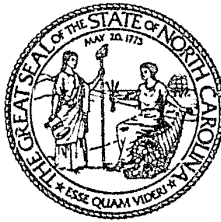


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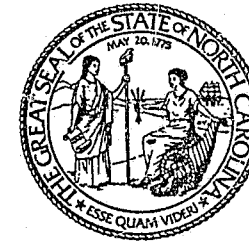
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*To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of
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Submitted herewith is the Tenth Annual Report of the Administrative Officer of the Courts. This Report, prepared pursuant to G.S. 7A-343, relates to the 1975 calendar year.

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FOREWORD

The court reorganization movement in North Carolina began in mid nineteen-fifties and culminated in the adoption of constitutional amendments in 1962 and 1965 and the enactment of the "Judicial Department Act of 1965." The year 1975 marks the fifth year during which all divisions of the General Court of Justice have operated in each of the State's 100 counties. The Judicial Department consists of an Appellate Division composed of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals (which has been fully operational since 1968), a Superior Court Division and a District Court Division. The system is unified for purposes of jurisdiction, operation and administration. All of the officers and personnel of the Judicial Department are employees of the State.

There are now 7 justices of the Supreme Court, 9 judges of the Court of Appeals, 55 full-time Superior Court judges, 126 District Court judges, 31 district attorneys and 134 assistant district attorneys, 5 public defenders and 25 assistant public defenders (serving in the 12th, 18th, 26th, 27th and 28th judicial districts), 100 clerks of the superior court, approximately 540 magistrates, approximately 230 juvenile counselors, 76 court reporters and approximately 1,300 supporting personnel (primarily assistants, deputies, secretarial and clerical personnel in the offices of clerks of the superior court).

The Administrative Officer of the Courts is required to "submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department" to the Chief Justice and the members of the General Assembly. This *Annual Report* is based upon data supplied by the clerks of the superior court on a monthly and quarterly basis. The data contained herein can most appropriately be used in making year-to-year comparisons for the entire system and in comparing the performance of different counties and judicial districts. The data is also the beginning point for independent analysis of the performance of the courts of each county and judicial district. Although caution should be used in generalizing about the performance of the entire General Court of Justice, this report does evaluate the status of the criminal and civil dockets of the Superior and District Court divisions. These evaluations are carefully grounded on the available data base, but they derive from *quantitative* rather than *qualitative* data and are based upon totals for groups of counties rather than a thoroughgoing analysis of each county.

Although there are a number of statistical indicators that may be used in evaluating court performance, there is no single barometer that gives a weighted average of all factors. The more

obvious factors to weigh in making year-to-year comparisons and relative ranking between counties and judicial districts are filings, dispositions, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year. Other useful measures are the *pending ratios* (the relation that the number of cases pending at year's end bears to the number of cases disposed of during the year) and the *rate of disposition* (the percentage of the year's filings which were disposed of during the year). Low *pending ratios* and high *rates of disposition* are positive measures.

The statistics contained herein are *case flow* statistics and none are "backlog" or "delay" statistics. This report uses "cases pending" as one unit of analysis, but the term "backlog" will not be found herein and it is inaccurate to apply that term to the cases which are properly described as "pending." A case which is pending may be two days or two years old. "Backlog" may be tentatively defined as those cases which have been pending disposition longer than an agreed upon standard of time for the average case of the same type in the same court. A "delayed" case would be any case which exceeded the agreed upon standard time-frame and such cases could also be described as "backlogged." Even if an agreed upon standard time-frame with supporting data was available, such data could only properly be used (as is the case with the data which is available) as a starting point for analysis. In any case, the Administrative Office does not now routinely collect data on the length of time required for the disposition of particular cases.

Whatever the unit of analysis, whether "cases pending," "delayed cases," or "pending ratios," a number of questions must be asked once the raw data is available. At what point in time is the data stated? Cases pending, for example, are stated as of December 31, 1975; are they generally higher during a holiday season? What effect do the customs and practices of the local bar have upon courtroom and trial delays? What are the policies of the court, the bar, and district attorneys with respect to continuances? Is there a well thought out system for the calendaring of cases? Are pre-trial release procedures working effectively? Is the waiver procedure for motor vehicle cases fully utilized? Are continuances caused by court congestion or are they sought after by the parties? What effect do sentencing practices have upon the rate of criminal appeals between the District and Superior Courts? How much court was held in the district and how often? (In some counties there are no more than two weeks of Superior Court each year.) What are the geographical dimensions of the judicial district? Are seats of court distant from one another, requiring a great deal of travel time by court officials? Are there sufficient courtrooms available when needed? Are the courtrooms located and designed so as to permit efficient

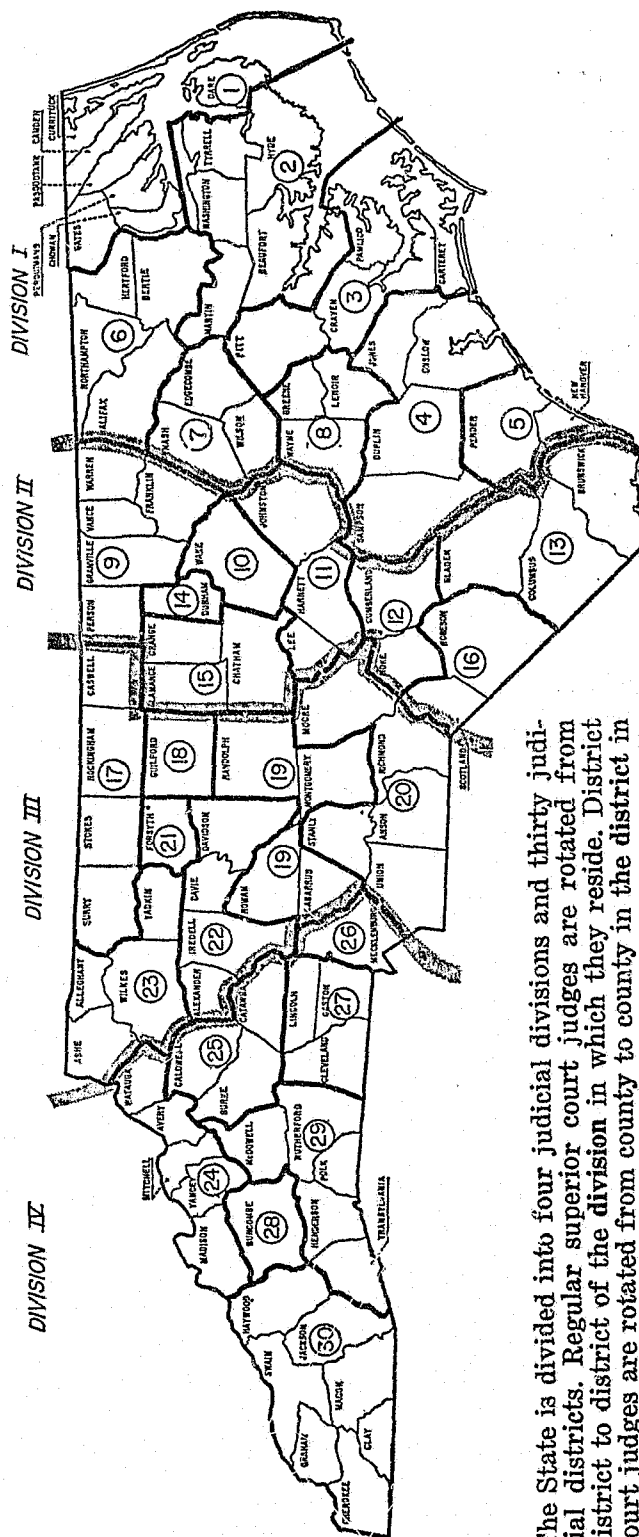
dispatch of the court's business? How many cases counted as "pending" are essentially "dead" cases and will ultimately be *not prossed* or dismissed? (It may in fact be customary strategy to file a civil action knowing at the time that the case will never be tried; similarly, it may be a good strategy for the district attorney not to *not pros* a case, although knowing that it will likely not be tried.) What is the extent of plea bargaining in the district? What is the settlement rate in the district? Has there been any illness among court officials? Are there adequate investigatory resources? Are law enforcement and expert witnesses available when needed? The above list is not exhaustive but is illustrative of the types of questions that must be explored in analyzing the statistical data for each county and district.

The purpose of this foreword has not been to denigrate the statistical data report herein, but to stress the subtlety and complexity of the variables which they reflect. All quantitative data must be read with care and this is especially true of court statistics. Too great a reliance on numbers alone give credence to the concept of "mass justice." Court officials know that justice is administered to individuals.

As this report is being prepared, action is underway to revise the system of data reporting by the clerks of superior court to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The system contemplated will provide more concrete data on actual case backlogs and on the time that cases are pending in the trial courts. The revised system will not be in effect for a sufficient period of time in 1976 to be fully reflected in the annual report for that year. However, an improved system of data reporting should be evident in the annual report on calendar year 1977.

October 1976

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty judicial districts. Regular superior court judges are rotated from district to district of the division in which they reside. District court judges are rotated from county to county in the district in which they reside.

THE APPELLATE DIVISION THE SUPREME COURT

One hundred and thirty-six opinions were filed by the Supreme Court in 1975. Of the total, 56 were civil and 80 were criminal cases. Sixty-two percent (35 opinions) of the civil appeals were affirmed and 72 percent (58 opinions) of the criminal appeals were affirmed. In the remaining cases, the Supreme Court modified the decision from which the appeal was taken. As reported in the North Carolina Reports, the court disposed of 274 petitions for *certiorari*, 12 motions to dismiss, 7 motions to rehear.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

SUSIE SHARP

Associate Justices

I. BEVERLY LAKE
JOSEPH W. BRANCH
J. FRANK HUSKINS

DAN. K. MOORE
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

Emergency Justices

WILLIAM B. RODMAN, JR.
J. WILL PLESS, JR.
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT, C.J.
CARLISLE W. HIGGINS

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Eight hundred and twenty-nine opinions were filed by the Court of Appeals in 1975. Of these 829 opinions, 443 were criminal cases and 386 were civil cases. The court determined and disposed of 1,002 motions and petitions in 1975.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge

WALTER E. BROCK

Associate Judges

DAVID M. BRITT

NAOMI E. MORRIS

FRANK M. PARKER

ROBERT A. HEDRICK

EARL W. VAUGHN

ROBERT M. MARTIN

EDWARD B. CLARK

GERALD ARNOLD

Emergency Judges

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

The performance of the superior court division of the General Court of Justice is adequately summarized in the sections on civil and criminal dockets which follow. Only a few items deserve highlighting in terms of the combined civil and criminal dockets. Total filings increased by 13.6% and dispositions increased by 15.5%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 8.9%.

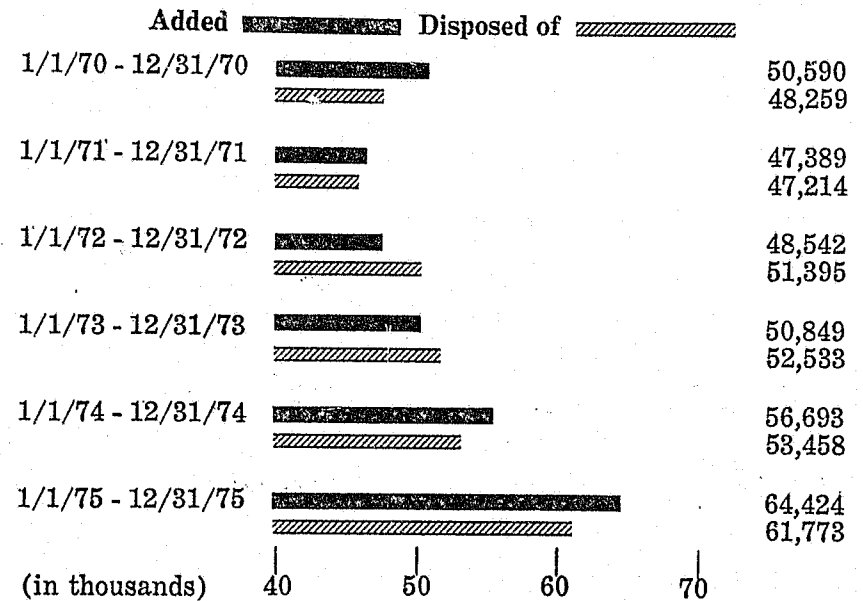
The number of days of court scheduled increased from 9,846 to 11,525, an increase of 17%, but the number of days actually held increased by 1,380 days (17.8%) from 7,763 to 9,143. For all 100 counties, the percentage of court utilization rose from 78.8% to 79.3%.

The pending ratio for the civil division of 165.0 is greater than for last year, indicating that it would require approximately one year and eight months for the court to dispose of all civil cases pending. The comparable figure for the criminal division is approximately four months, down from four and one-half months in 1974.

The Clerk of the Superior Court has significant jurisdiction in the administration of estates and special proceedings.

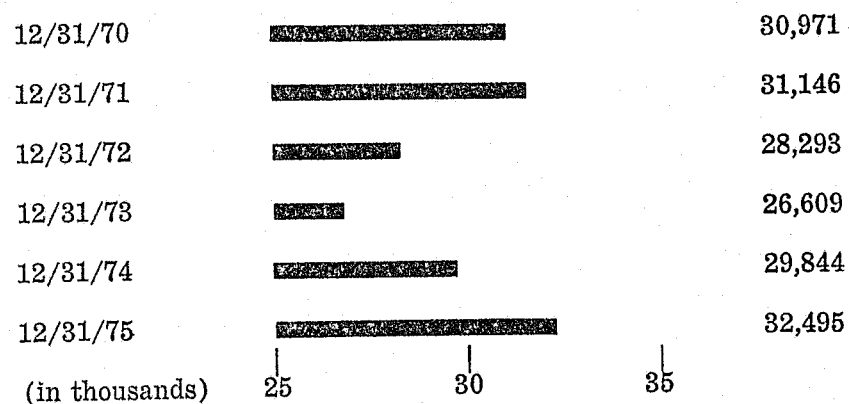
TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1975



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1975



UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1975

	<i>Days Scheduled</i>	<i>Days Held</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1/1/70 - 12/31/70	8,940½	7,178½	80.3
1/1/71 - 12/31/71	8,792	7,266½	82.6
1/1/72 - 12/31/72	9,170	7,496	81.7
1/1/73 - 12/31/73	9,542½	7,716	80.9
1/1/74 - 12/31/74	9,846	7,763½	78.8
1/1/75 - 12/31/75	11,525	9,143	79.3

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

As has been indicated in this space in recent years, there continues to be room for much improvement in the civil division of the superior court. This year, a favorable increase in dispositions of 5.2% is overshadowed by a large increase in filings of 8.5%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 12.7%.

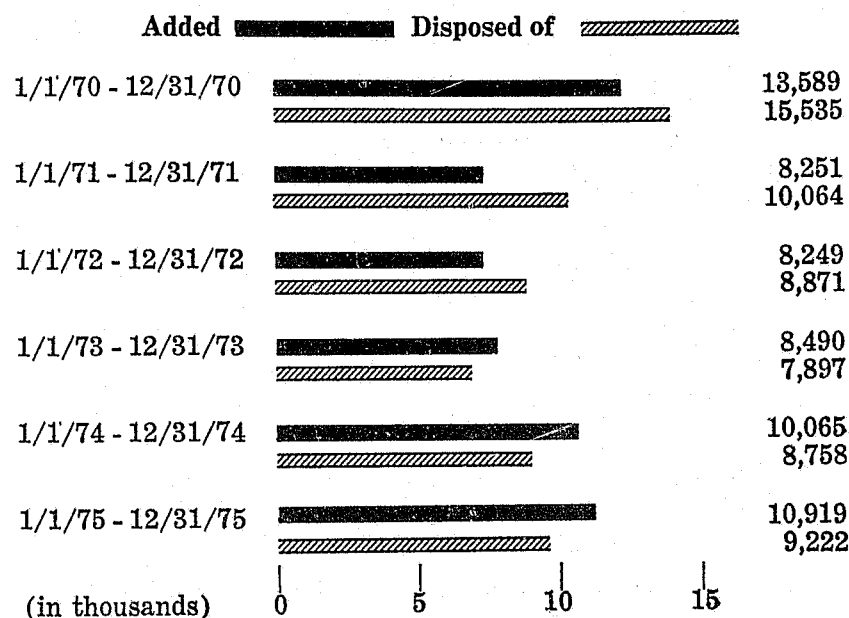
For the third time in the last nine years, the number of cases filed has exceeded the number of cases disposed of and the number of cases pending at the end of the year has shown an increase from the prior year. The relation, in percentage terms, of dispositions to filings has changed from 87.1% in 1974 to 84.4% in 1975. As has always been the case, the pending ratio for this division is higher than for any other division of the General Court of Justice. The pending ratio for this year (165.0) is greater than for last year (154.3). This ratio indicates that it would require approximately one year and eight months for the superior courts to dispose of all civil cases pending.

There was a substantial increase in the number of days of civil court held this year, from 2,673 to 3,160. The percentage of court utilization was little changed, decreasing from 73.9% to 73.1%.

Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 55.3% of the total pending cases. Sixty-seven counties had 100 or fewer cases pending and only six counties had more than 500 pending.

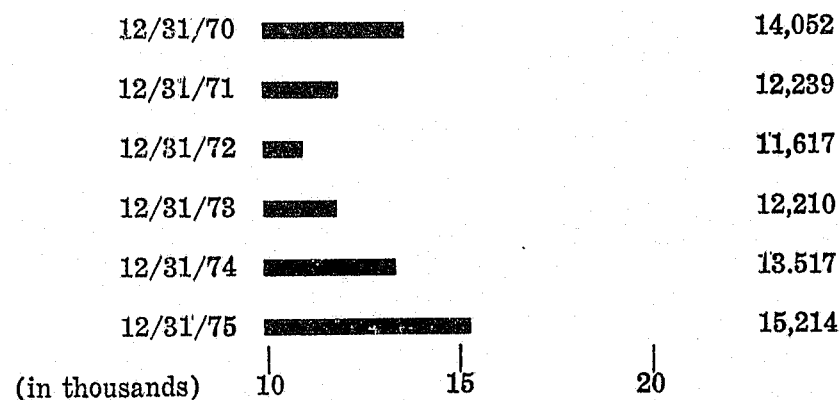
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1975



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1975



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1974	42	25	21	7	5
1975	37	30	18	9	6

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS PENDING AT YEAR END

County	Pending 1-1-75	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-75	Relation (%) of Dispositions to Filings
Mecklenburg	2,071	1,433	783	2,721	54.6
Wake	1,221	1,052	800	1,473	76.0
Guilford	879	819	673	1,025	82.2
Forsyth	578	635	581	632	91.5
Buncombe	487	424	314	597	74.1
Durham	647	390	444	593	113.8
Henderson	317	129	63	383	48.8
Gaston	411	296	338	369	114.2
Cumberland	313	255	228	340	89.4
Orange	248	99	60	287	60.6
State Mean	135	109	92	152	84.4

*All counties above were listed in this table in the 1974 Annual Report.

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

		Cases Disposed of							
		Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
1ST DISTRICT									
Camden	6	5	0	5	0	5	6	-----	2
Chowan	45	26	0	9	19	28	43	—	7
Currituck	35	12	2	8	9	19	28	—	11
Dare	65	29	3	12	25	40	54	—	2
Gates	15	9	0	6	5	11	13	—	3
Pasquotank	41	56	4	13	36	53	44	+	3
Perquimans	24	12	1	0	8	9	27	+	3
TOTAL	231	149	10	53	102	165	215	—	16
2ND DISTRICT									
Beaufort	76	41	3	6	17	26	91	+	15
Hyde	7	3	3	4	0	7	3	—	4
Martin	27	32	1	15	17	33	26	—	1
Tyrrell	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	+	2
Washington	21	10	1	5	10	16	15	—	6
TOTAL	132	89	8	30	45	83	138	+	6
3RD DISTRICT									
Carteret	140	72	2	23	59	84	128	—	12
Craven	193	104	11	69	56	136	161	—	32
Pamlico	24	16	1	0	12	13	27	+	3
Pitt	205	100	5	72	87	164	141	—	64
TOTAL	562	292	19	164	214	397	457	—	105
		Cases Disposed of							
		Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
4TH DISTRICT									
Duplin	59	29	1	33	16	50	38	—	21
Jones	19	12	0	6	9	15	16	—	3
Onslow	164	110	4	16	62	82	192	+	28
Sampson	81	55	4	21	25	50	86	+	5
TOTAL	323	206	9	76	112	197	332	+	9
5TH DISTRICT									
New Hanover	190	202	21	22	85	128	264	+	74
Pender	52	13	3	11	4	18	47	—	5
TOTAL	242	215	24	33	89	146	311	+	69
6TH DISTRICT									
Bertie	40	31	1	2	11	14	57	+	17
Halifax	83	36	4	13	17	34	85	+	2
Hertford	24	25	4	7	4	15	34	+	10
Northampton	36	27	1	13	11	25	38	+	2
TOTAL	183	119	10	35	43	88	214	+	31
7TH DISTRICT									
Edgecombe	49	65	0	12	25	37	77	+	28
Nash	175	109	7	50	67	124	160	—	15
Wilson	144	106	2	30	51	83	167	+	23
TOTAL	368	280	9	92	143	244	404	+	36
8TH DISTRICT									
Greene	17	25	2	0	11	13	29	+	12
Lenoir	112	104	17	28	42	87	129	+	17
Wayne	167	166	12	50	70	132	201	+	34
TOTAL	296	295	31	78	123	232	359	+	63

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	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
			Jury	Judge	Other	Total			
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>									
Franklin	71	62	3	15	37	55	78	+	7
Granville	74	32	3	9	27	39	67	—	7
Person	12	44	2	7	10	19	37	+	25
Vance	92	60	5	11	35	51	101	+	9
Warren	47	20	0	5	5	10	57	+	10
TOTAL	296	218	13	47	114	174	340	+	44
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>									
Wake	1,221	1,052	28	304	468	800	1,473	+	252
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>									
Harnett	177	103	3	17	30	50	230	+	53
Johnston	158	111	7	35	51	93	176	+	18
Lee	119	67	3	41	30	74	112	—	7
TOTAL	454	281	13	93	111	217	518	+	64
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cumberland	313	255	12	81	135	228	340	+	27
Hoke	12	10	1	1	5	7	15	+	3
TOTAL	325	265	13	82	140	235	355	+	30
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>									
Bladen	22	29	0	7	18	25	26	+	4
Brunswick	129	53	1	21	16	38	144	+	15
Columbus	128	70	9	13	46	68	130	+	2
TOTAL	279	152	10	41	80	131	300	+	21
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>									
Durham	647	390	23	21	400	444	593	—	54

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			Cases Disposed of						
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
Alamance	165	162	5	38	65	108	219	+	54
Chatham	35	31	1	8	13	22	44	+	9
Orange	248	99	3	15	42	60	287	+	39
TOTAL	448	292	9	61	120	190	550	+	102
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>									
Robeson	75	165	5	134	24	163	77	+	2
Scotland	20	37	1	29	11	41	16	—	4
TOTAL	95	202	6	163	35	204	93	—	2
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>									
Caswell	8	33	1	25	8	34	7	—	1
Rockingham	102	113	2	44	72	118	97	—	5
Stokes	21	17	3	7	12	22	16	—	5
Surry	83	76	8	3	48	59	100	+	17
TOTAL	214	239	14	79	140	233	220	+	6
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>									
Guilford—									
Greensboro	655	657	34	159	316	509	803	+	148
High Point	224	162	12	64	88	164	222	—	2
TOTAL	879	819	46	223	404	673	1,025	+	146
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cabarrus	114	139	15	38	27	80	173	+	59
Montgomery	33	16	2	10	10	22	27	—	6
Randolph	111	139	16	46	71	133	117	+	6
Rowan	76	163	26	10	98	134	105	+	29
TOTAL	334	457	59	104	206	369	422	+	88

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			Cases Disposed of						
	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
20TH DISTRICT									
Anson	53	37	7	21	26	54	36	— 17	
Moore	111	74	10	46	22	78	107	— 4	
Richmond	93	51	4	56	28	88	56	— 37	
Stanly	40	53	2	4	29	35	58	+ 18	
Union	111	76	9	27	58	94	93	— 18	
TOTAL	408	291	32	154	163	349	350	— 58	
21ST DISTRICT									
Forsyth	578	635	35	231	315	581	632	+ 54	
22ND DISTRICT									
Alexander	22	20	2	11	10	23	19	— 3	
Davidson	166	142	4	57	86	147	161	— 5	
Davie	26	28	2	17	10	29	25	— 1	
Iredell	79	145	11	44	85	140	84	+ 5	
TOTAL	293	335	19	129	191	339	289	— 4	
23RD DISTRICT									
Alleghany	14	20	3	4	7	14	20	+ 6	
Ashe	19	14	0	7	19	26	7	— 12	
Wilkes	81	95	4	24	58	86	90	+ 9	
Yadkin	45	34	5	12	25	42	37	— 8	
TOTAL	159	163	12	47	109	168	154	— 5	
24TH DISTRICT									
Avery	32	39	2	11	19	32	39	+ 7	
Madison	44	77	9	23	19	51	70	+ 26	
Mitchell	52	64	6	6	13	25	91	+ 39	
Watauga	47	58	0	16	24	40	65	+ 18	
Yancey	17	14	1	4	13	18	13	— 4	
TOTAL	192	252	18	60	88	166	278	+ 86	

			Cases Disposed of							
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>			Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed	Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
Burke			83	117	8	51	53	112	88	+ 5
Caldwell			102	102	4	1	77	82	122	+ 20
Catawba			173	154	3	40	83	126	201	+ 28
TOTAL			358	373	15	92	213	320	411	+ 53
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>										
Mecklenburg			2,071	1,433	79	320	384	783	2,721	+ 650
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>										
13	Cleveland		132	87	5	54	72	131	88	— 44
	Gaston		411	296	26	111	201	338	369	— 42
	Lincoln		63	65	2	22	48	72	56	— 7
	TOTAL		606	448	33	187	321	541	513	— 93
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>										
Buncombe			487	424	35	159	120	314	597	+ 110
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>										
Henderson			317	129	0	55	8	63	383	+ 66
McDowell			28	33	3	2	9	14	47	+ 19
Polk			24	6	0	9	4	13	17	— 7
Rutherford			55	92	2	28	36	66	81	+ 26
Transylvania			21	50	2	10	7	19	52	+ 31
TOTAL			445	310	7	104	64	175	580	+ 135

30TH DISTRICT	Cases Disposed of				Cases Filed	Pending 1/1/75	Gain or Loss
	Jury	Judge	Other	Total			
Cherokee	6	5	68	79	110	26	31
Clay	1	2	2	5	3	4	2
Graham	3	12	5	20	9	28	11
Haywood	3	15	22	40	44	87	4
Jackson	7	29	20	56	36	98	20
Macon	5	15	16	36	21	90	15
Swain	3	13	12	28	20	58	8
TOTAL	28	91	145	264	243	391	21
GRAND TOTAL	667	3,353	5,202	9,222	10,919	13,517	+1,697
Percent	7.2%	36.4%	56.4%				

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1975 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>				
Camden	5	4	1	80.0
Chowan	35	25	10	71.4
Currituck	15	9½	5½	63.3
Dare	20	15	5	75.0
Gates	5	1	4	20.0
Pasquotank	35	24½	10½	70.0
Perquimans	5	2	3	40.0
TOTAL	120	81	39	67.5
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>				
Beaufort	25	14	11	56.0
Hyde	5	3	2	60.0
Martin	19	10	9	52.6
Tyrrell	0	0	0	
Washington	10	5	5	50.0
TOTAL	59	32	27	54.2
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>				
Carteret	40	29½	10½	73.8
Craven	52	35	17	67.3
Pamlico	1	1	0	100.0
Pitt	65	43	22	66.2
TOTAL	158	108½	49½	68.7
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>				
Duplin	15	6	9	40.0
Jones	10	3½	6½	35.0
Onslow	30	16	14	53.3
Sampson	20	12	8	60.0
TOTAL	75	37½	37½	50.0
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>				
New Hanover	90	67½	22½	75.0
Pender	15	9	6	60.0
TOTAL	105	76½	28½	72.9
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bertie	12	5	7	41.7
Halifax	25	13	12	52.0
Hertford	15	7½	7½	50.0
Northampton	25	12½	12½	50.0
TOTAL	77	38	39	49.4
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>				
Edgecombe	30	13	17	43.3
Nash	65	37½	27½	57.7
Wilson	45	23	22	51.1
TOTAL	140	73½	66½	52.5

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Greene	10	4½	5½	45.0
Lenoir	30	27	3	90.0
Wayne	50	44½	5½	89.0
TOTAL	90	76	14	84.4

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	20	16	4	80.0
Granville	20	12½	7½	61.0
Person	20	9	11	45.0
Vance	20	11	9	55.0
Warren	15	7½	7½	50.0
TOTAL	95	56	39	59.0

10TH DISTRICT

Wake	300	241	59	80.3
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11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	45	37½	7½	83.3
Johnston	55	40	15	72.7
Lee	20	17	3	85.0
TOTAL	120	94½	25½	78.8

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	75	48½	26½	64.7
Hoke	5	2	3	40.0
TOTAL	80	50½	29½	63.1

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	20	19	1	95.0
Brunswick	25	17	8	68.0
Columbus	35	25½	9½	72.9
TOTAL	80	61½	18½	76.9

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	135	112½	22½	83.3
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15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	60	50½	9½	84.2
Chatham	15	6½	8½	43.3
Orange	40	29	11	72.5
TOTAL	115	86	29	74.8

16TH DISTRICT

Robeson	35	24	11	68.6
Scotland	15	4½	10½	30.0
TOTAL	50	28½	21½	57.0

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	18	9½	8½	52.8
Rockingham	55	32	23	58.2
Stokes	5	4	1	80.0
Surry	40	25½	14½	63.8
TOTAL	118	71	47	60.2

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	280	203	77	72.5
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19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	50	23½	26½	47.0
Montgomery	0	0	0	-----
Randolph	75	55	20	73.3
Rowan	70	48	22	68.6
TOTAL	195	126½	68½	64.9

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	15	12	3	80.0
Moore	45	31½	13½	70.0
Richmond	35	17	18	48.6
Stanly	15	13½	1½	90.0
Union	40	28	12	70.0
TOTAL	150	102	48	68.0

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	200	173	27	86.5
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	12	7½	4½	62.5
Davidson	70	48	22	68.6
Davie	12	8	4	66.7
Iredell	50	31	19	62.0
TOTAL	144	94½	49½	65.6

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	10	5	5	50.0
Ashe	2	2	0	100.0
Wilkes	45	35½	9½	78.9
Yadkin	25	17½	7½	70.0
TOTAL	82	60	22	73.2

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	10	6	4	60.0
Madison	50	35½	14½	71.0
Mitchell	10	9	1	90.0
Watauga	12	11	1	91.7
Yancey	10	3	7	30.0
TOTAL	92	64½	27½	70.1

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	55	41½	13½	75.5
Caldwell	40	27	13	67.5
Catawba	50	37½	12½	75.0
TOTAL	145	106	39	73.1

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	487½	425	62½	87.2
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	45	31½	13½	70.0
Gaston	105	86	19	81.9
Lincoln	15	6½	8½	43.3
TOTAL	165	124	41	75.2

<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Buncombe	220	165	55	75.0
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>				
Henderson	35	21	14	60.0
McDowell	20	15	5	75.0
Polk	5	3	2	60.0
Rutherford	35	34	1	97.1
Transylvania	20	15½	4½	77.5
TOTAL	115	88½	26½	77.0
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cherokee	10	10½	0	105.0
Clay	7	5	2	71.4
Graham	15	13	2	86.7
Haywood	30	27	3	90.0
Jackson	35	25	10	71.4
Macon	21	12	9	57.1
Swain	14	11	3	78.6
TOTAL	132	103½	28½	78.4
GRAND TOTAL	4,324½	3,160	1,164½	73.1

SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

Filings increased in 1975 by 6,877 cases (14.7%) over the previous year. Dispositions increased by 17.6%. Because of the substantially improved rate of dispositions, as compared with the previous year, the rate of increase in the number of year-end pending cases was significantly lower—5.8% in 1975 as compared with 13.4% in 1974.

The rate of dispositions (the number of dispositions relative to the number of filings) for 1975 is 98.2% compared with 95.9% in 1974. The pending ratio (the number of cases pending relative to the number of dispositions) dropped from 36.5 in 1974 to 32.9 in 1975, indicating (all other things being equal) that the estimated amount of time for the court to dispose of all criminal cases pending has decreased from almost four and one-half months to less than four months.

The number of days of superior court scheduled increased from 6,224 to 7,200½ or 15.7%, and the number of days held increased from 5,086½ to 5,983, an increase of 896½ days or 17.6%. This increase compares with increases of .8% in 1974, 2.2% in 1973, and 9.3% in 1972.

For the third consecutive year since the district court has been operating in all 100 counties of the State, misdemeanors have constituted less than one-half of superior court filings. In prior years, there were always more misdemeanors than felonies on the superior court docket. This year, misdemeanors constituted 42.5% of filings (a decrease from 44.8%) and felonies made up 57.5% (an increase from 55.2%).

It continues to be the situation that a relatively small proportion of the criminal cases in the superior courts are disposed of by jury trial. Of the 52,551 cases that were disposed of in 1975, only 3,626 (6.9%), followed a not-guilty plea for which a jury was impaneled. This compares with 3,524 (7.9%) in 1974. The largest percentage of cases were disposed of by guilty pleas (26,835 or 51.1%, up from 22,379 or 50.1% in 1974); and the remaining cases—22,090 or 42.0%, up from 18,797 or 42.0% in 1974—were disposed of by other means.

The ten counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 39.6% of the total cases pending at the end of the year. Forty-six counties had 100 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year, and only eight counties had more than 500 cases pending.

In the order named, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Wake, Forsyth and Cumberland had the largest number of cases filed in 1975. Among all the counties that exceeded the statewide mean (535) for filings, the following counties had the largest percentage increases in filings between 1974 and 1975: Catawba (63.4%), Mecklenburg (56.7%), Lenoir (46.2%), Pitt (46.2%), Cleveland (43.7%), Gaston (39.5%), Surry (39.3%), Randolph (37.9%).

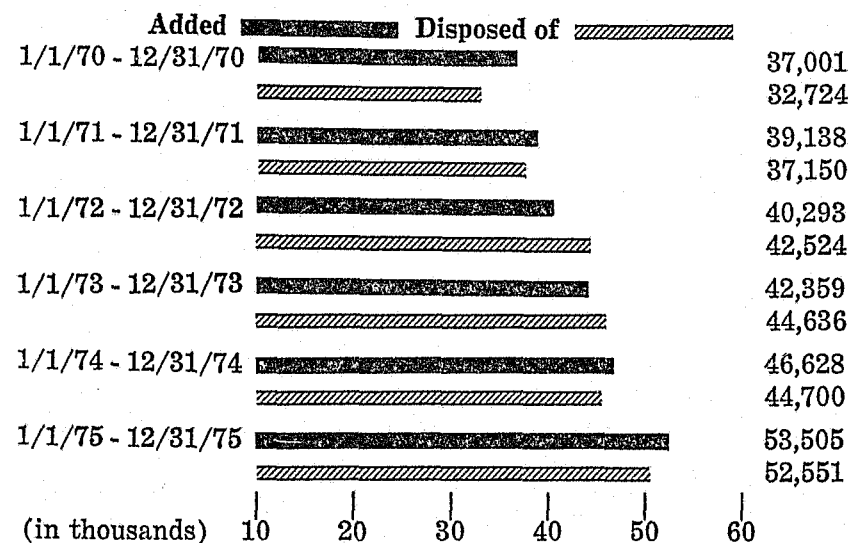
Mecklenburg County disposed of the most cases in 1975, followed in order by Wake, Forsyth, Guilford and Cumberland. Among the counties that exceeded the statewide mean for dispositions, the following counties made the most significant increases over 1974: Gaston (295.5%), Cleveland (66.7%), Forsyth (47.3%), Nash (40.0%), and Catawba (38.2%).

The highest number of jury trials, 265, was held in Mecklenburg in 1975; Durham held 176, Wake held 154, New Hanover held 126, and Cumberland held 119. Mecklenburg led the State in the number of days of criminal court held (510), followed by Wake (413½), Cumberland (296½), Durham (251), and Guilford (246½).

The 1971 *Annual Report* utilized pending ratios as a barometer of court performance for the first time. As already indicated, the pending ratio for 1975 is 32.9, suggesting that it would require about four months to dispose of all cases pending. The pending ratio, of course, varies from county to county, and it is useful to apply that test to each county. The table at page 23 lists the ten counties with the highest pending ratios.

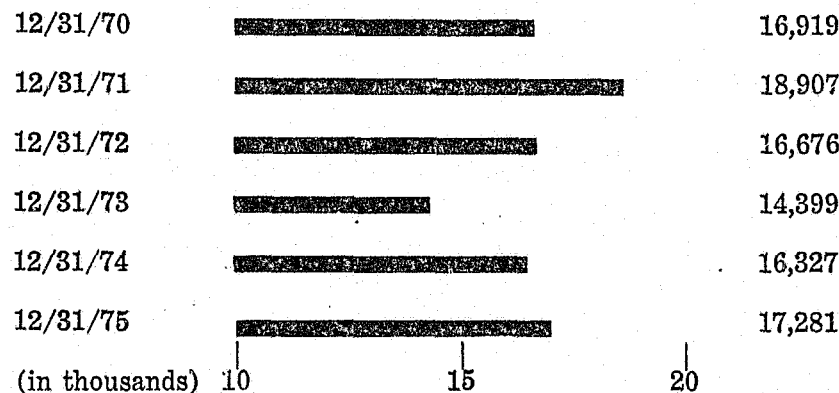
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1975



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1975



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1974	25	27	23	18	7
1975	23	23	31	15	8

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS PENDING AT YEAR END

County	Pending 1-1-75	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-75	Relation (%) of Dispositions to Filings
*Mecklenburg	920	3,357	2,909	1,368	86.6
*Wake	988	2,687	2,788	887	103.7
*Guilford	621	2,931	2,694	858	91.9
*Alamance	710	1,148	1,224	634	106.6
Catawba	300	1,069	792	577	74.1
*Forsyth	702	2,656	2,784	574	104.8
*Cumberland	603	2,126	2,180	549	102.5
*New Hanover	524	1,947	1,970	501	101.2
*Robeson	415	1,054	982	487	93.2
Cabarrus	207	1,018	808	417	79.4
STATE MEAN	163	535	525	173	98.2

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1974 Annual Report.

TEN COUNTIES WITH GREATEST RATIO OF CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN RELATION TO DISPOSITIONS¹

County	Disposed of in 1975	Pending 12-31-75	Ratio
Scotland	214	258	120.5
Person	216	209	96.7
Vance	410	386	94.1
Catawba	792	577	72.8
Franklin	430	268	62.3
Randolph	471	283	60.0
*Granville	334	195	58.3
*Alamance	1,224	634	51.7
Cabarrus	808	417	51.6
Robeson	982	487	49.5
STATE MEAN	525	173	32.9

¹Excluding counties with less than the statewide average of 173 cases pending on December 31, 1975.

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1974 Annual Report.

PERCENT OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED IN THE DISTRICT COURT WHICH WERE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR TRIAL DE NOVO

Total number of cases tried in the District Court 395,963
(Includes only cases actually tried; excludes cases disposed of by waiver, preliminary hearing, *nol pros* or otherwise.)

Total number of cases appealed from the District Court for trial *de novo* in the Superior Court 22,743

Percent of cases tried in the District Court which were appealed to the Superior Court for trial *de novo* 5.74%

PERCENT OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL FILINGS WHICH ARE CASES APPEALED FROM THE DISTRICT COURT FOR TRIAL DE NOVO

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court within its original jurisdiction 30,762

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court upon appeal from District Court for trial *de novo* 22,743

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court 53,505

Percent of Superior Court Filings consisting of cases appealed from District Court for trial *de novo* 42.51%

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

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	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/75	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
1ST DISTRICT										
Camden	17	77	15	92	6	47	29	82	27	+ 10
Chowan	86	203	117	320	27	136	109	272	134	+ 48
Currituck	84	136	25	161	20	108	33	161	84	-----
Dare	73	207	142	349	21	179	150	350	72	— 1
Gates	45	62	37	99	6	72	28	106	38	— 7
Pasquotank	105	410	88	498	18	252	249	519	84	— 21
Perquimans	12	73	25	98	20	42	19	81	29	+ 17
TOTAL	422	1,168	449	1,617	118	836	617	1,571	468	+ 46
2ND DISTRICT										
Beaufort	98	167	217	384	57	213	112	382	100	+ 2
Hyde	21	41	6	47	22	16	18	56	12	— 9
Martin	34	75	154	229	30	109	75	214	49	+ 15
Tyrrell	14	28	10	38	4	33	1	38	14	-----
Washington	85	62	35	97	29	50	35	114	68	— 17
TOTAL	252	373	422	795	142	421	241	804	243	— 9
3RD DISTRICT										
Carteret	224	165	223	388	16	203	288	507	105	—119
Craven	225	375	421	796	39	313	495	847	174	— 51
Pamlico	97	34	22	56	6	107	0	113	40	— 57
Pitt	235	448	691	1,139	86	552	407	1,045	329	+ 94
TOTAL	781	1,022	1,357	2,379	147	1,175	1,190	2,512	648	—133

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

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	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/75	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
4TH DISTRICT										
Duplin	36	141	204	345	27	256	82	365	16	— 20
Jones	12	24	18	42	7	10	29	46	8	— 4
Onslow	179	365	572	937	92	482	361	935	181	+ 2
Sampson	17	264	156	420	39	248	105	392	45	+ 28
TOTAL	244	794	950	1,744	165	996	577	1,738	250	+ 6
5TH DISTRICT										
New Hanover	524	461	1,486	1,947	126	937	907	1,970	501	— 23
Pender	64	61	205	266	14	128	110	252	78	+ 14
TOTAL	588	522	1,691	2,213	140	1,065	1,017	2,222	579	— 9
6TH DISTRICT										
Bertie	13	69	94	163	6	74	54	134	42	+ 29
Halifax	78	148	287	435	23	197	192	412	101	+ 23
Hertford	76	72	144	216	25	109	89	223	69	— 7
Northampton	27	39	64	103	5	45	36	86	44	+ 17
TOTAL	194	328	589	917	59	425	371	855	256	+ 62
7TH DISTRICT										
Edgecombe	101	419	248	667	17	424	216	657	111	+ 10
Nash	263	444	373	817	22	637	213	872	208	— 55
Wilson	187	234	411	645	24	249	378	651	181	— 6
TOTAL	551	1,097	1,032	2,129	63	1,310	807	2,180	500	— 51

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

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		Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of					
	Pending 1/1/75	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>										
Greene	40	64	42	106	6	50	58	114	32	— 8
Lenoir	54	286	305	591	39	281	192	512	133	+ 79
Wayne	230	316	394	710	49	321	284	654	286	+ 56
TOTAL	324	666	741	1,407	94	652	534	1,280	451	+127
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>										
Franklin	218	356	124	480	13	227	190	430	268	+ 50
Granville	218	183	128	311	14	184	136	334	195	— 23
Person	115	174	136	310	13	103	100	216	209	+ 94
Vance	195	180	421	601	9	201	200	410	386	+191
Warren	96	111	89	200	3	70	60	133	163	+ 67
TOTAL	842	1,004	898	1,902	52	785	686	1,523	1,221	+379
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>										
Wake	988	1,120	1,567	2,687	154	1,516	1,118	2,788	887	—101
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>										
Harnett	36	76	213	289	16	81	118	215	110	+ 74
Johnston	45	127	298	425	28	177	172	377	93	+ 48
Lee	60	57	120	177	11	72	83	166	71	+ 11
TOTAL	141	260	631	891	55	330	373	758	274	+133
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>										
Cumberland	603	497	1,629	2,126	119	968	1,093	2,180	549	— 54
Hoke	41	135	119	254	19	114	80	213	82	+ 41
TOTAL	644	632	1,748	2,380	138	1,082	1,173	2,393	631	— 13

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>										
Bladen	156	148	128	276	13	180	114	307	125	— 31
Brunswick	151	144	169	313	20	178	106	304	160	+ 9
Columbus	298	262	334	596	24	373	218	615	279	— 19
TOTAL	605	554	631	1,185	57	731	438	1,226	564	— 41
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>										
Durham	339	316	983	1,299	176	622	554	1,352	286	— 53
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>										
Alamance	710	278	870	1,148	79	357	788	1,224	634	— 76
Chatham	69	67	130	197	24	44	62	130	136	+ 67
Orange	323	93	375	468	32	168	338	538	253	+ 70
TOTAL	1,102	438	1,375	1,813	135	569	1,188	1,892	1,023	— 79
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>										
Robeson	415	387	667	1,054	103	681	198	982	487	+ 72
Scotland	153	137	182	319	28	126	60	214	258	+105
TOTAL	568	524	849	1,373	131	807	258	1,196	745	+177
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>										
Caswell	44	115	37	152	3	89	46	138	58	+ 14
Rockingham	91	704	330	1,034	16	674	286	976	149	+ 58
Stokes	111	109	102	211	15	144	21	180	142	+ 31
Surry	107	457	305	762	12	505	167	684	185	+ 78
TOTAL	353	1,385	774	2,159	46	1,412	520	1,978	534	+181

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

18TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Guilford—										
Greensboro	354	762	1,460	2,222	72	977	923	1,972	604	+250
High Point	267	219	490	709	38	378	306	722	254	— 13
TOTAL	621	981	1,950	2,931	110	1,355	1,229	2,694	858	+237

19TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Cabarrus	207	473	545	1,018	61	383	364	808	417	+210
Montgomery	86	129	185	314	12	133	112	257	143	+ 57
Randolph	129	360	265	625	46	242	183	471	283	+154
Rowan	382	413	360	773	52	457	396	915	240	—142
TOTAL	804	1,375	1,355	2,730	181	1,215	1,055	2,451	1,083	+279

20TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Anson	79	117	184	301	29	140	139	308	72	— 7
Moore	164	132	194	326	34	149	153	336	154	— 10
Richmond	112	156	326	482	30	247	189	466	128	+ 16
Stanly	102	211	257	468	29	255	143	427	143	+ 41
Union	83	219	337	556	42	271	176	489	150	+ 67
TOTAL	540	835	1,298	2,133	164	1,062	800	2,026	647	+107

21ST DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Forsyth	702	1,307	1,349	2,656	116	1,798	870	2,784	574	—128

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

22ND DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Alexander	63	174	0	174	7	73	74	154	83	+ 20
Davidson	208	430	356	786	28	479	337	844	150	— 58
Davie	68	156	16	172	11	90	83	184	56	— 12
Iredell	152	562	286	848	74	396	394	864	136	— 16
TOTAL	491	1,322	658	1,980	120	1,038	888	2,046	425	— 66

23RD DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Alleghany	13	22	79	101	4	76	4	84	30	+ 17
Ashe	52	40	50	90	18	58	27	103	39	— 13
Wilkes	169	168	146	314	41	211	179	431	52	—117
Yadkin	44	64	99	163	14	69	57	140	67	+ 23
TOTAL	278	294	374	668	77	414	267	758	188	— 90

24TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Avery	58	55	40	95	18	25	46	89	64	+ 6
Madison	61	63	56	119	27	55	72	154	26	— 35
Mitchell	41	11	10	21	8	5	18	31	31	— 10
Watauga	116	72	45	117	23	86	99	208	25	— 91
Yancey	19	17	38	55	12	17	24	53	21	+ 2
TOTAL	295	218	189	407	88	188	259	535	167	—128

25TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Burke	67	240	203	443	34	192	185	411	99	+ 32
Caldwell	202	243	273	516	42	231	281	554	164	— 38
Catawba	300	456	613	1,069	36	460	296	792	577	+277
TOTAL	569	939	1,089	2,028	112	883	762	1,757	840	+271

26TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Mecklenburg	920	1,320	2,037	3,357	265	1,211	1,433	2,909	1,368	+448

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of			Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/75	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonyes ²	Jury	Plea	Other		
27TH DISTRICT								
Cleveland	144	165	433	46	292	212	192	+ 48
Gaston	666	376	887	132	672	944	181	-485
Lincoln	175	62	195	24	185	143	80	- 95
TOTAL	985	603	1,515	202	1,149	1,299	453	-532
28TH DISTRICT								
Buncombe	309	355	786	64	633	572	181	-128
29TH DISTRICT								
Henderson	87	229	242	35	197	238	88	+ 1
McDowell	74	139	128	55	152	67	67	- 7
Polk	21	35	25	20	27	15	19	- 2
Rutherford	96	150	202	59	102	135	152	+ 56
Transylvania	61	33	90	19	40	49	76	+ 15
TOTAL	339	586	687	188	518	504	402	+ 63
30TH DISTRICT								
Cherokee	19	68	120	8	58	37	104	+ 85
Clay	53	10	28	2	64	7	18	- 35
Graham	22	33	64	21	50	19	29	+ 7
Haywood	157	144	348	13	235	192	209	+ 52
Jackson	150	73	125	6	127	98	117	- 33
Macon	103	51	58	13	82	110	7	- 96
Swain	32	26	45	4	21	27	51	+ 19
TOTAL	536	405	788	67	637	490	535	- 1
GRAND TOTAL	16,327	22,743	30,762	3,626	26,335	22,090	17,281	+954
Percent		42.5%	57.5%	6.9%	51.1%	42%		

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1975 Calendar Year

1ST DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Camden	10	8	2	80.0
Chowan	20	19	1	95.0
Currituck	25	21	4	84.0
Dare	40	30	10	75.0
Gates	20	14	6	70.0
Pasquotank	50	38	12	76.0
Perquimans	20	14	6	70.0
TOTAL	185	144	41	77.8

2ND DISTRICT

Beaufort	95	86	9	90.5
Hyde	10	10	0	100.0
Martin	31	24	7	77.4
Tyrrell	10	3½	6½	35.0
Washington	25	17	8	68.0
TOTAL	171	140½	30½	82.2

3RD DISTRICT

Carteret	50	35½	14½	71.0
Craven	113	74½	38½	65.9
Pamlico	9	7	2	77.8
Pitt	110	85	25	77.3
TOTAL	282	202	80	71.6

4TH DISTRICT

Duplin	30	24½	5½	81.7
Jones	25	13½	11½	54.0
Onslow	135	112½	22½	83.3
Sampson	55	42	13	76.4
TOTAL	245	192½	52½	78.6

5TH DISTRICT

New Hanover	215	170	45	79.1
Pender	20	12½	7½	62.5
TOTAL	235	182½	52½	77.7

6TH DISTRICT

Bertie	23	16	7	69.6
Halifax	45	39	6	86.7
Hertford	25	19	6	76.0
Northampton	15	9½	5½	63.3
TOTAL	108	83½	24½	77.3

7TH DISTRICT

Edgecombe	55	43½	11½	79.1
Nash	70	61	9	87.1
Wilson	100	88	12	88.0
TOTAL	225	192½	32½	85.6

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Greene	20	7	13	35.0
Lenoir	80	62	18	77.5
Wayne	135	112½	22½	83.3
TOTAL	235	181½	53½	77.2

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	35	28½	6½	81.4
Granville	30	20½	9½	68.3
Person	30	26	4	86.7
Vance	30	25	5	83.3
Warren	15	11	4	73.3
TOTAL	140	111	29	79.3

10TH DISTRICT

Wake	460	413½	46½	89.9
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11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	35	33	2	94.3
Johnston	65	59½	5½	91.5
Lee	40	29½	10½	73.8
TOTAL	140	122	18	87.1

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	355	296½	58½	83.5
Hoke	35	31	4	88.6
TOTAL	390	327½	62½	84.0

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	35	31½	3½	90.0
Brunswick	30	27	3	90.0
Columbus	60	51½	8½	85.8
TOTAL	125	110	15	88.0

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	275	251	24	91.3
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15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	135	128	7	94.8
Chatham	30	24½	5½	81.7
Orange	70	59	11	84.3
TOTAL	235	211½	23½	90.0

16TH DISTRICT

Robeson	170	150	20	88.2
Scotland	15	14	1	93.3
TOTAL	185	164	21	88.7

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	22	13½	8½	61.4
Rockingham	85	69½	15½	81.8
Stokes	35	37	0	105.7
Surry	50	35	15	70.0
TOTAL	192	155	37	80.7

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	300	246½	53½	82.2
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19TH DISTRICT

<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Cabarrus	75	58	17	77.3
Montgomery	40	32	8	80.0
Randolph	70	53½	16½	76.4
Rowan	80	67	13	83.8
TOTAL	265	210½	54½	79.4

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	40	31	9	77.5
Moore	45	40	5	88.9
Richmond	55	45	10	81.8
Stanly	35	28	7	80.0
Union	75	61	14	81.3
TOTAL	250	205	45	82.0

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	265	245	20	92.5
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	13	10	3	76.9
Davidson	80	58½	21½	73.1
Davie	18	12½	5½	69.4
Iredell	75	56	19	74.7
TOTAL	186	137	49	73.7

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	10	6	4	60.0
Ashe	18	14	4	77.8
Wilkes	60	55	5	91.7
Yadkin	20	13½	6½	67.5
TOTAL	108	88½	19½	81.9

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	15	14	1	93.3
Madison	35	29½	5½	84.3
Mitchell	20	16	4	80.0
Watauga	38	33	5	86.8
Yancey	25	13	12	52.0
TOTAL	133	105½	27½	79.3

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	100	83	17	83.0
Caldwell	90	76	14	84.4
Catawba	125	100	25	80.0
TOTAL	315	259	56	82.2

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	592½	510	82½	86.1
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	90	77	13	85.6
Gaston	40	207½	32½	86.5
Lincoln	75	63½	11½	84.7
TOTAL	405	348	57	85.9

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	245	187	58	76.3
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29TH DISTRICT	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Henderson	45	40 1/2	4 1/2	90.0
McDowell	55	45	10	81.8
Polk	10	8	2	80.0
Rutherford	45	41	4	91.1
Tennessee	25	21 1/2	3 1/2	86.0
TOTAL	180	156	24	86.7

30TH DISTRICT	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Cherokee	15	8	7	53.3
Clay	8	3	5	37.5
Graham	10	7	3	70.0
Haywood	45	43	2	95.6
Jackson	25	22 1/2	2 1/2	90.0
Macon	14	10 1/2	3 1/2	75.0
Swain	11	6 1/2	4 1/2	59.1
TOTAL	128	100 1/2	27 1/2	78.5
GRAND TOTAL	7,200 1/2	5,983	1,217 1/2	83.1

ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/75	Estates		Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings		Pending 12/31/75
		Filed	Disposed of			Filed	Disposed of	
Camden	33	30	17	46	18	11	13	16
Chowan	126	107	84	149	107	53	92	68
Currituck	91	57	69	79	33	56	55	34
Dare	252	95	67	280	56	60	37	79
Gates	159	74	78	155	62	29	41	50
Pasquotank	195	149	142	202	90	86	99	77
Perquimans	124	34	41	117	50	29	24	55
TOTAL	980	546	498	1,028	416	324	361	379

<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75
Beaufort	391	232	238	385	351	176	143	384
Hyde	42	41	47	36	27	20	20	27
Martin	211	109	92	228	154	96	128	122
Tyrrell	26	12	19	19	21	11	19	13
Washington	79	62	61	80	70	51	46	75
TOTAL	749	456	457	748	623	354	356	621

<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75
Carteret	301	222	210	313	158	167	152	173
Craven	417	248	245	420	166	273	237	202
Pamlico	63	58	56	65	43	32	35	40
Pitt	520	360	334	546	145	418	424	139
TOTAL	1,301	888	845	1,344	512	890	848	554

	Estates				Special Proceedings			
	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>								
Duplin	302	191	175	318	345	277	218	404
Jones	90	38	63	65	33	43	41	35
Onslow	434	182	171	445	275	291	320	246
Sampson	430	238	200	468	318	203	154	367
TOTAL	1,256	649	609	1,296	971	814	733	1,052
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>								
New Hanover	417	326	268	475	749	418	162	1,005
Pender	116	86	84	118	226	80	68	238
TOTAL	533	412	352	593	975	498	230	1,243
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bertie	244	129	103	270	125	85	61	149
Halifax	570	238	221	587	392	234	175	451
Hertford	171	107	102	176	92	75	81	86
Northampton	156	99	92	163	96	76	63	109
TOTAL	1,141	573	518	1,196	705	470	380	795
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>								
Edgecomb	411	265	253	423	166	207	242	131
Nash	524	293	338	479	212	293	298	207
Wilson	622	283	260	645	355	297	312	340
TOTAL	1,557	841	851	1,547	733	797	852	678
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>								
Greene	111	77	78	110	59	77	81	55
Lenoir	351	295	281	365	172	274	290	156
Wayne	649	322	319	652	266	765	746	285
TOTAL	1,111	694	678	1,127	497	1,116	1,117	496

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	Pending 1/1/75	Filed	Estates Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>								
Franklin	237	138	107	268	234	151	122	263
Granville	252	152	169	235	445	349	216	578
Person	214	135	151	198	160	118	104	174
Vance	288	162	195	255	181	175	188	168
Warren	225	109	83	251	119	73	34	158
TOTAL	1,216	696	705	1,207	1,139	866	664	1,341
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>								
Wake	1,458	883	782	1,559	306	1,176	1,107	377
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>								
Harnett	553	226	209	570	269	206	219	256
Johnston	599	470	423	646	233	442	303	372
Lee	312	176	163	320	151	187	164	174
TOTAL	1,464	872	800	1,536	653	835	686	802
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cumberland	732	735	667	800	445	1,057	925	577
Hoke	123	81	81	123	114	72	92	94
TOTAL	855	816	748	923	559	1,129	1,017	671
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bladen	131	82	77	136	95	118	108	105
Brunswick	196	105	130	171	197	148	113	232
Columbus	378	159	214	323	208	170	172	206
TOTAL	705	346	421	630	500	436	393	543
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>								
Durham	1,355	757	700	1,412	267	1,000	885	382

	Pending 1/1/75	Estates		Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings		Pending 12/31/75
		Filed	Disposed of			Filed	Disposed of	
15TH DISTRICT								
Alamance	463	602	582	483	172	325	305	192
Chatham	318	144	134	328	326	79	72	333
Orange	516	235	230	521	278	466	299	445
TOTAL	1,297	981	946	1,332	776	870	676	970

16TH DISTRICT

Robeson	646	418	350	714	368	379	310	437
Scotland	194	96	68	222	89	90	92	87
TOTAL	840	514	418	936	457	469	402	524

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	116	103	92	127	59	70	68	61
Rockingham	762	435	366	831	383	338	322	399
Stokes	156	111	116	151	86	98	85	99
Surry	420	205	216	409	126	187	186	127
TOTAL	1,454	854	790	1,518	654	693	661	686

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	2,778	1,252	1,240	2,790	541	1,742	1,495	788
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19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	591	445	428	608	132	265	240	157
Montgomery	153	76	57	172	46	122	102	66
Randolph	459	332	324	467	364	260	257	367
Rowan	799	501	509	791	693	519	357	855
TOTAL	2,002	1,354	1,318	2,038	1,235	1,166	952	1,445

20TH DISTRICT

	Pending 1/1/75	Estates		Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings		Pending 12/31/75
		Filed	Disposed of			Filed	Disposed of	
Anson	413	121	121	413	262	104	112	254
Moore	464	307	275	496	146	144	136	154
Richmond	322	186	156	352	216	142	104	254
Stanley	587	267	286	568	246	164	161	249
Union	378	233	203	408	40	277	177	140
TOTAL	2,164	1,114	1,041	2,237	910	831	690	1,051

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	1,583	1,379	1,285	1,677	356	937	875	418
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	111	58	79	90	84	32	26	90
Davidson	640	447	442	645	221	429	417	233
Davie	118	86	99	105	59	85	77	67
Iredell	706	452	485	673	262	408	362	308
TOTAL	1,575	1,043	1,105	1,513	626	954	882	698

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	86	86	78	94	28	73	63	38
Ashe	116	101	109	108	82	78	123	37
Wilkes	321	184	236	269	312	330	413	229
Yadkin	251	125	154	222	50	99	67	82
TOTAL	774	496	577	693	472	580	666	386

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	102	64	63	103	70	116	140	46
Madison	119	94	85	128	137	59	41	155
Mitchell	133	78	38	173	51	76	36	91
Watauga	127	113	45	195	70	129	52	147
Yancey	94	62	77	79	28	61	68	21
TOTAL	575	411	308	678	356	441	337	460

	Pending 1/1/75	Estates		Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings		Pending 12/31/75
		Filed	Disposed of			Filed	Disposed of	
25TH DISTRICT								
Burke	636	277	253	660	1,967	848	870	1,945
Caldwell	437	232	246	423	344	277	243	378
Catawba	916	411	403	924	321	376	362	335
TOTAL	1,989	920	902	2,007	2,632	1,501	1,475	2,658

26TH DISTRICT								
Mecklenburg	3,271	1,849	1,984	3,136	501	1,812	1,895	418

27TH DISTRICT								
Cleveland	386	300	299	387	216	389	425	180
Gaston	871	588	541	918	641	960	854	747
Lincoln	223	178	161	240	122	166	139	149
TOTAL	1,480	1,066	1,001	1,545	979	1,515	1,418	1,076

28TH DISTRICT								
Buncombe	2,049	1,062	949	2,162	278	796	667	407

29TH DISTRICT								
Henderson	451	321	273	499	330	187	153	364
McDowell	194	142	102	234	160	135	138	157
Polk	189	88	80	197	57	43	66	34
Rutherford	345	244	233	356	131	179	189	121
Transylvania	266	122	140	248	67	251	118	200
TOTAL	1,445	917	828	1,534	745	795	664	876

	Pending 1/1/75	Estates		Pending 12/31/75	Pending 1/1/75	Special Proceedings		Pending 12/31/75
		Filed	Disposed of			Filed	Disposed of	
30TH DISTRICT								
Cherokee	136	71	82	125	40	51	42	49
Clay	30	18	27	21	13	24	21	16
Graham	28	47	30	45	9	16	19	6
Haywood	350	216	215	351	200	196	234	162
Jackson	154	104	79	179	95	92	101	86
Macon	187	116	89	214	103	94	77	120
Swain	119	50	100	69	82	69	92	59
TOTAL	1,004	622	622	1,004	542	542	586	498
GRAND TOTAL	41,961	25,263	24,278	42,946	20,918	26,349	23,974	23,293

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The total of civil and criminal filings in this division increased by 3.6% and total dispositions increased by 5.2%. The larger increases were experienced in the civil division. There has been an increase from last year in the ratio between criminal cases pending at the end of the year and dispositions for the year. The ratio for criminal cases is 11.0 indicating that it would require about 6 weeks for the district court to dispose of its criminal docket (up from 5 weeks last year). The ratio for civil cases decreased from 35.9 to 35.2, the estimated time needed to dispose of all civil cases decreasing from about four months and three weeks to about four months and two weeks.

The total number of days of district court held in 1975 increased by 8.4% over 1974, the number of civil days increasing from 6,018½ to 6,673½ and the number of criminal days increasing from 11,193 to 11,979. Upon assignment by the Chief Justice district court judges held 237½ days of court in judicial districts other than their own, down from 244 such days in 1974.

The tables relating to juvenile proceedings are found on pages 65 and 78. The number of new cases opened (children before the court for the first time) decreased from 15,504 to 13,190 or 14.9%. The number of adjudicatory hearings decreased from 28,830 to 27,131 or 6.3%. The composition of the caseload varies little from year to year: delinquency accounted for 59.6%, undisciplined for 21.3%, dependency for 9.3%, and neglect for 9.8%. The bulk of delinquency charges were for misdemeanors (59.0%), 23.7% were for non-capital felonies, 17.1% were for violations of probation, and .2% were for capital felonies. The only increase from last year was in the dependent category. Allegations of dependency increased 4.5% and dependency hearings increased by 8.4%. On the other hand, allegations of neglect decreased by 4.5% while neglect hearings increased by 12.3%.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

Civil filings have again increased, 7.6% compared with an 18.9% increase last year. The change in the small claim jurisdiction of magistrates from \$300 to \$500 (effective July 1, 1974) resulted in an 8.5% increase in small claim filings, whereas domestic filings increased by only 17% and other civil actions decreased by .9%. The rate of disposition was 96.9% (fewer cases were disposed of than were filed).

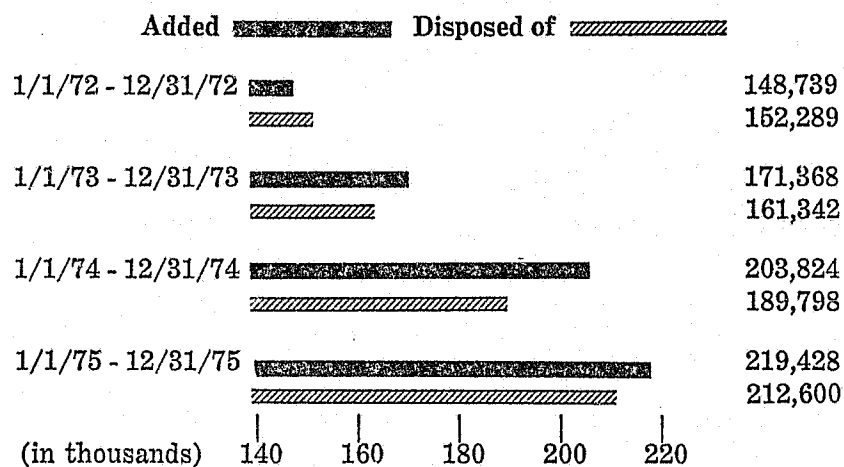
Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 59.2% of the total civil cases pending. Forty-nine counties had 300 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year and 14 counties had more than 1,000 pending. As stated above, the ratio of pending cases to the year's dispositions is 35.2, indicating that the docket could be disposed of in about four and one-half months.

Of the 219,428 cases filed in 1975, 68.0% were small claims, 14.0% were domestic cases, and 18.0% were regular civil actions in which a hearing before a district court judge was requested. Of the 212,600 cases which were disposed of, 18.0% were handled by a judge without a jury, a jury was impaneled in .29% of the cases, magistrates disposed of 66.0%, and the remaining 14.71% were disposed of by other means. It is notable that jury cases dropped by more than one-third from 1974. In 1974, a jury was impaneled in 962 cases; this year a jury was impaneled in only 608 cases.

When the plaintiff so requests, claims for \$500 or less are subject to assignment to a magistrate. Magistrates continue to dispose of almost all of these small claims. In 1975, magistrates disposed of 95.8% of such claims.

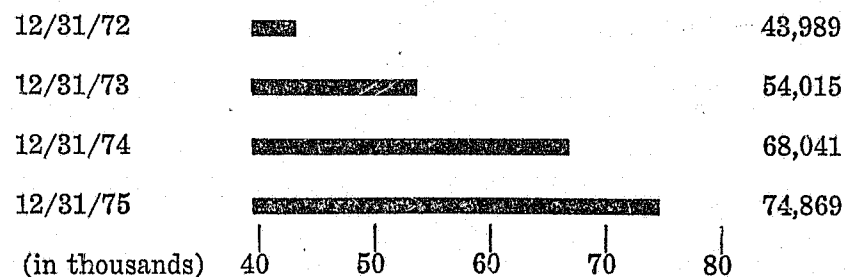
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1972 - December 31, 1975



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

December 31, 1972 - December 31, 1975



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1974	24	23	19	19	15
1975	23	26	19	18	14

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS PENDING AT YEAR END

County	Pending 1/1/75	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Relation (%) of Dispositions to Filings
*Mecklenburg	12,503	24,495	19,798	17,200	80.8
*Guilford	4,991	20,467	18,866	6,592	92.2
*Wake	5,131	12,782	12,167	5,746	95.2
*New Hanover	1,998	5,272	4,011	3,259	76.1
*Durham	2,244	9,701	9,973	1,972	102.8
*Robeson	1,696	4,099	3,890	1,905	94.9
Buncombe	1,458	4,136	3,742	1,852	90.5
*Cumberland	1,625	8,014	7,823	1,816	97.6
*Person	1,673	1,185	1,214	1,644	102.4
Onslow	1,127	3,807	3,308	1,626	86.9
STATE MEAN	680	2,194	2,126	749	96.9

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1974 Annual Report.

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

1ST DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total			
Camden	10	146	16	36	198	0	12	149	30	191	17	+	7
Chowan	90	245	0	119	364	0	57	166	162	385	69	—	21
Currituck	77	171	65	67	303	3	53	200	53	309	71	—	6
Dare	128	186	80	77	343	1	77	189	64	331	140	+	12
Gates	91	203	30	22	255	1	50	192	31	274	72	—	19
Pasquotank	269	895	173	193	1,261	2	154	886	202	1,244	286	+	17
Perquimans	65	129	15	16	160	4	16	164	20	204	21	—	44
TOTAL	730	1,975	379	530	2,884	11	419	1,946	562	2,938	676	—	54

2ND DISTRICT

Beaufort	325	1,465	242	96	1,803	8	292	1,453	69	1,822	306	—	19
Hyde	22	55	16	10	81	0	13	57	8	78	25	+	3
Martin	304	802	40	177	1,019	7	92	845	45	989	334	+	30
Tyrrell	27	115	17	27	159	0	23	134	8	165	21	—	6
Washington	96	339	62	42	443	5	99	327	48	479	60	—	36
TOTAL	774	2,776	377	352	3,505	20	519	2,816	178	3,533	746	—	28

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2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.

3RD DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total			
Carteret	442	750	310	190	1,250	3	291	700	128	1,122	570	—	128
Craven	600	984	618	513	2,115	6	558	899	458	1,921	794	+	194
Pamlico	44	170	12	53	235	0	26	159	30	215	64	+	20
Pitt	993	1,943	483	508	2,934	3	487	2,115	467	3,072	855	—	138
TOTAL	2,079	3,847	1,423	1,264	6,534	12	1,362	3,873	1,083	6,330	2,283	+	204

4TH DISTRICT

Duplin	330	843	158	139	1,140	4	179	866	127	1,176	294	—	36
Jones	51	174	0	95	269	0	68	169	25	262	58	+	7
Onslow	1,127	2,799	777	231	3,807	4	659	2,435	210	3,308	1,626	+	499
Sampson	280	1,546	225	169	1,940	4	181	1,584	143	1,912	308	+	28
TOTAL	1,788	5,362	1,160	634	7,156	12	1,087	5,054	505	6,658	2,286	+	498

5TH DISTRICT

New Hanover	1,998	3,297	966	1,009	5,272	44	768	2,608	591	4,011	3,259	+	1,261
Pender	336	448	76	89	613	3	84	430	240	757	192	—	144
TOTAL	2,334	3,745	1,042	1,098	5,885	47	852	3,038	831	4,768	3,451	+	1,117

6TH DISTRICT

Bertie	249	435	39	105	579	3	74	415	55	547	281	+	32
Halifax	520	1,446	328	105	1,879	0	230	1,453	104	1,787	612	+	92
Hertford	338	447	109	73	629	2	117	455	81	655	312	—	26
Northampton	295	574	87	50	711	2	62	635	33	732	274	—	21
TOTAL	1,402	2,902	563	333	3,798	7	483	2,958	273	3,721	1,479	+	77

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7TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total		
Edgecombe	374	2,336	269	309	2,914	1	432	2,354	160	2,947	341	— 33
Nash	387	1,607	459	369	2,435	4	510	1,622	265	2,401	421	+ 34
Wilson	397	2,273	313	409	2,995	1	414	2,260	303	2,978	414	+ 17
TOTAL	1,158	6,216	1,041	1,087	8,344	6	1,356	6,236	728	8,326	1,176	+ 18
8TH DISTRICT												
Greene	85	272	8	47	327	4	48	301	23	376	36	— 49
Lenoir	425	2,460	425	387	3,272	13	477	2,252	341	3,083	614	+ 189
Wayne	1,425	2,186	678	889	3,753	8	706	2,153	765	3,632	1,546	+ 121
TOTAL	1,935	4,918	1,111	1,323	7,352	25	1,231	4,706	1,129	7,091	2,196	+ 261
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	627	851	135	76	1,062	0	97	769	84	950	739	+ 112
Granville	235	1,108	114	96	1,318	2	111	1,115	56	1,284	269	+ 34
Person	1,673	976	29	180	1,185	4	129	963	118	1,214	1,644	— 29
Vance	531	1,804	9	420	2,233	0	58	1,797	310	2,165	599	+ 68
Warren	235	436	62	19	517	0	43	441	8	492	260	+ 25
TOTAL	3,301	5,175	349	791	6,315	6	438	5,085	576	6,105	3,511	+ 210
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	5,131	7,383	2,220	3,179	12,782	14	2,700	6,636	2,817	12,167	5,746	+ 615
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	1,003	1,542	326	382	2,250	8	320	1,441	644	2,413	840	— 163
Johnston	788	1,552	35	812	2,399	11	589	1,560	601	2,761	426	— 362
Lee	286	934	223	205	1,362	3	212	918	221	1,354	294	+ 8
TOTAL	2,077	4,028	584	1,399	6,011	22	1,121	3,919	1,466	6,528	1,560	— 517

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12TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims¹	Domestic¹	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total			
Cumberland	1,625	5,087	1,953	974	8,014	17	1,886	4,729	1,191	7,823	1,816	+	191
Hoke	238	460	0	235	695	3	47	490	316	856	77	—	161
TOTAL	1,863	5,547	1,953	1,209	8,709	20	1,933	5,219	1,507	8,679	1,893	+	30
13TH DISTRICT													
Bladen	193	534	101	138	773	1	86	537	138	762	204	+	11
Brunswick	337	904	186	192	1,282	1	183	902	125	1,211	408	+	71
Columbus	757	1,298	127	516	1,941	22	282	1,477	217	1,998	700	—	57
TOTAL	1,287	2,736	414	846	3,996	24	551	2,916	480	3,971	1,312	+	25
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	2,244	7,696	1,082	923	9,701	15	1,385	6,792	1,781	9,973	1,972	—	272
15TH DISTRICT													
Alamance	720	2,014	833	434	3,281	7	707	2,086	483	3,283	718	—	2
Chatham	87	992	174	77	1,243	3	171	990	48	1,212	118	+	31
Orange	872	950	284	239	1,473	2	495	847	339	1,683	662	—	210
TOTAL	1,679	3,956	1,291	750	5,997	12	1,373	3,923	870	6,178	1,498	—	181
16TH DISTRICT													
Robeson	1,696	2,897	50	1,152	4,099	7	806	2,700	377	3,890	1,905	+	209
Scotland	223	984	34	230	1,248	2	188	836	153	1,179	292	+	69
TOTAL	1,919	3,881	84	1,382	5,347	9	994	3,536	530	5,069	2,197	+	278

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		Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/75	Small Claims¹	Domestic²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total		
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	65	511	72	53	636	1	74	512	65	652	49	— 16
Rockingham	623	1,764	545	277	2,586	6	542	1,851	385	2,784	425	— 198
Stokes	149	613	146	50	809	0	143	637	57	837	121	— 28
Surry	543	3,492	363	384	4,239	10	307	3,492	398	4,207	575	+ 32
TOTAL	1,380	6,380	1,126	764	8,270	17	1,066	6,492	905	8,480	1,170	— 210
18TH DISTRICT												
Guilford—												
Greensboro	4,141	9,341	1,726	3,904	14,971	22	1,700	9,138	2,607	13,467	5,645	+1,504
High Point	850	4,127	788	581	5,496	22	855	4,096	426	5,399	947	+ 97
TOTAL	4,991	13,468	2,514	4,485	20,467	44	2,555	13,234	3,033	18,866	6,592	+1,601
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	740	1,431	536	524	2,491	6	573	1,372	659	2,610	621	— 119
Montgomery	151	1,729	0	114	1,843	0	70	1,673	55	1,798	196	+ 45
Randolph	701	1,162	443	225	1,830	4	421	1,123	295	1,843	688	— 13
Rowan	1,629	1,771	541	382	2,694	25	1,243	1,709	1,074	4,051	272	—1,357
TOTAL	3,221	6,093	1,520	1,245	8,858	35	2,307	5,877	2,083	10,302	1,777	—1,444
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	274	403	127	38	568	4	107	419	71	601	241	— 33
Moore	340	995	39	326	1,360	9	220	853	182	1,264	436	+ 96
Richmond	539	963	258	159	1,380	8	243	957	109	1,317	602	+ 63
Stanly	491	1,114	185	239	1,538	1	169	1,144	265	1,579	450	— 41
Union	896	1,817	290	336	2,443	8	274	2,094	325	2,701	638	— 258
TOTAL	2,540	5,292	899	1,098	7,389	30	1,013	5,467	952	7,462	2,367	— 173

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		Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of						
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/75	Small Claims¹	Domestic²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
Forsyth	1,242	5,648	1,778	1,944	9,370	28	1,806	5,641	1,652	9,127	1,485	+ 243
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>												
Alexander	94	336	101	59	496	1	107	371	42	521	69	— 25
Davidson	398	1,461	609	453	2,523	12	684	1,530	364	2,590	331	— 67
Davie	102	170	6	158	334	4	108	177	34	323	113	+ 11
Iredell	622	1,916	348	510	2,774	8	416	2,231	513	3,168	228	— 394
TOTAL	1,216	3,883	1,064	1,180	6,127	25	1,315	4,309	953	6,602	741	— 475
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>												
Alleghany	65	165	40	69	274	9	106	153	37	305	34	— 31
Ashe	85	311	66	50	427	1	93	271	86	451	61	— 24
Wilkes	486	846	262	792	1,900	17	377	628	872	1,894	492	+ 6
Yadkin	98	506	127	159	792	6	135	506	102	749	141	+ 43
TOTAL	734	1,828	495	1,070	3,393	33	711	1,558	1,097	3,399	720	— 6
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>												
Avery	70	261	52	85	398	4	61	246	110	421	47	— 23
Madison	37	83	28	44	155	5	41	87	32	165	27	— 10
Mitchell	89	173	25	50	248	2	19	144	56	221	116	+ 27
Watauga	116	281	168	226	675	0	100	186	139	425	366	+ 250
Yancey	39	222	55	65	342	2	50	218	66	336	45	+ 6
TOTAL	351	1,020	328	470	1,818	13	271	881	403	1,568	601	+ 250

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25TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	Magistrate	Other	Total		
Burke	576	836	392	216	1,444	2	432	821	195	1,450	570	— 6
Caldwell	649	1,467	23	503	1,993	1	507	1,513	169	2,190	452	— 197
Catawba	907	1,753	735	685	3,173	5	788	1,607	651	3,051	1,029	+ 122
TOTAL	2,132	4,056	1,150	1,404	6,610	8	1,727	3,941	1,015	6,691	2,051	— 81

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	12,503	16,534	823	7,138	24,495	46	3,443	14,280	2,029	19,798	17,200	+4,697
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	417	1,502	458	200	2,160	6	555	1,458	232	2,251	326	— 91
Gaston	1,520	2,877	89	1,742	4,708	10	1,409	2,954	408	4,781	1,447	— 73
Lincoln	210	686	242	139	1,067	2	276	672	163	1,113	164	— 46
TOTAL	2,147	5,065	789	2,081	7,935	18	2,240	5,084	803	8,145	1,937	— 210

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	1,458	2,133	1,232	771	4,136	9	1,275	1,972	486	3,742	1,852	+ 394
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29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	461	632	340	243	1,215	3	502	577	24	1,106	570	+ 109
McDowell	426	415	160	103	678	10	155	417	39	621	483	+ 57
Polk	61	133	22	32	187	1	34	137	20	192	56	— 5
Rutherford	417	789	333	140	1,262	0	321	924	127	1,372	307	— 110
Transylvania	279	346	141	98	585	2	216	330	63	611	253	— 26
TOTAL	1,644	2,315	996	616	3,927	16	1,228	2,385	273	3,902	1,669	+ 25

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30TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	Magistrate	Other	Total		
Cherokee	180	263	80	96	439	0	70	205	184	459	160	— 20
Clay	10	60	23	0	83	0	10	76	4	90	8	— 2
Graham	37	75	19	12	106	0	30	90	5	125	18	— 19
Haywood	164	527	207	156	890	19	252	487	70	828	226	+ 62
Jackson	125	223	55	98	376	0	79	246	61	386	115	— 10
Macon	121	199	45	42	286	1	58	196	36	291	116	— 5
Swain	144	164	50	18	232	4	64	179	55	302	74	— 70
TOTAL	781	1,511	484	422	2,417	24	563	1,479	415	2,481	717	— 64
GRAND TOTAL	68,041	147,369	30,271	41,788	219,428	608	39,324	141,253	31,415	212,600	74,869	+6,828
Percent		68%	14%	18%		.29%	18%	66%	14.71%			

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DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

Criminal filings were up from 1,089,512 in 1974 to 1,121,028 in 1975, an increase of 5.9%. Dispositions increased from 1,066,712 to 1,109,759, up 4.2%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 11,269 to 122,701, up 10.1%.

For the third year, both filings and dispositions in the criminal division have exceeded one million cases. Thirty-six of the 100 counties had more than 1,000 cases pending at the end of the year and 29 counties had 300 or fewer pending. The 10 counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 46.7% of the total number of criminal cases pending. The rate of disposition was 99.0%.

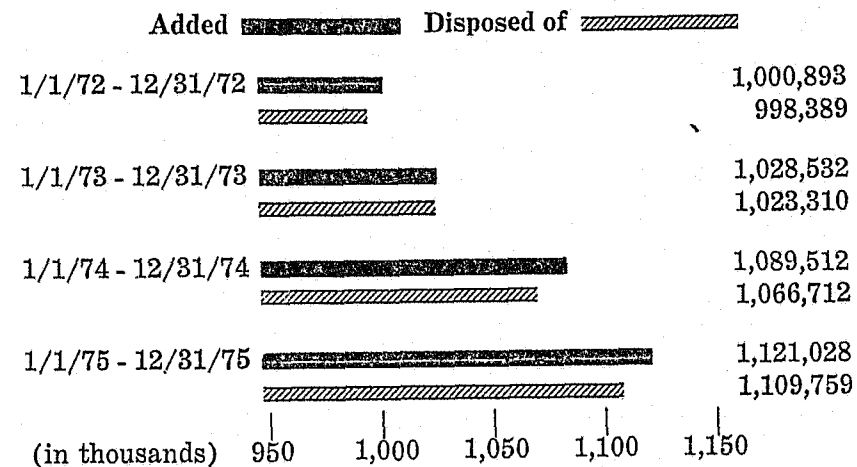
From year to year, the percentage breakdown for the types of cases handled and the manner of dispositions remains fairly constant. In 1974, 64.0% (717,208) of all criminal cases filed were for violations of the traffic laws. Other criminal offenses made up the remaining 36.0% (403,820). Only 9.4% of the cases disposed of were contested, requiring a full-fledged trial before a district court judge. A judge or magistrate disposed of 26.3% upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 43.2% were disposed of by a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty before a magistrate or clerk. Preliminary hearings constituted 2.6% of the criminal docket and the remaining 18.6% of total dispositions were terminated by other means.

Since mid-1971 the uniform traffic ticket and complaint has been in use by all law enforcement officials; the ticket contains detailed instructions on the use of the waiver procedure. In 1970, 63.0% of motor vehicle cases were disposed of by waiver; in 1971, 65.7%; in 1972, 69.4%; in 1973, 69.6%; in 1974, 67.7%; and in 1975, 66.8%.

All statistical measures continue to indicate overall satisfactory performance with criminal cases by the district court division. As already indicated, the ratio of criminal cases pending at the end of the year to dispositions for the year is 11.0. This ratio indicates that it would require about 6 weeks for the district courts to dispose of pending criminal cases.

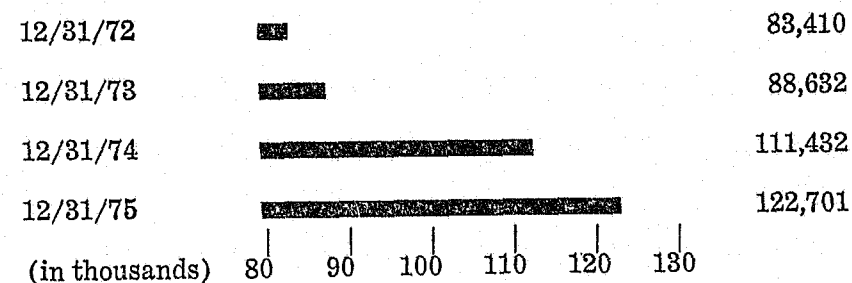
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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1975	6	23	10	25	36

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County	Pending 1/1/75	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/75	Relation (%) of Dispositions to Filings
*Wake	13,158	75,388	74,948	13,593	99.4
*Guilford	11,344	87,953	86,979	12,318	98.9
*Mecklenburg	5,244	79,658	78,093	6,809	98.0
*Forsyth	4,209	49,645	49,220	4,634	99.1
*New Hanover	3,935	18,737	18,150	4,522	96.9
*Cumberland	3,947	42,470	42,015	4,402	98.9
Duplin	1,602	10,193	8,225	3,570	80.7
*Caldwell	2,113	10,863	10,454	2,522	96.2
Stanly	1,647	7,303	6,490	2,460	88.9
*Gaston	3,131	28,579	29,265	2,445	102.4
STATE MEAN	1,114	11,210	11,097	1,227	99%

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CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

1ST DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of						Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss		
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise			Total	
Camden	60	1,186	80	1,266	78	225	741	27	73	1,144	182	+	122
Chowan	290	1,476	722	2,198	148	588	866	313	234	2,149	339	+	49
Currituck	166	1,547	317	1,864	211	500	896	117	176	1,900	130	—	36
Dare	191	2,092	857	2,949	186	624	1,435	136	424	2,805	335	+	144
Gates	125	1,023	338	1,361	112	259	781	25	145	1,322	164	+	39
Pasquotank	217	2,566	1,220	3,786	251	895	1,658	498	382	3,684	319	+	102
Perquimans	152	1,436	305	1,741	142	286	1,051	20	143	1,642	251	+	99
TOTAL	1,201	11,326	3,839	15,165	1,128	3,377	7,428	1,136	1,577	14,646	1,720	+	519
2ND DISTRICT													
Beaufort	423	5,274	2,674	7,948	495	2,396	3,412	382	1,118	7,803	568	+	145
Hyde	38	430	245	675	271	97	275	4	63	710	3	—	35
Martin	171	3,411	1,852	5,263	570	1,066	2,375	123	1,065	5,199	235	+	64
Tyrrell	52	796	172	968	246	102	605	16	28	997	23	—	29
Washington	33	1,377	1,175	2,552	343	389	1,572	38	220	2,562	23	—	10
TOTAL	717	11,288	6,118	17,406	1,925	4,050	8,239	563	2,494	17,271	852	+	135

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3RD DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge¹	By Plea²	By Waiver³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total			
Carteret	759	5,822	3,381	9,203	310	2,978	3,229	178	2,560	9,255	707	—	52
Craven	1,045	8,933	4,581	13,514	1,491	3,935	5,556	777	2,023	13,782	777	—	268
Pamlico	84	1,688	605	2,293	418	709	1,061	21	27	2,236	141	+	57
Pitt	1,400	11,603	8,210	19,813	1,718	6,451	7,687	554	3,354	19,764	1,449	+	49
TOTAL	3,288	28,046	16,777	44,823	3,937	14,073	17,533	1,530	7,964	45,037	3,074	—	214
4TH DISTRICT													
Duplin	1,602	8,305	1,888	10,193	1,211	1,301	4,394	209	1,107	8,225	3,570	+	1,968
Jones	130	1,697	505	2,202	639	178	1,004	11	394	2,226	106	—	24
Onslow	1,421	12,264	9,502	21,766	767	11,427	3,830	312	5,209	21,545	1,642	+	221
Sampson	2,193	6,921	3,064	9,985	470	2,562	5,580	152	2,643	11,407	771	—	1,422
TOTAL	5,346	29,187	14,959	44,146	3,087	15,468	14,811	684	9,353	43,403	6,089	+	743
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	3,935	9,680	9,057	18,737	5,269	245	7,491	1,812	3,333	18,150	4,522	+	587
Pender	428	3,557	1,292	4,849	485	1,180	1,995	86	907	4,653	624	+	196
TOTAL	4,363	13,237	10,349	23,586	5,754	1,425	9,486	1,898	4,240	22,803	5,146	+	783
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	223	2,852	885	3,737	190	1,116	1,719	88	411	3,524	436	+	213
Halifax	1,071	8,792	4,050	12,842	540	3,391	5,718	257	2,807	12,713	1,200	+	129
Hertford	380	3,888	1,533	5,421	333	1,119	2,588	113	1,122	5,278	523	+	143
Northampton	123	3,512	925	4,437	218	1,226	1,990	62	930	4,426	134	+	11
TOTAL	1,797	19,044	7,393	26,437	1,284	6,852	12,015	520	5,270	25,941	2,293	+	496

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7TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge¹	By Plea²	By Waiver³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total			
Edgecombe	752	8,020	4,831	12,851	1,035	3,807	5,693	258	1,848	12,641	962	+	210
Nash	954	9,387	4,813	14,200	955	4,086	6,486	335	2,575	14,437	717	—	237
Wilson	929	6,203	3,715	9,918	578	2,161	5,273	370	1,694	10,076	771	—	158
TOTAL	2,635	23,610	13,359	36,969	2,568	10,054	17,452	963	6,117	37,154	2,450	—	185
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	205	2,514	865	3,379	199	852	1,740	53	454	3,298	286	+	81
Lenoir	1,197	7,776	5,398	13,174	981	4,441	5,217	274	2,414	13,327	1,044	—	153
Wayne	1,154	9,341	5,069	14,410	1,008	4,261	6,481	245	2,517	14,512	1,052	—	102
TOTAL	2,556	19,631	11,332	30,963	2,188	9,554	13,438	572	5,385	31,137	2,382	—	174
9TH DISTRICT													
Franklin	1,146	4,976	1,601	6,577	350	1,767	3,257	44	657	6,075	1,648	+	502
Granville	681	4,766	1,678	6,444	344	1,709	3,443	106	1,036	6,638	487	—	194
Person	515	3,139	1,367	4,506	397	1,273	2,107	134	516	4,427	594	+	79
Vance	580	4,520	2,911	7,431	1,655	1,023	3,159	376	1,251	7,464	547	—	33
Warren	327	2,386	1,089	3,475	576	321	1,907	149	599	3,552	250	—	77
TOTAL	3,249	19,787	8,646	28,433	3,322	6,093	13,873	809	4,059	28,156	3,526	+	277
10TH DISTRICT													
Wake	13,158	44,811	30,577	75,388	4,572	18,289	32,718	402	18,967	74,948	13,598	+	440
11TH DISTRICT													
Harnett	1,002	7,176	4,282	11,458	234	4,532	4,367	115	2,285	11,533	927	—	75
Johnston	991	8,356	5,623	13,979	2,051	3,361	6,120	118	1,943	13,593	1,377	+	386
Lee	509	3,327	3,764	7,091	485	1,744	3,444	127	1,237	7,037	563	+	54
TOTAL	2,502	18,859	13,669	32,528	2,770	9,637	13,931	360	5,465	32,163	2,867	+	365

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12TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Total	Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary		Total			
								Hearing	Otherwise				
Cumberland	3,947	25,089	17,381	42,470	3,151	11,976	15,450	416	11,022	42,015	4,402	+	455
Hoke	320	3,399	831	4,230	137	1,092	2,155	106	623	4,113	437	+	117
TOTAL	4,267	28,488	18,212	46,700	3,288	13,068	17,605	522	11,645	46,128	4,839	+	572
13TH DISTRICT													
Bladen	792	6,517	2,316	8,833	1,082	2,996	3,772	113	377	8,340	1,285	+	493
Brunswick	769	4,199	2,353	6,552	1,123	1,220	3,035	153	1,332	6,863	458	—	311
Columbus	1,212	6,720	5,132	11,852	1,827	4,327	3,631	471	1,496	11,752	1,312	+	100
TOTAL	2,773	17,436	9,801	27,237	4,032	8,543	10,438	737	3,205	26,955	3,055	+	282
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	707	19,159	9,833	28,992	1,997	10,873	10,557	699	4,319	28,445	1,254	+	547
15TH DISTRICT													
Alamance	1,433	12,733	6,379	19,112	1,183	4,362	8,965	811	3,389	18,710	1,835	+	402
Chatham	473	5,740	1,262	7,002	345	2,453	3,205	78	664	6,745	730	+	257
Orange	957	8,739	4,402	13,141	1,566	2,779	6,264	58	2,213	12,880	1,218	+	261
TOTAL	2,863	27,212	12,043	39,255	3,094	9,594	18,434	947	6,266	38,335	3,783	+	920
16TH DISTRICT													
Robeson	1,764	12,411	7,542	19,953	1,309	7,608	6,615	592	3,936	20,060	1,657	—	107
Scotland	763	4,062	3,116	7,178	585	2,400	2,627	189	905	6,706	1,235	+	472
TOTAL	2,527	16,473	10,658	27,131	1,894	10,008	9,242	781	4,841	26,766	2,892	+	365

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17TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge¹	By Plea²	Preliminary		Total				
							By Waiver³	Hearing		Otherwise			
Caswell	190	1,707	918	2,625	281	524	1,221	64	450	2,540	275	+	85
Rockingham	1,099	8,653	5,352	14,005	1,429	3,520	5,542	1,118	2,271	13,880	1,224	+	125
Stokes	349	3,055	1,253	4,308	681	1,041	1,960	85	515	4,282	375	+	26
Surry	728	5,654	3,732	9,386	2,609	1,884	4,099	261	537	9,390	724	—	4
TOTAL	2,366	19,069	11,255	30,324	5,000	6,969	12,822	1,528	3,773	30,092	2,598	+	232
18TH DISTRICT													
Guilford—													
Greensboro	5,797	49,892	19,602	69,494	5,125	21,430	32,246	917	8,384	68,102	7,189	+	1,392
High Point	5,547	11,834	6,625	18,459	1,069	6,763	8,500	430	2,115	18,877	5,129	—	418
TOTAL	11,344	61,726	26,227	87,953	6,194	28,193	40,746	1,347	10,499	86,979	12,318	+	974
19TH DISTRICT													
Cabarrus	967	11,462	4,643	16,105	1,575	3,389	8,584	624	1,842	16,014	1,058	+	91
Montgomery	1,196	3,893	2,063	5,956	588	777	3,165	260	1,442	6,232	920	—	276
Randolph	1,095	10,620	4,132	14,752	1,114	3,166	8,052	310	1,926	14,568	1,279	+	184
Rowan	1,985	12,090	3,715	15,805	1,519	2,897	8,921	402	3,153	16,892	898	—	1,087
TOTAL	5,243	38,065	14,553	52,618	4,796	10,229	28,722	1,596	8,363	53,706	4,155	—	1,088
20TH DISTRICT													
Anson	645	4,301	2,181	6,482	592	1,582	3,330	145	851	6,500	627	—	18
Moore	759	5,304	2,834	8,138	500	1,821	4,118	157	1,488	8,084	813	+	54
Richmond	1,778	4,469	2,496	6,965	762	1,243	2,530	243	1,674	6,452	2,291	+	513
Stanly	1,647	4,768	2,535	7,303	165	2,119	3,106	257	843	6,490	2,460	+	813
Union	156	6,308	3,971	10,279	860	2,357	3,705	302	1,341	8,565	1,870	+	1,714
TOTAL	4,985	25,150	14,017	39,167	2,879	9,122	16,789	1,104	6,197	36,091	8,061	+	3,076

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21ST DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge¹	By Plea²	By Waiver³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total			
Forsyth	4,209	34,886	14,759	49,645	4,947	10,648	25,086	1,043	7,496	49,220	4,634	+	425
22ND DISTRICT													
Alexander	207	1,757	1,002	2,759	198	442	1,475	174	435	2,724	242	+	35
Davidson	1,389	12,085	4,718	16,803	1,954	2,139	8,362	360	3,361	16,176	2,016	+	627
Davie	265	4,018	647	4,665	401	540	3,187	59	451	4,638	292	+	27
Iredell	854	8,569	4,398	12,967	940	3,066	5,287	281	3,351	12,925	896	+	42
TOTAL	2,715	26,429	10,765	37,194	3,493	6,187	18,311	874	7,598	36,463	3,446	+	731
23RD DISTRICT													
Allegany	30	461	388	849	183	199	374	81	24	861	18	—	12
Ashe	169	1,756	779	2,535	291	839	1,094	58	267	2,549	155	—	14
Wilkes	693	5,665	3,488	9,153	1,182	1,790	3,830	355	1,942	9,099	747	+	54
Yadkin	229	2,712	1,105	3,817	475	708	2,092	54	502	3,831	215	—	14
TOTAL	1,121	10,594	5,760	16,354	2,131	3,536	7,390	548	2,735	16,340	1,135	+	14
24TH DISTRICT													
Avery	745	2,338	714	3,052	360	504	1,777	34	893	3,568	229	—	516
Madison	319	1,398	411	1,809	191	56	983	46	439	1,715	413	+	94
Mitchell	116	1,545	302	1,847	477	56	1,115	44	29	1,721	242	+	126
Watauga	57	3,085	1,419	4,504	207	1,268	2,039	94	817	4,425	136	+	79
Yancey	42	1,178	749	1,927	90	212	1,361	24	272	1,959	10	—	32
TOTAL	1,279	9,544	3,595	13,139	1,325	2,096	7,275	242	2,450	13,388	1,030	—	249

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25TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss	
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total			
Burke	1,604	7,387	3,182	10,569	3,413	867	4,791	257	2,175	11,503	670	—	934
Caldwell	2,113	7,075	3,788	10,863	1,178	3,007	4,448	515	1,306	10,454	2,522	+	409
Catawba	1,283	8,423	8,007	16,430	1,080	5,354	5,504	613	3,965	16,516	1,197	—	86
TOTAL	5,000	22,885	14,977	37,862	5,671	9,228	14,743	1,385	7,446	38,473	4,389	—	611
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	5,244	38,484	41,174	79,658	3,493	18,484	26,789	2,066	27,261	78,093	6,809	+	1,565
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	1,699	8,307	6,083	14,390	4,098	4,063	5,559	362	115	14,197	1,892	+	193
Gaston	3,131	15,221	13,358	28,579	1,599	9,880	8,139	995	8,652	29,265	2,445	—	686
Lincoln	413	4,212	2,063	6,275	462	1,523	2,256	232	2,023	6,496	192	—	221
TOTAL	5,243	27,740	21,504	49,244	6,159	15,466	15,954	1,589	10,790	49,958	4,529	—	714
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	2,823	16,665	10,670	27,335	1,503	9,271	12,163	794	4,265	27,996	2,162	—	661
29TH DISTRICT													
Henderson	547	6,310	2,794	9,104	1,465	2,172	4,002	262	741	8,642	1,009	+	462
McDowell	1,389	4,883	1,860	6,743	604	1,281	2,969	253	581	5,688	2,444	+	1,055
Polk	173	2,486	564	3,050	256	427	1,820	20	134	2,657	566	+	393
Rutherford	1,568	4,057	4,288	8,345	1,924	2,126	2,813	214	1,648	8,725	1,188	—	380
Transylvania	146	2,647	1,453	4,100	272	1,269	2,027	44	383	3,995	251	+	105
TOTAL	3,823	20,383	10,959	31,342	4,521	7,275	13,631	793	3,487	29,707	5,458	+	1,635

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30TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/75	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/75	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total		
Cherokee	511	2,798	701	3,499	1,195	418	1,861	28	311	3,813	197	— 314
Clay	75	1,158	154	1,312	332	89	923	0	0	1,344	43	— 32
Graham	200	939	232	1,171	317	155	758	2	0	1,232	139	— 61
Haywood	446	5,576	2,383	7,959	1,718	1,910	2,767	269	1,105	7,769	636	+ 190
Jackson	244	3,115	1,262	4,377	689	655	2,178	24	770	4,316	305	+ 61
Macon	424	3,087	608	3,695	743	295	2,025	67	326	3,456	663	+ 239
Swain	183	1,321	700	2,021	480	353	1,040	34	128	2,035	174	— 14
TOTAL	2,088	17,994	6,040	24,034	5,474	3,875	11,552	424	2,640	23,965	2,157	+ 69
GRAND TOTAL	111,432	717,208	403,820	1,121,028	104,426	291,537	479,173	28,456	206,167	1,109,759	122,701	+11,269
Percent		64%	36%		9.4%	26.3%	43.2%	2.6%	18.6%			

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OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME*

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

1ST DISTRICT	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected				
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation		Truancy	Other	Total				
Camden	0	3	4	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	8	8
Chowan	0	2	40	13	55	0	3	3	1	1	60	47
Currituck	0	3	29	2	34	3	2	5	0	5	44	34
Dare	0	6	27	0	33	0	0	0	6	1	40	30
Gates	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	5	5
Pasquotank	0	27	88	13	128	10	1	11	19	15	173	95
Perquimans	0	2	25	0	27	2	2	4	0	1	32	16
TOTAL	0	44	214	28	286	17	9	26	26	24	362	235
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	0	5	69	15	89	13	16	29	17	22	157	92
Hyde	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	7	7
Martin	0	6	34	4	44	5	8	13	5	22	84	49
Tyrrell	0	0	4	2	6	5	3	8	0	3	17	15
Washington	0	2	7	4	13	0	4	4	4	6	27	19
TOTAL	0	15	114	25	154	23	31	54	30	54	292	182

* The date in all columns but the last indicates the total number of offenses alleged to have been committed and conditions alleged to have existed during the year. This data does not indicate the actual number of children before the court, since one petition may include several offenses or conditions and more than one petition may have been filed against a child during the year.

The last column, entitled "Children Before Court for First Time," is included here for convenience of format, but it is not otherwise related to the data in the other columns. This column does indicate the actual number of children in all categories or jurisdiction who were before the court for the first time during 1975.

3RD DISTRICT	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Total	Dependent	Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation								
Carteret	0	16	37	8	61	5	20	25	6	33	125	125
Craven	0	32	69	27	128	4	31	35	16	25	204	143
Pamlico	0	3	8	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	10
Pitt	0	116	79	59	254	7	43	50	13	34	351	140
TOTAL	0	167	193	94	454	16	94	110	35	92	691	418
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	0	0	36	4	40	1	6	7	5	11	63	63
Jones	0	0	3	0	3	5	5	10	1	3	17	15
Onslow	0	84	137	29	250	6	79	85	7	52	394	201
Sampson	0	0	43	32	75	7	10	17	3	9	104	72
TOTAL	0	84	219	65	368	19	100	119	16	75	578	351
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	0	236	335	58	629	31	103	134	22	48	833	463
Pender	0	8	26	15	49	4	23	27	5	12	93	57
TOTAL	0	244	361	73	678	35	126	161	27	60	926	520
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	0	4	25	0	29	1	3	4	1	10	44	39
Halifax	0	24	83	22	129	19	16	35	24	7	195	126
Hertford	0	21	39	1	61	0	5	5	0	4	70	61
Northampton	0	1	43	0	44	6	5	11	3	9	67	56
TOTAL	0	50	190	23	263	26	29	55	28	30	376	282
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	0	75	145	12	232	6	13	19	20	23	294	154
Nash	0	14	91	12	117	2	26	28	29	30	204	109
Wilson	0	74	90	8	172	9	4	13	9	27	221	95
TOTAL	0	163	326	32	521	17	43	60	58	80	719	261

8TH DISTRICT	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Total	Dependent	Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation		Truancy	Other		Dependent	Neglected		
Greene	0	45	16	3	64	11	3	14	0	9	87	36
Lenoir	2	6	310	32	350	35	49	84	3	27	464	170
Wayne	3	8	136	43	190	19	34	53	29	29	301	192
TOTAL	5	59	462	78	604	65	86	151	32	65	852	398
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	2	5	32	2	41	9	6	15	4	17	77	54
Granville	0	37	28	1	66	13	6	19	2	9	96	53
Person	0	10	24	2	36	9	5	14	8	5	63	63
Vance	0	0	53	23	76	5	8	13	9	8	106	83
Warren	0	18	11	0	29	1	5	6	0	2	37	37
TOTAL	2	70	148	28	248	37	30	67	23	41	379	291
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	2	107	446	75	630	14	292	306	37	31	1,004	632
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	0	6	91	27	124	70	18	88	17	68	297	207
Johnston	1	23	110	15	149	49	31	80	103	66	398	177
Lee	0	31	93	34	158	24	21	45	50	1	254	52
TOTAL	1	60	294	76	431	143	70	213	170	135	949	436
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	0	101	345	110	556	35	245	280	338	165	1,339	1,133
Hoke	0	6	42	5	53	0	13	13	16	11	93	77
TOTAL	0	107	387	115	609	35	258	293	354	176	1,432	1,210

13TH DISTRICT	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Total	Dependent	Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation		Truancy	Other					
Bladen	0	0	23	0	23	2	0	2	2	14	41	41
Brunswick	0	21	37	17	75	17	8	25	1	3	104	88
Columbus	0	23	55	21	99	27	24	51	19	12	181	145
TOTAL	0	44	115	38	197	46	32	78	22	29	326	274
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	0	111	53	63	227	12	52	64	146	49	486	183
15TH DISTRICT												
Alamance	0	22	105	63	190	11	22	33	8	33	264	153
Chatham	0	0	13	0	13	2	5	7	0	6	26	26
Orange	1	21	86	20	128	12	19	31	15	23	197	138
TOTAL	1	43	204	83	331	25	46	71	23	62	487	317
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	0	63	131	57	251	43	149	192	46	52	541	298
Scotland	0	11	49	13	73	7	18	25	8	8	114	86
TOTAL	0	74	180	70	324	50	167	217	54	60	655	384
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	0	1	11	0	12	1	5	6	0	20	38	23
Rockingham	0	31	87	24	142	27	44	71	9	84	306	174
Stokes	0	2	24	0	26	6	9	15	0	17	58	54
Surry	0	7	21	5	33	10	16	26	10	27	96	91
TOTAL	0	41	143	29	213	44	74	118	19	148	498	342

18TH DISTRICT	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected				
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation		Truancy	Other	Total				
Guilford	1	393	703	584	1,681	184	576	760	179	215	2,835	992
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	1	13	135	18	167	17	31	48	13	8	236	168
Montgomery	0	1	33	6	40	12	3	15	2	7	64	53
Randolph	0	0	103	20	123	35	46	81	9	29	242	185
Richmond	14	55	73	67	209	13	25	38	22	8	277	145
Rowan	0	31	158	38	227	39	34	73	40	52	392	202
TOTAL:	15	100	502	149	766	116	139	255	86	104	1,211	753
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	0	3	52	24	79	8	29	37	7	6	129	66
Moore	1	38	29	18	86	2	22	24	16	16	142	73
Stanly	0	0	160	13	173	16	7	23	18	15	229	90
Union	1	8	66	78	153	28	63	91	63	17	324	120
TOTAL	2	49	307	133	491	54	121	175	104	54	824	349
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	0	37	415	86	538	56	180	236	54	38	866	401
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	0	14	13	0	27	6	6	12	3	9	51	50
Davidson	0	67	190	4	261	63	85	148	48	48	505	294
Davie	0	4	27	1	32	5	6	11	1	15	59	46
Iredell	0	16	122	11	149	42	80	122	4	56	331	239
TOTAL	0	101	352	16	469	116	177	293	56	128	946	629

	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>												
Alleghany	0	0	4	0	4	11	4	15	1	1	21	21
Ashe	0	3	28	1	32	11	8	19	12	17	80	76
Wilkes	0	1	163	31	195	27	50	77	34	76	382	164
Yadkin	0	6	24	9	39	16	12	28	4	9	80	54
TOTAL	0	10	219	41	270	65	74	139	51	103	563	315
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>												
Avery	0	5	25	6	36	8	11	19	4	1	60	38
Madison	2	2	2	0	6	3	10	13	5	1	25	24
Mitchell	0	1	6	1	8	11	1	12	4	0	24	24
Watauga	0	0	26	0	26	16	7	23	1	11	61	41
Yancey	0	3	16	2	21	1	14	15	3	2	41	23
TOTAL	2	11	75	9	97	39	43	82	17	15	211	150
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>												
Burke	0	28	41	15	84	34	71	105	67	33	229	145
Caldwell	0	51	160	18	229	67	37	104	22	11	366	166
Catawba	0	21	175	19	215	21	32	53	22	23	313	181
TOTAL	0	100	376	52	528	122	140	262	111	67	968	492
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>												
Mecklenburg	0	924	872	301	2,097	27	230	257	261	2	2,617	816
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cleveland	0	18	207	25	250	22	38	60	14	29	353	169
Gaston	0	152	372	20	544	31	111	142	98	39	823	402
Lincoln	0	34	29	7	70	19	14	33	2	0	105	70
TOTAL	0	204	608	52	864	72	163	235	114	68	1,281	641

	Offenses					Conditions					Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Total	Undisciplined		Dependent	Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation		Truancy	Other			Total		
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>												
Buncombe	0	127	208	51	386	31	179	210	33	26	655	333
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>												
Henderson	0	30	59	11	100	20	22	42	7	41	190	145
McDowell	0	3	47	30	80	47	23	70	32	17	199	153
Polk	0	0	7	0	7	2	1	3	1	5	16	14
Rutherford	1	13	41	66	121	9	9	18	8	8	155	99
Transylvania	0	9	21	13	43	15	26	41	19	11	114	65
TOTAL	1	55	175	120	351	93	81	174	67	82	674	476
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cherokee	0	0	3	0	3	3	5	8	0	3	14	14
Clay	0	0	5	0	5	0	1	1	0	1	7	7
Graham	0	0	11	1	12	1	0	1	0	0	13	13
Haywood	0	1	22	0	23	3	8	11	2	15	51	41
Jackson	0	0	10	0	10	1	7	8	0	0	18	18
Macon	0	1	11	0	12	0	2	2	0	0	14	14
Swain	0	0	11	0	11	0	3	3	2	4	20	20
TOTAL	0	2	73	1	76	8	26	34	4	23	137	127
GRAND TOTAL	32	3,596	8,934	2,590	15,152	1,607	3,668	5,275	2,237	2,136	24,800	13,190
Percent	0.2	23.7	59.0	17.1	100.0	30.5	69.5	100.0				
Percent					61.1			21.3	9.0	8.6	100.0	

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>													
Camden	4	1	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Chowan	51	4	55	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	59
Currituck	17	8	25	3	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	5	33
Dare	30	30	60	0	0	0	7	5	12	0	1	1	73
Gates	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Pasquotank	111	12	123	13	2	15	13	1	14	11	1	12	164
Perquimans	9	3	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	17
TOTAL	223	58	281	26	2	28	20	6	26	18	3	21	356
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>													
Beaufort	63	84	147	16	28	44	15	2	17	11	3	14	222
Hyde	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	5	0	0	0	7
Martin	27	20	47	10	7	17	3	2	5	13	5	18	87
Tyrrell	1	5	6	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	3	3	17
Washington	10	1	11	5	0	5	4	0	4	5	1	6	26
TOTAL	102	110	212	31	44	75	25	6	31	29	12	41	359
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>													
Carteret	31	24	55	23	17	40	5	4	9	27	10	37	141
Craven	213	120	333	44	23	67	23	3	26	40	7	47	473
Pamlico	4	17	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Pitt	202	162	364	45	27	72	7	4	11	39	8	47	494
TOTAL	450	323	773	112	67	179	35	11	46	106	25	131	1,129

* This table indicates the total number of adjudicatory hearings held in each category of juvenile jurisdiction during the year. Juvenile petitions may be dismissed either for failure to prove that the child is delinquent, undisciplined, dependent or neglected or, if he is found to be so, because the child is not in need of the care, protection or discipline of the State. All cases dismissed for either of these reasons are counted in the "dismissed" column; all other cases are counted in the "retained" column.

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
4TH DISTRICT													
Duplin	14	17	31	3	0	3	2	0	2	9	3	12	48
Jones	0	2	2	3	6	9	0	1	1	0	4	4	16
Onslow	189	58	247	20	59	79	5	4	9	46	2	48	383
Sampson	79	54	133	23	8	31	0	3	3	9	13	22	189
TOTAL	282	131	413	49	73	122	7	8	15	64	22	86	636
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	481	62	543	105	9	114	18	1	19	29	3	32	708
Pender	27	3	30	17	1	18	0	1	1	5	3	8	57
TOTAL	508	65	573	122	10	132	18	2	20	34	6	40	765
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	25	7	32	3	1	4	0	0	0	10	0	10	46
Halifax	90	51	141	24	30	54	23	7	30	15	4	19	244
Hertford	28	59	87	2	6	8	0	0	0	4	4	8	103
Northampton	23	10	33	8	7	15	8	0	8	16	0	16	72
TOTAL	166	127	293	37	44	81	31	7	38	45	8	53	465
7TH DISTRICT													
Edgecombe	193	45	238	15	1	16	22	0	22	29	0	29	305
Nash	87	55	142	20	25	45	28	1	29	34	6	40	256
Wilson	126	70	196	8	13	21	11	3	14	27	5	32	263
TOTAL	406	170	576	43	39	82	61	4	65	90	11	101	824
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	24	12	36	6	6	12	0	0	0	8	6	14	62
Lenoir	167	185	352	71	61	132	3	0	3	14	12	26	513
Wayne	182	40	222	62	6	68	17	2	19	41	2	43	352
TOTAL	373	237	610	139	73	212	20	2	22	63	20	83	927

9TH DISTRICT	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Franklin	20	9	29	2	8	10	3	1	4	15	4	19	62
Granville	22	6	28	7	1	8	1	0	1	5	1	6	43
Person	18	18	36	12	2	14	2	6	8	4	1	5	63
Vance	75	1	76	13	0	13	9	0	9	8	0	8	106
Warren	4	19	23	6	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	31
TOTAL	139	53	192	40	11	51	15	7	22	34	6	40	305
10TH DISTRICT													
Wake	666	143	809	234	38	272	38	0	38	27	3	30	1,149
11TH DISTRICT													
Harnett	117	77	194	78	66	144	13	4	17	54	32	86	441
Johnston	81	75	156	58	33	91	108	35	143	78	28	106	496
Lee	77	61	138	33	19	52	21	20	41	6	1	7	238
TOTAL	275	213	488	169	118	287	142	59	201	138	61	199	1,175
12TH DISTRICT													
Cumberland	303	161	464	174	144	318	255	108	363	178	70	248	1,393
Hoke	35	18	53	8	4	12	13	3	16	7	0	7	88
TOTALS	338	179	517	182	148	330	268	111	379	185	70	255	1,481
13TH DISTRICT													
Bladen	58	41	99	13	12	25	6	0	6	12	3	15	145
Brunswick	63	13	76	19	10	29	0	0	0	2	0	2	107
Columbus	89	83	172	69	43	112	19	8	27	28	8	36	347
TOTAL	210	137	347	101	65	166	25	8	33	42	11	53	599
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	131	77	208	33	31	64	119	13	132	26	3	29	433

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>													
Alamance	84	23	107	30	4	34	10	1	11	26	7	33	185
Chatham	29	12	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	46
Orange	112	19	131	18	2	20	18	4	22	27	8	35	208
TOTAL	225	54	279	48	6	54	28	5	33	58	15	73	439
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>													
Robeson	191	20	211	88	4	92	25	1	26	30	1	31	360
Scotland	59	11	70	8	5	13	6	0	6	5	0	5	94
TOTAL	250	31	281	96	9	105	31	1	32	35	1	36	454
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>													
Caswell	9	5	14	6	5	11	1	0	1	14	6	20	46
Rockingham	110	13	123	63	12	75	6	0	6	74	19	93	297
Stokes	20	1	21	22	1	23	0	0	0	16	0	16	60
Surry	19	16	35	24	6	30	4	8	12	4	16	20	97
TOTAL	158	35	193	115	24	139	11	8	19	108	41	149	500
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>													
Guilford	838	457	1,295	291	318	609	145	47	192	159	93	252	2,348
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cabarrus	151	18	169	50	1	51	14	0	14	12	1	13	247
Montgomery	72	27	99	15	2	17	2	0	2	13	0	13	131
Randolph	91	34	125	59	19	78	4	0	4	19	8	27	234
Richmond	165	55	220	31	26	57	14	5	19	9	5	14	310
Rowan	169	90	259	76	56	132	44	31	75	115	18	133	599
TOTAL	648	224	872	231	104	335	78	36	114	168	32	200	1,521

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
20TH DISTRICT													
Anson	22	57	79	21	16	37	1	6	7	3	3	6	129
Moore	61	54	115	23	9	32	15	5	20	10	6	16	183
Stanly	173	16	189	20	7	27	17	1	18	14	4	18	252
Union	104	45	149	62	64	126	30	28	58	14	4	18	351
TOTAL	350	172	532	126	96	222	63	40	103	41	17	58	915
21ST DISTRICT													
Forsyth	429	117	546	125	39	164	50	6	56	43	7	50	816
22ND DISTRICT													
Alexander	8	23	31	5	15	20	0	3	3	4	5	9	63
Davidson	217	130	347	188	68	256	58	14	72	64	17	81	756
Davie	33	5	38	17	8	25	7	0	7	28	9	37	107
Iredell	127	40	167	105	30	135	7	0	7	37	11	48	357
TOTAL	385	198	583	315	121	436	72	17	89	133	42	175	1,283
23RD DISTRICT													
Alleghany	3	1	4	13	2	15	1	0	1	0	1	1	21
Ashe	24	4	28	15	4	19	15	0	15	15	1	16	78
Wilkes	150	48	198	62	25	87	25	1	26	86	15	101	412
Yadkin	29	10	39	27	1	28	4	0	4	7	2	9	80
TOTAL	206	63	269	117	32	149	45	1	46	108	19	127	591
24TH DISTRICT													
Avery	25	48	73	11	8	19	7	2	9	8	2	10	111
Madison	7	20	27	3	12	15	6	8	14	5	0	5	61
Mitchell	11	4	15	6	2	8	2	2	4	0	0	0	27
Watauga	33	7	40	10	0	10	1	0	1	9	0	9	60
Yancey	77	9	86	63	4	67	17	0	17	25	1	26	196
TOTAL	153	88	241	93	26	119	33	12	45	47	3	50	455

25TH DISTRICT	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Burke	161	67	228	74	34	108	102	10	112	62	8	70	518
Caldwell	96	79	175	70	26	96	17	2	19	7	1	8	298
Catawba	179	57	236	59	7	66	14	4	18	25	4	29	349
TOTAL	436	203	639	203	67	270	133	16	149	94	13	107	1,165
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	2,393	310	2,703	285	63	348	344	9	353	5	0	5	3,409
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	189	105	294	47	65	112	9	14	23	24	20	44	473
Gaston	239	65	304	104	26	130	72	15	87	36	1	37	558
Lincoln	41	13	54	26	7	33	2	0	2	0	0	0	89
TOTAL	469	183	652	177	98	275	83	29	112	60	21	81	1,120
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	151	130	281	86	144	230	25	11	36	7	18	25	572
29TH DISTRICT													
Henderson	79	34	113	22	14	36	3	13	16	19	26	45	210
McDowell	70	17	87	58	18	76	23	2	25	5	12	17	205
Polk	6	3	9	0	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	6	18
Rutherford	143	14	157	24	0	24	8	0	8	10	0	10	199
Transylvania	39	6	45	39	7	46	20	1	21	8	4	12	124
TOTAL	337	74	411	143	40	183	55	17	72	47	43	90	756

30TH DISTRICT	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained		Total	Retained		Total	Retained		Total	Retained		Total	
	Dismissed	Dismissed		Dismissed	Dismissed		Dismissed	Dismissed		Dismissed	Dismissed		
Cherokee	2	1	3	7	2	9	0	0	0	3	0	3	15
Clay	4	3	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Graham	1	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Haywood	3	37	40	1	18	19	0	1	1	0	18	18	78
Jackson	2	8	10	3	17	20	0	3	3	0	0	0	33
Macon	10	7	17	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Swain	4	7	11	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	4	4	20
TOTAL	26	73	99	11	43	54	0	6	6	3	22	25	184
GRAND TOTAL	11,733	4,435	16,168	3,780	1,993	5,773	2,020	505	2,525	2,017	648	2,665	27,131
Percent	72.6	27.4	100.0	65.5	34.5	100.0	80.0	20.0	100.0	75.7	24.3	100.0	100.0
Percent			59.6			21.3			9.3			9.8	100.0

DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SMALL CLAIMS CASES*

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claims Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Case Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
1ST DISTRICT						
Camden	1,186	741	62.5	146	149	102.0
Chowan	1,476	866	58.7	245	186	67.7
Currituck	1,547	896	57.9	171	200	116.9
Dare	2,092	1,435	68.6	186	189	101.6
Gates	1,023	781	76.3	203	192	94.6
Pasquotank	2,566	1,658	64.6	895	886	99.0
Perquimans	1,436	1,051	73.2	129	164	127.1
TOTAL	11,326	7,428	65.6	1,975	1,946	98.5
2ND DISTRICT						
Beaufort	5,274	3,412	64.7	1,465	1,453	99.2
Hyde	430	275	63.9	55	57	103.6
Martin	3,411	2,375	69.6	802	845	105.4
Tyrrell	796	605	76.0	115	134	116.5
Washington	1,377	1,572	114.2	339	327	96.5
TOTAL	11,288	8,239	73.0	2,776	2,816	101.4
3RD DISTRICT						
Carteret	5,822	3,229	55.5	750	700	93.3
Craven	8,933	5,556	62.2	984	899	91.4
Pamlico	1,688	1,061	62.8	170	159	93.5
Pitt	11,603	7,687	66.2	1,943	2,115	108.8
TOTAL	28,046	17,533	62.5	3,847	3,873	100.7
4TH DISTRICT						
Duplin	8,305	4,397	52.9	843	866	102.7
Jones	1,697	1,004	59.2	174	169	97.1
Onslow	12,264	3,830	31.2	2,799	2,435	87.0
Sampson	6,921	5,580	80.6	1,546	1,584	102.4
TOTAL	29,187	14,811	50.7	5,362	5,054	94.2
5TH DISTRICT						
New Hanover	9,680	7,491	77.4	3,297	2,608	79.1
Pender	3,557	1,995	56.1	448	430	96.0
TOTAL	13,237	9,486	71.7	3,745	3,038	81.1

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6TH DISTRICT						
Bertie	2,852	1,719	60.3	435	415	95.4
Halifax	8,792	5,718	65.0	1,446	1,453	100.5
Hertford	3,888	2,588	66.6	447	455	101.8
Northampton	3,512	1,990	56.7	547	635	116.1
TOTAL	19,044	12,015	63.1	2,902	2,958	101.9
7TH DISTRICT						
Edgecombe	8,020	5,693	71.0	2,336	2,354	100.8
Nash	9,387	6,486	69.1	1,607	1,622	100.9
Wilson	6,203	5,273	85.0	2,273	2,260	99.4
TOTAL	23,610	17,452	73.9	6,216	6,236	100.3
8TH DISTRICT						
Greene	2,514	1,740	69.2	272	301	110.7
Lenoir	7,776	5,217	67.1	2,460	2,252	91.5
Wayne	9,341	6,481	69.4	2,186	2,153	98.5
TOTAL	19,631	13,438	68.4	4,918	4,706	95.7
9TH DISTRICT						
Franklin	4,976	3,257	65.4	851	769	90.4
Granville	4,766	3,443	72.2	1,108	1,115	100.6
Person	3,139	2,107	67.1	976	963	98.7
Vance	4,520	3,159	70.2	1,804	1,797	99.6
Warren	2,386	1,907	79.9	436	441	101.1
TOTAL	19,787	13,873	70.1	5,175	5,085	98.3
10TH DISTRICT						
Wake	44,811	32,718	73.0	7,383	6,636	89.9
11TH DISTRICT						
Harnett	7,176	4,367	60.8	1,542	1,441	93.4
Johnston	8,356	6,120	73.2	1,552	1,560	100.5
Lee	3,327	3,444	103.5	934	918	98.3
TOTAL	18,859	13,931	73.9	4,028	3,919	97.3
12TH DISTRICT						
Cumberland	25,089	15,450	61.6	5,087	4,729	93.0
Hoke	3,399	2,155	63.4	460	490	106.5
TOTAL	28,488	17,605	61.8	5,547	5,219	94.1

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13TH DISTRICT						
Bladen	6,517	3,772	57.9	534	537	100.6
Brunswick	4,199	3,035	72.3	904	902	99.8
Columbus	6,720	3,631	54.0	1,298	1,477	113.8
TOTAL	17,436	10,438	59.9	2,736	2,916	106.6
14TH DISTRICT						
Durham	19,159	10,557	55.1	7,696	6,792	88.2
15TH DISTRICT						
Alamance	12,733	8,965	70.4	2,014	2,086	103.6
Chatham	5,740	3,205	55.8	992	990	99.8
Orange	8,739	6,264	71.7	950	847	89.2
TOTAL	27,212	18,434	67.7	3,956	3,923	99.2
16TH DISTRICT						
Robeson	12,411	6,615	53.3	2,897	2,700	93.2
Scotland	4,062	2,627	64.5	984	836	84.9
TOTAL	16,473	9,242	56.1	3,881	3,536	91.1
17TH DISTRICT						
Caswell	1,707	1,221	71.5	511	512	100.2
Rockingham	8,653	5,542	64.0	1,764	1,851	104.9
Stokes	3,055	1,960	64.1	613	637	103.9
Surry	5,654	4,099	72.5	3,492	3,492	100.0
TOTAL	19,069	12,822	67.2	6,380	6,492	101.7
18TH DISTRICT						
Guilford	61,726	40,746	66.0	13,468	13,234	98.3
19TH DISTRICT						
Cabarrus	11,462	8,584	74.9	1,431	1,372	95.9
Montgomery	3,893	3,135	81.3	1,729	1,673	96.8
Randolph	10,620	8,052	75.8	1,162	1,123	96.6
Rowan	12,090	8,921	73.8	1,771	1,709	96.5
TOTAL	38,065	28,722	75.4	6,093	5,877	96.4

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20TH DISTRICT						
Anson	4,301	3,330	77.4	403	419	104.0
Moore	5,304	4,118	77.6	995	853	85.7
Richmond	4,469	2,530	56.6	963	957	99.4
Stanly	4,768	3,106	65.1	1,114	1,144	102.7
Union	6,308	3,705	58.7	1,817	2,094	115.2
TOTAL	25,150	16,789	66.7	5,292	5,467	103.3

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	34,886	25,086	71.9	5,648	5,641	99.9
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	1,757	1,475	83.9	336	371	110.4
Davidson	12,085	8,362	69.2	1,461	1,530	104.7
Davie	4,018	3,187	79.3	170	177	104.1
Iredell	8,569	5,287	61.2	1,916	2,231	116.4
TOTAL	26,429	18,311	69.3	3,883	4,309	111.0

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	461	374	81.1	165	153	92.7
Ashe	1,756	1,094	62.3	311	271	87.1
Wilkes	5,665	3,890	67.6	846	628	74.2
Yadkin	2,712	2,092	77.1	506	506	100.0
TOTAL	10,594	7,390	69.7	1,828	1,558	85.2

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	2,338	1,777	76.0	261	246	94.2
Madison	1,398	983	70.3	83	87	104.8
Mitchell	1,545	1,115	72.2	173	144	83.2
Watauga	3,085	2,039	66.1	281	186	66.2
Yancey	1,178	1,361	115.5	222	218	98.2
TOTAL	9,544	7,275	76.2	1,020	881	86.4

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	7,387	4,791	64.8	836	821	98.2
Caldwell	7,075	4,448	62.9	1,467	1,513	103.1
Catawba	8,423	5,504	65.3	1,753	1,607	91.7
TOTAL	22,885	14,743	64.4	4,056	3,941	97.2

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	38,484	26,789	69.6	16,534	14,280	86.4
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27TH DISTRICT						
Cleveland	8,307	5,559	66.9	1,502	1,458	97.1
Gaston	15,221	9,139	53.8	2,877	2,954	102.7
Lincoln	4,212	2,256	53.6	686	672	97.9
TOTAL	27,740	15,954	57.5	5,065	5,084	100.4

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	16,665	12,163	73.0	2,133	1,972	92.4
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29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	6,310	4,002	63.4	632	577	91.3
McDowell	4,883	2,969	60.8	415	417	100.5
Polk	2,486	1,820	73.2	133	137	103.1
Rutherford	4,057	2,813	69.3	789	924	117.1
Transylvania	2,647	2,027	76.6	346	330	95.4
TOTAL	20,383	13,631	66.9	2,315	2,385	103.0

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	2,798	1,861	66.5	263	205	77.9
Clay	1,158	923	79.7	60	76	126.6
Graham	939	758	80.7	75	90	120.0
Haywood	5,576	2,767	49.6	527	487	92.4
Jackson	3,115	2,178	69.9	223	246	110.3
Macon	3,087	2,025	65.6	199	196	98.5
Swain	1,321	1,040	78.7	164	179	109.1
TOTAL	17,994	11,552	64.2	1,511	1,479	97.9

GRAND TOTAL	717,208	479,173	66.8	147,369	141,253	95.8
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DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1975 Calendar Year

1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Camden—Camden	4	21	25
Chowan—Edenton	33½	47	80½
Currituck—Currituck	9	25½	34½
Dare—Manteo	5	37	42
Gates—Gatesville	3½	20	23½
Pasquotank—Elizabeth City	40	50	90
Perquimans—Hertford	4½	21½	26
TOTAL	99½	222	321½

2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)

Beaufort—Washington	14½	116½	131
Hyde—Swan Quarter	1½	19½	21
Martin—Williamson	19½	64½	84
Tyrrell—Columbia	½	14½	15
Washington—Plymouth	8½	38	46½
TOTAL	44½	253	297½

3RD DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Carteret—Beaufort	55½	140	195½
Craven—New Bern	113½	182	295½
Pamlico—Bayboro	5	22	27
Pitt—Greenville	96½	177	273½
Farmville	0	27	27
Ayder	0	22	22
TOTAL	270½	570	840½

4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Duplin—Kenansville	10	75½	85½
Jones—Trenton	6½	22½	29
Onslow—Jacksonville	55	355½	410½
Sampson—Clinton	26	75	101
TOTAL	97½	528½	626

5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

New Hanover—Wilmington	120	238	358
Pender—Burgaw	20	57½	77½
TOTAL	140	295½	435½

6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Bertie—Windsor	2½	59	61½
Halifax—Halifax	40½	93	133½
Roanoke Rapids	6½	40½	47
Hertford—Winton	14	61½	75½
Northampton—Jackson	8	42½	50½
TOTAL	71½	296½	368

* All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1975 District Court Judges held a total of 237½ days of court in judicial districts other than their own. A day of court is defined as at least a two hour session before lunch and at least a two hour session after lunch. Judicial hospitalization, juvenile and domestic relations are counted as civil court.

7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Edgecombe—Tarboro	25	82½	107½
Rocky Mount	10	72½	82½
Nash—Nashville	48	69	117
Wilson—Wilson	35½	97½	133
TOTAL	118½	321½	440

8TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Greene—Snow Hill	7½	36½	44
Lenoir—Kinston	87½	157½	245
Wayne—Goldsboro	123	180	303
Mount Olive	0	26	26
TOTAL	218	400	618

9TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Franklin—Louisburg	14½	48½	63
Granville—Oxford	28½	53½	82
Person—Roxboro	30	50	80
Vance—Henderson	33½	86½	120
Warren—Warrenton	7	25	32
TOTAL	113½	263½	377

10TH DISTRICT (6 Judges)

Wake—Raleigh	466½	591½	1,058
Fuquay-Varina	0	14	14
Wendell	0	15½	15½
TOTAL	466½	621	1,087½

11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Harnett—Lillington	30	109	139
Dunn	0	42	42
Johnston—Smithfield	60½	90½	151
Benson	0	40½	40½
Selma	0	39½	39½
Lee—Sanford	17	114½	131½
TOTAL	107½	436	543½

12TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Cumberland—Fayetteville	407	415	822
Hoke—Raeford	0	40½	40½
TOTAL	407	455½	862½

13TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Bladen—Elizabethtown	33	69½	102½
Brunswick—Southport	24	70	94
Shallotte	0	44	44
Columbus—Whiteville	85½	108½	194
Tabor City	0	32	32
TOTAL	142½	324	466½

14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Durham—Durham	169	229	398
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<u>15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Alamance—Graham	194	191	385
Chatham—Pittsboro	24	30	54
Siler City	5	31½	36½
Orange—Hillsborough	44	55	99
Chapel Hill	10½	70	80½
TOTAL	277½	377½	655

<u>16TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Robeson—Lumberton	124½	198½	323
Fairmont	0	26½	26½
Maxton	0	40½	40½
Red Springs	0	27	27
Rowland	0	22½	22½
Saint Pauls	0	27½	27½
Scotland—Laurinburg	49½	99	148½
TOTAL	174	411½	615½

<u>17TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Caswell—Yanceyville	10½	37	47½
Rockingham—Wentworth	74	0	74
Reidsville	0	83	83
Eden	0	69½	69½
Madison	0	45½	45½
Stokes—Danbury	0	70½	70½
Surry—Dobson	27½	114½	142
TOTAL	112	420	532

<u>18TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Guilford—Greensboro	338	451½	789½
High Point	140½	165	305½
TOTAL	478½	616½	1,095

<u>19TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Cabarrus—Concord	68	96½	164½
Kannapolis	½	49	49½
Montgomery—Troy	26½	68	94½
Randolph—Asheboro	61	101	162
Liberty	0	2	2
Rowan—Salisbury	80	124	204
TOTAL	236	440½	676½

<u>20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Anson—Wadesboro	24	61	85
Moore—Carthage	27	44	71
Southern Pines	1	18½	19½
Richmond—Rockingham	33	62	95
Stanly—Albemarle	27	107	134
Union—Monroe	52	99	151
TOTAL	164	391½	555½

<u>21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Forsyth—Winston-Salem	285½	377	662½
Kernersville	0	13½	13½
TOTAL	285½	390½	676

<u>22ND DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Alexander—Taylorsville	15½	35	50½
Davidson—Lexington	127½	88	215½
Thomasville	5	61	66
Davie—Mocksville	23½	34½	58
Iredell—Statesville	103	110½	213½
Mooresville	0	33	33
TOTAL	274½	362	636½

<u>23RD DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Alleghany—Sparta	16½	20	36½
Ashe—Jefferson	15	47	62
Wilkes—Wilkesboro	129	104	233
Yadkin—Yadkinville	15½	45½	61
TOTAL	176	216½	392½

<u>24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Avery—Newland	37½	36½	74
Madison—Marshall	22½	19	41½
Mitchell—Bakersville	18½	24	42½
Watauga—Boone	27	74	101
Yancey—Burnsville	28	20	48
TOTAL	133½	173½	307

<u>25TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Burke—Morganton	0	148	148
Caldwell—Lenoir	59	180½	189½
Catawba—Newton	65	79½	144½
Hickory	72	123½	195½
TOTAL	196	481½	677½

<u>26TH DISTRICT (8 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Mecklenburg—Charlotte	793½	782½	1,576

<u>27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Cleveland—Shelby	49	149	198
Gaston—Gastonia	145½	474½	620
Lincoln—Lincolnton	45	71	116
TOTAL	239½	694½	934

<u>28TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Buncombe—Asheville	440	457½	897½

<u>29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Henderson—Hendersonville	46½	72½	119
McDowell—Marion	26	79	105
Polk—Columbus	8	30	38
Rutherford—Rutherfordton	29	64½	93½
Transylvania—Brevard	27	46½	73½
TOTAL	136½	292½	429

30TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Cherokee—Murphy	7	25	32
Clay—Hayesville	1½	12	12½
Graham—Robbinsville	6	16	22
Haywood—Waynesville	39	67	106
Canton	0	18½	18½
Jackson—Sylva	12	36	48
Macon—Franklin	4½	25½	30
Swain—Bryson City	21½	25	46½
TOTAL	90½	225	315½
GRAND TOTAL	6,673½	11,979½	18,653

FISCAL OPERATIONS**1974-75**

State expenditures for the Judicial Department exceeded State and local receipts from court operations by more than six million dollars in the 1974-75 fiscal year.

State Expenditures for the
Judicial Department \$39,392,525.39

State and Local Receipts from
Court Operations \$32,472,672.83

Receipts by classification and governmental unit receiving funds:

Superior and District
Court Fees (State) \$10,478,675.67
Supreme Court Fees (State) 13,331.75
Court of Appeals Fees (State) 20,347.45
Sale of Appellate Reports (State) 84,805.45
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit
and Retirement Fund (State) 2,409,782.75
Total State Receipts **\$13,006,943.07**

Facilities Fees (Counties) \$ 2,390,507.56
Officer Fees (Counties) 1,325,101.37
Jail Fees (Counties) 387,756.38
Fines and Forfeitures (Counties) 14,518,105.35
Total County Receipts **\$18,621,470.66**

Facilities Fees (Municipalities) \$ 131,227.00
Officer Fees (Municipalities) 671,399.60
Jail Fees (Municipalities) 41,632.50
Total Municipal Receipts **\$ 844,259.10**

Total Receipts **\$32,472,672.83**

Of the total Judicial Department receipts, \$10,597,160.32 or 32.6% went into the State General Fund. The balance was distributed to the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (7.4%) and the counties (57.4%) and municipalities (2.6%) of the State.

Receipts deposited in the State General Fund amounted to 26.9% of the State's expenditures for the Judicial Department. Total State receipts (General Fund and LEOB&RF) equaled 33.0% of Judicial Department expenditures.

The table which follows shows a breakdown of the fees for each county and the municipalities within each county.

**AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND
DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

FISCAL YEAR 1974-75

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Alamance	\$ 38,014.00	\$ 23,126.00	\$ 3,236.00	\$ 201,260.02	\$ 0	\$ 9,379.00	\$ 0	\$ 275,015.02
Alexander	7,900.00	5,556.00	1,603.00	41,539.00	0	259.00	0	56,857.00
Alleghany	2,732.05	1,242.00	778.00	13,272.00	0	76.00	0	18,100.05
Anson	12,824.00	8,714.00	2,475.00	63,025.00	0	1,667.00	0	88,705.00
Ashe	6,332.00	6,012.00	1,307.00	38,953.70	0	104.00	0	52,708.70
Avery	6,072.00	6,108.00	1,457.50	48,301.00	0	264.00	0	62,202.50
Beaufort	19,456.00	15,900.00	2,414.00	103,661.67	0	3,655.00	0	145,086.67
Bertie	9,862.00	9,683.00	2,133.00	61,312.80	0	706.00	66.00	83,762.80
Bladen	14,398.02	13,981.10	4,195.00	86,908.18	1,434.00	1,222.00	0	122,138.30
Brunswick	11,634.00	8,456.00	3,605.00	113,926.10	2,831.00	1,720.00	0	142,172.10
Buncombe	61,123.00	41,119.00	15,162.75	299,053.86	0	19,980.00	0	436,438.61
Burke	21,923.50	12,024.50	1,029.00	131,073.00	0	3,310.00	111.00	169,471.00
Cabarrus	35,658.35	29,898.36	6,480.60	174,675.92	0	3,264.60	0	249,977.83
Caldwell	24,559.45	11,751.00	4,775.00	138,329.50	0	5,746.00	225.00	185,385.95
Camden	2,851.00	2,080.00	573.00	24,204.26	0	0	0	29,708.26
Carteret	18,093.00	11,228.00	1,339.00	154,916.88	0	3,336.00	0	188,912.88
Caswell	7,084.00	6,937.00	1,602.00	34,946.46	0	0	0	50,569.46
Catawba	19,833.00	16,071.56	4,090.00	284,175.10	20,329.00	11,470.00	4,392.00	360,360.66
Chatham	10,623.00	13,104.50	1,777.00	88,751.95	4,926.00	2,112.00	411.00	121,705.45
Cherokee	7,155.00	4,330.00	3,415.00	59,377.00	0	796.00	255.00	75,328.00
Chowan	6,425.00	3,700.00	900.00	53,081.00	0	2,043.00	0	66,149.00
Clay	2,144.00	1,984.00	652.00	24,422.00	0	0	0	29,202.00
Cleveland	29,864.00	12,456.00	10,016.68	181,288.00	0	8,776.00	741.00	243,141.68
Columbus	22,653.25	21,970.50	6,933.00	167,836.01	2,673.00	4,370.00	1,416.00	227,851.76
Craven	30,977.00	16,581.20	7,231.00	194,715.08	0	7,176.00	0	256,680.28
Cumberland	88,847.00	48,852.50	15,842.70	826,611.27	0	18,525.00	0	998,678.47
Currituck	5,634.00	4,183.00	595.00	53,831.00	0	0	0	64,243.00

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County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Dare	8,226.00	4,884.00	882.00	81,372.00	0	1,186.00	0	96,550.00
Davidson	29,397.00	20,983.26	6,688.60	262,703.72	6,276.00	5,734.00	429.00	332,211.58
Davie	9,027.00	6,306.00	1,180.00	62,396.00	0	1,010.00	0	79,919.00
Duplin	22,227.00	14,332.00	1,521.00	163,035.56	0	2,656.00	2,052.50	205,824.06
Durham	73,233.00	25,883.00	6,183.73	314,831.12	0	30,223.00	0	450,353.85
Edgecombe	21,386.00	19,772.73	8,245.00	138,250.50	8,848.00	10,286.00	1,344.00	208,132.23
Forsyth	113,117.00	21,986.00	11,875.00	502,471.44	2,118.00	68,340.80	0	719,908.24
Franklin	14,131.00	9,013.00	2,520.60	88,162.00	0	1,466.00	765.00	116,057.60
Gaston	56,925.00	34,219.00	13,078.00	328,910.90	0	13,967.00	153.00	447,252.90
Gates	4,117.00	3,142.40	327.00	33,793.50	0	0	0	41,379.90
Graham	2,612.00	1,915.00	423.00	17,165.00	0	180.00	0	22,295.00
Granville	17,089.00	10,790.50	1,933.00	118,663.49	0	2,050.00	486.00	151,011.99
Greene	6,172.00	5,236.00	717.00	34,963.64	0	282.00	0	47,370.64
Guilford	192,423.00	34,667.25	22,907.50	710,944.99	0	105,553.00	0	1,066,495.74
Halifax	20,132.00	19,115.00	5,044.91	188,132.27	4,049.00	4,826.00	2,187.00	243,486.18
Harnett	19,071.00	13,970.50	1,499.11	136,757.01	7,000.00	4,909.00	3,134.00	186,340.62
Haywood	11,815.00	11,243.00	2,674.00	136,235.72	3,478.00	2,783.00	236.00	168,464.72
Henderson	18,873.00	13,006.62	3,051.00	100,000.25	30.00	2,156.00	0	137,116.87
Hertford	10,525.00	7,374.75	1,700.60	76,430.70	0	2,158.00	393.00	98,582.05
Hoke	8,320.00	5,861.00	1,747.00	75,975.00	0	400.00	0	92,303.00
Hyde	1,871.00	1,528.00	159.00	13,766.04	0	0	0	17,324.04
Iredell	30,580.00	17,932.00	4,150.60	214,841.99	4,558.00	5,733.00	1,029.00	278,824.59
Johnson	8,645.00	7,527.00	2,751.00	64,990.00	0	0	0	83,913.00
Johnston	24,812.00	16,788.86	7,007.00	228,391.15	6,066.00	5,140.00	1,799.00	290,004.01
Jones	3,857.00	3,114.00	560.00	23,571.00	0	194.00	0	31,296.00
Lee	16,616.00	12,483.36	6,362.72	75,249.45	0	4,120.00	0	114,831.53
Lenoir	29,968.00	14,455.00	6,518.00	179,227.61	0	7,240.00	3,080.00	240,488.61
Lincoln	13,766.00	11,725.00	2,799.00	86,308.25	0	734.00	0	115,332.25
Macon	7,231.00	5,558.00	1,026.00	67,101.50	0	626.00	12.00	81,554.50
Madison	3,451.00	2,886.50	1,047.00	24,402.50	0	128.00	0	31,915.00
Martin	11,773.00	8,960.00	808.00	70,112.73	0	1,742.00	0	93,395.73
McDowell	13,074.50	10,890.00	2,418.00	91,267.00	0	820.00	0	118,469.50
Mecklenburg	172,991.50	40,049.00	0	816,149.23	0	52,473.00	0	1,081,662.73
Mitchell	3,781.00	3,132.00	967.00	17,896.00	0	372.00	0	26,148.00

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Montgomery	14,470.25	14,008.50	3,405.75	58,595.50	0	2,306.00	0	92,786.00
Moore	14,053.00	13,992.00	2,408.00	126,157.00	4,502.00	3,201.00	2,139.00	166,452.00
Nash	25,704.00	25,755.05	4,215.00	250,905.50	12,108.00	8,760.00	1,824.00	329,271.55
New Hanover	45,508.00	12,587.00	8,538.00	281,046.59	0	15,097.00	612.00	363,388.59
Northampton	9,646.50	8,784.00	1,743.00	79,922.82	0	462.00	0	100,558.32
Onslow	46,071.00	24,749.00	16,614.00	517,549.12	0	11,682.00	0	616,665.12
Orange	20,911.00	15,212.00	1,792.00	156,168.01	7,683.00	8,514.00	407.00	210,687.01
Pamlico	4,450.00	3,926.00	711.00	29,342.00	0	44.00	0	38,473.00
Pasquotank	12,620.00	6,060.00	1,687.00	100,507.00	0	2,816.00	0	123,390.00
Pender	10,035.00	7,794.00	1,314.00	75,114.00	0	686.00	0	94,943.00
Perquimans	4,126.00	3,154.00	591.00	33,476.00	0	260.00	0	41,607.00
Person	11,678.00	4,934.00	936.00	65,880.63	266.00	2,286.00	0	85,980.63
Pitt	36,221.00	16,047.62	6,650.00	204,061.57	5,843.00	14,821.19	1,680.00	285,324.38
Polk	4,988.00	4,882.48	1,569.00	42,278.00	0	248.00	0	53,965.48
Randolph	30,488.00	31,086.96	5,165.75	149,669.23	0	4,053.00	0	220,462.94
Richmond	17,373.00	12,141.00	2,998.00	102,324.80	0	1,670.00	18.00	136,524.80
Robeson	33,654.89	26,001.32	8,452.00	352,739.91	12,102.00	9,092.00	4,134.00	446,176.12
Rockingham	23,352.00	16,508.50	2,638.60	151,715.41	10,548.00	9,478.00	2,766.00	217,006.51
Rowan	35,083.00	28,630.87	6,308.00	243,432.94	0	5,370.00	0	318,824.81
Rutherford	15,946.00	8,419.89	4,622.00	97,082.35	0	1,738.00	120.00	127,928.54
Sampson	23,562.00	19,133.50	4,076.00	150,808.90	0	2,906.00	81.00	200,567.40
Scotland	15,207.00	9,751.00	4,181.00	104,980.68	0	3,779.00	0	137,898.68
Stanly	19,866.50	9,013.00	4,116.00	110,791.30	0	3,202.00	0	146,993.80
Stokes	10,726.00	8,899.00	3,153.00	55,585.50	0	530.00	0	78,893.50
Surry	27,634.00	25,283.38	3,005.87	142,358.32	564.00	4,822.00	1,545.00	205,212.57
Swain	4,064.00	3,004.00	1,500.00	27,479.00	0	54.00	0	36,101.00
Transylvania	8,518.50	7,630.06	2,362.00	44,240.60	0	906.00	0	63,657.16
Tyrrell	2,179.00	1,998.00	60.00	13,398.50	0	0	0	17,635.50
Union	24,304.00	18,929.41	5,701.00	131,122.14	0	2,054.00	0	182,110.55
Vance	19,478.00	8,518.00	2,771.38	96,923.50	0	3,638.00	0	131,328.88
Wake	164,602.80	48,514.33	15,650.53	657,169.93	2,475.00	77,837.01	1,224.00	967,473.60
Warren	8,247.40	6,375.00	2,584.00	41,263.50	0	698.00	0	59,167.90
Washington	6,679.00	5,157.00	486.00	44,833.50	0	896.00	0	58,051.50
Watauga	8,924.00	7,544.50	1,310.00	54,786.25	0	820.00	0	73,384.75

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Wayne	41,112.00	17,259.14	5,121.00	211,082.69	520.00	10,360.00	351.00	285,805.83
Wilkes	24,063.00	15,935.00	5,061.90	100,939.49	0	464.00	0	146,463.39
Wilson	25,679.10	19,685.91	5,272.00	126,607.55	0	241.00	15.00	182,500.56
Yadkin	9,019.00	6,070.00	1,742.00	52,858.30	0	868.00	0	70,557.30
Yancey	4,357.00	3,943.00	856.00	24,630.00	0	296.00	0	34,442.00
TOTALS	\$2,390,507.56	\$1,325,101.37	\$387,756.38	\$14,518,105.35	\$131,227.00	\$671,399.60	\$41,632.50	\$19,465,729.76

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

In 27 of the State's judicial districts, indigent defendants were represented exclusively by appointed private counsel. In three districts, the 12th, 18th, and 28th (Cumberland and Hoke, Guilford, and Buncombe Counties), indigents were usually represented by a public defender's office.*

The costs of the entire program rose from \$3,838,832.27 in the 1973-74 fiscal year to \$5,029,018.62 in the 1974-75 fiscal year, an increase of 31.0%. The program constituted 12.8% of total judicial Department expenditures in 1974-75. The cost of the program in 1974-75 is summarized as follows:

Assigned Counsel in Criminal Cases	\$3,763,697.78
Assigned Counsel in Commitment Cases	368,747.24
Assigned Counsel in Juvenile Cases	149,180.05
Total	\$4,281,625.07
Public Counsel, Mental Hospitals	96,534.08
Public Defender's Office	
12th Judicial District	142,216.56
18th Judicial District	213,354.71
28th Judicial District	98,967.79
Total	454,539.06
Transcripts, Records and Briefs	194,707.61
Expert Witness Fees	1,612.80
TOTAL	\$4,932,484.54

The table at the end of this section compares the assigned counsel program in 1973-74 and 1974-75. The total number of cases rose from 29,117 to 32,423 or 11.3%, and expenditures rose from \$3,307,340 to \$4,281,625, or 29.4%. The largest portion of this increase was for assigned counsel in criminal cases. An additional 6,166 criminal cases were handled under this program at an additional cost of \$1,105,865.98, or an increase of 41.6% over the previous year. The cost increase for assigned counsel in juvenile cases was considerably more modest, \$15,134.53 (11.3%). There was a significant decrease in the cost of assigned counsel for commitments: \$146,715.23, or a

*The financial data presented here is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. The public defender system was extended to two other districts, the 26th and 27th, during the latter half of calendar year 1975.

28.5% decrease. There were 3,171 fewer commitment cases having assigned counsel.

Payments for assigned counsel in criminal cases accounted for 87.9% of total expenditures for assigned counsel; commitment case payments accounted for 8.6% and juvenile case payments for 3.5%.

The total cost of providing counsel to indigents in the three districts with public defenders was as follows:

	12th District	18th District	28th District
Public Defender	\$142,216	\$213,346	\$ 98,968
Assigned Counsel	85,260	54,295	15,394
TOTAL	\$227,476	\$267,641	\$114,362

These costs may be compared with the costs of assigned counsel in other urban areas: 10th District (Wake) \$296,187; 14th District (Durham) \$215,731; 21st District (Forsyth) \$208,291; and 23th District (Mecklenburg) \$363,870.

When private counsel or the public defender is assigned to represent an indigent, the court sets the money value of services rendered and enters judgment against the defendant for such amount. Receipts from payments on these judgments rose from \$116,653.05 in 1973-74 to \$154,614.60 in 1974-75. Receipts in 1974-75 amounted to 3.0% of the total cost of the indigent defendant program.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — CRIMINAL CASES

	No. of Cases			Expenditures		
	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase
1ST DISTRICT						
Camden	12	7	(41.6)	2,365	514	(78.2)
Chowan	133	90	(32.3)	9,071	13,532	49.1
Currituck	53	73	37.7	8,095	3,874	9.6
Dare	32	46	43.7	6,472	7,979	23.2
Gates	22	25	13.6	1,350	3,222	138.6
Pasquotank	124	185	49.1	14,186	20,184	42.2
Perquimans	29	45	55.1	4,335	6,920	59.6
TOTAL	405	471	16.2	45,873	61,225	33.4
2ND DISTRICT						
Beaufort	160	169	1.8	19,811	30,485	53.8
Hyde	26	17	(34.6)	2,760	2,050	(25.7)
Martin	137	122	(11.0)	10,130	22,090	118.0
Tyrrell	10	16	60.0	825	1,236	49.8
Washington	72	66	(8.3)	5,860	6,713	14.5
TOTAL	411	430	4.6	39,386	62,574	58.8
3RD DISTRICT						
Carteret	304	311	2.3	40,780	42,436	4.0
Craven	467	408	(12.6)	50,276	50,610	.6
Pamlico	34	40	17.6	3,225	5,178	60.5
Pitt	696	873	25.4	83,163	116,864	40.5
TOTAL	1,501	1,632	8.7	177,444	215,088	21.2
4TH DISTRICT						
Duplin	244	390	59.8	18,800	38,825	106.5
Jones	104	111	6.7	7,474	12,050	61.2
Onslow	619	851	37.4	75,265	115,159	53.0
Sampson	265	307	15.8	21,341	30,471	42.7
TOTAL	1,232	1,659	34.6	122,880	196,505	59.9
5TH DISTRICT						
New Hanover	497	575	15.6	78,808	118,861	50.8
Pender	66	109	65.1	6,430	13,365	107.8
TOTAL	563	684	21.4	85,238	132,226	55.1
6TH DISTRICT						
Bertie	106	128	20.7	12,683	12,114	(4.4)
Halifax	409	307	(24.9)	32,862	32,262	(1.8)
Hertford	101	137	35.6	6,623	17,075	157.8
Northampton	94	72	(23.4)	9,541	7,982	(16.3)
TOTAL	710	644	(9.2)	61,710	69,433	12.5
7TH DISTRICT						
Edgecombe	325	390	20.0	31,326	47,188	50.6
Nash	321	362	12.7	36,141	58,472	61.7
Wilson	428	381	(10.9)	42,285	50,619	19.7
TOTAL	1,074	1,133	5.4	109,751	156,279	42.3
8TH DISTRICT						
Greene	87	53	(39.0)	7,855	9,569	21.8
Lenoir	388	305	(21.3)	41,708	44,776	7.3
Wayne	592	443	(25.1)	64,008	90,342	41.1
TOTAL	1,067	801	(24.9)	113,571	144,687	27.3

	No. of Cases			Expenditures		
	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase
9TH DISTRICT						
Franklin	204	183	(10.2)	31,139	27,682	(11.1)
Granville	221	250	13.1	26,162	24,219	(7.4)
Person	75	111	48.0	10,135	15,570	45.0
Vance	285	235	(17.5)	36,608	31,417	(14.1)
Warren	87	97	11.4	12,710	14,232	11.9
TOTAL	872	926	6.1	117,354	113,120	(3.6)
10TH DISTRICT						
Wake	2,054	2,243	9.2	224,379	296,187	32.0
11TH DISTRICT						
Hamett	247	268	8.5	20,523	32,320	57.4
Johnston	285	239	(16.1)	34,935	30,081	(13.8)
Lee	208	162	(22.1)	25,740	23,381	(9.1)
TOTAL	740	669	(9.5)	81,198	85,782	5.6
12TH DISTRICT						
Cumberland	232	266	14.6	50,916	78,870	54.9
Hoke	24	17	(29.1)	3,838	6,390	66.4
TOTAL	256	283	10.5	54,754	85,260	55.7
13TH DISTRICT						
Bladen	140	198	41.4	17,858	23,748	32.9
Brunswick	178	184	3.3	19,737	20,559	4.1
Columbus	255	312	22.3	29,685	34,152	15.0
TOTAL	573	694	21.1	67,279	78,459	16.6
14TH DISTRICT						
Durham	1,249	1,557	24.6	155,189	215,731	39.0
15TH DISTRICT						
Alamance	378	545	44.1	56,595	82,067	45.0
Chatham	114	104	(8.7)	15,085	15,022	(.4)
Orange	360	411	14.1	54,940	57,705	5.0
TOTAL	852	1,060	24.4	126,620	154,794	22.2
16TH DISTRICT						
Robeson	435	404	(7.1)	61,584	76,748	24.6
Scotland	139	130	(6.4)	14,500	17,707	22.1
TOTAL	574	534	(6.9)	76,084	94,455	24.1
17TH DISTRICT						
Caswell	77	112	45.4	9,820	15,044	53.1
Rockingham	438	635	44.9	51,095	93,302	82.6
Stokes	105	112	6.6	10,310	13,421	30.1
Surry	261	379	45.2	34,999	51,776	47.9
TOTAL	881	1,238	40.5	106,224	173,543	63.3
18TH DISTRICT						
Guilford	105	216	105.7	24,558	54,295	121.0

19TH DISTRICT	No. of Cases			Expenditures		
	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase
Cabarrus	714	693	(2.9)	79,820	67,169	(15.8)
Montgomery	278	319	14.7	25,972	29,632	14.0
Randolph	426	339	(20.4)	50,291	34,959	(30.4)
Rowan	659	640	(2.8)	76,760	67,216	(12.4)
TOTAL	2,077	1,991	(4.1)	232,843	198,976	14.5

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	185	234	26.4	15,955	23,202	45.4
Moore	205	232	13.1	21,270	26,742	25.7
Richmond	271	308	13.6	32,531	38,205	17.4
Stanly	229	268	17.0	21,665	29,109	34.3
Union	323	372	15.1	38,252	53,315	39.3
TOTAL	1,213	1,414	16.5	129,672	170,573	31.5

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	979	1,502	53.4	133,726	208,291	55.7
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	134	180	34.3	14,184	23,534	65.9
Davidson	450	528	17.3	54,192	66,724	23.1
Davie	74	105	41.8	6,870	10,389	51.2
Iredell	414	480	15.9	44,181	56,469	27.8
TOTAL	1,072	1,293	20.6	119,427	157,116	31.5

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	45	54	20.0	5,750	8,797	52.9
Ashe	101	120	18.8	10,450	12,642	20.9
Wilkes	245	276	12.6	28,747	32,406	12.7
Yadkin	73	86	17.8	7,849	9,835	25.3
TOTAL	464	536	15.5	52,796	63,680	20.6

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	83	119	43.3	8,040	12,100	50.4
Madison	104	75	(27.8)	8,655	7,266	(16.0)
Mitchell	36	47	30.5	3,470	4,146	19.4
Watauga	138	157	13.7	12,595	20,150	59.9
Yancey	87	63	(27.5)	7,039	6,430	(8.6)
TOTAL	448	461	2.9	39,800	50,092	25.8

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	637	695	9.1	55,464	84,733	52.7
Caldwell	435	546	25.5	51,400	72,703	41.4
Catawba	532	753	41.5	55,666	93,532	68.0
TOTAL	1,604	1,994	24.3	162,529	250,968	54.4

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	2,830	3,226	13.9	292,945	363,870	24.2
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	337	282	16.3	36,890	38,080	3.2
Gaston	903	944	4.5	123,528	146,083	18.2
Lincoln	180	197	9.4	18,909	35,529	87.8
TOTAL	1,420	1,423	.2	179,328	219,692	22.5

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	377	82	78.2	35,045	15,394	56.0
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29TH DISTRICT	No. of Cases			Expenditures		
	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase	1973-74	1974-75	Percent Increase
Henderson	257	313	21.7	25,745	36,301	41.0
McDowell	232	248	6.8	23,715	26,195	10.4
Polk	63	45	(28.5)	6,035	4,708	(21.9)
Rutherford	243	301	23.8	18,695	40,239	115.2
Transylvania	88	95	7.9	11,502	13,505	17.4
TOTAL	883	1,002	13.4	85,692	120,948	41.1

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	91	97	6.5	9,111	10,973	20.4
Clay	24	24		1,490	2,435	63.4
Graham	30	56	86.6	4,829	8,497	75.9
Haywood	263	252	(4.1)	19,771	22,742	15.0
Jackson	76	91	19.7	5,889	9,405	59.7
Macon	93	59	(36.5)	6,970	9,046	29.7
Swain	54	37	(31.4)	5,985	2,831	(52.6)
TOTAL	631	616	2.3	54,054	65,929	21.9

GRAND TOTAL	29,117	32,414	11.3	\$3,307,340	\$4,275,172	29.4
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**SPECIAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION
OF THE INDIGENT MENTALLY ILL AND INEBRIATE**

January 1, 1975 — December 31, 1975

Hospital	Number of 90-Day Hearings		Number of 180-Day Reccommitment Hearings		Number of 1-Year Reccommitment Hearings	
	Com-mitted	Dis-charged	Recom-mitted	Dis-charged	Recom-mitted	Dis-charged
Broughton	212	246	265	82	875	100
Cherry	309	215	184	9	453	1
Dorothea Dix	234	420	137	71	423	49
John Umstead	169	192	107	49	286	3
TOTAL	924	1,073	693	211	2,037	153

Total Number of Commitment and Reccommitment Hearings:

90-Day Hearings	1,997
180-Day Reccommitment Hearings	904
1-Year Reccommitment Hearings	2,190
Grand Total	5,091

Total Number of Hearings Resulting in
Order of Commitment or Reccommitment 3,654

Total Number of Hearings Resulting in
Order of Discharge 1,437

TOTAL 5,091

**TABLE I
THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

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REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY ROGERS, Henderson

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District	Judge	City
1	J. Herbert Small	Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel Jr.	Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr.	Farmville
4	Russell J. Lanier	Beulaville
5	Bradford Tillery	Wilmington
	Joshua S. James	Maple Hill
6	Perry Martin	Rich Square
7	George M. Fountain	Tarboro
	John Webb	Wilson
8	Albert W. Cowper	Kinston
	John Webb	Wilson
9	Hamilton H. Hobgood	Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey	Raleigh
	A. Pilston Godwin, Jr.	Raleigh
	Edwin S. Preston, Jr.	Raleigh
11	Harry E. Canady	Benson
12	E. Maurice Braswell	Fayetteville
	Darius B. Herring, Jr.	Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark	Elizabethtown
14	Clarence W. Hall	Durham
	Thomas H. Lee	Durham
15	D. Marsh McLelland	Burlington
16	Henry A. McKinnon, Jr.	Lumberton
17	James M. Long	Yanceyville
18	Walter E. Crissman	High Point
	Charles T. Kivett	Greensboro
	W. Douglas Albright	Greensboro
19	Thomas W. Seay, Jr.	Spencer
	Hal H. Walker	Asheboro
20	John D. McConnell	Southern Pines
21	Harvey A. Lupton	Winston-Salem
	William Z. Wood	Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr.	Statesville
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr.	North Wilkesboro
24	Bruce B. Briggs	Mars Hill
25	Sam J. Ervin, III	Morganton
	Forrest A. Ferrell	Hickory
26	Fred H. Hasty	Charlotte
	Frank W. Snapp, Jr.	Charlotte
	William T. Grist	Charlotte
	Kenneth A. Griffin	Charlotte
27	B. T. Falls, Jr.	Shelby
	John R. Friday	Lincolnton
	Robert W. Kirby	Cherryville
28	Harry C. Martin	Asheville
	Robert D. Lewis	Asheville
29	J. W. Jackson	Hendersonville
30	Lacy H. Thornburg	Webster

* In districts with more than one judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

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Judge	City
Jerry S. Alvis	Raleigh
James M. Bailey, Jr.	Asheville
Ronald Barbee	Greensboro
Robert R. Browning	Greenville
Robert L. Gavin	Pinehurst
William T. Graham	Winston-Salem
Donald L. Smith	Cary
Ralph A. Walker	Greensboro

Emergency Judges, Superior Court

Judge	City
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Frank M. Armstrong	Troy
Walter J. Bone	Nashville
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Francis O. Clarkson	Charlotte
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	Grafton G. Beaman	Elizabeth City
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	Charles H. Manning	Williamston
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	Herbert O. Phillips, III	Morehead City
	Charles H. Whedbee	Greenville
	Robert D. Wheeler	Gritton
4	Harvey Boney	Jacksonville
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	Walter P. Henderson	Trenton
	Kenneth W. Turner	Rose Hill

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5	Gilbert H. Burnett	Wilmington
	N. B. Barefoot	Wilmington
	John M. Walker	Wilmington
6	J. T. Maddrey	Weldon
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	Ballard S. Gay	Jackson
7	J. Phil Carlton	Pinetops
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	Tom H. Matthews	Rocky Mount
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8	W. Milton Nowell	Goldsboro
	John P. Exum	Kinston
	Herbert W. Hardy	Maury
	Arnold O. Jones	Goldsboro
	Lester W. Pate	Kinston
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	Claude W. Allen Jr.	Oxford
	Linwood T. Peoples	Henderson
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	Henry V. Barnette, Jr.	Raleigh
	Stafford G. Bullock	Raleigh
	George R. Greene	Raleigh
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	Joseph E. Dupree	Raeford
	Charles Lee Guy	Fayetteville
	George Stuhl	Fayetteville
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	Coleman Cates	Burlington
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	John S. Gardner	Lumberton
	Charles G. McLean	Lumberton
17	Leonard H. van Noppen	Danbury
	Foy Clark	Mount Airy
	Frank Freeman	Dobson
	George M. Harris	Pelham
18	E. D. Kuykendall, Jr.	Greensboro
	Elreta M. Alexander	Greensboro
	Walter E. Clark, Jr.	Greensboro
	Darl L. Fowler	Greensboro
	B. Gordon Gentry	Greensboro
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	L. Frank Faggart	Kannapolis
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	L. T. Hammond, Jr.	Asheboro
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20	F. Fetzer Mills	Wadesboro
	Edward E. Crutchfield	Albemarle
	Walter M. Lampley	Rockingham
	A. A. Webb	Rockingham
21	Abner Alexander	Winston-Salem
	John Clifford	Winston-Salem
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	A. Lincoln Sherk	Winston-Salem
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22	Lester P. Martin, Jr.	Mocksville
	Preston Cornelius	Troutman
	Robert W. Johnson	Statesville
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23	Ralph Davis	North Wilkesboro
	Samuel L. Osborne	Wilkesboro
24	J. Ray Braswell	Newland
	Robert Howard Lacey	Newland
25	Livingston Vernon	Morganton
	Benjamin Beach	Lenoir
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26	Clifton E. Johnson	Charlotte
	P. B. Beachum, Jr.	Charlotte
	Larry Thomas Black	Charlotte
	Lilburn S. Brown	Charlotte
	Fred Allen Hicks	Charlotte
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	Arnold Max Harris	Ellenboro
	Oscar F. Mason, Jr.	Gastonia
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8	D. M. Jacobs F. Ogden Parker Kenneth Robert Ellis Rodney R. Goodman Paul M. Wright Charles M. White, III David R. Waters Ben U. Allen	Goldsboro Goldsboro Fremont Goldsboro Goldsboro Warrenton Roxboro Henderson
10	Burley B. Mitchell, Jr. Joseph A. Calder Rudolph A. Ashton, III Joyce A. Hamilton William B. Crumpler Nicholas J. Dombalis Kyle S. Hall John T. Hall Nathaniel Currie Russell G. Sherrill, III Francis W. Crawley John Randolph Riley	Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh
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Chowan	Lena M. Leary
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