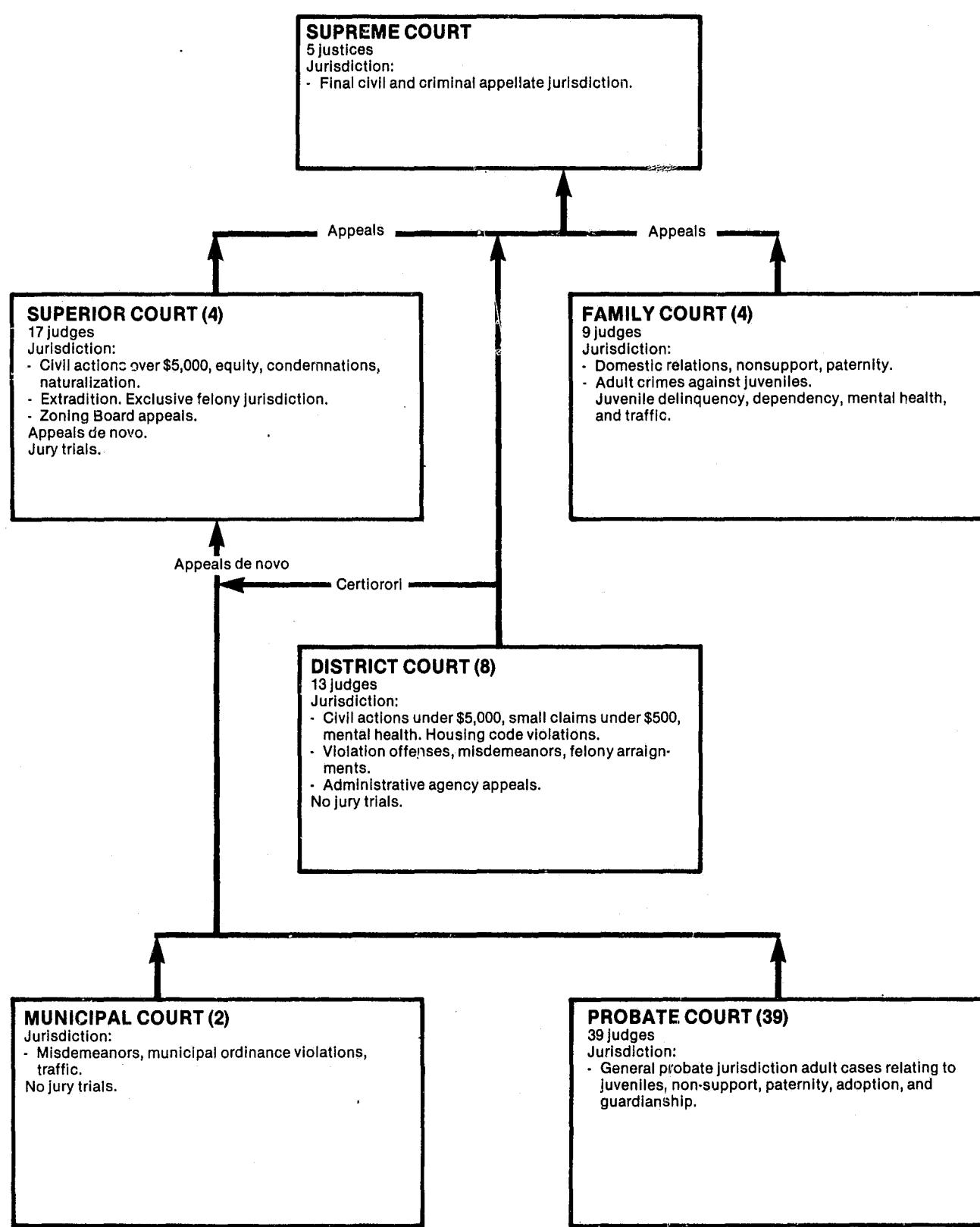
2 to 3 months ..... 1,023

3 to 4 months ..... 441

4 to 5 months ..... 204



## Rhode Island court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
October 1, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	146	X	X
Family Court .....	X	35	X	X
Total .....	X	181	X	X
Criminal .....	X	61	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation .....	X	16	X	X
Total appeals .....	X	258	X	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	31	X	X
Bar disciplinary .....	X	3	X	X
Miscellaneous petitions .....	X	14	X	X
Total.....	X	48	X	X
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Certiorari .....	X	105	X	X
Total other cases .....	X	153	X	X
Total cases .....	355	411	319	447
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Other matters:				
Arbitrator appointments .....	0	10	10	0
Petitions on bar exams .....	0	1	1	0
Total .....	0	11	11	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	11	11	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	153			
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	82			
Order of court .....	4			
Rule 16(g) granted .....	12			

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, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Other civil:				
Civil .....	N/A	5,799	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous petitions .....	N/A	882	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	6,681	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Probate appeals .....	N/A	52	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	6,733	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony:				
Indictments .....	N/A	2,159	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	709 <sup>h</sup>	N/A	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	410 <sup>i</sup>	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	3,277	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments.

<sup>h</sup>Figure 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.

<sup>i</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Criminal appeals filing figure was obtained from District Court data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	19,964	15,431 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A	9,062	6,319 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	29,026	21,750 <sup>j</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor <sup>i</sup> .....	N/A	22,365	22,081	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	6,392	6,108	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	28,757	28,189	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>57,783<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>49,939<sup>j</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Non-jury trial</b>				
Civil .....	2,947	<b>Criminal (felony preliminary) dispositions</b>		
Criminal .....	9,420	Probable cause found .....	2,825	
Total .....	12,367	No probable cause .....	765	
		Dismissal .....	2,300	
		At arraignment .....	218	

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

<sup>d</sup>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 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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Misdemeanor and grand total figures do not include motor vehicle violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation.  
Traffic (motor vehicle) violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation are not included.  
Traffic cases not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division are displayed as misdemeanors.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the court administrator.

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
4 counties, 9 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Absolute divorce .....	N/A	4,396	2,545	N/A
Bed and board .....	N/A	331	39	N/A
Other dispositions of above .....	N/A	—	221	N/A
Adoptions .....	N/A	348	N/A	N/A
Nonsupport of minor children .....	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Bastardy .....	N/A	7	N/A	N/A
Paternity .....	N/A	14	N/A	N/A
Change of name .....	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Other .....	N/A	13	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	5,115	2,805 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	5,115	2,805 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Neglect of children .....	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Neglect to send children to school .....	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Contributing to delinquency of a minor .....	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Battered children (by father) .....	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	12	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	12	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile .....	N/A	697	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	697	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Wayward/delinquent .....	N/A	4,993	N/A	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Diverted to Youth Diversionary Unit .....	N/A	269	N/A	N/A
Battered/abused children .....	N/A	908	N/A	N/A
Termination of parental rights .....	N/A	71	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	111	N/A	N/A
Other Juveniles:				
Child marriages .....	N/A	1,348	N/A	N/A
Other .....	N/A	69	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	26	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	95	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>12,260</b>	<b>2,805<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>

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.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments or complaints.

<sup>i</sup>Data 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 absolute divorce and bed and board only.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

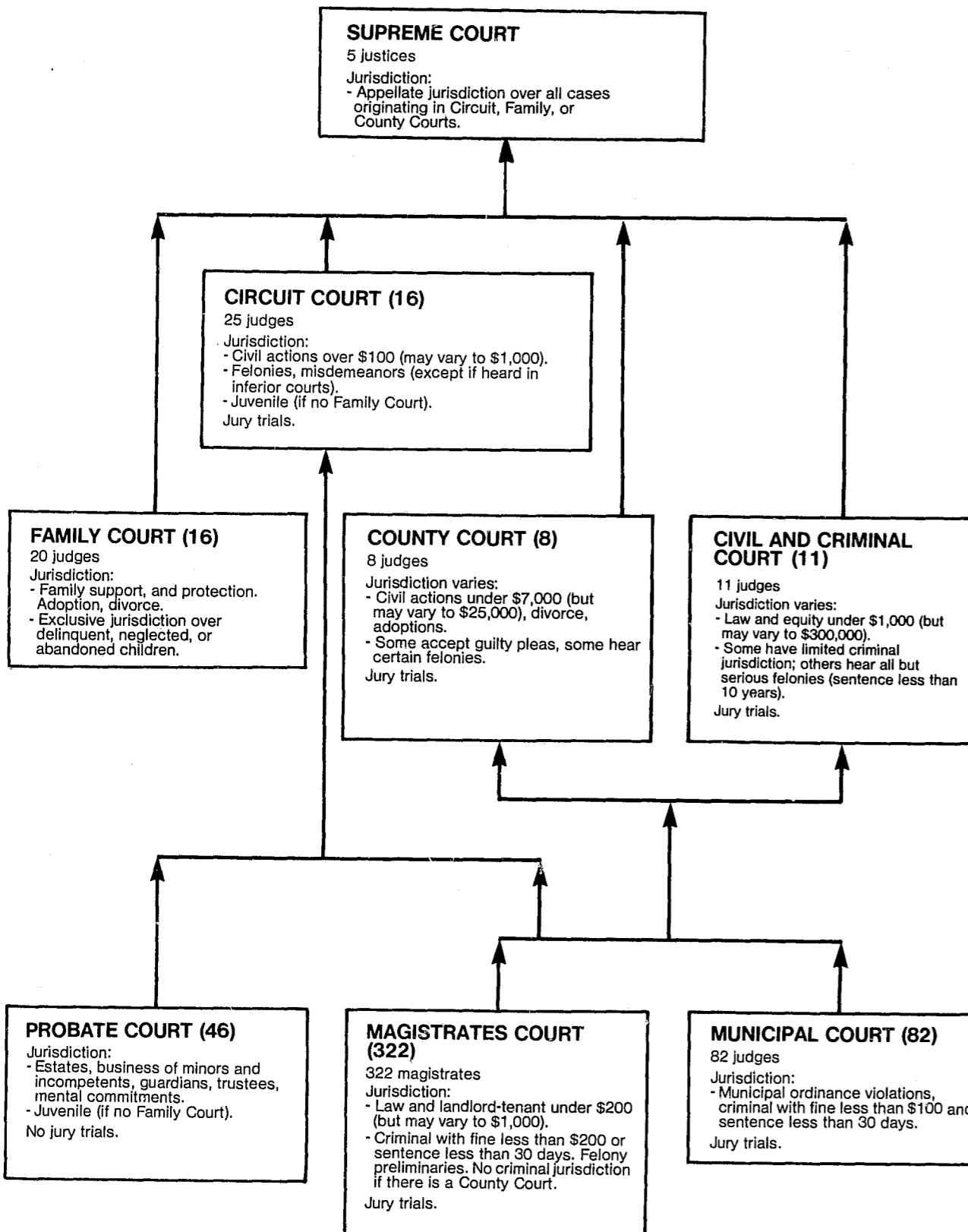
RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
2 courts  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976. 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976. 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, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civilj .....	98	226	178	146
Criminal:				
Criminal .....	22	162	143	41
Postconviction .....	2	15	13	4
Total .....	24	177	156	45
Total appeals .....	122	403	334	191
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings .....	0	3	3	0
Habeas corpus .....	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary .....	0	10	8	2
Total .....	0	13	11	2
Requests to appeal .....	0	13	11	2
Total other cases .....	0	13	11	2
Total cases .....	122	416	345	193
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	0	31	31	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	31	31	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	149			
Affirmed .....	223			
Per curiam .....	51			
Reversed .....	18			
Memorandum .....	126			
Reversed and remanded .....	38			
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	19			
Affirmed and remanded .....	13			
Other .....	1			
Remanded .....	1			
Other .....	52			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....	223			
Reversed .....	18			
Reversed and remanded .....	38			
Affirmed and remanded .....	13			
Remanded .....	1			
Other .....	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.  
jExplanation 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.

SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
16 circuits, 25 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil .....	22,215	25,377	32,214	15,7968
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal .....	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,4158
Total criminal .....	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,4158
Grand totalj .....	33,343	53,925	59,407	28,2118

Triald	Civil dispositions
Civil .....	795
Settlement .....	1,916
Voluntary dismissal .....	5,922
Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit ...	1,358
Default .....	4,870
Transfer .....	465
Final order .....	7,051

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.
A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.
Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions: Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.
jExplanation of data included in the category: Criminal data for felony/misdemeanor, total criminal, and grand total include the criminal cases handled in the County Court and Civil and Criminal Court.
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.

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COURT AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
8 courts, 8 judges; 11 courts, 11 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	15,183	23,065	22,871	14,4068
<b>Criminal<sup>e</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Grand total .....	15,183	23,065	22,871	14,4068
Civil	<u>Trial<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>Civil dispositions</u>		
	587	Settlement ..... 1,287		
		Voluntary dismissal ..... 2,931		
		Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit ... 1,086		
		Default ..... 7,778		
		Transfer ..... 296		
		Final order ..... 5,324		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments.

A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.  
<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
Pending, filed, and disposed figures for total criminal 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<sup>c</sup>  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	X	7,348	X
Legal separation .....	X	X	916	X
Annulment .....	X	X	156	X
Custody .....	X	X	3,083	X
Support .....	X	X	7,678	X
Adoption .....	X	X	1,134	X
All other categories .....	X	X	4,466	X
Total .....	<u>9,850</u>	<u>28,303</u>	<u>24,781</u>	<u>14,0788</u>
Total civil .....	9,850	28,303	24,781	14,0788
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile .....	X	X	1,436	X
Total traffic .....	X	X	1,436	X
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Delinquency .....	X	X	3,132	X
Felony .....	X	X	2,871	X
Misdemeanor .....	X	X	2,987	X
Drug law .....	X	X	592	X
Total .....	X	X	9,582	X
Other juvenile:				
Mental commitment .....	X	X	25	X
Habeas corpus .....	X	X	22	X
Other .....	X	X	1,072	X
Total .....	X	X	1,119	X
Total juvenile .....	X	X	10,701	X
Grand total .....	11,979	42,245	36,918	17,5728

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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:  
Five judge positions were found to be unconstitutional, but were later reinstated.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina court administration office. Statistics were 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	94,758	87,272	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	94,758	87,272	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic .....	N/A	52,283	X	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearings .....	N/A	18,263	18,367	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	70,546	X	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence .....	N/A	10,419	X	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Other .....	N/A	375,343	X	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	385,762	X	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	551,066	541,985	N/A
<b>Criminal (felony preliminary) dispositions</b>				
	<u>Trial<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-jury</u>	<u>Total</u>
Civil .....	91	87,181	87,272	
Criminal and traffic .....	2,565	433,781	436,346	
Total .....	2,656	520,962	523,618	
Preliminary hearing:				
Bound over .....			12,397	
Discharged .....			5,970	

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.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictments.  
A 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

## South Dakota court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

5 justices

Jurisdiction:

- Appellate jurisdiction. Original and remedial writs.

### CIRCUIT COURT (9)

36 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Civil actions, domestic relations, probate.
- Felonies, misdemeanors.
- Juvenile.

Administrative appeals.

Jury trials.

#### LAWYER MAGISTRATES — Division of Circuit Court

10 full-time and 10 part-time magistrates

Jurisdiction:

- Civil actions under \$1,000.
- Small claims, mental health.
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations, preliminary hearings. Committing magistrate, search warrant, arrest warrant. Serve as coroner.

Jury trials.

#### LAY MAGISTRATES — Division of Circuit Court

32 magistrates and 65 clerk/magistrates

Jurisdiction:

- Civil actions and small claims under \$500 (uncontested).
- Guilty pleas for misdemeanors and ordinance violations. Preliminary hearings, search warrant, arrest warrant. Serve as coroner.

No jury trials.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**SOUTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 justices**  
**January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals: Total appeals .....	234 <sup>fh</sup>	255 (4) <sup>e</sup>	223	270
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings: Habeas corpus .....	N/A	X	1	N/A
Mandamus .....	N/A	X	2	N/A
Prohibition .....	N/A	X	5	N/A
Bail .....	N/A	X	5	N/A
Writs .....	N/A	X	1	N/A
Certificate of probable cause .....	N/A	X	1	N/A
Execution stay .....	N/A	X	2	N/A
Attorney suspension .....	N/A	1	1	N/A
Total .....	N/A	15	18	N/A
Requests to appeal: Petition for allowance of appeal .....	N/A	24	18 (4) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	39	36 (4) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	234 <sup>fi</sup>	294 (4) <sup>e</sup>	259 (4) <sup>e</sup>	270 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	2 <sup>h</sup>	23	22	3
Total other proceedings .....	2 <sup>h</sup>	23	22	3

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Opinion ... 152 <sup>m</sup>	Remanded ..... 1
	Orders dismissing appeals ..... 70

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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases 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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

<sup>i</sup>Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

<sup>j</sup>Data are not complete:

<sup>m</sup>Total cases pending do not include original proceedings and requests to appeal.

<sup>n</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

There were 152 cases disposed by 131 opinions.

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.

## Tennessee court system, 1976

### SUPREME COURT

5 justices

Jurisdiction:

- Constitutional issues, workmen's compensation, and state revenue appeals.
- Constitutionality of a statute or ordinance.
- Review of other appeal court decisions.

### COURT OF APPEALS (3)

9 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Hears only civil appeals. All civil except those to Supreme Court.

### COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS (3)

9 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Hears only criminal appeals. Cases under post-conviction procedure act, felonies, misdemeanors.

### CHANCERY COURT (19)

27 chancellors

Jurisdiction:

- Equity cases over \$50, divorce, adoption, and civil cases (except tort).

Appeals de novo.

### LAW AND EQUITY COURT (5)

5 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Law and equity cases over \$50.

Jury trials.

### CIRCUIT COURT (27)

55 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Contracts and demands over \$50 (\$3,000 for some counties), divorce, landlord and tenant, adoption, equity, chancery.

Appeals de novo.  
Jury trials.

### CRIMINAL COURT (12)

25 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Felonies, misdemeanors.
- Appeals de novo.
- Jury trials.

### PROBATE COURT (7)

2 judges,  
1 county judge, 5  
general session  
judges serve

Jurisdiction:  
- Administration of  
estates, probate of  
wills, guardianship.  
No jury trials.

### COUNTY COURT (95)

81 judges,  
20 county chairmen

Jurisdiction:  
- Probate, administration  
of estates, guardianship.  
- Juvenile (if no  
Juvenile Court).  
No jury trials.

### JUVENILE COURT (16)

6 juvenile, 7 general  
session, 1 trial justice,  
and 2 county judges  
serve.

Jurisdiction:  
- Adults contributing  
to delinquency of  
minor.  
- Juvenile.  
No jury trial.

### MUNICIPAL COURT

192 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- City ordinance  
violations (fine less  
than \$50, sentence  
less than 30 days).  
No jury trials.

### GENERAL SESSIONS COURT (93)

70 full-time and 44  
part-time judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil cases under  
\$3,000, landlord and  
tenant. Recovery of  
personal property to  
\$7,500. Equity cases  
under \$750. Some  
courts hear divorce,  
workmen's compensation.  
- Misdemeanors (fine  
less than \$50,  
sentence less than 1 year),  
felony preliminaries.  
- Some courts hear  
juvenile.  
No jury trial.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (2)

2 justices of the peace

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil action under \$3,000.  
- Misdemeanors (fine less than \$50,  
sentence less than 1 year).  
No jury trial.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
<b>Civil:</b>					
Law:					
Civil judgement .....	N/A	N/A	4,565	N/A	
Small claims .....	N/A	N/A	9,296	N/A	
Domestic relations:					
Divorce .....	N/A	N/A	2,405	N/A	
Adoption .....	N/A	N/A	507	N/A	
Total .....	N/A	N/A	2,912	N/A	
Probate:					
Contested probate .....	N/A	N/A	47	N/A	
Mental health .....	N/A	N/A	619	N/A	
Total civil .....	N/A	N/A	17,439	N/A	
<b>Criminal:</b>					
Felony .....	N/A	N/A	2,556	N/A	
Misdemeanor .....	N/A	N/A	10,722	N/A	
Total criminal .....	N/A	N/A	13,278	N/A	
<b>Juvenile:</b>					
Delinquency .....	N/A	3,465	3,337	N/A	
Dependency and neglect .....	N/A	86	N/A	N/A	
Status offenses:					
Child in need of supervision .....	N/A	659	635	N/A	
Total juvenile .....	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	
Grand total .....	N/A	4,210 <sup>1</sup>	34,689 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	
Trial <sup>d</sup>					
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions	
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	111	489	600	Guilty plea .....	8,623
Criminal .....	281	633	914	Trial conviction .....	726
Total .....	392	1,122	1,514	Acquited .....	188
				Dismissal .....	1,828
				At preliminary hearing .....	1,913

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>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 is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Circuit Court figures do not include data for the Lay Magistrates or Lawyer Magistrates Division of the Circuit Court.  
Total juvenile and grand total disposition figures do not include dependency and neglect dispositions.

Grand total filed figure includes juvenile filings only.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial data include only trials in civil judgment cases.

Source: Court Administrator's Office, "Combined 1975-1976 Judicial Annual Report" (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law .....	N/A	104 (X) <sup>e</sup>	X	N/A
Equity .....	N/A	128 (X) <sup>e</sup>	X	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	232 (X) <sup>e</sup>	X	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	14 (X) <sup>e</sup>	X	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	246 (81) <sup>e</sup>	308	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari:				
Civil .....	N/A	258	N/A (X) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	393	N/A (X) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total .....	N/A	651	N/A (81) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	651	N/A (81) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
Total cases .....	N/A	897 (81) <sup>e</sup>	308 (81) <sup>e</sup>	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	244	Dismissed .....	20	
Transferred .....	33	Remanded .....	11	

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.

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

<sup>e</sup>Cases 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 appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total cases disposed do not include requests to appeal.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF APPEALS<sup>a</sup>  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 divisions, 9 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law .....	N/A	368	X	N/A
Equity .....	N/A	323	X	N/A
Probate .....	N/A	3	X	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	694	688	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	N/A	694	688	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	595	Dismissed .....	71	
Transferred .....	18	Remanded .....	8	

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

This court has civil jurisdiction only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS<sup>a</sup>  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 divisions, 9 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Criminal .....				
Total appeals .....				
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....				
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....				
Transferred .....				
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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

This court has criminal jurisdiction only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CIRCUIT COURT AND CRIMINAL COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
27 circuits, 55 judges<sup>c</sup>; 12 circuits, 25 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....			X	6,656
Non-auto tort .....			X	4,969
Property rights:				
Condemnations .....			X	537
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....			X	18,550
Petitions .....			X	7,403
Adoptions .....			X	818
Total .....			X	26,771
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation .....			X	2,512
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous .....			X	5,912
Total civil .....				29,642 <sup>f</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....				13,183 <sup>f</sup>
Misdemeanor .....				3,760 <sup>f</sup>
Total criminal .....				16,943 <sup>f</sup>
Grand total .....				46,585 <sup>f</sup>
<b>Jury trial<sup>d</sup></b>				
Civil .....				2,532

**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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

The circuit judges also hear chancery cases in the 11 counties with no Chancery Court.

<sup>d</sup>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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE LAW AND EQUITY COURT<sup>b</sup>  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 5 courts, 5 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Auto tort .....	X	343	341	X
Non-auto tort .....	X	195	189	X
Contract .....	X	177	144	X
Property rights:				
Partitions .....	X	181	180	X
Land .....	X	44	51	X
Condemnations .....	X	34	26	X
Total .....	X	259	257	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	2,120	2,159	X
Petitions .....	X	635	599	X
Adoptions .....	X	191	171	X
Total .....	X	2,946	2,929	X
Probate:				
Conservatorship and probate .....	X	170	135	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation .....	X	238	223	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous .....	X	519	323	X
Total civil .....	3,128 <sup>f</sup> h	4,847	4,541	3,434
Grand total .....	3,128 <sup>f</sup> h	4,847	4,541	3,434

Jury trial<sup>d</sup>  
 Civil ..... 96

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.

<sup>b</sup>Precise court or reporting system information:  
 Data for separate Equity Courts in Dyer and Gibson Counties are included.

<sup>c</sup>Case definition or unit of count:  
 A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>e</sup>Figure was computed:  
 Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CHANCERY COURT  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 19 chancery divisions, 27 chancellors<sup>c</sup>  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Contract .....	X	3,266	3,762	X
Property rights:				
Land cases .....	X	1,092	858	X
Partitions .....	X	517	475	X
Total .....	X	1,609	1,333	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	14,056	13,262	X
Petitions .....	X	2,622	2,666	X
Adoptions .....	X	1,362	1,421	X
Total .....	X	18,040	17,349	X
Probate:				
Conservatorship and probate .....	X	1,306	1,186	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation .....	X	1,972	1,913	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous .....	X	4,805	4,748	X
Total civil .....	17,110 <sup>f</sup> h	30,998	30,291	17,317
Grand total .....	17,110 <sup>f</sup> h	30,998	30,291	17,817

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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:  
 Circuit judges hear chancery cases in 11 counties with no Chancery Court.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>f</sup>Figure was computed:  
 Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 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 serve  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 95 counties; 81 judges, and 20 county chairmen  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE JUVENILE COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 16 courts; 6 juvenile judges, 7 general session judges, 1 trial justice, and 2 county judges serve  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Juvenile Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 93 counties; 70 full-time and 44 part-time judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the General Sessions Court for 1976.

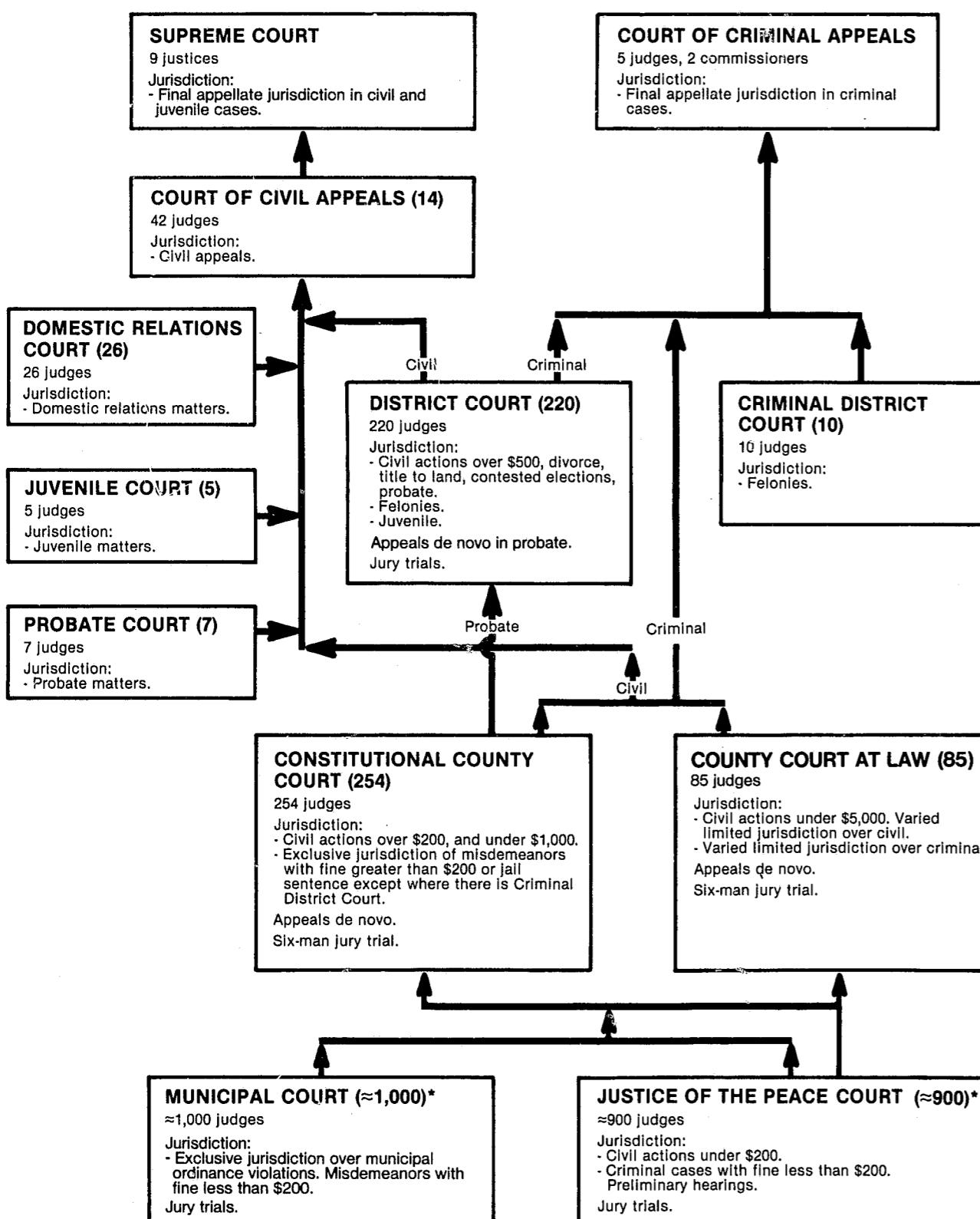
TENNESSEE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 2 courts, 2 justices of peace  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL COURT  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 192 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

## Texas court system, 1976



\*Some Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts may appeal to the District Court.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT<sup>a</sup>  
Court of last resort  
9 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	26	111	107	30
Total appeals .....	26	111	107	30
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	0	11	11	0
Mandamus (civil) .....	2	86	84	4
Mandamus (criminal) .....	30	171	152	49
Total .....	32	268	247	53
Requests to appeal:				
Writ of error .....	96	693	667	122
Total other cases .....	128	961	914	175
Total cases .....	154	1,072	1,021	205
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests <sup>j</sup> .....	18	298	302	14
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous motions .....	--	36	36	--
Total other proceedings .....	18	334	338	14
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	108 <sup>m</sup>			
Per curiam .....	7			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....		24		
Affirmed judgment of trial court .....		16		
Reversed .....		15		
Reversed and remanded .....		24		
Dismissed .....		12		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Not applicable.

Court jurisdiction:  
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases only.

Explanation 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.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, *48th Annual Report 1976* (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS<sup>a</sup>  
 Court of last resort  
 5 judges, 2 commissioners  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal .....	696	2,458	X	X
Reinstated criminal .....	--	88	X	X
Total .....	696	2,546	2,167	1,075
Total appeals .....	696	2,546	2,167	1,075
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	27	1,156	1,092	91 <sup>b</sup>
Requests to appeal .....	27	1,156	1,092	91
Total other cases .....	27	1,156	1,092	91
Total cases .....	723	3,702	3,259	1,166
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	0	299	299	0
Total other proceedings .....	0	299	299	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	558 <sup>m</sup>			
Per curiam .....	1,619			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....		1,646		
Reformed and affirmed .....		43		
Dismissed .....		171		
Reversed and remanded .....		109		
Reversed .....		26		
Remanded .....		8		
Abated .....		121		

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.

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for criminal cases only.

<sup>b</sup>Figure was computed:

End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data. There were 64 of the 91 habeas corpus petitions under consideration at year end.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS<sup>a</sup>  
 Intermediate appellate court  
 14 divisions, 42 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	847	1,824	1,717	978 <sup>b</sup>
Total appeals .....	847	1,824	1,717	978 <sup>b</sup>
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	847	1,824	1,717	978 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	1,480 <sup>m</sup>			
Per curiam .....	2			
<b>Disposition of appeals</b>				
Affirmed .....		751	Filing to disposition .....	5.5
Reversed and rendered .....		139		
Reversed and remanded .....		257	Age of pending cases	
Modified and affirmed .....		41	Under 6 months .....	782
Partially affirmed .....		79	6 to 12 months .....	179
Dismissed .....		277	Over 12 months .....	17

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

<sup>a</sup>Court jurisdiction:

The Courts of Civil Appeals have civil jurisdiction only.

<sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report. There were 24 rehearings reported by the office of the court administrator as being granted and counted as new cases.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COURT, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT,  
 DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT, AND JUVENILE COURT  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 261 courts, 261 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>j</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury .....		26,151	17,540	15,220
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....		72,201	118,017	114,631
Annulment .....		798	1,667	1,608
Nonadversary <sup>j</sup> .....		9,356	18,862	18,412
Total .....		82,355	138,547	134,651
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation .....		6,049	7,719	6,108
Tax .....		55,502	22,822	58,892
Total .....		61,551	30,541	55,552
Other civil .....		99,268	81,381	70,921
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....		817	4,592	4,223
Total civil .....		270,142	272,601	250,555
Total criminal .....		68,812	78,317	77,370
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal categories .....		57,284	64,701	66,057
Misdemeanor .....		4,995	6,053	5,573
Other criminal:				
Contempt, extradition .....		466	1,090	864
Bond forfeitures .....		5,573	5,162	6,917
Total .....		6,039	6,252	7,609
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction habeas corpus .....		494	1,311	1,056
Total criminal .....		68,812	78,317	77,370
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....		X	8,280	X
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision .....		X	1,022	X
Other juvenile .....		X	1,729	X
Total juvenile .....		5,328	11,031	11,411
Grand total .....		344,282	361,949	339,336
<b>Trial</b>				
Jury	Non-jury	Directed verdict <sup>j</sup>	Total	Default judgment .....
Civil .....	125,997	615	130,085	15,079
Criminal .....	40,354	37	43,754	19,826
Juvenile .....	6,295	91	6,533	2,091
Total .....	172,646	743	180,372	37,249
<b>Civil dispositions</b>				
Agreed judgment .....				Dismissed for want of prosecution .....
Complete summary judgment .....				Dismissed by plaintiff .....
Guilty plea .....				35,900
Total convictions .....				37,249
Acquittal .....				35,900
Transfer .....				1,425
Dismissal .....				26,897
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
Guilty plea .....				39,970
Total convictions .....				49,001
Acquittal .....				784
Transfer .....				1,425
Dismissal .....				26,897

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<sup>j</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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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 are counted as trials.

Explanation 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.

Directed verdict cases are counted as jury trials on the charts in Part I of this report.

Total convictions include felony convictions and lesser offense convictions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COUNTY COURT AT LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT, AND PROBATE COURT<sup>1</sup>  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 ~ 85 courts, 85 judges; 254 courts, 254 judges; 7 courts, 7 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Other civil .....	57,863	41,756	40,960	58,659
Auto tort:				
Auto damage .....	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171
Contract:				
Suit on debt .....	38,073	25,112	23,326	39,859
Property rights:				
Condemnation .....	1,978	359	499	1,838
Probate .....	N/A	54,925	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	111,355 <sup>i</sup>	131,036	72,939 <sup>i</sup>	114,527 <sup>i</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Worthless checks .....	64,285	30,687	27,228	67,797
Marijuana .....	10,039	23,629	21,300	12,368
Other criminal .....	82,435	75,325	96,988	99,501
Total <sup>j</sup> Criminal .....	156,759	129,641 <sup>j</sup>	145,516	179,666
Appeals .....	( <sup>j</sup> )	38,782 <sup>j</sup>	( <sup>j</sup> )	( <sup>j</sup> )
Total criminal .....	156,759	168,423	145,516	179,666
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated .....	42,399	69,222	66,698	44,923
Total traffic .....	42,399	69,222	66,698	44,923
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	X	1,131	X	X
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision .....	X	165	X	X
Total juvenile .....	1,090	1,296	1,262	1,124
Grand total <sup>i</sup> .....	311,603 <sup>i</sup>	369,977	286,415 <sup>i</sup>	340,240 <sup>i</sup>

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Jury	Non-jury	Total		Civil dispositions		Traffic dispositions	
Civil .....	1,040	2,740		3,780		Dismissal .....	31,605		
Criminal .....	1,137	1,866		3,003		Default or agreed judgments .....	35,500		
Traffic .....	590	643		1,233					
Total .....	2,767	5,249		8,016					
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>									
Guilty/nolo contendere plea .....	64,059					Plea of guilty/nolo contendere .....	54,602		
Trial convictions .....	1,676					Trial convictions .....	855		
Acquittal .....	1,218					Acquittal .....	487		
Dismissal .....	67,076					Dismissal .....	9,503		

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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.
<sup>d</sup> Case 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 it is tried to verdict or decision.
<sup>i</sup> Data are not complete: In the calendar year 1976, clerks in 242 counties reported data for all 12 months, 3 others reported fewer than 12 months' activities, and 9 submitted no reports at all. On a statewide basis 2,923 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 probate cases. Filings are for all categories.
<sup>j</sup> Explanation of data included in the category: Misdemeanor totals include appeal dispositions and pending cases. Appeal filings are separated from the misdemeanor cases.
Source: Texas Judicial Council, <u>48th Annual Report 1976</u> (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>i</sup>  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 ~ 1,000 courts, ~1,000 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic .....	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A
Total criminal <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking .....	N/A	2,401,179	1,178,152	N/A
Other traffic violations .....	N/A	2,121,974	2,068,481	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	4,523,153	3,246,633	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	4,958,513	3,607,583	N/A

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Jury	Non-jury	Total		Criminal dispositions		Traffic dispositions	
Criminal ....	550	60,735	61,285			Trial convictions ...	43,205	Trial convictions .	130,051
Traffic ....	1,851	188,752	190,603			Acquittal .....	18,080	Acquittal .....	60,552
Total ....	2,401	249,487	251,888			Dismissal .....	40,156	Dismissal .....	304,548

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or complaint.  
A trial is counted if it is tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Data reported here represent 2,064 Municipal Court reports out of a possible 2,568.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

There were 3,369 felony complaints accepted and 60 examining trials conducted.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT<sup>i</sup>  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 ~ 900 courts, ~900 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed <sup>i</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	N/A	153,537	123,282	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	153,537	123,282	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic .....	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic .....	N/A	918,076	825,442	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	1,316,623	1,108,207	N/A

	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Jury	Non-jury	Total		Civil dispositions		Traffic dispositions	
Civil ....	529	39,819	40,348			Settlement .....	49,554	Trial convictions ...	79,183
Criminal ....	523	28,819	29,342			Acquittal .....	2,689	Acquittal .....	4,583
Traffic ....	2,154	81,612	83,766			Dismissal .....	26,377	Dismissal .....	30,093
Total ....	3,206	150,250	153,456			Bond forfeitures .....	3,272	Bond forfeitures .....	12,187
						Payments of fine .....	100,492	Payments of fine .....	699,396

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

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

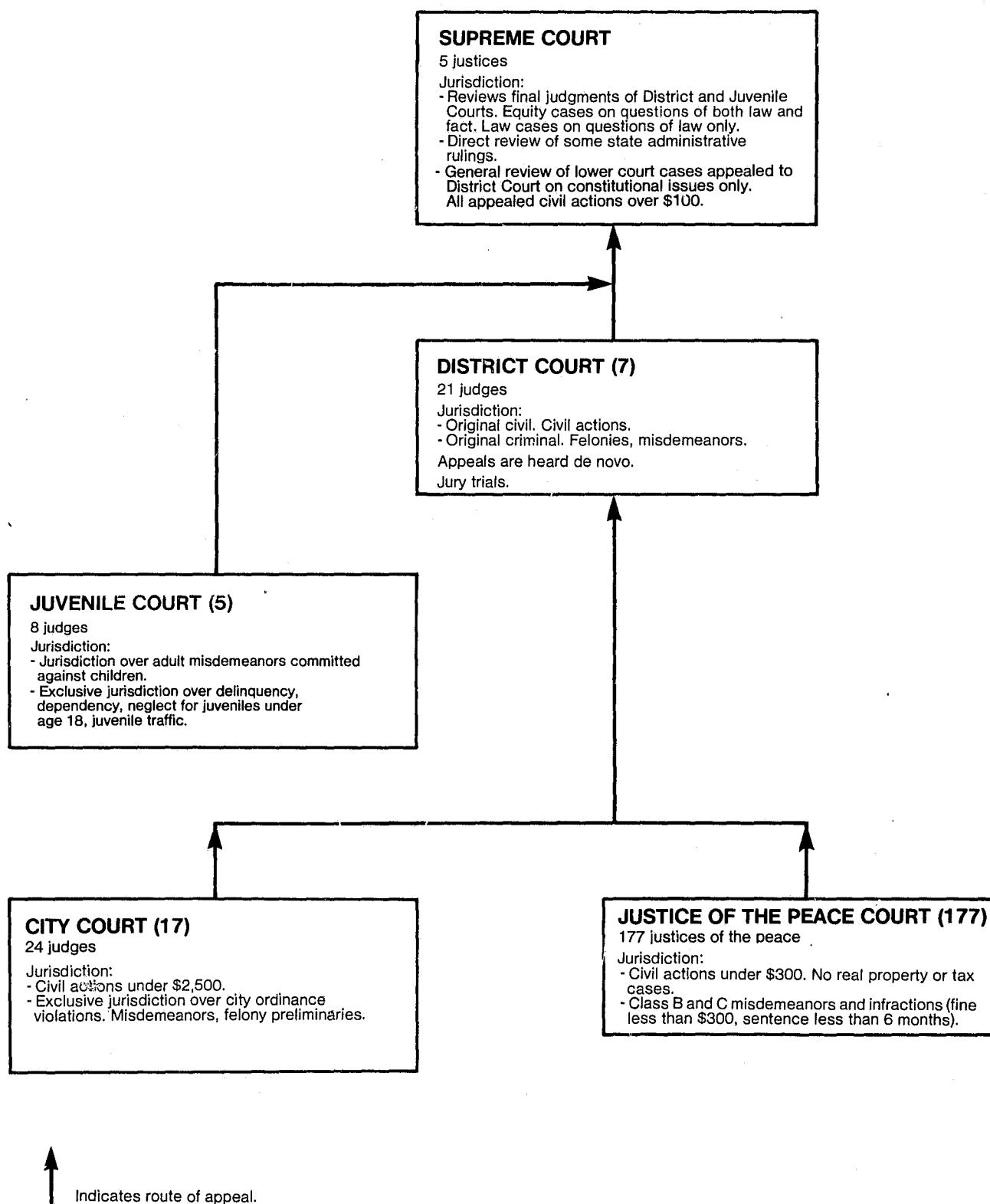
A trial is counted if it is tried to verdict or decision.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Data reported here represent 7,501 Justice of the Peace Court reports out of a possible 10,884.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Utah court system, 1976



UTAH SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil: .....	N/A	327	X	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	111	X	N/A
Other appeals:				
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	118	X	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	356	274 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....	N/A	556	274 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Law and motions .....	--	213	213	--
Total other proceedings .....	--	213	213	--
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Opinion .....	181			
Dismissal.....	93			

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.

<sup>1</sup>Data are not complete.  
Total appeals and total cases disposed include only those cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:  
Miscellaneous cases include appeals from interlocutory orders, juvenile matters, and writs of review.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the National Center for State Courts' Western Regional Office (from a current study it is conducting for the Utah Supreme Court). Statistics are from these unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
7 districts, 21 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury .....	X	809	X	X
Property rights:				
Eminent domain .....	X	106	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce .....	X	8,815	X	X
Probate .....	1,887 <sup>f</sup>	3,226	2,848	2,265
Mental health .....	X	648	750	X
Other civil:				
Complaints <sup>j</sup> .....	X	11,466	X	X
Appeals .....	X	113	84	X
Extraordinary writs <sup>j</sup> :				
Writs .....	X	350	X	X
Total civil .....	15,678 <sup>f</sup>	25,533	22,638	18,573
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories .....	X	2,520	2,120	X
Appeals .....	X	548	374	X
Total criminal .....	287 <sup>f</sup>	3,068	2,494	861
Grand total .....	15,965 <sup>f</sup>	28,601	25,132	19,434

Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions		Criminal dispositions		
			0 to 2 months	3 to 5 months	6 to 11 months	12 to 17 months	18 months and over
Civil ...	253	1,781	2,034	Clerk judgment .....	834	Pleas of guilty .....	1,268
Criminal ..	340	146	486	Summary judgment .....	1,122	Dismissed .....	367
Total ....	593	1,927	2,520	Defaults .....	8,383		
			Dismissed .....	6,490			
<b>Time interval (months)</b>							
<b>Civil:</b>							
Complaint to trial:							
Jury .....	3	20	70	81	91		
Non-jury .....	149	467	536	289	273		
Request to trial:							
Jury .....	13	52	119	54	13		
Non-jury .....	410	617	436	130	48		
0 to 1 months	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 4 months	4 months and over			
<b>Criminal:</b>							
Complaint to trial:							
Jury .....	14	75	86	69	102		
Non-jury .....	20	34	48	32	43		
Bound-over to trial:							
Jury .....	55	114	88	50	40		
Non-jury .....	38	59	34	24	16		

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<sup>d</sup>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, 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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

    Complaints (other civil) include filings not set forth in other categories, e.g., Uniform Enforcement of Support Act.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUVENILE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
5 districts, 8 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>J</sup>	Disposed <sup>J</sup>	End pending
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult referrals .....	N/A	238	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	238	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--juvenile .....	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency:				
Criminal .....	N/A	14,200	17,550	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency, neglect .....	N/A	1,622	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Children in need of supervision .....	N/A	6,660	7,847	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	22,482	25,397 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	36,378	25,397 <sup>i</sup>	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.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total juvenile and grand total disposed figures do not include data from adult referrals, dependency and neglect, and traffic cases.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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, 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Vermont court system, 1976

UTAH CITY COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
17 courts, 24 judges  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	7,220	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Complaints .....	N/A	16,444	X	N/A
New trials .....	N/A	41	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	16,485	X	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	23,705	20,384	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Misdemeanor:				
State .....	N/A	8,320	X	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
City .....	N/A	15,353	X	N/A
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	(j)	5,038	N/A
Other criminal:				
New trials .....	N/A	9	X	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	23,682	24,190	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking .....	N/A	323,779	X	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving .....	N/A	118,211	X	N/A
Nonmoving .....	N/A	23,914	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	142,125	X	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	465,904	425,682	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	513,291	470,256	N/A

	Trial <sup>d</sup>				
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total		
Civil .....	33	2,304	2,337		
Criminal .....	137	3,445	3,582		
Traffic .....	250	6,158	6,408		
Total .....	420	11,907	12,327		
	Time interval (months/days)				
	0 to 2 months	3 to 4 months	5 to 6 months	7 to 8 months	9 months and over
<b>Civil:</b>					
Complaint to trial:					
Jury .....	0	1	3	1	20
Non-jury .....	850	129	295	206	719
Request to trial:					
Jury .....	1	2	0	1	1
Non-jury .....	383	277	45	10	6
	0 to 30 days				
	31 to 45 days	46 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 days and over	
<b>Criminal:</b>					
Age at disposition:					
Jury .....	27	26	40	34	17
Non-jury .....	874	1,908	419	120	84
Felony preliminary .....	1,165	3,219	606	18	30
	Traffic dispositions				
	Guilty pleas .....	Bail forfeitures .....	Bound over .....	Dismissal .....	
	8,280	3,834	2,308	6,186	
	Guilty pleas .....	Bail forfeitures .....	Bound over .....	Dismissal .....	
	43,509	369,585	6,180		
	Guilty pleas .....	Bail forfeitures .....	Bound over .....	Dismissal .....	
	50	54	83	33	39
	Guilty pleas .....	Bail forfeitures .....	Bound over .....	Dismissal .....	
	2,354	2,726	672	184	179

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
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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.

<sup>d</sup>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, 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.

Explanation of data included in the category:  
State case filings include felony preliminary hearings and state misdemeanors.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
177 courts, 177 justices of the peace  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1976.

### SUPREME COURT

5 justices  
Jurisdiction:  
- Final appellate jurisdiction over writs of error.

### SUPERIOR COURT (14)

7 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions over \$200, title to real estate, domestic relations.  
- Original criminal (mostly felony).  
Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (15)

11 judges  
Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$5,000 (except title to real estate).  
- Criminal cases with penalty less than life imprisonment.  
- Exclusive juvenile jurisdiction.  
Jury trials.

### PROBATE COURT (19)

Jurisdiction:  
- Exclusive probate, guardianship, and adoption jurisdiction.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	X	283	265	X
Criminal .....	X	51	56	X
Other appeals:				
Small claims .....	X	0	4	X
Traffic .....	X	0	4	X
Juvenile .....	X	5	5	X
Postconviction	X	2	3	X
Habeas corpus	X	2	4	X
Bail .....	X	8	5	X
Total .....	X	17	25	X
Total appeals .....	286	351	346	291
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	1	1	X
Disciplinary .....	X	2	3	X
Extraordinary relief .....	X	11	9	X
Other .....	X	1	1	X
Total .....	1	15	14	2
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....		1	15	14
Total cases .....	287	366	360	293
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions requesting reargument .....		3	12	15
Total other proceedings .....	3	12	15	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
<b>Disposition of appeals<sup>m</sup></b>				
Written opinion .....	121	Affirmed .....	65	
Per curiam .....	23	Reversed .....	13	
By court order .....	103	Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....	5	
Stipulation by parties .....	113	Dismissed .....	7	
		Reversed and remanded .....	38	
		Dismissed and remanded .....	2	
		Remanded .....	2	
		Affirmed and remanded .....	1	
		Vacated in part and remanded .....	2	
		Certified questions answered .....	5	
		Vacated and judgment made by court .....	1	
<b>Age of pending cases</b>				
<b>Appeals      Original proceedings</b>				
Under 6 months .....	139	2		
6+ to 12 months .....	94	0		
12+ to 18 months .....	42	0		
18+ to 24 months .....	11	0		
24+ to 30 months .....	4	0		
30+ to 36 months .....	1	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.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

The disposition types for appeals are for cases closed by written opinion.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976* (Montpelier, Vermont). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
14 counties, 7 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	3,881	3,537	3,258	4,160
Domestic relations:				
Matrimonial .....	2,402	2,798	2,717	2,483
Appeals:				
Miscellaneous .....	496	332	342	486
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	-5	24	18	11
Total civil .....	6,784	6,691	6,335	7,140
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....	11	37	26	22
Misdemeanor .....	0	4	4	0
Appeals .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction remedies .....	8	18	23	3
Total criminal .....	19	59	53	25
Grand total .....	6,803	6,750	6,388	7,165
<b>Civil dispositions<sup>m</sup></b>				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil <sup>m</sup> .....	83	570	653	Default judgment .... 514
Criminal .....	8	1	9	Consent judgment .... 386
Total .....	91	571	662	Summary judgment .... 11 Nolle prossse .... 2,036
<b>Criminal dispositions</b>				
	Civil	Matrimonial	Miscellaneous	Criminal(felony)
Under 3 months .....	(n)	(n)	(n)	4
3+ to 6 months .....	(n)	(n)	(n)	15
6+ to 12 months .....	(n)	(n)	(n)	3
Under 12 months .....	2,311	1,929	241	22
12+ to 24 months .....	1,334	477	157	0
24+ to 36 months .....	403	72	43	0
Over 36 months .....	112	5	45	0

**Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the NCSP.**

<sup>d</sup>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 if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Miscellaneous cases include both civil and criminal appeals as well as some habeas corpus and postconviction remedies.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials and civil dispositions include data only for law and appeal cases. They do not include data for matrimonial or habeas corpus cases.

<sup>n</sup>Time interval or age of pending data:

The data for civil, matrimonial, and miscellaneous 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 December 31, 1976* (Montpelier, Vermont).

Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT DISTRICT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
15 circuits, 11 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Law:				
Civil .....	4,377	2,964	3,518	3,823
Small claims .....	9,256	8,896	13,308	4,844
Domestic relations:				
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act cases .....	1,561	637	466	1,732
Mental health:				
Mentally ill commitments .....	19	371	341	49
Total civil .....	15,213	12,868	17,633	10,448
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....	1,001 <sup>f</sup>	2,304	2,219	1,086
Misdemeanor .....	3,547 <sup>f</sup>	14,624	14,581	3,590
Total criminal .....	4,548 <sup>f</sup>	16,928	16,800	4,676
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	2,396	37,091	37,006	2,481
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	255	1,020	1,103	172
Grand total .....	22,412 <sup>f</sup>	67,907	72,542	17,777

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### Vermont District Court (continued)

	Jury	Trial <sup>d</sup>	Non-jury	Total
Civil	3	1,005	1,008	
Criminal	130	87	217	
Traffic	16	371	387	
Total	149	1,463	1,612	

#### Civil dispositions<sup>e</sup>

Law:	
Voluntary dismissal .....	1,387
Default judgment .....	1,571
Dismissed by judge .....	395
Small claims:	
Settled/discontinued/ dismissed/summary judgment ....	12,453

#### Criminal dispositions

Civil (law)	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic	
Under 3 months .....	(n)	427	1,568	(n)
3+ to 6 months .....	(n)	270	671	(n)
Under 6 months .....	(n)	697	2,239	1,454
6+ to 12 months .....	(n)	217	668	611
Plea .....				32,534
Under 12 months .....	2,004	914	2,907	2,065
12+ to 24 months .....	935	123	563	338
24+ to 36 months .....	538	39	99	60
Over 36 months .....	346	10	21	18
				Nolle prosequi .....
				2,706
				Vehicles <sup>m</sup> (noncompliance) .....

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSO.

<sup>d</sup>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, indictments, or complaints.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>f</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Referral to Department of Motor Vehicles was used the last quarter of the year only.  
Civil trials and civil dispositions include data only for law and small claims cases.

<sup>g</sup>Time 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.  
Traffic age of pending cases under 3 months and 3+ to 6 months are listed as under 6 months.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont).  
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

### VERMONT PROBATE COURT Court of limited jurisdiction 19 circuits January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions .....	132	492	504	120
Change of name .....	12	162	155	19
Vital records .....	95	447	437	105
Pre-marriage matters .....	0	619	619	0
Total .....	239	1,720	1,715	244
Probate:				
Decedent estates and testamentary trusts .....	4,382	2,071	2,020	4,5438
Gifts to minors .....	2	9	11	0
Guardianship .....	2,998	715	414	3,4418
Cemeteries .....	0	1	1	0
Total .....	7,382	2,796	2,446	7,9848
Mental health:				
Alcohol and drug commitments .....	0	7	5	2
Total civil .....	7,621	4,523	4,166	8,2308
Grand total .....	7,621	4,523	4,166	8,2308

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSO.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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

<sup>e</sup>Change 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. Numbers are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

### SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Jurisdiction:  
- Final appellate jurisdiction.  
- Judicial censure, retirement, and removal.

### CIRCUIT COURT (30)

104 judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions over \$500. Cases in which the state is a party (in city of Richmond).  
- Criminal cases for which person can be sentenced to the state penitentiary.

Appeals de novo.  
Jury trials.

### DISTRICT COURT (31)

151.8 full-time equivalent judges

Jurisdiction:  
- Civil actions under \$5,000.  
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations, traffic, felony preliminaries.  
No jury trials.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Petitions to appeal granted:				
Civil .....	X	(124) <sup>e</sup>	X	X
Criminal .....	X	( 81) <sup>e</sup>	X	X
Other:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	( 1) <sup>e</sup>	X	X
Total appeals .....	103 <sup>f</sup>	(206) <sup>e</sup>	220	1128
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Write:				
Habeas corpus .....	X	X	139	X
Mandamus .....	X	X	29	X
Prohibition .....	X	X	6	X
Total .....	34	X	174	61
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions to appeal:				
Withdraw .....	X	X	39	X
Civil .....	136	X	316 (124) <sup>e</sup>	197
Criminal .....	220	X	790 ( 81) <sup>e</sup>	210
Habeas corpus .....	8	X	35 ( 1) <sup>e</sup>	11
Total .....	364	X	1,180 (206) <sup>e</sup>	418 <sup>g</sup>
Total other cases .....	398 <sup>f</sup>	1,672	1,354 (206) <sup>e</sup>	479 <sup>g</sup>
Total cases .....	501 <sup>f</sup>	1,672 (206) <sup>e</sup>	1,574 (206) <sup>e</sup>	591 <sup>g</sup>
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	61	64	N/A
Other matters:				
Orders to show cause or respond .....	--	--	160	--
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	61	224	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	172	Affirmed .....	96	
By order .....	48	Reversed and remanded .....	76	
Withdrawn .....	39	Petition refused .....	1,141	
<b>Disposition of cases</b>				

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.

<sup>e</sup>Cases 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.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
30 circuits, 104 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law .....	30,386 <sup>fh</sup>	26,584	24,909	33,061
Equity .....	52,393 <sup>fh</sup>	37,392	38,165	51,620
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total civil .....	82,779 <sup>fi</sup>	63,976	63,074	83,681
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	7,737 <sup>fh</sup>	23,772	23,252	8,257
Misdemeanor .....	4,437 <sup>fh</sup>	19,071	18,998	4,510
Appeals .....	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total criminal .....	12,174 <sup>fh</sup>	42,843	42,250	12,767
Grand total .....	94,953 <sup>fh</sup>	106,819	105,324	96,448
		Jury	Trial	
Civil .....	2,132 <sup>m</sup>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	1,876	22,026	23,902	
Misdemeanor .....	725	17,001	17,726	
Total .....	2,601	39,027	41,628	
Total .....	4,733	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.

<sup>d</sup>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 indictment.

A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

A nonjury trial is counted when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Criminal nonjury trials include cases disposed after a guilty plea is entered.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending figures.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Total civil and total criminal data include appeals cases.

<sup>m</sup>Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil jury trials include only data for law cases.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
31 districts, 151.8 full-time equivalent judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	N/A	51,531	47,319	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil .....	N/A	349,394	345,055	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	400,925	392,374	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Criminal .....	N/A	264,557	260,163	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	264,557	260,163	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	820,859	802,955	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	111,675	103,414	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	1,598,016	1,558,906	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.

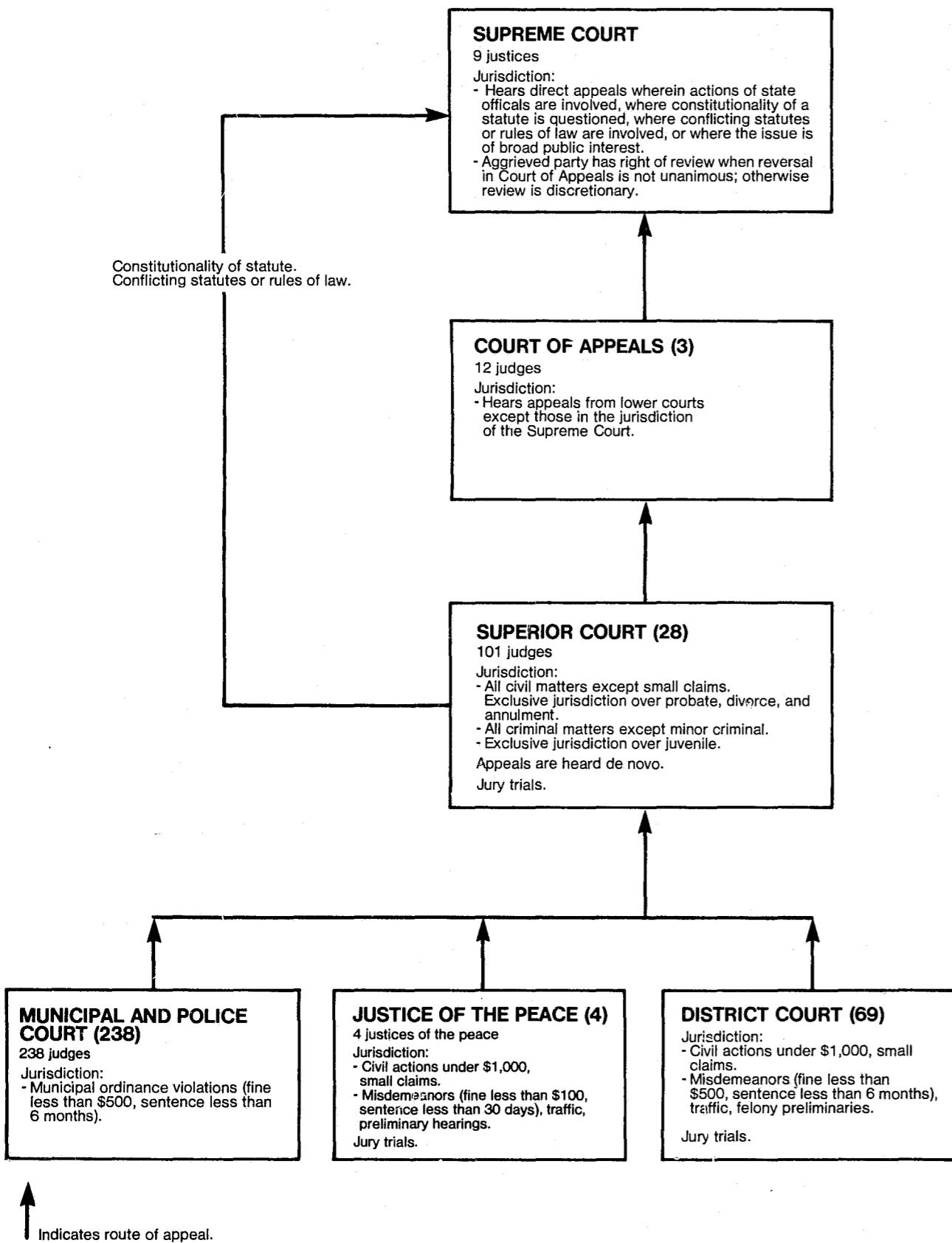
<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

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 indictment or complaint.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Washington court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
9 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	123fl	154	123	154 <sup>1</sup>
Criminal .....	26fl	46	28	44 <sup>1</sup>
Total appeals .....	149	200	151	198
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Personal restraint .....	6	32	32 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>
Disciplinary proceedings .....	4	5	6	3
Total .....	10	37	38	9
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil .....	32	107	97	42
Criminal .....	25fl	125	90	60 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	57	232	187	102
Motions for discretionary review .....	25fl	120	119 <sup>1</sup>	26 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	82fl	352	306 <sup>1</sup>	128 <sup>1</sup>
Total other cases .....	92	389	344	137
Total cases .....	241	589	495	335
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	156			
Order .....	232			
Transfer .....	43			
Dismissed .....	61			
		Time interval (months)	Median	Mean
		Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected .....	3.5	4.1
		Date perfected to date argued .....	2.5	4.0
		Date argued to filing of opinion .....	6.0	5.0
		Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed .....	12.0	13.1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>1</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

Figures were revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data.

Pending appeals and criminal petitions for review are as revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Personal restraint and motions for discretionary review dispositions and end pending figures were provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, *20th Annual Report 1976* (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON COURT OF APPEALS  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 divisions, 12 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	1,110fl	1,017	974	1,153
Criminal .....	603fl	495	410	688
Total appeals .....	1,713fl	1,512	1,384	1,841
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Personal restraint petitions <sup>j</sup> .....	29fl	130	138	21
Requests to appeal:				
Motions for discretionary review .....	66fl	135	148	53
Total other cases .....	95fl	265	286	74
Total cases .....	1,808fl	1,777	1,670	1,915
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Published written opinion .....		279		
Other written opinion .....		351		
Transfer .....		180		
By order .....		860		
<b>Time interval (months)</b>				
	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Mean
Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected .....	5.9	7.0	6.3	6.3
Date perfected to date argued .....	8.3	11.1	6.8	8.7
Date argued to filing of opinion .....	2.4	2.0	2.8	2.4
Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed .....	16.6	20.1	15.9	17.4
	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Median
	5.0	6.7	6.5	
	5.0	10.6	7.0	
	2.0	1.8	3.0	
	12.0	19.1	16.5	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>1</sup>Beginning pending figures for the 1976 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1975 court year.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

Personal restraint petitions include habeas corpus, writs and motions, and CrR 7.7 cases.

<sup>1</sup>Special source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figures are as revised by the office of the administrator for the courts.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, *20th Annual Report 1976* (Olympia, Washington). 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 administrator for the courts.

WASHINGTON SUPERIOR COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
28 courts, 101 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	N/A	3,567	X	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort .....	N/A	3,182	X	N/A
Contract:				
Commercial .....	N/A	18,141	X	N/A
Property rights:				
Property rights .....	N/A	3,388	X	N/A
Condemnations .....	N/A	141	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,529	X	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Dissolutions .....	N/A	32,539	X	N/A
Other domestic relations .....	N/A	6,069	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	38,608	X	N/A
Probate .....	N/A	16,329	12,450	N/A
Mental health .....	N/A	2,679	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	6,626	X	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	520	X	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs and injunctions .....	N/A	1,144	X	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	94,325	79,911 <sup>i</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony/misdemeanor:</b>				
Crime against person <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	2,265 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Crime against property <sup>j</sup> .....	N/A	4,586 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Liquor/narcotics .....	N/A	1,923 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	2,117 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	10,891 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	3,162 <sup>l</sup>	X	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	14,053	14,374	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	13,433	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	121,811	91,113 <sup>l</sup>	N/A
		<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>		
		Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil .....	993	6,669	7,662	
Criminal .....	1,752	817	2,569	
Total .....	2,745	7,486	10,231	

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.

<sup>d</sup>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 or indictment.  
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.  
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

<sup>i</sup>Data 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.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation 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.

<sup>l</sup>Special source or revision in data:  
Figures are as revised by the office of the administrator for the courts.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL AND POLICE COURT<sup>k</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
238 courts, 238 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Ordinance violation:</b>				
Criminal .....	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	222,131	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	261,243	N/A	N/A
		<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>		
		Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Criminal .....		X	X	
Traffic .....	193	X	X	
Total .....	193	26,432	26,625	
		<b>Criminal and traffic dispositions</b>		
		Bail forfeitures .....		
		139,090		

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.

<sup>d</sup>Case 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.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
Municipal and Police Court figures do not include those Municipal Court cases (municipal ordinances/traffic violations) that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT COURT AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE<sup>k</sup>  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
69 district courts, 4 justices of the peace  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	46,750	N/A	N/A
Small claims .....	N/A	20,911	N/A	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	67,661	N/A	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Felony preliminary .....	N/A	63,869	N/A	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	72,952	N/A	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Total traffic .....	N/A	524,379	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	664,992	N/A	N/A
		<b>Trial<sup>d</sup></b>		
		Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil .....	33	5,030	5,063	
Criminal, District Court workload .....	208	9,003	9,211	
Traffic, District Court workload .....	724	30,358	31,082	
Criminal and traffic, Municipal Court workload <sup>k</sup> .....	197	18,264	18,461	
Total .....	1,162	62,655	63,817	
		<b>Criminal dispositions</b>		
		Bail forfeitures at preliminary hearings ...		
		13,613		
		<b>Traffic dispositions</b>		
		Bail forfeitures .....		
		319,147		

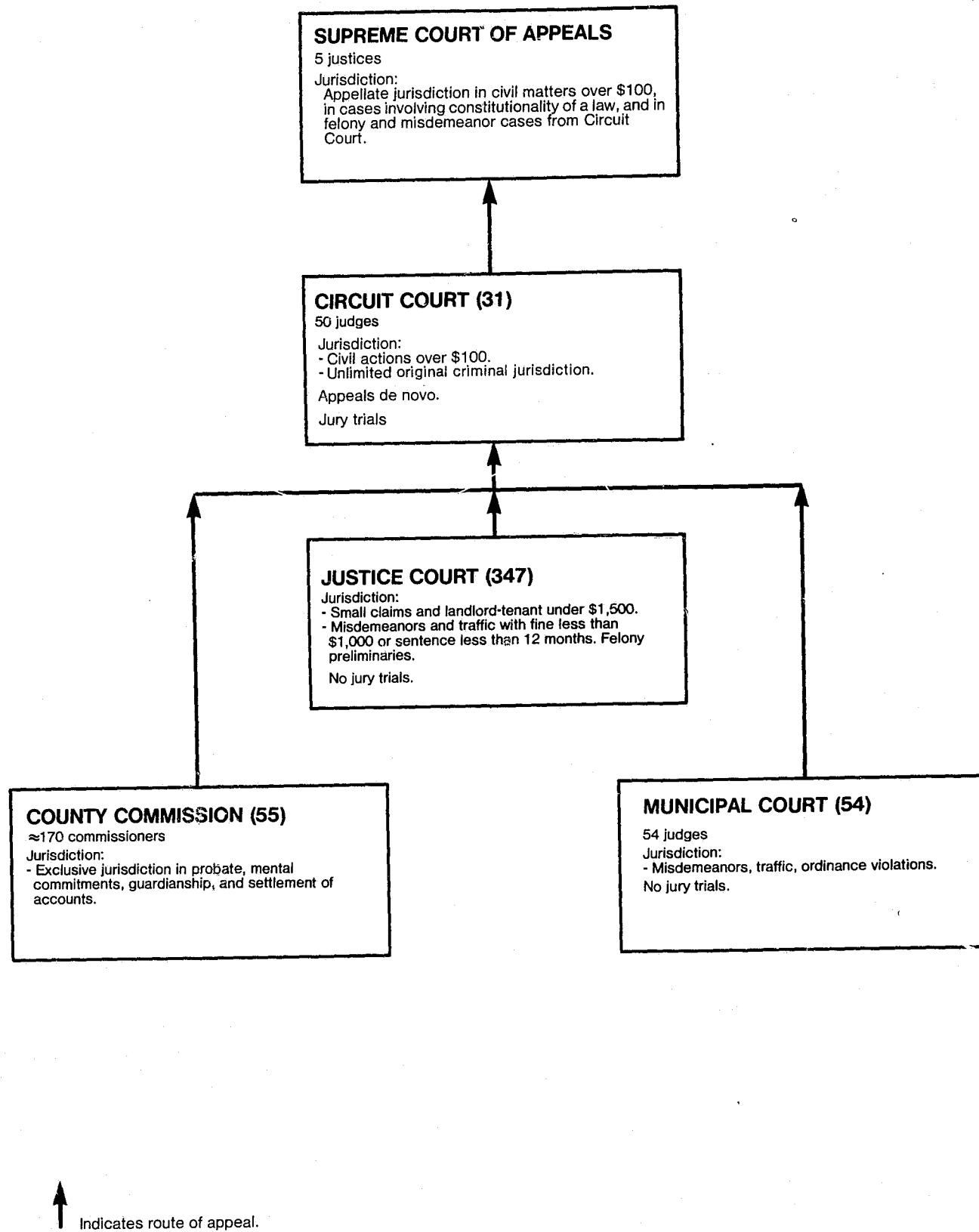
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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

<sup>d</sup>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.  
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.  
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:  
District Court and Justices of the Peace data include Municipal Court cases that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). 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 administrator for the courts.

## West Virginia court system, 1976



WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	15	149	130	34
Criminal .....	7	137	103	41
Other .....	2	73	67	8
Total appeals .....	24	359	300	83
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	10	415	403	22
Mandamus .....	0	52	47	5
Prohibition .....	0	32	32	0
Discipline .....	0	1	1	0
Other .....	0	19	19	0
Total .....	10	519	502	27
Requests to appeal .....	10	519	502	27
Total other cases .....	10	519	502	27
Total cases .....	34	878	802	110
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	2	5	7	0
Total other proceedings .....	2	5	7	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written and per curiam opinion .....	98			
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	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.

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, 50 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Total criminal .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	53,697 <sup>i</sup>	45,106 <sup>i</sup>	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.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:  
Grand total filed and disposed figures do not include juvenile cases.

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 COUNTY COMMISSION  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
55 courts, ~170 commissioners  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the County Commission for 1976.

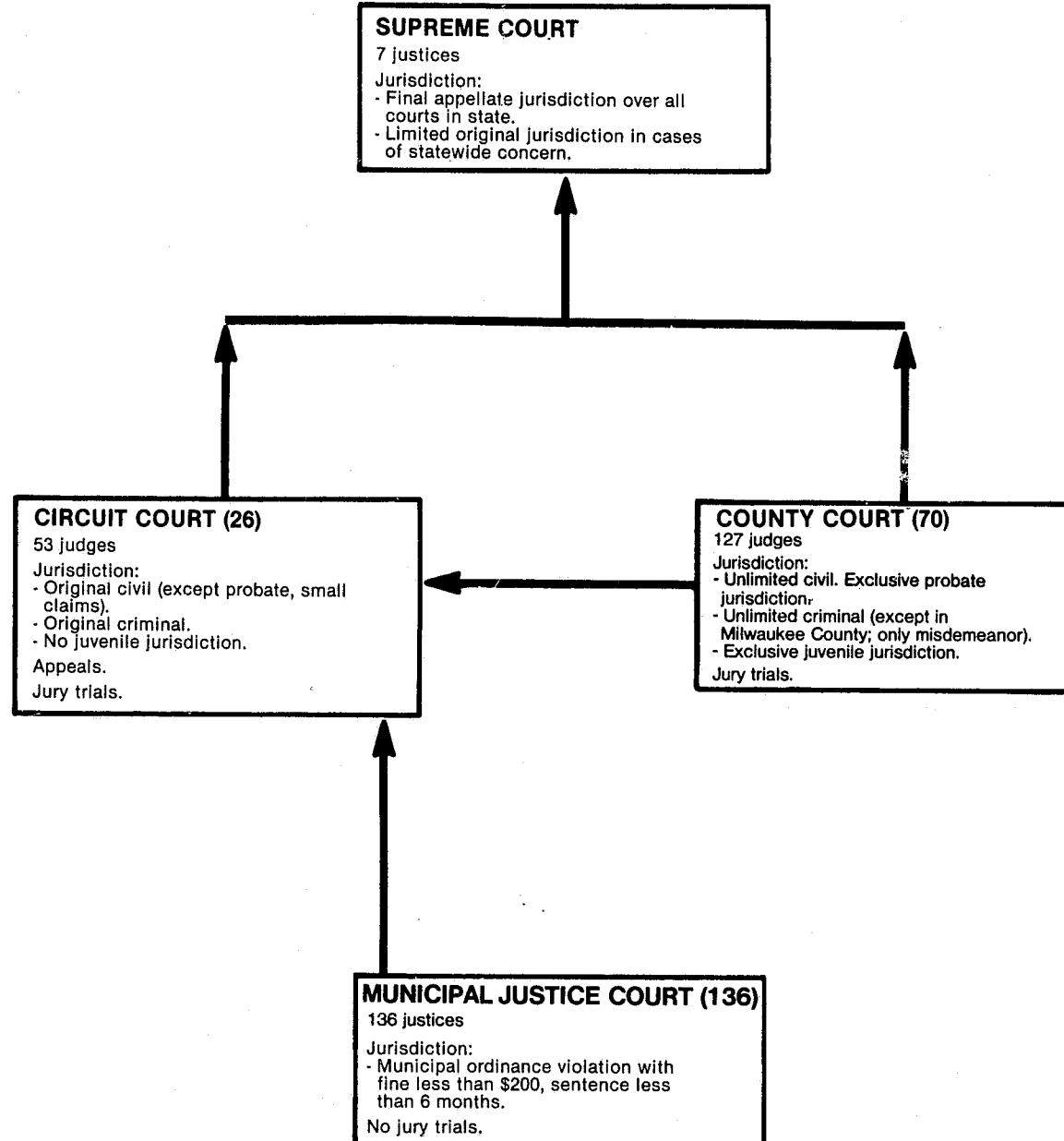
WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
54 courts, 54 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

WEST VIRGINIA JUSTICE COURT  
Court of limited jurisdiction  
347 courts  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1976.

## Wisconsin court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil .....	485 <sup>f</sup>	511	521	4788
Criminal .....	109 <sup>f</sup>	171	128	152
Total appeals .....	594 <sup>f</sup>	682	649	6308
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus .....	--	48	48	--
Mandamus .....	--	25	25	--
Prohibition .....	--	2	2	--
Original actions .....	1 <sup>f</sup>	16	14	3
Disciplinary .....	3 <sup>f</sup>	11	8	6
Original jurisdiction .....	--	54	54	--
Miscellaneous .....	--	21	21	--
Total .....	4 <sup>f</sup>	177	172	9
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari .....	--	5	5	--
No merit cases .....	N/A	75	75	N/A
Total .....	N/A	80	80	N/A
Total other cases .....	4 <sup>f</sup>	257	252	91
Total cases .....	598 <sup>f</sup>	939	901	639 <sup>g</sup>
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motion for rehearing .....	--	54	54	--
Motion for reconsideration .....	--	6	6	--
Total .....	--	60	60	--
Other matters:				
Motions .....	--	249	249	--
Orders to show cause .....	--	87	87	--
Foreign bar admissions .....	--	18	18	--
Total .....	--	354	354	--
Total other proceedings .....	--	414	414	--
Manner of disposition				
Published written opinion ....	294			
Published per curiam .....	17			
Unpublished per curiam .....	184			
Terminated without opinion ...	244			
Disposition of appeals				
Affirmed .....	274			
Reversed .....	83			
Dismissed .....	233			
Affirmed/reversed ...	28			
Affirmed/dismissed ...	1			
Affirmed/modifed ...	18			
Vacated .....	12			

<sup>f</sup>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.

<sup>g</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.  
The disparity between these figures is due to an administrative change in docketing of new filings.

<sup>g</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.  
The disparity between these figures is due to double counting three cases that were dismissed during the 1975 term, but later reinstated.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Total cases pending do not include requests to appeal.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Statistics 1976 (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COURT  
Court of general jurisdiction  
26 circuits, 53 judges; 70 counties, 127 judges  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending <sup>a</sup>	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law:				
Money judgment:				
Circuit Court .....	X	8,014	7,325	X
County Court .....	X	21,868	10,949	X
Total .....	7,634fh	29,882	18,274	19,242
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury:				
Circuit Court .....	X	5,073	4,775	X
County Court .....	X	1,958	1,758	X
Total .....	8,582fh	7,031	6,533	9,080
Property damage:				
Circuit Court .....	X	612	569	X
County Court .....	X	638	602	X
Total .....	1,797	1,250	1,171	1,876
Total .....	10,379fh	8,281	7,704	10,956
Small claims:				
Circuit Court .....	X	163	150	X
County Court .....	X	110,230	110,800	X
Total .....	15,906fh	110,393	110,950	15,349
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce:				
Circuit Court .....	X	6,107	6,899	X
County Court .....	X	14,237	12,938	X
Total .....	20,440	20,344	19,837	20,947
Legal separation:				
Circuit Court .....	X	160	199	X
County Court .....	X	344	190	X
Total .....	1,326	504	389	1,441
Annulment:				
Circuit Court .....	X	110	136	X
County Court .....	X	244	255	X
Total .....	501	354	391	464
Reciprocal support:				
Circuit Court .....	X	687	479	X
County Court .....	X	2,211	1,655	X
Total .....	2,380	2,898	2,134	3,144
Paternity:				
Circuit Court .....	X	45	65	X
County Court .....	X	3,577	2,884	X
Total .....	2,244	3,622	2,949	2,917
Petitions to remarry:				
Circuit Court .....	X	491	516	X
County Court .....	X	1,152	1,081	X
Total .....	359	1,643	1,597	405
Other family:				
Circuit Court .....	X	96	55	X
County Court .....	X	636	507	X
Total .....	638	732	562	808
Adoption <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	2,304	N/A
Public assistance <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	832	N/A
Total .....	27,888fh	30,097i	30,995	30,126i
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates <sup>k</sup> :	16,969	13,090	13,074	16,985
Guardianship <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	2,264	N/A
Trusts <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	832	N/A
Other probate <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	25,656	N/A
Total .....	16,969fh	13,090i	41,826	16,985i
Mental health:				
Commitments <sup>k</sup> :	N/A	N/A	2,845	N/A
Other civil:				
Circuit Court .....	X	5,171	4,585	X
County Court .....	X	10,753	10,780	X
Total .....	9,396fh	15,924	15,365	9,955
Appeals:				
Circuit Court .....	X	570	464	X
County Court .....	X	43	93	X
Total .....	543fh	613	557	599
Total civil:				
Circuit Court .....	X	27,299	26,217	X
County Court .....	X	180,981	202,299	X
Total .....	88,715fh	208,280i	228,516	103,212i

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WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COURT (continued)

<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Circuit Court .....	X	5,880	5,972	X
County Court .....	X	8,953	6,795	X
Total .....	5,324fh	14,833	12,767	7,390
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Circuit Court .....	X	108	251	X
County Court .....	X	44,654	46,658	X
Total .....	16,154fh	44,762	46,909	14,007
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Forfeitures:				
Circuit Court .....	X	38	73	X
County Court .....	X	18,208	18,416	X
Total .....	2,586	18,246	18,489	2,343
Special proceeding:				
Circuit Court .....	X	78	43	X
County Court .....	X	484	517	X
Total .....	440	562	560	442
Total .....	3,026fh	18,808	19,049	2,785
Total criminal:				
Circuit Court .....	X	6,104	6,339	X
County Court .....	X	72,299	72,386	X
Total .....	24,504fh	78,403	78,725	24,182
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Circuit Court .....	X	258	792	X
County Court .....	X	395,534	392,637	X
Total traffic .....	35,770fh	395,792	393,429	38,133
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	22,561	N/A
<b>Grand total:</b>				
Circuit Court .....	X	33,661	33,348	X
County Court .....	X	648,814	689,883	X
Total .....	148,989fh	682,475i	723,231	165,527i

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.

<sup>d</sup>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 juvenile disposition is counted with the disposition of a formal petition.

<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

<sup>h</sup>Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figures for 1976 were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Domestic relations filed and pending figures do not include data for adoptions.

Probate filed and pending figures do not include data for guardianship, trusts, and other probate.

Total civil and grand total filing and pending figures do not include data for adoption, public assistance, guardianship, trust, or other probate. In addition, the grand total filing and pending figures do not include juvenile data. These cases are included in the disposition totals.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

All probate, mental health, adoption, public assistance, and juvenile cases are handled in the County Courts only.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1976* (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT

Court of limited jurisdiction

136 courts, 136 justices<sup>c</sup>

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Ordinance violations:</b>				
Other ordinance violations .....	N/A	N/A	25,044	N/A
Other criminal:				
Other cases .....	N/A	N/A	1,575	N/A
Total criminal <sup>k</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	26,619	N/A
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Parking .....	N/A	N/A	69,676	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic .....	N/A	N/A	79,694	N/A
Total traffic .....	N/A	N/A	149,370	N/A
<b>Grand total .....</b>	N/A	N/A	175,989	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.

<sup>c</sup>Judge information:

There were 136 municipal justices reporting statistics in 1976 as opposed to 154 reporting data in 1975. The municipal justice spends an average of 2 1/2 hours on the bench and another 3 hours on related court work each week.

<sup>d</sup>Case definition or unit of count:

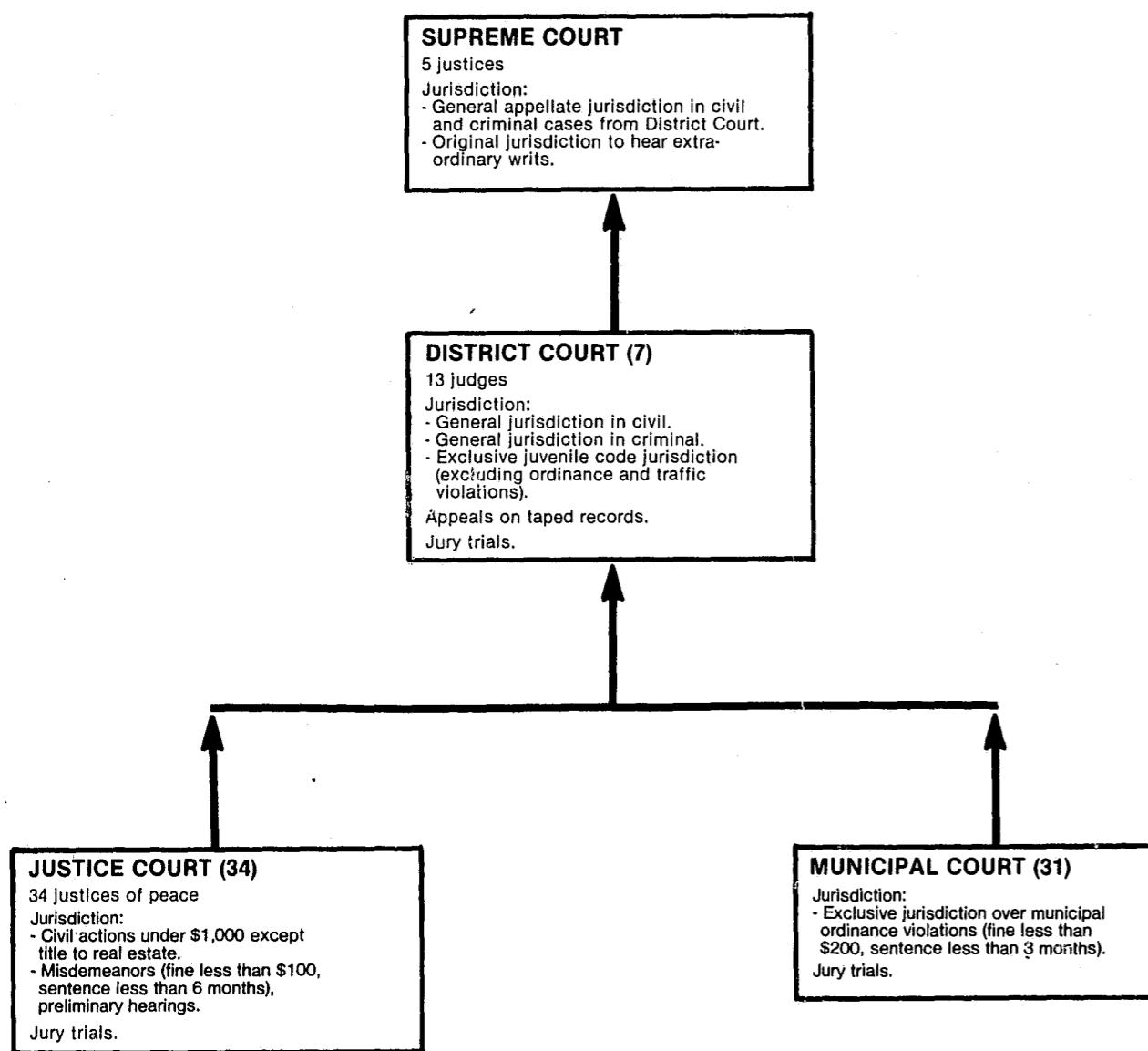
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

<sup>k</sup>Additional information:

In addition to criminal matters, there were 15,249 warrants issued.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1976* (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Wyoming court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

WYOMING SUPREME COURT  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil:				
School districts .....	X	3	3	X
County government .....	X	2	4	X
Municipalities .....	X	9	3	X
State agency .....	X	12	6	X
Probate .....	X	2	1	X
Workmen's compensation .....	X	1	3	X
Parental rights .....	X	0	1	X
Divorce .....	X	7	5	X
Reserve questions .....	X	1	1	X
Other civil .....	X	44	70	X
Juvenile .....	X	1	0	X
Total .....	80	82	97	65
Criminal .....	36	46 <sup>j</sup>	28 <sup>j</sup>	54
Total appeals .....	116	128	125	119
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Total other cases .....	14	10	9	15
Total cases .....	130	138	134	134

Manner of disposition  
Opinion ..... 75<sup>k</sup>  
Order ..... 41

Time interval (average months)  
Filing the appeal to decision ..... 9.9

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:  
Criminal appeals filed include one bill of exception.  
Criminal appeals disposed include six on reserved questions and one bill of exception.

kAdditional information:  
The 75 opinions disposed of 93 cases.

Source: Unpublished data from the clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from this unpublished source except that totals have been computed where necessary.

## Appendices

**WYOMING DISTRICT COURT<sup>1</sup>**  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 7 districts, 13 judges  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending <sup>2</sup>	Filed	Disposed <sup>3</sup>	End pending <sup>4</sup>
<b>Civil<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Probate .....	X	X	2,132	X
Other civil .....	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	5,123	<u>X</u>
Total civil .....	2,789	7,981	7,255	3,515
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal .....	704	1,329	1,346	687
Total criminal .....	704	1,329	1,346	687
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>3,493</b>	<b>9,310</b>	<b>8,601</b>	<b>4,202</b>

	<u>Trial<sup>d</sup></u>			<u>Civil dispositions</u>		<u>Criminal dispositions</u>	
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Default .....	3,148	Guilty plea .....	531
Civil .....	60	1,748	1,808	Dismissal .....	2,233	Dismissal .....	404
Criminal .....	79	273	352				
Total .....	139	2,021	2,160				

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.

<sup>d</sup>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.

The trial definition is not consistent statewide.

<sup>i</sup>Data are not complete:

Pending cases and disposed cases do not include cases filed before 1974.

<sup>j</sup>Explanation of data included in the category:

There were 815 dispositions of juvenile cases; however, juvenile case filings could not be separated from civil and criminal filings. The juvenile filings and dispositions are therefore included in the figures for civil and criminal cases.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the office of court coordinator. Statistics are from the 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, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1976.

**WYOMING MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Court of limited jurisdiction  
 31 courts  
 January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

**Appendix A: Sources of 1976 state court caseload statistics**

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Alabama	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of Courts	Not Available
Alaska	Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976"		Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976"	Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Arizona	The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	The Arizona Courts Summary Report; The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Arkansas	Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, who is also the State Court Administrator)		Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)
California	1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (Administrative Office of the California Courts)
Colorado	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1975-76 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1975-76 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Connecticut	Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)		Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary	Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)
Delaware	1976-1977 Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)		1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)
District of Columbia	1976 Annual Report (Joint Committee and Executive Officer)		1976 Annual Report (Joint Committee and Executive Officer)	
Florida	Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (State Court Administrator)	Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (State Court Administrator)	Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Georgia	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals	Third Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Third Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Hawaii	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of court		State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-76 (Administrative Director of the Courts) and letter from the Office of the Administrative Director	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-76 (Administrative Director of the Courts)

--- indicates that the state has no court at this level.

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## SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASeload STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Idaho	<b>Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	<b>Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----
Illinois	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court and by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts	<b>1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois</b> (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	<b>1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois</b> (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	-----
Indiana	<b>1976 Indiana Judicial Report</b> (Division of State Court Administration)	<b>1976 Indiana Judicial Report</b> (Division of State Court Administration)	<b>1976 Indiana Judicial Report</b> (Division of State Court Administration)	-----
Iowa	<b>Iowa Supreme Court Statistical Report</b> For the Year 1977 (Clerk of the Supreme Court) and <b>1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary</b> (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	-----	<b>1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary</b> (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	-----
Kansas	<b>Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report</b> (Judicial Council)	-----	<b>Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report</b> (Judicial Council) and <b>Statistical Report on the District Courts 1976</b> (Office of Judicial Administrator)	<b>Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report</b> (Judicial Council)
Kentucky	<b>Annual Report, 1976</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report, 1976</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report, 1976</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report, 1976</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Louisiana	<b>Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data</b> (Judicial Administrator, who is the State Court Administrator) and <b>Annual Statistical Resume</b> (Office of the clerk, Supreme Court of Louisiana) and unpublished data from a phone call	<b>Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data</b> (Judicial Administrator)	<b>Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data</b> (Judicial Administrator)	-----
Maine	<b>Annual Report 1977</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	<b>Annual Report 1977</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data entitled "Summary of clerks monthly report to the chief Justice for the year ending Dec. 31, 1974"	<b>Annual Report 1977</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Maryland	<b>Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Massachusetts	<b>20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76</b> (Executive Secretary)	<b>20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76</b> (Executive Secretary)	<b>20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76</b> (Executive Secretary)	<b>20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76</b> (Executive Secretary)
Michigan	Unpublished document titled: "Status Report, Part I: Number of Cases in Each State," provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	<b>Annual Report 1976-77</b> (State Court Administrator)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (State Court Administrator) and <b>1976 Annual Report</b> (Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (State Court Administrator)
Minnesota	<b>Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator) and <b>The State of the Judiciary 1977</b> (Address of Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran)	-----	<b>Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Mississippi	<b>10th and 11th Annual Statistical Report 1975, 1976</b> (Executive Assistant, Supreme Court)	-----	Unpublished data provided by the Judicial Council	Not available

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## SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASeload STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Missouri	<b>Annual Statistical Report 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>Annual Statistical Report 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>Annual Statistical Report 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>Annual Statistical Report 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Montana	<b>The State of the Judiciary (1977)</b> (Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court)	-----	-----	Not available
Nebraska	<b>The Courts of Nebraska 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	-----	-----	<b>The Courts of Nebraska 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the office of the State Court Administrator
Nevada	<b>Nevada State of the Judiciary Message 1975-1976</b> (Chief Justice Supreme Court) in <i>Inter Alia</i> (April 1977) and unpublished data from clerk of Supreme Court	-----	-----	Unpublished data from the two districts
New Hampshire	<b>The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire</b> (Chairman, Judicial Council)	-----	-----	<b>The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire</b> (Chairman, Judicial Council)
New Jersey	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<b>Annual Report 1975-76 and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, Sept. 1, 1975 to Aug. 31, 1976</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)
New Mexico	<b>Annual Report 1976</b> (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	-----	<b>Annual Report 1976</b> (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	<b>Annual Report 1976</b> (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)
New York	<b>22nd Annual Report 1977</b> (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, of which the Court Administrator is Secretary)	-----	<b>22nd Annual Report 1977</b> (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference) and unpublished data supplied by Office of Court Administration	<b>22nd Annual Report 1977</b> (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference)
North Carolina	Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1976; Fall Term 1976 (unpublished) from clerk of Supreme Court	-----	-----	<b>North Carolina Courts 1976</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts) and <b>1977</b> (Administrative Office of the Courts)
North Dakota	<b>Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976</b> (North Dakota Judicial Council, of which the State Court Administrator is Executive Secretary) and unpublished data from clerk of court	-----	<b>Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 and the North Dakota Judicial Master Program for the FY 1977-79 Biennium</b> (North Dakota Judicial Council)	<b>Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976</b> (North Dakota Judicial Council)
Ohio	<b>Ohio Courts Summary 1976</b> (Office of the Administrative Director)	<b>Ohio Courts Summary 1976</b> (Office of the Administrative Director)	<b>Ohio Courts Summary 1976</b> (Office of the Administrative Director)	<b>Ohio Courts Summary 1976</b> (Office of the Administrative Director)
Oklahoma	<b>Report on the Judiciary 1976</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	-----	<b>Report on the Judiciary 1976</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<b>Report on the Judiciary 1976</b> (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Oregon	<b>23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>22nd and 23rd Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975 and 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<b>22nd and 23rd Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975 and 1976</b> (Office of the State Court Administrator)

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SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASeload STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Pennsylvania	1976 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1976 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1976 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1976 Annual Report and 1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)
Puerto Rico	Annual Report 1975-76 (Office of Court Administration)	-----	Annual Report 1975-76 (Office of Court Administration)	Annual Report 1975-76 (Office of Court Administration)
Rhode Island	Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (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	Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office
South Dakota	"Business of the Court" (unpublished) from clerk of Supreme Court	-----	"Combined 1975-76 Judicial Annual Report" (unpublished) from Court Administrator's Office	-----
Tennessee	1976 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1976 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1976 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	Not available
Texas	48th Annual Report 1976 (Texas Judicial Council, of which the State Court Administrator is Executive Director)	48th Annual Report 1976 (Texas Judicial Council)	48th Annual Report 1976 (Texas Judicial Council)	48th Annual Report 1976 (Texas Judicial Council)
Utah	Unpublished data from clerk of Supreme Court and NCSC Western Regional Office	-----	Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Utah Judicial Council)	Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1976 (Administrative Office of Juvenile Court) and Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Utah Judicial Council)
Vermont	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Office of the Court Administrator)	-----	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Office of the Court Administrator)	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Office of the Court Administrator)
Virginia	State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	-----	State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)
Washington	20th Annual Report 1976 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	20th Annual Report 1976 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	20th Annual Report 1976 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	20th Annual Report 1976 (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	Not Available
Wisconsin	Judicial Statistics 1976 (Administrator of the Courts)	-----	Judicial Statistics 1976 (Administrator of the Courts)	Judicial Statistics 1976 (Administrator of the Courts)
Wyoming	Unpublished data from the clerk of the Supreme Court	-----	Unpublished data provided by the Office of the Court Coordinator	Not available

--- Indicates that the state has no intermediate appellate court.

## Appendix B: Technical discussion of estimation procedure

An estimation procedure was used to allow the presentation of estimated national totals for appellate court and trial court caseload. Through this procedure, estimates were arrived at for totals in those states with missing data for beginning pendings, filings, dispositions, or end pendings in either the court of last resort or the intermediate appellate court, and for filings and dispositions for state trial court totals (civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases). These estimates are, however, made from data that has neither been verified nor tested for reliability.

The procedure followed for developing caseload estimates for the appellate and trial courts involved three essential steps. The first step was to determine a set of independent variables to be used. Next, the relationship between these variables and the dependent variables was examined. The final and more time-consuming step was the development of a meaningful estimation equation.

Several independent variables were selected for use in the development of the estimation equation, because of their possible relationship to the caseload in the appellate or trial courts. Many of these were population variables, because population has long been considered a good indicator of caseload. The variables initially considered included the number of judges in the court, the population of the state, the population in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the population in other cities, the population in rural areas, the number of intermediate appellate courts, the number of courts of last resort, the

population per square mile, the percent change in state population from 1970 to 1975, the percent change in state population from 1974 to 1975, the per capita income, the prison population, the Uniform Crime Report crime rates, the number of motor vehicle registrations, the total state general expenditures, the total general judicial expenditures, and other population and economic variables.

The data for each state were put in machine-readable form to allow use of the Statistical Analysis System (SAS), release 76.6D, at the College of William and Mary Computer Center. The cards for each state contained data on each of the independent variables listed above as well as the dependent variables, which were the number of beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending cases for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts and the state total filings and dispositions for trial courts. In the states with two courts of last resort, Oklahoma and Texas, the sum of the data from the two courts was used. Similarly, in states with two intermediate appellate courts, the sum of the data from the two courts was used. The data for all trial courts in a state were summed to give a filing and disposition total separately for civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases.

The second step in the development of the estimation equations was to plot each of the independent variables against each of the dependent variables. This was done with the use of the SCATTER (two variable plots) sub-program in SAS. These plots were visually examined for determination of the non-linear relationships which existed between the

independent and dependent variables. This examination resulted in transformations of several of the independent variables to produce linearity with the dependent variable.

The mathematical functions used for the transformations were natural logarithm, square root, square of the variable, inverse of the variable, and exponential function. In addition, two or more variables were combined by multiplication or division to produce new variables that more closely predicted the dependent variables.

Data on all independent variables were not available for Puerto Rico. Because of this situation, only the data for the fifty states and the District of Columbia were used in development of the estimation equations.

The final step was the development of the estimation equations. This was accomplished by the use of the SYSREG (least squares regression) and STEPWISE (stepwise regression) sub-programs in SAS. The stepwise regression procedure was used to allow entry of the variables one at a time into the regression equation. The output from this procedure gave the  $R^2$  value (the percent of variation in the dependent variable that was explained by the variation of the variables in the regression equation), the F-ratio for the regression equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the entire regression equation), the F-ratio for each variable in the equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the individual variables in the equation), and the values of the coefficients for the independent variables in the regression equation. In addition, the residual for each case was given. Plots of the residuals against the independent variables and the predicted values for the dependent variables were generated by the PLOT sub-program. All this output

was used to select the best estimation equations possible, given the set of independent variables.

Several equations were developed for each of the dependent variables. The different equations were obtained by the stepwise regression procedure because the tolerance level (the percent of variation in the independent variable not explained by the variation of the independent variables already in the regression equation) and the F-ratio level (the F-ratio that would be associated with the variable if it were entered next into the equation) were changed to create more or less stringent conditions for inclusion of variables in the equation. The various equations were developed so that each equation could be examined for satisfaction of the assumptions for using the regression procedure.

For each of the estimation equations, the residuals and the residual plots were examined. The residual plots were checked for correlation of the residuals with the dependent variable, for correlation between the residuals and the predicted values for the dependent variables, and for correlation between the residuals and the independent variables. Variable transformations were used to stabilize the variance of the residuals. Those estimation equations with relatively little correlation between the residuals and the dependent variable, the predicted values of the dependent variable, and the independent variables were selected for further consideration.

For those equations selected because of low correlation of the residuals with the dependent, predicted dependent, and independent variables, the  $R^2$  statistic and F-ratio for the equation and the individual variables were examined. This procedure then led to the selection of the estimation equations for use in estimating values for those states having missing data.

Because of the size of error of the equations, 95% confidence intervals were generated, using the GLM (generalized linear models) sub-program of SAS, for each of the estimated values. The sum of these confidence interval values and the reported values are shown in Tables 1 and 16. In 95 out of 100 times, the 95% confidence interval would be expected to include the true value for

a particular court data element (beginning pending, filed, disposed, end pending).

The simplified estimation equation for each dependent variable is given below along with the  $R^2$  statistic and the F-ratio values for each equation. First, a few codes for the variables are listed on the following page for ease in reading the equations.

BPCOLR--Beginning pendings for courts of last resort.

FCOLR--Filings for courts of last resort.

DCOLR--Dispositions for courts of last resort.

EPCOLR--End pendings for courts of last resort.

BPIAC--Beginning pendings for intermediate appellate courts.

FIAC--Filings for intermediate appellate courts.

DIAC--Dispositions for intermediate appellate courts.

EPIAC--End pendings for intermediate appellate courts.

FCIVIL--State total civil filings in trial courts.

DCIVIL--State total civil dispositions in trial courts.

FCRIM--State total criminal filings in trial courts.

DCRIM--State total criminal dispositions in trial courts.

FTRAF--State total traffic filings in trial courts.

DTRAF--State total traffic dispositions in trial courts.

FJUV--State total juvenile filings in trial courts.

DJUV--State total juvenile dispositions in trial courts.

JUDGE--The number of judges in the court(s) of last resort for each state, 1976.

POPULATION--The estimates for state population on July 1, 1976.\*

NOCOLR--The number of courts of last resort for each state.

TOTEXP--State total general expenditures in thousands, 1976.\*\*\*

AGE14T017--State total population in age 14 to 17 group, 1976.\*

MVREGIS--State total 1976 motor vehicle registrations in thousands.\*

SMSA--State total population in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 1976.\*\*

TOTJUD--State total general judicial expenditures in thousands, 1976.\*\*\*

METROPOP--State total metropolitan population, 1975.\*

\* Source of the population estimates, metropolitan population, population aged 14 to 17, motor vehicle registrations, percent change in population, and population per square mile is the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1976, 97th edition (Washington, D.C., 1976).

\*\* Source of the SMSA population estimates is U.S. Department of Justice, Uniform Crime Reports for the United States (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975).

\*\*\* Source of the state general and judicial expenditures is the U.S. Department of Justice, LEAA, Bureau of Census, Expenditure and Employment Data for the Criminal Justice System: 1976 (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

### Courts of last resort

#### Beginning pendings

The estimation equation for beginning pendings in the courts of last resort is:

$$BPCOLR = EPCOLR + DCOLR - FCOLR$$

#### Filings

The simplified estimation equation for filings in the courts of last resort is:

$$FCOLR = -724.8 + 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times JUDGE \times POPULATION + 1088.1 \times NOCOLR$$

with  $R^2 = .81$  and

$$F_{2,45}-ratio = 95.5, p < .0001$$

#### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for dispositions in the courts of last resort is:

$$DCOLR = 8.1 + 0.94 \times FCOLR$$

with  $R^2 = .98$  and

$$F_{1,42}-ratio = 2,718.4, p < .0001$$

#### End Pendings

The simplified estimation equation for end pendings in the courts of last resort is:

$$EPCOLR = -881.3 + 0.44 \times FCOLR + 938.8 \times NOCOLR - 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \times \exp(JUDGE)$$

with  $R^2 = .71$  and

$$F_{3,34}-ratio = 27.8, p < .0001$$

## Intermediate appellate courts

### Beginning pendings

The estimation equation for beginning pendings in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$BPIAC = EPIAC + DIAC - FIAC$$

### Filings

No estimation equation was necessary for filings in the intermediate appellate courts because all these courts reported filings.

### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for dispositions in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$DIAC = .90 \times FIAC$$

with  $R^2 = .99$  and

$$F_{1,21}-\text{ratio} = 2,338.5, \quad p < .0001$$

### End pendings

The simplified estimation equation for end pendings in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$EPIAC = 0.17 \times (FIAC)^{1.2}$$

with  $R^2 = .84$  and

$$F_{1,16}-\text{ratio} = 84.8, \quad p < .0001$$

## Trial Court Civil

### Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **civil** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FCIVIL = -821.8 + 6.4 \times 10^{-2} \times TOTEXP$$

with  $R^2 = .94$  and

$$F_{1,27}-\text{ratio} = 436.6, \quad p < .0001$$

### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **civil** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DCIVIL = 0.94 \times FCIVIL$$

with  $R^2 = .99$  and

$$F_{1,19}-\text{ratio} = 3,004.8, \quad p < .0001$$

## Trial Court Criminal

### Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **criminal** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FCRIM = 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \times (\text{POPULATION})^{1.07}$$

with  $R^2 = .90$  and

$$F_{1,18}-\text{ratio} = 156.5, \quad p < .0001$$

### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **criminal** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DCRIM = 225,101 - 2 \times AGE14TO17 - 39,734 \times \ln(MVREGIS) + 185 \times MVREGIS$$

$$+ 163 \times 10^{-3} \times POPULATION$$

with  $R^2 = .97$  and

$$F_{4,15}-ratio = 109.7, p < .0001$$

Note to explain  $\ln(MVREGIS)$ : The function  $\ln$  used in this equation is the natural logarithmic function to the base e. The value of  $\ln(MVREGIS)$  is the power (exponent) of e which will yield MVREGIS.

### Trial Court Traffic

#### Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **traffic** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FTRAF = 373,015 + 3.5 \times 10^{-8} \times (SMSA)^2$$

with  $R^2 = .96$  and

$$F_{1,18}-ratio = 384.2, p < .0001$$

#### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **traffic** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DTRAF = -814,279 + 0.62 \times FTRAF + 73,765 \times \ln(FTRAF) + 4.5 \times 10^{-5} \times (TOTJUD)^2$$

with  $R^2 = .99$  and

$$F_{3,8}-ratio = 2,514.3, p < .0001$$

Note to explain  $\ln(FTRAF)$ : The function  $\ln$  used in this equation is the natural logarithmic function to the base e. The value of  $\ln(FTRAF)$  is the power (exponent) of e which will yield FTRAF.

### Trial Court Juvenile

#### Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **juvenile** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FJUV = 4 \times (\text{METROPOP})^{.57}$$

with  $R^2 = .68$  and

$$F_{1,38}-ratio = 81.3, p < .0001$$

#### Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **juvenile** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DJUV = 490 + 0.98 \times FJUV$$

with  $R^2 = .99$  and

$$F_{1,28}-ratio = 5,137.7, p < .0001$$

Appendix C: Cases handled in state trial courts, 1976

State Names and Court Titles	CIVIL										CRIMINAL						JUVENILE			TRIAL									
	Law	Auto Tort	Non-Auto Tort	Unclassified Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Property Rights	Equity	Domestic Relations	Probate	Mental Health	Administrative	Other Civil	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance Violations	Felony Preliminary	Other Criminal	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Status Offenses	Other Juvenile	Civil Jury	Civil Non-Jury	Criminal Jury
Alabama																													
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X																							
Juvenile Court																													
Probate Court																													
Family Court of Jefferson County																													
Municipal Court																													
County Justice Court, Morgan County	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																						
Alaska																													
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Magistrates Court																													
Arizona																													
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Justices of the Peace	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
City Magistrates																													
Arkansas																													
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Chancery and Probate Court																													
Court of Common Pleas																													



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CASES HANDLED IN STATE TRIAL COURTS, 1976 (continued)

State Names and Court Titles	CIVIL												CRIMINAL						JUVENILE				TRIAL						
	Law	Auto Tort	Non-Auto Tort	Unclassified Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Property Rights	Equity	Domestic Relations	Mental Health	Administrative	Other Civil	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance Violations	Felony Preliminary	Other Criminal	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Status Offenses	Other Juvenile	Traffic	Civil Jury	Civil Non-Jury	Criminal Jury
Kentucky																													
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
Quarterly Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
Police Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
Justice Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
Louisiana																													
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Family Court																													
Juvenile Court																													
City Court																													
Parish Court																													
New Orleans																													
Municipal Court																													
New Orleans																													
Traffic Court																													
Justice of the Peace Court																													
Mayor's Court																													
Maine																													
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
District Court																													
Probate Court																													



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CASES HANDLED IN STATE TRIAL COURTS, 1976 (cont'd)

State Names and Court Titles	CIVIL												CRIMINAL						JUVENILE			TRIAL								
	Law	Auto Tort	Non-Auto Tort	Unclassified Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Property Rights	Equity	Domestic Relations	Probate	Mental Health	Administrative	Other Civil	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance Violations	Felony Preliminary	Other Criminal	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Status Offenses	Other Juvenile	Traffic	Civil Jury	Civil Non-Jury	Criminal Jury
Tennessee																														
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
Criminal Court																														
Law and Equity Court	X	X	X	X	X																									
Chancery Court	X	X	X	X	X																									
Probate Court																														
County Court																														
Juvenile Court																														
General Sessions Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Justice of the Peace Court	X																													
Municipal Court																														
Texas																														
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
Criminal District Court																														
Domestic Relations Court									X																					
Juvenile Court																														
County Court at Law	X	X	X	X	X																									
Constitutional County Court	X	X	X	X	X																									
Probate Court																														
Municipal Court																														
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			



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12. Additional comments

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