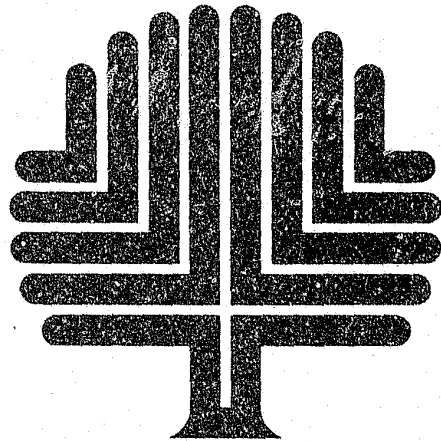


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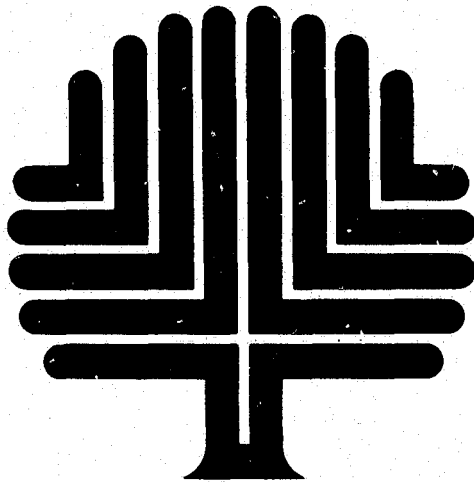
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This *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1975* is the first such document ever to be published containing statistical caseload data compiled on a national basis from the annual reports of each state court system. It is the result of a cooperative effort of the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators to develop within the National Center a national data base of state court caseload statistics.

The first report uses as a base year the state judicial statistics reports for the calendar year 1975. It contains data reflecting judicial caseload activity in each general and appellate jurisdiction state court. Subsequent annual reports will be expanded to reflect caseload activity in limited and special jurisdiction courts.

Questions of validity and accuracy of source data, as well as caveats regarding variation in reporting periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and definitions used among the states, make it imperative that the data contained in this report be used with extreme caution. Care must be exercised in attempting to compare even the broadest categories of caseload for 1975. Direct comparisons of the statistics in the tables for any two jurisdictions presented in this report are questionable and quite invalid. Meaningful comparisons among the jurisdictions require more complete information about each

The Conference of State Court Administrators has given its support to the National Court Statistics Project which will establish in the National Center for State Courts the capability of gathering, analyzing, and disseminating statistical information on each state court system in the nation. The project has been made a cooperative effort between COSCA and NCSC by giving policy control and direction over the project to an advisory committee of state court administrators selected by COSCA.

This first annual report deals primarily with information relating to the appellate and general trial courts of the several states. Plans are being developed to include courts of limited and special jurisdiction in future efforts.

The scope of this report is limited and pertains only to calendar year 1975. Since that year there have

jurisdiction's court structure, operating procedures, statistical reporting procedures, and demographic characteristics.

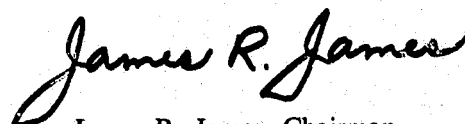
This first annual report has probably been the most difficult one to compile because methodology had to be developed that would take into account all the limitations on the use of the data displayed. Although the addition of limited jurisdiction court data in the 1976 annual report may create additional problems, the National Center has been heartened by the expressions of interest and cooperation coming from court personnel all over the country. With few exceptions, they demonstrated an interest in helping the National Center to develop an accurate national data base of state court caseload statistics. The assistance and leadership of the Conference of State Court Administrators, and especially the National Court Statistics Project's Advisory Committee chaired by James R. James, have been invaluable in bringing order out of the present confusion.



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been changes in court structure and reporting procedures in several of the individual states. This report should provide a baseline from which to measure the effects of such changes.

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



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will be the crucial element in determining the quality of the statistics that are being gathered.

The members of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks also became an indispensable source of much-needed data when the clerks volunteered to provide and verify appellate court data that in many states were unavailable from any other source. Their assistance has been invaluable in expanding both the quantity and quality of appellate court data available to the project.

The trial court administrators across the nation who are members of the National Association of Trial Court Administrators were also requested to furnish caseload statistics, and their responses were very much appreciated.

In addition, in some states the project staff requested and received data from related sources, such as attorney generals' offices or budget departments, that were needed to provide missing links. The National Court Statistics Project staff would like to recognize and thank all these many individuals who have contributed to this first annual report.

## Highlights

Substantial effort by the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) staff and the Conference of State Court Administrators Advisory Committee was required to develop a methodology for displaying nationwide state court caseload for the first annual report. During preliminary attempts to aggregate available statistics into specific groupings, it became obvious that any realistic compilation must have a structure derived from, not superimposed upon, the data reported by the states. The structure of this report reflects that orientation and emphasis, and the summary statistics presented here reflect the existing situation in state court statistics because of it.

One general observation can be made about 1975 state court caseload: the number of cases pending in state courts increased between the end of 1974 and the end of 1975. At the appellate court level, using estimated national totals, the increase in pending cases for all appellate courts was 14 percent. Breaking this down, intermediate appellate courts showed an increase of 18 percent, while pending cases in courts of last resort increased 6 percent. At the general jurisdiction court level, the number of cases pending was 9 percent higher at the end of 1975 than it was at the end of 1974, with pending civil cases increasing least in percentage terms (8 percent), but most in absolute numbers (151,240). Conversely, juvenile cases pending increased most in percentage (15 percent), but this was based on a relatively small number of cases (10,927). Overall, it can be said that there was more progress in containing the increase in absolute number of pending criminal and juvenile cases than civil cases, even though all types of cases pending increased compared to the prior year.

For the reader of this document, cautionary notes necessarily abound. Because of many state-to-state variations in the kinds of data reported, the summary tables in this annual report do not permit extensive, valid, direct comparisons of caseload among states without careful examination of all the factors involved in assuring that the data are comparable.

Variations in data availability, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions of cases and units of count, reporting periods, and the degrees of completeness and accuracy of data all combine to make cross-jurisdictional comparisons extremely complex. Moreover, the lack of verified multi-year caseload data makes it difficult to reach valid conclusions regarding caseload and caseload trends.

In terms of the structure of this annual report, summary statistical tables in Part I were constructed from the individual court profiles for all the states found in Part II. Data were first compiled into nationwide volume statistics (beginning pending, filings, dispositions, and end pending), and then the volume statistics were broken down where possible into broad category classifications, which were chosen to reflect the kinds of data being reported by the states. This approach required initial preparation of an overview court organization chart and an individual statistical profile for each state's appellate and general jurisdiction courts. The resulting documentation comprises Part II of this report.

Data availability has improved greatly from the first half of this century, when the first national compilation of caseload data was attempted. For example, a summary of the current availability of common caseload statistics (including computed data) is given below:

### Number of states reporting gross volume data in 1975 for most common case categories

Case category by court level	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Courts of last resort:</b>				
Appeals	26	44	41	27
Original proceedings	15	33	30	16
Requests to appeal	12	26	23	12
<b>Intermediate appellate courts:</b>				
Appeals	17	23	22	17
Original proceedings	6	10	10	6
Requests to appeal	4	5	5	4
<b>Courts of general jurisdiction:</b>				
Civil	35	44	44	35
Criminal	34	44	44	34
Juvenile	14	22	21	14

Available data were classified into major summary categories that are roughly comparable from state to state. For appellate courts the most common breakdown beyond that shown above was a separation within the "appeals" category into civil and criminal appeals. The most common *types* of appellate dispositions reported were: "affirmed," "reversed," and "dismissed." Written opinions were the most common *method* of disposition reported, used by 40 of the 53 courts of last resort and 19 of the 28 intermediate appellate courts. Only 13 courts of last resort and 9 intermediate appellate courts reported time interval data. Differences in case processing terminology often resulted in different time spans being measured. At a minimum, the reported data generally attempted to measure the interval from notice of appeal or filing to final disposition/decision/opinion. This span reflects the total time for appellate processing.

Of the 44 states and the District of Columbia from which statistics for courts of general jurisdiction were available, all but two reported gross filing and disposition data. Most states reported many more

civil than criminal case categories. Fifteen major civil case categories used by the NCSP in compiling this annual report were derived from the approximately 200 separate civil case categories used by the 44 reporting states and D.C. Likewise, seven case categories were derived from the 77 reported name titles for criminal cases. Complete volume data for juvenile cases (beginning pending, filings, dispositions, end pending) were reported by general jurisdiction courts in 13 states and the District of Columbia. Time data on case processing at the general jurisdiction level were extremely limited. Only 12 states reported age of pending statistics in 1975, while only 5 states reported age at disposition.

The detail charts and statistical profiles in Part II are helpful references because they indicate not only the organization and subject matter jurisdiction of the courts in each state, but also the differences in reporting periods, units of count, and variations in case categories and classifications. They show at a glance how much data were available for comparison purposes.

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## Introduction

The first annual report of state court statistics is the product of a cooperative effort of the Conference of State Court Administrators and the National Center for State Courts. Operational management of this undertaking is provided by the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), with advisory supervision by the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA).

### National Court Statistics Project

The purpose of the National Court Statistics Project is to develop and implement a program to collect and report all available court caseload statistics from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The project will establish within the National Center for State Courts the ongoing capability to gather, analyze, and disseminate credible caseload data from each state court system.

During its first year, the project produced two major documents. The first was *State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art*. That report provides a historical and contemporary survey of problems, successes, and failures to collect and disseminate state court caseload statistics on a national basis.

*State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1975* is the second report. This first annual report demonstrates the feasibility of producing an ongoing series of annual reports that accurately depict the caseloads of state courts. The two reports and their appendices are the first step in establishing a permanent data base of state court caseload statistics. This data base will enable the state judiciaries to depict their trial and appellate court workloads in much the same manner that criminal justice agencies are able to demonstrate increases or decreases in their respective workloads.

### Project goals

One goal of the National Court Statistics Project is to provide state court caseload data that are comparable across jurisdictional boundaries. As the quality of data improves from year to year, future reports will provide data that will permit comparisons.

Court caseload statistics are needed by local courts and by administrative offices of state courts for operational, management, and planning purposes. There are many potential uses for reliable state court statistics that are comparable across state lines. Interstate comparison of statistics can help to identify

- national trends in litigation and other court activities;
- evolving caseload problems;
- effects of long-term programs and legislation;
- court systems that are operating effectively so that, where applicable, their successful programs and procedures can be identified and shared;
- the impact on the courts of organizational, procedural, and structural changes in the states; and
- the need for revised court budgets or additional judicial resources.

Legislative and executive agencies—both state and national—require data in order to plan for the types of court facilities and support resources (personnel, financial, and technical) likely to be most needed in future years. Comparable state statistics can also serve an important educational function. All branches of government, the public at large, individual litigants, and the media have a stake in our justice system, and their awareness and understanding of the courts' operations are essential if they are to play a positive role in the administration of justice.

The National Court Statistics Project, through this and subsequent annual reports, hopes to develop and disseminate state court caseload data that can serve these many needs.

### Scope of the report

The number and types of topical categories that can be displayed in this first report are limited by the quality and quantity of data available. Future annual reports will incorporate increasing amounts and types of data, with the eventual goal of assembling all available caseload data from all major courts within each state.

Data for 1975 were collected from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Although data were

obtained from Puerto Rico, they could not be translated in time for inclusion in this report, but the scope of subsequent reports will be broadened, if possible, to include American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Marianas, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific.

This first annual report is limited to presentation of available caseload data for state appellate courts and trial courts of general jurisdiction. Data from limited or special jurisdiction courts (for example, a Land Court) were included if these courts were staffed by general jurisdiction court judges. In order to permit subject matter comparisons across state lines, four topical tables showing cases adjudicated in either general or in limited and special jurisdiction courts have also been included. These tables show cross-jurisdictional statewide category totals for **juvenile, domestic relations, probate, and mental health** cases.

Appellate courts are subdivided into courts of last resort (the final court of appeals within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (courts in which the primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and in which some decisions are subject to appeal or review by the court of last resort).

As defined in this report, a court was considered to be a general jurisdiction trial court if it met one of the following criteria:

- the individual state considers it a general jurisdiction court;
- felony cases are tried and felony sentences given;
- or
- the judges of the court are general jurisdiction court judges sitting on temporary assignment.

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

Because at least 30 states use the calendar year as the reporting period, the calendar year was chosen as the unit of analysis. Of the remaining states, 11 publish general jurisdiction court caseload data on a fiscal year basis, and most of these begin the fiscal year on July 1. There is even more variety in reporting periods at the appellate court level, where reference periods may be calendar year, fiscal year, or court terms. Therefore, even though calendar year 1975 was chosen as the case reporting period for this annual report, data for that time span could not be

obtained for all states. Calendar year data were specifically requested from appellate courts and were used, when available, rather than published fiscal year data. In a few states, statistics from two fiscal year reports could be merged into one set of calendar year statistics. For those states where calendar year data were unavailable, fiscal year 1974-75 was accepted as the case-reporting period.

For purposes of this report, fiscal year refers to any noncalendar-year reporting period. Fiscal years do not all begin at the same time, although July is the most common starting month. The exact reporting periods used by each court can be found on the court's statistical profile in Part II of this report.

#### Methodology employed

The sources of data for the tables presented in this report are published annual reports provided by the states and unpublished statistical material requested of and supplied by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. (Appendix A of this report provides a matrix indicating the source of data for each state.)

In addition to a review of all published and unpublished data received from the states, this report includes a study of all available reporting forms and instructions which the states utilized to collect caseload statistics from their respective courts. Additional relevant information was secured from appropriate personnel in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Published information on reporting-category classifications, terminology, definitions, and data-collection instructions was not always available; therefore, telephone discussions with state court administrators or their staff and appellate court clerks were essential in clarifying ambiguous points. As the project progressed, additional telephone contact and follow-up correspondence were used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and ascertain the jurisdiction of each court.

In the absence of explanations from the states themselves regarding jurisdictional data, information presented in the *National Survey of Court Organization* was used.<sup>2</sup> Beyond this, information was collected on the number of judges per court (or court system), the size of state populations (based on 1975 Bureau of the Census estimates), other 1975 demo-

<sup>1</sup>The classification categories used by the NCSP are shown in boldface throughout this report.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, *National Survey of Court Organization* (Washington, D. C.: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1973). Supplements published in 1975 and 1977.

graphic data, and any special characteristics regarding a particular jurisdiction's subject matter or court structure.

The quality and quantity of data received determined the case categories used in this first report. Compilation efforts focused on the establishment of both valid and comparable case categories. These case categories appear as the principal headings in the summary tables in Part I and in each court's profile in Part II.

After case categories were established for display of available case data, a profile of each state's courts was constructed. Each state's profile contains the following information:

- a chart depicting the organization of the court system within a state, the jurisdiction and route of appeal of each court, the number of judges, information on trials; and
- a set of tables containing the data received from each state court (or court system).

Terminology used by each state is displayed on each court's profile as subheadings under the main headings; the main headings are categories that the National Court Statistics Project used uniformly for all the states. For example, an "Application for Leave to Appeal" was classified as a **request to appeal** in all tables. Explanations that were used in source documents to clarify a state's data, along with the project staff's explanations to clarify staff's arrangement of that data, are included, where appropriate, as footnotes in each court's profile.

#### Verification of data

With the cooperation of the Conference of State Court Administrators, all data were submitted to the appropriate state court administrator's office for review and verification. An additional check was provided through the cooperation of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC), which invited NCSP staff to submit appellate court data for review and verification to the appropriate clerk of the appellate court in each state. Finally and vitally important to the relevance and usability of this report, the structure and contents as well as the format, content, and limitations on all data tables have been reviewed and approved by the Conference of State Court Administrators' Advisory Committee to the National Court Statistics Project.

#### Limitations on use of data displayed

Although this is the first attempt by the National Center to produce a national-scope annual report of state court statistics, it is certainly not the first

undertaking in this field. An earlier survey of state court statistical reports, for example, found ". . . significant differences in coverage, classification, terminology, and reference periods from State to State."<sup>3</sup> The age, quality, and quantity of data presented in this report require that the same kinds of differences noted in that earlier study be discussed here.

**Variations in reporting periods.** This report reflects court organizations and jurisdictions as they existed in 1975. Court systems are not static entities. Significant jurisdictional changes have been made since 1975. For example, Kansas and Kentucky have since instituted unified court systems and established intermediate appellate courts. Hence, caution should be used in attempting to compare the data in this report with a state's current data. The organizational or jurisdictional characteristics of that state's court system may have been altered since 1975.

As indicated on profile headings, some states report data by calendar year, some by fiscal year. Some report appellate court data by court term, and in some instances, appellate court terms run less than a year. Hence, even within the 1975 period used in this report, the time spans covered are not always directly comparable.

**Variations in court organization.** In any comparison of statistics across state lines, differences in the organization of each state's courts must be considered. In comparing court data, for example, it should be kept in mind that during 1975

- two states had more than one court of last resort;
- 24 states had intermediate appellate courts;
- the number of appellate justices per state (considering only full-time justices, without including part-time justices, commissioners, or temporary justices) varied from 3 to 58; and
- the number of general jurisdiction court divisions per state ranged from 1 to 261.

**Variations in subject matter jurisdiction.** The subject matter jurisdictions of both appellate and general trial courts also vary widely among the states. Some states have a dual appellate route, one set of courts for civil matters and one set of courts for criminal cases. One of the primary determinants of the appellate jurisdiction of a court of last resort

<sup>3</sup>U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Final Report Covering Research Preliminary to a National Survey of Court Caseloads" (Criminal Justice Statistics Branch, Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 1973), p. 5. (Unpublished).

appears to be the presence or absence of an intermediate appellate court. Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts generally have wide discretion in determining the matters they will hear. Appeals must generally be heard as a matter of right by intermediate appellate courts and, in states without intermediate appellate courts, by courts of last resort. In summary, appellate courts may have wide discretion, little or no discretion, or different degrees of discretion in determining the matters they will hear. These variations in jurisdiction can affect or invalidate loosely structured caseload comparisons both within and among states.

General jurisdiction courts show the same kind of wide variation in the kinds of cases over which they have jurisdiction. Some general jurisdiction courts handle juvenile and probate matters, while others do not. The same is true for civil and criminal matters. As one example, general jurisdiction courts in states with unified trial courts may be handling all cases from parking violations to felonies and from small claims to the largest civil cases. An adjacent state may have general jurisdiction courts with a criminal division handling felony matters only (after preliminary hearing in a limited jurisdiction court) and a civil division handling no civil cases involving less than ten thousand dollars. In this example, both civil and criminal cases are handled at the general jurisdiction level in each state, yet a given court in another state may have only civil jurisdiction, only criminal jurisdiction, or both, depending on the state. In sum, when comparing general jurisdiction court statistics, the differences in jurisdiction both within and among states must be taken into consideration.

**Variations in definitions.** Definition problems complicate the compilation of caseload data for both appellate and general jurisdiction courts. The definitions used by this project have been chosen for their practicality in facilitating the classification of the data gathered. Published source documents generally provide few, if any, definitions to assist in comparing statistics among states. Typically, supplementary definitional information for general jurisdiction courts has to be obtained from state court administrators. The same kind of information regarding appellate courts often has to be obtained from the clerk of each appellate court. Much of the definitional information used in the preparation of this report came from such ancillary sources and not from published material.

For example, some states do not distinguish an appeal from motions and other procedural matters

that consume minimal time. Some states report total cases processed by appellate courts without any indication as to what types of proceedings constitute the total. Other states include in their caseload only appeals that were decided on the merits. Classification of the same kind of proceeding varies from state to state. Habeas corpus, for example, may be listed by one state as a separate category, but classified in another state under any of three other categories—appeals, original proceedings, or motions. To minimize such classification problems in computing national caseload statistics, this report has defined an appellate “case” to include any **appeal**, any **original proceeding**, or any **request to appeal**, and has grouped state data within these classifications wherever possible.

The use of this broad definition of “case” does not completely solve the problem of comparability. For example, comparison of judicial productivity among courts that have an equal number of judges requires that each court define cases in a similar manner. An analysis of judicial productivity among seven-judge courts of last resort in states with intermediate courts, revealed that the reported median number of cases disposed per judge was 133.5, with a range from 65 to 530 in these courts.

The mean (average) disposition rate for these courts was 182 cases per judge, with a standard deviation (a measure of variability) of 138 cases per judge. The extremely broad range of reported dispositions per judge, in courts with the same number of judges, makes the reported data and any ensuing attempt at comparison highly suspect, especially in view of the very high variance indicated by the high standard deviation.

General jurisdiction courts have similar problems with definitions and with the unit of count utilized, especially in criminal cases. The most common unit of count in general jurisdiction criminal cases, used in 21 states, is the information, indictment, or complaint (some states count criminal cases when the complaint is filed, while others require an information or indictment before a criminal case is counted). There are 19 states that use the defendant as the unit of count—reporting as cases each defendant on each information, indictment, or complaint. One state uses as the unit of count the case number assigned at arraignment; one state simply counts a “case.”

Units of count for civil cases in general jurisdiction courts present far fewer problems. There are 41 states that use filings as the unit of count in civil cases, — that is, the point at which a case number is assigned.

One state counts civil cases at the filing of a note of issue; one when the case is calendared; and yet another at time of first answer. One state reports that it does not have a specific unit of count for civil cases. A few have indicated that prescribed unit-of-count definitions are not followed uniformly by their local courts.

Information regarding the unit of count used by the various general jurisdiction courts is provided by footnotes in each appropriate statistical table within this report. In addition, Appendix C provides a summary of the units of count utilized by the general jurisdiction courts of each state.

#### **Variations in completeness and accuracy of data.**

Incomplete data and questionable accuracy of reported data have been a major concern to the staff of this project. At the appellate court level the amounts and types of data available (published and unpublished) had no common denominator. Some appellate courts reported no information; some reported very detailed filings, but no dispositions or pending cases; and some reported detailed dispositions, but no filings or pending cases. There were very few states that consistently reported the volume of appellate court data by case category and by filings, disposition, and pending cases. There appears to be very little consensus among states as to the appellate case categories that should be reported.

Overall, the general jurisdiction courts were more consistent in reporting 1975 data. All states were requested to provide caseload breakdowns for civil, criminal, and juvenile cases in their general jurisdiction courts. While 6 states could provide no data at all, the remaining 44 and the District of Columbia provided at least criminal and civil breakdowns for total cases processed in 1975. There were 22 states and the District of Columbia that identified and reported juvenile case statistics as part of their general jurisdiction court data, while general jurisdiction courts in 19 states did not process juvenile cases. Three states processed juvenile cases as part of their general jurisdiction caseload but collected no data for juvenile cases. Six states which processed juvenile cases as part of the general jurisdiction caseload provided no general jurisdiction data for 1975.

A great deal of effort was expended by the National Court Statistics Project staff in collecting missing data, whether from published or ancillary sources, in defining terminology, and in identifying categories in which cases should be placed in order to produce the statistics contained in this report. In other words, data contained in this report cannot be replicated solely from available published material.

Large gaps remained in the data collected, even after extensive data-gathering efforts, as the tables presented in this report will demonstrate. The state statistical profiles further demonstrate that little uniformity existed as to the kinds of data that court administrators collected either for management purposes or for publication in annual reports. Available data were extremely diverse in terms of quantity, quality, and content.

Extensive efforts were required to validate NCSP classification of data provided by the states and to avoid further distortion of any data received. No attempt, however, was made by the National Court Statistics Project staff to assess the underlying validity or accuracy of the data received from the states. For example, the published cumulative case statistics for appellate courts and general jurisdiction courts frequently did not balance with reported totals within each category. Such discrepancies were seldom footnoted or explained in published state reports.

Questions of validity and accuracy of source data, as well as previously discussed caveats regarding variation in reporting periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and definitions used among the states, make it imperative that the data contained in this report be used with extreme caution. Care must be exercised in attempting to compare even the broadest categories of caseload for 1975. Direct comparisons of the statistics in the tables for any two jurisdictions presented in this report are questionable and quite probably invalid. Meaningful comparisons among the jurisdictions require more complete information about each jurisdiction's court structure, operating procedures, statistical reporting procedures, and demographic characteristics.

**Part I**  
**State court caseload**  
**summary statistics**



## **Part I**

### **1975 State court caseload summary statistics**

Data displayed in Part I attempt to portray the caseload of appellate courts and general jurisdiction courts for the year 1975. Tables are presented in two sections—one which interprets appellate court data and one which interprets general jurisdiction court data. Tables in both sections are sequenced to display national totals first, then more detailed category breakdowns.

#### **General comments on appellate court summary tables**

Because of the variations in the quantity and quality of data available from appellate courts in 1975, the comparative data presented for appellate courts have been restricted to

- comparisons of pending caseloads;
- changes (numerical and percentage) in pending caseload;
- comparison of dispositions and pending cases as a percentage of filings;
- comparison of filings, dispositions, and pending cases per unit of population, and
- comparison of per-judge data, where appropriate.

These last two measures (caseload per unit of population and caseload per judge) are intended to aid comparison of caseload across fairly diverse jurisdictions. The use of per-judge data gives some idea of at least a portion of the total workload facing a court in terms that can be grasped more easily than the total volume of cases faced by the whole court. Per-judge data equalize the differences between courts with many justices and courts with few justices.

Comparison of caseload per unit of population is another way of comparing the volume of appellate caseload among states. Filings per unit of population may highlight the variations from state to state in tendency to litigate. Caseload per unit of population equalizes the differences between states with large and small populations in the same way that per-judge data equalize differences between large and small courts.

As the quantity and specificity of appellate court data improve, future annual reports will contain tables that provide multiyear comparisons of appellate court caseload within states and among states. With multiyear data, more reliance will be placed on graphics, in addition to straight statistics, since graphic presentations are helpful in interpreting statistics.

#### **General comments on general jurisdiction court summary tables**

Tables presented in the general jurisdiction section are grouped to display total caseload, civil caseload, criminal caseload, juvenile caseload, and jury trial data. Within the caseload groupings the sequence moves from the general to the more specific. Because the data available from general jurisdiction courts were for the most part more extensive than those from appellate courts, more detailed comparisons and more analytical tables are presented within each subsection.

The analytical tables provide several devices for measuring the court's performance. The first measure used is the number of dispositions as a percent of the number of filings. This figure measures the rate of disposition of filings. The second measure, number of cases pending at the end of the year as a percent of the number of filings, measures the size of the pending caseload at the end of the year in relation to the total cases filed within the year. The final two measures used on the tables analyze pending caseload at the end of the year (shown as "end pending" in the tables) compared to caseload pending at the beginning of the year ("beginning pending") in terms of both the number change and the percent change. In addition, criminal trial figures are presented in the criminal caseload section as a percentage of dispositions, a measure of trial frequency among states.

Summary tables for criminal caseload in courts of general jurisdiction show felony caseload as well as

trial data and disposition types. For civil cases in courts of general jurisdiction, there are also summary tables as well as separate tables showing court caseload both in courts of general and of limited or special jurisdiction for categories of **domestic relations, probate, and mental health.**

Other special analytical tables display juvenile caseload in general jurisdiction courts as well as combined juvenile data from both general and limited (or special) jurisdiction courts. A final analytical table shows statistics for general jurisdiction courts from those states that report jury trials for civil, criminal, and juvenile cases.

In addition to statistical tables for the general jurisdiction courts, it is hoped that subsequent annual reports will include more analytical data, multiple-year time-series data, and a number of graphs.

The statistics reported by each court within a state and the way in which the data have been categorized for inclusion in this report are displayed in the individual profiles in Part II. Appendix A provides a tabular listing of data sources that were used to make up each court's profile.

### **Interpretation of appellate court data**

In this section, tables are presented to show the caseload of appellate courts for 1975. Appellate courts are subdivided into courts of last resort (the final court of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (courts whose primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and whose decisions are usually subject to appeal or review by a court of last resort within a given state).

Data presented on the following tables were compiled from all data that were available, both in annual reports and unpublished data provided by individual appellate court clerks and state court administrators. Therefore, the data on these tables cannot be found in published annual reports alone.

Because deciding appeals is the function of the appellate courts, data on appeals should be separated from merely procedural matters; an appeal decided on the merits usually requires substantially more court (judge) time than review of an application for leave to appeal, although this is not always the case. Unfortunately, data on appeals were not reported by states in sufficient detail to separate all appellate caseloads into categories. In the detailed caseload tables (Tables 5 and 6) **appeals** have been distinguished from original proceedings and requests to

appeal for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts whenever such data were available. Even so, the significant gaps in the data presented for 1975 (See Tables 5 and 6) graphically indicate why the National Court Statistics Project has defined appellate caseload to include as "cases" any **appeal, original proceeding, or request to appeal.**

Although appeals filed and disposed constitute traditional measures of court caseload, many states did not provide these data. While some states did distinguish filings, dispositions, and pendencies for appeals and other categories such as original proceedings, requests to appeal, or requests for rehearing, many other states produced only a total figure for filings, dispositions, or pendencies. For example, four courts of last resort reported all filings as one total, which included all types of activity that came before the court in 1975. Six courts reported only total dispositions and nine courts reported only total pending cases. In these states, there was no way to distinguish the number of appeals from other types of less time-consuming matters. Further variations resulted when some courts provided category breakdowns for filings but only a partial or no breakdown for dispositions. Other states provided category breakdowns of dispositions but not of filings or pending cases. A few states included within their appeals category original proceedings and some requests to appeal, but usually the number of these other cases was not specified. In addition, two states had case-accounting systems that were oriented to tracking applications for leave to appeal rather than appeals.

The appellate tables that follow are sequenced from the general to the more specific. The final table contains data from those states reporting information regarding time to disposition for appeals.

Only national totals, which are indicated as "Estimated national totals" on Table 1, have been estimated. Data on all tables except Table 1 are as reported and verified by state court personnel.

### **Appellate court caseload (Tables 1-6)**

Tables 1 through 6 contain all 1975 data available for appellate courts. Table 1 also includes estimated nationwide caseload.

*Table 1.* This summary table displays both reported and estimated 1975 data regarding filings, dispositions, and pending cases for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and a combination of the two ("all appellate courts"). These caseload figures are derived from the reported totals in Tables 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

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

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

Along with the national caseload estimates, two statistical significance measures for the regression (predictive) equations are shown. The first significance measure is the  $R^2$  value. This value represents the percent of the variation in the dependent variable (caseload) which is explained by the independent variables in the predictive equation. The second measure is the significance-level of the predictive equation. A more complete technical discussion of the procedure used for estimation can be found in Appendix B.

In addition to summarizing the estimated total national caseload, Table 1 introduces two other comparability measures that are used throughout this report. First, estimated average beginning pendings, filings, dispositions, and end pendings per judge are presented for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts separately and for all appellate courts together. Estimated averages are derived by dividing the total estimated cases filed, disposed, or pending by the number of full-time judges assigned to courts of last resort (339), to intermediate appellate courts (442), and to all appellate courts (781). Estimated caseload per judge provides a measure against which states and individual courts can compare their own caseloads while adjusting for differences among courts in number of judges. Within this report, these nationwide averages can be compared to the per-judge data presented in Table 10 for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, in Table 14 for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, and in Table 18 for intermediate appellate courts. The latter three tables are based on actual data received from the courts rather than on estimates.

Second, estimated average filings, dispositions, and pending cases per 100,000 unit of state population are presented for all appellate courts, for courts of last resort, and for intermediate appellate courts.

Estimated averages were constructed by dividing the estimated totals for all appellate courts or all courts of last resort by the total estimated 1975 U. S. population (213,124,000 divided by 100,000). Estimated averages per unit of population for intermediate appellate courts were constructed by dividing the estimated total filings, dispositions, and pending cases for intermediate appellate courts by the total estimated 1975 population for the 24 states which had intermediate appellate courts in 1975 (166,522,000 divided by 100,000). Estimated average per-unit-of-population figures again provide a measure for the comparison across state lines of appellate court caseload and caseload while equalizing variations resulting from differences in state populations.

*Table 2.* This table presents the actual reported caseload data from each state for all appellate courts. In addition to an overview of caseload activity in all appellate courts, Table 2 indicates the number of courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in each state as well as the number of judges assigned to these courts during 1975. The estimated 1975 population for each state is also provided.

"Reported totals" in Table 2 are the totals of all published and unpublished data received from the states. "Number of states reporting" indicates how many states provided information in each caseload category, that is, filings, dispositions, and pending cases. "Percent of population represented" is the percent of the total U. S. population represented by the number of states that reported data in each category.

Table 2 may appear to be an exact composite of Table 3 for courts of last resort and of Table 4 for intermediate appellate courts, but this is not the case. Tables 3 and 4 present all data received from all courts of last resort and all intermediate appellate courts. In contrast, data from a state were included in Table 2 only if data were available from all appellate courts within that state. For example, the available data from the Indiana Court of Appeals are displayed on Table 4. However, because data were not available from the Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana is marked N/A (not available) in Table 2. Although the sums will be close, the combined national totals on Tables 3 and 4 exceed the national totals for all appellate courts on Table 2.

*Tables 3 and 4.* These tables present available data regarding caseload in courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, respectively. National totals of reported data for each type of court are provided at the bottom of these tables.

Both should be viewed as summary tables,

constructed to present national caseflow totals for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. These tables are not intended to provide a basis for direct comparison between any two states or courts. In reviewing Table 3, particular attention should be paid to whether or not a state has an intermediate appellate court as indicated in Table 4. Courts of last resort in states that do not have intermediate appellate courts handle the entire appellate caseload, whereas the highest court handles only the most serious cases in states that have an intermediate appellate court. Subsequent tables in this report (Tables 7 through 14) will separate data for courts of last resort in states having an intermediate appellate court from those that do not.

Another measure of comparability used on many tables in this report, the number and percentage increase or decrease in end pending, is introduced in Tables 3 and 4. An increase in number of cases added to end pending serves as a measure of how well a court handled its caseload during a given year. The number of cases pending at the end of the year gives an indication of whether or not a court has accumulated more cases than it can process, creating a backlog problem. Percentage change in the number of cases pending at the end of a year over the end of the previous year provides a comparison of at least 2 years of court activity which, in conjunction with the present year's activity, indicates whether the court is functioning more or less efficiently. These two measures permit both internal and external comparisons. That is, the court can compare its progress against its own record, or it can compare its yearly output with output of other courts of similar jurisdiction and judicial resources.

A final caution to be kept in mind is that Table 3 presents data for courts of last resort in raw form, without regard to the presence or absence of intermediate appellate courts, and without regard to composition and jurisdiction of the appellate court in each state. Only internal comparisons should be made using data from this table.

*Tables 5 and 6.* Detailed caseflow for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in those states that reported data is presented in Tables 5 and 6. Case data in these tables indicate the broad subject-matter composition of appellate court "cases" reported to be pending, filed, and disposed.

These two tables should also be viewed as summary tables, because no attempt has been made to separate courts on any criterion of comparability, for example, separating courts of last resort in states that have intermediate appellate courts from those that do not. Because so much data are unreported, totals have not been provided in these tables. As increasing numbers of appellate courts report uniformly-defined data, future reports will provide more information on the actual composition of the caseload handled by appellate courts. The number of states presenting data on Tables 5 and 6 is shown below:

**Figure A: Number of states reporting data for courts of last resort**

	<i>Beginning pending</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Disposed</i>	<i>End pending</i>
Appeals	26	44	41	27
Original proceedings	15	33	30	16
Requests to appeal	12	26	23	12

**Figure B: Number of states reporting data for intermediate appellate courts**

	<i>Beginning pending</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Disposed</i>	<i>End pending</i>
Appeals	17	23	22	17
Original proceedings	6	10	10	6
Requests to appeal	4	5	5	4

The totals above indicate the number of states from which data are still unavailable. The detailed caseflow for each reporting state is in Table 5 or 6.

Table 1: Appellate court reported and estimated national caseload totals, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Percent change in end pending
<b>Reported and estimated caseload<sup>a</sup></b>					
<b>All appellate courts</b>					
Reported cases (from Table 2) <sup>b</sup>	27,547	111,625	96,750	32,328	17.5
Number of states reporting <sup>c</sup>	33	46	46	33	
Percent of population represented <sup>d</sup>	45.7	90.9	87.7	45.7	
Estimated national totals <sup>e</sup>	56,619	118,566	108,043	64,695	14.3
<b>Courts of last resort</b>					
Reported cases (from Table 3) <sup>b</sup>	10,970	42,701	37,615	12,179	11.0
Number of states reporting <sup>c</sup>	35	47	46	35	
Percent of population represented <sup>d</sup>	56.7	93.2	87.7	56.7	
Percent of variance explained (R <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>f</sup>	.715	.849	.870	.608	
Significance of predictive equations <sup>g</sup>	p < .01	p < .01	p < .01	p < .01	
Estimated national totals <sup>e</sup>	15,780	45,523	41,358	16,670	5.6
<b>Intermediate appellate courts</b>					
Reported cases (from Table 4) <sup>b</sup>	25,681	70,883	59,623	30,521	19.0
Number of states reporting <sup>c</sup>	18	23	22	18	
Percent of population represented <sup>d</sup>	68.2	97.0	89.9	68.2	
Percent of variance explained (R <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>f</sup>	.885	.883	.918	.668	
Significance of predictive equations <sup>g</sup>	p < .01	p < .01	p < .01	p < .01	
Estimated national totals <sup>e</sup>	40,839	73,043	66,687	48,025	17.6
<b>Estimated cases per judge<sup>h</sup></b>					
All appellate courts	72.5	151.8	139.3	82.8	
Courts of last resort	46.5	134.3	122.0	49.2	
Intermediate appellate courts	92.4	165.3	150.9	108.7	
<b>Estimated cases per 100,000 population<sup>h</sup></b>					
All appellate courts	26.6	55.6	50.7	30.4	
Courts of last resort	7.4	21.4	19.4	7.8	
Intermediate appellate courts	24.5	43.9	40.0	28.8	

<sup>a</sup>To ascertain the states that reported data in any category, refer to Tables 2, 3, and 4 for reported data on all appellate courts, all courts of last resort, and all intermediate appellate courts, respectively.

<sup>b</sup>Cases included in above reported and estimated totals are: **appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal.**

<sup>c</sup>Reported cases for all appellate courts (courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts) and for courts of last resort are from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

<sup>d</sup>State populations used for all appellate courts and courts of last resort are from mid-year 1975 Bureau of the Census estimates and total 213,124,000. Bureau of the Census estimated that population for the 24 states which had intermediate appellate courts in 1975 totaled 166,522,000.

<sup>e</sup>Estimated national totals are the cumulative total of all reported data plus the estimated data for each state not reporting data.

<sup>f</sup>The statistic gives the percent of the variation in the reported caseload which is explained by the variation of the predictive equation for that element of the caseload.

<sup>g</sup>A significance level of p < .01 indicates that a result of this magnitude will occur by chance less than one time in a hundred.

<sup>h</sup>For the year 1975: there were 81 appellate courts, with a total of 781 judges assigned to them, in 50 states and the District of Columbia; there were 53 courts of last resort, with a total of 339 judges assigned to them, in 50 states and the District of Columbia; and there were 28 intermediate appellate courts, with 442 judges assigned to them, in 24 states. Estimated cases per judge were developed by dividing the Estimated National Totals for each type of court by the number of judges assigned to them in 1975. The number of judges assigned does not consider that some judges may have been unavailable due to illness or mid-year retirement; some courts use full-time commissioners to screen cases, and some use part-time judges over and above their assigned complement of judges.

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**Table 2: Total appellate court caseload, 1975.**  
**Reported caseload for all appellate courts with number of appellate courts and judges per state and estimated national caseload totals.**

State	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Number of courts		Number of judges		1975 state population in thousands
					Last resort	Inter-mediate	Last resort	Inter-mediate	
Alabama	426	1,380	1,136	670	1	2	9	8	3,614
Alaska	214	315	288	241	1	0	5	0	351
Arizona	1,453	2,614	2,484	1,583	1	1	5	12	2,224
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	516	N/A	1	0	7	0	2,116
California	N/A	13,604	14,505	N/A	1	1	7	51	21,185
Colorado	838	1,411	1,291	958	1	1	7	10	2,634
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	1	0	6	0	3,095
Delaware	186	333	286	233	1	0	3	0	679
District of Columbia	926	1,265	1,164	1,027	1	0	9	0	716
Florida	N/A	9,695	8,340	N/A	1	1	7	20	8,357
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1	7	9	4,926
Hawaii	172	194	145	221	1	0	5	0	865
Idaho	300	338	324	315	1	0	7	0	820
Illinois	3,911	5,222	4,705	4,428	1	1	7	34	11,145
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1	5	9	5,311
Iowa	781	1,086	868	999	1	0	9	0	2,870
Kansas	222	368	352	236	1	0	7	0	2,267
Kentucky	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	1	0	7	0	3,396
Louisiana	N/A	3,626	3,366	N/A	1	1	7	29	3,791
Maine	183	268	214	246	1	0	6	0	1,059
Maryland	168	2,042	1,998	212	1	1	7	12	4,098
Massachusetts	N/A	1,614	1,255	N/A	1	1	7	6	5,828
Michigan	3,575	5,387	4,439	4,523	1	1	7	18	9,157
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	1	0	9	0	3,926
Mississippi	592	613	598	607	1	0	9	0	2,346
Missouri	1,793	2,257	1,950	2,001	1	1	7	22	4,763
Montana	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	1	0	5	0	748
Nebraska	N/A	571	545	N/A	1	0	7	0	1,546
Nevada	334	553	634	256	1	0	5	0	592
New Hampshire	238	268	277	249	1	0	5	0	818
New Jersey	4,106	5,431	4,828	4,709	1	1	7	21	7,316
New Mexico	437	1,014	1,034	417	1	1	5	5	1,147
New York	N/A	12,642	12,084	N/A	1	2	7	33	18,120
North Carolina	N/A	1,598	1,357	N/A	1	1	7	9	5,451
North Dakota	2	129	129	0	1	0	5	0	635
Ohio	N/A	8,192	7,458	N/A	1	1	7	38	10,759
Oklahoma	1,312	2,133	1,925	1,518	2	1	12	6	2,712
Oregon	697	2,312	2,005	1,004	1	1	7	6	2,288
Pennsylvania	N/A	6,719	N/A	N/A	1	2	7	14	11,827
Rhode Island	326	347	318	355	1	0	5	0	927
South Carolina	104	276	232	122	1	0	5	0	2,818
South Dakota	211	218	200	223	1	0	5	0	683
Tennessee	N/A	2,238	1,907	N/A	1	2	5	16	4,188
Texas	1,320	5,479	5,092	1,724	2	1	14	42	12,237
Utah	N/A	462	403	N/A	1	0	5	0	1,206
Vermont	244	355	312	287	1	0	5	0	471
Virginia	331	1,526	1,459	398	1	0	7	0	4,967
Washington	1,662	2,323	1,939	2,046	1	1	9	12	3,544
West Virginia	14	720	687	33	1	0	5	0	1,803
Wisconsin	382	840	833	390	1	0	7	0	4,607
Wyoming	87	129	118	95	1	0	5	0	374
Reported totals	27,547	111,625	96,750	32,328	53	28	339	442	213,124
Number of states reporting	33	46	46	33	51	24	51	51	51
Percent population	45.68	90.91	87.70	45.68	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimated national totals	56,619	118,566	108,043	64,695	--	--	--	--	--

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. Caseload categories for a state were marked N/A on this table unless data were available from all appellate courts within the state for a given category. All reported data for each court are displayed on Tables 3 and 4 respectively. Table 2 is a composite of Tables 3 and 4.

Because this is a composite table, caseload footnotes have been omitted. The footnote letters regarding a state's data are on Tables 3 and 4. The footnotes themselves are on each court's statistical profile located in Part II of this report.

**Table 3: Courts of last resort, 1975 caseload.**  
**Reported caseload for all courts of last resort with number of judges,**  
**number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Number of		1975 state population in thousands
					Number	Percent	Judges	JAC's	
Alabama	0	369	369	0	0	—	9	2	3,614
Alaska	214	315	288	241	27	12.6	5	0	352
Arizona	350	889	932	307	-43	-12.3	5	1	2,224
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	516	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	0	2,116
California	N/A	3,858 <sup>c</sup>	3,712 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	21,185
Colorado	479	553	666	366	-113	-23.6	7	1	2,534
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	0	3,095
Delaware	186	333	286	233	47	25.3	3	0	579
District of Columbia	926 <sup>c</sup>	1,265	1,184	1,027 <sup>c</sup>	101	10.9	9	0	716
Florida	N/A	1,848	1,454	N/A	N/A <sup>c</sup>	N/A	7	1	8,357
Georgia	N/A	1,313	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	4,926
Hawaii	172	194	145	221	49	28.5	5	0	865
Idaho	300 <sup>b</sup>	338	324	315 <sup>f</sup>	15	5.0	5	0	820
Illinois	327 <sup>bod</sup>	1,087 <sup>bod</sup>	1,060 <sup>bod</sup>	354 <sup>bod</sup>	27	8.3	7	1	11,145
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	1	5,311
Iowa	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>f</sup>	218	27.9	9	0	2,870
Kansas	222 <sup>c</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>c</sup>	16	7.2	7	0	2,267
Kentucky	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	0	3,396
Louisiana	N/A	1,606	1,535	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	3,791
Maine	183 <sup>f</sup>	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246	63	34.4	6	0	1,059
Maryland	20	756	751	25	5	25.0	7	1	4,098
Massachusetts	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	5,828
Michigan	380 <sup>b</sup>	952 <sup>b</sup>	936 <sup>b</sup>	396 <sup>b</sup>	16	4.2	7	1	9,157
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	0	3,926
Mississippi	592	613	598	607 <sup>f</sup>	15	2.6	9	0	2,346
Missouri	259	439	533	165	-94	-36.3	7	1	4,783
Montana	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	0	748
Nebraska	N/A	571 <sup>b</sup>	545 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	0	1,548
Nevada	334	553	634	256	-78	-23.4	5	0	592
New Hampshire	238	288	277	249	11	4.6	5	0	818
New Jersey	325	1,048	930 <sup>c</sup>	443	118	36.3	7	1	7,316
New Mexico	173	500	505	168	-5	-2.8	5	1	1,147
New York	438 <sup>f</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	3,070 <sup>bc</sup>	442 <sup>f</sup>	4	.9	7	2	18,120
North Carolina	40 <sup>f</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	457	103	63	167.5	7	1	5,451
North Dakota	2 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>f</sup>	-2	NC	5	0	635
Ohio	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	1	10,759
Oklahoma—TOTAL	1,183	1,806	1,561	1,426	243	20.5	12	1	2,712
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	963 <sup>ff</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,182 <sup>ff</sup>	219	22.7	9		
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	220	814	790	244	24	10.9	3		
Oregon	268	773 <sup>b</sup>	706	335	67	25.0	7	1	2,288
Pennsylvania	N/A	1,696	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	2	11,827
Rhode Island	326	347	318	355	29	8.9	5	0	927
South Carolina	104 <sup>ff</sup>	276	232 <sup>ff</sup>	122 <sup>ff</sup>	18	17.3	5	0	2,818
South Dakota	211 <sup>ff</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>ff</sup>	12	5.7	5	0	583
Tennessee	N/A	953	809	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	2	4,186
Texas—TOTAL	646	3,715	3,484	877	231	35.8	14	1	12,237
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	155	973	974	154	-1	-0.6	9		
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	491	2,742	2,510	723	232	47.3	5		
Utah	N/A	462	403	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	0	1,206
Vermont	244	355	312	267	43	17.6	5	0	471
Virginia	331 <sup>ff</sup>	1,526 <sup>b</sup>	1,459 <sup>b</sup>	398 <sup>b</sup>	67	20.2	7	0	4,967
Washington	233	504	500	237	4	1.7	9	1	3,544
West Virginia	14 <sup>ff</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>ff</sup>	19	135.7	5	0	1,803
Wisconsin	382 <sup>b</sup>	840 <sup>bc</sup>	833 <sup>d</sup>	390 <sup>d</sup>	8	2.1	7	0	4,607
Wyoming	87	129	118 <sup>b</sup>	95 <sup>f</sup>	8	9.2	5	0	374
Totals	10,970	42,701	37,615	12,179	NC	NC	339	26	213,124
Number of states reporting	35	47	46	35					51
Percent of population	56.74	93.22	87.70	56.74					102.5

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<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.  
<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.  
<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 4: Intermediate appellate courts, 1975 caseload.**  
**Reported caseload for all intermediate appellate courts with number of judges, number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending		Number of judges	Population in thousands
					Number	Percent		
Alabama—TOTAL	426	1,011	767	670	244	57.3	8	3,614
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>	0	133	133	0	0	0	3	
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup>	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>	244	57.3	5	
Arizona	1,103	1,725	1,552	1,275	173	15.7	12	2,224
California	4,820 <sup>f</sup>	9,936	10,793	4,675 <sup>f</sup>	-145	-3.0	51	21,185
Colorado	359	858	825	592	233	64.9	10	2,534
Florida	N/A	7,849	6,866	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	8,357
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	4,928
Illinois	3,584	4,135	3,645	4,074	490	13.7	34	11,145
Indiana	361	6,26 <sup>bc</sup>	483	499	138	38.2	9	5,311
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	539 <sup>f</sup>	2,020	1,833	726	187	34.7	29	3,791
Maryland	148	1,286	1,247	187	39	26.4	12	4,098
Massachusetts	5	870	570	305 <sup>b</sup>	300	(b)	6	5,828
Michigan	3,195	4,435	3,503	4,127	932	29.2	18	9,157
Missouri	1,534	1,818 <sup>f</sup>	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,836 <sup>f</sup>	302	19.7	22	4,763
New Jersey	3,781	4,383 <sup>ce</sup>	3,898 <sup>ce</sup>	4,266	485	12.8	21	7,316
New Mexico	264	514	529	249	-15	-5.7	5	1,147
New York—TOTAL	N/A	9,693	9,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	18,120
Appellate Division—Supreme Court	N/A	7,516	7,435	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	
Appellate Terms—Supreme Court	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	
North Carolina	N/A	1,073	900	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	5,451
Ohio	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622	721	24.9	38	10,759
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>f</sup>	327 <sup>f</sup>	364	92 <sup>f</sup>	-37	-28.7	6	2,712
Oregon	429	1,539	1,299	669	240	55.9	6	2,288
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	N/A	5,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	11,627
Superior Court	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A	1,285	1,098	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	4,188
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	N/A	655	536	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup>	N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	
Texas <sup>a</sup>	674 <sup>f</sup>	1,764	1,608	847 <sup>f</sup>	173	25.7	42	12,237
Washington	1,429	1,819	1,439	1,609	380	26.6	12	3,544
Totals	25,681	70,863	59,623	30,521	NC	NC	442	166,522
Number of states reporting—out of 24	18	23	22	18	NC	NC	24	24
Percent population represented	68.25	97.04	89.94	68.25	NC	NC	100.0	100.0

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<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.



**Table 5: Courts of last resort, detailed caseload, 1975.**  
**Reported caseload data for appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal.**

State and court	Beginning pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending			
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases
Alabama	0		0	0	202		167	369	202		167	369	0		0	0
Alaska	192	3	19	214	227	7	81	315	195	9	84	288	224	1	16	241
Arizona	279	71		350	174	715		889	237	695		932	216	91		307
Arkansas	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	479	37		516	N/A	N/A		N/A
California	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	1,084	2,566 <sup>c</sup>	3,668 <sup>c</sup>	108 <sup>c</sup>	1,040	2,566 <sup>cd</sup>	3,712 <sup>cd</sup>	18	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado	X	X	X	479	111	244	198	553	X	X	X	666	X	X	X	366
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	198	44		242	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Delaware	186			186 <sup>b</sup>	333			333 <sup>b</sup>	286			286 <sup>b</sup>	233			233 <sup>b</sup>
District of Columbia	X	X	X	926 <sup>c</sup>	1,221 <sup>b</sup>	44	X	1,265	1,120 <sup>b</sup>	44	X	1,164	X	X	X	1,027 <sup>c</sup>
Florida	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	247	362	1,237	1,846	170	316	968	1,454	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>c</sup>
Georgia	N/A		N/A	N/A	889		424	1,313	893		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Hawaii	169	3		172	189	5		194	140	5		145	218	3		221
Idaho	295	5		300 <sup>f</sup>	307	31		338	290	34		324	312	3		315 <sup>f</sup>
Illinois	183	5	139	327 <sup>bcd</sup>	241	18	828	1,087 <sup>bcd</sup>	226	15	819	1,060 <sup>bcd</sup>	198	8	148	354 <sup>bcd</sup>
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa	781			781	1,086			1,086	868			868	999 <sup>f</sup>			999 <sup>f</sup>
Kansas	215 <sup>c</sup>	7		222 <sup>c</sup>	345	23		368	332	20		352	352	10		238 <sup>c</sup>
Kentucky	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,051	122 <sup>d</sup>	26	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>a</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	N/A	N/A		N/A	358	1,248		1,806	385	1,170		1,535	N/A	N/A		N/A
Maine	183			183 <sup>f</sup>	268			268	205	9		214 <sup>f</sup>	246			246
Maryland	20	0	0	20	262	21	483	756	247	21	483	751	25	0	0	25
Massachusetts	N/A	N/A		N/A	591 <sup>b</sup>	153 <sup>b</sup>		744 <sup>bc</sup>	532 <sup>b</sup>	153 <sup>b</sup>		685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A		N/A
Michigan	N/A		380 <sup>b</sup>	380 <sup>b</sup>	N/A			952 <sup>b</sup>	N/A		936	936 <sup>b</sup>	N/A		396	396 <sup>b</sup>
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71	29	N/A	406	71	29	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	592			592	613			613	598			598	607			607 <sup>f</sup>
Missouri	249	10		259	119	320		439	252	281		533	116	49		165
Montana	N/A	N/A		N/A	186	113		299	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Nebraska	N/A			N/A	X			571 <sup>b</sup>	X			545 <sup>c</sup>	N/A			N/A
Nevada	X	X		334	435	118		553	X	X		634	X	X		256
New Hampshire	X	X		238	238	50		288	X	X		277	X	X		249
New Jersey	111	11	203	325	221	73	754	1,048	182	44	704 <sup>c</sup>	930 <sup>c</sup>	150	40	253	443
New Mexico	X	X	X	173	235	137		500	275	131		505	X	X	X	168
New York	438		N/A	438 <sup>d</sup>	617 <sup>b</sup>		2,332 <sup>e</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	881		2,189 <sup>d</sup>	3,070 <sup>c</sup>	442		N/A	442 <sup>d</sup>
North Carolina	40 <sup>f</sup>		0	40 <sup>f</sup>	173 <sup>b</sup>		347 <sup>b</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	172		285	457 <sup>b</sup>	41		62	103
North Dakota	2 <sup>b</sup>	0		2 <sup>b</sup>	108 <sup>b</sup>	21 <sup>b</sup>		129 <sup>b</sup>	108 <sup>b</sup>	21 <sup>b</sup>		129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>f</sup>	0		0 <sup>f</sup>
Ohio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	293 <sup>b</sup>	18 <sup>b</sup>	1,012	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	256	102	952	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—TOTAL	X	X	X	1,183	1,172	459	175	1,806	935	457	169	1,561	X	X	X	1,426
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	X	X	X	983 <sup>cd</sup>	654 <sup>b</sup>	183	175	992 <sup>c</sup>	467 <sup>c</sup>	135	169	771 <sup>c</sup>	X	X	X	1,182 <sup>cd</sup>
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	X	X		220	518	296		814	468	322		790	X	X		244
Oregon	250	X	18	268	472 <sup>b</sup>	X	301	773 <sup>b</sup>	424	X	282	708	288	X	37	335
Pennsylvania	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	828		688	1,696	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	X	X	X	326	240	31		347	230	31		318	X	X	X	355
South Carolina	104	N/A		104 <sup>f</sup>	264	12		276	232	N/A		232	122	N/A		122 <sup>f</sup>
South Dakota	211 <sup>f</sup>	N/A		211	183	20	15	216	171	19	16	200	223	N/A	N/A	223
Tennessee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	326		627	953	216		593	809	N/A			N/A
Texas—TOTAL	489	57	100	646	2,007	1,040	668	3,715	1,774	1,038	672	3,484	722	59	96	877
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	25	30	100	155	104	201	668	973	103	199	672	974	26	32	96	154
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	464	27		491	1,903	839		2,742	1,671	839		2,510	696	27		723
Utah	N/A		N/A	N/A	462			462	403			403	N/A			N/A
Vermont	243	1		244	351	4		355	307	5		312	287	0		287
Virginia	151 <sup>f</sup>		180	331 <sup>f</sup>	194		1,332 <sup>e</sup>	1,526	221	132	1,106	1,459	124	34	240	398
Washington	153	39	41	233	155	114		504	235	119	221	500	148	34	55	237
West Virginia	(b)	7	7 <sup>b</sup>	14 <sup>b</sup>	(b)	427	293 <sup>b</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	(b)	417	270 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	(b)	10	23 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>b</sup>
Wisconsin	382 <sup>b</sup>	(b)		382 <sup>b</sup>	718 <sup>bc</sup>	122 <sup>bc</sup>		840 <sup>bc</sup>	711	122		833 <sup>d</sup>	390	N/A		390 <sup>d</sup>
Wyoming	84	3		87	121	8		129	110	8		118 <sup>b</sup>	95	0		95 <sup>f</sup>

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

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<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

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<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 6: Intermediate appellate courts, detailed caseload, 1975.**  
**Reported caseload data for appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal.**

State and court	Beginning pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending			
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases pending	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases filed	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases disposed	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases pending
Alabama—TOTAL	426		X	426	1,011		X	1,011	767		X	767	670		X	670
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>	0			0	133			133	133			133	0			0
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>a</sup>	426 <sup>d</sup>		X	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>		X	878 <sup>d</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>		X	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>		X	670 <sup>d</sup>
Arizona	1,089	14		1,103	5,993	132		1,725	1,428	124		1,552	1,254	22		1,276
California	4,820	N/A	NH	4,820 <sup>f</sup>	5,915	4,021	NH	6,936	6,815	3,978	NH	10,793	4,675 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	NH	4,675 <sup>f</sup>
Colorado	359			359	858			858	625			625	592			592
Florida	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,960	528	361	7,849	6,219	392	275	6,886	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>b</sup>
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Illinois	3,584			3,584	4,135			4,135	3,645			3,645	4,074			4,074
Indiana	361	NH		361	626 <sup>c</sup>	NH		626 <sup>c</sup>	488	NH		488	499	NH		499
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	X	X		539 <sup>f</sup>	1,812	208		2,020	1,641	192		1,833	X	X		726
Maryland	148		0	148	1,154		132	1,286	1,115		132	1,247	187		0	187
Massachusetts	5			5	870			870	570			570	305 <sup>b</sup>			305 <sup>b</sup>
Michigan	2,831	31	533	3,195	3,090	185	1,160	4,435	2,186	186	1,131	3,503	3,535	30	562	4,127
Missouri	1,507	27		1,534	1,552	266		1,818	1,146 <sup>b</sup>	272		1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,616 <sup>c</sup>	21		1,636 <sup>f</sup>
New Jersey	3,781		(c)	3,781	4,383 <sup>a</sup>		(c)	4,383 <sup>ae</sup>	3,898 <sup>a</sup>		(c)	3,898 <sup>ae</sup>	4,266		(c)	4,266
New Mexico	264			264	514			514	529			529	249			249
New York—TOTAL	N/A			N/A	9,606	87		9,693	8,927	87		9,014	N/A			N/A
Appellate Division of Supreme Court	N/A	N/A		N/A	7,429 <sup>b</sup>	87 <sup>b</sup>		7,516 <sup>b</sup>	7,348 <sup>b</sup>	87 <sup>b</sup>		7,435 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A		N/A
Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	N/A			N/A	2,177			2,177	1,579			1,579	N/A			N/A
North Carolina	N/A			N/A	1,078			1,078	900			900	N/A			N/A
Ohio	2,901			2,901	6,869			6,869	6,148			6,148	3,622			3,622
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	129	NH	NH	129 <sup>f</sup>	327	NH	NH	327	364	NH	NH	364	92	NH	NH	92 <sup>f</sup>
Oregon	429			429	1,539			1,539	1,299			1,299	669			669
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	N/A			N/A	5,023			5,023	NC			NC	N/A			N/A
Superior Court	N/A			N/A	2,996			2,996	N/A			N/A	N/A			N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	N/A			N/A	2,027			2,027	1,257			1,257	N/A			N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A			N/A	1,285			1,285	1,098			1,098	N/A			N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	N/A			N/A	655			655	536			536	N/A			N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	N/A			N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>			630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>			562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A			N/A
Texas <sup>b</sup>	674			674 <sup>f</sup>	1,784			1,784	1,608			1,608	847			847 <sup>f</sup>
Washington	1,369	60		1,429	1,467	352		1,819	1,119	320		1,439	1,717	92		1,809

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for intermediate appellate courts in each state are displayed.

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

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

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

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

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

### Comparative caseload

Tables 7 through 18 have been organized to allow comparison of available caseload data on a state-to-state or court-to-court basis. All data on these tables are actual statistics received from the states; there are no estimated data within these tables.

Within this group of tables, there are four tables provided for each of the three arrangements of appellate courts. Courts of last resort in states that have intermediate appellate courts are displayed in Tables 7 through 10. Courts of last resort in states that do not have intermediate appellate courts are displayed in Tables 11 through 14. Intermediate appellate courts are found in Tables 15 through 18.

Four sets of tables, identical in format, content, and analytical intent, are presented for each of these three court arrangements: Tables 7, 11, and 15; Tables 8, 12, and 16; Tables 9, 13, and 17; and Tables 10, 14, and 18.

### Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Tables 7-10)

*Table 7.* Simple caseload data for courts of last resort in the 24 states with intermediate appellate courts are provided in Table 7. In addition to caseload data, dispositions and cases pending at the end of the year are listed as a percentage of the cases filed during the year. These percentage figures provide a comparative measure of how well a court was able to handle its caseload during the year. The number of cases added to the end pending and the percentage change in the number of pending cases indicate whether or not the caseload situation has improved during the last year.

Of the 20 states that reported data whereby cases disposed could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 15 states reported dispositions of at least 90 percent of the number of filings, with 7 states disposing more cases than were filed. For the 13 states where end pendings could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 2 states reported end pendings of between 65 and 80 percent of the number of filings, while the remaining 11 states reported end pendings of less than 50 percent of the number of filings.

For the 14 states where the percentage change in end pendings could be computed, one state reported an increase in excess of 100 percent, 9 states reported increases of under 40 percent, and 4 states reported decreases between 1 and 36 percent.

Table 7 does not provide data on the population of the states or the number of judges in each court, and

therefore, it cannot be used to indicate how well a court is doing in comparison with other courts listed on these tables. Data in the table can be used to measure a particular court's performance over a period of time. When future years' data become available, this information can be used to create a time series for comparative purposes and trend analysis.

Even if all the data presented on this table were accurate and complete, only tentative inferences should be drawn. For example, a court with dispositions that are a relatively low percentage of its filings during a year might have

- a large increase in case filings over the preceding year without additional resources to handle it;
- a number of difficult and time-consuming cases during the year that temporarily slowed court activity;
- some portion of the judges in that court unavailable because of illness or for other reasons;
- a large number of judicial vacancies unfilled; or
- inefficient judges or court administration.

This table and the ones to follow can only raise questions; they do not provide answers.

*Table 8.* Caseload information for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, structured to allow comparison of states on the basis of population in each state, is provided in Table 8.

By ranking the states according to 1975 estimated population and providing data on filings, dispositions, and end pending per unit of population, comparisons among states of similar size can be made. In addition, figures on caseload per unit of population equalize the differences among states and permit caseload comparisons between states with large and small populations.

Such comparisons should take two other important variables into consideration. One is the number of judges available to process the workload within a given court. Comparing a 9-judge court of last resort in Oklahoma with a 7-judge court of last resort in Colorado may be misleading, even though these two states have quite similar state populations.

Second, after considering the judicial resources available to each court, the court profiles (in Part II of this report) should be consulted to assure that the court organization and subject matter jurisdiction of any compared courts are similar. For example, Oklahoma's Supreme Court and Colorado's Supreme Court, mentioned above, have neither the same number of judges nor similar jurisdictions. The Supreme Court of Oklahoma has jurisdiction over civil cases only and cannot, therefore, be directly

compared with a court of last resort that handles both civil and criminal cases.

In addition to population rankings and caseload per unit of population, Table 8 also shows the number of cases added to the year-ending pending cases, and the percentage change in the number of pending cases. These two figures indicate whether or not the caseload situation has improved during the last year. (See discussion of Tables 3, 4, and 7, concerning change in pending cases.) A high number of pending cases added, or a high percentage, may indicate that the court is not keeping up with its workload.

*Table 9.* This table contains the same information as Table 8, except that the courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts are listed according to the number of full-time judges assigned to them. This listing by number of judges permits easy comparison of courts with like numbers of full-time judges. Both the caveats regarding Table 8 and the fact that this listing includes only the number of full-time judges assigned to a given court should be kept in mind. Some courts may use part-time judges in addition to their full-time complement, while others may use commissioners to assist in screening

or deciding cases. Other courts may have been operating for some portion of the year with less than their assigned number of judges because of retirements or illnesses. Information regarding exceptional situations must generally be sought from the specific court concerned.

*Table 10.* Information regarding judicial productivity for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts is displayed in Table 10, arranged to allow comparison among courts having similar numbers of judges. Comparisons among courts listed on this table should be made only after reviewing caveats discussed previously in this section and ascertaining that the courts to be compared have similar jurisdictions and state populations.

Once the comparability of two courts has been established, a useful measure of comparative judicial productivity is provided by information on filings per judge and dispositions per judge. Caseload per judge equalizes the differences among courts and allows the comparison of judicial case-processing productivity in large and small courts. However, the effects of varied judicial resources, such as part-time judges or use of commissioners as discussed in Table 9, have not been taken into account in this table.

**Table 7: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**With dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in end pending	
					Dispositions	End pending	Number	Percent
Alabama	0	369	369	0	100.0	—	0	—
Arizona	350	889	932	307	104.8	34.5	-43	-12.3
California	N/A	3,668 <sup>c</sup>	3,712 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	101.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado	479	553	666	366	120.4	66.2	-113	-23.6
Florida	N/A	1,846	1,454	N/A	78.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	N/A	1,313	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Illinois	327 <sup>bd</sup>	1,087 <sup>bd</sup>	1,060 <sup>bd</sup>	354 <sup>bd</sup>	97.5	32.6	27	8.3
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	N/A	1,806	1,535	N/A	95.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland	20	756	751	25	99.2	3.3	5	25.0
Massachusetts	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	92.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan	380 <sup>b</sup>	952 <sup>b</sup>	936 <sup>b</sup>	396 <sup>b</sup>	98.3	41.6	16	4.2
Missouri	259	439	533	165	121.4	37.6	-94	-36.3
New Jersey	325	1,048	930 <sup>c</sup>	443	88.7	42.3	118	36.3
New Mexico	173	500	505	168	101.0	33.5	-5	-2.9
New York	438 <sup>f</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	3,070 <sup>bc</sup>	442 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	4	0.9
North Carolina	40 <sup>f</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	457	103	87.9	19.8	63	157.5
Ohio	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A	99.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—TOTAL	1,183	1,806	1,561	1,426	86.4	79.0	243	20.5
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	963 <sup>ef</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,182 <sup>ef</sup>	77.7	119.2	219	22.7
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	220	814	790	244	97.1	30.0	24	10.9
Oregon	268	773 <sup>b</sup>	706	335	91.3	43.3	67	25.0
Pennsylvania	N/A	1,696	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	N/A	953	809	N/A	84.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—TOTAL	646	3,715	3,434	877	93.8	23.6	231	35.8
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	155	973	974	154	100.1	15.8	-1	-0.6
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	491	2,742	2,510	723	91.5	28.4	232	47.3
Washington	233	504	500	237	99.2	47.0	4	1.7

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 8: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort with intermediate appellate courts, 1975. States ranked by population, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State and court	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent	Filings	Dispositions	End pending
California	21,185	N/A	3,668 <sup>c</sup>	3,712 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	18	N/A
New York	18,120	438 <sup>f</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	3,070 <sup>bc</sup>	442 <sup>f</sup>	4	0.9	NC	17	NC
Texas—TOTAL	12,237	646	3,715	3,484	877	231	35.8	30	28	7
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>		155	973	974	154	-1	-0.6	8	8	1
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>		491	2,742	2,510	723	232	47.3	22	21	6
Pennsylvania	11,927	N/A	1,696	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	N/A	N/A
Illinois	11,145	327 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,087 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,060 <sup>bcd</sup>	354 <sup>bcd</sup>	27	8.3	10	10	3
Ohio	10,759	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	12	N/A
Michigan	9,157	380 <sup>b</sup>	952 <sup>b</sup>	936 <sup>b</sup>	396 <sup>b</sup>	16	4.2	10	10	4
Florida	8,357	N/A	1,846	1,454	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	17	N/A
New Jersey	7,316	325	1,048	930 <sup>c</sup>	443	118	36.3	14	13	6
Massachusetts	5,828	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	12	N/A
North Carolina	5,451	40 <sup>f</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	457	103	63	157.5	10	8	2
Indiana	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	4,926	N/A	1,313	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27	N/A	N/A
Missouri	4,763	259	439	533	165	-94	-36.3	9	11	3
Tennessee	4,188	N/A	953	809	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	19	N/A
Maryland	4,098	20	756	751	25	5	25.0	18	18	1
Louisiana	3,791	N/A	1,606	1,535	N/A	N/A	N/A	42	40	N/A
Alabama	3,614	0	369	369	0	0	—	10	10	0
Washington	3,544	293	504	500	237	4	1.7	14	14	7
Oklahoma—TOTAL	2,712	1,183	1,806	1,551	1,426	243	20.5	67	58	53
Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>		963 <sup>ef</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,132 <sup>ef</sup>	213	22.7	37	28	44
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>		220	814	790	244	24	10.9	30	29	9
Colorado	2,534	479	553	668	366	-113	-23.6	22	26	14
Oregon	2,288	268	773 <sup>b</sup>	706	335	67	25.0	34	31	15
Arizona	2,224	556	555	532	507	-45	-12.3	40	42	14
New Mexico	1,147	173	500	505	168	-5	-2.9	44	44	15

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 Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>e</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 9: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**Courts ranked by number of judges, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State and court	Number Judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		State population in thousands	Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent		Filed	Dis-posed	End pending
Alabama	9	0	369	369	0	0	—	3,614	10	10	0
Oklahoma—Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	9	963 <sup>af</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,182 <sup>af</sup>	219	22.7	2,712	37	28	44
Texas—Supreme Court <sup>b</sup>	9	155	973	974	154	-1	-0.6	12,237	8	8	1
Washington	9	233	504	500	237	4	1.7	3,544	14	14	7
California	7	N/A	3,668 <sup>c</sup>	3,712 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,185	17	18	N/A
Colorado	7	479	553	666	366	-113	-23.6	2,534	22	28	14
Florida	7	N/A	1,846	1,454	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,357	22	17	N/A
Georgia	7	N/A	1,313	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,926	27	N/A	N/A
Illinois	7	327 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,087 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,060 <sup>bcd</sup>	354 <sup>bcd</sup>	27	8.3	11,145	10	10	3
Louisiana	7	N/A	1,606	1,535	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,791	42	40	N/A
Maryland	7	20	756	751	25	5	25.0	4,098	18	18	1
Massachusetts	7	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,828	13	12	N/A
Michigan	7	380 <sup>b</sup>	952 <sup>b</sup>	936 <sup>b</sup>	396 <sup>b</sup>	16	4.2	9,157	10	10	4
Missouri	7	259	439	533	165	-94	-36.3	4,763	9	11	3
New Jersey	7	325	1,048	930 <sup>c</sup>	443	118	36.3	7,316	14	13	6
New York	7	438 <sup>f</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	3,070 <sup>bc</sup>	442 <sup>f</sup>	4	0.9	18,120	NC	17	NC
North Carolina	7	40 <sup>f</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	457	103	63	157.5	5,541	10	8	2
Ohio	7	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,759	12	12	N/A
Oregon	7	268	773 <sup>b</sup>	706	335	67	25.0	2,288	34	31	15
Pennsylvania	7	N/A	1,696	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,827	14	N/A	N/A
Arizona	5	350	889	932	307	-43	-12.3	2,224	40	42	14
Indiana	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	5	173	500	505	168	-5	-2.9	1,147	44	44	15
Tennessee	5	N/A	953	809	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,188	23	19	N/A
Texas—Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	5	491	2,742	2,510	723	232	47.3	12,237	22	21	6
Oklahoma—Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	3	220	814	790	244	24	10.9	2,712	30	29	9

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>a</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 10: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**Courts ranked by number of judges, with per-judge filings and dispositions.**

State and court	Number judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Filings per judge	Dispositions per judge
						Number	Percent		
Alabama	9	0	369	369	0	0	—	41	41
Oklahoma— <i>Supreme Court</i> <sup>b</sup>	9	963 <sup>cd</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,182 <sup>cd</sup>	219	22.7	110	88
Texas— <i>Supreme Court</i> <sup>b</sup>	9	155	973	974	154	-1	-0.6	108	108
Washington	9	233	504	500	237	4	1.7	56	56
California	7	N/A	3,668 <sup>c</sup>	3,712 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	524	530
Colorado	7	479	553	666	366	-113	-23.6	79	95
Florida	7	N/A	1,846	1,454	N/A	N/A	N/A	264	208
Georgia	7	N/A	1,313	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	188	N/A
Illinois	7	327 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,087 <sup>bcd</sup>	1,060 <sup>bcd</sup>	354 <sup>bcd</sup>	27	8.3	155	151
Louisiana	7	N/A	1,606	1,535	N/A	N/A	N/A	229	219
Maryland	7	20	756	751	25	5	25.0	108	107
Massachusetts	7	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	106	98
Michigan	7	380 <sup>b</sup>	952 <sup>b</sup>	936 <sup>b</sup>	396 <sup>b</sup>	16	4.2	136	134
Missouri	7	259	439	533	165	-94	-36.3	63	76
New Jersey	7	325	1,048	930 <sup>c</sup>	443	118	38.3	150	133
New York	7	438 <sup>f</sup>	2,949 <sup>bc</sup>	3,070 <sup>bc</sup>	442 <sup>f</sup>	4	0.9	NC	439
North Carolina	7	40 <sup>f</sup>	520 <sup>b</sup>	457	103	63	157.5	74	65
Ohio	7	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	189	187
Oregon	7	268	773 <sup>b</sup>	706	335	67	25.0	110	101
Pennsylvania	7	N/A	1,698	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	242	N/A
Arizona	5	350	889	932	307	-43	-12.3	178	186
Indiana	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	5	173	500	505	168	-5	-2.9	100	101
Tennessee	5	N/A	953	809	N/A	N/A	N/A	191	162
Texas— <i>Court of Criminal Appeals</i> <sup>b</sup>	5	491	2,742	2,510	723	232	47.3	548	502
Oklahoma— <i>Court of Criminal Appeals</i> <sup>b</sup>	3	220	814	790	244	24	10.9	271	263

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.  
 Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.



### Courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts (Tables 11-14)

*Table 11.* Data regarding caseload in courts of last resort in the 26 states and the District of Columbia without intermediate appellate courts are displayed in Table 11. In addition to caseload data, dispositions and cases pending at the end of the year are listed as a percentage of the cases filed during the year. These percentage figures provide a comparative measure of how well a court was able to cope with its caseload during the year. The number of cases added to end pending and the percentage change in the number of pending cases indicate whether or not the caseload situation has improved during the last year. (See discussion of Tables 3 and 4 concerning change in pending cases.)

Of the 21 states that reported data whereby cases disposed could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 15 states reported disposing of at least 90 percent of filings. Two states disposed of more cases than newly filed that year. Of the 18 states where end pendings could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 11 states reported end pendings of over 70 percent of the number of filings while 5 states reported end pending of less than 50 percent of the number of filings.

Of the 19 states in which the percentage change in end pending could be computed, 17 states reported increases of under 40 percent. One state reported an increase in excess of 100 percent and another state reported a decrease of 23 percent.

Since Table 11 does not provide data on the population of states or the number of judges in each court, the table measures a particular court's performance over a period of time but does not indicate how it is doing in comparison with other courts listed on these tables. Therefore, the caution accompanying Table 7 regarding the inferences that might be drawn must be exercised.

*Table 12.* Caseload information for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, structured to allow comparison of states on the basis of population, is provided in Table 12.

By ranking the states according to 1975 estimated population, it is possible to compare caseload in

states of similar population. Such comparisons should consider two other important variables. One is the number of judges available to process caseload within a given court. Second, each state's court profile, in Part II, should be consulted to assure that the court organization and subject matter jurisdiction of the two courts are similar. (See discussion of Table 8 concerning judicial resources and court jurisdictions.)

In addition to population rankings and caseload per unit of population, Table 12 also shows the number of cases added to end pending cases and the percentage change in the number of pending cases. These two figures indicate whether or not the caseload situation has improved during the last year. (See discussion of Tables 3, 4, and 11 concerning change in pending cases.)

*Table 13.* This table contains the same information as Table 12, except that the courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts are listed according to the number of full-time judges assigned to them. This listing by number of judges permits easy comparison of courts with like numbers of full-time judges. The caveats discussed regarding Table 12 should be kept in mind as well as the fact that this table includes only the number of full-time judges assigned to a given court. It does not take into account part-time judges, use of commissioners, or exceptional situations.

*Table 14.* Information regarding judicial productivity for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts is displayed in Table 14, which is arranged to facilitate comparison of caseload among courts having similar numbers of judges. Comparisons between courts listed on this table should be made only after reviewing caveats discussed previously in this section and ascertaining that the courts to be compared have similar jurisdiction and state population.

Once the comparability of two courts on this table has been established, a useful measure of comparative judicial productivity is provided by the information on filings per judge and dispositions per judge. Caseload per judge equalizes the differences among courts, allowing the comparison of judicial case-processing productivity in large and small courts. However, the effects of judicial vacancies, part-time judges, or use of commissioners have not been taken into account in this table.

**Table 11: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**With dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in end pending	
					Dispositions	End pending	Number	Percent
Alaska	214	315	288	241	91.4	76.5	27	12.6
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	518	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	186	333	286	233	85.9	70.0	47	25.3
District of Columbia	926 <sup>a</sup>	1,265	1,164	1,027 <sup>a</sup>	92.0	81.2	101	10.9
Hawaii	172	194	145	221	74.7	113.9	49	28.5
Idaho	300	338	324	315 <sup>f</sup>	95.9	93.2	15	5.0
Iowa	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>f</sup>	79.9	92.0	218	27.9
Kansas	222 <sup>c</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>c</sup>	95.7	64.7	16	7.2
Kentucky	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine	183 <sup>f</sup>	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246	79.9	91.8	63	34.4
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	592	613	598	607 <sup>f</sup>	97.6	99.0	15	2.5
Montana	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	N/A	571 <sup>b</sup>	545 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	95.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada	334	553	634	256	114.6	46.3	-78	-23.4
New Hampshire	238	288	277	249	96.2	86.5	11	4.6
North Dakota	2 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b,f</sup>	100.0	0.0	-2	NC
Rhode Island	326	347	318	355	91.6	102.3	29	8.9
South Carolina	104 <sup>f</sup>	276	232 <sup>a</sup>	122 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	18	17.3
South Dakota	211 <sup>f,g</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>f</sup>	91.7	NC	12	5.7
Utah	N/A	462	403	N/A	87.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont	244	355	312	27	87.9	80.8	43	17.6
Virginia	331 <sup>b,f</sup>	1,528 <sup>b</sup>	1,459 <sup>b</sup>	398 <sup>b</sup>	95.6	26.1	67	20.2
West Virginia	14 <sup>b,f</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>b,f</sup>	95.4	4.6	19	135.7
Wisconsin	382 <sup>b</sup>	840 <sup>bc</sup>	833 <sup>d</sup>	390 <sup>d</sup>	99.2	46.4	8	2.1
Wyoming	87	129	118 <sup>a</sup>	95 <sup>f</sup>	91.5	73.6	8	8.2

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>g</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>a</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 12: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort without intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent	Filed	Dis-posed	End pending
Virginia	4,967	331 <sup>b†</sup>	1,526 <sup>b</sup>	1,459 <sup>b</sup>	398 <sup>b</sup>	67	20.2	31	29	8
Wisconsin	4,607	382 <sup>b</sup>	840 <sup>bc</sup>	833 <sup>d</sup>	390 <sup>d</sup>	8	2.1	18	18	8
Minnesota	3,926	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A
Kentucky	3,396	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	N/A	N/A
Connecticut	3,093	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	N/A
Iowa	2,870	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>f</sup>	218	27.9	38	30	35
South Carolina	2,818	104 <sup>g</sup>	276	232 <sup>g</sup>	122 <sup>g</sup>	18	17.3	10	NC	NC
Mississippi	2,346	592	613	598	607 <sup>f</sup>	15	2.5	26	25	26
Kansas	2,267	222 <sup>g</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>g</sup>	16	7.2	16	16	10
Arkansas	2,116	N/A	N/A	516	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	N/A
West Virginia	1,803	14 <sup>b†</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>b†</sup>	19	135.7	40	38 <sup>i</sup>	2
Nebraska	1,546	N/A	571 <sup>b</sup>	545 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	37	35	N/A
Utah	1,206	N/A	462	403	N/A	N/A	N/A	38	33	N/A
Maine	1,059	183 <sup>f</sup>	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246	63	34.4	25	20	23
Rhode Island	927	326	347	318	355	29	8.9	37	34	38
Hawaii	865	172	194	145	221	49	28.5	22	17	26
Idaho	820	300	338	324	315 <sup>f</sup>	15	5.0	41	40	38
New Hampshire	818	238	288	277	249	11	4.6	35	34	30
Montana	748	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	716	926 <sup>c</sup>	1,265	1,164	1,027 <sup>c</sup>	101	10.9	177	163	143
South Dakota	683	211 <sup>g</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>f</sup>	12	5.7	32	29	NC
North Dakota	635	2 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b†</sup>	-2	NC	20	20	0
Nevada	592	334	553	634	256	-78	-23.4	93	107	43
Delaware	579	186	333	286	233	47	25.3	58	49	40
Vermont	471	244	355	312	287	43	17.6	75	66	61
Wyoming	374	87	129	118	95 <sup>f</sup>	8	9.2	34	32	25
Alaska	352	214	315	288	241	27	12.6	89	82	68

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

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NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>g</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>h</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 13: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**Courts ranked by number of judges, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State	Number judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		State population in thousands	Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent		Filed	Dis-posed	End pending
District of Columbia	9	926 <sup>o</sup>	1,265	1,164	1,027 <sup>o</sup>	101	10.9	716	177	163	143
Iowa	9	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>f</sup>	218	27.9	2,870	38	30	35
Minnesota	9	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,928	N/A	13	N/A
Mississippi	9	592	613	598	507 <sup>f</sup>	15	2.5	2,346	26	25	26
Arkansas	7	N/A	N/A	516	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,116	N/A	24	N/A
Kansas	7	222 <sup>o</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>o</sup>	16	7.2	2,287	16	16	10
Kentucky	7	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,396	35	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	7	N/A	571 <sup>b</sup>	545 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,546	37	35	N/A
Virginia	7	331 <sup>b,f</sup>	1,526 <sup>b</sup>	1,459 <sup>b</sup>	398 <sup>b</sup>	67	20.2	4,987	31	29	8
Wisconsin	7	382 <sup>b</sup>	840 <sup>b,e</sup>	833 <sup>d</sup>	390 <sup>d</sup>	8	2.1	4,607	18	18	8
Connecticut	6	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,095	N/A	8	N/A
Maine	6	183 <sup>f</sup>	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246	63	34.4	1,059	25	20	23
Alaska	5	214	315	288	241	27	12.6	352	89	82	68
Hawaii	5	172	194	145	221	49	28.5	865	22	17	26
Idaho	5	300	338	324	315 <sup>z</sup>	15	5.0	820	41	40	38
Montana	5	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	748	40	N/A	N/A
Nevada	5	334	553	634	256	-78	-23.4	592	93	107	43
New Hampshire	5	238	288	277	249	11	4.6	818	35	34	30
North Dakota	5	2 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b,f</sup>	-2	NC	635	20	20	0
Rhode Island	5	326	347	318	355	29	8.9	927	37	34	38
South Carolina	5	104 <sup>f</sup>	276	232 <sup>o</sup>	122 <sup>f</sup>	18	17.3	2,818	10	NC	NC
South Dakota	5	211 <sup>f</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>f</sup>	12	5.7	683	32	29	NC
Utah	5	N/A	462	403	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,206	38	33	N/A
Vermont	5	244	355	312	287	43	17.6	471	75	66	61
West Virginia	5	14 <sup>z,z</sup>	720 <sup>z</sup>	637 <sup>b</sup>	32 <sup>z,f</sup>	19	135.7	1,502	40	38	2
Wyoming	5	87	129	118 <sup>b</sup>	95 <sup>f</sup>	8	9.2	374	34	32	25
Delaware	3	186	333	286	233	47	25.3	579	58	49	40

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

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

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<sup>o</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>f</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>z</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 14: Comparative caseload, courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**Courts ranked by number of judges, with per-judge filings and dispositions.**

State	Number judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Filings per judge	Dispositions per judge
						Number	Percent		
District of Columbia	9	926 <sup>a</sup>	1,265	1,164	1,027 <sup>a</sup>	101	10.9	141	129
Iowa	9	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>f</sup>	218	27.9	121	96
Minnesota	9	N/A	N/A	506	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53
Mississippi	9	592	613	598	607 <sup>f</sup>	16	2.6	68	68
Arkansas	7	N/A	N/A	516	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74
Kansas	7	222 <sup>a</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>a</sup>	16	7.2	53	60
Kentucky	7	N/A	1,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	171	N/A
Nebraska	7	N/A	571 <sup>b</sup>	545 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	82	78
Virginia	7	331 <sup>b,f</sup>	1,526 <sup>b</sup>	1,459 <sup>b</sup>	398 <sup>b</sup>	67	20.2	218	208
Wisconsin	7	362 <sup>b</sup>	640 <sup>b,c</sup>	433 <sup>d</sup>	390 <sup>d</sup>	8	2.1	120	119
Connecticut	6	N/A	N/A	242	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40
Maine	6	183	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246	63	34.4	45	36
Alaska	5	214	315	288	241	27	12.6	63	58
Hawaii	5	172	194	145	221	49	28.5	39	29
Idaho	5	300	338	324	315 <sup>f</sup>	15	5.0	68	65
Montana	5	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	60	N/A
Nevada	5	334	553	634	256	-78	-23.4	111	127
New Hampshire	5	238	288	277	249	11	4.6	58	55
North Dakota	5	2 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b,f</sup>	-2	NC	26	26
Rhode Island	5	326	347	318	355	29	8.9	69	64
South Carolina	5	104 <sup>f</sup>	276	232 <sup>g</sup>	122 <sup>f</sup>	18	17.3	55	NC
South Dakota	5	211 <sup>f,f</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>f</sup>	12	5.7	44	40
Utah	5	N/A	462	403	N/A	N/A	N/A	92	81
Vermont	5	244	355	312	287	43	17.6	71	62
West Virginia	5	14 <sup>b,f</sup>	720 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>b,f</sup>	19	135.7	144	137
Wyoming	5	87	129	118 <sup>b</sup>	95 <sup>f</sup>	8	9.2	26	24
Delaware	3	188	333	286	233	47	25.3	111	95

NOTE: A "case" for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.

Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of last resort in each state are displayed.

N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>a</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>f</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

### Intermediate appellate courts (Tables 15-18)

*Table 15.* Data regarding caseflow in intermediate appellate courts for the 24 states with such courts are displayed in Table 15. In addition to caseflow data, dispositions and cases pending at the end of the year are listed as a percentage of the cases filed during the year. These percentage figures provide a comparative measure of how well a court was able to handle its caseload during the year. The number of cases added to end pending and the percentage change in the number of pending cases indicate whether or not the caseflow situation improved during the last year. (See discussion of Tables 3 and 4 concerning change in pending cases.)

Of the 22 states where cases disposed could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 8 states reported dispositions of at least 90 percent of filings. Three states disposed more cases than were newly filed that year.

Of the 17 states where end pendings could be shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year, 7 states reported end pendings of over 70 percent of the number of filings while 7 states reported end pendings of less than 50 percent of the number of filings. In these figures, the lower the percentage, the more adequately the state appears to be handling its workload.

Of the 17 states where the percentage change in end pending could be computed, 3 states reported increases from 50 to 70 percent, 11 states reported increases under 40 percent, and 3 other states reported decreases between 3 to 29 percent.

Since this table does not provide data on population of states or the number of judges in each court, the table measures a particular court's performance over a period of time but does not indicate how well it is doing in comparison with other courts listed on the tables. Therefore, the same level of caution regarding inferences that might be drawn must be exercised as outlined for Tables 7 and 11.

*Table 16.* Caseflow information for intermediate appellate courts, structured to allow comparison of states on the basis of population, is provided in Table 16.

By ranking the states according to 1975 estimated population and providing data on filings, dispositions, and end pending in relation to a unit of

population, caseload can be compared in states with similar populations.

Such comparisons should take two other variables into consideration. One is the number of judges available to process caseload within a given court. Second, each state's court profile, in Part II, should be consulted to assure that the court organization and subject matter jurisdiction of the two courts are similar. (See discussion of Table 8 concerning judicial resources and court jurisdictions.)

In addition to population rankings and caseload per unit of population, Table 16 also shows the number of cases added to end pending and the percentage change in the number of pending cases. These two figures indicate whether or not the caseflow situation has improved since the previous year. (See discussion of Tables 3 and 4 concerning change in pending cases.)

*Table 17.* The same information as contained on Table 16 is presented in Table 17, except that the intermediate appellate courts are arranged according to the number of full-time judges assigned to them. This listing by number of judges permits easy comparison of courts with like numbers of full-time judges. The caveats discussed regarding Table 16, all of which also apply to this table, should be kept in mind as well as the fact that this table includes only the number of full-time judges assigned to a given court. (See discussion of Table 9 concerning judicial resources.)

*Table 18.* Information regarding judicial productivity for intermediate appellate courts is displayed in Table 18, arranged to allow comparison of caseloads among courts having similar numbers of judges.

Comparisons between courts on this table should be made only after reviewing caveats discussed previously and ascertaining that the courts to be compared have similar jurisdiction and state population.

Once the comparability of two courts on this table has been established, a useful measure of comparative judicial productivity is provided by the information on filings per judge and dispositions per judge. Caseload per judge equalizes the differences among courts and allows the comparison of judicial productivity in large and small courts. However, the effects of judicial vacancies, part-time judges, or use of commissioners have not been taken into account in the table. (See discussion of Table 9 concerning judicial resources.)

**Table 15: Comparative caseload, intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**With dispositions and end pendings as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in end pending	
					Dispositions	End pending	Number	Percent
Alabama—TOTAL	426	1,011	767	670	75.9	66.3	244	57.3
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>	0	133	133	0	100.0	0.0	0	—
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>	72.2	76.3	244	57.3
Arizona	1,103	1,725	1,552	1,276	90.0	74.0	173	15.7
California	4,620 <sup>f</sup>	9,936	10,793	4,675 <sup>ff</sup>	108.6	NC	-145	-3.0
Colorado	359	858	625	592	72.8	69.0	233	64.9
Florida	N/A	7,849	6,886	N/A	87.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Illinois	3,584	4,135	3,645	4,074	88.1	98.6	490	13.7
Indiana	361	626 <sup>bc</sup>	488	499	78.0	79.7	138	38.2
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	539 <sup>f</sup>	2,020	1,333	726	90.7	35.9	187	34.7
Maryland	148	1,286	1,247	187	97.0	14.5	39	26.4
Massachusetts	5	870	570	305 <sup>b</sup>	65.5	35.1	300	(b)
Michigan	3,195	4,435	3,503	4,127	79.0	93.1	932	29.2
Missouri	1,534	1,818	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,836 <sup>f</sup>	77.9	101.0	302	19.7
New Jersey	3,781	4,383 <sup>ce</sup>	3,898 <sup>ce</sup>	4,266	86.9	97.3	485	12.8
New Mexico	264	514 <sup>b</sup>	525 <sup>b</sup>	249	102.9	48.4	-15	-5.7
New York—TOTAL	N/A	9,693	9,014	N/A	93.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appellate Division—Supreme Court	N/A	7,016	7,435	N/A	98.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appellate Term—Supreme Court	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A	72.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	N/A	1,078	900	N/A	83.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622	89.5	52.7	721	24.9
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>f</sup>	327	364	92 <sup>f</sup>	111.3	28.1	-37	-28.7
Oregon	429	1,539	1,299	669	84.4	45.4	240	55.9
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	N/A	5,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior Court	N/A	2,986	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A	62.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A	1,285	1,098	N/A	85.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	N/A	653	536	N/A	81.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	N/A	630 <sup>b</sup>	562 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	89.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas <sup>b</sup>	674 <sup>f</sup>	1,764	1,606	847 <sup>f</sup>	91.2	48.0	173	25.7
Washington	1,429	1,619	1,439	1,809	79.1	99.5	380	28.6

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<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 16: Comparative caseload, intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State and court	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent	Filed	Dis-posed	End pending
California	21,185	4,820 <sup>g</sup>	9,936	10,793	4,675 <sup>ff</sup>	-145	-3.0	47	51	NC
New York—TOTAL	18,120	N/A	9,693	9,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	53	50	N/A
Appellate Division—										
Supreme Court		N/A	7,516	7,435	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	41	N/A
Appellate Terms—										
Supreme Court		N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	9	N/A
Texas <sup>b</sup>	12,237	674 <sup>g</sup>	1,764	1,608	847 <sup>g</sup>	173	25.7	14	13	7
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	11,827	N/A	5,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42	N/A	N/A
Superior Court		N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>		N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	11	N/A
Illinois	11,145	3,584	4,135	3,645	4,074	490	13.7	37	33	37
Ohio	10,759	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622	721	24.9	64	57	34
Michigan	9,157	3,195	4,425	3,503	4,127	932	29.2	48	38	45
Florida	8,957	N/A	7,849	6,886	N/A	N/A	N/A	84	82	N/A
New Jersey	7,316	3,781	4,383 <sup>oe</sup>	3,898 <sup>oe</sup>	4,266	485	12.8	60	53	58
Massachusetts	5,823	5	870	570	305 <sup>b</sup>	300	(b)	15	10	5
North Carolina	5,451	N/A	1,078	900	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	17	N/A
Indiana	5,311	361	626 <sup>oo</sup>	488	499	138	38.2	12	9	9
Georgia	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri	4,763	1,534	1,818	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,936 <sup>g</sup>	302	19.7	38	30	39
Tennessee—TOTAL	4,188	N/A	1,285	1,098	N/A	N/A	N/A	31	26	N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>		N/A	655	536	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	13	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>		N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	13	N/A
Maryland	4,098	148	1,286	1,247	187	39	26.4	31	30	5
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	3,791	539 <sup>g</sup>	2,020	1,833	726	187	34.7	53	48	19
Alabama—TOTAL	3,614	426	1,011	787	670	244	57.3	28	21	19
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>		0	133	133	0	0	—	4	4	0
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>		426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>	654 <sup>od</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>	244	57.3	24	18	19
Washington	3,544	1,429	1,819	1,439	1,809	380	26.6	51	41	51
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	2,712	129 <sup>g</sup>	327	364	92 <sup>g</sup>	-37	-28.7	12	13	3
Colorado	2,534	359	858	625	592	233	64.9	34	25	23
Oregon	2,288	429	1,539	1,299	669	240	55.9	67	57	29
Arizona	2,224	1,103	1,725	1,552	1,278	173	15.7	78	70	57
New Mexico	1,147	264	514 <sup>b</sup>	529 <sup>b</sup>	249	-15	-5.7	45	46	22

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**Table 17: Comparative caseload, intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**States ranked by number of judges, with per-unit-of-population data.**

State and court	Number Judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		State population in thousands	Per 100,000 population		
						Number	Percent		Filed	Dis- posed	End pending
California	51	4,820 <sup>§</sup>	9,936	10,793	4,675 <sup>§†</sup>	-145	-3.0	21,185	47	51	NC
Texas <sup>b</sup>	42	674 <sup>d†</sup>	1,764	1,608	847 <sup>†</sup>	173	25.7	12,237	14	13	7
Ohio	38	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622	721	24.9	10,759	64	57	34
Illinois	34	3,584	4,135	3,645	4,074	490	13.7	11,145	37	33	37
New York—TOTAL	33	N/A	9,693	9,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,120	53	50	N/A
Appellate Division— Supreme Court	24	N/A	7,516	7,435	N/A	N/A	N/A		41	41	N/A
Appellate Terms— Supreme Court	9	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A	N/A	N/A		12	19	N/A
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	29	539 <sup>†</sup>	2,020	1,833	726	187	34.7	3,791	53	48	19
Missouri	22	1,534	1,818	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,836 <sup>†</sup>	302	19.7	4,763	38	30	33
New Jersey	21	3,781	4,383 <sup>o</sup>	3,898 <sup>o</sup>	4,266	485	12.8	7,316	60	53	58
Florida	20	N/A	7,849	6,886	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,357	94	82	N/A
Michigan	18	3,195	4,435	3,503	4,127	932	19.2	9,157	48	38	45
Tennessee—TOTAL	16	N/A	1,285	1,098	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,188	31	26	N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	9	N/A	655	536	N/A	N/A	N/A		16	13	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	7	N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A		15	13	N/A
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	14	N/A	5,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,827	42	N/A	N/A
Superior Court	7	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		25	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	7	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A	N/A	N/A		17	11	N/A
Arizona	12	1,103	1,725	1,552	1,276	173	15.7 <sup>†</sup>	2,224	78	70	57
Maryland	12	148	1,286	1,247	187	39	26.4	4,098	31	30	5
Washington	12	1,429	1,819	1,439	1,809	380	26.6	3,544	51	41	51
Colorado	10	359	858	625	592	233	64.9	2,534	34	25	23
Georgia	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana	9	361	626 <sup>bc</sup>	488	499	138	38.2	5,311	12	9	9
North Carolina	9	N/A	1,078	900	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,451	20	17	N/A
Alabama—TOTAL	8	426	1,011	767	670	244	57.3	3,614	28	21	19
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>	3	0	133	133	0	0	—		4	4	0
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	5	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>	244	57.3		24	18	19
Massachusetts	6	5	870	573	305 <sup>b</sup>	300	(b)	5,828	15	10	5
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	6	129 <sup>†</sup>	327	364	92 <sup>†</sup>	-37	-21.7	2,712	12	13	3
Oregon	6	429	1,539	1,299	669	240	55.9	2,288	67	57	29
New Mexico	5	264	514 <sup>b</sup>	529 <sup>b</sup>	249	-15	-5.7	1,147	45	46	22

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<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 18: Comparative caseload, intermediate appellate courts, 1975.**  
**States ranked by number of judges, with per-judge filings and dispositions.**

State and court	Number judges	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in end pending		Per judge	
						Number	Percent	Filings	Dispo- sitions
California	151	4,820 <sup>f</sup>	9,936	10,793	4,675 <sup>ff</sup>	-145	-3.0	195	212
Texas <sup>b</sup>	42	674 <sup>df</sup>	1,764	1,608	847 <sup>z</sup>	173	25.7	42	38
Ohio	38	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622	721	24.9	181	162
Illinois	34	3,584	4,135	2,645	4,074	490	13.7	122	107
New York—TOTAL	33	N/A	9,633	3,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	294	273
Appellate Division— Supreme Court	24	N/A	7,516	7,435	N/A	N/A	N/A	313	310
Appellate Term— Supreme Court	9	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A	N/A	N/A	242	175
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	29	539 <sup>f</sup>	2,020	1,833	726	187	34.7	70	63
Missouri	22	1,534	1,818	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,836 <sup>f</sup>	302	19.7	83	64
New Jersey	21	3,781	4,383 <sup>ce</sup>	3,898 <sup>ce</sup>	4,266	485	12.8	209	186
Florida	20	N/A	7,849	6,886	N/A	N/A	N/A	392	344
Michigan	18	3,195	4,435	3,503	4,127	932	29.2	245	195
Tennessee—TOTAL	16	N/A	1,285	1,098	N/A	N/A	N/A	80	69
Court of Appeals	9	N/A	655 <sup>b</sup>	536 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	73	60
Court of Criminal Appeals	7	N/A	630 <sup>bc</sup>	562 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	80
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	14	N/A	5,023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	359	N/A
Superior Court	7	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	428	N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	7	N/A	2,027 <sup>b</sup>	1,257 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	290	180
Arizona	12	1,103	1,725	1,552	1,276	173	15.7	144	129
Maryland	12	148	1,286	1,247	187	39	26.4	107	104
Washington	12	1,429	1,819	1,439	1,809	380	26.6	152	120
Colorado	10	359	858	625	592	233	64.9	86	63
Georgia	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana	9	361	626 <sup>bc</sup>	488	499	138	38.2	70	54
North Carolina	9	N/A	1,078	900	N/A	N/A	N/A	120	100
Alabama—TOTAL	8	426	1,011	767	670	244	57.3	126	96
Court of Civil Appeals	3	0	133	133	0	0	—	44	44
Court of Criminal Appeals	5	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>d</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>	244	57.3	178	127
Massachusetts	6	5	870	570	305 <sup>b</sup>	300	(b)	145	95
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	6	129 <sup>f</sup>	327	364	92 <sup>f</sup>	-37	-28.7	55	61
Oregon	6	429	1,539	1,299	669	240	55.9	257	217
New Mexico	5	264	514 <sup>b</sup>	529 <sup>b</sup>	249	-15	-5.7	103	106

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**Civil and criminal caseload  
in appellate courts (Tables 19-20)**

*Tables 19 and 20.* The available caseload data for civil and criminal cases in courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts are presented in Tables 19 and 20, respectively. Previous tables have defined a case as any **appeal, original proceeding, or request to appeal**. Original proceeding cases have not been included from these tables because original proceedings are rarely classified as civil or criminal cases. Reported caseload figures for **appeals and requests to appeal**, which have been divided when possible into civil and criminal case categories, have been included on these tables.

These tables show that breakdown of appellate data into civil and criminal categories is not done by enough states to permit any useful inferences. As subsequent annual reports are produced, it is hoped that additional courts will provide breakdowns of their appellate caseloads into civil and criminal categories. When such information is available, these tables will provide a basis for assessing the kinds of cases handled by appellate courts. In addition, the tables may eventually permit tracking of case types from general jurisdiction trial courts through appellate courts. This will assist in assessing the impact on appellate court caseloads of legislative or procedural changes in the handling of civil or criminal matters in general jurisdiction courts.

**Table 19: Civil/criminal breakdowns for all courts of last resort, 1975.**  
**With caseload for appeals and requests to appeal.**

State and court	Beginning pending					Filed				Disposed					End pending					
	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases pending	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases filed	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases disposed	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases pending
Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	369*	X	X	X	X	369*	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska	X	X	X	X	211*	151	71	X	X	308*	X	X	X	X	279*	147	71	X	X	240*
Arizona	39	238	N/A	N/A	279*	32	141	N/A	N/A	174*	56	178	X	X	237*	15	201	N/A	N/A	216
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	314	165	N/A	N/A	479	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
California	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	1,470	1,096	2,584*	66*	40*	1,470	1,096	2,672*	N/A	18	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58	49	X	X	304*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	40	X	X	242*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	124	62	N/A	N/A	186	213	120	N/A	N/A	333	198	88	N/A	N/A	288	139	94	N/A	N/A	233
District of Columbia	X	X	X	X	926*	380	706	X	X	1,221*	X	X	X	X	1,120*	X	X	X	X	1,027*
Florida	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,484*	X	X	X	X	1,138*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	652	226	X	X	1,313*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii	107	49	N/A	N/A	169*	105	78	N/A	N/A	189*	69	65	N/A	N/A	140*	143	62	N/A	N/A	218*
Idaho	179	95	N/A	N/A	295*	181	65	N/A	N/A	307*	172	86	N/A	N/A	290*	188	94	N/A	N/A	312*
Illinois	118	65	78	61	322*	182	59	398	430	1,069*	147	79	414	405	1,045*	153	45	62	86	348*
Indiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa	552	229	N/A	N/A	781	694	392	N/A	N/A	1,086	594	284	N/A	N/A	868	662*	337*	N/A	N/A	999*
Kansas	138	77	N/A	N/A	215*	223	122	X	X	345	213	119	N/A	N/A	332	148	80	N/A	N/A	228*
Kentucky	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	743	308	X	X	1,077*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	341	X	X	358	X	X	N/A	N/A	385*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine	79	104	N/A	N/A	183*	131	137	X	X	268	91	114	X	X	205	119	127	N/A	N/A	246
Maryland	10	10	0	0	20	220	32	X	X	735*	209	38	X	X	730*	21	4	0	0	25
Massachusetts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	591*	279	253	X	X	532*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan	X	X	X	X	380*	X	X	X	X	952*	X	X	X	X	938*	X	X	X	X	396*
Minnesota	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	613*	275	67	X	X	435*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	471	121	N/A	N/A	592	X	X	X	X	613*	313	167	X	X	596*	X	X	N/A	N/A	607*
Missouri	X	X	N/A	N/A	249*	X	X	X	X	119*	171	63	N/A	N/A	252*	X	X	N/A	N/A	116*
Montana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	149	37	N/A	N/A	186	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	N/A	571*	X	X	N/A	N/A	545*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	194	241	N/A	N/A	435	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	N/A	238*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	X	X	X	X	314*	X	X	X	X	975*	X	X	X	X	886*	X	X	X	X	403*
New Mexico	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	220	15	X	X	363*	X	X	X	X	374*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	X	X	N/A	N/A	438*	X	X	1,142	1,190	2,949*	360	188	1,142*	1,047	3,070*	X	X	N/A	N/A	442*
North Carolina	X	X	0	0	40*	X	X	X	X	520*	X	X	X	X	457*	X	X	X	X	103*
North Dakota	2	0	N/A	N/A	2*	82	17	X	X	180*	82	17	N/A	N/A	180*	0	0	0	0	0*
Ohio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,305*	X	X	X	X	1,208*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—TOTAL	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	654	518	175	NH	1,347	467	468	169	NH	1,104	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup>	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	654*	NH	175	NH	829*	467	NH	169	NH	636*	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	518	NH	NH	518	NH	468	NH	NH	468	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Oregon	X	X	X	X	268*	X	X	79	165	773*	X	X	X	X	706*	X	X	X	X	335*
Pennsylvania	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,695*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	188	52	X	X	316*	X	X	X	X	287*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	X	X	N/A	N/A	104*	152	94	X	X	264*	X	X	X	X	232*	X	X	N/A	N/A	122*
South Dakota	X	X	N/A	N/A	211*	X	X	X	X	198*	X	X	X	X	187*	X	X	N/A	N/A	223*
Tennessee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	276	50	214	413	953	X	X	201	392	809*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—TOTAL	25	464	100	NH	589	104	1,903	668	NH	2,675	103	1,671	672	NH	2,446	26	696	96	NH	818
Supreme Court <sup>a</sup>	25	NH	100	NH	125	104	NH	668	NH	772	103	1,671	672	NH	775	26	696	96	NH	122
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	NH	464	NH	N/A	464	NH	1,903	NH	NH	1,903	NH	1,671	NH	NH	1,671	NH	696	NH	NH	696
Utah	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	246	128	X	X	462*	X	X	N/A	N/A	403*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont	X	X	N/A	N/A	243*	264	68	X	X	351*	224	64	N/A	N/A	307*	X	X	N/A	N/A	287*
Virginia	X	X	X	X	331*	138	56	X	X	1,526*	X	X	310	775	1,327*	X	X	X	X	364*
Washington	125	28	28	13	194	130	25	127	108	390	135	25	123	98	381	120	28	32	23	263
West Virginia	(b)	(b)	X	X	7*	(b)	(b)	132	87	293*	(b)	(b)	117	81	270*	(b)	(b)	15	6	23*
Wisconsin	316	66*	N/A	N/A	382*	485	171*	N/A	76	732*	467	182	N/A	76	725*	385	55*	N/A	N/A	390*
Wyoming	60	24	N/A	N/A	84	95	26	X	X	121	84	26	N/A	N/A	110	71	24	N/A	N/A	95

NOTE: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.  
 Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for intermediate appellate courts in each state are displayed.

Blank space—Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

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

\*Some portion of cases included in this total could not be identified as civil or criminal cases; consequently, the categories will not add to the total shown.  
<sup>a</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.  
<sup>b</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.  
<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Table 20: Civil/criminal breakdowns for all intermediate appellate courts, 1975.  
With caseload for appeals and requests to appeal.**

State and court	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending				
	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases pending	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases filed	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases disposed	Appeals—civil	Appeals—criminal	Requests to appeal—civil	Requests to appeal—criminal	Total cases pending
Alabama—TOTAL	0	426		X	426	133	878		X	1,011	133	634		X	767	0	670		X	670
Court of Civil Appeals <sup>b</sup>	0	NH		NH	0	133	NH		NH	133	133	NH		NH	133	0	NH		NH	0
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH	426	NH	X	426 <sup>bd</sup>	NH	878	NH	X	878 <sup>d</sup>	NH	634	NH	X	634 <sup>cd</sup>	NH	670 <sup>d</sup>	NH	X	670 <sup>d</sup>
Arizona	480	378			1,089*	467	960			1,593*	460	705			1,428*	487	633			1,254*
California	2,454	2,366			4,820 <sup>f</sup>	2,686	3,229			5,915	3,143	3,872			6,815	2,579	2,096			4,675 <sup>ft</sup>
Colorado	X	X			359*	539	283			858*	X	X			625*	X	X			592*
Florida	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	7,321*	X	X	X	X	6,494*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Illinois	1,691	1,893			3,584	1,721	2,414			4,135	1,610	2,035			3,645	1,804	2,270			4,074
Indiana	X	X			361*	317	284			626*	X	X			488*	X	X			499*
Louisiana <sup>b</sup>	X	NH		NH	539 <sup>f</sup>	1,812	NH		NH	1,812	1,641	NH		NH	1,641	X	NH		NH	726
Maryland	91	57	0	0	148	523	631	X	X	1,286*	538 <sup>b</sup>	577 <sup>b</sup>	X	X	1,247 <sup>b*</sup>	76	111	0	0	187
Massachusetts	X	X			5*	X	X			870*	209	65			570*	X	X			305 <sup>bb</sup>
Michigan	1,034	1,597	302	231	3,164	984	2,106	571	589	4,250	879	1,307	653	478	3,317	1,139	2,396	220	342	4,037
Missouri	923	584			1,507	1,025	527			1,552	722	386			1,145 <sup>b*</sup>	1,117	698			1,815 <sup>f</sup>
New Jersey	X	X			3,781*	X	X			4,383 <sup>cc</sup> *	X	X			3,898 <sup>cc</sup> *	X	X			4,266*
New Mexico	X	X			264*	208	259			514*	X	X			529*	X	X			249*
New York—TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			9,606*	X	X			8,927*	N/A	N/A			N/A
Appellate Division—Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			7,429 <sup>bb</sup>	X	X			7,348 <sup>bb*</sup>	N/A	N/A			N/A
Appellate Terms—Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			2,177*	X	X			1,579*	N/A	N/A			N/A
North Carolina	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			1,078*	386	443			900*	N/A	N/A			N/A
Ohio	X	X			2,901*	X	X			6,869*	X	X			6,148*	X	X			3,622*
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	129	NH	NH	NH	129 <sup>f</sup>	327	NH	NH	NH	327	364	NH	NH	NH	364	92	NH	NH	NH	92 <sup>f</sup>
Oregon	X	X			429*	322	704			1,539*	X	X			1,299*	X	X			699*
Pennsylvania—TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	NC	NC			5,023	NC	N/A			NC	N/A	N/A			N/A
Superior Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			2,996*	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
Commonwealth Court <sup>b</sup>	N/A	NH			N/A	2,027	NH			2,027*	1,257	NH			1,257*	N/A	NH			N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	655	630			1,285	536	562			1,098	N/A	N/A			N/A
Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	1/1	NH			N/A	655	NH			655	536	NH			536	N/A	NH			N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals <sup>b</sup>	NH	N/A			N/A	NH	630			630 <sup>c</sup>	NH	562			562 <sup>c</sup>	NH	N/A			N/A
Texas <sup>b</sup>	674	NH			674 <sup>f</sup>	1,764	NH			1,764	1,608	NH			1,608	847	NH			847 <sup>f</sup>
Washington	920	449			1,369	974	493			1,467	777	342			1,119	1,117	600			1,717

NOTES: A "case," for inclusion on this table, was defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.  
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 Blank space—Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.  
 NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

X—The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 \*Some portion of cases included in this total could not be identified as civil or criminal cases; consequently, the categories will not add to the total shown.  
<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.  
<sup>bb</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.  
<sup>cc</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Time to disposition in appellate courts (Table 21)**

Table 21. This table presents available information on the time necessary to process an appellate case.

Ideally, information regarding time from filing of an appeal until the appeal is disposed by the court could be compared from state to state. As the footnotes on the table indicate, however, there is wide variation in the time spans measured in these time-to-disposition data. This table is included in the hope that more states will begin to produce comparable data that can be included in subsequent annual reports. Until such comparable data are provided, direct comparisons of reported times to disposition between states should not be made.

**General conclusions**

There are a number of factors, discussed in the Introduction, which militate against drawing conclusions or making generalizations based on data

contained in the appellate court tables. Variations in reference periods, court organization, subject-matter jurisdiction, definitions of cases, and the completeness and accuracy of data make cross-jurisdictional comparisons extremely difficult. In addition, without verified multi-year caseload data, it is difficult, if not impossible, to reach valid conclusions regarding caseload trends.

One general conclusion can be drawn from the appellate court tables. The total number of cases pending at the end of 1975 in courts of last resort and in intermediate appellate courts increased significantly over the number pending at the end of 1974. Using the estimated national totals (Table 1), end pending for courts of last resort appears to have increased over 5.6 percent; for intermediate appellate courts over 17.6 percent; and for all appellate courts over 14.3 percent.

**Table 21: Appellate courts reporting average time from filing to disposition (in days) for appeals, 1975.**

Type of court and state	Average number of days to disposition			Number of judges
	Total cases	Civil cases	Criminal cases	
<b>Courts of last resort</b>				
States without intermediate appellate courts:				
Hawaii		654		5
Iowa	270			9
Kansas		447	528	7
Minnesota	447			9
Mississippi	494			9
Nevada	131			5
New Hampshire <sup>1</sup>	209			5
Wyoming	300			5
<b>States with intermediate appellate courts:</b>				
Maryland	210			7
Massachusetts	235			7
New Jersey	241			7
New Mexico	427			5
Washington <sup>2</sup>	303			9
<b>Intermediate appellate courts</b>				
California <sup>3</sup>		171	72	51
Illinois <sup>4</sup>	360-540	360-540	360-540	34
Maryland <sup>5</sup>	186			12
Massachusetts	182			6
Michigan	307			18
New Jersey	402			21
New Mexico	277			5
Oregon	165			6
Washington <sup>6</sup>	325			12

NOTE: Unless otherwise footnoted, times listed on this table are average times from filing of appeal to final disposition of appeal. A court was included in this table only if time to disposition data were available.

<sup>1</sup>New Hampshire reports average time to submission rather than final disposition.

<sup>2</sup>For Washington Supreme Court, time to disposition was computed from reported time periods in the following manner: ("Ready for Setting" to "45 Days Prior to Session" of 143 days) plus ("Argument" to "Filing of Opinion" of 115 days) plus 45 days = 303 days.

<sup>3</sup>Median months from "Ready" to written opinion in California are reported by District and Division. The range of reported times for civil cases is one month to 13 months with the average being 5.7 months (171 days). The range of reported times for criminal cases is one month to four months with the average being 2.4 months (72 days).

<sup>4</sup>Illinois reports the number of cases taking under six months, 6-12 months, 1-1½ years, 1½-2 years, 2-3 years, and over three years from filing to disposition. Both the civil and criminal case median time to disposition fall within the 1-1½ year category (360-540 days).

<sup>5</sup>In Maryland, the time to disposition figure displayed is a composite of "Time Periods for Case to be at Issue" plus "Time between Hearing and Filing of Opinion." 307 days equals a weighted average computed for 807 civil cases and 862 criminal cases.

<sup>6</sup>For Washington Court of Appeals, time to disposition was computed from reported time periods in the following manner: ("Ready for Setting" to "45 Days Prior to Session" of 221 days) plus ("Argument" to "Filing of Opinion" of 59 days) plus 45 days = 325 days.

## Interpretation of general jurisdiction court data

In the following section, tables are presented to display the caseflow of general jurisdiction trial courts during 1975. For the purposes of this report, a court was considered to be a general jurisdiction trial court if it met one of the following three criteria:

- the individual state considered it a general jurisdiction court;
- felony cases are tried and felony sentences are handed down; or
- the judges of the court are general jurisdiction court judges sitting on temporary assignment.

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

Tables have also been included which show the caseflow of selected case categories commonly handled in limited and special as well as in general jurisdiction courts.

The following tables were compiled from both published and unpublished statistical data provided by the state court administrators. The same material could not be assembled from published annual reports alone.

General jurisdiction court data received from states were generally more detailed and easier to interpret than data from appellate courts. This does not imply, however, that the data can be more extensively compared. The two major hindrances to comparing the data are the varying subject matter jurisdiction of the courts and the lack of uniformity in definition of terms.

The first problem, the variation in subject matter jurisdiction, is amply demonstrated by the organization charts in Part II of this report; the number of different types of general jurisdiction trial courts varies widely from state to state. In some states, such as Illinois, and in the District of Columbia, general jurisdiction courts handle all types of cases. In other states, such as Florida and New Jersey, general jurisdiction courts process only felony cases and major civil actions, while other civil and criminal actions are handled in limited jurisdiction courts. Juvenile cases may be handled in general, or limited or special jurisdiction courts, or a combination thereof, even within a particular state. A further discussion of these variations has been included in the Introduction to this report.

The second problem in comparing data from general jurisdiction courts is the lack of uniformity in definition of terms, particularly those used in counting cases. In criminal cases, courts may be

counting defendants, informations, indictments, or case numbers. Civil cases may be counted with the filing of a complaint, at note of issue, or when placed on the calendar. Some states count guilty pleas as trials, but most do not. The problem of lack of uniformity in definition and in unit of count has been discussed in the Introduction and is further explored in the text accompanying the summary tables.

The general jurisdiction tables that follow are sequenced from the general (national totals of reported state caseflow totals) to the more specific (civil, criminal, juvenile caseflows). Tables are provided within the civil and juvenile caseflow sections which show the caseflow of selected categories (**domestic relations, probate, mental health, and juvenile**) of cases handled in both general and limited jurisdiction courts. A final table presents an analysis of reported general jurisdiction jury trial data.

### General jurisdiction total caseflow (Tables 22-25)

The first group of tables presents the available total caseflow data, both published and unpublished, for general jurisdiction courts in 1975. The total caseflow is displayed in a variety of ways, moving from nationwide summary figures to state-by-state figures for total civil, criminal, and juvenile cases.

To facilitate comparison, all minor traffic and minor ordinance cases have been deleted from the summary totals as well as from the criminal cases presented in Tables 22-25. Because such cases are known to be much less time-consuming than other general jurisdiction cases, caseflow totals would be unrealistically inflated by including them for those states handling them in general jurisdiction courts.

*Table 22.* A summary of nationwide volume data for cases filed, disposed, and pending in general jurisdiction courts is displayed in Table 22. National totals for civil, criminal, juvenile, and total general jurisdiction caseload are shown along with the number of states reporting such volume data and the percentage of total 1975 U. S. population represented by those states.

The reported totals in this table should be viewed with caution. Reported totals are derived from Table 23, which contains the actual civil, criminal, and juvenile data reported by each state. As indicated by the footnotes to Table 23, the data shown for some states do not include all of the cases handled in the court. In addition, variations in reporting periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions, and unit of count must also be considered.

National totals in Table 22 represent the summation of very diverse data and should be viewed only as a first attempt to display some semblance of a nationwide, reported caseload total.

No estimates of total general jurisdiction court caseload have been computed in this report. Attempts to correlate state populations and other variables with general jurisdiction caseload proved fruitless. All correlations computed were too low to provide a basis for estimating national totals. One reason for low correlations may be the fact that reported general jurisdiction court data represent only a portion of trial court litigation in most states. Data from limited and special jurisdiction courts are missing and any possible correlations are thereby distorted. Estimates of total trial court caseload will be attempted in future reports as more data from limited and special jurisdiction courts are compiled for inclusion in this annual report series.

**Table 23.** The reported caseload statistics for each state's civil, criminal, juvenile, and total caseload in general jurisdiction courts are shown in Table 23. Every state and the District of Columbia handle both civil and criminal cases in general jurisdiction courts, but only 31 states and the District of Columbia handle juvenile matters in the general jurisdiction courts. The following chart indicates the number of states for which volume statistics are displayed:

**Figure C: Number of states reporting volume statistics**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil	35	44	44	35
Criminal	34	44	44	34
Juvenile	14	22	21	14

Although the figures given in Table 23 show the total civil, criminal, and juvenile caseload for each state, care must be taken when attempting direct comparisons between states. The subject matter jurisdiction of the general jurisdiction courts is not uniform from state to state. In addition, the point at which a case is counted varies among the states. Refer to a state's court organization chart and the court profiles in Part II of this report in order to ascertain the jurisdiction of a given court and the point at which a case is counted for reporting purposes. (Tables 26 and 32 in this section also provide a listing for each state of the point at which civil and criminal cases are counted.)

Table 23 shows the size of civil, criminal, and juvenile caseloads by state at the general jurisdiction court level only. For states whose courts use similar

definitions and have similar jurisdictions, size comparisons of civil, criminal, or juvenile caseloads handled in general jurisdiction courts can be made. Because limited and special jurisdiction court data are not included and because the variation in court jurisdictions exists, unrestricted comparisons of total civil, criminal, or juvenile activity in each state should not be made from this table.

The final two columns of information in Table 23 give the state populations and the number of judges for each of the general jurisdiction courts. During 1975 there was a total of 5,640 general jurisdiction judges in the fifty states and the District of Columbia.

**Table 24.** The total reported caseload for courts of general jurisdiction in each state is shown in Table 24. Data presented in this table consist of all published and unpublished reported data on total filings, dispositions, and pending cases received from each state. As in all charts of general jurisdiction caseload by state, all courts of general jurisdiction are listed on this table, whether or not they reported caseload data.

Forty states have only one general jurisdiction court, and for these states total caseload appears on the same line as the state name. States with more than one general jurisdiction court have the word TOTAL written after the state name, and the sum of the various general jurisdiction courts' caseloads has been shown. In the interpretations of all the charts that follow, the totals discussed will be state totals whether for one court or more than one court, and the number of states will be the number for which reported totals are available.

Three comparative measures, used in subsequent tables, are introduced in this table. First, total dispositions are listed as a percentage of the total filings for each state where data were reported in order to give an indication of the court's ability to dispose of its caseload during the year. A low percentage indicates that the court is falling behind in its caseload.

The second measure used is the total number of cases pending at the end of the year listed as a percentage of the total filings. This measure gives the proportion of one year's filings that remained pending at the end of the year.

Third, the number and percentage change in pending cases at the end of 1975 over cases pending at the beginning of the year is shown. This percentage, if high, indicates that a specific court may be falling behind in disposing of its caseload. A low or minus figure means that a court is more or less



keeping pace or has even reduced its total pending caseload. Some general observations, based on these comparative measures, can be made regarding Table 24.

Thirty-eight states reported disposition and filing data, which were used to compute the number of dispositions as a percent of the number of filings. Three states disposed of less than 80 percent and 28 states disposed of over 90 percent of the number of filings. Four states were able to reduce the number of pending cases by disposing more cases than were filed that year.

The number of cases pending at the end of the year as a percent of the number of filings ranged greatly for the 29 states for which this measure could be computed. In 4 states more cases remained pending at the end of the year than were filed. More than half, or 15 states, had at least 70 percent of the number of filings pending at the end of the year.

For most states there was little change in the number of pending cases from the beginning to the end of 1975. Of the 35 states that provided pending information, only 5 reduced the number of cases pending. The percentage increase in pending ranged between 0 percent and 20 percent for over two-thirds, or 25 of the states.

These figures suggest the existence of problems; they do not indicate what the problems are. They should be used only in measuring one state's ability to handle its caseload and not for comparing data from two or more states.

Table 25. The same information and comparative measures contained in Table 24 are shown on Table 25, but the states are ranked according to their estimated 1975 state populations. Total dispositions as well as total cases pending at the end of the year are listed as percentages of the total cases filed during the year. The number change and percentage change in cases pending at the end of the year are listed in relation to cases pending at the beginning of the year. The other general caveats noted for Table 24 also apply to this table.

Ranking by population allows the comparison of general jurisdiction court caseflow in states with similar populations. Ranking states by population, however, does not correlate with the size of general jurisdiction court caseload. No general patterns in percentages of cases filed, disposed, or pending were observed based on a population criterion alone. Similarly, no general patterns of increase or decrease in pending cases were observed when state population was used as a standard for comparison.

**Table 22: General jurisdiction reported national caseload totals, 1975.  
With number of states reporting and percent of population represented.**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil cases reported	1,934,642	4,239,154	3,914,665	2,085,882
Number of states represented <sup>1</sup>	35	44	44	35
Percent of population represented	69.1	92.1	92.0	69.1
Criminal cases reported <sup>2</sup>	417,633	1,903,483	1,821,447	466,294
Number of states represented <sup>1</sup>	34	44	44	34
Percent of population represented	60.6	92.1	92.0	60.6
Juvenile cases reported	73,993	556,741	536,025	84,920
Number of states represented <sup>1,3</sup>	14	22	21	14
Percent of population represented <sup>3</sup>	44.9	79.5	76.5	44.9
Total cases reported	2,426,268	6,699,378	6,272,137	2,637,096
Number of states represented <sup>1</sup>	35	44	44	35
Percent of population represented	69.1	92.4	92.0	69.1

<sup>1</sup>The states represented in each of the totals can be determined from Table 23. Some of the state data were incomplete as indicated by the footnotes on Table 23.  
<sup>2</sup>Criminal data do not include minor traffic and minor ordinance cases handled in general jurisdiction courts.

<sup>3</sup>The number of states represented for juvenile data is from a total of 31 states and the District of Columbia which handle juvenile cases in the general jurisdiction courts. The percent of the population represented is calculated from the total population of those 31 states and the District of Columbia (133,663,000).

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Table 23: General Jurisdiction caseload, 1975.  
Civil, criminal, juvenile, total.

State and court	Beginning pending				Filed			
	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total
Alabama—Circuit	45,686	10,540	NH	56,226	75,869 <sup>a</sup>	25,777	NH	101,646
Alaska—Superior	4,426	451	N/A	4,877 <sup>b</sup>	9,283	1,075	1,386	11,744
Arizona—Superior	54,344 <sup>c</sup>	4,924	760 <sup>d</sup>	60,028 <sup>e</sup>	63,599 <sup>f</sup>	13,682	3,256 <sup>g</sup>	80,517 <sup>h</sup>
Arkansas—TOTAL	46,708 <sup>i</sup>	6,881	(c)	53,590 <sup>j</sup>	58,441	12,987	(c)	71,428
Circuit	13,854	6,881	(c)	20,735	19,806	12,987	(c)	32,795
Chancery and Probate	32,855 <sup>k</sup>	NH	NH	32,855 <sup>l</sup>	38,633	NH	NH	38,633
California—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	467,092	57,656	77,722	602,470
Colorado—TOTAL	64,166	7,460	7,135	78,761	84,801	14,569	21,798	121,168
District	55,704 <sup>d</sup>	7,460	7,135	70,299 <sup>e</sup>	62,545 <sup>f</sup>	14,569	21,798	101,912
Water	8,462	NH	NH	8,462	2,256	NH	NH	2,256
Connecticut—Superior	31,960	2,202	NH	34,162	25,176	4,941	NH	30,117
Delaware—TOTAL	11,617	1,734	NH	13,351	9,823	4,087	NH	13,710
Superior	4,907	1,734	NH	6,641	7,173	4,087	NH	11,260
Chancery	7,710	NH	NH	7,710	2,450	NH	NH	2,450
District of Columbia—Superior	12,259 <sup>g</sup>	3,609 <sup>h</sup>	1,617	17,485 <sup>i</sup>	171,959	34,246 <sup>j</sup>	7,706	213,961 <sup>k</sup>
Florida—Circuit	203,633	42,463	15,271	261,367	254,148	82,222	62,811	399,181
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL	19,145	1,845	2,959	23,949	16,903	2,086	7,739	26,728
Circuit	19,025	1,845	2,959	23,829	16,665	2,086	7,739	26,490
Land	65	NH	NH	65	49	NH	NH	49
Tax	55	NH	NH	55	169	NH	NH	169
Idaho—TOTAL	17,931 <sup>l</sup>	5,573 <sup>m</sup>	1,902 <sup>n</sup>	25,406 <sup>o</sup>	37,224	34,602 <sup>p</sup>	7,623	79,349 <sup>q</sup>
District	7,231 <sup>l</sup>	979 <sup>m</sup>	3 <sup>n</sup>	8,231 <sup>o</sup>	9,701	3,094	17	12,812
Magistrate	10,700 <sup>l</sup>	4,594 <sup>m</sup>	1,899 <sup>n</sup>	17,193 <sup>o</sup>	27,523	31,508 <sup>p</sup>	7,506	66,537 <sup>q</sup>
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	632,664	520,847 <sup>r</sup>	27,983	1,181,494 <sup>s</sup>
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A
Iowa—District <sup>t</sup>	46,231 <sup>u</sup>	14,184 <sup>v</sup>	N/A	60,415 <sup>w</sup>	124,185	89,925 <sup>x</sup>	5,685	219,798 <sup>y</sup>
Kansas—District	18,309	1,810	NH	20,119	35,312 <sup>z</sup>	6,726	NH	42,038
Kentucky—Circuit	75,629	10,925	NH	86,459	59,859	12,732	NH	71,591
Louisiana—District	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	122,633	212,623	NH	335,156
Maine—Superior	7,394	4,100	NH	11,494	5,158	8,734	NH	13,892
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67,330	29,725	25,210	112,266
Massachusetts—Superior	85,301	37,967	NH	123,268	32,247	35,483	NH	67,730
Michigan—TOTAL	100,274	15,361 <sup>aa</sup>	NH	115,635 <sup>ab</sup>	133,160	57,130 <sup>ac</sup>	NH	190,310 <sup>ad</sup>
Circuit	100,043	8,804	NH	108,847	132,202	27,576	NH	159,778
Recorder's	NH	6,557 <sup>ae</sup>	NH	6,557 <sup>af</sup>	NH	29,554 <sup>ag</sup>	NH	29,554 <sup>ah</sup>
Claims	231	231	NH	231	976	NH	NH	976
Minnesota—District	7,237	1,227	N/A	8,464 <sup>ai</sup>	21,342	7,991	N/A	29,333 <sup>aj</sup>
Mississippi—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,889	7,445	N/A	60,334 <sup>ak</sup>
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,223	7,445	NH	22,668
Chancery	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	37,666	NH	N/A	37,666 <sup>al</sup>
Missouri—Circuit	59,093	8,765	8,217	76,075	74,314	17,760	16,751	110,825
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	15,229	6,643	NH	21,872
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Superior	16,835	3,773	NH	20,608	17,398	6,321	NH	23,719
New Jersey—Superior and County	43,955	23,179	NH	67,133	63,231	31,500	NH	94,731
New Mexico—District	19,798	1,913	2,120	23,831	30,374	4,771	5,454	40,599
New York—Supreme and County	63,156	N/A	NH	63,156 <sup>am</sup>	119,009	35,753	NH	184,783
North Carolina—Superior	13,517 <sup>an</sup>	16,327	NH	29,844	10,919 <sup>ao</sup>	63,505	NH	84,424
North Dakota—District	3,873	273	224	4,370	6,430	1,076	855	8,361
Ohio—Common Pleas	172,189 <sup>ap</sup>	6,099	21,322	199,590 <sup>aq</sup>	249,822	31,554	194,256	475,664
Oklahoma—District	109,255	32,427 <sup>ar</sup>	2,047	143,729 <sup>as</sup>	157,653	66,716 <sup>at</sup>	6,311	232,680 <sup>au</sup>
Oregon—TOTAL	39,767	4,019 <sup>av</sup>	N/A	43,786 <sup>aw</sup>	47,064	14,360	11,305	72,729
Circuit	39,671 <sup>ax</sup>	4,019 <sup>ay</sup>	N/A	43,690 <sup>az</sup>	46,832	14,360	11,305	72,497
Tax	96	NH	NH	96	232	NH	NH	232
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	40,840 <sup>ba</sup>	28,064	4,388	73,292	143,832 <sup>bb</sup>	109,694	39,682	293,608
Rhode Island—Superior	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	6,542	3,665	NH	10,207
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,210	4,210 <sup>bc</sup>
Tennessee—TOTAL	54,171 <sup>bd</sup>	14,948 <sup>be</sup>	NH	69,119 <sup>bf</sup>	80,724	29,462	NH	110,186
Circuit and Criminal	35,980 <sup>bg</sup>	14,948 <sup>bh</sup>	NH	50,928 <sup>bi</sup>	46,589	29,462	NH	76,051
Chancery	15,451 <sup>bj</sup>	NH	NH	15,451 <sup>bk</sup>	29,569	NH	NH	29,569
Law and Equity	2,740 <sup>bl</sup>	NH	NH	2,740 <sup>bm</sup>	4,586	NH	NH	4,586
Texas—District	246,045	66,720	5,764	320,529	254,888	80,702	11,919	357,509
Utah—District	7,617	81	NH	7,698	26,029	2,643	NH	28,672
Vermont—TOTAL	22,120	4,009 <sup>bn</sup>	267	26,396 <sup>bo</sup>	21,748	16,964 <sup>bp</sup>	966	39,670 <sup>bq</sup>
Superior	6,529	20	NH	6,549	6,275	44	NH	6,319
District	15,591	3,989 <sup>br</sup>	267	19,847 <sup>bs</sup>	15,473	16,910 <sup>bt</sup>	966	33,351 <sup>bu</sup>
Virginia—Circuit	79,093 <sup>bv</sup>	11,420 <sup>bw</sup>	NH	90,479 <sup>bx</sup>	62,938	41,644	NH	104,582
Washington—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90,963	14,048	11,929	116,940
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	90,923 <sup>by</sup>	20,461 <sup>bz</sup>	N/A	111,384 <sup>ca</sup>	192,243 <sup>cb</sup>	55,710 <sup>cc</sup>	N/A	247,953 <sup>cd</sup>
Wyoming—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,997 <sup>ce</sup>	1,629	N/A	9,616 <sup>cf</sup>

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

The number of pending cases was computed by NCSF staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>a</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>f</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>r</sup>Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

State and court	Disposed				End pending				Population in thousands	Number of judges
	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total		
Alabama—Circuit	75,981	25,980	NH	101,961	45,554 <sup>†</sup>	10,337	NH	55,891 <sup>†</sup>	3,614	102
Alaska—Superior	6,327	955	1,121	8,403	7,382	571	N/A	7,953 <sup>†</sup>	352	17
Arizona—Superior	56,389 <sup>o</sup>	13,045	3,222 <sup>†</sup>	72,656 <sup>†</sup>	61,554 <sup>o</sup>	5,541	794 <sup>†</sup>	67,889 <sup>†</sup>	2,254	72
Arkansas—TOTAL	50,025 <sup>†</sup>	12,233	(c)	62,258 <sup>†</sup>	49,388 <sup>†</sup>	7,635	(c)	57,021 <sup>†</sup>	2,116	55
Circuit	19,077	12,233	(c)	31,310	14,585	7,635	(c)	22,220	--	29
Chancery	30,948 <sup>†</sup>	NH	NH	30,948 <sup>†</sup>	34,801 <sup>†</sup>	NH	NH	34,801 <sup>†</sup>	--	26
California—Superior	370,551	52,525	74,312	497,388	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,185	501
Colorado—TOTAL	76,391	11,998	20,138	110,527	70,576	10,031	6,795	89,402	2,534	87
District	73,346	11,998	20,138	105,481	64,904 <sup>d</sup>	10,031	6,795	83,730 <sup>d</sup>	--	87
Water	5,045	NH	NH	5,045	5,672	NH	NH	5,672	--	--
Connecticut—Superior	24,157	3,773	NH	27,930	32,979	3,370	NH	36,349	3,095	45
Delaware—TOTAL	7,051	3,807	NH	10,858	14,189	2,014	NH	16,203	579	14
Superior	4,878	3,807	NH	8,685	6,602	2,014	NH	8,616	--	11
Chancery	2,173	NH	NH	2,173	7,587	NH	NH	7,587	--	3
District of Columbia—Superior	189,478 <sup>†</sup>	31,039 <sup>†</sup>	7,410	208,927 <sup>†</sup>	13,149 <sup>†</sup>	6,816 <sup>†</sup>	1,963	21,928 <sup>†</sup>	716	44
Florida—Circuit	227,925	72,443	57,315	357,683	229,856	52,242	20,767	302,865	8,357	272
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,926	88
Hawaii—TOTAL	16,669	2,128	7,749	26,546	19,379	1,803	2,949	24,131	865	22
Circuit	16,434	2,128	7,749	26,311	19,256	1,803	2,949	24,008	--	22
Land	38	NH	NH	38	76	NH	NH	76	--	--
Tax	197	NH	NH	197	47	NH	NH	47	--	--
Idaho—TOTAL	34,499	33,597 <sup>†</sup>	7,374	75,470 <sup>†</sup>	20,670 <sup>†</sup>	6,578 <sup>†</sup>	2,051	29,299 <sup>†</sup>	820	88
District	9,411	3,250	16	12,677	7,535 <sup>†</sup>	823	4	8,362 <sup>†</sup>	--	24
Magistrate	25,088	30,347 <sup>†</sup>	7,358	62,793 <sup>†</sup>	13,135	5,755 <sup>†</sup>	2,047	20,837 <sup>†</sup>	--	64
Illinois—Circuit	502,054	491,022 <sup>†</sup>	30,266	1,123,342 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,145	603
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,311	146
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	84
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	58
Criminal	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	--	4
Iowa—District	117,787 <sup>†</sup>	85,141 <sup>†</sup>	5,535	208,463 <sup>†</sup>	47,083 <sup>†</sup>	18,968 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	66,051 <sup>†</sup>	2,870	119 <sup>o</sup>
Kansas—District	35,175	6,638	NH	41,811	18,448	1,900	NH	20,346	2,267	63
Kentucky—Circuit	49,449	12,608	NH	62,057	84,842 <sup>†</sup>	10,634 <sup>†</sup>	NH	95,476 <sup>†</sup>	3,396	82
Louisiana—District	93,111	204,845	NH	298,056	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	3,791	125
Maine—Superior	4,364	8,990	NH	13,354	8,188 <sup>†</sup>	3,844 <sup>†</sup>	NH	12,032 <sup>†</sup>	1,059	14
Maryland—Circuit	83,670	27,685	24,627	105,882	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,096	85
Massachusetts—Superior	27,559	34,086	NH	61,644	89,990	39,364	NH	129,354	5,828	46
Michigan—TOTAL	123,284	54,897 <sup>†</sup>	NH	178,181 <sup>†</sup>	110,170	19,125 <sup>†</sup>	NH	129,295 <sup>†</sup>	9,157	158
Circuit	122,334	24,349	NH	146,683	109,911	12,031	NH	121,942	--	138
Recorder's	NH	30,548 <sup>†</sup>	NH	30,548 <sup>†</sup>	7,094 <sup>†</sup>	7,094 <sup>†</sup>	NH	7,094 <sup>†</sup>	--	20
Claims	950	NH	NH	950	299	NH	NH	299	--	--
Minnesota—District	20,334	7,453	N/A	27,787 <sup>†</sup>	8,261 <sup>†</sup>	1,763 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	10,024 <sup>†</sup>	3,926	70 <sup>o</sup>
Mississippi—TOTAL	29,645	5,307	N/A	34,952 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,346	65
Circuit	12,153	5,307	NH	17,460	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	30
Chancery	17,492	NH	N/A	17,492 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	--	35
Missouri—Circuit	70,357	16,257	16,372	102,986	63,050	10,268	10,596	83,914	4,763	111
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	748	28
Nebraska—District	4,272	6,936	NH	21,208	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	1,546	45
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	592	25
New Hampshire—Superior	15,791	5,642	NH	21,433	18,441 <sup>†</sup>	4,508 <sup>†</sup>	NH	22,949 <sup>†</sup>	818	12
New Jersey—Superior and County	57,872	27,248	NH	85,120	49,314	27,430	NH	76,744	7,318	201
New Mexico—District	31,786	4,588	4,888	41,262	17,305 <sup>†</sup>	2,096	2,734 <sup>†</sup>	22,135 <sup>†</sup>	1,147	32
New York—Supreme and County	114,731	38,674	NH	153,405	67,170 <sup>o</sup>	N/A	NH	67,170 <sup>o</sup>	18,120	357
North Carolina—Superior	9,222 <sup>b</sup>	52,551	NH	61,773	15,214 <sup>b</sup>	17,281	NH	32,495	5,451	56
North Dakota—District	7,351	1,063	897	9,311	2,952	288	182	3,420	635	19
Ohio—Common Pleas	250,187	31,230	193,503	477,900	166,522 <sup>†</sup>	6,423	19,107	192,052 <sup>†</sup>	10,759	296
Oklahoma—District	132,836	81,352 <sup>†</sup>	6,873	201,061 <sup>†</sup>	134,272	37,677 <sup>†</sup>	3,485	175,434 <sup>†</sup>	2,712	166
Oregon—TOTAL	46,035	14,383	N/A	60,418 <sup>†</sup>	40,655	3,996	N/A	44,651 <sup>†</sup>	2,288	67.5
Circuit	45,890 <sup>b</sup>	14,383	N/A	60,273 <sup>†</sup>	40,472	3,996	N/A	44,468 <sup>†</sup>	--	68.5
Tax	145	NH	NH	145	183	NH	NH	183	--	1
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	138,391 <sup>o</sup>	104,576	38,350	281,317	46,281 <sup>o</sup>	33,382	5,920	85,583	11,827	285
Rhode Island—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	927	15
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,818	25
South Dakota—Circuit	18,116	12,470	3,972 <sup>†</sup>	32,558 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	983	37
Tennessee—TOTAL	80,660	28,396	NH	109,056	54,235	16,014	NH	70,249	4,188	109
Circuit and Criminal	48,119	28,396	NH	76,515	34,450	16,014	NH	50,464	--	78 <sup>o</sup>
Chancery	28,338	NH	NH	28,338	16,682	NH	NH	16,682	--	41 <sup>o</sup>
Law and Equity	4,203	NH	NH	4,203	3,103	NH	NH	3,103	--	5
Texas—District	240,243	80,440	12,361	333,044	270,690	68,982	5,322	344,994	12,237	261
Utah—District	21,343	2,647	NH	23,990	12,503	77	NH	12,580	1,206	21
Vermont—TOTAL	21,871	16,397 <sup>†</sup>	980	39,248 <sup>†</sup>	21,997	4,568 <sup>†</sup>	255	26,818 <sup>†</sup>	471	18
Superior	6,020	45	NH	6,065	6,704	19	NH	6,803	--	7
District	15,851	16,352 <sup>†</sup>	980	33,183 <sup>†</sup>	15,213	4,547 <sup>†</sup>	255	20,015 <sup>†</sup>	--	11
Virginia—Circuit	59,683	41,630	NH	101,313	82,433	11,434	NH	93,867	4,967	103
Washington—Superior	76,829 <sup>o</sup>	14,284	N/A	91,113 <sup>o</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,544	100
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,803	58
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	229,143	57,033 <sup>†</sup>	15,760	301,936 <sup>†</sup>	91,154 <sup>†</sup>	19,138 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	110,292 <sup>†</sup>	4,607	182
Wyoming—District	7,332 <sup>b</sup>	1,357 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	8,689 <sup>o</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	374	13

**Table 24: Analysis of general jurisdiction total caseload, 1975.**  
**With dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
					Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
Alabama—Circuit	56,226	101,646	101,961	55,891 <sup>f</sup>	100.3	55.0	-335	-0.6
Alaska—Superior	4,877 <sup>g</sup>	11,744	8,403	7,853 <sup>g</sup>	71.6	NC	3,076	63.1
Arizona—Superior	60,028 <sup>g</sup>	80,517 <sup>g</sup>	72,658 <sup>g</sup>	67,889 <sup>g</sup>	90.2	84.3	7,861	13.1
Arkansas—TOTAL	53,590 <sup>g</sup>	71,428	55,258 <sup>g</sup>	57,021 <sup>g</sup>	NC	NC	3,431	6.4
Circuit	20,735	32,795	31,310	22,220	95.5	67.8	1,485	7.2
Chancery and Probate	32,855 <sup>g</sup>	38,633	30,948 <sup>g</sup>	34,801 <sup>g</sup>	NC	NC	1,946	5.9
California—Superior	N/A	602,470	497,388	N/A	82.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—TOTAL	78,761	121,168	110,527	89,402	91.2	73.8	10,641	13.5
District	70,299 <sup>d</sup>	118,912	105,461	83,730 <sup>d</sup>	88.7	70.4	13,431	19.1
Water	8,462	2,256	5,046	5,672	223.7	251.4	-2,790	-33.0
Connecticut—Superior	34,162	30,117	27,930	36,349	92.7	120.7	2,187	6.4
Delaware—TOTAL	13,351	13,710	10,858	16,203	79.2	118.2	2,852	21.4
Superior	6,041	11,260	8,685	8,616	77.1	76.5	2,575	42.6
Chancery	7,310	2,450	2,173	7,587	88.7	309.7	277	3.8
District of Columbia—Superior	17,485 <sup>f</sup>	206,927 <sup>f</sup>	213,961 <sup>f</sup>	21,928 <sup>f</sup>	96.7	10.2	4,443	25.4
Florida—Circuit	281,367	399,181	357,683	302,865	89.6	75.9	41,498	15.9
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL	23,949	26,728	26,546	24,131	99.3	90.3	182	0.8
Circuit	23,829	26,490	26,311	24,008	99.3	90.6	179	0.8
Land	65	49	38	76	77.6	155.1	11	16.9
Tax	55	189	197	47	104.2	24.9	-8	-14.5
Idaho—TOTAL	25,406 <sup>f</sup>	79,349 <sup>f</sup>	75,470 <sup>f</sup>	29,299 <sup>f</sup>	95.1	36.9	3,893	15.3
District	8,213 <sup>f</sup>	12,812	12,677	8,362 <sup>f</sup>	98.9	65.3	149	1.8
Magistrate	17,193 <sup>f</sup>	66,537 <sup>f</sup>	62,793 <sup>f</sup>	20,937 <sup>f</sup>	94.4	31.5	3,744	21.8
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	1,181,484 <sup>f</sup>	1,123,342 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District	60,415 <sup>f</sup>	219,795 <sup>f</sup>	208,443 <sup>f</sup>	66,051 <sup>f</sup>	94.8	NC	2,336	8.3
Kansas—District	20,119	42,038	41,811	20,348	99.5	48.4	227	1.1
Kentucky—Circuit	88,453	71,581	82,057	95,718 <sup>g</sup>	86.7	133.7	9,253	10.7
Louisiana—District	N/A	335,158	288,056	N/A	88.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—Superior	11,494	13,892	13,354	12,032 <sup>f</sup>	86.1	85.6	538	4.7
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	112,255	105,892	N/A	84.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—Superior	123,288	87,730	81,644	129,354	91.0	191.0	6,086	4.9
Michigan—TOTAL	116,636 <sup>f</sup>	190,310 <sup>f</sup>	178,181 <sup>f</sup>	129,295 <sup>f</sup>	NC	67.9	13,660	11.8
Circuit	108,84 <sup>f</sup>	159,778	148,683	121,942	91.8	76.3	13,095	12.0
Recorder's	6,557 <sup>f</sup>	29,554 <sup>f</sup>	30,548 <sup>f</sup>	7,094 <sup>f</sup>	NC	24.0	537	8.2
Claims	231	978	950	259	97.1	26.5	28	12.1
Minnesota—District	8,464 <sup>g</sup>	29,333 <sup>g</sup>	27,787 <sup>g</sup>	10,024 <sup>g</sup>	94.7	34.2	1,560	18.4
Mississippi—TOTAL	N/A	60,334 <sup>f</sup>	34,952 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	57.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	22,668	17,460	N/A	77.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	N/A	37,666 <sup>f</sup>	17,492 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit	76,075	110,825	102,986	83,914	92.9	75.7	7,839	10.3
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District	N/A	21,872	21,208	N/A	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Superior	20,808	23,719	21,433	22,949 <sup>f</sup>	90.4	96.8	2,341	11.4
New Jersey—Superior and County	87,133	94,731	85,120	78,744	89.8	81.0	9,611	14.3
New Mexico—District	23,831	40,599	41,262	22,135 <sup>f</sup>	101.6	54.5	-1,696	-7.1
New York—Supreme and County	83,156 <sup>g</sup>	154,763	153,405	67,170 <sup>g</sup>	99.1	NC	4,014	6.4
North Carolina—Superior	29,844	64,424	61,773	32,495	95.9	50.4	2,651	8.9
North Dakota—District	4,370	8,361	9,311	3,420	111.4	40.9	-950	-21.7
Ohio—Common Pleas	199,590 <sup>g</sup>	475,664	477,900	192,052 <sup>g</sup>	100.5	NC	-7,538	-3.8
Oklahoma—District	143,729 <sup>f</sup>	232,880 <sup>f</sup>	201,061 <sup>f</sup>	175,454 <sup>f</sup>	86.3	75.3	31,705	22.1
Oregon—TOTAL	43,786 <sup>f</sup>	72,729	69,418 <sup>f</sup>	44,651 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	865	2.0
Circuit	43,690 <sup>f</sup>	72,497	60,273 <sup>f</sup>	44,468 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	778	1.8
Tax	96	232	145	183	62.5	78.9	87	90.6
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	73,292	293,608	281,317	85,583	95.8	29.1	12,291	16.8
Rhode Island—Superior	N/A	10,207	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	4,210 <sup>g</sup>	32,558 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	69,119 <sup>f</sup>	110,186	109,056	70,249	96.0	63.8	1,130	1.6
Circuit and Criminal	59,282 <sup>f</sup>	76,051	76,515	50,484	101.0	66.4	-454	-0.9
Chancery	15,451 <sup>f</sup>	29,589	28,338	16,682	65.8	56.4	1,231	8.0
Law and Equity	2,740 <sup>f</sup>	4,546	4,203	3,103	92.0	68.0	333	13.2
Texas—District	320,529	357,509	333,044	344,994	93.2	96.5	24,465	7.6
Utah—District	7,896	28,672	23,990	12,580	83.7	43.9	4,682	59.3
Vermont—TOTAL	26,396 <sup>f</sup>	39,670 <sup>f</sup>	39,248 <sup>f</sup>	26,818 <sup>f</sup>	88.9	67.6	422	1.6
Superior	8,549	6,319	6,065	6,803	86.0	107.7	254	3.9
District	19,847 <sup>f</sup>	33,351 <sup>f</sup>	33,183 <sup>f</sup>	20,015 <sup>f</sup>	99.5	60.0	168	0.8
Virginia—Circuit	90,478 <sup>f</sup>	104,582	101,193	93,867	96.8	89.8	3,389	3.7
Washington—Superior	N/A	116,640	91,113 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	111,384 <sup>f</sup>	247,953 <sup>f</sup>	301,936 <sup>f</sup>	110,292 <sup>f</sup>	NC	44.5	-1,092	-1.0
Wyoming—District	N/A	9,616 <sup>f</sup>	8,699 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	90.4	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

<sup>f</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.  
<sup>g</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.  
<sup>h</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.  
<sup>i</sup>Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

**Table 25: Analysis of general jurisdiction total caseload, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population, with dispositions and end pending**  
**as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
						Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
California—Superior	21,185	N/A	602,470	497,388	N/A	82.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York—Supreme and County	18,120	63,156 <sup>f</sup>	154,763	153,405	67,170 <sup>o</sup>	99.1	NC	4,014	6.4
Texas—District	12,237	320,829	357,509	333,044	344,994	93.2	96.5	24,465	7.6
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	11,827	73,292	293,608	281,317	85,583	95.8	29.1	12,291	16.8
Illinois—Circuit	11,145	N/A	1,181,494 <sup>r</sup>	1,123,342 <sup>r</sup>	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas	10,759	199,590 <sup>f</sup>	476,664	477,900	192,052 <sup>f</sup>	100.5	NC	-7,538	-3.8
Michigan—TOTAL	9,157	115,835 <sup>f</sup>	190,310 <sup>f</sup>	178,181 <sup>f</sup>	129,295 <sup>f</sup>	NC	67.9	13,680	11.8
Circuit	-	108,847	159,778	148,683	121,842	NC	91.8	76.3	13,095
Recorder's	-	6,557 <sup>f</sup>	29,554 <sup>f</sup>	30,548 <sup>f</sup>	7,094 <sup>f</sup>	NC	24.0	537	8.2
Claims	-	231	978	950	259	97.1	26.5	28	12.1
Florida—Circuit	8,357	261,367	399,181	357,683	302,865	89.6	75.9	41,498	15.9
New Jersey—Superior and County	7,316	67,133	94,731	85,120	76,744	89.9	81.0	9,611	14.3
Massachusetts—Superior	5,828	123,268	67,730	61,644	129,354	91.0	191.0	6,088	4.9
North Carolina—Superior	5,451	29,844	64,424	61,773	32,495	95.9	50.4	2,651	8.9
Indiana—Superior	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia—Circuit	4,967	90,478 <sup>f</sup>	104,582	101,193	93,867	96.8	89.8	3,389	3.7
Georgia—Superior	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit	4,763	76,075	110,825	102,986	83,914	92.9	75.7	7,839	10.3
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	4,607	111,384 <sup>f</sup>	247,953 <sup>f</sup>	301,936 <sup>f</sup>	110,292 <sup>f</sup>	NC	44.5	-1,092	-1.0
Tennessee—TOTAL	4,188	69,119 <sup>f</sup>	110,186	109,056	70,249	99.0	63.8	1,130	1.6
Circuit	-	50,928 <sup>f</sup>	76,051	76,515	50,464	100.6	66.4	-464	-0.9
Chancery	-	15,451 <sup>f</sup>	29,569	28,338	16,682	95.8	58.4	1,231	8.0
Law and Equity	-	2,740 <sup>f</sup>	4,566	4,203	3,103	92.0	68.0	363	13.2
Maryland—Circuit	4,098	N/A	112,266	105,882	N/A	94.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota—District	3,926	8,464 <sup>f</sup>	29,333 <sup>f</sup>	27,787 <sup>f</sup>	10,024 <sup>f</sup>	94.7	34.2	1,560	18.4
Louisiana—District	3,791	N/A	335,156	298,056	N/A	88.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alabama—Circuit	3,614	56,226	101,646	101,961	55,891 <sup>f</sup>	100.3	55.0	-335	-0.6
Washington—Superior	3,544	N/A	116,640	91,113 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—Circuit	3,396	86,453	71,591	62,057	95,716 <sup>f</sup>	86.7	133.7	9,263	10.7
Connecticut—Superior	3,095	34,162	30,117	27,330	36,349	92.7	120.7	2,187	6.4
Iowa—District	2,870	60,415 <sup>f</sup>	219,795 <sup>f</sup>	208,443 <sup>f</sup>	66,051 <sup>f</sup>	94.8	NC	5,636	9.3
South Carolina—Circuit	2,818	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—District	2,712	143,729 <sup>f</sup>	232,880 <sup>f</sup>	201,061 <sup>f</sup>	175,434 <sup>f</sup>	86.3	75.3	31,705	22.1
Colorado—TOTAL	2,534	78,761	121,168	110,527	89,402	91.2	73.8	11,641	13.5
District	-	70,299 <sup>f</sup>	118,912	105,481	83,730 <sup>f</sup>	88.7	70.4	13,431	19.1
Water	-	8,462	2,256	5,046	5,672	223.7	251.4	-2,790	-33.0
Mississippi—TOTAL	2,346	N/A	60,334 <sup>f</sup>	34,952 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	57.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	-	N/A	22,668	17,460	N/A	77.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	-	N/A	37,666 <sup>f</sup>	17,492 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon—TOTAL	2,288	43,786 <sup>f</sup>	72,729	60,418 <sup>f</sup>	44,651 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	865	2.0
Circuit	-	43,690 <sup>f</sup>	72,437	60,273 <sup>f</sup>	44,468 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	778	1.8
Tax	-	96	232	145	183	62.5	78.9	87	90.6
Kansas—District	2,267	20,119	42,038	41,811	20,346	99.5	48.4	227	1.1
Arizona—Superior	2,224	60,028 <sup>f</sup>	80,517 <sup>f</sup>	72,856 <sup>f</sup>	67,889 <sup>f</sup>	90.2	84.3	7,861	13.1
Arkansas—TOTAL	2,116	53,590 <sup>f</sup>	71,428	62,258 <sup>f</sup>	57,021 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	3,431	6.4
Circuit	-	20,735	32,795	31,310	22,220	95.5	67.8	1,495	7.2
Chancery and Probate	-	32,855 <sup>f</sup>	38,633	30,948 <sup>f</sup>	34,801 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	1,946	5.9
West Virginia—Circuit	1,803	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District	1,546	N/A	21,872	21,208	N/A	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah—District	1,206	7,898	28,672	23,990	12,580	83.7	43.9	4,682	59.3
New Mexico—District	1,147	29,831	40,599	41,262	22,135 <sup>f</sup>	101.6	54.5	-1,696	-7.1
Maine—Superior	1,059	11,494	13,892	13,354	12,032 <sup>f</sup>	96.1	86.6	538	4.7
Rhode Island—Superior	927	N/A	10,207	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL	865	23,949	26,728	26,546	24,131	99.3	90.3	182	0.8
Circuit	-	23,829	26,490	26,311	24,008	99.3	90.6	179	0.8
Land	-	65	49	38	76	77.6	155.1	11	16.9
Tax	-	55	189	197	47	104.2	24.9	-8	-14.5
Idaho—TOTAL	820	25,406 <sup>f</sup>	79,349 <sup>f</sup>	75,470 <sup>f</sup>	29,299 <sup>f</sup>	95.1	36.9	3,893	15.3
District	-	8,213 <sup>f</sup>	12,812	12,677	8,362 <sup>f</sup>	98.9	65.3	149	1.8
Magistrate	-	17,193 <sup>f</sup>	66,537 <sup>f</sup>	62,793 <sup>f</sup>	20,937 <sup>f</sup>	94.4	31.5	3,744	21.8
New Hampshire—Superior	818	20,608	21,719	21,433 <sup>f</sup>	22,949 <sup>f</sup>	90.4	96.8	2,341	11.4
Montana—District	748	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior	716	17,485 <sup>f</sup>	213,961 <sup>f</sup>	206,927 <sup>f</sup>	21,928 <sup>f</sup>	96.7	10.2	4,443	25.4
South Dakota—Circuit	683	N/A	4,210 <sup>f</sup>	32,558 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota—District	635	4,370	8,361	9,311	3,420	111.4	40.9	-950	-21.7
Nevada—District	592	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—TOTAL	579	13,351	13,710	10,858	16,203	79.2	118.2	2,852	21.4
Superior	-	6,041	11,260	8,685	8,616	77.1	78.5	2,575	42.6
Chancery	-	7,310	2,450	2,173	7,587	88.7	369.7	277	3.8
Vermont—TOTAL	471	26,396 <sup>f</sup>	39,670 <sup>f</sup>	39,248 <sup>f</sup>	26,818 <sup>f</sup>	98.9	67.9	422	1.6
Superior	-	6,549	6,319	6,065	6,803	96.0	107.7	254	3.9
District	-	19,847 <sup>f</sup>	33,351 <sup>f</sup>	33,183 <sup>f</sup>	20,015 <sup>f</sup>	99.5	60.0	168	0.8
Wyoming—District	374	N/A	9,616 <sup>f</sup>	8,689 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	90.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior	352	4,877 <sup>f</sup>	11,744	8,403	7,953 <sup>f</sup>	71.6	NC	3,076	63.1

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<sup>r</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>f</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>2</sup>Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

**Civil caseflow (Tables 26-31)**

All tables presented in this section portray civil caseflow during 1975. The first three tables, 26 through 28, show civil caseflow in general jurisdiction courts. The last three tables, 29 through 31, show total reported court caseflow from both general and limited jurisdiction courts for **domestic relations, probate, and mental health cases.**

Several of the same measures used in Tables 24 and 25 are shown in Tables 26 and 27, and 29-31. These measures indicate the ability of a court to cope with its caseload.

The first comparative measure used is the number of cases disposed during the year, listed as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year. The number indicates the ability of the court to dispose of its workload. A low percentage here indicates that a court is falling behind in processing new cases.

The second comparative measure used is the number of pending cases at the end of the year shown as a percentage of the number of filings. If pending cases equal the number of filings (100 percent), then a court has the equivalent of a year's filings on hand at year end. A percentage over 100 would indicate that the court has more than a year's accumulation of filings pending at the end of the year.

The third and fourth measures used in these tables deal with end pending figures. Both the number change and percentage change in pending cases measure the increase or decrease in the number of cases on hand at year end compared with the beginning pendings. Like the two measures previously discussed, these figures indicate the ability of a court to handle its caseload.

The jurisdictions of the courts to be compared should always be checked in the court organization charts located in Part II of this report. Comparisons should not be made between general jurisdiction courts with dissimilar jurisdiction.

In addition, when making any comparison of relative size of caseload among states, it is important to note case count definitions. Comparing states using different units of count may yield misleading results. Footnotes to Tables 26-28 indicate the various units of count used by the states for the reported civil cases. Definitions of the terms used to count cases are contained in the glossary of this report. The most common practice in counting civil cases is to count the case when a petition or complaint is filed with the clerk of court. Other methods are to count cases when they are placed on

the calendar, to count cases with the filing of the note of issue, or to count cases when the first answer is filed. These latter three methods of counting cases will result in a smaller caseload than when all petitions or complaints are counted. Some states report that they have not established a uniform definition for counting cases, while other states indicate that their definition is not always used by their courts.

**General Jurisdiction Civil Caseflow (Tables 26-28)**

*Table 26.* The total civil caseflow for general jurisdiction courts is shown on Table 26. In addition to caseflow figures, dispositions and pending cases in each court are shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year. The number change and percentage change in cases pending at year end compared to the beginning pendings are also shown. The unit used to count cases in each state is indicated in the footnotes.

The caseflow data in this table are arranged to allow analysis of caseflow within a state. The four measures computed are intended to aid in this intrastate analysis. Direct interstate comparisons should not be made without careful comparison of the subject matter jurisdiction and unit of count.

The analytical measures used on this chart and others reveal that the problems in maintaining currency of caseload are greater for civil than for either criminal or juvenile cases. Of the 41 states for which the number of dispositions could be computed as a percent of the number of filings, 27 states disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of cases filed. In five states, the total number of cases disposed was greater than the number of cases filed, so that the number of pending cases was reduced. On the other hand, in five states total dispositions were less than 80 percent of the number of filings.

If Table 26 is compared with Tables 32 and 39, it becomes apparent that the size of the pending caseload relative to the number of filings is much higher for civil than for either criminal or juvenile caseflow. Of the 33 states in which pending caseload can be compared to filings, 11 had more civil cases pending at the end of the year than were filed. Only 1 out of 34 states reported more criminal cases pending than were filed. No states reported more juvenile cases pending than were filed.

Seven states had less than 50 percent of the number of civil cases filed still pending at the end of the year. Twenty of 34 states reported less than 50 percent of the number of criminal cases filed still pending at the end of the year. Twelve of 14 states

reported less than 50 percent of the number of juvenile cases filed still pending at the end of the year.

Of the 35 states for which the percent change in pending civil cases could be calculated, 5 states exhibited a decrease in the number of cases pending. Over two-thirds, or 26 states, had a percent increase in pending between 0 percent and 20 percent.

*Table 27.* The same civil caseload contained in Table 26 is shown on Table 27, but the states are ranked by estimated 1975 state population. Ranking states by population allows comparison of states with similar populations, once the similarity of jurisdiction has been established. All the caveats noted for Table 26 apply to this table. Ranking states by population does not reveal a relationship between population and the ability of a court to cope with its caseload.

*Table 28.* A detailed breakdown by category of the total civil caseload presented in Tables 23, 26, and 27 is provided in Table 28.

In the headings of this table, tort cases have been reported as **auto-tort**, **non-auto tort** (torts not involving autos), or **unclassified tort** (reported tort cases which could not be classified as either auto or non-auto tort cases). The **law** and **equity** categories contain only those cases that did not clearly belong in any other category on this table.

If case definitions were comparable from state to state, then certain civil case categories could be compared among states for those states where exclusive jurisdiction for these cases rests in the general jurisdiction courts. Cases classified as **mental health** in one state, however, might be classified as **other civil** in another state. Likewise, variations in jurisdiction might exist because certain cases—**domestic relations**, for example—which are handled in the general jurisdiction courts in one state may also be processed in a limited or special jurisdiction court in another state. In addition, variations in case-counting definitions as footnoted on the tables must be considered before interstate comparisons are attempted.

**Table 26: Analysis of general jurisdiction civil caseload, 1975.**  
**With dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
					Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	45,686	75,869 <sup>c</sup>	75,981	45,554 <sup>f</sup>	100.1	60.0	-132	-0.3
Alaska—Superior <sup>1</sup>	4,426	9,283	6,327	7,382	68.2	79.5	2,956	66.8
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	54,344 <sup>c</sup>	63,599 <sup>c</sup>	56,389 <sup>c</sup>	61,554 <sup>c</sup>	86.7	96.8	7,210	13.3
Arkansas—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	46,709 <sup>f</sup>	58,441	50,025 <sup>f</sup>	49,386 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	2,677	5.7
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	13,854	19,808	19,077	14,585	95.3	73.6	731	5.3
Chancery and Probate <sup>1</sup>	32,855 <sup>f</sup>	38,633	30,948 <sup>f</sup>	34,801 <sup>f</sup>	NC	NC	1,946	5.9
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	467,092	370,551	N/A	79.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	64,166	84,801	78,391	70,576	92.4	83.2	6,410	10.0
District <sup>1</sup>	55,704 <sup>d</sup>	82,545 <sup>d</sup>	73,345	64,904 <sup>d</sup>	88.9	78.6	9,200	16.5
Water	8,462	2,256	5,046	5,672	223.7	251.4	-2,790	-33.0
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	31,960	25,176	24,157	32,979	96.0	131.0	1,019	3.2
Delaware—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	11,617	9,623	7,051	14,189	73.3	147.4	2,572	22.1
Superior <sup>1</sup>	4,307	7,173	4,878	6,602	68.0	92.0	2,295	53.3
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	7,310	2,450	2,173	7,587	88.7	309.7	277	3.8
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>2</sup>	12,259 <sup>f</sup>	171,959	168,478 <sup>f</sup>	13,149 <sup>g</sup>	98.0	7.6	890	7.3
Florida—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	203,633	254,148	227,925	229,856	89.7	90.4	26,223	12.9
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	19,145	16,903	16,669	19,379	98.6	114.6	234	1.2
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	19,025	16,665	16,434	19,256	98.6	115.5	231	1.2
Land	65	49	38	76	77.6	155.1	11	16.9
Tax	55	189	197	47	104.2	24.9	-8	-14.5
Idaho—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	17,931 <sup>f</sup>	37,224	34,499	20,670 <sup>f</sup>	92.7	55.5	2,739	15.3
District <sup>1</sup>	7,231 <sup>f</sup>	9,701	9,411	7,535 <sup>f</sup>	97.0	77.7	304	4.2
Magistrate <sup>1</sup>	10,700 <sup>f</sup>	27,523	25,088	13,135	91.2	47.7	2,435	22.8
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	632,664	602,054	N/A	95.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District <sup>1</sup>	46,231 <sup>f</sup>	124,185	117,767 <sup>f</sup>	47,083 <sup>f</sup>	94.8	37.9	852	1.8
Kansas—District <sup>1</sup>	18,309	35,312 <sup>a</sup>	35,175	18,446	99.6	52.2	137	0.7
Kentucky—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	75,628	50,859	49,449	84,882 <sup>f</sup>	84.0	144.2	9,254	12.2
Louisiana—District <sup>1</sup>	N/A	122,633	93,111	N/A	76.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—Superior <sup>1</sup>	7,394	5,158	4,364	8,185 <sup>f</sup>	84.6	158.7	794	10.7
Maryland—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	57,330	53,570	N/A	93.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>1</sup>	85,301	32,247	27,558	89,990	85.5	279.1	4,689	5.5
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	100,274	133,180	123,284	110,170	92.6	82.7	9,896	9.9
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	100,043	132,202	122,334	109,911	92.5	83.1	9,868	9.9
Recorder's	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Claims <sup>1</sup>	231	978	950	259	97.1	26.5	28	12.1
Minnesota—District <sup>1</sup>	7,237	21,342	20,334	8,261 <sup>f</sup>	95.3	38.7	1,024	14.1
Mississippi—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	N/A	52,889	29,645	N/A	56.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	15,223	12,153	N/A	79.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	N/A	37,666	17,492	N/A	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	59,093	74,314	70,357	63,050	94.7	84.8	3,957	6.7
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	N/A	15,229	14,272	N/A	93.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>2</sup>	16,835	17,398	15,791	18,441 <sup>f</sup>	90.3	106.0	1,606	9.5
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>4</sup>	43,955	63,231	57,872	49,314	91.5	78.0	5,359	12.2
New Mexico—District <sup>1</sup>	19,798	30,374	31,786	17,305 <sup>f</sup>	104.6	57.0	-2,493	-12.6
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	63,156	119,009	114,731	67,170 <sup>f</sup>	96.4	56.4	4,014	6.4
North Carolina—Superior <sup>1</sup>	13,517 <sup>b</sup>	10,913 <sup>b</sup>	9,222 <sup>b</sup>	15,214 <sup>b</sup>	84.5	139.3	1,697	12.6
North Dakota—District <sup>1</sup>	3,873	6,430	7,351	2,952	114.3	45.9	-921	-23.8
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	172,169 <sup>f</sup>	249,822	250,167	166,522 <sup>f</sup>	100.1	NC	-5,647	-3.3
Oklahoma—District <sup>1</sup>	109,255	157,853	132,838	134,272	84.2	85.1	25,017	22.9
Oregon—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	39,767 <sup>b</sup>	47,064	46,035	40,655	97.8	86.4	858	2.2
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	39,671 <sup>b</sup>	46,832	45,890 <sup>b</sup>	40,472	98.0	86.4	801	2.0
Tax	96	232	145	183	62.5	78.9	87	90.6
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	40,840 <sup>c</sup>	143,832 <sup>c</sup>	138,391 <sup>c</sup>	46,281 <sup>c</sup>	96.2	32.2	5,441	13.3
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	6,542	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	16,116	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	54,171 <sup>f</sup>	80,724	80,660	54,235	99.9	67.2	64	0.1
Circuit and Criminal <sup>1</sup>	35,980 <sup>f</sup>	46,589	48,119	34,450	103.3	73.9	-1,530	-4.3
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	18,451 <sup>f</sup>	29,569	28,338	16,682	95.8	56.4	1,231	8.0
Law and Equity	2,740 <sup>f</sup>	4,566	4,203	3,103	92.0	68.0	363	13.2
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	246,045	264,888	240,243	270,690	90.7	102.2	24,645	10.0
Utah—District <sup>1</sup>	7,817	26,029	21,343	12,503	82.0	48.0	4,686	58.9
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	22,120	21,748	21,871	21,997	100.6	101.1	-123	-0.6
Superior <sup>1</sup>	6,529	6,275	6,020	6,784	95.9	108.1	255	3.9
District <sup>1</sup>	15,591	15,473	15,851	15,213	102.4	98.3	-378	-2.4
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	79,058 <sup>f</sup>	62,938	59,563	82,433	94.6	131.0	3,775	4.3
Washington—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	90,663	76,829 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	84.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>1</sup>	90,923 <sup>f</sup>	192,243 <sup>f</sup>	229,143	91,154 <sup>f</sup>	NC	47.4	231	0.3
Wyoming—District <sup>1</sup>	N/A	7,987 <sup>a</sup>	7,332 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	91.8	N/A	N/A	N/A

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.  
 NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>1</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>2</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>3</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>4</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>5</sup>Civil cases are counted when they are placed on the jury or non-jury calendar.

<sup>6</sup>Civil cases are counted at the note of issue.

<sup>7</sup>Civil cases are counted when the first answer is filed.

<sup>8</sup>There was no consistent definition used for the civil case.



**Table 27: Analysis of general jurisdiction civil caseflow, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
						Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	21,185	N/A	467,092	370,551	N/A	79.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	18,120	63,155	119,009	114,731	67,170 <sup>2</sup>	96.4	56.4	4,014	6.4
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	12,237	246,045	264,888	240,243	270,690	90.7	102.2	24,645	10.0
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	11,827	40,940 <sup>3</sup>	143,832 <sup>4</sup>	138,391 <sup>5</sup>	46,281 <sup>6</sup>	96.2	32.2	5,441	13.3
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	11,145	N/A	632,664	602,054	N/A	95.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	10,759	172,169 <sup>7</sup>	249,822	250,167	166,522 <sup>8</sup>	100.1	NC	-5,647	-3.3
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	9,157	100,274	133,180	123,284	110,170	92.6	82.7	9,396	9.9
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	100,043	132,202	122,334	109,911	92.5	83.1	9,868	9.9
Recorder's Claims <sup>1</sup>	-	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	231	978	950	259	97.1	26.5	28	12.1
Florida—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	8,357	203,833	254,148	227,925	229,856	89.7	90.4	26,223	12.9
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>4</sup>	7,316	43,955	63,231	57,872	49,314	91.5	78.0	5,359	12.2
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>1</sup>	5,828	85,301	32,247	27,558	89,990	85.5	279.1	4,689	5.5
North Carolina—Superior <sup>1</sup>	5,451	13,517 <sup>9</sup>	10,919 <sup>9</sup>	9,222 <sup>9</sup>	15,214 <sup>9</sup>	84.5	139.3	1,697	12.6
Indiana—TOTAL	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	-	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,967	79,058 <sup>7</sup>	62,938	59,563	82,433	94.6	131.0	3,375	4.3
Georgia—Superior	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,783	59,093	74,314	70,357	63,050	94.7	84.8	3,957	6.7
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>1</sup>	4,607	90,923 <sup>7</sup>	192,243 <sup>7</sup>	229,143	91,154 <sup>7</sup>	NC	47.4	231	0.3
Tennessee—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	4,188	54,171 <sup>7</sup>	80,724	80,660	54,235	99.9	67.2	64	0.1
Circuit and Criminal <sup>1</sup>	-	35,980 <sup>7</sup>	46,589	48,119	34,450	103.3	73.9	-1,530	-4.3
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	-	15,451 <sup>7</sup>	29,669	28,338	16,682	95.8	66.4	1,231	8.0
Law and Equity	-	2,740 <sup>7</sup>	4,566	4,203	3,103	92.0	68.0	383	13.2
Maryland—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,098	N/A	57,330	53,570	N/A	93.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota—District <sup>1</sup>	3,926	7,237	21,342	20,334	8,261 <sup>7</sup>	95.3	38.7	1,024	14.1
Louisiana—District <sup>1</sup>	3,791	N/A	122,633	93,111	N/A	76.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	3,614	45,686	75,869 <sup>7</sup>	75,981	45,554 <sup>7</sup>	100.1	60.0	-132	-0.3
Washington—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,544	N/A	90,663	76,829 <sup>7</sup>	N/A	84.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	3,396	75,828	58,859	49,449	84,882 <sup>7</sup>	84.0	144.2	9,254	12.2
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,095	31,960	25,176	24,157	32,979	96.0	131.0	1,019	3.2
Iowa—District <sup>1</sup>	2,870	46,231 <sup>7</sup>	124,185	117,767 <sup>7</sup>	47,083 <sup>7</sup>	94.8	37.9	852	1.8
South Carolina—Circuit	2,818	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—District <sup>1</sup>	2,712	109,255	157,853	132,836	134,272	84.2	85.1	25,017	22.9
Colorado—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	2,534	64,166	84,801	78,391	70,576	92.4	83.2	6,410	10.0
District <sup>1</sup>	-	55,704 <sup>7</sup>	82,545 <sup>7</sup>	73,345	64,904 <sup>7</sup>	88.9	78.6	9,200	16.5
Water	-	8,462	2,256	5,046	5,672	223.7	251.4	-2,790	-33.0
Mississippi—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	2,346	N/A	52,889	29,645	N/A	56.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	N/A	15,223	12,153	N/A	79.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	-	N/A	37,666	17,492	N/A	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon—TOTAL	2,288	39,767	47,064	46,035	40,655	97.8	86.4	888	2.2
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	39,671 <sup>7</sup>	46,832	45,890 <sup>7</sup>	40,472	98.0	86.4	801	2.0
Tax	-	96	232	145	183	62.5	78.9	87	90.6
Kansas—District <sup>1</sup>	2,267	18,309	35,312 <sup>7</sup>	35,175	18,446	99.8	52.2	137	0.7
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	2,224	54,344 <sup>7</sup>	63,599 <sup>7</sup>	56,389 <sup>7</sup>	61,554 <sup>7</sup>	88.7	96.8	7,210	13.3
Arkansas—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	2,116	46,709 <sup>7</sup>	58,441	50,025 <sup>7</sup>	49,386 <sup>7</sup>	NC	NC	2,677	5.7
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	13,854	19,808	19,077	14,585	96.3	73.6	731	5.3
Chancery and Probate <sup>1</sup>	-	32,855 <sup>7</sup>	38,633	30,948 <sup>7</sup>	34,801 <sup>7</sup>	NC	NC	1,946	5.9
West Virginia—Circuit	1,803	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	1,546	N/A	15,229	14,272	N/A	93.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah—District <sup>1</sup>	1,206	7,817	26,029	21,343	12,503	82.0	48.0	4,686	59.9
New Mexico—District <sup>1</sup>	1,147	19,798	30,374	31,786	17,305 <sup>7</sup>	104.6	57.0	-2,493	-12.6
Maine—Superior <sup>1</sup>	1,059	7,394	5,158	4,364	8,188 <sup>7</sup>	84.6	158.7	794	10.7
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>1</sup>	927	N/A	6,542	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	865	19,145	16,903	16,669	19,379	98.6	114.6	234	1.2
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	-	19,025	16,665	16,434	19,256	98.6	115.5	231	1.2
Land	-	65	49	38	76	77.6	155.1	11	16.9
Tax	-	55	189	197	47	104.2	24.9	-8	-14.5
Idaho—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	820	17,931 <sup>7</sup>	37,224	34,499	20,670 <sup>7</sup>	92.7	55.5	2,739	15.3
District <sup>1</sup>	-	7,231 <sup>7</sup>	9,701	9,411	7,535 <sup>7</sup>	97.0	77.7	304	4.2
Magistrate <sup>1</sup>	-	10,700 <sup>7</sup>	27,523	25,088	13,135	91.2	47.7	2,435	22.8
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>8</sup>	818	16,835	17,398	15,791	18,441 <sup>7</sup>	90.8	106.0	1,606	9.5
Montana—District	748	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>2</sup>	716	12,259 <sup>7</sup>	171,959	168,478 <sup>7</sup>	13,149 <sup>7</sup>	98.0	7.6	890	7.3
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	683	N/A	N/A	16,116	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota—District <sup>1</sup>	635	3,873	6,430	7,351	2,952	114.3	45.9	-921	-23.8
Nevada—District	592	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	579	11,617	9,623	7,051	14,189	73.3	147.4	2,572	22.1
Superior <sup>1</sup>	-	4,307	7,173	4,878	6,602	68.0	92.0	2,295	53.3
Chancery <sup>1</sup>	-	7,310	2,450	2,173	7,587	88.7	309.7	277	3.8
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	471	22,120	21,748	21,871	21,997	100.6	101.1	-123	-0.6
Superior <sup>1</sup>	-	6,529	6,276	6,020	6,784	95.9	108.1	255	3.9
District <sup>1</sup>	-	15,591	15,473	15,851	15,213	102.4	98.3	-378	-2.4
Wyoming—District <sup>1</sup>	374	N/A	7,987 <sup>7</sup>	7,332 <sup>7</sup>	N/A	91.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior <sup>1</sup>	352	4,426	9,283	6,327	7,382	68.2	79.5	2,956	66.8

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<sup>8</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

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



Beginning pending		Filed															Total civil
Extraordinary writs	Total civil	Law	Auto tort	Non-auto tort	Unclassified tort	Contract	Small claims	Property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Probate	Mental health	Administrative	Other civil	Appeals	Extraordinary write	
45,686	23,582	7,278							4,714	37,919					2,289		75,869 <sup>o</sup>
4,426										(d)	1,505 <sup>o</sup>	(c)		7,778 <sup>d</sup>			9,283
54,344 <sup>f</sup>	682	4,290	2,583			15,360		230		25,030 <sup>f</sup>	7,231	460 <sup>f</sup>		7,337	396		93,599 <sup>f</sup>
46,709 <sup>f</sup>	19,808								5,663	24,627	6,957	1,388				X	98,441
13,854	19,808 <sup>b</sup>															(b)	19,808
32,855 <sup>f</sup>									5,663	24,627	6,957	1,388					32,833
N/A	N/A	49,266	25,973					5,299		162,938	61,975	6,039		137,905	8,870	8,827	467,092
X	64,166 <sup>f</sup>	19,884	1,581	961	1,331			6,329		32,204	6,368	2,510	2,625		63	3,555	81,801
X	55,704 <sup>f</sup>	19,884	1,581	961	1,331			6,329		32,204	6,368	2,510	369		63	3,555	81,545 <sup>o</sup>
8,462													2,256				2,256 <sup>o</sup>
31,960										15,374				9,629	173 <sup>o</sup>		25,176
11,617						X		X	X	358	2,057	7	X	7,201	X		9,623
4,307								(b)		358 <sup>b</sup>				6,815 <sup>o</sup>	(b)		7,173
7,310						(d)		(d)	(d)		2,057	7	(d)	386			2,150
10	12,259 <sup>f</sup>	5,101					34,430	120,608		6,937	2,607	593	147	1,512		24	171,959
X	303,633	17,794	7,085			34,303	24,284		105,929	38,450	11,299	370	12,830	933	871		254,148
N/A																	N/A
19,145		879	441		1,408		444		9,105	2,037			189	2,400			16,903
19,025		879	441		1,408		395		9,105	2,037 <sup>o</sup>	(c)			2,400			16,665
65								49									49
55													189				189
36 <sup>f</sup>	17,931 <sup>f</sup>				1,125		9,061		11,841	3,772	165		11,515	137	108		37,224
30 <sup>f</sup>	7,231 <sup>f</sup>				819		16		5,292	17	2		3,324	137	94		9,701
6 <sup>f</sup>	10,700 <sup>f</sup>				306		9,045		6,049	3,755	163		8,191		14		27,523
N/A	159,973					184,425	687	21,224	85,030	32,674	8,691	134,546	5,414				632,664
N/A																	N/A
N/A																	N/A
N/A																	N/A
46,231 <sup>f</sup>						63,582				22,640				37,963			124,185
288	18,309	1,289	1,304		6,061		2,453		21,031					2,755	(a)	419	35,312 <sup>o</sup>
75,628									24,672					34,187			68,859
N/A									X	X	X			X			122,693
7,394																	5,158
N/A	N/A	3,064	6,012	2,399	4,341		2,184	7,826	28,903				1,238		787	576	57,330
85,301														32,247			32,247
100,274		12,831							61,132				978	57,731	508		133,180
100,043		12,831							61,132					57,731	508		132,202
231														978			978
7,237														21,342			21,342
N/A	N/A	13,938					160	2,048	21,693	6,414	3,776	254	4,102	191	313		62,889
N/A	N/A	13,938					160						528	160	183		15,223
N/A	N/A							2,048	21,693	6,414	3,776		3,574	31	130		37,666
X	59,093 <sup>o</sup>				X				X				X	(b)	X		74,314 <sup>o</sup>
N/A																	N/A
N/A									8,436				6,793	(b)			15,229 <sup>o</sup>
N/A																	N/A
16,835	6,188							2,252	8,939						19		17,398
49,955	20,245	15,956						3,844	22,782	404							83,231
19,798																	30,374
63,156	25,828	14,366			10,527		297		59,306			3,955	4,930				119,009
13,517 <sup>b</sup>											(b)						10,919 <sup>o</sup>
3,873													6,387	43			6,430
172,169 <sup>f</sup>				19,777					97,119	81,771	6,696	1,928	42,631				249,822
898	109,255	4,329	2,922		18,683	63,204	8,127		36,705	13,613	2,897	552	5,562		1,259		157,853
39,767	15,102							5,437	20,153	6,140			232				47,064
39,671 <sup>b</sup>	15,102							5,437	20,153	6,140							46,832
96													232				232
40,840 <sup>o</sup>							(b)	(b)	96,166	22,010	5,697		19,959 <sup>b</sup>				143,832 <sup>o</sup>
N/A													6,455	87			6,542
N/A																	N/A
N/A						N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A			N/A
54,171 <sup>f</sup>	6,720	5,080		3,656	2,799				45,953	1,495			4,759	10,262			80,724
35,980 <sup>f</sup>	6,398	4,849			792				26,532				2,617	5,401			46,589
15,451 <sup>f</sup>					3,491	1,883			16,494	1,344			1,924	4,433			29,569
2,740 <sup>f</sup>	322	231		165	124				2,927	151			218	428			4,566
789	246,045	17,302							136,028			26,958	80,278		4,322		264,888
X	7,817				797				8,370	3,145	576		12,512	125	393		26,029
4	22,120					11,276			3,384		297		6,432	341	18		21,774
4	6,529								2,741				3,175	341 <sup>b</sup>	18		6,275
15,591						11,276			643		297		3,257				15,473
79,058 <sup>f</sup>	26,170								36,768						(c)		62,938
N/A	N/A	3,465	3,281		17,799		3,574		37,643	15,671	2,472		5,337	502	919		90,683
N/A																	N/A
90,923 <sup>f</sup>	26,636			6,981	100,787				28,580 <sup>f</sup>	13,548 <sup>f</sup>	N/A		14,864	847			192,243 <sup>f</sup>
N/A																	7,987 <sup>a</sup>



Extraordinary writs	Disposed		End pending													Total civil	
	Total civil	Law	Auto tort	Non-auto tort	Unclassified tort	Contract	Small claims	Property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Probate	Mental health	Administrative	Other civil	Appeals		Extraordinary writs
	75,981		X	X					X	X					X		45,554 <sup>f</sup>
	6,327								(d)	1,738 <sup>c</sup>	(c)		5,646 <sup>d</sup>				7,392
	56,389 <sup>f</sup>	486	5,517	3,644		13,544		356		15,994 <sup>f</sup>	14,623	1,344 <sup>f</sup>	6,553	493			61,554 <sup>f</sup>
	50,025 <sup>f</sup>	14,585							7,372	14,543 <sup>f</sup>	12,888 <sup>f</sup>	N/A			X		49,386 <sup>f</sup>
	19,077	14,585 <sup>b</sup>													(b)		14,585
	30,948 <sup>f</sup>								7,372	14,543 <sup>f</sup>	12,888 <sup>f</sup>	N/A					34,801 <sup>f</sup>
8,082	370,551		N/A	N/A				N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
X	78,391	X	X	X	X			X		24,588	10,358 <sup>f</sup>	675 <sup>f</sup>	5,672		X	X	70,676 <sup>f</sup>
X	73,345	X	X	X	X			X		24,588	10,358 <sup>f</sup>	675 <sup>f</sup>	X		X	X	64,904 <sup>f</sup>
	5,046												5,672				5,672
	24,157								13,464				19,983	132 <sup>c</sup>			32,979
	7,051					X		X	X	169	6,806	151	X	7,063	X		14,189
	4,878							(b)		169 <sup>b</sup>				6,433 <sup>b</sup>	(b)		6,602
	2,173					(d)		(d)	(d)	6,806	151	(d)	630				7,587
25	168,478 <sup>f</sup>	3,687					1,955	444		6,541	N/A	70	131	296		25 <sup>d</sup>	13,149 <sup>f</sup>
788	227,925		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	229,856
	N/A																N/A
	16,669		1,404	813		1,494		307		5,694	6,867	X	47	2,753			19,379
	16,434		1,404	813		1,494		231		5,694	6,867 <sup>c</sup>	(c)		2,753			19,258
	38							79									75
	197												47				47
104	34,499				1,372		2,122			5,201	2,340	157		8,828	110	40	20,670
92	9,411				1,062		13			2,783 <sup>f</sup>	20	1		3,534	110	32	7,535 <sup>f</sup>
12	25,088				310		2,109			2,438	2,820	156		5,294		8	13,135
	602,054	N/A					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
	N/A																N/A
	N/A																N/A
	N/A																N/A
	117,767 <sup>f</sup>						12,987				N/A		34,096				47,083 <sup>f</sup>
418	35,175		1,500	1,458		3,710		1,153		8,369			1,967	(a)	280		18,446
	49,449									X			X				84,882 <sup>f</sup>
	93,111									N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A
	4,364																8,188 <sup>f</sup>
538	53,570	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	27,558												89,990				89,990
	123,284		21,351							47,575			259	40,558	427		110,170
	122,334		21,351							47,575			259	40,558	427		109,911
	950												259				259
	20,334												8,261 <sup>f</sup>				8,261 <sup>f</sup>
X	29,645	N/A						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
X	12,153	N/A						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
X	17,492								N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
291	70,357 <sup>b</sup>				X					X			X	(b)	X		63,050 <sup>b</sup>
	N/A																N/A
	14,272 <sup>b</sup>								N/A				N/A	N/A			N/A
	N/A																N/A
	15,791 <sup>b</sup>	9,702								2,875	6,024				40		18,441 <sup>f</sup>
	57,872	22,271	18,406							2,647	5,816	172					49,314
	31,786																17,305 <sup>f</sup>
	114,731		X	X		X		X		7,619 <sup>c</sup>			X	X			67,170 <sup>f</sup>
	9,222 <sup>b</sup>										(b)						15,214 <sup>b</sup>
	7,351												X	X			2,952
	250,167				22,816 <sup>f</sup>					29,182 <sup>f</sup>	80,857 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	1,849	31,818			166,522 <sup>f</sup>
985	132,836		4,456	2,560		19,646	56,928	5,499		20,325	15,606	796	477	6,807	1,172		134,272
	46,035	X								X	X	14,526		183			40,655
	45,890 <sup>b</sup>	X								X	X	14,526					40,472
	145												183				183
	138,391 <sup>c</sup>							(b)	(b)	23,977	1,719	306		20,279 <sup>b</sup>			46,281 <sup>c</sup>
	N/A												N/A	N/A			N/A
	N/A																N/A
	16,116						N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			N/A
	80,660		X	X		X		X		X	X		X	X			54,235
	48,119		X	X		X		X		X	X		X	X			34,450
	28,338							X		X	X		X	X			16,682
	4,203		X	X		X		X		X	X		X	X			3,103
4,291	240,243		28,192							82,405			61,602	99,671		820	270,690
X	21,343				X			X		X	1,528		X	X	X	X	12,503
17	21,871						9,256			3,883		19		8,258	496	5	21,997
17	6,020									2,402				3,881	496 <sup>b</sup>	5	6,784
	15,851						9,256			1,561		19		4,377			15,213
	59,563	30,336							52,097						(c)		82,433
X	76,829 <sup>f</sup>		N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	N/A																N/A
	229,143	16,433			9,763		11,591			26,326 <sup>f</sup>	17,144 <sup>f</sup>	N/A		9,217	680		91,154 <sup>f</sup>
	7,332 <sup>b</sup>																N/A

## 54 State Court Caseload Summary Statistics

### Footnotes to Table 28:

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The number of pending cases was computed by NCSF staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>1</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>2</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>3</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>4</sup>Civil cases are counted when they are placed on the jury or non-jury calendar.

<sup>5</sup>Civil cases are counted at the note of issue.

<sup>6</sup>Civil cases are counted when the first answer is filed.

<sup>7</sup>There was no consistent definition used for the civil cases.

<sup>8</sup>Indiana Criminal Court and Michigan Recorder's Court, which do not handle civil cases, have been deleted from this table because of space limitations.

### Caseflow in selected civil case categories (Tables 29-31)

*Table 29.* The total reported caseflow by state for domestic relations cases in all lower courts in each state—general, limited, and special jurisdiction—where domestic relations could be identified as a separate case category and data were reported is found in Table 29. Caution must be exercised in using this table because variations in reporting procedures and category classifications may have resulted in presentation of data that does not include all domestic relations cases processed in each state. Domestic relations cases may not be reported as such by one or more courts in certain states. In addition, some states may record only divorce or adoption, while others report all types of domestic relations cases.

Table 29 allows a more meaningful interstate comparison of the domestic relations case category than Table 28, because it includes all reported domestic relations cases processed in each state, regardless of the level of court (excluding appellate courts). Therefore, the total caseflow figures presented on this table will sometimes be larger than the domestic relations caseload recorded in Table 28. Direct interstate comparisons should be made only for those states where all domestic relations are reported as such.

Dispositions and end pending are listed as a percentage of the number of filings, and the number change and percentage change in end pending are shown in order to measure the ability of a state to handle its domestic relations caseflow. These measures are explained in the discussion of Tables 24 and 26.

The analytical measures used in this table and on Table 26 show that the caseload of domestic relations cases in the courts is more current than that of other civil case types. In the 21 states for which information was available, only 1 court disposed of less than 80 percent of the number of filings. Almost a third of

the states (6) disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing their pending caseload.

There were 14 states for which the total number of end pending cases could be computed as a percent of the number of cases filed. Approximately half, or 6 states, had fewer than 60 percent of the number of filings still pending at the end of the year. In the remaining states, only one court had more cases pending than were filed.

Of the 16 states reporting pending cases, 4 states showed a reduction in pending caseload. In 10 states the percentage increase in pending ranged from 0 percent to 20 percent.

*Table 30.* The structure of Table 30 is identical to that of Table 29. Table 30 shows the total caseflow for probate cases in lower courts in each court where probate could be identified as a separate category. Available reported data from general, limited, and special jurisdiction courts are presented. (However, data were not available for probate cases from all courts.)

The four measures computed are intended to aid in intrastate analysis. Direct interstate comparisons should, however, be made only after variations in classification of the probate category have been checked on the state court organization charts and state profile charts in Part II.

The distribution of the number of dispositions as a percent of the number of filings for probate cases is similar to that of other civil case types. Of the 23 states for which the measure was computed, all but 3 states disposed of at least 80 percent of the number of filings. In addition, over half of the states (14) disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of filings. Of these 14 states, 4 disposed of more cases than were filed that year.

The calculation of the number of pending cases as a percent of the number of filings provides certain information about the nature of probate cases. These cases generally remain open for long periods of time

and therefore a large number of cases are pending. Of the 17 states for which the measure could be computed, over two-thirds had more cases pending than were filed that year. In fact, in most of these states, the number of pending cases is over twice the size of the number of filings.

The distribution of the change in pending for probate cases is similar to that of other civil case types. Of the 19 states for which pending data were available, 5 states reduced the number of cases pending. Most of the states (11) had a percent increase in pending between 0 percent and 20 percent.

**Table 29: Analysis of domestic relations caseload, 1975.**  
**General and limited jurisdiction courts, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in pending	Percent change in pending
					Dispositions	End pending		
Alabama—Circuit	N/A	37,919	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona—Superior	14,397 <sup>†</sup>	25,030 <sup>†</sup>	23,433 <sup>†</sup>	15,994 <sup>†</sup>	93.5	63.9	1,697	11.1
Arkansas—Chancery and Probate	13,399 <sup>†</sup>	24,627	21,984 <sup>†</sup>	14,543 <sup>†</sup>	NC	NC	1,144	8.5
California—Superior	N/A	162,838	141,025	N/A	86.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—District	22,823	32,204	30,439	24,588	94.5	76.4	1,766	7.7
Connecticut—TOTAL	N/A	19,675	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	13,551	15,374	15,461	13,464	100.6	87.6	-37	-0.6
Common Pleas	18	9	5	22	NC	NC	4	22.2
Probate	N/A	4,292	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—Superior	176 <sup>b</sup>	358 <sup>b</sup>	385 <sup>b</sup>	169 <sup>b</sup>	102.0	47.2	-7	-4.0
District of Columbia—Superior	5,973	8,937	6,369	6,541	91.8	94.3	568	9.5
Florida—Circuit	N/A	105,929	97,812	N/A	92.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—Circuit	5,824	9,105	9,235	5,694	101.4	82.5	-130	-2.2
Idaho—TOTAL	4,539	11,341	10,693	5,201	94.3	45.9	662	14.6
District	2,715 <sup>††</sup>	5,292	5,258	2,763 <sup>††</sup>	99.4	52.2	48	1.8
Magistrates	1,824 <sup>††</sup>	6,049	5,435	2,438	89.8	40.3	614	33.7
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	85,030	79,519	N/A	93.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	23,344	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District	8,373	21,031	21,035	8,369	100.0	39.8	-4	-0.05
Probate and Juvenile	N/A	N/A	2,309	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—Circuit	N/A	24,672	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—District	N/A	7,286	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	28,903	24,971	N/A	86.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—TOTAL	N/A	42,194 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	6,643	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Probate and Insolvency	N/A	35,551 <sup>†</sup>	42,772	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan—TOTAL	49,980	77,700	77,867	49,814	100.2	64.1	-166	-0.3
Circuit	47,660	61,132	61,417	47,575	100.5	77.8	-285	-0.6
Probate	2,120	16,568	16,450	2,239 <sup>†</sup>	99.3	13.5	119	5.6
Minnesota—County	4,775	13,125	11,039	6,860	84.1	52.3	2,086	43.7
Mississippi—Chancery	N/A	21,693	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit	N/A	N/A	36,145	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—TOTAL	N/A	9,782	9,760	N/A	99.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	8,436	8,402	N/A	99.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
County	N/A	1,346	1,358	N/A	100.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—TOTAL	N/A	11,945	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	4,958	8,939	7,873	6,024	88.1	67.4	1,066	21.5
Probate	N/A	3,006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey—TOTAL	8,461	73,671	72,196	9,933	98.0	13.5	1,472	17.4
Superior and County	5,000	22,782	21,964	5,818	96.4	25.5	818	16.4
Juvenile and Domestic Relations	3,461	50,889	50,235	4,115	98.7	8.1	654	18.9
New York—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	247,032	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Supreme	5,144	59,306	58,631	7,619 <sup>o</sup>	95.5	12.8	2,475	48.1
Surrogate's	N/A	N/A	3,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family	57,089	182,610	186,796	30,724 <sup>†</sup>	122.4	20.1	-26,365	-46.2
North Carolina—District	N/A <sup>†</sup>	30,271	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas	34,991 <sup>††</sup>	97,119	102,498	29,182 <sup>††</sup>	105.5	NC	-5,809	-16.6
Oklahoma—District	16,195	36,705	32,575	20,325	88.7	55.4	4,130	25.5
Oregon—Circuit	N/A	20,153	20,260	N/A	100.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	20,217	96,166	92,406	23,977	96.1	24.9	3,760	18.6
Rhode Island—Family	N/A	4,584	2,905 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	N/A	2,769	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A	45,953	46,401	N/A	101.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	26,532	27,661	N/A	104.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	N/A	16,494	16,044	N/A	97.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Law and Equity	N/A	2,927	2,696	N/A	92.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—District	75,650	136,028	129,273	82,405	95.0	60.6	6,755	8.9
Utah—District	N/A	8,370	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont—TOTAL	3,731	5,302	4,831	4,202	91.1	79.3	471	12.6
Superior	2,194	2,741	2,533	2,402	92.4	87.6	208	9.5
District	1,360	643	442	1,561	68.7	242.8	201	14.8
Probate	177	1,918	1,856	239	95.8	12.5	62	35.0
Washington—Superior	N/A	37,643	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	24,523 <sup>†</sup>	26,580 <sup>†</sup>	30,046	26,326 <sup>†</sup>	NC	92.1	1,603	7.4

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<sup>o</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>†</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

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**Table 30: Analysis of probate caseflow, 1975.**  
**General and limited jurisdiction courts, with dispositions and end pending**  
**as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in pending	Percent change in pending
					Dispositions	End pending		
Alaska—Superior	1,151 <sup>c</sup>	1,505 <sup>d</sup>	920 <sup>e</sup>	1,736 <sup>f</sup>	61.1	115.3	585	50.8
Arizona—Superior	13,689	7,231	6,277	14,623	86.8	202.2	954	7.0
Arkansas—Chancery and Probate	12,686 <sup>g</sup>	6,957	3,903 <sup>h</sup>	12,886 <sup>i</sup>	NC	NC	200	1.6
California—Superior	N/A	61,975	56,738	N/A	91.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—District	10,397 <sup>d</sup>	6,368	6,332	10,358 <sup>d</sup>	99.4	NC	-39	-0.4
Connecticut—Probate	N/A	45,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—Chancery	6,461	2,057	1,712	6,806	83.2	330.9	345	5.3
District of Columbia—Superior	N/A	2,607	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida—Circuit	N/A	38,450	34,882	N/A	90.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—Circuit	6,652 <sup>c</sup>	2,037 <sup>c</sup>	1,822 <sup>c</sup>	6,667 <sup>c</sup>	89.4	337.1	215	3.2
Idaho—TOTAL	2,488	3,772	3,420	2,840	90.7	75.3	352	14.1
District	85 <sup>f</sup>	17	82	20	482.4	117.6	-65	-76.5
Magistrates	2,403 <sup>f</sup>	3,755	3,338	2,820	88.9	75.1	417	17.4
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	32,674	28,432	N/A	87.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District	N/A	22,640	17,074 <sup>g</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas—Probate and Juvenile	17,300 <sup>h</sup>	7,493 <sup>h</sup>	16,546	17,968 <sup>h</sup>	NC	239.8	568	3.9
Kentucky—County	N/A	20,815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—Probate and Insolvency	N/A	66,782	48,341	N/A	72.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan—Probate	286,603	34,995	39,290	287,673 <sup>h</sup>	112.3	822.0	1,067	0.4
Minnesota—County	27,532	11,436	10,857	28,111	94.9	245.8	579	2.1
Mississippi—Chancery	N/A	6,414	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—County	N/A	10,867	17,139	N/A	157.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Probate	N/A	11,988	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey—Superior and County	163	404	395	172	97.8	42.6	-9	5.5
New York—TOTAL	N/A	53,140 <sup>g</sup>	80,275	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surrogate's	N/A	52,538 <sup>g</sup>	79,780	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family	213	602	495	243 <sup>b</sup>	82.2	40.4	30	14.1
North Dakota—County Probate	9,343	4,364	4,472	9,426 <sup>b</sup>	102.5	216.0	-517	-5.2
Ohio—Common Pleas	83,342 <sup>h</sup>	81,771	78,964	80,857 <sup>h</sup>	96.6	98.9	-2,485	-3.0
Oklahoma—District	19,192	13,613	13,199	15,606	97.0	114.6	414	2.7
Oregon—TOTAL	15,472	6,285	6,816	14,941	108.4	237.7	-531	-3.4
Circuit	15,310 <sup>b</sup>	6,140	6,783 <sup>b</sup>	14,526	NC	NC	NC	NC
County	162 <sup>b</sup>	145	33 <sup>b</sup>	415	NC	NC	NC	NC
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	1,386	22,010	21,677	1,719	98.5	7.8	333	24.0
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	N/A	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	N/A	1,495	1,491	N/A	99.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	N/A	1,344	1,380	N/A	102.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Law and Equity	N/A	151	111	N/A	73.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—County	N/A	47,021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah—District	939	3,145	2,556	1,528	81.3	48.6	589	62.7
Vermont—Probate	6,586	2,815	2,271	7,328	80.7	260.3	742	11.3
Washington—Superior	N/A	15,671	12,152	N/A	77.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—County	17,792 <sup>h</sup>	13,548 <sup>h</sup>	45,148	17,144 <sup>h</sup>	NC	126.5	-648	-3.6

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<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>‡</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>§</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.



Table 31. The reported total caseload by state where mental health could be identified as a separate category is found in Table 31. Available reported data from general, limited, and special jurisdiction courts are presented. (However, data for mental health cases were not available from all courts.)

The structure and intent of Table 31 is identical to Table 29, but presents mental health rather than domestic relations cases. The same caveats noted for Table 29 apply to this table. The caseload data and four measures computed are intended to aid intra-

state analysis of caseload. Direct interstate comparisons should, however, be made only for those states where all mental health cases are reported as such.

The analytical measures for mental health caseload fall into the same general patterns as do other civil case types except that the number of pending cases represents a smaller proportion of the number of filings for some courts. All courts disposed of at least 80 percent of the number of filings and almost half disposed of more cases than were filed.

**Table 31: Analysis of mental health caseload, 1975.**  
**General and limited jurisdiction courts, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in pending	
					Dispositions	End pending	Number	Percent
Arizona—Superior	1,266 <sup>†</sup>	460 <sup>†</sup>	382 <sup>†</sup>	1,344 <sup>†</sup>	83.0	292.2	78	6.2
Arkansas—Chancery and Probate	N/A	1,386	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
California—Superior	N/A	6,039	5,969	N/A	99.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—District	313 <sup>d</sup>	2,510	2,323	575 <sup>d</sup>	92.5	NC	262	83.7
Connecticut—Probate	N/A	5,911	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—Chancery	151	7	7	151	100.0	NC	0	0.0
District of Columbia—Superior	78	553	601	70	101.3	11.8	-8	-10.3
Florida—Circuit	N/A	11,299	13,427	N/A	118.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho—TOTAL	164	165	172	157	104.2	95.2	-7	-4.3
District	6 <sup>f</sup>	2	7	1	NC	NC	-5	NC
Magistrate	158 <sup>f</sup>	163	165	156	101.2	95.7	-2	-1.3
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	9,691	9,328	N/A	95.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—District	N/A	304	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—District	N/A	3,869	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan—Probate	20,139	4,641	4,148	20,637 <sup>†</sup>	89.4	444.7	499	2.5
Mississippi—Chancery	N/A	3,776	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Probate	N/A	181	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York—Family	2	8	36	4 <sup>g</sup>	NC	NC	2	NC
North Dakota—County Probate	N/A	N/A	920	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas	N/A	6,696	7,055	N/A	105.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—District	613	2,897	2,712	798	93.6	27.5	165	30.2
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	288	5,697	5,679	306	99.7	5.4	18	6.3
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	N/A	465	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah—District	N/A	579	645	N/A	112.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont—TOTAL	8	300	289	19	96.3	6.3	11	NC
District	8	297	286	19	96.3	6.4	11	NC
Probate	0	3	3	0	100.0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington—Superior	N/A	2,472	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—County	N/A	N/A	3,040	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>g</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**Criminal caseload (Tables 32-38)**

Tables in this section show total caseload as well as caseload by categories for criminal cases in general jurisdiction courts in 1975. In addition, the last four tables, Tables 35 through 38, show reported general jurisdiction court data for felony caseload, types of criminal trials, and types of criminal case dispositions.

As in the tables showing total caseload and civil caseload, several measures are used to allow caseload comparisons within and among states. These include the number of cases disposed during the year, listed as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year; the number of pending cases at the end of the year shown as a percentage of the number of filings; and the number and percentage change in year-end pending case figures as compared to beginning pending figures. For a discussion of these measures, refer to the interpretation of civil caseload in connection with Table 26. The totals discussed will be state totals, whether for one or more than one court.

When comparing relative size of criminal caseloads, it is important to ascertain that the courts to be compared use the same unit of count for criminal cases and that the courts have similar jurisdiction.

The unit of count used by each state or court reporting criminal data is listed in the footnotes on all tables in this section. These footnotes indicate that the most common unit of count is the number of informations or indictments. Other units of count used are the number of defendants on each information or indictment; the number of defendants on each information, indictment, or complaint; the number of informations, indictments, or complaints; the case number assigned at arraignment; and the number of defendants brought before the court by indictment, information, transfer, or appeal. As with civil cases, some states do not have a specific unit of count for criminal cases. Other states have indicated that prescribed definitions are not followed uniformly by their local courts.

The precise jurisdiction of each court in these tables can be ascertained by referring to the state statistical profiles in Part II of this report. As discussed in the introduction to the general jurisdiction tables, the types of criminal cases handled may range from felony jurisdiction only to complete criminal and quasi-criminal jurisdiction, including traffic cases. Comparisons should not be made between courts with different jurisdiction or between courts using different units of count.

Minor traffic and ordinance violations are included in Table 34, which shows the detailed caseload for all the types of cases contained within the criminal category. However, these cases have been deleted from criminal caseload totals on Tables 32, 33, and 35 through 38 because these cases are known to be much less time-consuming than other general jurisdiction criminal cases and would inflate criminal caseload totals.

**General jurisdiction criminal caseload (Tables 32-34)**

*Table 32.* The total criminal caseload, less minor traffic or ordinance violation cases, for general jurisdiction courts during 1975 is shown in Table 32. In addition to caseload figures, dispositions and pending cases in each court are shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year. The number and percentage change in year-end pending cases compared to beginning pending are also included. The unit of count used by each state in reporting criminal data is indicated in the footnotes.

Criminal cases seem to be moving through the court system more quickly than civil cases, as discussed below. This may be a result of the Speedy Trial Act and similar state and local provisions which mandate the prompt processing of criminal cases.

In the 42 states for which the number of dispositions could be computed as a percent of the number of filings, all courts disposed at least 70 percent of the number of filings. Over three-fourths, or 34 states, were able to dispose over 90 percent of the number of filings; 10 states disposed more cases than were filed, thus diminishing their pending caseload.

The ratio of pending cases to filings is much lower for criminal cases than for civil cases. Only one state had more cases pending at the end of the year than were filed. The remaining states showed a pending caseload of less than 90 percent the number of filings. Over half (20) of the 34 states for which this measure was computed had a pending caseload at the end of the year which was less than half the number of filings.

The 34 states for which the percent change in pending could be computed showed a distribution of this measure which was similar to that for civil cases. There were 6 states which had a decrease in the number of pending criminal cases. A high proportion, 20 states, had a percentage increase in pending criminal cases of between 0 and 20 percent, as was the case in civil cases.

*Table 33.* The same criminal caseload data contained on Table 33 are shown in Table 32, but with states ranked by population. Ranking states by population allows the comparison of states with similar populations once the similarity of jurisdiction and unit of count has been established.

Caveats regarding Table 32 also apply to this table. Analysis of the data when ranked by state population yielded no new findings. Thus, population alone does not appear to be a good indicator of the general jurisdiction courts' ability to handle caseload.

*Table 34.* The detailed 1975 criminal caseload for general jurisdiction courts is displayed in Table 34. This table provides a category breakdown of the total criminal caseload already presented in Tables 23, 32, and 33, plus all reported data on minor traffic and minor ordinance violations not included in the other criminal caseload tables. The inclusion of minor traffic and minor ordinance violation cases means that state totals on this table will differ for a few states from those on Tables 23, 32, and 33.

The headings of this table are the criminal case category titles used by the NCSP. When states reported a criminal category in which **felony**, **misdemeanor**, or perhaps other types of criminal cases could not be distinguished, these cases were included under the heading of **other criminal** on this table. For a listing of the reported case categories in each state and their classification in this report, refer to the state profiles in Part II of this report.

Comparisons among criminal caseloads in states can be made, provided units of count, court jurisdictions, and case type definitions are similar. When attempting comparisons, remember that felonies in one state, such as certain types of drug violations, may be classified as misdemeanors in another. In addition, although a felony is usually defined as a crime whose punishment is over one year's imprisonment, this definition is not used in all states. Massachusetts, as an example, defines felonies as those crimes punishable by imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

*Unit of count footnotes to Tables 32, 33, 34:*

<sup>1</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information or indictment.

<sup>2</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.

<sup>3</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>4</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

<sup>5</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.

<sup>6</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case.

<sup>7</sup>There was no consistent definition used for the criminal unit of count.

<sup>8</sup>The Hawaii Land Court and Tax Court, which do not try criminal cases, have been deleted on Table 34 because of space limitations.

**Table 32: Analysis of general jurisdiction criminal caseload<sup>1</sup>, 1975.**  
**General and limited jurisdiction courts, with dispositions and end pending**  
**as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
					Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	10,540	25,777	25,980	10,337	100.8	40.1	-203	-1.9
Alaska—Superior <sup>2</sup>	451	1,075	955	571	88.8	53.1	120	28.6
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	4,924	13,662	13,045	5,541	95.5	40.6	617	12.5
Arkansas—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	6,881	12,987	12,233	7,635	94.2	58.8	754	11.0
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	6,881	12,987	12,233	7,635	94.2	58.8	754	11.0
Chancery and Probate <sup>2</sup>	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	57,656	52,525	N/A	91.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	7,460	14,589	11,998	10,031	82.4	68.9	2,571	34.5
District <sup>1</sup>	7,460	14,589	11,998	10,031	82.4	68.9	2,571	34.5
Water	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	2,202	4,941	3,773	3,370	76.4	68.2	1,168	53.0
Delaware—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	1,734	4,087	3,807	2,014	93.1	49.3	280	16.1
Superior <sup>1</sup>	1,734	4,087	3,807	2,014	93.1	49.3	280	16.1
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>2</sup>	3,609 <sup>†</sup>	34,246 <sup>†</sup>	31,039 <sup>†</sup>	6,816 <sup>†</sup>	90.6	19.9	3,207	88.9
Florida—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	42,463	82,222	72,443	52,242	88.1	63.5	9,779	23.0
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	1,845	2,086	2,128	1,803	102.0	86.4	-42	-2.3
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	1,845	2,086	2,128	1,803	102.0	86.4	-42	-2.3
Land	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Idaho—TOTAL <sup>3</sup>	5,573 <sup>†</sup>	34,602 <sup>†</sup>	33,597 <sup>†</sup>	6,578 <sup>†</sup>	97.1	19.0	1,005	18.0
District <sup>1</sup>	979 <sup>†</sup>	3,094	3,250	823	105.0	26.6	-156	-15.9
Magistrate <sup>2</sup>	4,594 <sup>†</sup>	31,508 <sup>†</sup>	30,347 <sup>†</sup>	5,755 <sup>†</sup>	96.3	18.3	1,181	25.3
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	520,847 <sup>†</sup>	491,022 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	94.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District <sup>2</sup>	14,184 <sup>†</sup>	89,825 <sup>†</sup>	85,141 <sup>†</sup>	18,968 <sup>†</sup>	94.7	21.1	4,784	33.7
Kansas—District <sup>1</sup>	1,810	6,726	6,636	1,900	98.7	28.2	90	5.0
Kentucky—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	10,825	12,732	12,608	10,834 <sup>†</sup>	99.0	85.1	9	0.1
Louisiana—District <sup>2a</sup>	N/A	212,523	204,945	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—Superior <sup>1</sup>	4,100	8,734	8,990	3,644 <sup>†</sup>	102.9	44.0	-256	-8.2
Maryland—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	N/A	29,726	27,685	N/A	93.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>2</sup>	37,967	35,483	34,086	39,364	96.1	110.9	1,397	3.7
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>3</sup>	15,361 <sup>†</sup>	57,130 <sup>†</sup>	54,897 <sup>†</sup>	19,125 <sup>†</sup>	NC	33.5	3,764	24.5
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	8,804	27,576	24,349	12,031	88.3	43.6	3,227	36.7
Recorder's <sup>3</sup>	6,557 <sup>†</sup>	29,554 <sup>†</sup>	30,548 <sup>†</sup>	7,094 <sup>†</sup>	NC	24.0	537	8.2
Claims	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Minnesota—District <sup>1</sup>	1,227	7,991	7,453	1,763 <sup>†</sup>	93.3	22.1	536	43.7
Mississippi—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	N/A	7,445	5,307	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	N/A	7,445	5,307	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Missouri—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	8,765	17,760	16,257	10,268	91.5	57.8	1,503	17.1
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	N/A	6,643	6,936	N/A	104.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>2</sup>	3,773	6,321	5,642	4,508 <sup>†</sup>	89.3	71.3	735	19.5
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>2</sup>	23,178	31,500	27,248	27,430	86.5	87.1	4,252	18.3
New Mexico—District <sup>2</sup>	1,913	4,771	4,588	2,096	96.2	43.9	183	5.6
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	N/A	35,754	38,674	N/A	108.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina—Superior <sup>2</sup>	16,327	53,505	52,551	17,281	98.2	32.3	951	5.8
North Dakota—District <sup>1</sup>	273	1,076	1,063	286	98.8	26.6	13	4.8
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423	99.0	20.4	324	5.3
Oklahoma—District <sup>2</sup>	32,427 <sup>†</sup>	66,716 <sup>†</sup>	61,952 <sup>†</sup>	37,677 <sup>†</sup>	92.0	56.5	5,250	16.2
Oregon—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	4,019 <sup>†</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,996	100.2	27.8	-23	-0.6
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,019 <sup>†</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,996	100.2	27.8	-23	-0.6
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	28,064	109,894	104,576	33,382	95.2	30.4	5,318	18.9
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>2</sup>	N/A	3,665	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	12,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	14,948 <sup>†</sup>	29,462	28,396	16,014	96.4	54.4	1,066	7.1
Circuit and Criminal <sup>2</sup>	14,948 <sup>†</sup>	29,462	28,396	16,014	96.4	54.4	1,066	7.1
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	68,720	80,702	80,440	68,982	99.7	85.5	262	0.4
Utah—District <sup>1</sup>	81	2,643	2,647	77	100.2	2.9	-4	-4.9
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>4</sup>	4,009 <sup>†</sup>	16,954 <sup>†</sup>	16,397 <sup>†</sup>	4,566 <sup>†</sup>	96.7	26.9	557	13.9
Superior <sup>2</sup>	20	44	45	19	102.3	43.2	-1	-5.0
District <sup>1</sup>	3,989 <sup>†</sup>	16,910 <sup>†</sup>	16,352 <sup>†</sup>	4,547 <sup>†</sup>	96.7	26.9	558	14.0
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	11,420 <sup>†</sup>	41,644	41,830	11,434	100.0	27.5	14	0.1
Washington—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	14,048	14,284	N/A	101.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>2</sup>	20,461 <sup>†</sup>	55,710 <sup>†</sup>	57,033 <sup>†</sup>	19,138 <sup>†</sup>	102.4	34.4	-1,323	-6.5
Wyoming—District <sup>2</sup>	N/A	1,829	1,357 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	83.3	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>1</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

<sup>2</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

<sup>3</sup>Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

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**Table 33: Analysis of general jurisdiction criminal caseload, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
						Dis-posed	End pending	Number	Percent
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	21,185	N/A	57,656	52,525	N/A	91.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	18,120	N/A	35,754	38,674	N/A	108.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	12,237	68,720	80,702	80,440	68,982	99.7	85.5	262	0.4
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	11,827	28,064	109,894	104,576	33,382	95.2	30.4	5,318	18.9
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	11,145	N/A	520,847 <sup>†</sup>	491,022 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	94.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	10,769	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423	99.0	20.4	324	5.3
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	9,157	15,361 <sup>†</sup>	57,130 <sup>†</sup>	54,897 <sup>†</sup>	19,125 <sup>†</sup>	NC	33.5	3,764	24.5
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	--	8,804	27,576	24,349	12,031	88.3	43.6	3,223	36.7
Recorder's <sup>2</sup>	--	6,557 <sup>†</sup>	29,554 <sup>†</sup>	30,548 <sup>†</sup>	7,094 <sup>†</sup>	NC	24.0	537	8.2
Claims	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Florida—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	8,357	42,463	82,222	72,443	52,242	88.1	63.5	9,779	23.0
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>2</sup>	7,316	23,178	31,500	27,248	27,430	86.5	87.1	4,252	18.3
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>2</sup>	5,928	37,967	35,483	34,086	39,364	96.1	110.9	1,387	3.7
North Carolina—Superior <sup>2</sup>	5,451	16,327	53,505	52,55 <sup>†</sup>	17,281	98.2	32.3	954	5.8
Indiana—TOTAL	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Superior	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,967	11,420 <sup>†</sup>	41,644	41,630	11,434	100.0	27.5	14	0.1
Georgia—Superior	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,763	8,765	17,760	16,257	10,268	91.5	57.8	1,603	17.1
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>2</sup>	4,607	20,461 <sup>†</sup>	55,710 <sup>†</sup>	57,033 <sup>†</sup>	19,138 <sup>†</sup>	102.4	34.4	-1,323	-6.5
Tennessee—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	4,188	14,948 <sup>†</sup>	29,462	28,396	16,014	96.4	54.4	1,066	7.1
Circuit and Criminal <sup>2</sup>	--	14,948 <sup>†</sup>	29,462	28,396	16,014	96.4	54.4	1,066	7.1
Chancery	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maryland—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,098	N/A	29,726	27,685	N/A	93.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota—District <sup>2</sup>	3,926	1,227	7,991	7,453	1,763 <sup>†</sup>	93.3	22.1	536	43.7
Louisiana—District <sup>2</sup>	3,791	N/A	212,523	204,945	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	3,614	10,540	25,777	25,980	10,337	100.6	40.1	-203	-1.9
Washington—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,544	N/A	14,048	14,284	N/A	101.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	3,396	10,825 <sup>†</sup>	12,732	12,608	10,834	99.0	85.1	9	0.1
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,095	2,202	4,941	3,773	3,370	76.4	68.2	1,168	53.0
Iowa—District <sup>2</sup>	2,870	14,184 <sup>†</sup>	89,925 <sup>†</sup>	85,141 <sup>†</sup>	18,968 <sup>†</sup>	94.7	21.1	4,784	33.7
South Carolina—Circuit	2,818	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—District <sup>2</sup>	2,712	32,427 <sup>†</sup>	66,716 <sup>†</sup>	61,352 <sup>†</sup>	37,677 <sup>†</sup>	92.0	56.5	5,250	16.2
Colorado—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	2,534	7,460	14,569	11,998	10,031	82.4	68.9	2,571	34.5
District <sup>1</sup>	--	7,460	14,569	11,998	10,031	82.4	68.9	2,571	34.5
Water	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Mississippi—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	2,346	N/A	7,445	5,307	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	--	N/A	7,445	5,307	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Oregon—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	2,288	4,019 <sup>†</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,998	100.2	27.8	-23	-0.6
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	--	4,019 <sup>†</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,996	100.2	27.8	-23	-0.6
Tax	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kansas—District <sup>1</sup>	2,267	1,810	6,726	6,636	1,900	98.7	28.2	90	5.0
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	2,224	4,924	13,682	13,045	5,541	95.5	40.6	617	12.5
Arkansas—TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	2,116	6,881	12,987	12,233	7,635	94.2	58.8	754	11.0
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	--	6,881	12,987	12,233	7,635	94.2	58.8	754	11.0
Chancery and Probate	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
West Virginia—Circuit	1,803	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	1,546	N/A	6,843	6,936	N/A	104.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah—District <sup>1</sup>	1,206	91	2,643	2,647	77	100.2	2.9	-4	-4.9
New Mexico—District <sup>2</sup>	1,147	1,913	4,771	4,588	2,096	96.2	43.9	183	9.6
Maine—Superior <sup>1</sup>	1,059	4,100	8,734	8,990	3,844 <sup>†</sup>	102.9	44.0	-256	-6.2
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>2</sup>	927	N/A	3,665	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	865	1,845	2,086	2,128	1,803	102.0	86.4	-42	-2.3
Circuit <sup>1</sup>	--	1,845	2,086	2,128	1,803	102.0	86.4	-42	-2.3
Land	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Tax	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Idaho—TOTAL <sup>3</sup>	820	5,573 <sup>†</sup>	34,602 <sup>†</sup>	33,597 <sup>†</sup>	6,578 <sup>†</sup>	97.1	19.0	1,005	18.0
District <sup>3</sup>	--	979 <sup>†</sup>	3,094	3,250	823 <sup>†</sup>	105.0	26.6	-156	-15.9
Magistrate <sup>3</sup>	--	4,594 <sup>†</sup>	31,508 <sup>†</sup>	30,347 <sup>†</sup>	5,755	96.3	18.3	1,161	25.3
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>1</sup>	818	3,773	6,321	5,642	4,508 <sup>†</sup>	89.3	71.3	735	19.5
Montana—District	748	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>2</sup>	716	3,609 <sup>†</sup>	34,246 <sup>†</sup>	31,039 <sup>†</sup>	6,816 <sup>†</sup>	90.6	19.9	3,207	88.9
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	683	N/A	N/A	12,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota—District <sup>2</sup>	635	273	1,076	1,063	286	98.8	26.6	13	4.8
Nevada—District	592	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	579	1,734	4,087	3,807	2,014	93.1	49.3	280	16.1
Superior <sup>1</sup>	--	1,734	4,087	3,807	2,014	93.1	49.3	280	16.1
Chancery	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	471	4,009 <sup>†</sup>	16,954 <sup>†</sup>	16,397 <sup>†</sup>	4,566 <sup>†</sup>	96.7	26.9	557	13.9
Superior <sup>1</sup>	--	20	44	45	19	102.3	43.2	-1	-5.0
District <sup>1</sup>	--	3,989 <sup>†</sup>	16,910 <sup>†</sup>	16,352 <sup>†</sup>	4,547 <sup>†</sup>	96.7	26.9	558	14.0
Wyoming—District <sup>2</sup>	374	N/A	1,629	1,357 <sup>†</sup>	N/A	83.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior <sup>2</sup>	352	451	1,075	955	571	88.8	53.1	120	26.6

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Table 34: General jurisdiction criminal caseload, 1975; by category of case.

State and court	Beginning pending							Filed						
	Felony	Misce- meanor	Traffic	Prelim- inary hear- ings	Other criminal	Appeals	Extra- ordi- nary writs	Total criminal	Felony	Misce- meanor	Traffic	Prelim- inary hear- ings	Other criminal	Appeals
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>					X	X		10,540					24,688	1,109
Alaska—Superior <sup>2</sup>	444	7						451	875	200				
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	4,211	378						4,924	11,814	573				1,329
Arkansas—TOTAL	4,633	2,248						6,881	8,835	4,152				X
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,633	2,248 <sup>d</sup>						6,881	8,835	4,152 <sup>d</sup>				(d)
Chancery and Probate <sup>1</sup>	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A							N/A	55,635					2,021
Colorado—TOTAL	X				X	X		7,460	11,032				565	350
District <sup>1</sup>	X				X	X		7,460	11,032				565	350
Water	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	(e)	(e)								2,202	(e)	(e)		
Delaware—TOTAL	X	X						1,734	X	X				X
Superior <sup>1</sup>	X	X						1,734	X	X				X
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>3</sup>	1,401	1,497	2,131	161	194			5,441 <sup>f</sup>	4,922	14,583	76,899	9,327	3,154	
Florida—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	42,421							42,463	82,069					153
Georgia—Superior								N/A						
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>6</sup>	1,332	503			10			1,845	1,590	455			41	
Idaho—TOTAL	712 <sup>f</sup>	3,925 <sup>f</sup>	2,543 <sup>f</sup>	869 <sup>f</sup>		39 <sup>f</sup>		8,088 <sup>f</sup>	2,495	27,230	171,057	4,811 <sup>h</sup>		50
District <sup>1</sup>	712 <sup>f</sup>	200 <sup>f</sup>	28 <sup>f</sup>			39 <sup>f</sup>		979 <sup>f</sup>	2,495	540	9			50
Magistrate <sup>3</sup>		3,725 <sup>f</sup>	2,515 <sup>f</sup>	869 <sup>f</sup>				7,109 <sup>f</sup>		26,690	171,048	4,818		
Illinois—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			N/A	32,828	481,743 <sup>a</sup>	2,159,730		83,729 <sup>a</sup>	
Indiana—TOTAL								N/A						
Circuit								N/A						
Superior								N/A						
Criminal								N/A						
Iowa—District <sup>2</sup>	8,379 <sup>m</sup>	9,607 <sup>n</sup>		1,975	39,608	(1)		59,567 <sup>r</sup>	23,600 <sup>m</sup>	163,993 <sup>n</sup>		17,505	211,714	(1)
Kansas—District <sup>4</sup>	1,297	85	42			386		1,810	5,184	187	69			1,306
Kentucky—Circuit <sup>1</sup>					X	X		10,825					11,328	1,404 <sup>d</sup>
Louisiana—District <sup>8</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A		N/A	X	X	X			X
Maine—Superior <sup>4</sup>	(d)	(d)			4,100 <sup>d</sup>			4,100	(d)	(d)			8,734 <sup>d</sup>	
Maryland—Circuit <sup>2</sup>					N/A	N/A		N/A					24,417	4,904
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>2</sup>	21,596 <sup>d</sup>					16,371		37,967	17,330 <sup>d</sup>					18,183
Michigan—TOTAL	11,485	3,365 <sup>g</sup>			N/A	511	N/A	15,361 <sup>g</sup>	39,358	17,133			844,235	639
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	8,293 <sup>d</sup>					511		8,804	25,937 <sup>d</sup>					639
Recorder's <sup>3</sup>	3,192 <sup>f</sup>	3,365 <sup>g</sup>			N/A		N/A	6,557 <sup>f</sup>	12,421	17,133			844,235	
Claims	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Minnesota—District <sup>1</sup>	X	X						1,227	X	X				X
Mississippi—TOTAL								N/A					6,438	1,007
Circuit <sup>2</sup>								N/A					6,438	1,007
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Missouri—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	X	X						8,765	X	X				X
Montana—District								N/A						
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A						N/A	3,978 <sup>d</sup>					2,685 <sup>d</sup>
Nevada—District								N/A						
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>7</sup>					2,079	1,694		3,773					4,136	2,185
New Jersey—Superior/County <sup>2</sup>	22,248					769	161	23,178	27,567					3,629
New Mexico—District <sup>2</sup>								1,913						
New York—Supreme/County <sup>1</sup>					N/A			N/A					35,754	
North Carolina—Superior <sup>7</sup>	X							16,327	30,762					22,743
North Dakota—District <sup>2</sup>					X	X		273					864	212
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	6,099							6,099	31,554					
Oklahoma—District <sup>2</sup>	14,628	17,374	36,706					69,133 <sup>f</sup>	20,439	45,105	140,896			738
Oregon—TOTAL	4,019 <sup>f</sup>							4,019 <sup>f</sup>	14,360					
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,019 <sup>f</sup>							4,019 <sup>f</sup>	14,360					
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	(e)	(e)			26,061 <sup>a</sup>	1,602 <sup>f</sup>	401	28,064	(e)	(e)			102,648 <sup>a</sup>	6,512 <sup>f</sup>
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A						N/A	2,374	747				544
South Carolina—Circuit								N/A						
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A						N/A			
Tennessee—TOTAL	11,027 <sup>f</sup>	3,921 <sup>f</sup>						14,948 <sup>f</sup>	21,975	7,487				
Circuit and Criminal <sup>2</sup>	11,027 <sup>f</sup>	3,921 <sup>f</sup>						14,948 <sup>f</sup>	21,975	7,487				
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	57,673	5,490			5,179		378	68,720	66,487	7,109			6,227	
Utah—District <sup>4</sup>	(e)	(e)			X	X		81	(e)	(e)			2,127 <sup>a</sup>	516
Vermont—TOTAL	895	3,103	2,043				11	6,052 <sup>f</sup>	2,381	14,549	45,091			
Superior <sup>2</sup>	5	4					(b)	20	20	0				(b)
District <sup>4</sup>	890	3,099	2,043					6,032 <sup>f</sup>	2,361	14,549	45,091			
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	6,494 <sup>f</sup>	4,926 <sup>f</sup>						11,420 <sup>f</sup>	22,427	19,217				(c)
Washington—Superior <sup>1</sup>					N/A	N/A		N/A					11,003	3,045
West Virginia—Circuit								N/A						
Wisconsin—Circuit/County <sup>2</sup>	5,749	14,473	37,352		1,655			59,409 <sup>f</sup>	12,260	42,860	350,752		16,500	
Wyoming—District <sup>2</sup>	N/A							N/A	1,829					

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Filed		Disposed										End pending					
Extra-ordinary writs	Total criminal	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic	Preliminary hearings	Other criminal	Appeals	Extra-ordinary writs	Total criminal	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic	Preliminary hearings	Other criminal	Appeals	Extra-ordinary writs	Total criminal
	25,777						X	X	25,980					X	X		10,337
	1,075	781	174						955	538	33						571
	13,682	11,347	440						13,045	4,678	457				408		5,541
	12,987	8,283	3,950					X	12,233	5,185	2,450				X		7,635
	12,987	8,283	3,950 <sup>d</sup>					(d)	12,233	5,185	2,450 <sup>d</sup>				(d)		7,635
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	57,656	50,714						1,811	52,525	N/A					N/A		N/A
	14,569	X					X	X	11,998	X				X	X		10,031
	14,569 <sup>d</sup>	X					X	X	11,998	X				X	X		10,031
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	4,941	(e)	(e)				3,773 <sup>a</sup>		3,773	(e)	(e)			3,370 <sup>a</sup>			3,370
X	4,087	X	X					X	3,807	X	X				X		2,014
	4,087	X	X					X	3,807	X	X				X		2,014
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
1,937	110,822 <sup>f</sup>	4,315	12,781	74,743	9,245	3,111		1,949	106,144 <sup>f</sup>	2,008	3,299	4,287	243	237	45		10,119 <sup>f</sup>
	82,222	72,393						50	72,443	52,097					145		52,242
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	2,086	1,593	504				31		2,128	1,329	454			20			1,803
	205,650 <sup>f</sup>	2,517	26,623	170,143	4,378			48	203,709 <sup>f</sup>	690	4,532	3,457	1,309		41		10,029 <sup>f</sup>
	3,094	2,517	654	31				48	3,250	690	86	6			41		823
	202,556 <sup>f</sup>	25,969	170,112	4,378					200,459 <sup>f</sup>	4,446	3,451	1,309					9,206 <sup>f</sup>
	2,758,030 <sup>f</sup>	28,720	456,122 <sup>a</sup>	2,068,334			77,869 <sup>a</sup>		2,631,045 <sup>f</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	416,812 <sup>f</sup>	14,874	168,311		16,712	190,507	(1)		390,404 <sup>f</sup>	9,760 <sup>m</sup>	12,634 <sup>n</sup>		2,768	60,813	(1)		85,975 <sup>f</sup>
	6,726	5,091	203	83				1,259	6,636	1,370	69	28			433		1,900
	12,732						X	X	12,608					X	X		10,834 <sup>f</sup>
	212,523	X	X	X				X	204,945	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A		N/A
	8,734	(d)	(d)				8,990 <sup>d</sup>		8,990	(d)	(d)			3,844 <sup>d</sup>			3,844 <sup>f</sup>
405	29,726						22,318	4,958	409	27,685				N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	35,483	19,093 <sup>d</sup>					14,993		34,086	19,833 <sup>d</sup>					19,531		39,364
N/A	901,385 <sup>f</sup>	34,815	18,174				N/A	555	1,353	54,897 <sup>f</sup>	16,028	2,502 <sup>f</sup>		N/A	695	N/A	19,125 <sup>f</sup>
	27,576	23,794 <sup>d</sup>						555	24,349	11,436 <sup>a</sup>					595		12,031
	873,789 <sup>d</sup>	11,021	18,174				N/A	1,353	30,548 <sup>f</sup>	4,692	2,502 <sup>f</sup>			N/A	N/A		7,094 <sup>f</sup>
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	7,991	X	X					X	7,453	X	X				X		1,763 <sup>f</sup>
	7,445						4,479	828	5,307					N/A	N/A		N/A
	7,445						4,479	828	5,307					N/A	N/A		N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	17,760	12,357	3,900				(d)		16,257 <sup>d</sup>	X	X				X		10,268
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	6,643	4,148 <sup>d</sup>						2,789 <sup>b</sup>	6,936	N/A					N/A		N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	6,321						3,628	1,958	5,642 <sup>b</sup>					2,587	1,921		4,608 <sup>f</sup>
304	31,500	23,260						3,586	402	27,248	28,555				812	63	27,430
	4,771								4,588								2,098
	35,754						38,674		38,674					N/A			N/A
	53,505	X						X	52,551	X					X		17,281
	1,076							X	1,063					X	X		286
	31,554	31,230							31,230	6,423							6,423
434	207,612 <sup>f</sup>	17,418	43,217	137,018				397	320	198,970 <sup>f</sup>	17,649	19,282	40,584		766	N/A	78,261 <sup>f</sup>
	14,360	14,383								14,383	3,996						3,996
	14,360	14,383								14,383	3,996						3,996
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
734	109,894	(e)	(e)				97,213 <sup>a</sup>	6,635 <sup>f</sup>	728	104,576	(e)	(e)		31,496 <sup>a</sup>	1,479 <sup>f</sup>	407	33,382
	3,685	N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A		N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	N/A	1,751	10,719						12,470	N/A	N/A						N/A
N	NH	21,238	7,158						28,396	11,764	4,250						16,014
	29,462	21,238	7,158						28,396	11,764	4,250						16,014
N	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
879	80,702	66,707	7,603				5,367	763	80,440	57,453	4,996			6,039		494	68,982
	2,643	(e)	(e)				2,190 <sup>a</sup>	457	2,647	(e)	(e)			X	X		77
24	62,045 <sup>f</sup>	2,261	14,109	44,738				27	61,135 <sup>f</sup>	1,015	3,543	2,396				8	6,962 <sup>f</sup>
24	44	14	4					(b)	27	45	11	0			(b)	8	19
	62,001 <sup>f</sup>	2,247	14,105	44,738					61,090 <sup>f</sup>	1,004	3,543	2,396					6,943 <sup>f</sup>
	41,644	21,960	19,670					(c)	41,630	6,961	4,473				(c)		11,434
	14,048						X	X	14,284					N/A	N/A		N/A
	N/A								N/A								N/A
	422,372	12,225	44,275	355,761			16,234		428,495 <sup>f</sup>	5,784	13,058	32,523		1,821			53,286 <sup>f</sup>
	1,629	1,357 <sup>b</sup>							1,357 <sup>b</sup>	N/A							N/A

## Footnotes to table 34:

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

N/A—Case type is handled by the court; data are not available.

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

The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

†Not all data were available. See each court's profile in Part II for a determination of the missing data.

‡Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

¶Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

### General jurisdiction felony caseload (Tables 35-36)

*Table 35.* General jurisdiction felony caseload data from the 29 states that identified and reported a segment of their total criminal caseload as felony cases may be found in Table 35.

Interstate comparisons between states reporting felony caseload should be made only after verifying the similarity of unit of count. Units used by the states to count cases are shown on this table. It should also be remembered that the types of crimes classified as felonies vary among states.

Along with caseload figures, this table shows felony dispositions and pending cases as a percentage of the cases filed during the year. In addition, the number and percentage change of year-end pending cases over beginning pendings is shown. An explanation of these measures may be found in the interpretation of civil caseload in connection with Table 26 and in the discussion of Table 24.

A new measure of comparability for general jurisdiction courts, number of filings per thousand population, is introduced on this table. The unit of population (1,000) was selected to allow results that range between 0 and 10. This figure for caseload per unit of population allows comparison between states with large and small populations. The table displays great variation in filings per 1,000 population, however, which indicates the low correlation between state population and general jurisdiction court caseload. Some of this variation is due to differences in the unit of count among the states. Some variation may also be explained by differences in the types of crimes classified as felonies in each state.

Data on felony dispositions, like data on criminal cases in general, indicate that the courts were able to

remain somewhat current with their felony caseload. Again, as with Table 32, these figures suggest that federal and state provisions that mandate the prompt disposition of criminal cases have led to the concentration of judicial resources on criminal litigation.

All of the 23 states for which the number of dispositions could be computed as a percent of the number of filings, disposed of at least 80 percent of the number of filings for felony cases. There were 15 states for which the number of dispositions was at least 90 percent of the number of filings, while 6 states disposed of more cases than were filed.

There were 19 states for which the number of end pending cases could be computed as a percentage of the number of filings. Only 1 of these had more cases pending than were filed, while over half (10) had a pending caseload that was less than half the number of filings.

Of the 19 states for which the percent change in pending was computed, 5 states had a decrease in the number of pending cases. Almost half, or nine states, had an increase in pendings which ranged from 0 to 20 percent.

*Table 36.* The same general jurisdiction court felony caseload data that were presented on Table 35 are displayed in Table 36, but the reporting states are ranked by estimated 1975 population. Ranking the states by population allows comparison of caseloads between states with similar populations. When filings per 1,000 population, dispositions and end pendings as a percentage of filings, and changes in pending cases are compared for states with similar populations, however, population alone proves to have little correlation with the courts' performance in handling felony caseload.



**Table 35: Analysis of general jurisdiction felony caseload, 1975.**  
**For those states identifying and reporting felony cases,**  
**with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Population estimates 7/1/75	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Filings/ 1,000 population	As percent of filings		Change in pending	Percent change in pending
							Disposed	Pending		
Alaska—Superior <sup>2</sup>	352,000	444	875	781	538	2.49	89.3	61.5	94	21.2
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	2,224,000	4,211	11,814	11,347	4,678	5.31	96.0	39.8	467	11.1
Arkansas—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	2,116,000	4,633	8,835	8,263	5,185	4.18	93.8	58.7	552	11.9
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	21,185,000	N/A	55,855	50,714	N/A	2.83	91.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—District <sup>1</sup>	2,534,000	N/A	11,032	N/A	N/A	4.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>3</sup>	716,000	1,401	4,922	4,315	2,008	6.67	87.7	40.9	607	43.3
Florida—Circuit <sup>3</sup>	8,357,000	42,421	82,069	72,393	52,097	9.82	88.2	63.5	9,676	22.8
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	865,000	1,332	1,590	1,593	1,329	1.84	100.2	83.6	-3	-0.2
Idaho—District <sup>1</sup>	820,000	712 <sup>†</sup>	2,495	2,517	690	3.04	100.9	27.7	-22	-3.1
Illinois—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	11,145,000	N/A	32,828	28,720	N/A	2.95	87.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District <sup>2</sup>	2,870,000	(m)	(m)	14,874	(m)	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Kansas—District <sup>1</sup>	2,267,000	1,297	5,164 <sup>†</sup>	5,091	1,370	2.28	98.6	26.5	73	5.6
Massachusetts—Superior <sup>2</sup>	5,828,000	21,596 <sup>††</sup>	17,330 <sup>††</sup>	19,093 <sup>††</sup>	19,833 <sup>††</sup>	2.97	110.2	114.4	-1,763	-8.2
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>3</sup>	9,157,000	11,485	39,359 <sup>†</sup>	34,815 <sup>†</sup>	16,028	4.30	88.5	40.7	4,543	39.6
Circuit <sup>5</sup>	--	8,293 <sup>††</sup>	26,937 <sup>††</sup>	23,794 <sup>††</sup>	11,436 <sup>††</sup>	2.94	88.3	42.5	3,143	37.9
Recorder's <sup>1</sup>	--	3,192 <sup>†</sup>	12,421	11,021	4,592	1.36	88.7	37.0	1,400	43.9
Missouri—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	4,763,000	N/A	N/A	12,357	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District <sup>1</sup>	1,546,000	N/A	3,978 <sup>††</sup>	4,148 <sup>††</sup>	N/A	2.57	104.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>2</sup>	7,316,000	22,248	27,567	23,260	25,555	3.77	84.4	96.3	4,307	19.4
North Carolina—Superior <sup>6</sup>	5,451,000	N/A	30,762	N/A	N/A	5.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	10,759,000	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423	2.93	99.0	20.4	324	5.3
Oklahoma—District <sup>2</sup>	2,712,000	14,628	20,439	17,418	17,649	7.54	85.2	86.3	3,021	20.7
Oregon—Circuit <sup>5</sup>	2,288,000	4,019 <sup>†</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,996	6.28	100.2	27.8	-23	-0.6
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>2</sup>	927,000	N/A	2,374	N/A	N/A	2.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	683,000	N/A	N/A	1,751	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—Circuit and Criminal <sup>2</sup>	4,188,000	11,027 <sup>†</sup>	21,975	21,238	11,784	5.25	96.6	53.5	737	6.7
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	12,237,000	57,673	66,487	66,707	57,453	5.43	100.3	86.4	-220	-0.4
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>4</sup>	471,000	895	2,381	2,261	1,015	5.06	95.0	42.6	120	13.4
Superior <sup>2</sup>	--	5	20	14	11	0.04	70.0	55.0	6	NC
District <sup>4</sup>	--	890	2,361	2,247	1,004	5.01	95.2	42.5	114	12.8
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,967,000	6,494 <sup>†</sup>	22,427	21,960	6,961	4.52	97.9	31.0	467	7.2
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>2</sup>	4,607,000	5,749	12,260	12,225	5,748	2.66	99.7	47.2	35	0.6
Wyoming—District <sup>2</sup>	374,000	N/A	1,629	1,357 <sup>2</sup>	N/A	4.36	83.3	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSF staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>††</sup>A few misdemeanors may be included in the felony caseload for these courts.

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<sup>5</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.

<sup>6</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case.

<sup>7</sup>There was no consistent definition used for the criminal unit of count.

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**Table 36: Analysis of general jurisdiction felony caseflow, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population,**  
**with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Population estimates 7/1/75	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Filings/ 1,000 population	As percent of filings		Change in pending	Percent change in pending
							Disposed	Pending		
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	21,185,000	N/A	55,635	50,714	N/A	2.83	91.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	12,237,000	57,673	66,487	66,707	57,453	5.43	100.3	86.4	-220	-0.4
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	11,145,000	N/A	32,828	28,720	N/A	2.95	87.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	10,759,000	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423	2.93	99.0	20.4	324	5.3
Michigan—TOTAL	9,157,000	11,485	39,358	34,815	16,028	4.30	88.5	40.7	4,543	39.8
Circuit <sup>2</sup>	--	8,283 <sup>11</sup>	26,937 <sup>11</sup>	23,784 <sup>11</sup>	11,436 <sup>11</sup>	2.94	88.3	42.5	3,143	37.9
Recorder <sup>12</sup>	--	3,192 <sup>1</sup>	12,421	11,021	4,592	1.36	89.7	37.0	1,400	43.9
Florida—Circuit <sup>3</sup>	8,357,000	42,421	82,069	72,393	52,097	9.82	88.2	63.5	9,676	22.8
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>4</sup>	7,316,000	22,248	27,587	23,280	26,555	3.77	84.4	96.3	4,307	19.4
Massachusetts—Superior	5,625,000	21,599 <sup>11</sup>	17,330 <sup>11</sup>	19,093 <sup>11</sup>	19,633 <sup>11</sup>	2.97	110.2	114.4	-1,763	-5.2
North Carolina—Superior <sup>5</sup>	5,451,000	N/A	30,782	N/A	N/A	5.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	4,967,000	6,494 <sup>1</sup>	22,427	21,960	6,961	4.62	97.9	31.0	467	7.2
Missouri—Circuit <sup>6</sup>	4,783,000	N/A	N/A	12,357	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>7</sup>	4,607,000	5,749	12,260	12,225	5,784	2.66	99.7	47.2	35	0.6
Tennessee—Circuit and Criminal <sup>8</sup>	4,188,000	11,027 <sup>1</sup>	21,975	21,238	11,764	5.25	96.6	53.5	737	6.7
Iowa—District <sup>9</sup>	2,870,000	(m)	(m)	14,874	(m)	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Oklahoma—District <sup>10</sup>	2,712,000	14,628	20,439	17,418	17,649	7.54	85.2	66.3	3,021	20.7
Colorado—District <sup>1</sup>	2,534,000	N/A	11,032	N/A	N/A	4.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon—Circuit <sup>11</sup>	2,288,000	4,019 <sup>1</sup>	14,360	14,363	3,996	6.28	100.2	27.6	-23	-0.6
Kansas—District <sup>12</sup>	2,267,000	1,297	5,164	5,091	1,370	2.28	98.6	26.5	73	5.6
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	2,224,000	4,211	11,814	11,347	4,678	5.31	96.0	39.6	467	11.1
Arkansas—Circuit <sup>13</sup>	2,116,000	4,633	6,835	6,293	5,185	4.18	93.8	58.7	552	11.9
Nebraska—District <sup>14</sup>	1,546,000	N/A	3,978 <sup>11</sup>	4,148 <sup>11</sup>	N/A	2.57	104.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island—Superior <sup>15</sup>	927,000	N/A	2,374	N/A	N/A	2.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	865,000	1,332	1,590	1,593	1,329	1.84	100.2	83.6	-3	-0.2
Idaho—District <sup>1</sup>	820,000	712 <sup>1</sup>	2,495	2,517	690	3.04	100.9	27.7	-22	-3.1
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>16</sup>	716,000	1,401	4,922	4,315	2,008	6.87	87.7	40.8	607	43.3
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>17</sup>	683,000	N/A	N/A	1,751	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont—TOTAL	471,000	895	2,381	2,261	1,015	5.06	95.0	42.6	120	13.4
Superior <sup>18</sup>	--	5	20	14	11	0.04	70.0	55.0	6	NC
District <sup>1</sup>	--	690	2,361	2,247	1,004	5.01	95.2	42.5	224	12.6
Wyoming—District <sup>19</sup>	374,000	N/A	1,629	1,357 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	4.36	83.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior <sup>20</sup>	352,000	444	875	791	539	2.49	89.3	61.5	94	21.2

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<sup>11</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

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<sup>7</sup>A few misdemeanors may be included in the felony caseflow for these courts.

### General jurisdiction criminal dispositions

*Table 37.* Criminal trial data for 37 states reporting such data are shown in Table 37. Displayed for each reporting state are the types of criminal cases included in the state's trial data, the unit of count used in criminal cases, and the point of counting a jury or non-jury trial.

Data for each state reporting are displayed to show total criminal dispositions, total criminal trials with percentage of jury and non-jury trials, and the percentage of total criminal dispositions represented by jury and non-jury trial dispositions.

As with other criminal caseflow tables in this section, data regarding minor traffic cases and minor ordinance violation cases have been deleted from the totals for states that handle these cases in their general jurisdiction courts. In attempting to compare states, it is important to verify the similarity of the types of cases included in a state's trial data, the unit of count used for criminal cases, and the point of counting trials. States that count guilty pleas as non-jury trials should be kept separate from those that do not. Table 37 clearly indicates that in 3 states that consider a guilty plea a non-jury trial, dispositions are inflated with regard to the percentage of total criminal cases disposed of by trial. Footnotes on Table 37 identify those states.

### (Tables 37-38)

Of the criminal cases filed in general jurisdiction courts in these 37 states, the percentage of cases disposed of by jury trial in each state averages a little over 6 percent and ranges from less than 1 percent to more than 12 percent.

*Table 38.* Criminal case disposition data from the 27 states that reported such information for their general jurisdiction courts in 1975 are displayed in Table 38.

Data regarding total criminal dispositions in each state are broken down, where possible, into major types of criminal case dispositions. Other less common types of case dispositions are listed on the statistical profiles for each general jurisdiction court, which are located in Part II of this report.

Before attempting comparisons between states listed on this table, the similarity of the states with respect to the unit of count and types of cases included in total criminal dispositions must be checked. Note that minor traffic and ordinance cases are not included in this table.

Of all the criminal case dispositions reported, 26 states reported dispositions by guilty plea. The average percentage of cases disposed of by guilty plea was just over 53 percent; the range was from 30.9 percent to 76.6 percent.

**Table 37: Analysis of general jurisdiction criminal trial data, 1975.**  
 For those states identifying and reporting criminal trial data,  
 with case types, point of counting, and number of jury and  
 non-jury trials as a percent of dispositions.

	Case types included					Point of counting <sup>1</sup>			Trial					Number of criminal dispositions	Percent of criminal dispositions			
	Felony	Serious misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Serious traffic	Appeals	Criminal case	Jury	Non-jury	Trial	Total	Jury	Percent of total	Non-jury		Percent of total	Jury trial	Non-jury	Total trial
Alabama—Circuit	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	G	G	G	2,702	1,652	61.1	1,050	38.9	25,980	6.4	4.0	10.4
Alaska—Superior	✓	✓	✓			B	X	X	G	65	X	X	X	X	955	X	X	6.8
Arizona—Superior	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	H	I		1,757	971	55.3	786	44.7	13,045	7.4	6.0	13.5
California—Superior	✓				✓	A	J	K		8,426	4,600	54.6	3,826	45.4	52,625	8.8	7.3	16.0
Connecticut Superior	✓	✓				A	J	I		139	38	27.3	101	72.7	3,773	1.0	2.7	3.7
Delaware—Superior	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	J	K		375	313	83.5	62	16.5	3,807	8.2	1.6	9.9
District of Columbia Superior <sup>3</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓		A	G	G	G	2,014	1,095	54.4	919	45.6	19,845	5.5	4.6	10.1
Florida—Circuit	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	J	K		6,445	4,381	67.6	2,064	32.4	72,443	6.0	2.9	8.9
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	✓	✓	✓			A	J	K		291	194	66.7	97	33.3	2,128	9.1	4.8	13.7
Idaho—TOTAL <sup>5</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	X	L	2,962	X	X	X	X	29,219	X	X	10.1
Idaho—District	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	X	X	L	412	X	X	X	X	3,250	X	X	12.7
Idaho—Magistrate		✓	✓			O	X	X	L	2,550	X	X	X	X	25,969	X	X	9.8
Illinois—Circuit	✓					D	G	G	G	2,585	1,080	41.8	1,505	58.2	28,720	3.8	5.2	9.0
Iowa—District <sup>6</sup>	✓	✓	✓			B	J	I		3,590	915	25.5	2,675	74.5	22,219	4.1	12.0	16.2
Kansas—District	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D	M	N		1,289	636	49.3	653	50.7	6,636	9.6	9.8	19.4
Maine—Superior	✓	✓	✓			D	X	X	L	600	X	X	X	X	8,990	X	X	6.7
Maryland—Circuit	✓	✓	✓		✓	B	G	O		15,209 <sup>7</sup>	1,513	9.9	13,696 <sup>7</sup>	90.1	27,635	5.5	49.5 <sup>7</sup>	54.9 <sup>7</sup>
Massachusetts Superior	✓				✓	B	X	X	L	4,417	X	X	X	X	34,086	X	X	13.0
Michigan—TOTAL	✓	✓			✓		J	I		11,686 <sup>8</sup>	2,459	21.0	9,227 <sup>8</sup>	79.0	45,626	5.4	20.2 <sup>8</sup>	25.6 <sup>8</sup>
Michigan—Circuit	✓	✓			✓	C	J	I		2,471	1,755	71.0	716	29.0	24,349	7.2	2.9	10.1
Michigan—Recorder's	✓	✓				C	J	I		9,215 <sup>8</sup>	704	7.6	8,511 <sup>8</sup>	92.4	21,277	3.3	40.0 <sup>8</sup>	43.3 <sup>8</sup>
Minnesota—District	✓	✓	✓		✓	F	G	G		717	504	70.3	213	29.7	7,453	6.8	2.9	9.6
Missouri—Circuit	✓	✓	✓		✓	B	J	K		2,078	917	44.1	1,161	55.9	16,257	5.6	7.1	12.8
New Hampshire—Superior	✓	✓	✓		✓	F	E	E		721	317	44.0	404	56.0	5,642	5.6	7.2	12.8
New Jersey Superior and County	✓					B	H	K		3,485	2,786	79.9	699	20.1	23,260	12.0	3.0	15.0
New Mexico District	✓	✓	✓		✓	B	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	375	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,588	8.2	N/A	N/A
New York—Supreme and County	✓	✓	✓			A	X	X	G	3,310	X	X	X	X	38,674	X	X	8.6
North Carolina Superior	✓				✓	F	J	K		N/A	3,626	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,551	6.9	N/A	N/A
North Dakota District	✓	✓	✓		✓	B	G	N		129	72	55.8	57	44.2	1,063	6.8	5.4	12.1
Ohio—Common Pleas	✓					A	J	I		5,190	2,358	45.4	2,832	54.6	31,230	7.6	9.1	16.6
Oklahoma—District	✓					B	X	X	N	2,141	X	X	X	X	17,418	X	X	12.3
Oregon—Circuit	✓					E	J	I		1,839	1,113	60.5	726	39.5	14,383	7.7	5.0	12.8
Pennsylvania Common Pleas	✓	✓	✓			A	G	G		18,652	3,490	18.7	15,162	81.3	97,213	3.6	15.6	19.2
South Dakota Circuit	✓	✓	✓			B	J	K		838	243	29.0	595	71.0	12,470	1.9	4.8	6.7
Texas—District	✓	✓	✓			A	J	O		45,151 <sup>9</sup>	3,620	8.0	41,531 <sup>9</sup>	92.0	74,310	4.9	55.9 <sup>9</sup>	60.8 <sup>9</sup>
Utah—District	✓	✓	✓			D	J	K		349	255	73.1	94	26.9	2,190	11.6	4.3	15.9
Vermont—TOTAL	✓	✓	✓			D	G	G	G	269	162	60.2	107	39.8	16,370	1.0	0.7	1.6
Vermont—Superior	✓	✓	✓			B	G	G	G	4	3	75.0	1	25.0	18	16.7	5.6	22.2
Vermont—District	✓	✓	✓			D	G	G	G	265	159	60.0	106	40.0	16,352	1.0	0.6	1.6
Virginia—Circuit	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	J	O		40,597 <sup>10</sup>	2,728	6.7	37,869 <sup>10</sup>	93.3	41,630	6.6	91.0 <sup>10</sup>	97.5 <sup>10</sup>
Washington Superior	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	J	I		2,296	1,523	66.3	773	33.7	14,284	10.7	5.4	16.1
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	✓	✓	✓			B	J	K		12,502	X	X	X	X	55,979	X	X	22.3
Wyoming—District	✓					B	F	F	F	336	69	20.5	267	79.5	1,356 <sup>11</sup>	5.1	19.7	24.8

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N/A—This case is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X—The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 ✓—These case types are included in the statistical totals.

<sup>1</sup>Also includes major triable District of Columbia cases.

<sup>2</sup>Also includes family court criminal cases.

<sup>3</sup>Does not include non-indictable state cases with fine less than \$100 or sentence less than 30 days.

<sup>4</sup>Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

<sup>1</sup>Point of Counting:

A Number of defendants on each information or indictment.

B Number of Informations or Indictments.

C Number of defendants on each information, indictment, or complaint.

D Number of Informations, Indictments, or complaints.

E Case number.

F No consistent definition is used.

G Tried to completion, judgment/verdict/decision.

H Voir dire examination begins.

I First witness sworn.

J Jury sworn.

K Opening statement or introduction of evidence.

L Trial begun.

M Impanel jury.

N Contested.

O Opening statement or introduction of any evidence. Guilty pleas are counted as non-jury trials.

**Table 38: General jurisdiction criminal disposition types<sup>r</sup>, 1975.**  
**For those states identifying and reporting pleas,**  
**total convictions, trial convictions, acquittals,**  
**nolle prosequis, or dismissals,**  
**with total criminal dispositions<sup>r</sup> and pleas**  
**as a percent of the total.**

State and court	Total disposed	Plea		Total convictions	Trial conviction	Acquittals	Nolle prosequis	Dismissals
		Number	As % of dispositions					
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	25,980	15,427 <sup>a</sup>	59.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior <sup>2</sup>	955	295	30.9	400	37	22	N/A	189
Arizona—Superior <sup>1</sup>	19,045	8,676	51.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,612
California—Superior <sup>1</sup>	52,525	34,858	66.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,794
Connecticut—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,773	2,782	74.0	2,876	84	55	810	32
Delaware—Superior <sup>1</sup>	3,807	1,826 <sup>a</sup>	48.0	N/A	274	85	3,588 <sup>a</sup>	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>211</sup>	19,845	7,234	36.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,520	1,292
Florida—Circuit <sup>3</sup>	72,443	33,358	46.0	36,264	2,570	1,392	11,965	2,649
Illinois—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	28,720	15,804 <sup>b</sup>	55.0	17,388 <sup>b</sup>	1,584 <sup>b</sup>	1,001 <sup>b</sup>	N/A	13,747 <sup>b</sup>
Kansas—District <sup>4</sup>	6,636	3,610	54.4	N/A	995	294	N/A	1,737 <sup>d</sup>
Louisiana—District <sup>4e</sup>	204,945	127,066 <sup>a</sup>	62.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan—Recorder's <sup>2a</sup>	22,630	8,175 <sup>a</sup>	36.1	N/A	759 <sup>ae</sup>	468 <sup>ae</sup>	N/A	7,603 <sup>a</sup>
Minnesota—District <sup>7</sup>	7,453	4,999	67.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,737
Mississippi—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	5,307	3,275	61.7	N/A	280	96	266	200
Missouri—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	16,257	9,717	59.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,758	2,704
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>7</sup>	5,642	2,811	49.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,148	N/A
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>6</sup>	27,248	13,430	49.3	N/A	1,779	1,382	N/A	6,858
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	38,874	26,309	68.0	N/A	2,308	1,158	N/A	8,899
North Carolina—Superior <sup>7</sup>	52,551	26,835	51.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	31,230	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,879	401
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	104,576	32,838	31.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,288	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>2</sup>	12,470	9,556	76.8	N/A	662	176	N/A	2,076
Texas—District <sup>1</sup>	80,440	41,097	51.1	43,762	N/A	824	N/A	27,708
Utah—District <sup>4</sup>	2,647	1,324	50.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	517
Vermont—TOTAL	16,370	11,865	72.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,907	N/A
Superior <sup>2</sup>	18	2	11.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
District <sup>4d</sup>	16,352	11,863	72.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,906	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>2a</sup>	55,979	21,444	38.3	N/A	11,591	911	N/A	15,728
Wyoming—District <sup>2</sup>	1,357 <sup>b</sup>	548	40.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	423

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

<sup>1</sup>Does not include data on minor traffic, minor ordinance, preliminary hearings, and special operations.

<sup>2</sup>Does not include data from Traffic and Ordinance Division.

<sup>3</sup>Includes only felonies and misdemeanors.

<sup>r</sup> Minor traffic and minor ordinance cases are not included for those courts handling them.

<sup>1</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information or indictment.

<sup>2</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.

<sup>3</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information, indictment, or complaint.

<sup>4</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

<sup>5</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.

<sup>6</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case.

<sup>7</sup>No consistent definition is used for the criminal unit of count.

**Juvenile caseload (Tables 39-42)**

Tables in this section show total juvenile caseload as well as juvenile caseload by category in general jurisdiction courts during 1975. In addition, the last table in this section (Table 42) shows total reported juvenile caseload from all courts — general, limited, and special jurisdiction.

Several of the same measures used in the civil and criminal caseload tables are presented to permit caseload comparisons among the states. These measures include the number of cases disposed during the year, listed as a percentage of the number of cases filed during the year; the number of pending cases at the end of the year, shown as a percentage of

the number of filings; and the number and percentage change in year-end pending case figures as compared to the beginning pending. For a discussion of these measures, refer to the interpretation of civil caseload data in connection with Table 26. The totals discussed will be state totals, whether for one or more than one court.

Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia indicated that they handle juvenile cases in their general jurisdiction courts, while other states reported juvenile cases in limited or special jurisdiction courts or in all lower courts. When attempting comparisons of juvenile caseload from these tables,

it is important that the similarity of subject matter jurisdiction be verified by reference to each court's profile in Part II.

*Table 39.* The reported 1975 juvenile caseload in general jurisdiction courts is displayed in Table 39. In addition to caseload figures, dispositions and year-end pending cases in each court are shown as percentages of the cases filed during the year. The number and percentage change in year-end pending cases are also presented.

Most states reporting juvenile caseload data were able to dispose of their juvenile caseloads quite effectively in 1975. This may indicate a desire by the courts and other agencies to achieve prompt processing of juvenile matters.

All 20 states for which the measure could be calculated disposed of at least 80 percent of the number of filings. Six states disposed of more juvenile cases than were filed that year. Of the 14 states for which the number of pending cases was computed as a percent of the number of filings, all had fewer than 60 percent of the number of filings pending at the end of the year. Over half of the states (7) had a pending caseload which was less than 30 percent of the number of filings.

There was only a small change in pending juvenile caseload. Of the 14 states for which the percent change in pending was computed, 5 showed a decrease in the number of pending cases. There were 6 states for which the increase in pending cases was between 0 and 30 percent.

*Table 40.* The same juvenile caseload contained on Table 39 is shown on Table 40, but the states have been ranked by estimated 1975 population. Ranking states by population aids the comparison of juvenile caseload for states with similar population size, once the similarity of court jurisdiction has been estab-

lished. However, when ranked by state population, the data yielded no new findings. Again, population proves to have little correlation with the courts' performance in handling juvenile caseload.

*Table 41.* The detailed 1975 juvenile caseload reported by general jurisdiction courts is displayed in Table 41. This table includes the total juvenile caseload categories presented in Tables 23, 40, and 41. The reporting categories used by each state and the manner in which the National Court Statistics Project classified state data may be found in the state profiles in Part II.

*Table 42.* All court data—general, limited, and special jurisdiction—for juvenile cases in the 43 courts reporting such data in 1975 are displayed in Table 42. In addition to caseload figures, dispositions and pending figures for each court are shown as a percentage of the cases filed during the year. The number and percentage change in year-end pending cases compared to 1974 is also presented.

As was the case with the juvenile caseload in the general jurisdiction courts, the combined lower courts seem to process juvenile matters in a prompt manner.

Of the 27 states for which the number of dispositions could be computed as a percent of the number of filings, all but 6 states disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of filings. Nine of the states were able to dispose of more juvenile cases than had been filed during that year.

All states had a pending caseload that was less than 70 percent of the number of filings, while 10 of the 18 states for which the figure was computed had fewer than 30 percent of the number of filings remaining pending at the end of the year. Of the 18 states reporting pending caseload, 6 states had a decrease in the number of pending cases.

**Table 39: Analysis of general jurisdiction juvenile caseload, 1975, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
					Dis-posed	Pending	Number	Percent
Alabama—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Alaska—Superior	N/A	1,388	1,121	N/A	80.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona—Superior	760 <sup>†</sup>	3,256 <sup>‡</sup>	3,222 <sup>‡</sup>	794 <sup>‡</sup>	99.0	24.4	34	4.5
Arkansas—TOTAL	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery and County	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
California—Superior	N/A	77,722	74,312	N/A	95.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—TOTAL	7,135	21,798	20,138	8,795	92.4	40.3	1,660	23.3
District	7,135	21,798	20,138	8,795	92.4	40.3	1,660	23.3
Water	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Delaware—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District of Columbia—Superior	1,617	7,756	7,410	1,963	95.5	25.3	346	21.4
Florida—Circuit	15,271	62,811	57,315	20,787	91.2	33.1	5,496	36.0
Georgia—Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii—TOTAL	2,959	7,739	7,749	2,949	100.1	38.1	-10	-0.3
Circuit	2,959	7,739	7,749	2,949	100.1	38.1	-10	-0.3
Land	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Idaho—TOTAL	1,902 <sup>†</sup>	7,523	7,374	2,051	98.0	27.3	149	7.8
District	19	17	16	4	94.1	23.6	1	NC
Magistrate	1,899 <sup>†</sup>	7,506	7,358	2,047	98.0	27.3	148	7.8
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	27,983	30,266	N/A	108.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Iowa—District	N/A	5,685	5,635	N/A	97.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kentucky—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Louisiana—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maine—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	25,210	24,627	N/A	97.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Michigan—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Recorder's	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Claims	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Minnesota—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi—TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit	8,217	18,751	16,372	10,553	87.3	56.5	2,379	29.0
Montana—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Nevada—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Jersey—Superior and County	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Mexico—District	2,120	5,454	4,888	2,734 <sup>†</sup>	89.6	50.1	614	29.0
New York—Supreme and County	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Carolina—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Dakota—District	224	855	897	182	104.9	21.3	-42	-18.8
Ohio—Common Pleas	21,322	194,269	196,503	19,197	101.1	9.8	-2,215	-10.4
Oklahoma—District	2,047	8,311	6,873	3,485	82.7	41.9	1,438	70.2
Oregon—TOTAL	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	4,388	39,882	36,350	5,920	96.2	14.6	1,632	34.9
Rhode Island—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
South Carolina—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>‡</sup>	N/A	94.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit and Probate	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Texas—District	5,764	11,919	12,361	5,322	103.7	44.7	-442	-7.7
Utah—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Vermont—TOTAL	267	968	980	255	101.2	26.3	-12	-4.5
Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District	267	968	980	255	101.2	26.3	-12	-4.5
Virginia—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Washington—Superior	N/A	11,929	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	N/A	N/A	15,760	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wyoming—District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<sup>†</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>‡</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.  
 NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>‡</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

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**Table 40: Analysis of general jurisdiction juvenile caseflow, 1975.**  
**States ranked by population,**  
**with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings,**  
**and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending	
						Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent
California—Superior and County	21,185	N/A	77,722	74,312	N/A	95.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York—Supreme and County	18,120	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Texas—District	12,237	5,764	11,919	12,361	5,322	103.7	44.7	-442	-7.7
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	11,827	4,388	39,682	38,830	5,920	96.2	14.8	1,532	34.9
Illinois—Circuit	11,145	N/A	27,953	30,296	N/A	108.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio—Common Pleas	10,759	21,322	194,288	196,503	19,107	101.1	9.8	-2,215	-10.4
Michigan—TOTAL	9,157	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Recorder's	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Claims	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Florida—Circuit	8,357	15,271	62,811	57,315	20,767	91.2	33.1	5,496	36.0
New Jersey—Superior and County	7,316	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Massachusetts—Superior	5,828	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Carolina—Superior	5,451	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Indiana—TOTAL	5,311	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Virginia—Circuit	4,937	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Georgia—Superior	4,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri—Circuit	4,763	8,217	18,751	16,372	10,596	87.3	56.5	2,379	29.0
Wisconsin—Circuit and County	4,607	N/A	N/A	15,760	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee—TOTAL	4,188	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maryland—Circuit	4,098	N/A	25,210	24,627	N/A	97.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota—District	3,926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana—District*	3,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Alabama—Circuit	3,614	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Washington—Superior	3,544	N/A	11,929	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—Circuit	3,396	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut—Superior	3,095	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Iowa—District	2,870	N/A	5,685	5,535	N/A	97.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina—Circuit	2,818	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma—District	2,712	2,047	8,311	6,873	3,485	82.7	41.9	1,438	70.2
Colorado—TOTAL	2,534	7,135	21,798	20,138	8,795	92.4	40.3	1,660	23.3
District	--	7,135	21,798	20,138	8,795	92.4	40.3	1,660	23.3
Water	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Mississippi—TOTAL	2,343	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon—TOTAL	2,288	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	--	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kansas—District	2,267	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Arizona—Superior	2,224	760 <sup>†</sup>	3,256 <sup>†</sup>	3,222 <sup>†</sup>	794 <sup>†</sup>	99.0	24.4	34	4.5
Arkansas—TOTAL	2,116	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	--	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chancery and Probate	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
West Virginia—Circuit	1,803	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska—District	1,546	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Utah—District	1,206	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Mexico—District	1,147	2,120	5,454	4,688	2,734 <sup>†</sup>	89.6	50.1	614	29.0
Maine—Superior	1,059	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Rhode Island—Superior	927	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Hawaii—TOTAL	865	2,95	7,739	7,749	2,949	100.1	38.1	-10	-0.3
Circuit	--	2,95 <sup>‡</sup>	7,739	7,74 <sup>‡</sup>	2,949	100.1	38.1	-10	-0.3
Land	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Tax	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Idaho—TOTAL	820	1,902 <sup>‡</sup>	7,523	7,374	2,051	98.0	27.3	149	7.8
District	--	3 <sup>‡</sup>	17	16	4	94.1	23.5	1	NC
Magistrate	--	1,899 <sup>‡</sup>	7,506	7,358	2,047	98.0	27.3	148	7.8
New Hampshire—Superior	818	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Montana—District	748	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior	716	1,617	7,756	7,410	1,963	95.5	25.3	346	21.4
South Dakota—Circuit	683	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>‡</sup>	N/A	94.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota—District	635	224	855	897	182	104.9	21.3	-42	-18.8
Nevada—District	592	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware—TOTAL	579	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Vermont—TOTAL	471	267	998	980	235	101.2	26.3	-12	-4.5
Superior	--	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District	--	267	998	980	255	101.2	26.3	-12	-4.5
Wyoming—District	374	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska—Superior	352	N/A	1,366	1,121	80.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

<sup>†</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

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 NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.  
 NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>‡</sup>The number of pending cases was computed by NCSF staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

<sup>§</sup>Juvenile data for limited and special jurisdiction courts are displayed with the general jurisdiction data in Table 42.





Table 41: General jurisdiction juvenile caseload, 1975; by category of case.<sup>1</sup>

State and court	Beginning pending					Total Juvenile	Filed			
	Delinquency	Dependency	CINS	Traffic	Other		Delinquency	Dependency	CINS	Traffic
Alabama—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Alaska—Superior						N/A				
Arizona—Superior	411 <sup>f</sup>	161 <sup>f</sup>		188 <sup>f</sup>		760 <sup>f</sup>	1,347 <sup>f</sup>	223 <sup>f</sup>		1,686 <sup>f</sup>
Arkansas—TOTAL						(c)				
Circuit						(c)				
Chancery and Probate	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
California—Superior	N/A	N/A				N/A	63,739	13,983		
Colorado—TOTAL	X	X	X		X	7,135	6,147	1,573	498	
District	X	X	X		X	7,135	6,147	1,573	498	
Water	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Delaware—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District of Columbia—Superior	1,267	218	132			1,617	6,608	544	604	
Florida—Circuit	X	X	X		X	15,271	35,665	13,241	2,574	
Georgia—Superior						N/A				
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>g</sup>	1,571	167	523	282	416	2,959	4,66 <sup>c</sup>	201	1,501	677
Idaho—TOTAL	1,509 <sup>f</sup>	393 <sup>f</sup>				1,902 <sup>f</sup>	6,881	642		
District	3 <sup>f</sup>	0 <sup>f</sup>				3 <sup>f</sup>	6	11		
Magistrate	1,506 <sup>f</sup>	393 <sup>f</sup>				1,899 <sup>f</sup>	6,875	631		
Illinois—Circuit						N/A				
Indiana—TOTAL						N/A				
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Superior						N/A				
Criminal	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Iowa—District						N/A				
Kansas—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kentucky—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Louisiana—District <sup>h</sup>	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maine—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	21,731	3,479 <sup>c</sup>	(c)	
Massachusetts—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Michigan—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Recorder's	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Claims	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Minnesota—District						N/A				
Mississippi—TOTAL						N/A				
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery						N/A				
Missouri—Circuit						8,217				
Montana—District						N/A				
Nebraska—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Nevada—District						N/A				
New Hampshire—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Jersey—Superior and County	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Mexico—District						2,120				
New York—Supreme and County	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Carolina—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Dakota—District						224				
Ohio—Common Pleas						21,322				
Oklahoma—District	863 <sup>f</sup>	455 <sup>f</sup>	729 <sup>f</sup>			2,047 <sup>f</sup>	4,106	1,910	2,285	
Oregon—TOTAL						N/A				
Circuit						N/A				
Tax	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas						4,388				
Rhode Island—Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
South Carolina—Circuit						N/A				
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	3,465	65	659	
Tennessee—TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Texas—District	5,764					5,764	11,919			
Utah—District	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Vermont—TOTAL						267				
Superior	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District						267				
Virginia—Circuit	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Washington—Superior						N/A				
West Virginia—Circuit						N/A				
Wisconsin—Circuit and County						N/A				
Wyoming—District						N/A				

Filed		Disposed						End pending					
Other	Total Juvenile	Delinquency	Dependency	CINS	Traffic	Other	Total Juvenile	Delinquency	Dependency	CINS	Traffic	Other	Total Juvenile
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	1,386						7,121						N/A
	3,256#	1,297#	232#		1,693#		3,222#	461#	152#		181#		794#
	(c)						(c)						(c)
	(c)						(c)						(c)
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	77,722	60,923	13,369				74,312	N/A	N/A				N/A
7,843	21,798	X	X	X		X	20,138	X	X	X		X	8,795
7,843	21,798#	X	X	X		X	20,138	X	X	X		X	8,795
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	7,756	6,257	541	612			7,410	1,618	221	124			1,963
11,331	62,811	32,029	11,657	2,794		10,835	57,315	X	X	X		X	20,767
	N/A						N/A						N/A
691	7,739	4,563	211	1,578	788	609	7,742	1,677	157	446	171	498	2,949
	7,523	6,641	733				7,374	1,749	302				2,051
	17	7	9				16	2	2				4
	7,506	6,654	724				7,358	1,747	300				2,047
	27,983						30,266						N/A
	N/A						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	N/A						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	5,685						5,535						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	25,210	20,999	3,628#	(c)			24,627	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	N/A						N/A						N/A
	N/A						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	N/A						N/A						N/A
	18,751						16,372						10,596
	N/A						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	N/A						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	5,454						4,888						2,734#
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	855						897						182
	194,288						196,503						19,107
	8,311	3,321	1,667	1,885			6,873	1,648#	698#	1,139#			3,485#
	11,305						N/A						N/A
	11,305						N/A						N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	39,882						38,350						5,920
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	N/A						N/A						N/A
	4,210	3,337	N/A	635			3,972#	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	11,919	12,361					12,361	5,322					5,322
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	986						980						255
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	958						980						255
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
	11,929						N/A						N/A
	N/A						N/A						N/A
	N/A						15,760						N/A
	N/A						N/A						N/A

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Footnotes to Table 41:

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

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

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

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

\*Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

†The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

‡Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

§Juvenile data for limited and special jurisdiction courts are displayed with the general jurisdiction data in Table 42.

¶The Hawaii Land Court and Tax Court, which do not try criminal cases, have been deleted because of space limitations.

**Table 42: Analysis of juvenile caseload, 1975. General and limited jurisdiction courts, with dispositions and end pending as a percent of filings, and number and percent change in pending.**

State and court	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filings		Change in pending	
					Dispositions	End pending	Number	Percent
Alaska—Superior	N/A	1,386	1,121	N/A	80.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona—Superior	760 <sup>§</sup>	3,256 <sup>§</sup>	3,222 <sup>§</sup>	794 <sup>§</sup>	99.0	24.4	34	4.5
California—Superior	N/A	77,722	74,312	N/A	95.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado—District	7,135	21,798	20,138	8,795	92.4	40.3	1,660	23.3
Connecticut—Juvenile	N/A	15,985	14,956	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia—Superior	1,617	7,756	7,410	1,963	95.5	25.3	346	21.4
Florida—Circuit	15,271	62,811	57,315	20,767	91.2	33.1	5,496	36.0
Hawaii—Circuit	2,959	7,739	7,749	2,949	100.1	38.1	-10	-0.3
Idaho—TOTAL	1,902	7,523	7,374	2,051	98.0	27.3	149	7.8
District	3 <sup>†</sup>	17	16	3	94.1	23.5	1	NC
Magistrates	1,899 <sup>†</sup>	7,506	7,358	2,047	98.0	27.3	148	7.8
Illinois—Circuit	N/A	27,983	36,235	N/A	108.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa—District	N/A	5,685	5,535	N/A	97.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas—Probate and Juvenile	N/A	N/A	20,461	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentucky—County	N/A	24,583	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana—City and Parish	N/A	13,718	11,198	N/A	81.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine—District	N/A	4,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland—Circuit	N/A	25,210	24,627	N/A	97.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts—TOTAL	N/A	49,484	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District	N/A	37,306	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile	N/A	12,178	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michigan—Probate	N/A	32,991	13,303	20,510 <sup>c</sup>	40.3	62.2	N/A	N/A
Minnesota—County	5,497	31,909	30,904	6,502	96.9	20.4	1,005	18.3
Missouri—Circuit	8,217	18,751	16,372	10,596	87.3	58.5	2,379	29.0
Nebraska—TOTAL	N/A	4,332	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County	N/A	2,949	2,600	N/A	88.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile	N/A	1,383	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire—District and Municipal	N/A	4,490	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey—Juvenile and Domestic Relations	10,666	82,657	81,745	11,578	98.9	14.0	912	8.6
New Mexico—District	2,120	5,454	4,888	2,734 <sup>b</sup>	89.6	50.1	614	29.0
New York—Family	22,296	45,533	60,453	11,525 <sup>b</sup>	132.8	25.3	-10,771	-48.3
North Carolina—District	N/A	24,800	27,131	N/A	109.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota—District	224	855	897	182	104.9	21.3	-42	-18.7
Ohio—Common Pleas	21,322	194,288	196,503	19,107	101.1	9.8	-2,215	-10.4
Oklahoma—District	2,047	8,311	6,873	3,485	82.7	41.9	1,438	70.2
Oregon—TOTAL	N/A	11,568	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County	N/A	263	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas	4,388	39,882	36,350	5,920	96.2	14.8	1,532	34.9
Rhode Island—Family	N/A	8,807	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota—Circuit	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>§</sup>	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas—TOTAL	6,902	13,446	13,936	6,412	103.6	47.7	-490	-7.1
District	5,764	11,919	12,361	5,322	103.7	44.7	-442	-7.7
County	1,138	1,527	1,575	1,090	103.1	71.4	-48	-4.2
Utah—Juvenile	N/A	34,598	40,731	N/A	117.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont—District	267	968	980	255	101.2	26.3	-12	-4.5
Washington—Superior	N/A	11,929	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin—County	N/A	N/A	13,780	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

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

NC—The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.

\*Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

†The number of pending cases was computed by NCSP staff when filings, dispositions, and either beginning or end pending were available.

‡Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. The numbers appear as reported.

**General jurisdiction jury trial data (Table 43)**

Table 43. Reported jury trial data for general jurisdiction courts in 1975 are displayed in Table 43. Figures are provided for the number of civil, criminal, and juvenile jury trials reported by 37 general jurisdiction courts. In addition to the number of jury trials reported for each state, footnotes on the table indicate the point of counting jury trials used in each state.

Interstate comparison of the number of jury trials conducted during 1975 should not be attempted without verifying the similarity of subject matter jurisdiction and the point of counting of jury trials in the states to be compared. Reference to the statistical profile of each state in Part II will provide the jurisdiction of each court as well as its reported data on non-jury trials.

**Table 43: General jurisdiction jury trial data, 1975.**  
For those states identifying and reporting jury trials.

State and court	Jury				Total
	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile		
Alabama—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	N/A	1,652	NH		N/A
Arizona—Superior <sup>2</sup>	439	971	NH		1,410
California—Superior <sup>4</sup>	3,649	4,600	NH		8,249
Connecticut—Superior <sup>4</sup>	406	38	NH		444
Delaware—Superior <sup>4</sup>	N/A	313	NH		N/A
District of Columbia—Superior <sup>1</sup>	N/A	1,095	NH		N/A
Florida—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	1,818	4,381	NH		6,179
Hawaii—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	120	194	NH		314
Illinois—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	1,497 <sup>1</sup>	1,030 <sup>1</sup>	NH		2,527 <sup>1</sup>
Iowa—District <sup>3</sup>	398	1,192	NH		1,590
Kansas—District <sup>3</sup>	387	836	NH		1,023
Louisiana—District <sup>4</sup>	176	1,188	NH		1,365
Maryland—Circuit <sup>1</sup>	1,130	1,513	NH		2,643
Michigan—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	937	2,489	NH		3,396
Circuit <sup>4</sup>	937	1,785	NH		2,692
Recorder's <sup>4</sup>	NH	704 <sup>4</sup>	NH		704 <sup>4</sup>
Minnesota—District <sup>3</sup>	927	504	NH		1,431
Missouri—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	N/A	917	NH		N/A
New Hampshire—Superior <sup>4</sup>	242	317	NH		599
New Jersey—Superior and County <sup>4</sup>	3,045	2,786	NH		5,831
New Mexico—District <sup>3</sup>	N/A	375	NH		N/A
New York—Supreme and County <sup>1</sup>	2,201	N/A	NH		N/A
North Carolina—Superior <sup>4</sup>	667	3,626	NH		4,293
North Dakota—District <sup>1</sup>	69	72	NH		141
Ohio—Common Pleas <sup>4</sup>	1,710 <sup>1</sup>	2,358	NH		4,069 <sup>1</sup>
Oregon—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	1,064 <sup>4</sup>	1,113	NH		2,177 <sup>4</sup>
Pennsylvania—Common Pleas <sup>1</sup>	1,821 <sup>1</sup>	3,490	NH		5,311 <sup>1</sup>
South Dakota—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	97 <sup>4</sup>	243	NH		340 <sup>4</sup>
Tennessee—TOTAL <sup>4</sup>	2,719	N/A	NH		N/A
Circuit and Criminal <sup>4</sup>	2,611	N/A	NH		N/A
Law and Equity <sup>4</sup>	105 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	NH		N/A
Texas—District <sup>4</sup>	4,680	3,620	332		8,612
Utah—District <sup>4</sup>	259	255	NH		514
Vermont—TOTAL <sup>1</sup>	96 <sup>1</sup>	169	NH		265
Superior <sup>1</sup>	93 <sup>1</sup>	3	NH		96
District <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	166	NH		169
Virginia—Circuit <sup>4</sup>	1,988 <sup>4</sup>	2,728	NH		4,716
Washington—Superior <sup>4</sup>	1,124	1,523	NH		2,647
Wisconsin—Circuit and County <sup>4</sup>	946	1,267	NH		2,213
Wyoming—District <sup>4</sup>	26 <sup>4</sup>	69 <sup>4</sup>	NH		95 <sup>4</sup>

NOTE: Alphabetical footnotes refer to the footnotes in Part II, where statistical profiles for courts of general jurisdiction in each state are displayed.

N/A—This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
NH—This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>1</sup>Not all data were available for inclusion in the total. Each court's profile in Part II may be referenced for a determination of the missing data.

Point at which trial is counted:

<sup>1</sup>A jury trial is counted when it is tried to completion or verdict.

<sup>2</sup>A jury trial is counted when the voir dire examination of the panel begins.

<sup>3</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

<sup>4</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

<sup>5</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a criminal jury trial when it is tried to verdict.

<sup>6</sup>No specific definition is used for the jury trial.

**General conclusions**

Generalizations based upon data received from courts of general jurisdiction, like those based upon appellate court data, should be made with caution. Variations in reference periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions of cases and units of count, and the degree of completeness and accuracy of data make cross-jurisdictional comparisons extremely complex. In addition, without verified multiyear caseload data, it is difficult to reach valid conclusions regarding caseload trends.

With these caveats in mind, one general observa-

tion can be made regarding the general jurisdiction tables. The number of cases pending in courts of general jurisdiction was 8.7 percent higher at the end of 1975 than it was at the end of 1974. Civil cases pending increased least in percentage terms (7.8), but most in absolute numbers. Conversely, juvenile cases pending increased most in percentage (14.8), but this percentage was based on a relatively small absolute number of cases. In addition, more progress was made in reducing the backlog of criminal and juvenile cases than in civil cases.

**Part II**  
**State court profiles**

## Part II State court profiles

The following section begins with blank prototypes of the four tables that make up the profile of each state's court system. The first prototype is a diagram depicting the organization of the courts within a state, including number of judges and number of courts, their jurisdictions and routes of appeal. The second and third prototype tables provide the reader with an outline of the categories into which actual data from appellate and general jurisdiction courts, respectively, have been classified. The fourth prototype table displays, where appropriate, data on selected case categories received from courts of limited jurisdiction.

Actual data are presented in the state statistical profiles following the blank prototypes. State profiles are arranged in alphabetical order by state name.

The statistical profile for each court is the basic source document used in compiling the summary tables in Part I. Along with the name of the court, the number of full-time judges, the level of court, and the

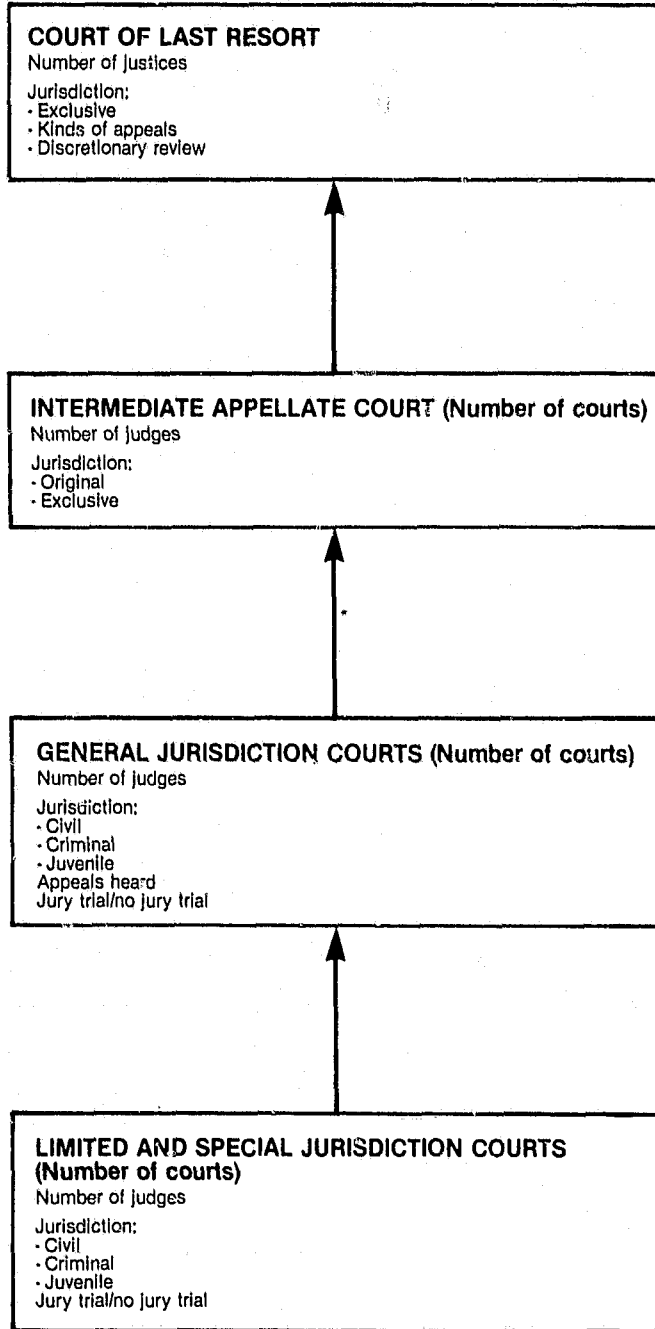
time span covered by the data, each profile shows the actual caseflow data received from that court. Data are classified into the general categories chosen by the NCSP as being most representative of the kinds of data reported by the states. For example, a petition for allowance to appeal reported by an appellate court is displayed under the general heading of **requests to appeal**. NCSP classifications are shown in boldface in the profiles.

Footnotes are used in these profiles to explain any peculiarities regarding the data as reported by each court and to qualify data, as necessary, when they are transferred from the profiles to the summary tables in Part I. For example, in Table 3, the pending cases for the Kansas Supreme Court are footnoted (c). This footnote is footnote (c) in the Kansas Supreme Court statistical profile and explains that not all of Kansas pending cases are included in the end pending case figure shown in Table 3.

The source of data is indicated at the bottom of each profile. A complete listing of sources along with the addresses of state court administrators is included in Appendix A, which follows the profiles.



# State court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

State Name, Court Name  
 Court of last resort or intermediate appellate court  
 Number of judges  
 Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....				
Criminal .....				
Agency appeals .....				
Other appeals: .....				
Total appeals.....				
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
Total .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases .....				
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....				
<b>Other matters</b> .....				
Total other proceedings .....				

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion .....	Affirmed .....
Memorandum opinion .....	Reversed .....
Per curiam opinion .....	Dismissed .....
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	Affirmed in part, reversed in part .....
By order.....	Reversed and remanded.....
	Other.....

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 -- = Not applicable.

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 \*Footnotes  
 †Footnotes

Source:

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State Name, Court Name  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 Number of courts, number of judges  
 Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
Law.....				
Auto tort.....				
Non-auto tort.....				
Unclassified tort.....				
Contract.....				
Small claims.....				
Property rights.....				
Equity.....				
Domestic relations.....				
Probate.....				
Mental health.....				
Administrative.....				
Other civil.....				
Appeals.....				
Extraordinary writs.....				
Total civil.....				
<b>Criminal<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Felony.....				
Misdemeanor.....				
Traffic.....				
Preliminary hearings.....				
Other criminal.....				
Appeals.....				
Extraordinary writs.....				
Total criminal.....				
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....				
Dependency.....				
Children in need of supervision(CINS).....				
Traffic juvenile.....				
Other juvenile.....				
Total juvenile.....				
<b>Grand total.....</b>				
	Jury	Trial <sup>b</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil.....				Guilt pleas.....
Criminal.....				Trial conviction...
				Total conviction...
				Acquittal.....
				Dismissal.....
				Nolle prossed.....
Total.....				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 --- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Civil case definition  
<sup>b</sup>Criminal unit of count  
<sup>c</sup>Jury and non-jury trial definitions  
 Source:

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**  
 State Name, Court Name  
 Number of courts, number of judges  
 Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
.....				
.....				
.....				
Total domestic relations.....				
<b>Probate:</b>				
.....				
.....				
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Total probate.....				
<b>Mental health:</b>				
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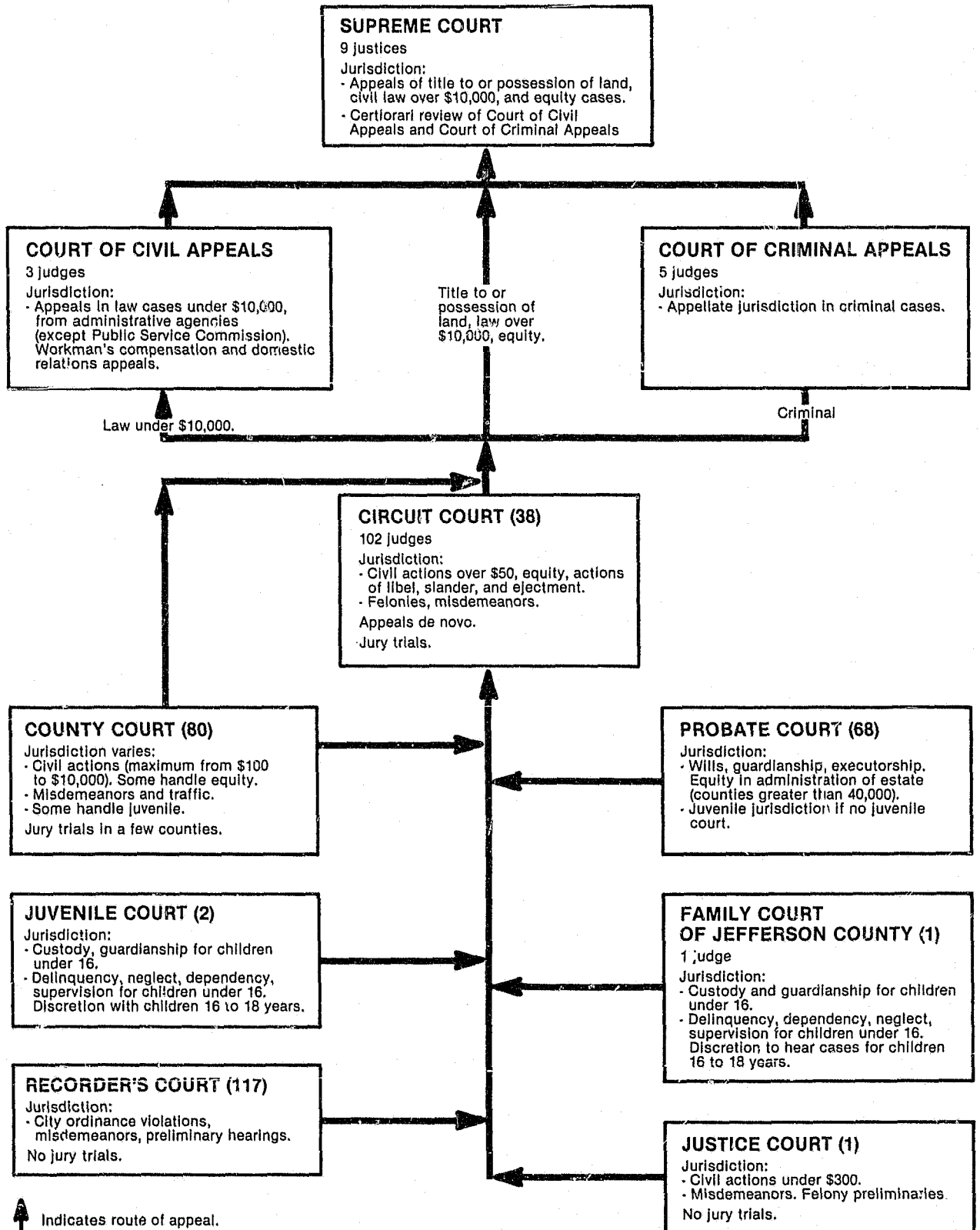
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<sup>a</sup>Footnotes  
<sup>b</sup>Footnotes  
<sup>c</sup>Footnotes  
 Source:

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# Alabama court system, 1975



## Alabama Supreme court

## Court of last resort

9 Justices

October 7, 1974-September 30, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	0	202	202	0
Total appeals.....	0	202	202	0
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writs of certiorari.....	0	167	167	0
Total other cases.....	0	167	167	0
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	0	369	369	0
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Petitions awaiting resubmission of writ of certiorari.....	8	28	25	11
Total other proceedings.....	8	28	25	11

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<sup>b</sup>Petitions awaiting resubmission after grant of writ of certiorari were included in other matters.

Source: Department of Court Management, State Court Administrator's Office, 1975 Annual Report (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

## Alabama Court of Civil Appeals

## Intermediate appellate court

3 Judges

October 7, 1974-September 30, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil:				
Cases submitted <sup>b</sup> ....	N/A	133	N/A	N/A
Cases disposed.....	N/A	N/A	133	N/A
Cases carried over..	0	N/A	N/A	0
Total appeals.....	0	133	133	0
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal.....				
Total other cases.....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	0	133	133	0

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Court has civil jurisdiction only.

Source: Department of Court Management, State Court Administrator's Office, 1975 Annual Report (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

## Manner of disposition

Cases decided.....	131
Cases dismissed.....	1
Cases transferred to supreme court.....	1

## Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals

Intermediate appellate court<sup>a</sup>

5 Judges

October 7, 1974-September 30, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal .....	426 <sup>b</sup>	878	634 <sup>c</sup>	670
Total appeals <sup>d</sup> .....	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>bd</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Requests to appeal <sup>d</sup> .....	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Total other cases.....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	426 <sup>bd</sup>	878 <sup>bd</sup>	634 <sup>cd</sup>	670 <sup>d</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases were brought forward from 1973-74 term. They include those pending in the Supreme Court of Alabama and of the United States and those in which appeals have not been perfected (where all necessary documents are on file).

<sup>c</sup>Total does not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the court.

<sup>d</sup>Court reported these figures as **appeals**; they actually reflect the total of **appeals** and **requests to appeal**.

<sup>e</sup>Court has jurisdiction in criminal appeals cases only.

Source: Department of Court Management, State Court Administrator's Office, 1975 Annual Report (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Alabama Circuit Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**38 circuits, 102 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Original civil.....	X	23,582	X	X
<b>Auto tort:</b>				
Motor vehicle.....	X	7,278	X	X
Equity.....	X	4,714	X	X
Domestic relations.....	X	37,919	X	X
Appeals.....	X	2,289	X	X
Total civil.....	45,686	75,869 <sup>c</sup>	75,981	45,554 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>e</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Indictments.....	X	18,341	X	X
Miscellaneous.....	X	6,327	X	X
Total.....	X	24,668	X	X
Appeals.....	X	1,109	X	X
Total criminal.....	10,540	25,777	25,980	10,337
Grand total.....	56,226	101,646	101,961	55,891 <sup>d</sup>

	Trial <sup>f</sup>		Total	Criminal dispositions <sup>g</sup>	
	Jury	Non-jury		Dismissal / nolle prosequi.....	Guilty plea.....
Civil.....	X	X	28,409		
Criminal.....	1,652	1,050	2,702	7,776	15,427
Total.....	X	X	31,111		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>Data are not available on probate, juvenile, or family courts.  
<sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>c</sup>Total differs from sum of category totals because of incomplete breakdowns in Limestone County.

<sup>d</sup>Change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions. Figures are as reported in annual report.

<sup>e</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each indictment.

<sup>f</sup>Trials are counted if they are tried to completion.

<sup>g</sup>Complete breakdowns were not available for Tuscaloosa, Limestone, Mobile, Russell, and Franklin counties.

Source: Department of Court Management, State Court Administrator's Office, 1975 Annual Report (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Alabama County Court**  
**80 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the County Court.

**Alabama Juvenile Court**  
**2 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile, domestic relations (custody), or probate (guardianship) cases handled in the Juvenile Court.

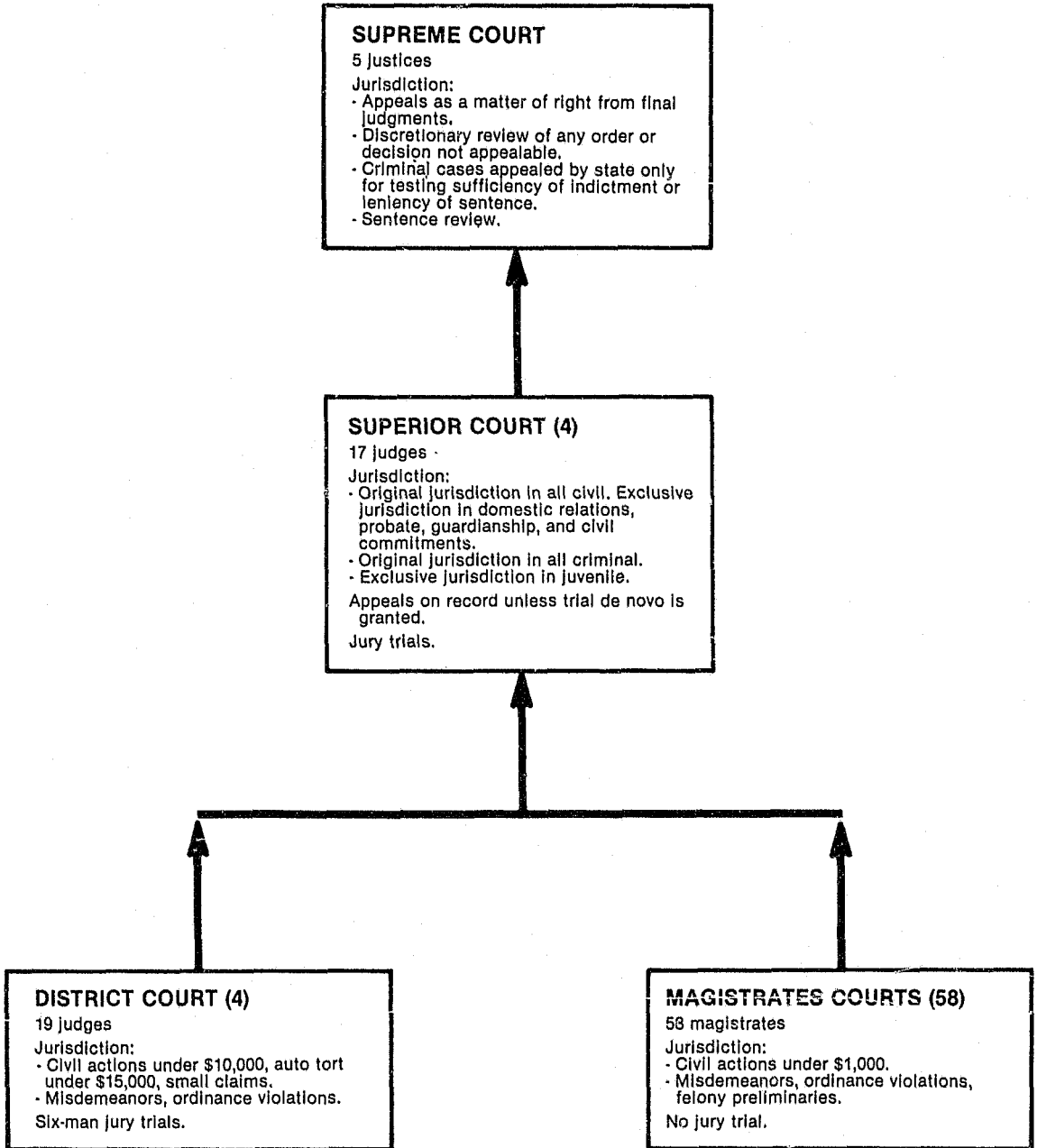
**Alabama Probate Court**  
**68 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for probate or juvenile cases handled in the Probate Court.

**Family Court of Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**1 court**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile, domestic relations (custody), or probate (guardianship) cases handled in the Family Court.

# Alaska court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



**Alaska Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil and cross appeals..	X	151	X	147
Criminal .....	X	71	X	71
Juvenile .....	X	5	X	6
Total appeals .....	192	227	195	224
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>	3	7	9	1
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petitions for review..	19	81	84	16
Total other cases .....	22	88	93	17
Total cases* .....	214	315	288	241
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests .....</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Sentence review .....	2	22	7	17
Total other proceedings .....	2	22	7	17

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Alaska Court System, 1975 Annual Report* (Anchorage, Alaska: 1976). Memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court titled: "Supreme Court Activity 1976." Time to disposition of case data available.

**Alaska Superior Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**4 districts, 17 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Probate <sup>c</sup> .....	1,151	1,505	920	1,736
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil <sup>d</sup> .....	3,275	7,778	5,407	5,646
Total civil .....	4,426	9,283	6,327	7,382
<b>Criminal<sup>e</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....	444	875	781	538
Misdemeanor .....	7	200	174	33
Total criminal .....	451	1,075	955	571
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	1,386	1,121	N/A
Grand total <sup>f</sup> .....	4,877 <sup>g</sup>	11,744	8,403	7,953 <sup>h</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Data were taken from the 1976 Annual Report because changes had been made from the 1975 report. Manner and type of disposition are from 1975 report.

<sup>b</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>c</sup>Includes civil commitments as well as probate.

<sup>d</sup>Includes domestic relations in addition to other civil actions as civil cases.

<sup>e</sup>The criminal unit of court is the number of indictments. Some occur after preliminary hearings in District Court.

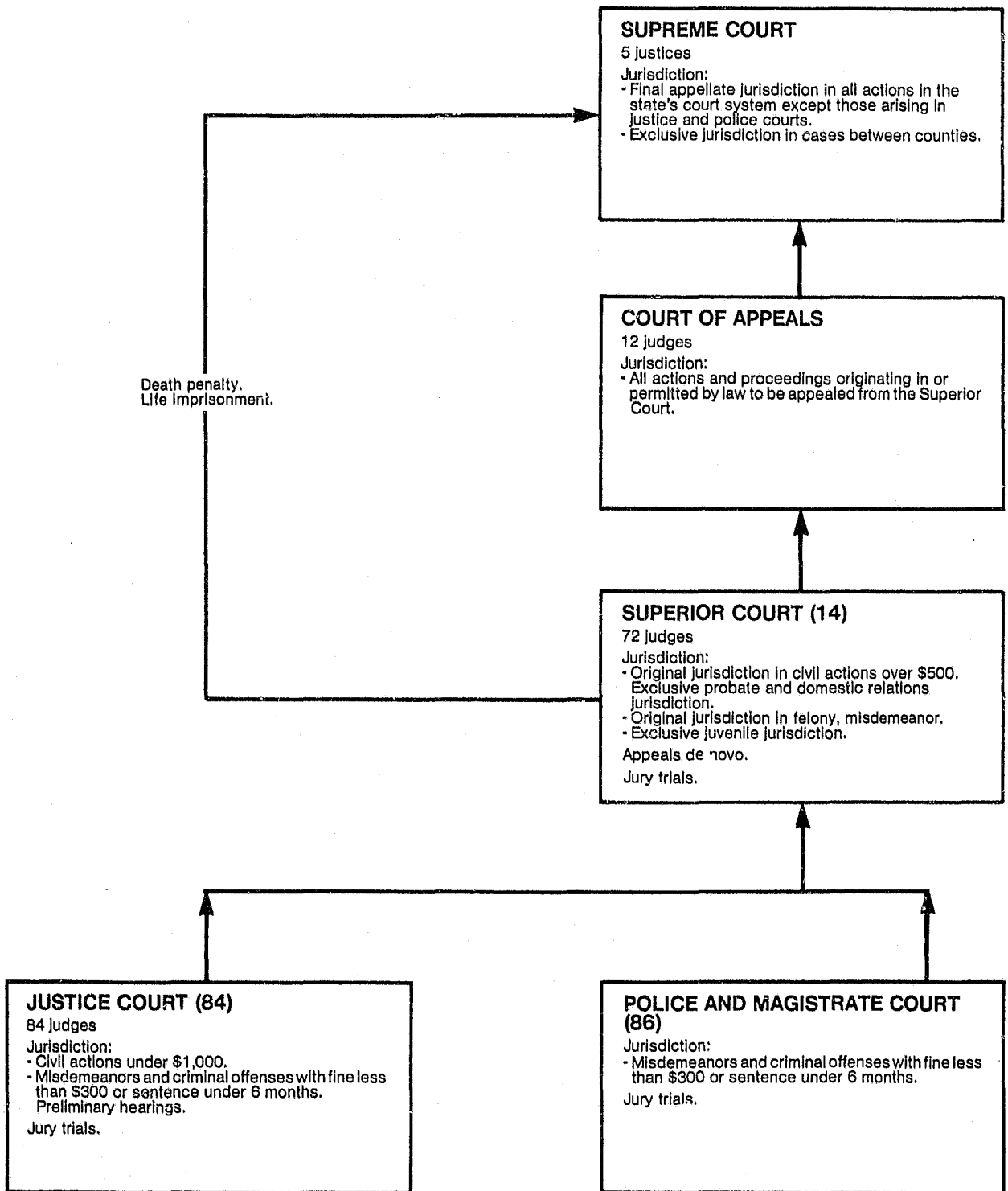
<sup>f</sup>Total pending does not include juvenile, but total filings and dispositions do include juvenile.

<sup>g</sup>A trial is counted if it is held to judgment.

	Trial <sup>g</sup>	Criminal dispositions	
Criminal .....	65	Dismissed .....	189
		GUILTY plea .....	295
		Trial conviction .....	37
		Total conviction .....	400
		Acquitted .....	22

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Alaska Court System, 1975 Annual Report; 1976 Annual Report* (Anchorage, Alaska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Arizona court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Arizona Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
5 justices  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil (includes transfers in) .....	39	32	56	15
Criminal (includes transfers in) .....	238	141	178	201
Delayed appeals .....	2	1	3	N/A
<b>Total appeals<sup>b</sup> .....</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	13	13	N/A
Special actions <sup>c</sup> .....	25	174	178	21
Bar matters .....	4	29	30	3
Petitions for review <sup>d</sup> .....	42	499	474	67
Total .....	71	715	695	91
Requests to appeal .....				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>e</sup> .....</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	16	16	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Filings for civil and criminal appeals include cases transferred in from the Arizona Court of Appeals.  
<sup>c</sup>Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.  
<sup>d</sup>Petitions for review are requests for review of Court of Appeals cases (or portions thereof) that are heard as a matter of right. They are not necessarily processed as a regular appeal.  
<sup>e</sup>These 9 per curiam opinions are also counted within either the written opinion or memorandum category.

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion .....	Affirmed .....	102
Per curiam .....	Reversed .....	11
Memorandum .....	Reversed and re-	
Terminated without	mandated .....	20
written opinions .....	Remanded .....	15
	Dismissed .....	10

Source: Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, "Appeals in the State of Arizona 1973-1976" (unpublished statistical report from Clerk of Supreme Court). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished statistical report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Arizona Court of Appeals  
Intermediate appellate court  
2 divisions, 12 judges  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	480	467	460	487
Criminal <sup>b</sup> .....	378	960	705	633
Delayed appeals .....	7	N/A	N/A	7
Industrial Commission .....	217	157	252	122
Juvenile .....	7	9	11	5
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,254</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
Special actions <sup>c</sup> .....	11	130	121	20
Requests to appeal .....				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>e</sup> .....</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,276</b>

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<sup>c</sup>Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion .....	444
Memorandum .....	492
Terminated without opinion .....	503

Source: Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, "Appeals in the State of Arizona 1973-1976" (unpublished). Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

92 State Court Profiles

Arizona Superior Court  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 14 counties, 72 judges  
 January 1, 1975--December 31, 1975

	Beginning ending	Filed <sup>a</sup>	Disposed <sup>a</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Prayer under \$1,000.....	227	682	423	486
Auto tort.....	4,759	4,290	3,532	5,517
Non-auto tort.....	3,049	2,583	1,988	3,844
Contract.....	11,267	15,360	13,083	13,544
Property rights.....				
Eminent domain.....	345	230	219	356
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations.....	8,922	21,623	20,748	9,797
Adoption <sup>b</sup> .....	1,480	1,162	1,221	1,431
Reciprocal support <sup>c</sup> .....	3,985	2,245	1,464	4,766
Total <sup>d</sup> .....	14,387	25,030	23,433	15,994
Probate.....	13,869	7,231	6,277	14,623
Mental health <sup>e</sup> .....	1,266	460	382	1,344
Other civil: Non-classified civil.....	5,024	7,337	6,808	5,553
Appeal.....	341	336	244	493
Total civil <sup>o</sup> .....	54,344	63,699	56,389	61,554
<b>Criminal<sup>o</sup>:</b>				
Felony.....	4,211	11,814	11,347	4,678
Misdemeanor.....	378	519	440	457
Appeals.....	335	1,329	1,258	406
Total criminal.....	4,924	13,662	13,045	5,541
<b>Juvenile<sup>o</sup>:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Delinquency—non-traffic.....	411	1,347	1,297	461
Dependency.....	161	223	232	152
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Delinquency—traffic.....	188	1,686	1,693	181
Total juvenile <sup>o</sup> .....	760	3,256	3,222	794
Grand total <sup>o</sup> .....	60,028	80,517	72,856	67,889

	Jury	Trial Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions	
Civil.....	439	5,367	5,806	Dismissed.....	4,612
Criminal.....	971	786	1,757	Plea.....	6,676
Total.....	1,410	6,153	7,563		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Filings include cases transferred in to the court for processing. Dispositions include cases transferred out of the court for processing.

<sup>b</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

<sup>c</sup>Does not include data from Maricopa County on adoption, reciprocal support, or mental health cases.

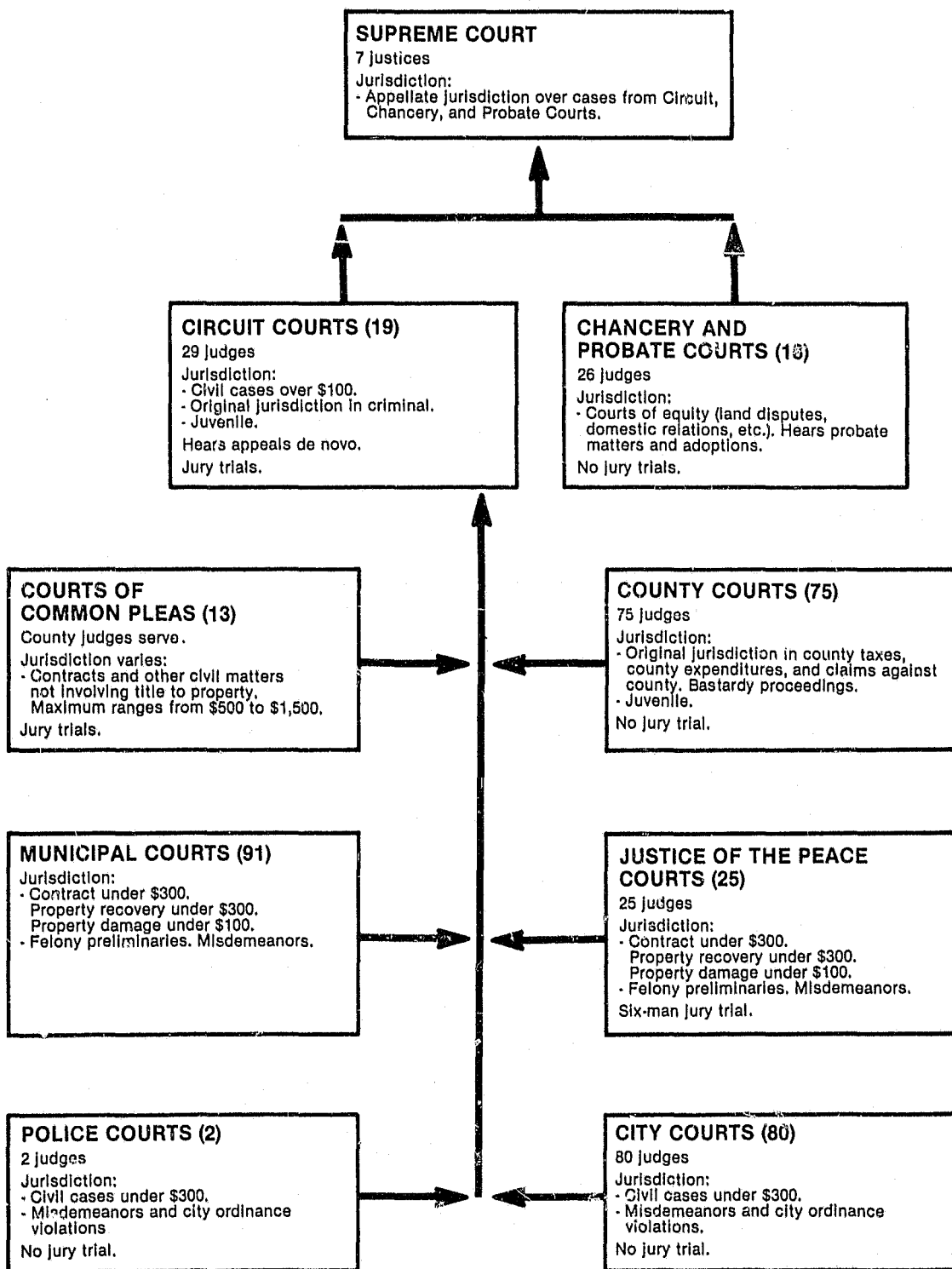
<sup>d</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>e</sup>Juvenile data do not include Maricopa, Cochise, Navajo, Pima, Yuma, or Yavapai counties.

<sup>o</sup>Jury trials are counted when the voir dire examination of the panel begins. Non-jury trials when the first witness is sworn.

Source: Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, "Statistical Reports 1975, 1976 for 14 Superior Courts;" "All Counties Year-end Reports 1975, 1976." Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Arkansas court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

94 State Court Profiles

**Arkansas Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Post conviction.....	N/A	N/A	24	N/A
Capital.....	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Other felony.....	N/A	N/A	133	N/A
Misdemeanor.....	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Total.....	N/A	N/A	165	N/A
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law.....	N/A	N/A	174	N/A
Equity.....	N/A	N/A	136	N/A
Probate.....	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Total.....	N/A	N/A	314	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	N/A	479	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus-equity.....	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Mandamus.....	N/A	N/A	8	N/A
Prohibition.....	N/A	N/A	16	N/A
Post conviction.....	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Writs of certiorari.....	N/A	N/A	8	N/A
Total.....	N/A	N/A	37	N/A
Requests to appeal.....	N/A	N/A	37	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	N/A	37	N/A
Total cases*.....	N/A	N/A	516	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests.....	N/A	N/A	101	N/A
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Other petitions.....	N/A	N/A	18	N/A
Motions (excluding extension of time).....	N/A	N/A	165	N/A
Motions for extension of time.....	N/A	N/A	991	N/A
Total.....	N/A	N/A	1,174	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	N/A	1,275	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion.....	521	Affirmed.....	295
Per curiam.....	13	Reversed.....	37
		Partially affirmed.....	19
		Reversed and re-manded.....	78
		Remanded.....	5
		Other.....	47

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, *Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics* (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Arkansas Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**19 circuits, 29 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Law <sup>b</sup> .....	13,854	19,808	19,077	14,585
Total civil.....	13,854	19,808	19,077	14,585
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Capital.....	156	178	227	107
Felony.....	4,477	8,657	8,056	5,078
Total.....	4,633	8,835	8,283	5,185
Misdemeanor <sup>d</sup> .....	2,248	4,152	3,950	2,450
Total criminal.....	6,801	12,987	12,233	7,635
Grand total.....	20,735	32,795	31,310	22,220

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals (trial de novo) cannot be identified within the law case total.  
<sup>c</sup>The information/indictment is the unit of count for criminal cases. Criminal data contain a nominal number of juvenile cases and juvenile appeals.  
<sup>d</sup>Most misdemeanors are appeals (trial de novo) from lower courts.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, *Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics* (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Arkansas Chancery and Probate Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**18 chancery circuits, 26 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Equity</b> .....	6,770	5,663	5,061	7,372
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	12,069	21,208	20,399	12,878
Reciprocal in .....	1,330	1,206	871	1,665
Reciprocal out .....	0	714	714	0
Adoption .....	N/A	1,499	N/A	N/A
Total <sup>b</sup> .....	13,399 <sup>b</sup>	24,627	21,984 <sup>b</sup>	14,543 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedent estates .....	12,686	4,103	3,903	12,886
Guardianship .....	N/A	1,755	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous probate .....	N/A	1,099	N/A	N/A
Total <sup>c</sup> .....	12,686 <sup>c</sup>	6,957	3,903 <sup>c</sup>	12,886 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Alcoholics and mental ....	N/A	1,386	N/A	N/A
<b>Total civil<sup>d</sup></b> .....	32,855 <sup>d</sup>	38,833	30,948 <sup>d</sup>	34,801 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Grand total</b> .....	32,855 <sup>d</sup>	38,833	30,948 <sup>d</sup>	34,801 <sup>d</sup>

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

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

<sup>b</sup>Pending and disposed total does not include adoptions.

<sup>c</sup>Pending and disposed total does not include guardianship and miscellaneous probate.

<sup>d</sup>Pending and disposed totals do not include adoptions, guardianship, alcoholics and mental, and miscellaneous probate, because the data were unavailable.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, *Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics* (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction court**

**Arkansas County Court**  
**75 counties; 75 judges, 40 juvenile referees**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Bastardy .....	N/A	276	N/A	N/A
Total domestic relations .....	N/A	276	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	8,385	N/A	N/A

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

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, *Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics* (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.





California Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	66	N/A
Direct criminal <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	18	0	18
Other criminal .....	N/A	N/A	40	N/A
<b>Total appeals<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>106<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	877	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	759	N/A
Superintending control and disciplinary .....	N/A	N/A	118	N/A
Civil .....	N/A	207	165	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Requests to appeal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Civil appeals .....	N/A	872	872	N/A
Criminal appeals .....	N/A	1,029	1,029	N/A
Civil original proceedings .....	N/A	598	598	N/A
Criminal original proceedings .....	N/A	67	67	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,566<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>2,566<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,650<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>3,606<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,668<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>3,712<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	47	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Transfers in/out .....	--	--	221	--
Orders/writs to show cause .....	N/A	N/A	60	N/A
Motions decided .....	--	--	89	--
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	N/A	1,667	N/A
Executive clemency applications .....	N/A	45	38	N/A
State bar filings .....	N/A	215	N/A	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<sup>b</sup>Direct capital (death penalty) cases.

<sup>c</sup>It appears that some appeals disposed of during the year could also be counted as requests to appeal disposed of during the year, depending on the time to disposition of the appeal.

<sup>d</sup>All requests to appeal are petitions for hearing of cases previously decided by the courts of appeal.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1976). Covers fiscal year 1974-1975. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**California Courts of Appeal  
Intermediate appellate court  
5 divisions, 51 judges  
July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	2,454	2,686	3,143	2,679
Criminal .....	2,366	3,229	3,672	2,096
<b>Total appeals<sup>b</sup></b> .....	<b>4,820</b>	<b>5,915</b>	<b>6,815</b>	<b>4,675<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	2,730	2,679	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	1,291	1,299	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>4,820</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>10,793</b>	<b>4,675<sup>b,c</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Retrial requests:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	644	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	590	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other matters:</b>				
<b>Motions to dismiss on clerk's certification:</b>				
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Motions:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	413	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	257	N/A
<b>Orders (miscellaneous):</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	2,046	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	4,203	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,919</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>8,153</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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Written opinion..... 5,574

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Caseflow of appeals (beginning pending plus filings minus dispositions equals end pending) does not add up. Numbers are as verified by state.  
<sup>c</sup>Pending data are not available for original proceedings.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1976). Also an unpublished report of Administrative Office of the Courts titled: "Analysis of 'Ready' Appeals Pending in the Courts of Appeal, and Disposition Times between December 31, 1976 and December 31, 1975." Time to disposition of case and per-judge dispositions for appeals and original proceedings data are available. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**California Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**58 counties, 501 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	N/A	49,266	39,125	N/A
Non-auto tort .....	N/A	25,973	18,123	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain (parcels) .....	N/A	5,299	4,341	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family law <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	162,938	141,025	N/A
Probate:				
Probate and guardianship .....	N/A	61,975	56,738	N/A
Mental health .....	N/A	6,039	5,989	N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaints .....	N/A	81,387	47,985	N/A
Other petitions .....	N/A	56,518	41,349	N/A
Total .....	N/A	137,905	89,334	N/A
Appeals:				
Appeals from lower courts <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	8,870	7,794	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	8,827	8,082	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	467,092	370,551	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felonies:				
Criminal .....	N/A	55,635	50,714	N/A
Appeals:				
Total .....	N/A	2,021	1,811	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	57,656	52,525	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	63,739	60,923	N/A
Dependency .....	N/A	13,983	13,389	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	77,722	74,312	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	602,470	497,388	N/A

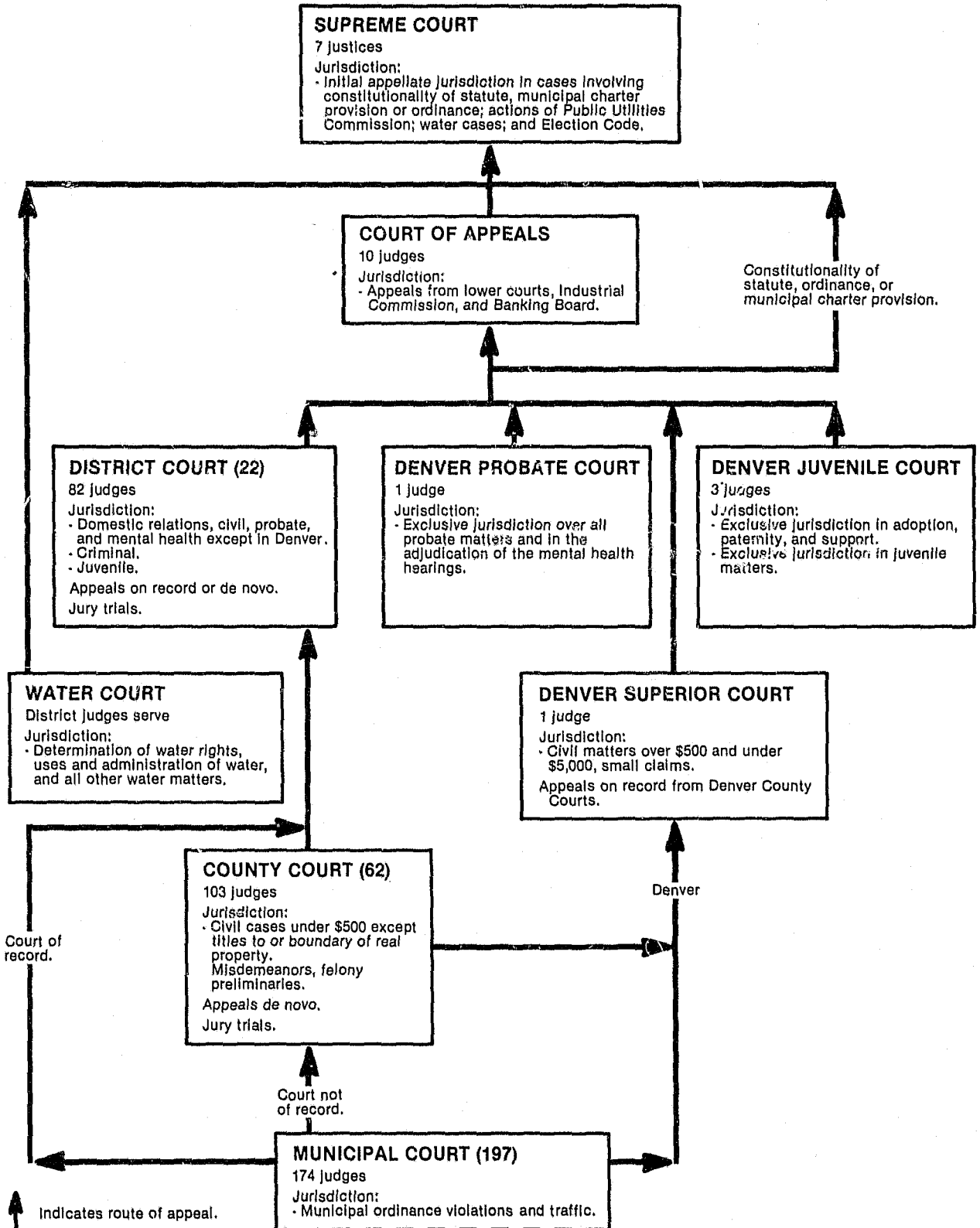
	Jury	Trials <sup>a</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions <sup>c</sup>
Civil <sup>d</sup> .....	3,649	239,175	242,824	Dismissals .....
Civil appeal .....	0	6,885	6,885	Transfers .....
Criminal .....	4,600	3,810	8,410	Guilty plea .....
Criminal appeal .....	0	16	16	
Total .....	8,249	249,886	258,135	

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- <sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>b</sup>Includes annulment, divorce, and separate maintenance cases in the Family Law category.
- <sup>c</sup>Figures from unpublished data.
- <sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information or indictment.
- <sup>e</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials with the opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.
- <sup>f</sup>Includes mental health hearings as civil trials. Does not include juveniles, habeas corpus, or appeal hearings as civil trials.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California:1976). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Colorado court system, 1975



**Colorado Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	58	X	X
Criminal .....	X	48	X	X
<b>Other appeals:</b>				
Statutory review .....	X	1	X	X
Reopened cases .....	X	3	X	X
Bill reduction .....	X	1	X	X
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	194	X	X
Interlocutory .....	X	17	X	X
Interrogatories .....	X	32	X	X
Interrogatories .....	X	1	X	X
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petition in certiorari .....	X	198	X	X
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>366</b>

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Written opinion .....	343
Without opinion .....	315
Transferred to court of appeals .....	8

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Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1974-75, 1975-76* (Denver, Colorado: 1976, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Colorado Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**10 Judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	539	X	X
Criminal .....	X	283	X	X
<b>Other appeals:</b>				
Industrial Commission .....	X	36	X	X
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>592</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings .....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>				
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>592</b>

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	467
Without opinion .....	125
Transferred to Supreme Court .....	33

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**Colorado District Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**22 districts, 87 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Post-judgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>					
<b>Law:</b>					
Money demands .....	X	19,884	X	X	X
<b>Auto tort:</b>					
Personal injury—motor vehicle .....	X	1,581	X	X	X
<b>Non-auto tort:</b>					
Personal injury—other .....	X	961	X	X	X
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>					
Property damage.....	X	1,218	X	X	X
Wrongful death .....	X	113	X	X	X
Total.....	X	1,331	X	X	X
<b>Property rights:</b>					
Real and personal property .....	X	6,329	X	X	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>					
Dissolution of marriage .....	X	22,009	X	X	X
Legal separation .....	X	428	X	X	X
Invalidity of marriage .....	X	117	X	X	X
Child custody .....	X	160	X	X	X
Reciprocal interstate.....	X	4,756	X	X	X
Non-support interstate .....	X	617	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	213	X	X	X
Total.....	22,823	28,300	3,904	30,439	24,688
<b>Probate:</b>					
Intestates.....	X	1,376	X	X	X
Testates.....	X	3,181	X	X	X
Small estates.....	X	486	X	X	X
Guardianships .....	X	250	X	X	X
Conservatorships.....	X	560	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	288	X	X	X
Total.....	10,397 <sup>d</sup>	6,141	227	6,332	10,368 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Mental health:</b>					
Short-term hospitalization .....	X	1,622	X	X	X
Mental incompetency .....	X	244	X	X	X
Involuntary commitment of alcoholic.....	X	123	X	X	X
Other.....	X	453	X	X	X
Total.....	313 <sup>d</sup>	2,442	68	2,323	575 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Administrative:</b>					
Administrative review and local govt. ....	X	369	X	X	X
<b>Appeals:</b>					
County court appeals.....	X	63	X	X	X
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>					
Miscellaneous .....	X	3,555	X	X	X
<b>Total civil<sup>e</sup></b> .....	<b>55,704<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>70,956</b>	<b>11,589</b>	<b>73,345</b>	<b>64,904<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Criminal:</b>					
<b>Felony:</b>					
Criminal <sup>f</sup> .....	X	11,032	X	X	X
<b>Other criminal:</b>					
Non-offense <sup>g</sup> .....	X	565	X	X	X
<b>Appeals:</b>					
Municipal and county court appeals .....	X	350	X	X	X
<b>Total criminal<sup>h</sup></b> .....	<b>7,450</b>	<b>11,947</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>11,998</b>	<b>10,031</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>					
Delinquency .....	X	6,147	X	X	X
Dependency .....	X	1,573	X	X	X
Children in need of supervision.....	X	498	X	X	X
<b>Other juvenile:</b>					
Relinquishments .....	X	468	X	X	X
Adoptions .....	X	2,599	X	X	X
Paternity and support.....	X	4,069	X	X	X
Miscellaneous .....	X	707	X	X	X
Total.....	X	7,843	X	X	X
<b>Total juvenile<sup>i</sup></b> .....	<b>7,135</b>	<b>16,061</b>	<b>5,737</b>	<b>20,138</b>	<b>8,795</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>70,299<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>98,964</b>	<b>19,948</b>	<b>105,481</b>	<b>83,730<sup>d</sup></b>

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<sup>a</sup>Includes data from the Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.  
<sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>c</sup>No pending or post-judgment data were available for the Denver Probate Court. Disposition data for this court were taken from its annual report.  
<sup>d</sup>Pending figures do not balance due to the inclusion of Denver Probate Court filings and dispositions.  
<sup>e</sup>Includes as miscellaneous cases habeas corpus, mandamus, and other remedial writs, injunctions, etc.  
<sup>f</sup>Includes 22,171 cases pending at the start, 7,390 post-judgment actions, 34,251 disposed, and 29,383 pending at the end which were not previously displayed in this table. These correspond to the 34,073 filings in law, total tort, administrative, appeals, and extraordinary writs.  
<sup>g</sup>Total filings as displayed on the Part I tables include post-judgment actions.  
<sup>h</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the number of defendants in each information/indictment.  
<sup>i</sup>Includes as criminal cases felonies and cases filed as felonies but reduced to misdemeanors.  
 Includes as non-offense cases extraditions, revocation, parole, and release from commitment hearings.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1974-75* (Denver, Colorado). Judge and clerk. *Denver Probate Court Annual Report 1974-75* (Denver, Colorado). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Colorado Water Court**  
**7 district judges serve\***  
**July 1, 1974—June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Post-judgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>					
<b>Administrative:</b>					
Water adjudications.....	X	1,420	627	X	X
Diligence findings.....	X	47	18	X	X
Tabulation protests.....	X	18	0	X	X
Other.....	X	123 <sup>b</sup>	3 <sup>b</sup>	X	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>5,672</b>
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>5,672</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>5,672</b>

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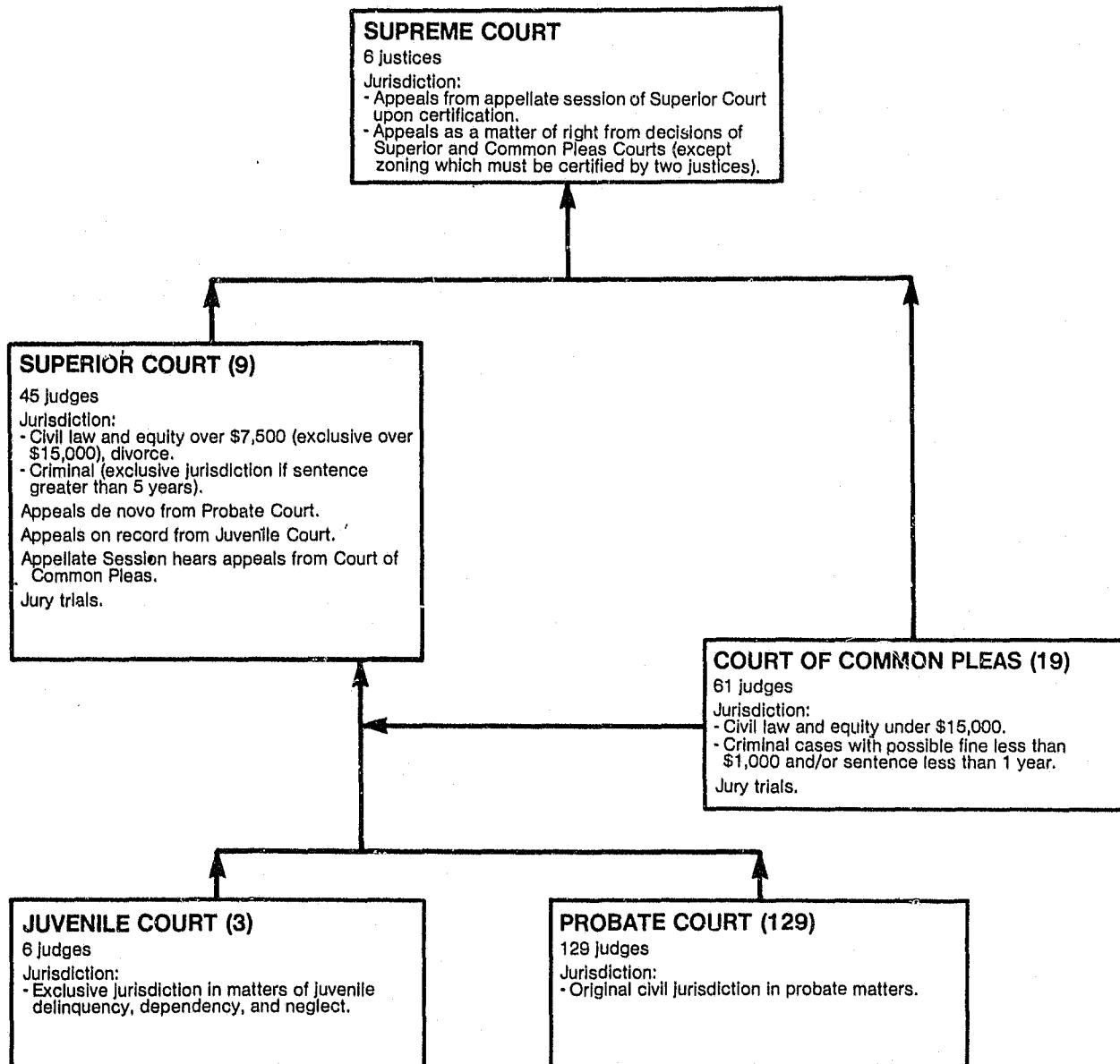
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\*Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since district court judges serve.

<sup>b</sup>Includes as other cases filings involving springs, waste waters, etc.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1974-75* (Denver, Colorado). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Connecticut court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



**Connecticut Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**6 Justices**  
**October 1974-September 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	40	N/A
<b>Civil:</b>				
Contracts .....	N/A	N/A	12	N/A
Equity .....	N/A	N/A	29	N/A
Negligence .....	N/A	N/A	23	N/A
Other torts .....	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Construction of wills .....	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Other appeals .....	N/A	N/A	43	N/A
Appeals from administrative agencies .....	N/A	N/A	45	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	N/A	198	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petitions for certification .....	N/A	N/A	44	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	N/A	44	N/A
Total cases* .....	N/A	N/A	242	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	382	N/A
Reservations .....	N/A	N/A	5	N/A
Total .....	N/A	N/A	387	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	387	N/A

<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Affirmed .....	140
Reversed .....	21
Reversed and re-manded .....	37

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**Connecticut Superior Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**9 courts, 45 judges**  
**1974-1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:<sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Family docket .....	13,551	15,374	15,461	13,464
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Non-family docket .....	18,409	9,629	8,655	19,383
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Appellate session <sup>c</sup> .....	0	173	41	132
Total civil .....	31,960	25,176	24,157	32,979
<b>Criminal:<sup>d</sup></b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Criminal categories* .....	2,202 <sup>e</sup>	4,941 <sup>f</sup>	3,773	3,370 <sup>g</sup>
Total criminal .....	2,202	4,941	3,773	3,370
Grand total .....	34,162	30,117	27,930	34,349

	Trial <sup>h</sup>			Criminal dispositions
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil .....	408	1,377	1,783	Dismissed, quashed, 32
Criminal .....	38	101	139	Nolled, withdrawn, transferred .....
Total .....	444	1,478	1,922	Acquitted .....
				Total convictions .....
				Guilty pleas .....
				Trial convictions .....

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>The civil data are for the period September 1, 1974-August 31, 1975. The criminal data are for the fiscal year July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975.

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

<sup>c</sup>The appellate session was established on December 31, 1974. The appeals handled are both civil and criminal.

<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>e</sup>Felonies and serious misdemeanors are included in the criminal categories.

<sup>f</sup>Data obtained from unpublished report.

<sup>g</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when the first witness is sworn.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, *Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium* (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts

**Connecticut Court of Common Pleas**

19 courts, 61 judges

September 1, 1974–August 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Family (paternity).....	18	9	5	22
Total domestic relations.....	18	9	5	22

**Connecticut Juvenile Court**

3 courts, 6 judges

January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Referrals filed	Referrals disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	N/A	15,066	13,978	N/A
Dependency:				
Neglect.....	N/A	919	978	N/A
Total juvenile.....	N/A	15,985	14,956	N/A

**Connecticut Probate Court**

129 courts, 129 judges

July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975

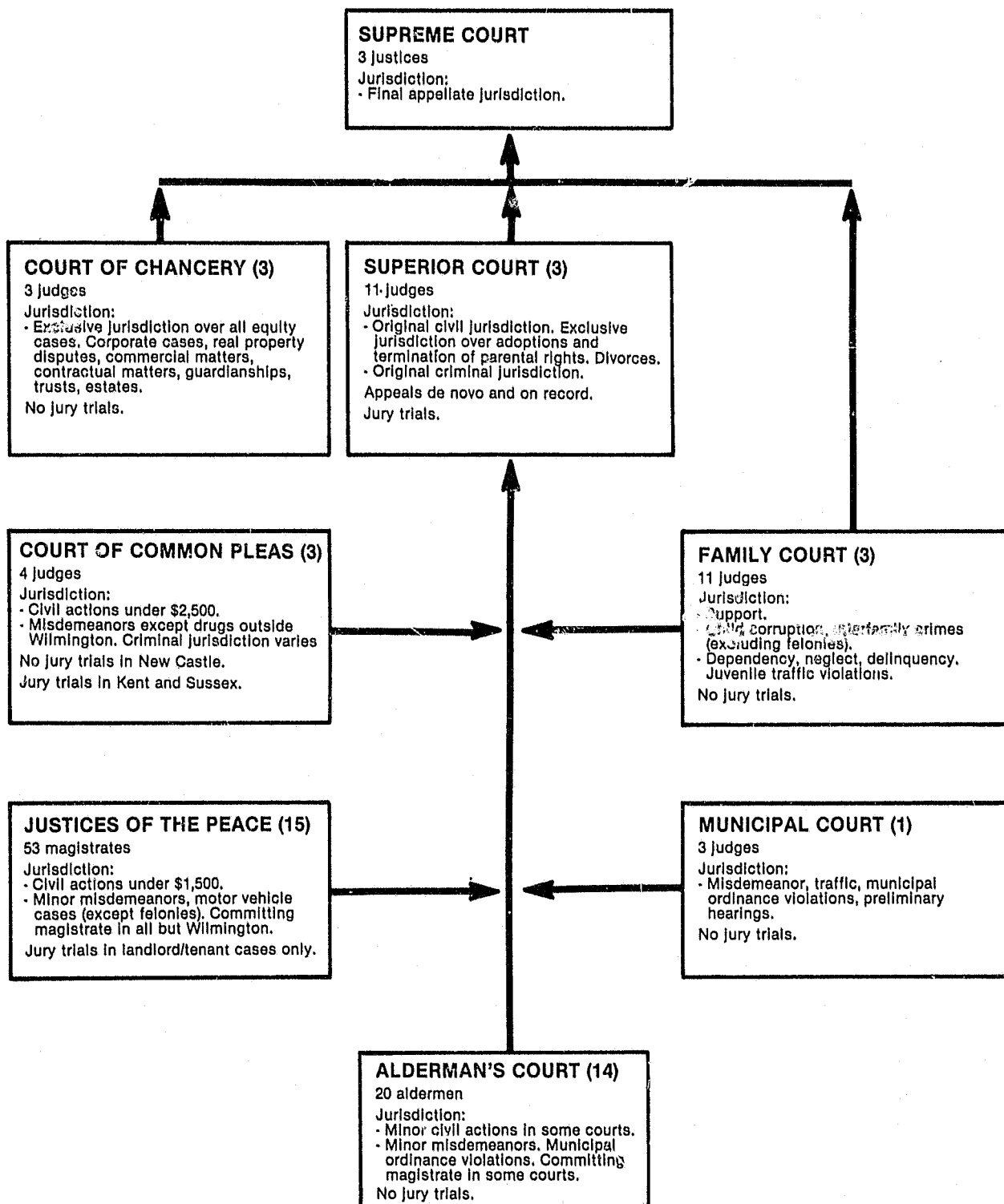
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoptions and terminations ..	N/A	3,297	N/A	N/A
Marriages.....	N/A	995	N/A	N/A
Total domestic relations.....	N/A	4,292	N/A	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedent's estate.....	N/A	37,099	N/A	N/A
Guardianship.....	N/A	2,431	N/A	N/A
Trustees.....	N/A	6,146	N/A	N/A
Total probate.....	N/A	45,676	N/A	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Commitments.....	N/A	1,869	N/A	N/A
Conservators.....	N/A	4,042	N/A	N/A
Total mental health.....	N/A	5,911	N/A	N/A

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Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, *Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium* (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the biennium report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Delaware court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Delaware Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**3 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	124	213	198	139
Criminal .....	62	120	88	94
Total appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	186	333	286	233
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings ....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>233</b>

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil or criminal appeals were the only matters reported by the court.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1975, 1976 Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1975, 1976). Data reported quarterly; calendar 1975 was computed from the two fiscal year reports. Additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Delaware Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**3 counties, 11 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption .....	138	277	293	125
Termination of parental rights .....	38	81	72	44
Total .....	176	358	365	169
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	4,131	6,815 <sup>c</sup>	4,513	6,433
Total civil .....	4,307	7,173 <sup>c</sup>	4,878	6,602
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Total criminal <sup>a</sup> .....	1,734 <sup>c</sup>	4,087 <sup>c</sup>	3,807 <sup>c</sup>	2,014 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>6,041</b>	<b>11,260</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>8,616</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>b</sup>These civil cases include complaints, divorces, mechanics liens, mortgages, appeals, and miscellaneous civil cases.  
<sup>c</sup>These figures revised by a 1976 state audit.  
<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants brought before Superior Court by indictment, information, transfer, or appeal.  
<sup>e</sup>These include felonies, misdemeanors, and appeals.  
<sup>f</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence. A trial is a trial, whether it has one defendant or multiple defendants.  
<sup>g</sup>The unit of count for these dispositions is the charge.

	Trial			Criminal dispositions
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Criminal .....	313	62	375	Nolle prosequere..... 3,568 <sup>d</sup> Guilty plea..... 1,826 <sup>e</sup> Trial conviction..... 274 Acquittal..... 85

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1975, 1976 Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1975, 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Delaware Court of Chancery**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**3 counties, 3 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates .....	2,874 <sup>a</sup>	1,599 <sup>b</sup>	1,326 <sup>b</sup>	3,147 <sup>b</sup>
Guardians for minors .....	1,051	134	176 <sup>c</sup>	1,009 <sup>c</sup>
Guardians for infirm .....	439	104	24	519
Trusts .....	1,853	97	81	1,869
Other matters .....	244	123	105	262
Total .....	6,461	2,057	1,712 <sup>c</sup>	6,806 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Mental Health:</b>				
Trustees for mentally ill .....	151	7	7	151
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Cases <sup>d</sup> .....	698	386 <sup>e</sup>	454 <sup>e</sup>	630 <sup>e</sup>
Total civil .....	7,310	2,450	2,173	7,587
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>7,587</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Beginning pending computed from filings, dispositions, and end pendings.  
<sup>b</sup>These data elements obtained from the 1976 annual report.  
<sup>c</sup>These are figures revised by a 1976 state audit.  
<sup>d</sup>Cases include corporate cases, equity, real property disputes (boundary and title), commercial matters, contractual matters, Delaware's "Sunshine Law," etc. Corporate matters take up the bulk of time.  
<sup>e</sup>These are figures revised by a 1977 state audit.

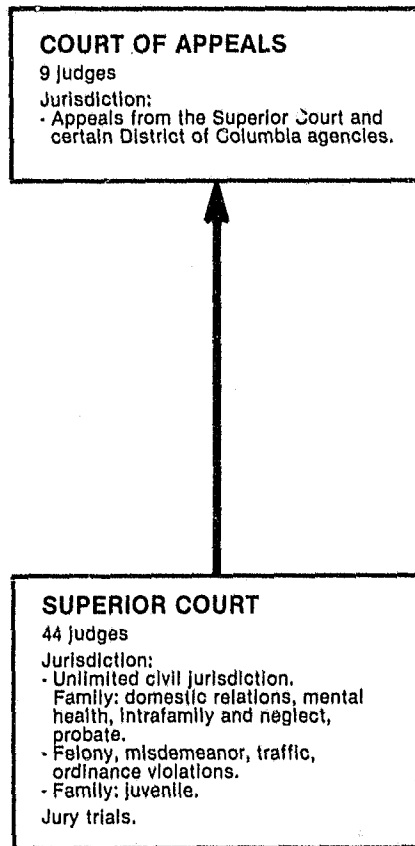
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**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Delaware Family Court**  
**3 counties, 11 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available by category for juvenile cases handled in the Family Court. Total caseload is available.

## District of Columbia court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
 Court of last resort  
 9 Justices  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Civil .....	X	380 <sup>b</sup>	X	X
Criminal .....	X	706 <sup>b</sup>	X	X
Agency appeals .....	X	135 <sup>b</sup>	X	X
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>1,221<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>1,120<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Disciplinary .....	X	44	44	X
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(b)</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>92<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,027<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Procedural motions .....	N/A	5,335	5,335	N/A
Substantive motions .....	N/A	1,321	1,321	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>6,656</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion .....	247
Dismissal/judgment .	494
By order .....	379

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Numbers reported as **appeals** include appeals and petitions for review.  
<sup>c</sup>Total pending cases were estimated from bar graphs presented in annual report.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, *1976 Annual Report* (Washington, D. C.). Time to disposition of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**District of Columbia Superior Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**1 court, 44 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Civil jury <sup>b</sup> .....	2,683	3,786	3,336	3,113
Civil non-jury <sup>c</sup> .....	758	1,315	1,499	674
Total.....	3,421	5,101	4,835	3,687
Small claims <sup>d</sup> .....	2,127	34,430	34,602	1,955
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Landlord and tenant <sup>e</sup> .....	198	120,608	120,362	444
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce <sup>f</sup> .....	3,597	4,165	3,789	3,963
Adoption <sup>g</sup> .....	220	387	439	168
Paternity <sup>h</sup> .....	278	293	212	359
Support <sup>i</sup> .....	621	378	415	384
Reciprocal support <sup>j</sup> .....	768	929	722	976
Intrafamily <sup>k</sup> .....	489	755	792	492
Total.....	5,973	5,937	6,369	6,541
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedents' estates <sup>l</sup> .....	N/A	2,430	N/A	N/A
Minors' estates <sup>m</sup> .....	N/A	177	N/A	N/A
Total.....	N/A	2,607	N/A	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Judicial petitions <sup>n</sup> .....	78	593	601	70
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Civil tax.....	79	83	59	103
Criminal tax.....	0	84	36	28
Total.....	79	147	95	131
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Auditor—Master Division.....	373	1,512	1,589	296
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus <sup>o</sup> .....	10	24	25	25 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>12,259<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>171,959</b>	<b>166,478<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>13,149<sup>h</sup></b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony.....	1,401	4,922	4,315	2,008
Misdemeanor.....	1,497	14,583	12,781	3,299
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Major traffic.....	473	3,430	2,702	1,209
Other traffic.....	1,658	73,461	72,041	3,078
Total.....	2,131	76,899	74,743	4,287
<b>Preliminary hearings:</b>	161	9,327	9,245	243
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Major traffic D. C. cases.....	20	99	47	12
Other District of Columbia cases.....	174	3,115	3,064	225
Total.....	194	3,154	3,111	237
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Special operations <sup>p</sup> .....	57	1,937	1,949	46
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>5,441</b>	<b>110,822</b>	<b>106,144</b>	<b>10,119</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency <sup>q</sup> .....	1,267	6,608	6,257	1,618
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Neglect <sup>r</sup> .....	218	544	541	221
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Persons in need of supervision <sup>s</sup> .....	132	604	612	124
<b>Total juvenile.....</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>7,756</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>1,963</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>19,317<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>290,537</b>	<b>282,032<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>25,231<sup>h</sup></b>

	Jury	Trial Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions	
Criminal.....	1,095	1,724	2,819	Dismissed.....	3,187
				Nolle prosequi.....	13,774
				No paper.....	10,447
				GUILTY plea.....	11,331

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<sup>a</sup>Data are displayed according to case types, not court divisions as they exist in the Superior Court.

<sup>b</sup>Civil jury and non-jury cases are counted when they are placed on the calendar.

<sup>c</sup>These cases handled by Civil Division.

<sup>d</sup>These cases handled by Family Division.

<sup>e</sup>These cases handled by Probate Division.

<sup>f</sup>These cases handled by Tax Division.

<sup>g</sup>includes an upward adjustment of 16 cases by the court in the number of pending cases for habeas corpus cases.

<sup>h</sup>Does not include estate cases in the disposition or pending data. Estate cases are included in the filing figures.

<sup>i</sup>These cases handled by Criminal Division. The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.

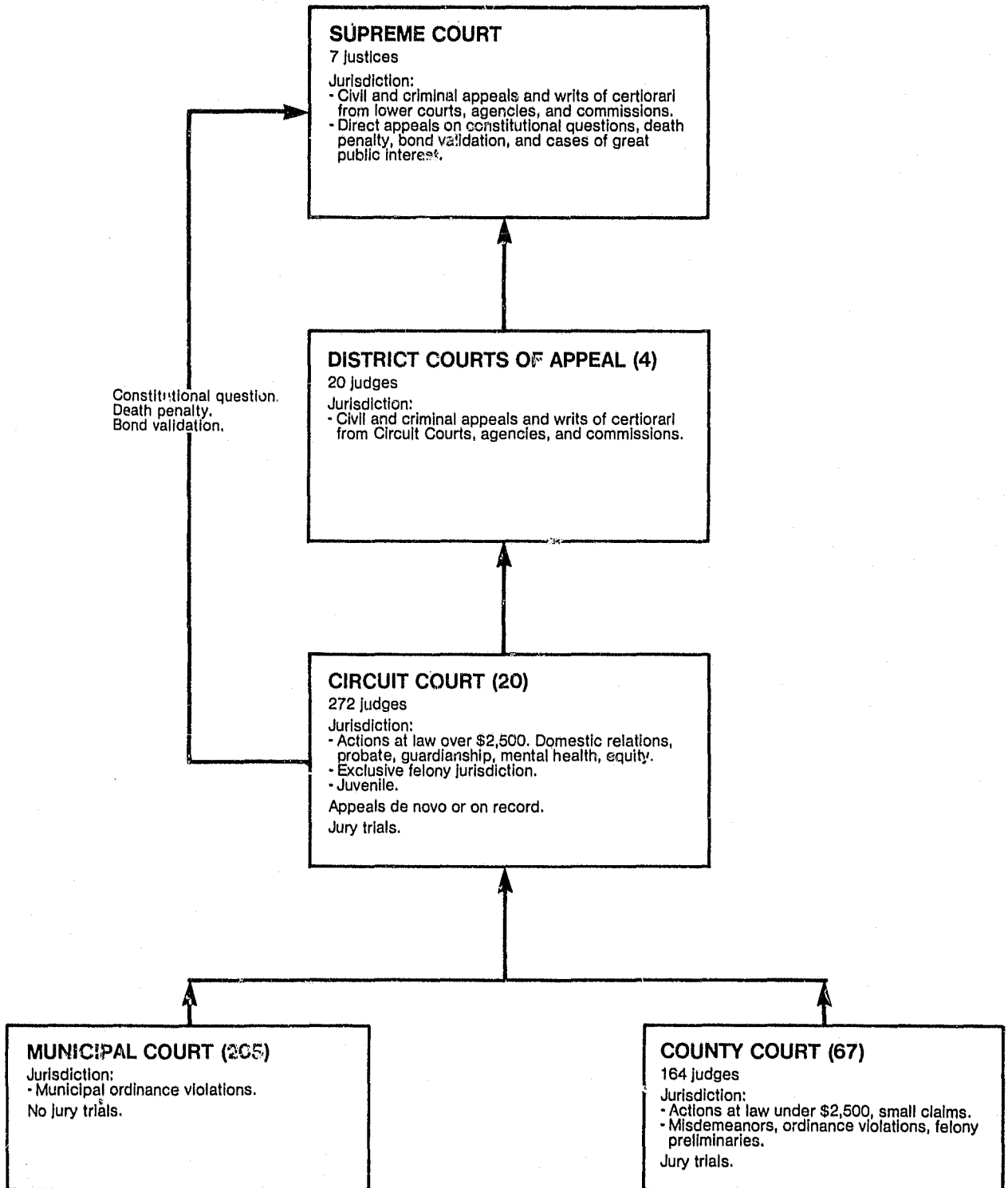
<sup>j</sup>Special operations include fugitive-from-justice complaints, writs of habeas corpus, out-of-state witnesses, and show-cause-of-contempt proceedings.

<sup>k</sup>These data elements obtained from Annual Juvenile Statistical Report.

<sup>l</sup>A jury trial is counted if it is tried to verdict; a non-jury trial if it is tried to decision.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, 1976 Annual Report (Washington, D. C.), Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Annual Juvenile Statistical Report, Calendar Year 1975 (Washington, D. C.). Statistics are computed from the annual report and Annual Juvenile Statistical Report, except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Florida court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



**Florida Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	247	170	N/A
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	N/A	247	170	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	180	156	N/A
Mandamus .....	N/A	53	40	N/A
Prohibition .....	N/A	19	17	N/A
Florida bar (disciplinary) .....	N/A	105	97	N/A
Certified questions .....	N/A	5	6	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	362	316	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Writs of certiorari from DCA .....	N/A	1,009	732	N/A
Circuit courts .....	N/A	7	5	N/A
Industrial relations commission .....	N/A	183	208	N/A
Public service commission .....	N/A	38	25	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	1,237	968	N/A
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	N/A	1,559	1,284	N/A
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	N/A	1,846	1,454	N/A <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	66	363	365	64
<b>Other matters<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Board of bar examiners .....	N/A	57	60	N/A
Other .....	N/A	44	44	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	101	104	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	N/A	464	469	N/A <sup>c</sup>

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion .....	171
Per curiam .....	116
Disposition by order .....	1,271
Rehearings .....	365

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Board of Bar Examiners (bar admission matters) and other matters were reported as **original proceedings** but were shifted to other proceedings for comparability with other profiles.

<sup>c</sup>Florida reported 1,233 matters pending at year end; however, they were not identified as either cases or other proceedings.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Judicial System Statistical Report 1975* (Tallahassee, Florida). Origin of case data is available. Statistics are from annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Florida District Courts of Appeal**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**4 districts, 20 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	6,960	6,219	N/A
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	N/A	6,960	6,219	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....	N/A	528	392	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Certiorari .....	N/A	361	275	N/A
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	N/A	889	667	N/A
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	N/A	7,849	6,886	N/A <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	283	1,319	1,233	369
<b>Other matters</b> .....	N/A	48	20	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	N/A	1,367	1,253	N/A <sup>b</sup>

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion .....	1,362
Per curiam .....	2,834
Rehearings .....	1,233
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	1,104
Other .....	1,606

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Florida reported 5,487 matters pending at year end; however, they were not identified as cases or other matters.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Judicial System Statistical Report 1975* (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Florida Circuit Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**20 circuits, 272 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>b</sup>	Disposed <sup>b</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	X	17,794	15,047	X
Non-auto tort .....	X	7,085	5,429	X
<b>Contract:</b>				
Contract and indebtedness .....	X	34,303	28,300	X
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Eminent domain .....	X	288	322	X
Landlord and tenant .....	X	328	706	X
Mortgage foreclosures .....	X	17,606	13,948	X
Real property .....	X	3,684	3,051	X
Replevin-lien-foreclosure .....	X	2,378	1,754	X
Total .....	X	24,284	19,781	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Dissolution and annulment .....	X	80,674	81,701	X
Support and custody .....	X	20,025	12,036	X
Adoption .....	X	5,230	4,075	X
Total .....	X	105,929	97,812	X
<b>Probate:</b>				
Probate .....	X	28,853	31,220	X
Guardianship .....	X	3,609	666	X
Trusts .....	X	2,883	734	X
Other probate .....	X	3,125	2,262	X
Total .....	X	38,450	34,882	X
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Administrative:				
Bond validation .....	X	154	338	X
Tax litigation .....	X	216	180	X
Total .....	X	370	498	X
Other civil:				
Other complaints .....	X	8,679	6,666	X
Other petitions .....	X	4,251	4,818	X
Total .....	X	12,930	11,284	X
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Appeals—certiorari .....	X	933	677	X
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	671	788	X
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>203,633</b>	<b>254,148</b>	<b>227,925</b>	<b>229,856</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal categories .....	42,421	82,069	72,393	52,097
<b>Appeals .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>42,463</b>	<b>82,222</b>	<b>72,443</b>	<b>52,242</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>35,665</b>	<b>32,029</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Dependency .....	X	10,677	9,399	X
Dependency change or modification .....	X	2,239	1,949	X
Terminate dependency .....	X	325	309	X
Total .....	X	13,241	11,657	X
<b>Children in need of supervision .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other juveniles:</b>				
Violation of or modify probation .....	X	2,544	2,378	X
Violation of or modify supervision .....	X	480	553	X
Terminate probation .....	X	5,127	5,024	X
Terminate supervision .....	X	1,405	1,387	X
Other .....	X	1,775	1,493	X
Total .....	X	11,331	10,835	X
<b>Total juvenile .....</b>	<b>15,271</b>	<b>62,811</b>	<b>57,315</b>	<b>20,767</b>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>261,367</b>	<b>399,181</b>	<b>357,683</b>	<b>302,865</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>a</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil .....	1,818	44,655	46,473	Dismissal .....
Criminal .....	4,361	2,094	6,455	No information .....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>6,179</b>	<b>46,749</b>	<b>52,928</b>	Acquittal .....
				Guilty pleas .....
				Trial convictions .....
				<b>Total convictions .....</b>
				2,649
				11,965
				6,872
				1,392
				33,358
				2,570
				<b>36,264</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>Data were obtained from unpublished reports that updated the annual report. Total figures, filings by category, trial data, and disposition types are available in the annual report.

<sup>b</sup>Includes both original and supplemental filings. Dispositions are for both types of filings.

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

<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.

<sup>e</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Judicial System Statistical Report 1975* (Tallahassee, Florida). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



116 State Court Profiles

**Georgia Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	652	X	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	226	X	N/A
Other appeals.....	N/A	11	X	N/A
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Applications for certiorari.....	N/A	288	N/A	N/A
Applications (habeas corpus)...	N/A	108	N/A	N/A
Application for interlocutory appeal	N/A	30	N/A	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases*.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<i>Manner of Disposition</i>	
Written opinion.....	745
Transfer.....	48

Source: Clerk, Supreme Court of Georgia, "Caseload Data for Fiscal Year 1975-76" (unpublished). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Georgia Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**9 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

The Georgia Court of Appeals did not provide any data for 1975.

**Georgia Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**42 circuits, 88 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for the Superior Court for fiscal year 1975. Data were collected for fiscal year 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

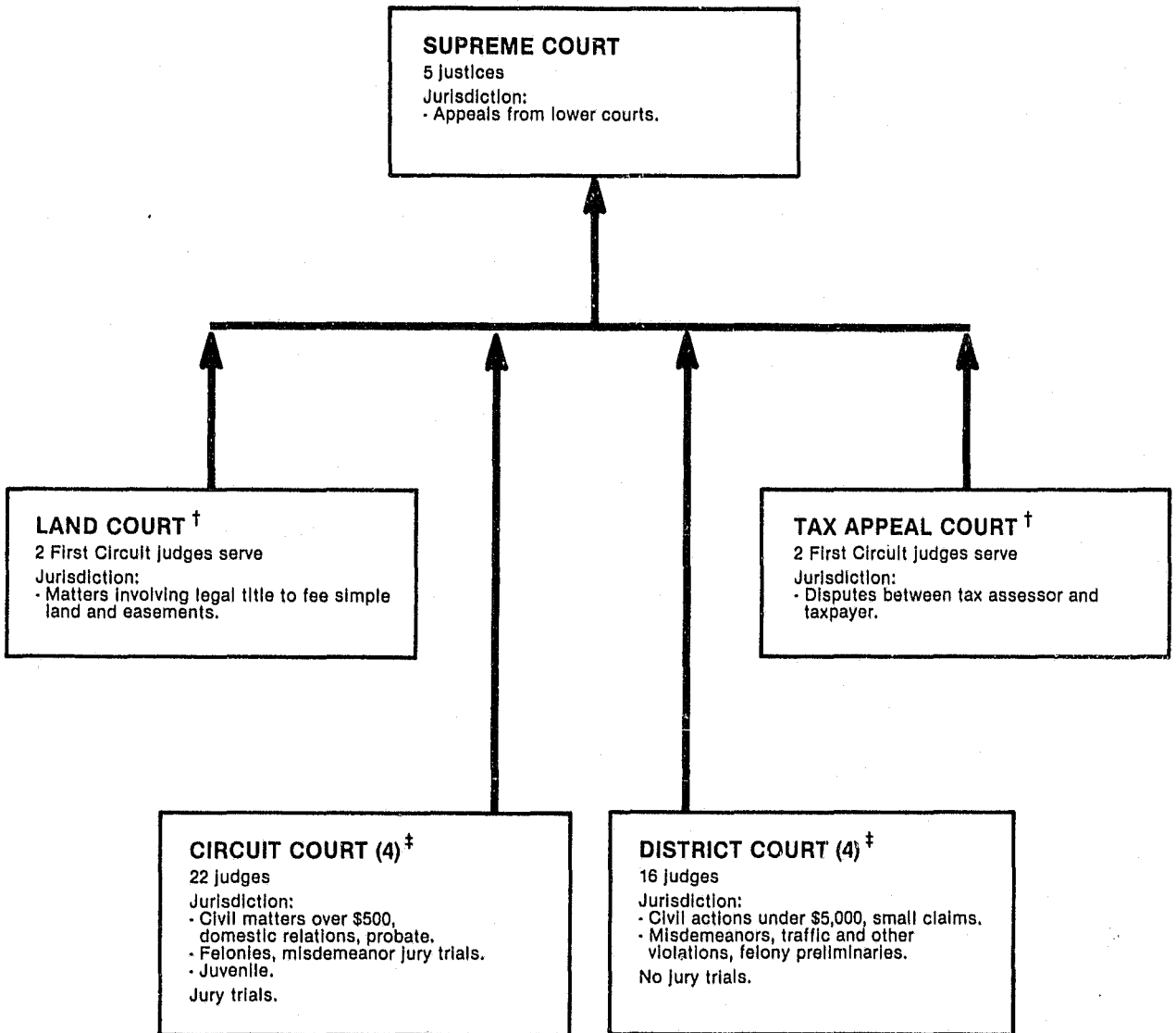
**Georgia Juvenile Court**  
**35 courts, 35 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the Juvenile Court for fiscal year 1975. Data were collected for fiscal year 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Georgia Probate Court**  
**159 courts, 159 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for probate cases handled in the Probate Court for fiscal year 1975.

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↑ Indicates route of appeal.

† The Land Court and Tax Appeal Court hear special cases, but are considered general jurisdiction courts for this report because circuit judges serve.

‡ The Circuit Court and District Court are both courts of record. District Courts hear high volume cases. Circuit Courts hear all jury trials. For our purposes, the Circuit Courts are considered courts of general jurisdiction.

118 State Court Profiles

**Hawaii Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	107	105	69	143
Criminal .....	49	78	65	62
Other appeals .....	13	6	6	13
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	2	0	1	1
Prohibition .....	0	3	3	0
Other .....	1	2	1	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Requests to appeal</b>				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests .....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	11	242	248	5
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>7</b>

<i>Manner of disposition</i>		<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Written opinion .....	75	Affirmed .....	50
Memorandum .....	22	Reversed .....	10
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	42	Partially affirmed .....	6
Other .....	266	Reversed and re- manded .....	22
		Other .....	9

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Administrative Directory of the Courts, *State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1974-75* (Honolulu, Hawaii). Source of case data is included in the annual report. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Hawaii Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**4 circuits, 22 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	1,597	879	1,072	1,404
Non-auto tort.....	845	441	473	813
Contract.....	1,436	1,408	1,350	1,494
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Condemnation.....	143	75	83	135
Land <sup>b</sup> .....	10	0	1	9
Mechanics and materialmen's liens.....	75	320	308	87
Total.....	228	395	392	231
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	2,365	4,932	4,803	2,494
Annulment.....	35	27	35	27
Separation and separate maintenance.....	108	106	113	101
Uniform reciprocal enforcement.....	279	639	578	340
Adoption.....	391	812	783	421
Paternity.....	189	50	109	130
Miscellaneous family.....	256	233	233	286
Adult's referrals.....	262	648	634	276
Supplemental proceedings.....	1,939	1,658	1,977	1,620
Total.....	5,824	9,105	9,235	5,694
<b>Probate:</b>				
Regular probate.....	1,996	921	736	2,181
Small estate over \$700.....	490	397	416	471
Small estate under \$700.....	269	297	310	256
Guardianship proceedings.....	3,897	422	360	3,959
Total.....	6,652	2,037	1,822	6,867
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Naturalization.....	172	422	500	94
Other civil action.....	1,468	938	837	1,599
Other special proceedings.....	197	243	132	308
Supplemental proceedings <sup>d</sup> .....	521	703	566	658
District Court transfers <sup>e</sup> .....	85	64	55	94
Total.....	2,443	2,400	2,090	2,753
Total civil.....	19,025	16,665	16,434	19,256
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony <sup>a</sup> .....	1,332	1,590	1,593	1,329
Misdemeanor <sup>a</sup> .....	503	455	504	454
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Criminal actions in family court.....	10	41	31	20
Total criminal.....	1,845	2,086	2,128	1,803
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Law violation.....	1,571	4,669	4,563	1,877
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Needing services.....	167	201	211	157
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Needing protective supervision.....	523	1,501	1,578	446
Traffic.....	282	677	788	171
<b>Other juvenile:</b>				
Other.....	99	143	177	65
Supplemental proceedings.....	317	548	432	433
Total.....	416	691	609	498
Total juvenile.....	2,959	7,739	7,749	2,949
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>23,829</b>	<b>26,490</b>	<b>26,311</b>	<b>24,008</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>n</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil.....	120	196	316
Criminal.....	194	97	291
Total.....	314	293	607

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.

<sup>b</sup>Does not include land cases handled by the land court.

<sup>c</sup>Mental health cases are contained in the probate statistics.

<sup>d</sup>Includes supplemental proceedings on criminal as well as civil cases.

<sup>e</sup>These are cases initiating in the District Court and demanding a jury trial.

<sup>f</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>g</sup>Data breakdown was obtained via telephone conversation with the office of the administrative director of the courts.

<sup>h</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials with the opening statement or introduction of any evidence.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *State of Hawaii Annual Report 1974-75* (Honolulu, Hawaii). Also a telephone conversation. Statistics are from the annual report and a telephone conversation except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

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**Hawaii Land Court**  
**2 circuit judges serve\***  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Property rights.....	65	49	38	76
Total civil.....	65	49	38	76
Grand total.....	65	49	38	76

**Hawaii Tax Appeal Court**  
**2 circuit judges serve\***  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Administrative.....	55	189	197	47
Total civil.....	55	189	197	47
Grand total.....	55	189	197	47

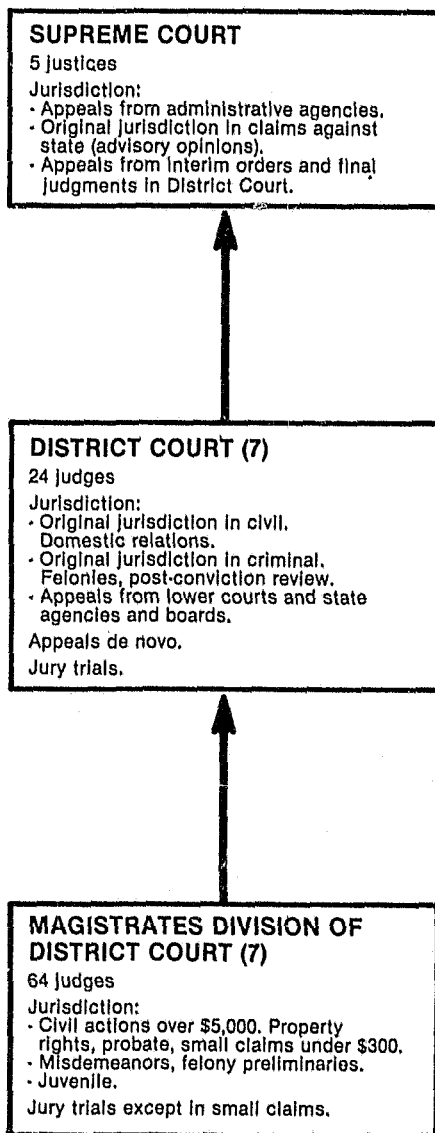
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\*Data for these courts are included with the general jurisdiction courts since circuit judges serve. Some land cases are also handled in the Circuit Court.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *State of Hawaii Annual Report 1974-75* (Honolulu, Hawaii). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



# Idaho court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

122 State Court Profiles

Idaho Supreme Court  
 Court of last resort  
 5 Justices  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto negligence .....	9	9	12	6
Tax appeals .....	2	4	2	4
YRA and CPA <sup>a</sup> .....	2	0	1	1
Other .....	166	169	157	171
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Convictions .....	57	60	50	67
Post convictions .....	38	15	31	20
Other .....	2	10	5	7
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Other appeals:</b>				
Industrial accident commission .....	18	31	29	20
Public utility commission .....	3	10	3	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	0	1	1	0
Mandamus .....	2	11	12	1
Prohibition .....	0	7	5	2
Disciplinary .....	N/A	4	5	N/A
Other .....	3	8	11	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>300<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>338</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>315<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Extension of time .....	N/A	358	358	N/A
Motion to dismiss .....	N/A	148	123	N/A
Other .....	N/A	343	342	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion..... 176

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Total caseload numbers do not add up because of missing pending data for disciplinary proceedings.

<sup>c</sup>YRA cases are juvenile delinquency cases under the Youth Rehabilitation Act. CPA cases are Child Protection Act cases involving dependent or neglected children. Juvenile proceedings are considered civil proceedings in Idaho.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report, Statistical Appendix* (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Idaho District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**7 districts, 24 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning <sup>a</sup> pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>				
Personal injury/property damage.....	918	819	675	1,062
<b>Small claims</b> .....	46	16	49	13
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations.....	2,273	4,205	4,342	2,136
Support proceedings.....	442	1,084	899	627
Adoption.....	N/A	3	17	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>2,715<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>5,258</b>	<b>2,763<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Informal estate.....	65	6	61	10
Formal estate.....	14	10	15	9
Guardianship of minors.....	6	1	6	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>85</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Guardianship of incapacitated.....	6	2	7	1
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Other complaints and petitions.....	3,318	3,276	3,087	3,507
All other special hearings.....	39	48	60	27
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,357</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>3,147</b>	<b>3,534</b>
<b>Appeal:</b>				
Civil appeal.....	67	117	89	95
Special proceeding appeal <sup>d</sup> .....	7	20	12	15
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>74</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus.....	30	94	92	32
<b>Total civil</b> .....	<b>7,231<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>9,411</b>	<b>7,535<sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Felony—drug.....	85	332	319	98
Felony—driving while intoxicated.....	30	123	108	45
Other felony.....	597	2,040	2,090	547
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>712</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Misdemeanor—drug.....	124	247	317	54
Misdemeanor—driving while intoxicated.....	18	29	44	3
Other misdemeanor.....	58	264	293	29
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>200</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Traffic</b> .....	28	9	31	6
<b>Appeals</b> .....	39	50	48	41
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	<b>979</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>823</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Youth Rehabilitation Act—drug.....	1	0	0	1
Youth Rehabilitation Act—other.....	2	6	7	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Child protective act.....	0	11	9	2
<b>Total juvenile</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Grand total</b> .....	<b>8,213<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>12,812</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>8,362<sup>e</sup></b>

**Trial<sup>f</sup>**

Civil.....	3,067
Civil appeal.....	25
Criminal.....	403
Criminal appeal.....	9
Juvenile.....	2
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,506</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Beginning pending figures were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pendencies.

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

<sup>c</sup>Does not include pending adoption cases.

<sup>d</sup>May include some juvenile appeals as special proceeding appeals.

<sup>e</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>f</sup>A trial is counted if it is begun.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report, Statistical Appendix* (Bolsa, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Idaho Magistrates Division\***  
**7 districts, 64 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning <sup>b</sup> pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>				
Personal injury/property damage.....	221	306	217	310
<b>Small claims</b> .....	1,897	9,045	8,833	2,109
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations.....	1,194	3,827	3,441	1,580
Support proceedings.....	421	1,212	1,016	617
Adoption.....	209	1,010	978	241
<b>Total</b> .....	1,824	6,049	5,435	2,438
<b>Probate:</b>				
Informal estate.....	1,014	2,227	1,730	1,511
Formal estate.....	1,223	1,334	1,390	1,167
Guardianship of minors.....	166	194	218	142
<b>Total</b> .....	2,403	3,755	3,338	2,820
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Guardianship of incapacitated.....	158	163	165	158
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Other complaints and petitions.....	4,084	7,467	6,471	5,080
All other special hearings.....	107	724	617	214
<b>Total</b> .....	4,191	8,191	7,088	5,294
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus.....	6	14	12	8
<b>Total civil</b> .....	10,700	27,523	25,088	13,135
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Misdemeanor—drug.....	179	1,017	959	237
Misdemeanor—driving while intoxicated.....	1,037	6,288	6,226	1,099
Other misdemeanor.....	2,509	19,385	18,784	3,110
<b>Total</b> .....	3,725	26,690	25,969	4,446
<b>Traffic</b> .....	2,515	171,048	170,112	3,451
<b>Felony preliminary:</b>				
Felony—drug.....	32	578	511	99
Felony—driving while intoxicated.....	14	223	191	46
Other felony.....	823	4,017	3,676	1,164
<b>Total</b> .....	869	4,818	4,378	1,309
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	7,109	202,556	200,459	9,206
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Youth Rehabilitation Act—drug.....	71	171	155	87
Youth Rehabilitation Act—driving while intoxicated.....	0	4	4	0
Youth Rehabilitation Act—other.....	1,435	6,700	6,475	1,660
<b>Total</b> .....	1,506	6,875	6,634	1,747
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Child protection act.....	393	631	724	300
<b>Total juvenile</b> .....	1,899	7,506	7,358	2,047
<b>Grand total</b> .....	19,708	237,585	232,905	24,388

**Trial<sup>a</sup>**

Civil.....	9,178
Criminal.....	6,567
Juvenile.....	3,301
<b>Total</b> .....	19,046

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

\*The Magistrates Division is a division of the District Court and its data are included in the general jurisdiction tables.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning pending figures were computed from the filings, dispositions, and end pendencies.

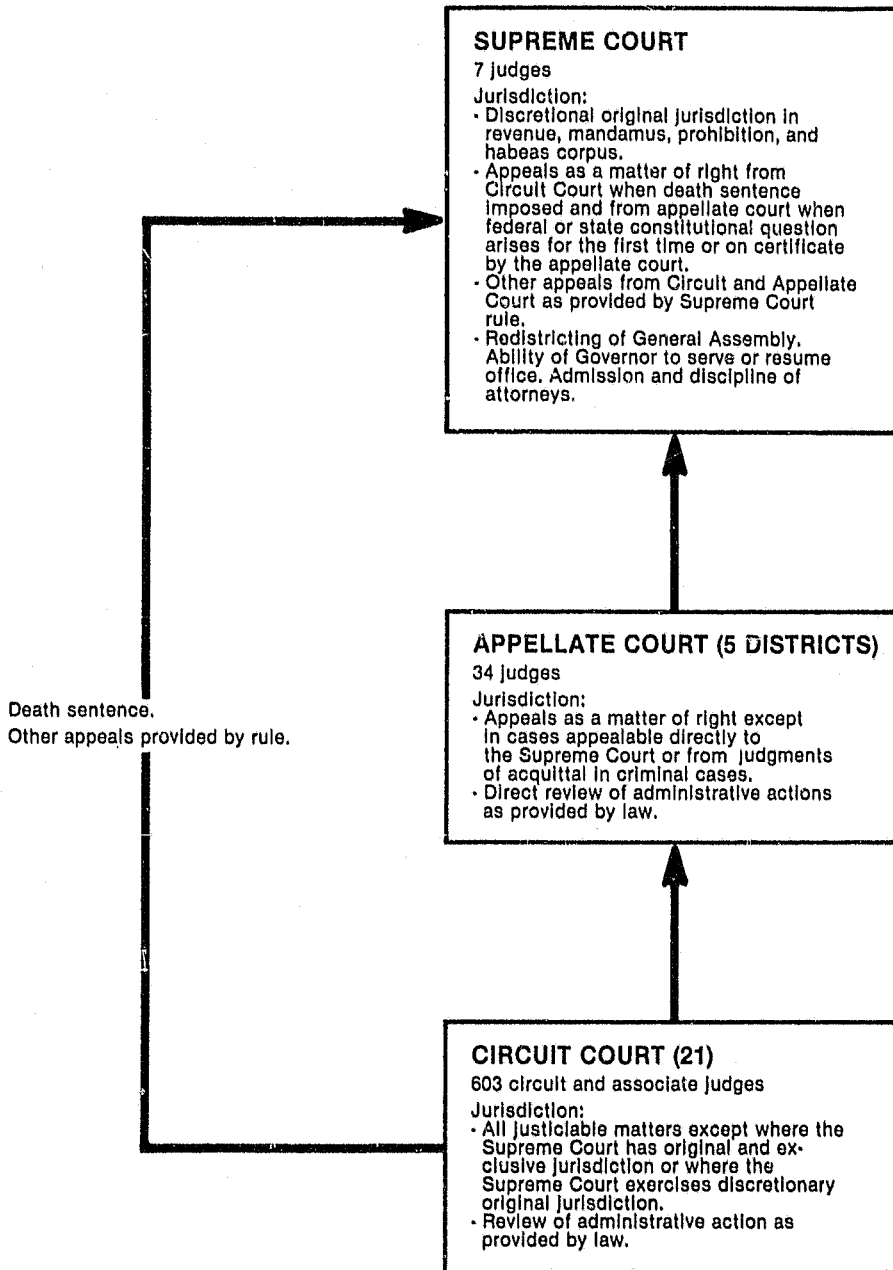
<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.

The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.

<sup>c</sup>All trials that have begun are counted.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report, Statistical Appendix* (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report and statistical appendix except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Illinois court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Illinois Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
(Cases accepted) <sup>b</sup>				
Civil .....	118	182	147	153
Criminal .....	65	59	79	45
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
(Cases accepted) <sup>a</sup>				
Civil.....	1	4	4	1
Criminal.....	2	8	8	2
Attorney disciplinary.....	2	6	3	5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Requests to appeal<sup>b,c</sup>:</b>				
Petitions for leave to appeal:				
Civil.....	74	321	333	62
Criminal.....	60	375	350	85
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>147</b>
Public interest cases:				
Rule 302 (b) motions:				
Civil.....	2	52	54	0
Criminal.....	0	4	4	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>
Original action case motions <sup>a</sup> :				
Civil.....	2	25	27	0
Criminal.....	1	51	51	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>327<sup>bcd</sup></b>	<b>1,087<sup>bcd</sup></b>	<b>1,060<sup>bcd</sup></b>	<b>354<sup>bcd</sup></b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases accepted for appeal are petitions for leave to appeal that were granted and granted motions for direct appeal (which include public interest cases, industrial commission cases, statute-held-invalid cases, and death penalty cases).

<sup>c</sup>Original proceedings (cases accepted) are original action motions granted.  
<sup>d</sup>Requests to appeal disposed of during the year include orders granting and denying petitions for leave to appeal, motions for direct appeal, and motions in original actions cases. Therefore, there is some double counting between petitions or motions granted and appeals or original actions accepted.

Source: Unpublished statistical report provided by clerk of the Supreme Court and by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. Statistics are from this unpublished report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

<b>Manner of disposition</b>	
Written opinion.....	183

**Illinois Appellate Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**5 districts, 34 elected judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	1,691	1,721	1,610	1,804
Criminal .....	1,893	2,414	2,035	2,270
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,074</b>
<b>Other Cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings.....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal.....</b>				
<b>Total other cases.....</b>				
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,074</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1975 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Data regarding time to disposition of cases are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

<b>Manner of disposition</b>		<b>Disposition of appeals</b>	
Full opinion.....	2,394	Affirmed .....	1,673
By order.....	340	Reversed .....	704
Without opinion or rule 23 order.....	911	Affirmed in part.....	214
		Dismissed .....	69
		Modified .....	74
		Other .....	911

**Illinois Circuit Court  
Court of general jurisdiction  
21 circuits, 603 circuit and associate judges  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending <sup>a</sup>	Filed <sup>b</sup>	Disposed	End pending <sup>a</sup>
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Law under \$15,000 .....	N/A	125,564	116,946	N/A
Law over \$15,000 .....	N/A	34,409	28,275	N/A
Total .....	N/A	159,973	145,221	N/A
<b>Small claims:</b>				
Small claims .....	N/A	184,425	187,881	N/A
<b>Equity:</b>				
Chancery .....	N/A	21,224	16,640	N/A
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Eminent domain .....	N/A	687	761	N/A
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce .....	N/A	68,969	66,083	N/A
Family .....	N/A	18,081	13,436	N/A
Total .....	N/A	85,030	79,519	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Probate .....	N/A	32,674	28,432	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mental health .....	N/A	8,691	8,328	N/A
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Tax .....	N/A	134,326	130,115	N/A
Municipal corporations .....	N/A	220	178	N/A
Total .....	N/A	134,546	130,293	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Miscellaneous remedies .....	N/A	5,414	4,979	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	632,664	602,054	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	N/A	32,828	28,720	N/A
Misdemeanors .....	N/A	481,743	458,122	N/A
Traffic .....	N/A	2,159,730	2,069,334	N/A
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Ordinance violations <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	77,453	71,689	N/A
Conservation violations <sup>d</sup> .....	N/A	8,278	8,180	N/A
Total .....	N/A	83,729	77,869	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	2,752,030	2,631,045	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	27,983	30,266	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	3,418,677	3,263,365	N/A

	Jury	Trial Non-Jury	Total	Criminal dispositions <sup>b</sup>
Civil <sup>e</sup> .....	1,487	N/A	N/A	Dismissed .....
Criminal <sup>h</sup> .....	1,080	1,505	2,585	Acquitted .....
Total .....	2,577	N/A	N/A	Total convictions .....
				Guilty pleas .....
				Trial convictions .....

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

<sup>a</sup>Data for cases pending are maintained for most categories of cases in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

<sup>b</sup>These include changes in filings due to transfers in or transfers out of the court's jurisdiction for cases in each category.

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

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

<sup>e</sup>The ordinance and conservation violations cases are included in the misdemeanor category in the Circuit Court of Cook County. Does not include post-judgment or post-termination matters for ordinance or conservation violations cases.

<sup>f</sup>A trial is counted if it is completed.

<sup>g</sup>Data were only available for jury trials in law cases.

<sup>h</sup>These include only criminal trials and criminal dispositions for felony cases. Each defendant is counted for criminal trials and criminal dispositions.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1975 Annual Report to the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.





**Indiana Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

Prior to 1976, the Supreme Court of Indiana did not compile data regarding appellate review work or original jurisdiction matters pending before the court.

Starting in 1976, the court has compiled an annual calendar year progress report on work before the court. The 1976 progress report has been received by this project and will be used to incorporate Indiana Supreme Court data in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Indiana Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**9 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	317 <sup>bc</sup>	X	X
Criminal .....	X	284 <sup>bc</sup>	X	X
Expedited cases .....	X	25 <sup>bc</sup>	X	X
Total appeals.....	361	626 <sup>bc</sup>	488	499
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	NH	NH	NH	NH
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	361	626 <sup>bc</sup>	488	499
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions to dismiss/affirm....	16	128	114	30
Chief Judge matters.....		2,190	2,190	
Total.....	16	2,318	2,304	30
Total other proceedings.....	16	2,318	2,304	30

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 NH = This case type is not handled in this court.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases are assigned to the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court. Court of Appeals does not have original jurisdiction.  
<sup>c</sup>Cases filed are "fully briefed cases" forwarded to the court by the clerk's office. During 1975 there were 892 cases (511 civil and 381 criminal) filed with the clerk's office. It is unknown whether the cases filed with the clerk but not filed with the court were disposed of, or were pending with, the clerk.

Source: Administrator's Office, Indiana Court of Appeals, "Indiana Court of Appeals 1975, 1976 Statistics" (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished material except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Indiana Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**84 circuits, 84 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for the Circuit Court for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Indiana Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**35 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for the Superior Court for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Criminal Court of Marion County, Indiana**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**1 court, 4 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for the Criminal Court in Marion County for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Indiana Juvenile Court**  
**1 court, 1 judge**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile or domestic relations (paternity) cases handled in the Juvenile Court for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

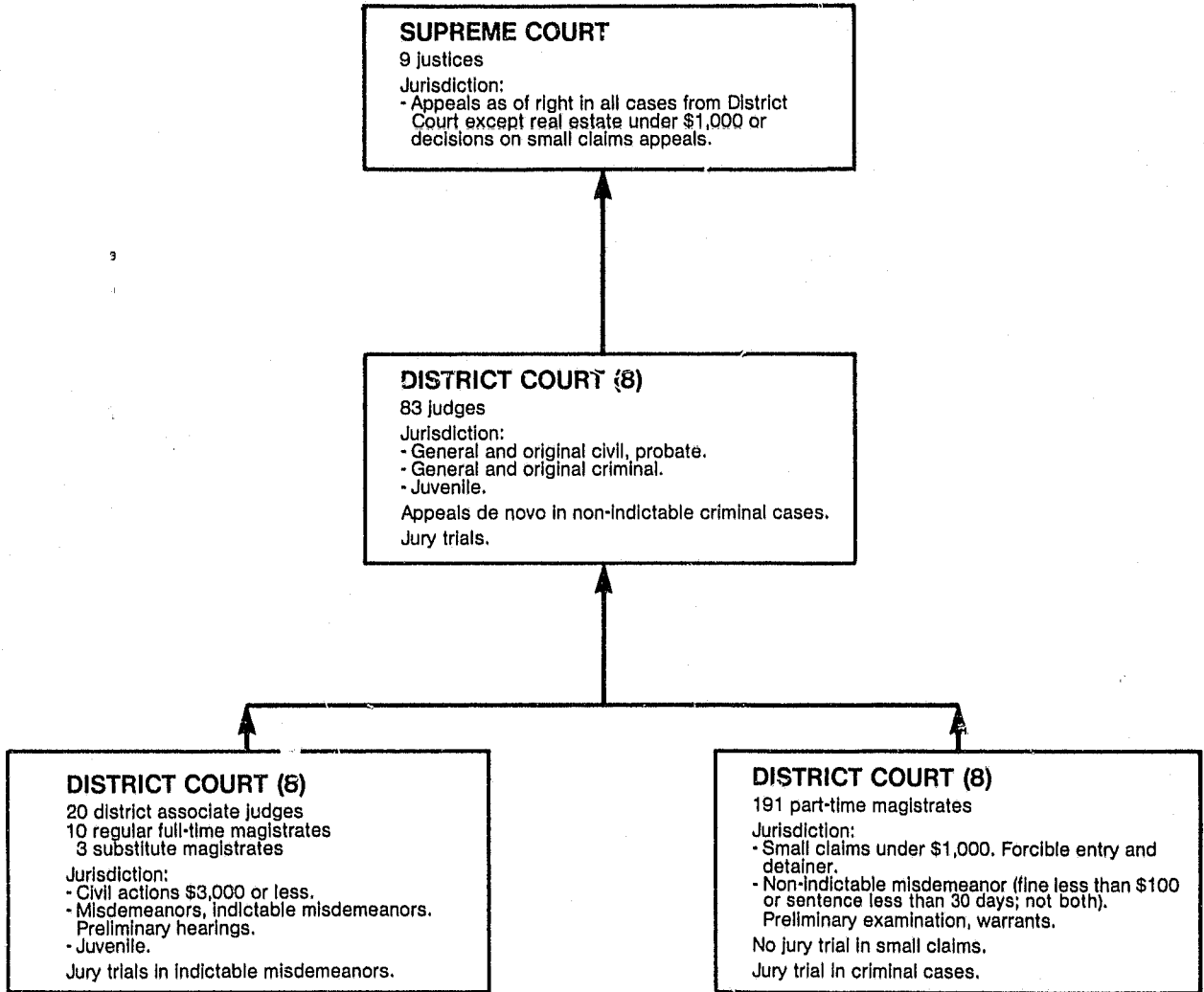
**Indiana Probate Court**  
**2 courts, 2 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for probate, juvenile, or domestic relations (adoptions) cases handled in the Probate Court. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Municipal Court of Marion County, Indiana**  
**1 Court, 11 full-time and 4 part-time judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

## Iowa court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Iowa Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**9 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	552	394	584	662
Criminal .....	229	392	284	337
Total appeals .....	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases* .....	781	1,086	868	999 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions and orders .....	N/A	1,591	1,591	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	1,591	1,591	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	299	Disposition of appeals		
Per curiam .....	79	Affirmed .....	242	
		Reversed .....	97	
		Mixed .....	33	

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Year end pending cases were computed on the basis of available data.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, *1975 Report Relating to the Courts of Iowa* (Des Moines, Iowa: 1975). Time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Iowa District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**8 districts<sup>a</sup>**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
<b>Small claims:</b>				
Small claims <sup>c</sup> .....	645	9,384	9,055	974
Small claims <sup>d</sup> .....	385 <sup>e</sup>	11,731	11,566	550
By clerk.....	X	X	43,924	11,463
Total.....	13,950 <sup>f</sup>	63,582 <sup>f</sup>	64,545	12,987
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estate <sup>g</sup> .....	N/A	18,397	17,074	N/A
Guardianship and conservatorship <sup>g</sup> .....	N/A	3,558	N/A	N/A
Trusteeship <sup>g</sup> .....	N/A	685	N/A	N/A
Total.....	N/A	22,640	17,074 <sup>h</sup>	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Regular civil <sup>i</sup> .....	X	37,658	35,737	X
Regular civil <sup>j</sup> .....	X	405	411	X
Total.....	32,281	37,963	36,148	34,036
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>46,231<sup>l</sup></b>	<b>124,185</b>	<b>117,767<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>47,083<sup>j</sup></b>
<b>Criminal<sup>k</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Regular criminal <sup>l</sup> .....	8,379 <sup>m</sup>	23,600 <sup>m</sup>	14,874	9,760 <sup>n</sup>
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Regular criminal <sup>l</sup> .....	(n)	(n)	7,345	(n)
Non-indictable state <sup>o</sup> .....	3,830	48,820	46,210	6,440
Non-indictable state <sup>d</sup> .....	5,777 <sup>e</sup>	115,173	114,756	6,194
Total.....	9,607 <sup>n</sup>	163,993 <sup>n</sup>	168,311	12,634 <sup>n</sup>
<b>Felony preliminaries<sup>g</sup>:</b>				
Preliminary examination <sup>g</sup> .....	1,089	7,870	7,281	1,678
Preliminary examination <sup>g</sup> .....	886 <sup>e</sup>	9,635	9,431	1,090
Total.....	1,975	17,505	16,712	2,768
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Non-indictable ordinance <sup>c</sup> .....	34,143	114,790	94,804	54,129
Non-indictable ordinance <sup>d</sup> .....	5,463 <sup>e</sup>	96,924	95,703	6,684
Total.....	39,606	211,714	190,507	60,813
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>59,567</b>	<b>416,812</b>	<b>390,404</b>	<b>85,975</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Juvenile <sup>o</sup> .....	N/A	2,685	2,245	N/A
Juvenile <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	3,000	3,290	N/A
<b>Total juvenile.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>105,798<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>546,682</b>	<b>513,706<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>133,058<sup>p</sup></b>

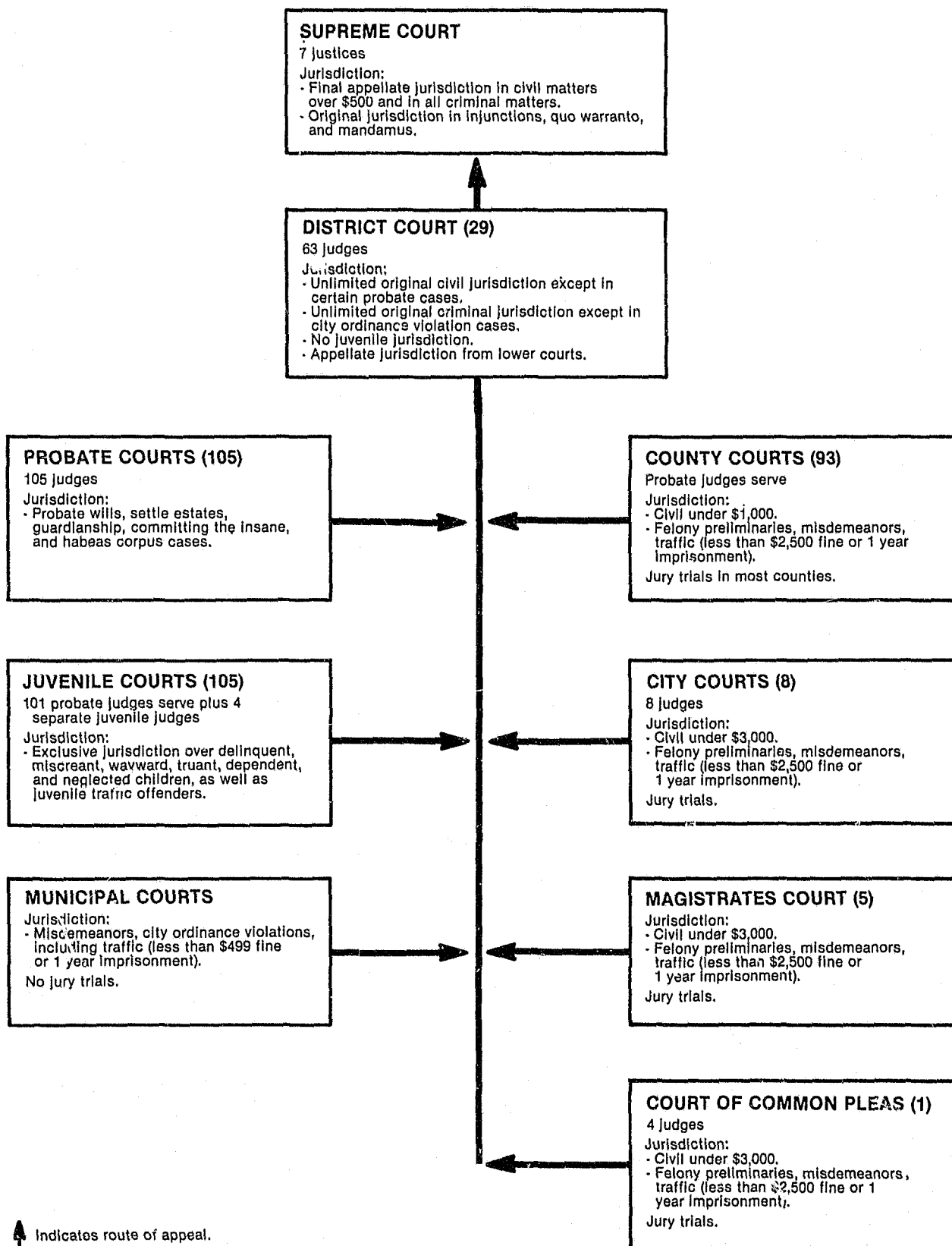
	Jury	Trial Non-Jury	Total
Civil.....	398	16,111	16,509
Criminal.....	1,192	67,029	68,221
Total.....	1,590	83,140	84,730

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

- <sup>a</sup>Includes cases handled by 83 district and 20 district associate judges, 10 regular full-time, 3 substitute, and 191 part-time magistrates.
- <sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>c</sup>Cases handled by district associate judges and regular full-time magistrates.
- <sup>d</sup>Cases handled by substitute full-time and part-time magistrates.
- <sup>e</sup>Beginning pending was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pendencies.
- <sup>f</sup>Includes cases handled by the clerk.
- <sup>g</sup>Cases handled by district judges.
- <sup>h</sup>Does not include guardianship and conservatorship or trusteeship dispositions for probate, total civil or grand total dispositions.
- <sup>i</sup>Cases handled by associate judges, regular full-time and substitute magistrates.
- <sup>j</sup>Does not include pending for probate in the total civil or grand total pending.
- <sup>k</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations/indictments.
- <sup>l</sup>Includes felonies and appeals as regular criminal cases handled by the district judges.
- <sup>m</sup>Pending and filing under felony is total for all regular criminal (felony, appeal, indictable misdemeanors).
- <sup>n</sup>Pending and filings for regular criminal (indictable misdemeanors) is under regular criminal (felony).
- <sup>o</sup>Includes preliminary examinations on felonies and indictable misdemeanors.
- <sup>p</sup>Does not include juvenile or probate pending in the total pending figure.
- <sup>q</sup>Jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; contested non-jury trials when the first witness is sworn.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, *1975 Report Relating to the Courts of Iowa* (Des Moines, Iowa: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Kansas court system, 1975



**Kansas Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	138	223	213	148
Criminal .....	77	122	119	80
Total appeals.....	215 <sup>c</sup>	345	332	228 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	X	3	N/A
Mandamus .....	N/A	X	5	N/A
Disciplinary .....	0	X	10	0
Other .....	N/A	X	2	N/A
Total .....	7	23 <sup>b</sup>	20	10
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
Total other cases.....	7	23 <sup>b</sup>	20	10
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	222 <sup>c</sup>	368	352	238 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Application for intermediate relief .....	0	32	32	0
Total other proceedings.....	0	32	32	0

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Data on the number of each type of original proceedings filed are not available.  
<sup>c</sup>Annual report totals do not include the following appeals data which were supplied by the state court administrator's office:  
 420 appeals pending but not docketed at start of fiscal year;  
 211 appeals terminated prior to docketing during fiscal year;  
 494 appeals pending but not docketed at end of fiscal year.

Source: Judicial Council, *Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report* (Topeka, Kansas: December 1975). Also phone contact with state court administrator's office. Age of pending cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 290

**Kansas District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**29 districts, 63 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	1,711	1,289	1,500	1,500
Non-auto tort .....	1,359	1,304	1,205	1,458
Contract .....	3,451	6,061	5,802	3,710
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Foreclosure .....	506	1,124	1,087	543
Real property .....	727	1,329	1,446	610
Total .....	1,233	2,453	2,533	1,153
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorces .....	7,270	17,716	17,781	7,205
Separate maintenance .....	418	555	633	340
Annulment .....	133	402	424	111
Reciprocal in .....	302	1,085	993	394
Reciprocal out .....	107	965	958	114
Other domestic relations .....	143	308	246	205
Total .....	8,373	21,031	21,035	8,369
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Other regular civil .....	1,894	2,755	2,682	1,967
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
K.S.A. 60-1507 .....	46	62	79	29
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus .....	242	357	339	260
Total .....	288	419	418	289
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>18,309</b>	<b>35,312*</b>	<b>35,175</b>	<b>18,446</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Crime against person .....	367	1,229	1,210	386
Crime against property .....	619	2,845	2,807	657
Other felony .....	311	1,090	1,074	327
Total .....	1,297	5,164	5,091	1,370
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Misdemeanors .....	59	129	135	53
Driving while intoxicated .....	26	58	68	16
Total .....	85	187	203	69
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Traffic .....	42	69	83	28
<b>Appeal:</b>				
Driving while intoxicated .....	95	329	316	108
Other traffic .....	122	395	376	141
Other offenses .....	169	582	567	184
Total .....	386	1,306	1,259	433
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>6,726</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>1,900</b>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>20,119</b>	<b>42,038</b>	<b>41,811</b>	<b>20,346</b>

	Jury	Contested trial <sup>b</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions	
Civil .....	387	8,482	8,869	Dismissed .....	1,737 <sup>d</sup>
Criminal .....	636	653	1,289	GUILTY PLEAS .....	3,610
Total .....	1,023	9,135	10,158	Trial convictions .....	995
				Acquitted .....	294

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

\*Civil cases are counted at the filing of a complaint or petition. Appeals are filed in categories according to the nature of the case. There were 31 civil appeals brought from the county courts and 357 from city, magistrates, and common pleas court.

<sup>b</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the information/indictment or complaint.

<sup>c</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is impaneled; non-jury trials are counted when the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).

<sup>d</sup>Includes appeals from lower courts and other uncontested matters as well as dismissals.

Source: Judicial Council, *Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report* (Topeka, Kansas: 1975). Office of Judicial Administrator, *Statistical Report on the District Courts 1975* (Topeka, Kansas: 1975). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Kansas Probate Court and Juvenile Court**  
**109 courts, 109 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

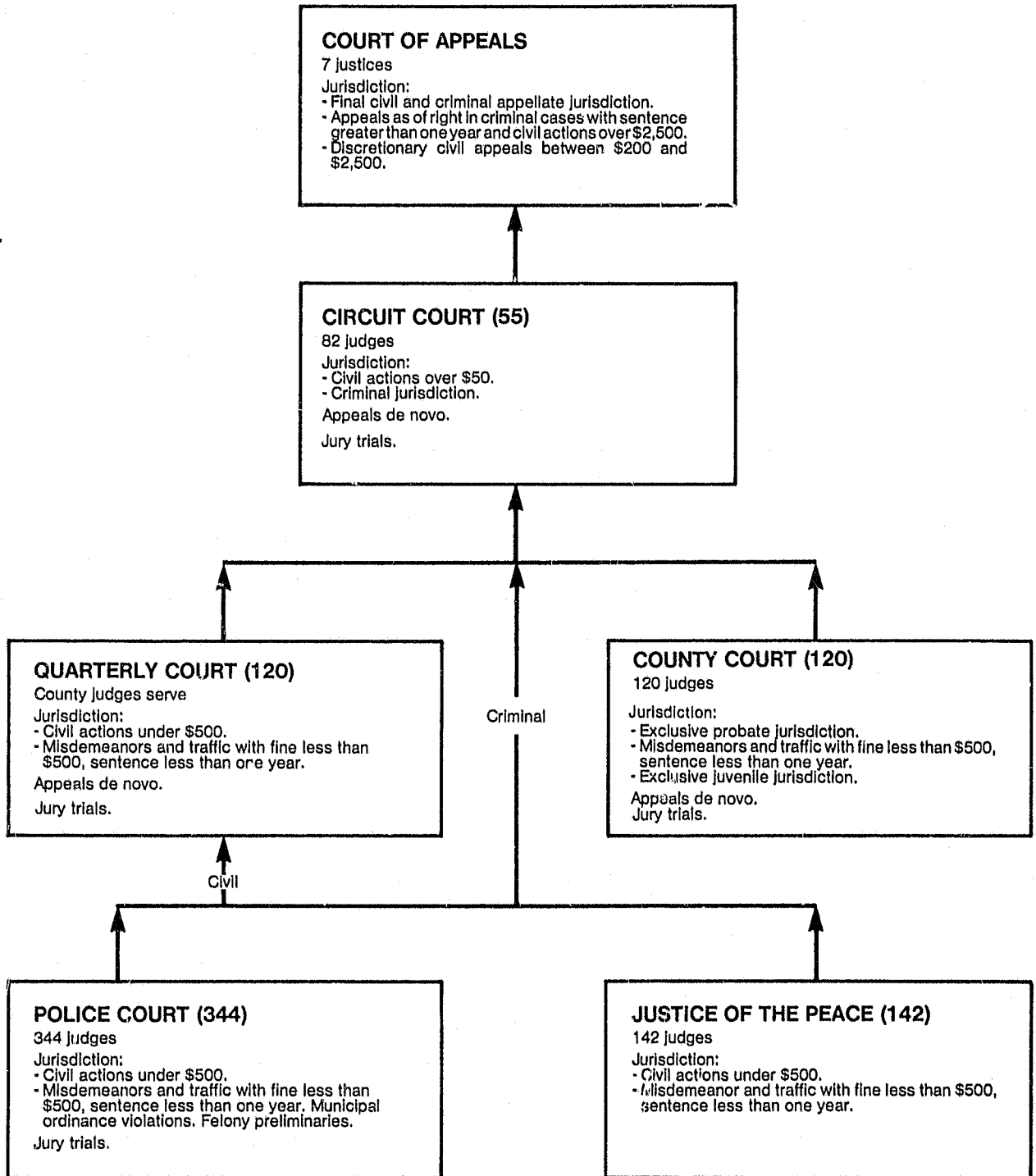
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	2,309	N/A
Total domestic relations .....	N/A	N/A	2,309	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates .....	8,536	5,736	5,720	8,552
Guardianship, conservatorship .....	8,764	1,757	1,105	9,416
Trusts under supervision .....	N/A	N/A	1,896	N/A
Care and treatment proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	3,992	N/A
Determination of descent .....	N/A	N/A	2,641	N/A
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	N/A	1,159	N/A
Foreign transcripts .....	N/A	N/A	2,033	N/A
Total probate* .....	17,300*	7,493*	18,546	17,968*
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	20,461	N/A

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

\*Pending and filing totals include only data for estates and guardianship, conservatorship. Dispositions include all categories.

Source: Judicial Council, *Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report* (Topeka, Kansas: December 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Kentucky court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



**Kentucky Court of Appeals<sup>b</sup>**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	734 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	308 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	N/A	1,051	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings<sup>d</sup></b> .....	N/A	122 <sup>d</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Motions for appeal .....	N/A	26	N/A	N/A
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	N/A	148 <sup>e</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	N/A	1,199	N/A <sup>a</sup>	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	N/A	185	180	N/A
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Actions for Injunctive relief .....	N/A	26	N/A	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	N/A	211	N/A	N/A
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....			857	
By order .....			293	

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>The appellate districts of the Court of Appeals became the Initial Supreme Court districts; and the judges of the courts of appeals representing those districts, as of January 1, 1976, became the Justices of the Supreme Court on January 1, 1976.

<sup>c</sup>Civil/criminal breakdown of appeals filed was computed based on footnotes on page 2 of annual report.

<sup>d</sup>Number of original proceedings was computed by subtracting total appeals from "Appeals and Original Actions" total as footnoted on page 2 of "Docket Reports for Calendar Year 1975" in annual report.

<sup>e</sup>Court reported 1,330 matters disposed during the year, but category breakdowns were not given.

Source: Judicial Council, "Docket Report for Calendar Year 1975," in *Annual Report for 1975 to the Judicial Conference* (Frankfort, Kentucky: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Kentucky Circuit Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**55 circuits, 82 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>a</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	X	24,672	X	X
Other civil .....	X	34,187	X	X
<b>Total civil</b> .....	75,828	58,859	49,449	84,882 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Criminal .....	X	11,328	X	X
<b>Appeals<sup>d</sup></b> .....	X	1,404 <sup>d</sup>	X	X
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	10,825	12,732	12,608	10,834 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Grand total</b> .....	86,653	71,591	62,057	95,716 <sup>a</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Category filings are as corrected by the administrative office of the courts.

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

<sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>d</sup>Appeals are both criminal and civil.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. Numbers are as reported by the administrative office of the courts.

Source: Judicial Council, *Annual Report for 1975 to the Judicial Conference* (Frankfort, Kentucky: 1976). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories — limited jurisdiction courts**

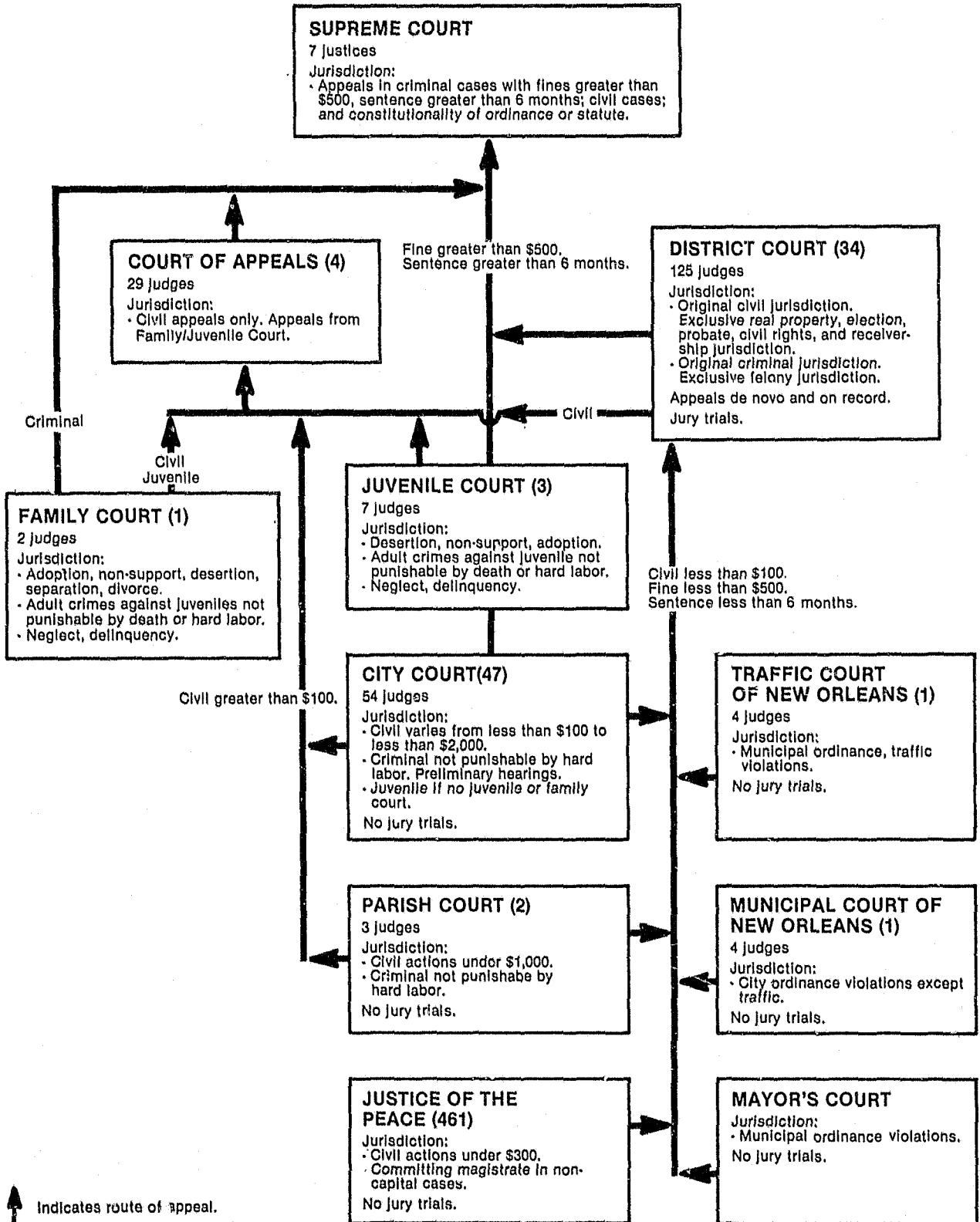
**Kentucky County Court**  
**120 courts, 120 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Probate:</b>				
Total probate .....	N/A	20,815	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	24,583	N/A	N/A

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

Source: Unpublished data. Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Louisiana court system, 1975



Louisiana Supreme Court  
 Court of last resort  
 7 justices  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	17	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	341	N/A	N/A
Appeals disposed .....	--	--	365	--
Total appeals .....	N/A	358	365	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Writs .....	N/A	1,240	1,163	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	8	7	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,248	1,170	N/A
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....	N/A	1,248	1,170	N/A
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	1,608	1,535	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	229	218	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	229	218	N/A

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 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 -- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Judicial Administrator, *Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data* (New Orleans, Louisiana: 1976). Also two "Semi-Annual Statistical Resumes" provided by the clerk of court. Statistics are from the annual report and the resumes except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	514
Appeals dismissed .....	11

Louisiana Courts of Appeal  
 Intermediate appellate court  
 4 divisions, 29 judges  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	1,812	1,641	X
Total appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	X	1,812	1,641	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Writs .....	X	208	192 <sup>c</sup>	X
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....	X	208	192	X
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	539 <sup>d</sup>	2,020	1,833	726
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	742	742	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	742	742	N/A

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<sup>b</sup>Court<sup>s</sup> are civil appeals only.

<sup>c</sup>Writs disposed were computed by adding writs refused and writs granted.

<sup>d</sup>Beginning of year pending cases were computed from available data.

Source: Judicial Administrator, *Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data* (New Orleans, Louisiana: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

*Manner of disposition*

Judgments rendered .....	1,505
Cases dismissed .....	136

140 State Court Profiles

**Louisiana District Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**34 districts, 125 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Total civil <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	122,633	93,111	N/A
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal <sup>e</sup> .....	N/A	212,523	204,845	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	355,156	298,056	N/A

	Trial <sup>f</sup>			Criminal dispositions
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil .....	176	18,811	18,987	GUILTY PLEAS.....127,096 <sup>g</sup>
Criminal .....	1,189	9,834	11,023	
Total .....	1,365	28,645	30,010	

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

- <sup>a</sup>Incomplete data were submitted for St. Martin, St. Helena, and Terrebonne Parishes, and Orleans Criminal District Court.
- <sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>c</sup>Includes domestic relations, probate, mental health, other civil cases.
- <sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count in 1975 was the case.
- <sup>e</sup>Includes felonies, misdemeanors, appeals, and traffic.
- <sup>f</sup>Jury trials are counted if the jury is sworn; non-jury trials if there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.
- <sup>g</sup>Figure was calculated from percent (82%) guilty pleas given in the annual report.

Source: Judicial Administrator, *Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data* (New Orleans, Louisiana: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Louisiana City and Parish Courts**  
**49 courts, 57 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total Juvenile .....	N/A	13,718	11,198	N/A

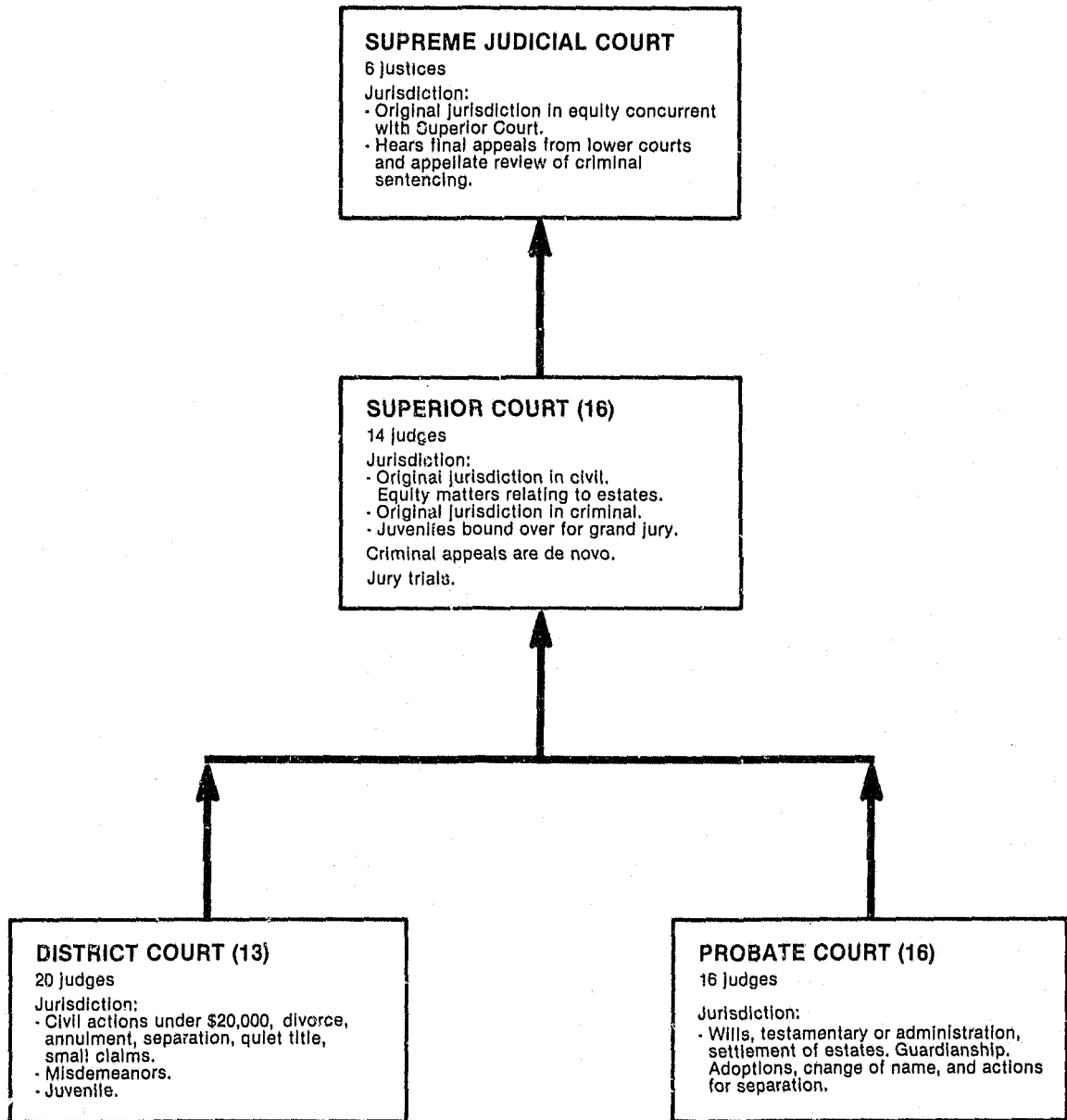
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Source: Judicial Administrator, *Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data* (New Orleans, Louisiana: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Louisiana Family Court and Juvenile Court**  
**4 courts, 9 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

Data for special family and juvenile courts are by categories of civil and criminal for 1975. There were no data by category for juvenile or domestic relations (adoption, non-support, desertion, separation, divorce). There were 6,684 filings for civil and 19,914 for criminal in these courts. Dispositions were 8,748 for civil and 24,138 for criminal.

# Maine court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

142 State Court Profiles

**Maine Supreme Judicial Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**6 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	79 <sup>a</sup>	131	91	119
Criminal .....	104 <sup>a</sup>	137	114	127
Total appeals <sup>b,c</sup> .....	183 <sup>c</sup>	268	205	246 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	---	---	9	---
Opinions of justice.....	---	---	9	---
Requests to appeal.....	---	---	9	---
Total other cases.....	---	---	9	---
Total cases*.....	183 <sup>c</sup>	268	214 <sup>d</sup>	246

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion.....	140

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 --- = Not applicable.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>a</sup>1976 annual report data were used for 1975 year end pending data.  
<sup>b</sup>Beginning of year pending data were computed from available data.  
<sup>c</sup>Caseload does not add up because 9 "Opinions of Justices" are reported as disposed matters only.

Source: Unpublished statistical data received from the state court administrator were basis of 1975 filings and dispositions. Also Administrative Office of the Courts, *Annual Report August, 1975–December, 1976* (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the unpublished data and annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Maine Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**16 counties, 14 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning <sup>a</sup> pending	Filed	Disposed	End <sup>a</sup> pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Total civil.....	7,394	5,158	4,364	8,188
<b>Criminal<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Other criminal <sup>d</sup> :				
Indictments.....	X	X	2,508	X
Transfers.....	X	X	6,482	X
Total <sup>e</sup> .....	4,100	8,734	8,990	3,844
Total criminal.....	4,100	8,734	8,990	3,844
Grand total.....	11,494	13,892	13,354	12,032

<i>Trials<sup>f</sup></i>	
Civil.....	288
Criminal.....	600
Total.....	888

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

\*Beginning pending was obtained from 1974 report to the Chief Justice. End pending figures were calculated from filings, dispositions, and beginning pending.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>c</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the information/indictment or complaint.  
<sup>d</sup>Includes both felonies and misdemeanors as indictments and transfers.  
<sup>e</sup>The state counts trials when they are begun.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Annual Report August, 1975–December, 1976* (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Also "Summary of Clerks Monthly Report to the Chief Justice for the Year Ending December 31, 1974" (unpublished). Statistics are from the annual report and the unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Maine District Court**  
**13 districts, 20 Judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	N/A	7,262	N/A	N/A
Reciprocal.....	N/A	24	N/A	N/A
Total domestic relations.....	N/A	7,286	N/A	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Total mental health.....	N/A	304	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	N/A	4,586	N/A	N/A

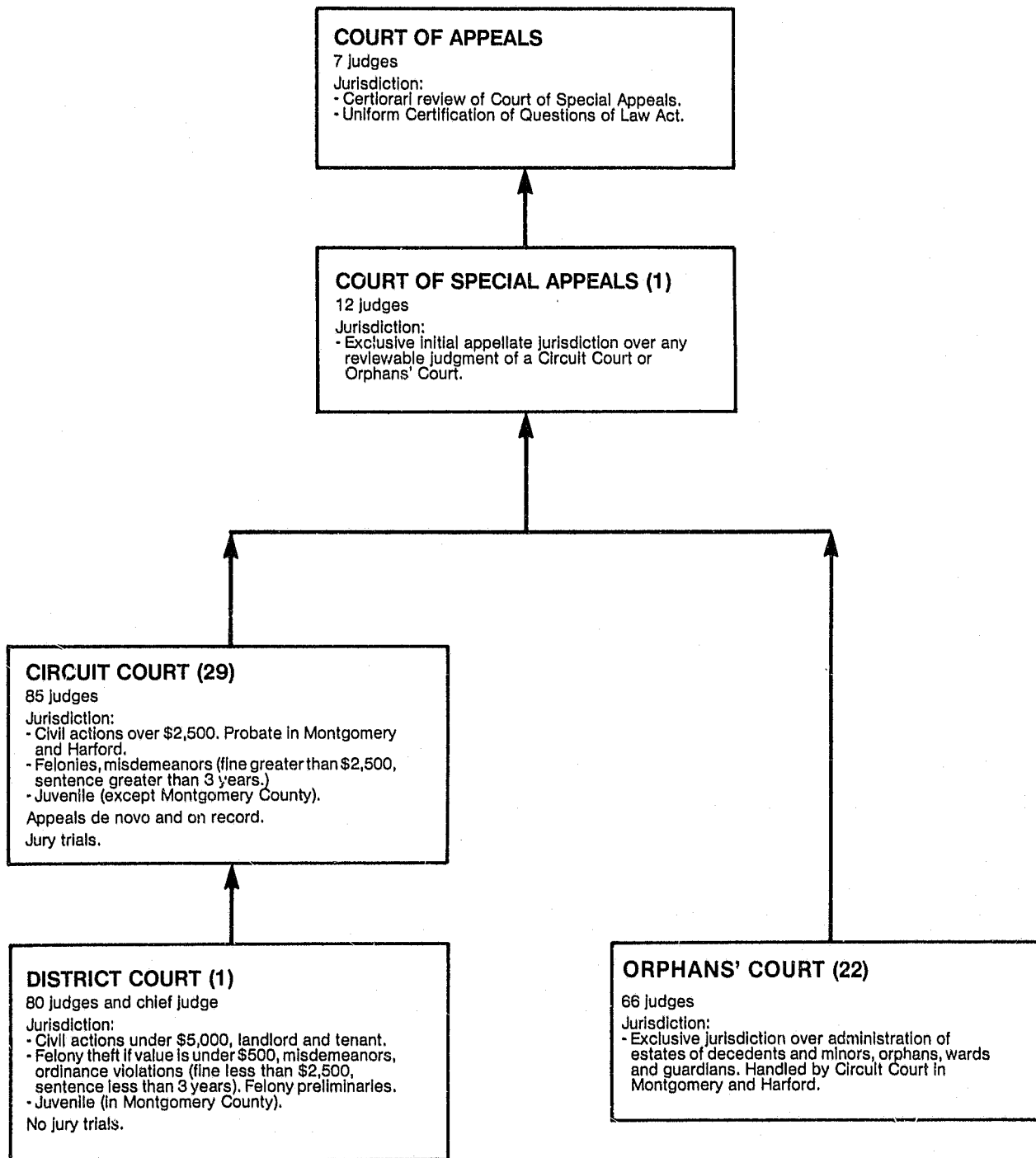
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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Annual Report, August, 1975–December, 1976* (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Maine Probate Court**  
**16 courts, 16 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for probate or domestic relations (adoption, change of name, actions for separation) cases handled in the Probate Court.

# Maryland court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Maryland Court of Appeals**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	10	220	209	21
Criminal .....	10	32	38	4
Total appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	20	252 <sup>b</sup>	247 <sup>b</sup>	25
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Disciplinary .....	0	21	21	0
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Applications for certiorari.....	0	483	483	0
Total other cases .....	0	504	504	0
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	20	756	751	25
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Bar exam review.....	0	24	24	0
Bar admittance review.....	0	47	47	0
Total.....	0	71	71	0
Total other proceedings.....	0	71	71	0

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion .....	172
	Affirmed .....
	Reversed .....
	Dismissed .....
	Remanded .....
	Transferred out .....
	Affirmed in part, reversed in part....
	Modified and affirmed .....
	85
	61
	46
	3
	29
	7
	5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil, criminal breakdowns of appeals filed/disposed were computed from available data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76* (Annapolis, Maryland). Source of cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Maryland Court of Special Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**12 Judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	91	523	538 <sup>b</sup>	76
Criminal <sup>b</sup> .....	57	631	577 <sup>b</sup>	111
Total appeals.....	148	1,154	1,115 <sup>b</sup>	187
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Application for leave to appeal ...	0	132	132	0
Total other cases .....	0	132	132	0
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	148	1,286	1,247	187

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion .....	804
Per curiam .....	492
	Affirmed .....
	Reversed .....
	Partially affirmed ....
	Other.....
	Dismissed .....
	610
	131
	29
	82
	243

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Criminal/civil breakdowns of appeals disposed were computed from available data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76* (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.



**Maryland Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**29 courts, 85 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Confessed judgments	N/A	1,488	1,409	N/A
Other law	N/A	1,576	2,344	N/A
Total	N/A	3,064	3,753	N/A
Auto tort	N/A	6,012	7,270	N/A
Non-auto tort	N/A	2,399	3,011	N/A
Contract	N/A	4,341	4,396	N/A
<b>Equity:</b>				
Other equity	N/A	7,826	5,479	N/A
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Condemnation	N/A	513	472	N/A
Foreclosure	N/A	1,671	1,257	N/A
Total	N/A	2,184	1,729	N/A
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce	N/A	21,303	19,028	N/A
Adoption	N/A	2,456	2,343	N/A
Paternity	N/A	5,144	3,600	N/A
Total	N/A	28,903	24,971	N/A
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Administrative agency	N/A	1,238	1,170	N/A
<b>Appeals:</b>				
District court	N/A	787	1,251	N/A
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus	N/A	576	538	N/A
Total civil	N/A	57,330	53,570	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Desertion	N/A	2,017	1,657	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	22,280	20,528	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles	N/A	120	133	N/A
Total	N/A	24,417	22,318	N/A
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Motor vehicles	N/A	2,019	2,210	N/A
Criminal	N/A	2,885	2,748	N/A
Total	N/A	4,904	4,958	N/A
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Post-conviction	N/A	405	409	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	29,726	27,685	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency	N/A	21,731	20,999	N/A
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Dependency and neglect	N/A	3,479	3,628	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	25,210	24,627	N/A
Grand total	N/A	112,266	105,882	N/A

	Jury	Trial <sup>a</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,130	12,715	13,845
Criminal	1,513	13,696	15,209
Total	2,643	26,411	29,054

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- <sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
- <sup>b</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of Informations/ Indictments.
- <sup>c</sup>Children in need of supervision cases are included with dependency and neglect cases.

<sup>d</sup>A jury case is counted when it is tried to verdict; a non-jury case when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1974-75 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

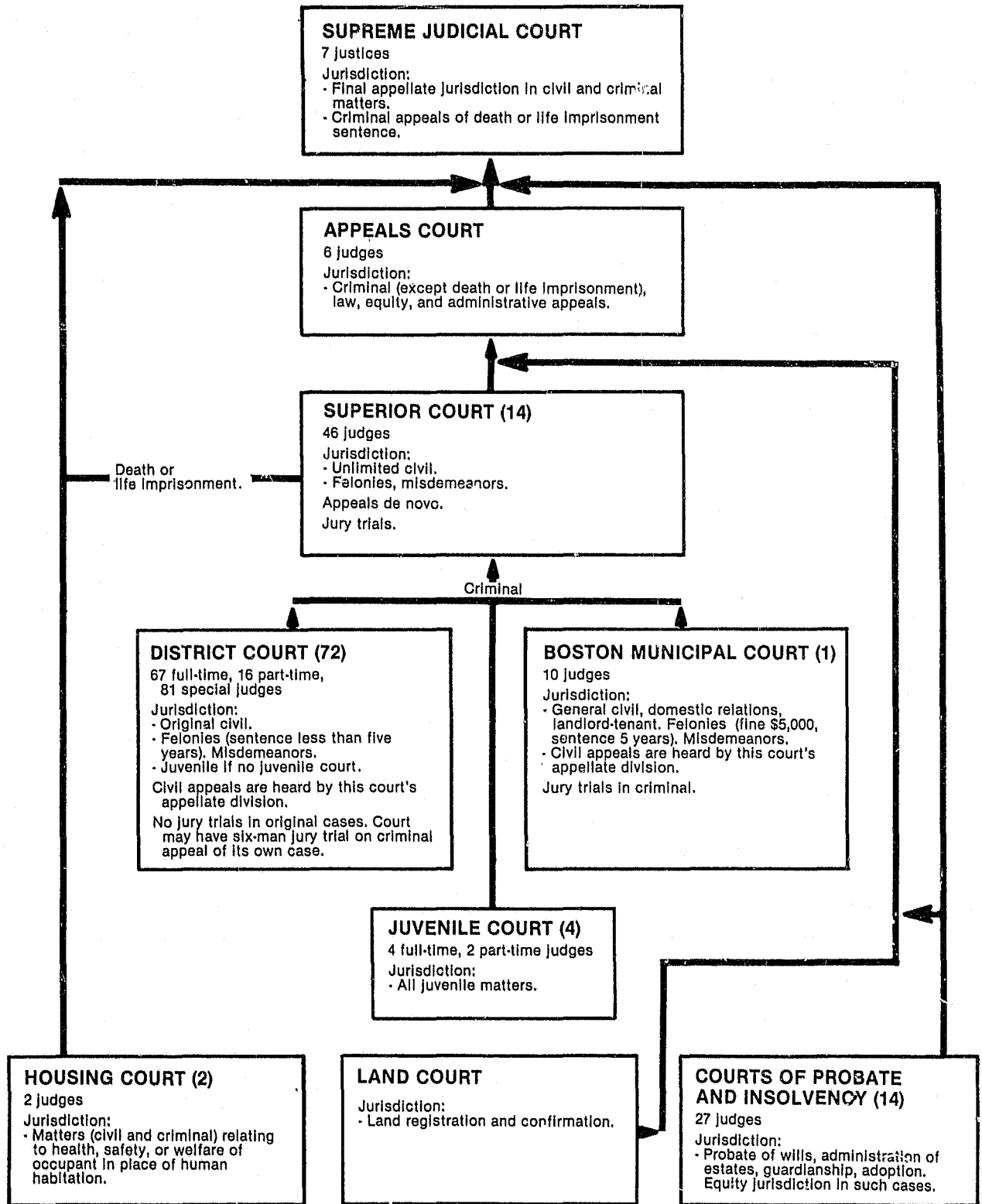
**Maryland Orphans Court**  
**22 courts, 66 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for probate cases handled in the Orphans Court.

**District Court of Montgomery County, Maryland**  
**1 court, 2 juvenile judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

There were no data available by category for juvenile cases handled in the District Court of Montgomery County. General caseload data are available.

## Massachusetts court system, 1975



**Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals (full court):</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	X	181	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	X	87	N/A
Total full court appeals, ...	N/A	327	268	N/A
<b>Single justice appeals<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	98	98	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	166	166	N/A
Total single justice appeals	N/A	264 <sup>b</sup>	264 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	591 <sup>b</sup>	532 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Single justice original proceedings <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	153 <sup>b</sup>	153 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal</b>				
Total other cases .....	N/A	153 <sup>b</sup>	153 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
Total cases* .....	N/A	744 <sup>bc</sup>	685 <sup>bc</sup>	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
<b>Single justice matters<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Other civil .....	N/A	59	59	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	33	33	N/A
Total .....	N/A	92 <sup>b</sup>	92 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	92 <sup>b</sup>	92 <sup>b</sup>	N/A

Manner of disposition	Disposition of full court appeals
(Full court appeals)	Affirmed .....
Written opinion .....	Reversed .....
Rescript opinion .....	Modified and affirmed .....
244	No decision in lower court .....
24	Dismissed .....
	132
	69
	11
	46
	10

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables. <sup>b</sup>Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justices sit (on a rotational basis) in "single justice sessions." During these single justice sessions, 509 matters were handled. An unknown number of these cases were referred to the full court for final disposition.

<sup>c</sup>Total appeals filed and disposed contain both full court and single justice session cases. As explained in footnote b, there may be some double counting in this total.

Source: Executive Secretary, 19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1975). Also phone contact with the state court administrator. Time to case disposition and source of case (by county) data are available. Statistics are from the annual report and the state court administrator except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Massachusetts Appeals Court**  
**Intermediate Appellate Court**  
**6 Judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	X	209	X
Criminal .....	X	X	65	X
Unspecified cases disposed ..	--	--	296	--
Total appeals .....	5	870 <sup>b</sup>	570	305 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings .....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases* .....	5	870 <sup>b</sup>	570	305 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Petitions for interlocutory relief .....	N/A	N/A	1,864	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	1,864	N/A

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion .....	Affirmed .....
Decisions not rendered .....	Reversed .....
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	Partially affirmed .....
Disposed without opinion after argument .....	Other .....
Rescript opinions .....	Dismissed .....
Transferred to Supreme Judicial Court .....	182
Reported to Supreme Judicial Court .....	50
Other .....	11
	3
	10
	6
	158
	120
	1
	45

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable. X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type. -- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables. <sup>b</sup>Both the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure were modified effective July 1, 1974. These modifications helped account for an increase in filings from 285 in FY 1974 to 875 in FY 1975.

Source: Executive Secretary, 18th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1973-74, 19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1974, 1975). Also telephone contact with state court administrator. Source of cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual reports and the state court administrator except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Massachusetts Superior Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**14 courts, 46 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Jury cases .....	50,985	16,963	17,545	50,403
Non-jury cases .....	34,316	15,284	10,013	39,587
Total .....	85,301	32,247	27,558	89,990
Total civil .....	85,301	32,247	27,558	89,990
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Indictment <sup>a</sup> .....	21,596	17,330	19,093	19,833
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Appeals .....	15,912	17,654	14,466	19,100
Sentence review .....	459	499	527	431
Total .....	16,371	18,153	14,993	19,531
Total criminal .....	37,967	35,483	34,086	39,364
Grand total .....	123,268	67,730	61,644	129,354

<b>Trial<sup>b</sup></b>	
Criminal .....	2,896
Criminal appeal .....	1,521
Total criminal .....	4,417

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

\*District Court and Boston Municipal Court data are not included as general jurisdiction courts since these courts may only give a misdemeanor sentence to a felony case.

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

<sup>b</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of information/indictments.

<sup>c</sup>Most are felonies (sentence >2½ years); some serious misdemeanors may be listed as indictments.

<sup>d</sup>All trials that have begun are counted.

Source: Executive Secretary, 19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Massachusetts District Court**  
**72 courts; 67 full-time, 16 part-time, 81 special judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Neglect/non-support .....	N/A	3,557	N/A	N/A
Uniform reciprocal support .....	N/A	3,086	N/A	N/A
Total domestic relations .....	N/A	6,643	N/A	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mentally ill commitments .....	N/A	3,869	N/A	N/A
Total mental health .....	N/A	3,869	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Drug complaint .....	N/A	1,325	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile complaint .....	N/A	33,451	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	34,776	N/A	N/A
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Neglected children .....	N/A	642	N/A	N/A
Children in need of supervision .....	N/A	1,888	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	37,306	N/A	N/A

**Massachusetts Juvenile Court**  
**4 courts; 4 full-time, 2 part-time judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Juvenile criminal .....	N/A	141	N/A	N/A
Delinquent .....	N/A	10,892	N/A	N/A
Delinquency appeals .....	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	11,036	N/A	N/A
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Children in need of care and protection .....	N/A	436	N/A	N/A
Children in need of care and protection appeals .....	N/A	37	N/A	N/A
Total .....	N/A	473	N/A	N/A
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Children in need of supervision .....	N/A	669	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	12,178	N/A	N/A

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

<sup>a</sup>The unit of count is the number of children processed.

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts (cont'd)

**Massachusetts Courts of Probate and Insolvency**  
**14 courts, 27 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Separate support and maintenance.....	N/A	6,659	8,663	N/A
Desertions and living apart allowed.....	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
Custody of minors.....	N/A	348	173	N/A
Divorce.....	N/A	28,544	30,597	N/A
Adoptions.....	N/A	N/A	3,317	N/A
Total domestic relations.....	N/A	35,551 <sup>b</sup>	42,778	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Guardianship.....	N/A	X	1,940	N/A
Administration.....	N/A	X	10,982	N/A
Wills.....	N/A	X	11,175	N/A
Trusteeships.....	N/A	X	1,224	N/A
Other probate.....	N/A	X	23,020	N/A
Total probate.....	N/A	66,782 <sup>c</sup>	48,341	N/A

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<sup>b</sup>Does not include desertion and living apart or adoption filings.

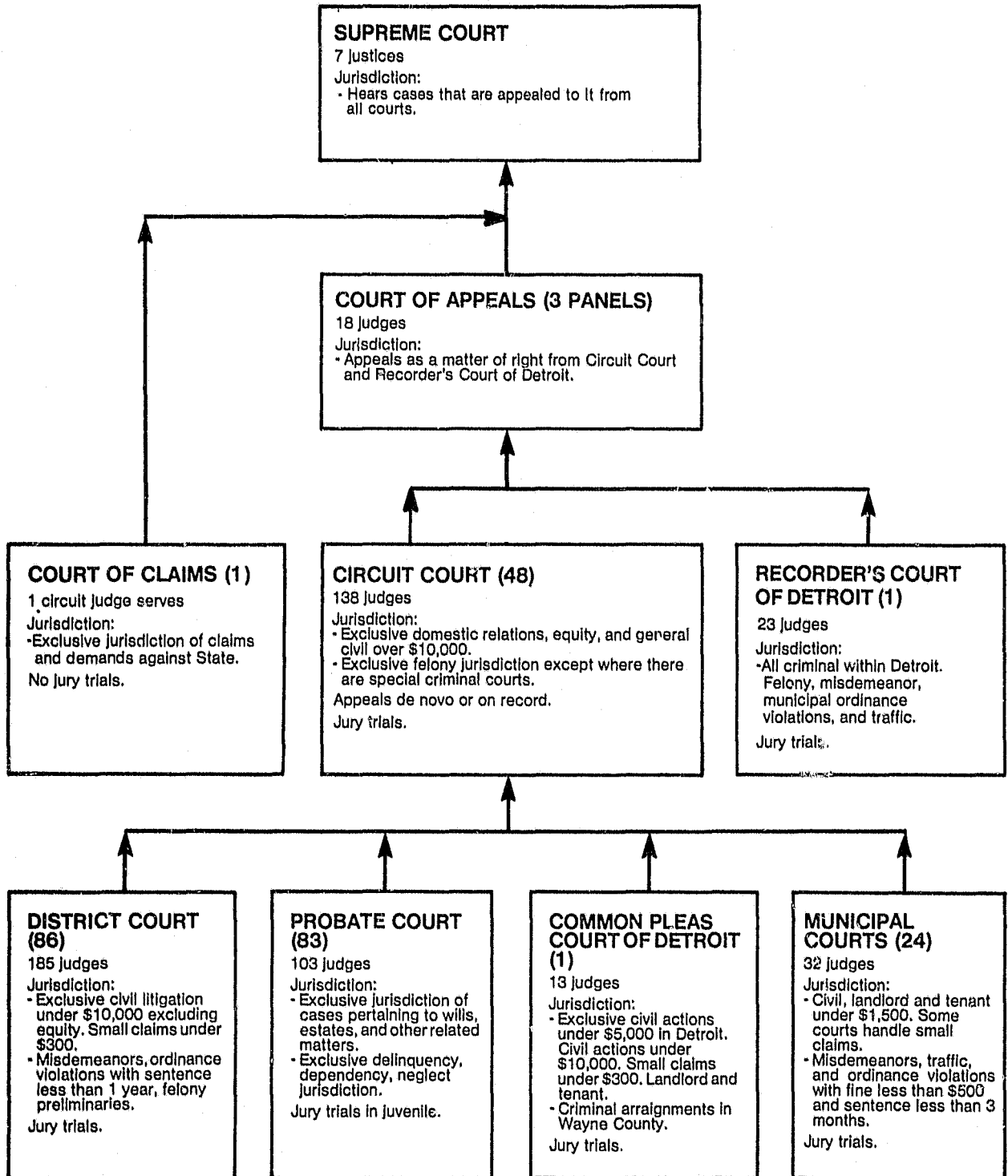
<sup>c</sup>Probate filings were obtained by subtracting other filings from the total.

Source: Executive Secretary, *19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75* (Boston, Massachusetts: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Boston Municipal Court**  
**1 court, 10 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

There were no data available by category for domestic relations cases handled in the Boston Municipal Court. Totals across all civil categories are available.

## Michigan court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Michigan Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
7 justices  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Applications granted awaiting disposition ...	198	--	--	143
Unassigned .....	70	--	--	139
Assigned to commissioners.....	112	--	--	114
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>380<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>952<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>936<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>396<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	<b>380</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>380<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>952<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>936<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>396<sup>b</sup></b>

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables. <sup>b</sup>Court indicates that "approximately 99 percent of all appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court are discretionary. Appeals of right exist only for certain State Bar Grievance Board cases and for judicial discipline cases. The few appeals of right are accounted for in this report as if they were applications for discretionary appeals." Appeals filed and disposed of during the year are included within the requests to appeal category.

*Manner of disposition*  
By opinion ..... 131

Source: Unpublished document entitled, "Status Report, Part I: Number of Cases in Each Stage" provided by clerk of the Supreme Court. Document gives calendar year data for 1974, 1975, and 1976. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

**Michigan Court of Appeals  
Intermediate appellate court  
3 panels, 18 judges  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	1,034	984	879	1,139
Criminal .....	1,597	2,106	1,307	2,998
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	<b>2,631</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>3,635</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	2	9	8	3
Mandamus .....	5	54	50	9
Superintending control .....	24	122	128	18
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>31</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Civil application.....	244	507	592	159
Civil application (delayed).....	58	84	51	61
Criminal application.....	75	244	239	80
Criminal application (delayed).....	156	345	239	262
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>533</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	<b>564</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>592</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>3,195</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>4,127</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	N/A	376	376	N/A
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Miscellaneous motions.....	N/A	4,247	4,247	N/A
Motion to dismiss/affirm.....	N/A	445	445	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Manner of disposition<sup>b</sup>*  
Written opinion..... 973  
Per curiam..... 561  
Memorandum..... 135  
Dismissal/withdrawal..... 479  
Transfer..... 124  
Other..... 1,231

*Disposition of appeals<sup>b</sup>*  
Affirmed..... 2,148  
Reversed..... 617  
Partially affirmed..... 54  
Remanded..... 72  
Other..... 612

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes appeals, original proceedings, and applications. Breakdown of categories by manner of disposition is available.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes appeals, original proceedings, and applications. Breakdown of these three categories in substantive dispositions is not maintained.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76* (Lansing, Michigan; 1975, 1976). Reports contain calendar year data for Court of Appeals. Source of cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Michigan Circuit Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**48 circuits, 138 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Auto tort.....	20,066	12,831	11,546	21,351
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	47,860	61,132	61,417	47,575
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Other general civil.....	31,777	57,731	48,950	40,558
<b>Appeals</b> .....	340	508	421	427
<b>Total civil</b> .....	100,043	132,202	122,334	109,911
<b>Criminal<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal <sup>d</sup> .....	8,293	26,937	23,794	11,436
<b>Appeals</b> .....	511	635	535	595
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	8,804	27,572	24,349	12,031
<b>Grand total</b> .....	108,847	159,778	146,683	121,942

	Trial <sup>a</sup>		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil.....	937	4,610	5,547
Criminal.....	1,755	716	2,471
<b>Total</b> .....	2,692	5,326	8,018

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

\*State totals were calculated from changes listed in "Supplement to the 1974-75 Annual Report" (unpublished memo).  
<sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.  
<sup>d</sup>Includes as criminal cases some high misdemeanors that are punishable by more than one year in prison.  
<sup>e</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when the first witness is sworn.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Lansing, Michigan: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Michigan Recorder's Court of Detroit**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**1 court, 23 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975\***

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony</b> .....	3,192 <sup>c</sup>	12,421	11,021	4,592
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
Misdemeanor division.....	N/A	10,078	10,256	N/A
Traffic and ordinance division <sup>a</sup> .....	3,365	7,055	7,918	2,502
<b>Total</b> .....	3,365 <sup>d</sup>	17,133	18,174	2,502 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Ordinance violations <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	844,235	N/A	N/A
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Writs and matters.....	N/A	N/A	1,353	N/A
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	6,557 <sup>d</sup>	873,789 <sup>d</sup>	30,548 <sup>d</sup>	7,094 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Grand total</b> .....	6,557 <sup>d</sup>	873,789 <sup>d</sup>	30,548 <sup>d</sup>	7,094 <sup>d</sup>

	Trial <sup>a</sup>			Criminal dispositions <sup>f</sup>
	Jury <sup>f</sup>	Non-Jury <sup>f</sup>	Total	
Felony.....	687	540	1,227	Dismissed..... 7,603
Misdemeanor.....	17	7,971	7,988	Gilty plea..... 8,175
<b>Total criminal</b> ...	704	8,511	9,215	Trial conviction..... 759 <sup>g</sup>
				Acquitted..... 468 <sup>g</sup>

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

\*The data from the traffic and ordinance division are for the fiscal year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.  
<sup>b</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.  
<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending.  
<sup>d</sup>Not all categories of cases were available for inclusion in total.  
<sup>e</sup>Does not include data from traffic and ordinance division.  
<sup>f</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when the first witness is sworn. Guilty pleas are counted as criminal trials.  
<sup>g</sup>Includes only data on felony cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Lansing, Michigan: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



**Michigan Court of Claims**  
**1 circuit judge serves\***  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>State:</b>				
Administrative.....	231	978	950	259
Total civil.....	231	978	950	259
Grand total.....	231	978	950	259

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by NCSP.

\*Data for this court are included in the general jurisdiction courts since circuit judges serve.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Lansing, Michigan: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Michigan Probate Court**  
**83 courts, 103 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption.....	2,062 <sup>b</sup>	6,043	5,901	2,204 <sup>c</sup>
Marriages.....	0	4,677	4,677	0
Paternity.....	0	3,586	3,586	0
Name change.....	58	2,262	2,286	35
Total domestic relations.....	2,120	16,568	16,450	2,239 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedents estates.....	184,410	29,667	31,393	183,312
Guardianships.....	102,142	4,847	7,442	104,281
Other.....	54	481	455	80
Total probate.....	286,606	34,995	39,290	287,673 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mental commitments and restorations.....	20,139	4,641	4,148	20,637
Total mental health.....	20,139	4,641	4,148	20,637 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	N/A	26,063	N/A	N/A
Dependency:				
Neglect.....	N/A	6,798	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile.....	N/A	32,991 <sup>d</sup>	13,303	20,510 <sup>d</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. Numbers are as reported in annual report.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning pending was calculated from filings, dispositions, and number of cases continued at end of 1975.

<sup>c</sup>The figure used for end pending was given in the annual report as the number of cases continued.

<sup>d</sup>Category values do not sum to total. Total value is as corrected from supplement to annual report.

Source: State Court Administrator, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Lansing, Michigan: 1975). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



**Minnesota Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
9 Justices  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	N/A	275	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	N/A	67	N/A
Workman compensation ..	N/A	N/A	44	N/A
Tax court .....	N/A	N/A	8	N/A
Department of employ- ment service .....	N/A	N/A	5	N/A
Other .....	N/A	N/A	7	N/A
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	1	1	N/A
Mandamus .....	N/A	14	14	N/A
Prohibition .....	N/A	51	51	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	5	5	N/A
Total .....	N/A	71	71	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Special matters .....	N/A	N/A	204	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<i>Manner of disposition</i>		<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Written opinion .....	406	Affirmed .....	280
		Reversed .....	30
		Reversed and remanded .....	46
		Affirmed and remanded .....	3
		Remanded .....	11
		Other .....	36

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part 1 tables.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 12th Annual Report 1975 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals may have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Minnesota District Court  
Court of general jurisdiction  
10 districts, 70 judges\*  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Jury demand cases .....	4,341	7,140	6,654	5,138 <sup>b</sup>
Court cases .....	2,896	13,902	13,680	3,123 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>21,342</b>	<b>20,334</b>	<b>8,261<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>21,342</b>	<b>20,334</b>	<b>8,261<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Total criminal* .....</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>7,991</b>	<b>7,453</b>	<b>1,763<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Total juvenile .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total<sup>f</sup> .....</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>29,333</b>	<b>27,787</b>	<b>10,024<sup>b</sup></b>

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

\*There are additionally two juvenile judges. Juvenile data for the District Court were not available.

<sup>b</sup>The change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. Data are as reported in annual report.

<sup>c</sup>A civil case is counted at the date of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is disposed on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for jury cases.

<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count varies but it should be the number of defendants on each information/indictment or complaint.

<sup>e</sup>Includes felonies, misdemeanors, and appeals as criminal cases.

<sup>f</sup>Grand total figures do not include juveniles.

<sup>g</sup>Civil jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn. Criminal jury trials are counted when tried to verdict. Civil court trials are counted when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence; criminal court trials when tried to completion (decision).

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 12th Annual Report 1975 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

	<i>Trial</i>			<i>Criminal dispositions</i>	
	<i>Jury</i>	<i>Non-jury</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Dismissed .....</i>	<i>GUILTY pleas .....</i>
Civil .....	927	9,601	10,528	1,737	4,999
Criminal .....	504	213	717		
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>9,814</b>	<b>11,245</b>		

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts

**Minnesota County Court**  
**67 districts, 100 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce, annulment, separate maintenance.....	X	X	6,389	X
Reciprocal enforcement.....	X	X	2,121	X
Other family court civil.....	X	X	1,530	X
Commitments <sup>a</sup> .....	X	X	997	X
<b>Total domestic relations.....</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>13,125</b>	<b>11,039<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>6,860</b>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates.....	17,124	8,851	8,716	17,259
Guardianship.....	X	X	1,356	X
Incompetency.....	X	X	546	X
Trust estate.....	X	X	22	X
Other probate.....	X	X	217	X
<b>Total probate<sup>c</sup>.....</b>	<b>27,532</b>	<b>11,436</b>	<b>10,857</b>	<b>28,111</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	X	X	11,140	X
Dependency/neglect.....	X	X	1,346	X
Traffic.....	X	X	17,750	X
<b>Other juvenile:</b>				
Other juvenile.....	X	X	808	X
Other family court criminal <sup>a</sup> .....	X	X	11	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total juvenile.....</b>	<b>5,497</b>	<b>31,909</b>	<b>30,904<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>6,502</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>These categories are included since their pendencies and filings could not be separated from the total for domestic relations and juvenile.

<sup>b</sup>Individual categories do not sum to total. Figures are as reported in annual report.

<sup>c</sup>Includes pending, filings, and dispositions for all probate categories listed.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *12th Annual Report 1975* (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Minnesota Probate Court**  
**2 courts, 2 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

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



**Mississippi Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**9 justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	471	X	313	X
Criminal .....	121	X	167	X
Unspecified cases.....	N/A	N/A	118	N/A
Total appeals.....	592	613	598	607 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other Cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases* .....	592	613	598	607 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	N/A	108	7
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Other petitions .....	N/A	N/A	142	3
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	393	6
Total.....	N/A	N/A	535	9
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	N/A	643	16

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals pending at end of year were computed. They consist of 25 cases pending with the court and 582 cases not yet submitted to the court from the clerk's office.

<b>Manner of disposition</b>		<b>Disposition of appeals (on merits)</b>	
Written opinion.....	289	Affirmed .....	343
Per curiam .....	191	Reversed .....	111
	480 (on merits)	Partially affirmed.....	18
		Affirmed on condition of remittitur or additur .....	8
		Dismissed .....	118

Source: Executive Assistant, Supreme Court, *10th Annual Statistical Report 1975, 11th Annual Statistical Report 1976* (Jackson, Mississippi). Also data received from the court administrator. Source of cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual reports and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Mississippi Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**20 circuits, 30 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Dollar declaration .....	N/A	13,938	X	N/A
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Liens .....	N/A	57	X	N/A
Eminent domain .....	N/A	103	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	160	X	N/A
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Agency .....	N/A	91	X	N/A
Agency enforcement .....	N/A	163	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	254	X	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Transferred in .....	N/A	113	X	N/A
Other .....	N/A	415	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	528	X	N/A
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Justice court .....	N/A	93	X	N/A
County court .....	N/A	67	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	160	X	N/A
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Writs .....	N/A	183	X	N/A
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>15,223</b>	<b>12,153</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Criminal<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Indictments .....	N/A	6,209	4,270	N/A
Miscellaneous/other .....	N/A	229	209	N/A
Total .....	N/A	6,438	4,479	N/A
<b>Appeals:</b>				
De novo .....	N/A	980	784	N/A
On record .....	N/A	27	44	N/A
Total .....	N/A	1,007	828	N/A
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>22,668</b>	<b>17,460</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Criminal dispositions*

Dismissed .....	200
Nolle prosequi .....	368
Guilty plea .....	3,275
Trial conviction .....	21
Acquitted .....	9

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

<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>b</sup>The criminal unit of count is the indictment.

Source: Resources Planning Corporation, *Mississippi Courts Master Plan*, December 1976. Statistics are from this study except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

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**Mississippi Chancery Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**19 chancery circuits, 35 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Equity</b> .....	N/A	2,048	X	N/A
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	N/A	17,587	X	N/A
Other domestic relations .....	N/A	1,051	X	N/A
Uniform reciprocal support .....	N/A	1,445	X	N/A
Adoption .....	N/A	1,630	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	21,693	X	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Probate .....	N/A	4,821	X	N/A
Guardianship .....	N/A	1,593	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	6,414	X	N/A
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Incompetency .....	N/A	3,776	X	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	3,574	X	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	31	X	N/A
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Writs .....	N/A	130	X	N/A
<b>Total civil</b> .....	N/A	37,666	17,492	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total</b> .....	N/A	37,666 <sup>b</sup>	17,492 <sup>b</sup>	N/A

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

<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>b</sup>No data for juvenile cases were available for inclusion in the total.

Source: Resources Planning Corporation, *Mississippi Courts Master Plan*, December 1976. Statistics are from this study except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Mississippi County Court**  
**16 courts, 20 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

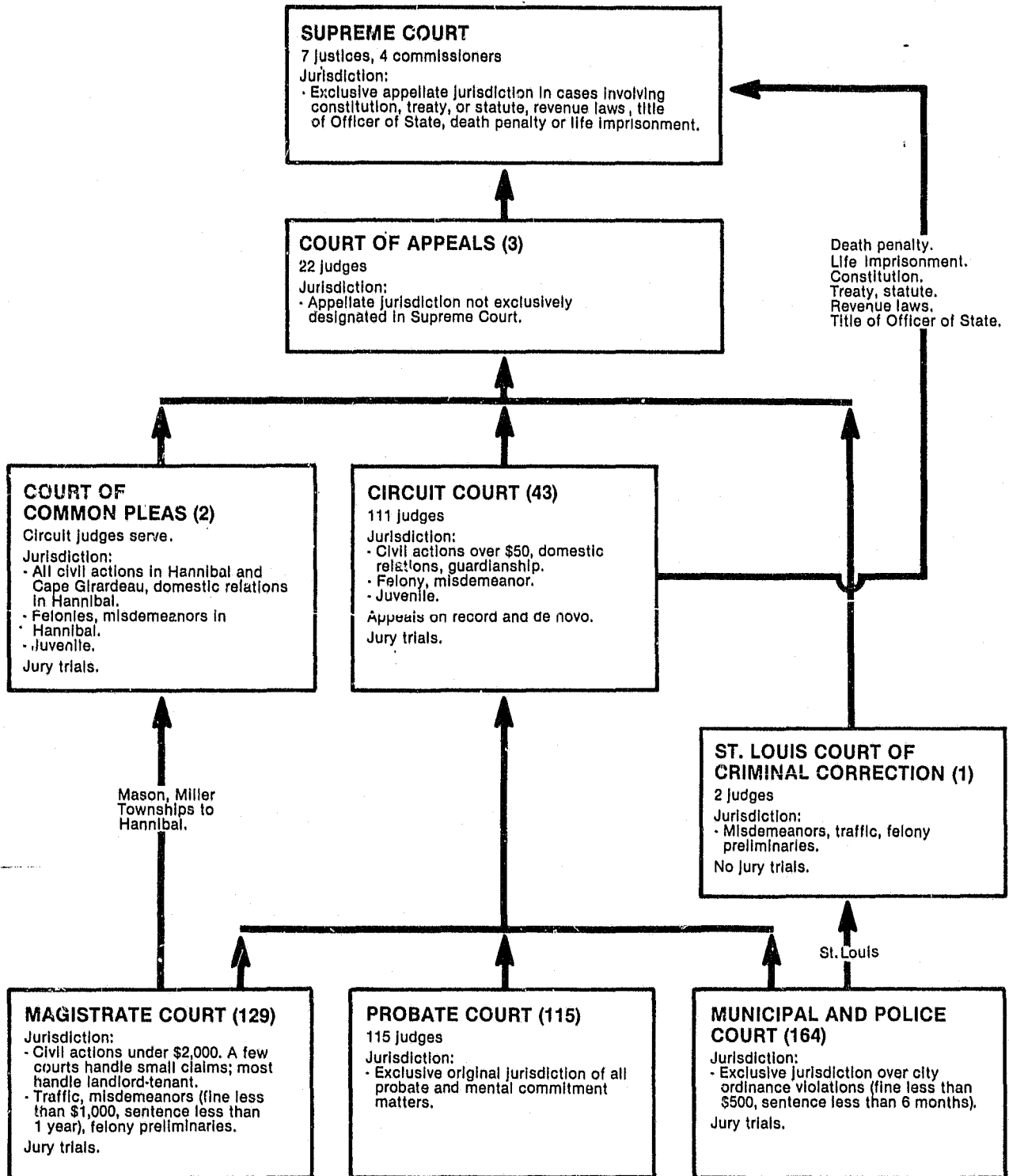
There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the County Court.

**Mississippi Family Court**  
**1 court**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the Family Court.



# Missouri court system, 1975



Death penalty.  
Life Imprisonment.  
Constitution.  
Treaty, statute.  
Revenue laws.  
Title of Officer of State.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

162 State Court Profiles

**Missouri Supreme Court\***  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices, 4 commissioners**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	X	171	X
Criminal .....	X	X	63	X
Unspecified .....	X	X	18	X
Total appeals .....	249	119	252	116
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	X	38	X
Mandamus .....	X	X	31	X
Prohibition .....	X	X	39	X
Quo warranto .....	X	X	4	X
Other writs .....	X	X	29	X
Application to transfer .....	X	X	140	X
Total .....	10	320	281	49
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
Total other cases .....	10	320	281	49
Total cases* .....	259	439	533	165
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	1	84	75	10
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motion activity .....	77	381	441	17
Total other proceedings .....	78	465	516	27

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 185

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report 1975* (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Missouri Court of Appeals**  
**intermediate appellate court**  
**3 districts, 22 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	923	1,025	704	1,117
Consolidated civil .....	--	--	18	--
Criminal .....	584	527	383	698
Consolidated criminal .....	--	--	3	--
Unspecified consolidated from St. Louis .....	--	--	37	--
Total appeals .....	1,507	1,552	1,145 <sup>b</sup>	1,815 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	95	X	X
Mandamus .....	X	64	X	X
Prohibition .....	X	105	X	X
Certiorari .....	X	2	X	X
Total .....	27	266	272	21
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
Total other cases .....	27	266	272	21
Total cases* .....	1,534	1,818	1,417 <sup>b</sup>	1,836 <sup>c</sup>

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 695

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Source notes that "1,145 dispositions include 18 civil cases and 3 criminal cases disposed of by consolidation in the Kansas City District. Also included are 37 cases disposed of by consolidation (not separately accounted for) in the 318 written opinions at the St. Louis District."

<sup>c</sup>Source notes that "a total of 1,815 cases were reported pending by the districts. Ninety-nine cases difference between total of cases pending at the beginning of year plus the filings minus the dispositions can be explained by a change in record keeping procedures in the St. Louis District."

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report 1975, 1976* (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Missouri Circuit Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**43 circuits, 111 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>				
Personal injury.....	X	X	7,016	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	X	X	33,339	X
Modify divorce decrees.....	X	X	2,806	X
Total.....	X	X	36,145	X
Other civil.....	X	X	26,905	X
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Proceeding under rule 27.26.....	X	X	291	X
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>59,093</b>	<b>74,314</b>	<b>70,357</b>	<b>83,050</b>
<b>Criminal<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Felony.....	X	X	12,357	X
Misdemeanor.....	X	X	3,900	X
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>8,765</b>	<b>17,760</b>	<b>16,257<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>10,268</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	8,217	18,751	16,372	10,598
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>76,075</b>	<b>110,825</b>	<b>102,986</b>	<b>83,914</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>e</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil.....	X	X	9,961	Dismissed..... 2,704
Criminal.....	917	1,161	2,078	Nolle prosequi..... 1,758
Total.....	X	X	12,039	Guilty plea..... 9,717

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.

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

\*Includes data on Court of Common Pleas. Circuit court judges serve in the Court of Common Pleas.

<sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint. Civil appeals are within other categories according to the subject matter of the case appealed.

<sup>c</sup>A criminal case is counted with the filing of an information or indictment. A filing may involve multiple defendants.

<sup>d</sup>Total criminal dispositions include 1,218 appeals or changes in venue and 1,954 appeals from Municipal Courts.

<sup>e</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

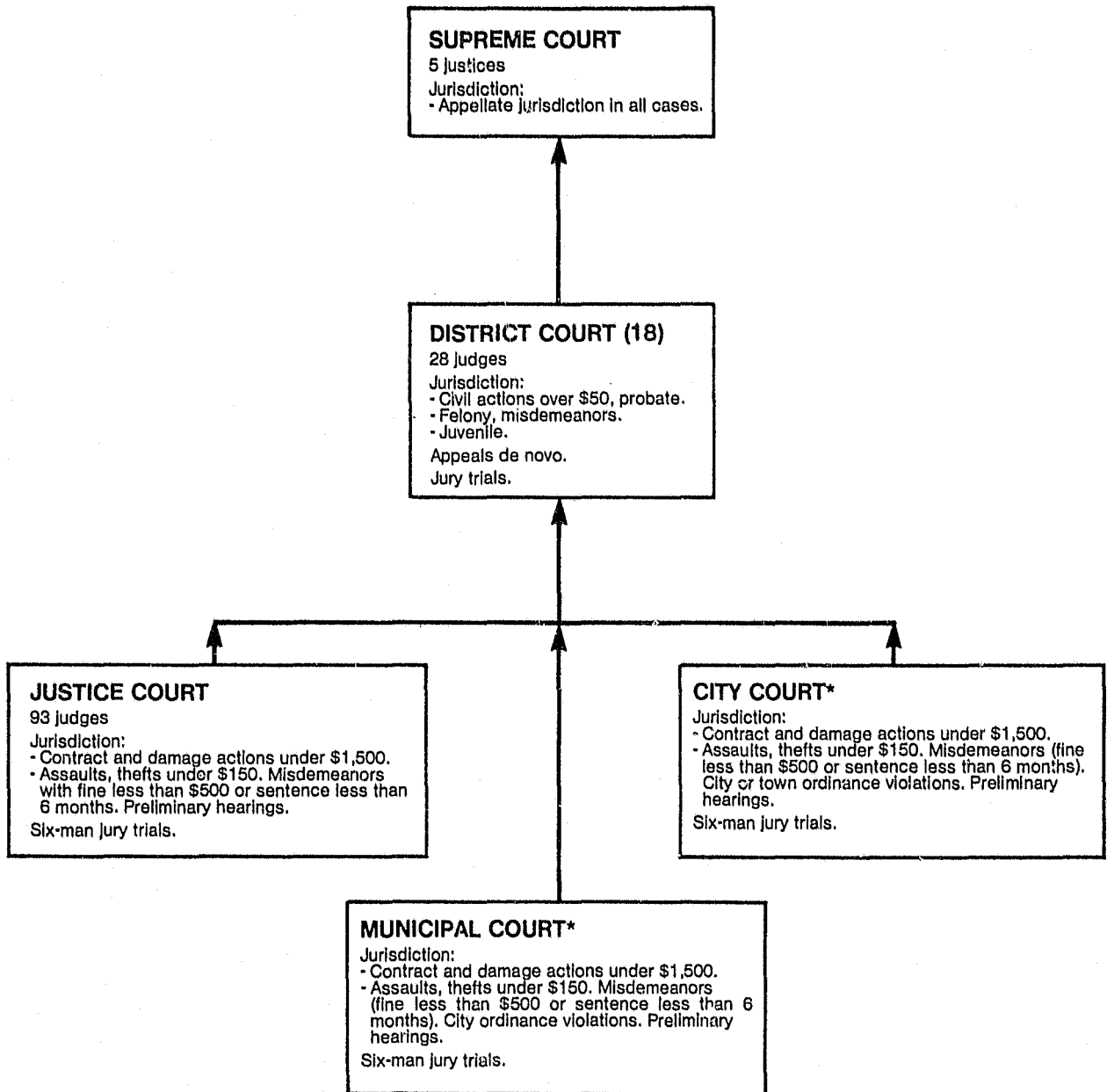
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**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Missouri Probate Court**  
**115 courts, 115 judges**  
**July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975**

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

# Montana court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

\*There were a total of 106 judges in the city and municipal courts.

**Montana Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	149	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	37	N/A	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	186	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Other proceedings .....	N/A	113	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	N/A	299	N/A	N/A

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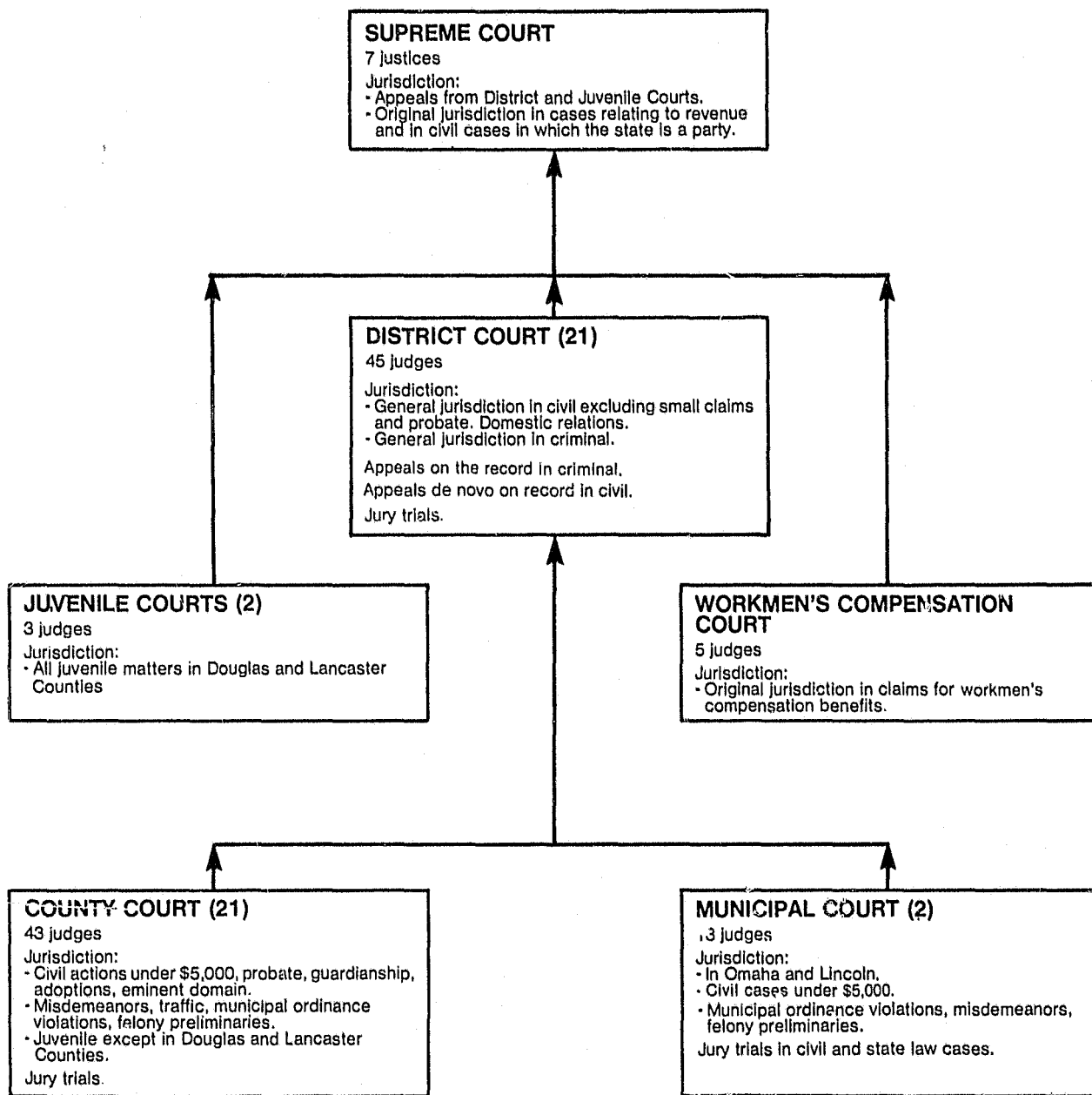
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Source: Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court, "1976—1st Annual Report" in *The State of the Judiciary* (Helena, Montana: 1977). Data for 1975 were based on estimates. Statistics are from this message to Montana's 45th Legislature except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Montana District Court**  
**18 districts, 28 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

There were no data available for caseload in the District Courts for 1975. Data for fiscal year 1976 will be included in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

## Nebraska court system, 1975



↑  
Indicates route of appeal.

**Nebraska Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**September 1, 1974–August 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
Appeals .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	X	X	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
<b>Total cases<sup>a,b</sup></b> .....	N/A	571	545	N/A

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 368

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Source reports only total cases docketed and disposed. It is unknown whether all cases processed by the court are docketed.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *The Courts of Nebraska 1974-75* (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Nebraska District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**21 districts, 45 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Domestic relations.....	N/A	8,436	8,402	N/A
Other civil.....	N/A	6,793	5,870	N/A
Total civil <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	15,229	14,272	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony:				
Criminal <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	3,978	4,148	N/A
Appeals <sup>d</sup> .....	N/A	2,665	2,788	N/A
Total criminal.....	N/A	6,643	6,936	N/A
<b>Grand total.....</b>	N/A	21,872	21,208	N/A

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

<sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted at the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals listed as criminal appeals include both civil and criminal appeals. Statement in the annual report indicates that more than half were criminal appeals.  
<sup>c</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the number of defendants in each information/indictment.  
<sup>d</sup>Criminal cases may include a few misdemeanors.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *The Courts of Nebraska 1974-75* (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Nebraska County Court**  
**21 districts, 43 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption.....	N/A	1,346	1,358	N/A
Total domestic relations.....	N/A	1,346	1,358	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Probate.....	N/A	5,410	6,471	N/A
Inheritance.....	N/A	3,614	3,513	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship.....	N/A	1,843	7,155	N/A
Total probate.....	N/A	10,867	17,139	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	N/A	2,949	2,600	N/A

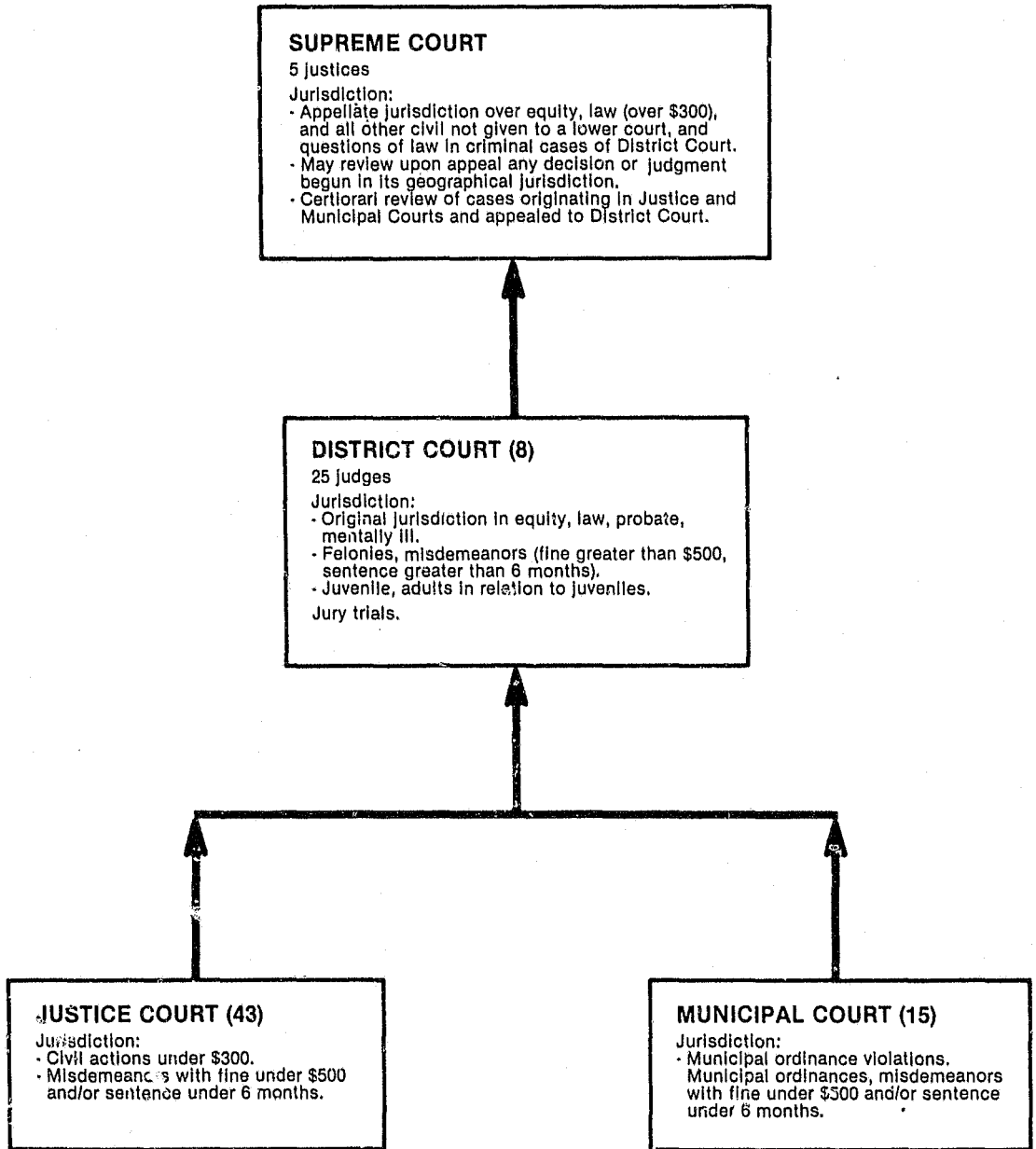
**Nebraska Juvenile Court**  
**2 courts, 3 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Douglas County.....	N/A	979	N/A	N/A
Lancaster County.....	N/A	404	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile.....	N/A	1,383	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
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Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *The Courts of Nebraska 1974-75* (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Nevada court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



**Nevada Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	194	X	X
Criminal .....	X	241	X	X
Total appeals.....	X	435	X	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	X	12	X	X
Mandamus .....	X	35	X	X
Prohibition .....	X	22	X	X
Quo warranto.....	X	1	X	X
Disciplinary .....	X	22	X	X
Bar .....	X	13	X	X
Other .....	X	13	X	X
Total .....	X	118	X	X
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
Total other cases .....	X	118	X	X
Total cases* .....	334	553	634	256
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	X	58	50	8
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Appeals reinstated .....	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	61	50	8

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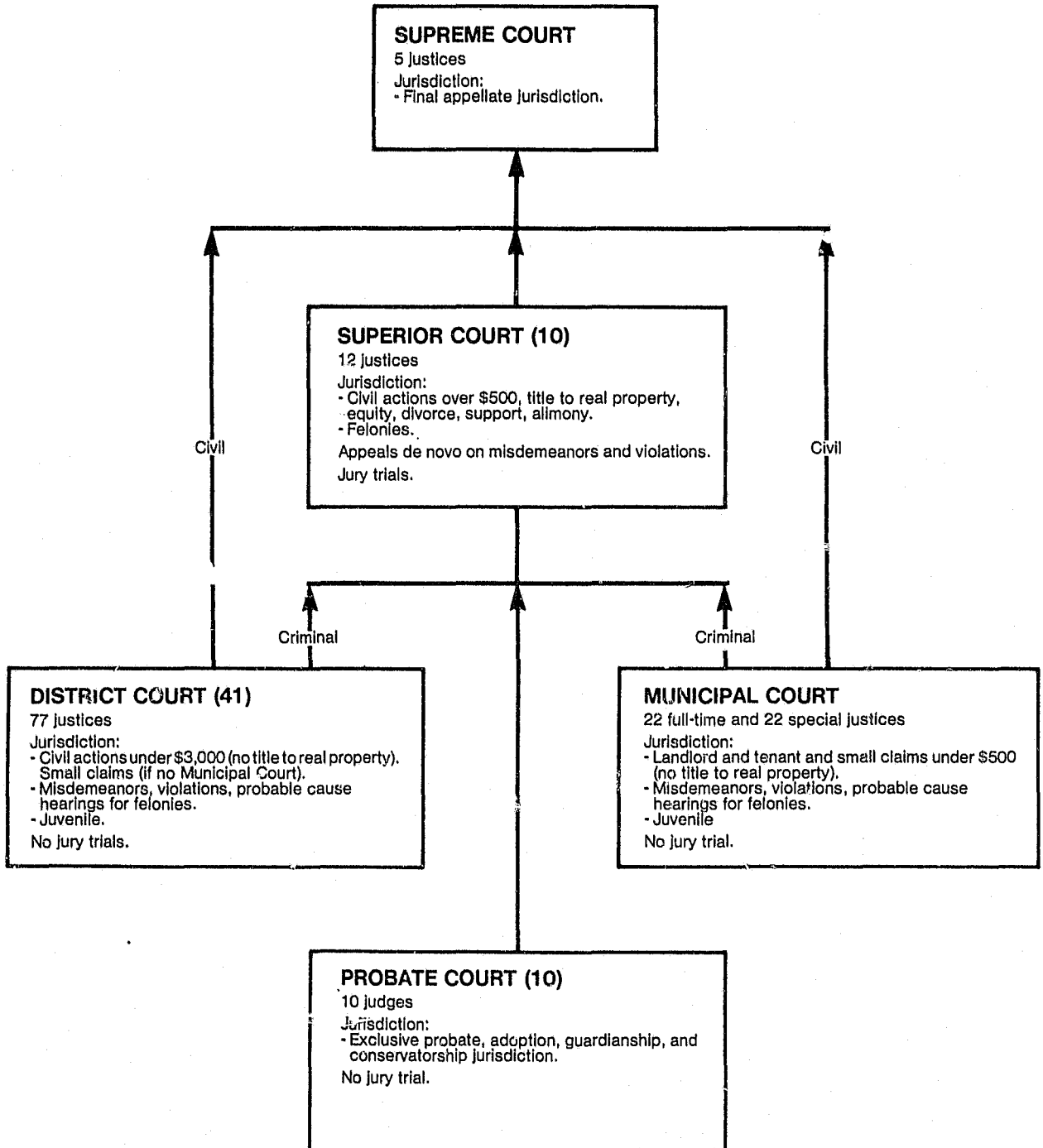
Source: Chief Justice, Supreme Court, "Nevada State of the Judiciary Message 1975-76," *Inter alia*, vol. 12, no. 2 (April, 1977); also, unpublished material received from the clerk of the court. Origin of cases and time to disposition of case data are reported. Statistics are from the "State of the Judiciary" message and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

<i>Manner of disposition</i>		<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Written opinion .....	101	Affirmed .....	168
Per curiam .....	162	Reversed .....	67
Dismissed by order.....	363	Partially affirmed .....	13
		Other .....	5

**Nevada District Court**  
**8 districts, 25 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

There were no data available in 1975 for the District Court.

## New Hampshire court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**New Hampshire Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**August 1, 1974—July 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil and criminal .....	X	218	X	X
Administrative agency appeals .....	X	20	X	X
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Advisory opinions....	X	16	X	X
Certified questions...	X	3	X	X
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>249</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
 \*Material on disposition of opinions rendered is from the *New Hampshire Bar Journal*, vol. 17, no. 3 (March, 1976), "A Primer on Practices and Procedures in the Supreme Court of New Hampshire," by George S. Pappagianis. This material covers calendar year 1975 rather than the fiscal year represented in the other statistical data from this state. Time to case disposition data are also included for calendar year 1975.

*Manner of disposition<sup>b</sup>*

Written opinion .....	137
Per curiam .....	38
Memoranda .....	15
Advisory opinions .....	15

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, *Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire* covering periods August 1, 1974—July 31, 1975 and August 1, 1975—July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**New Hampshire Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**10 courts, 12 justices**  
**August 1, 1974—July 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Actions at law .....	9,401	6,188	5,887 <sup>a</sup>	9,702
<b>Equity:</b>				
Equitable actions and petitions .....	2,440	2,252	2,017 <sup>a</sup>	2,675
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Marital .....	4,958	8,939	7,873 <sup>a</sup>	6,024
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Probate appeals .....	36	19	15 <sup>a</sup>	40
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>16,835</b>	<b>17,398</b>	<b>15,791<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>18,441<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Indictments .....	1,724	3,237	2,737 <sup>a</sup>	2,224
Informations .....	50	358	374 <sup>a</sup>	34
Complaints .....	305	541	517 <sup>a</sup>	329
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>4,136</b>	<b>3,628<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>2,587</b>
<b>Appeals .....</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>1,958<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>1,921</b>
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>6,321</b>	<b>5,642<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>4,508<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>20,608</b>	<b>23,719</b>	<b>21,433</b>	<b>22,949<sup>a</sup></b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>c</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil .....	242	1,787 <sup>d</sup>	2,029
Criminal .....	317	404	721
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>2,750</b>

*Criminal dispositions*

Nole prosee .....	1,148
GUILTY plea .....	2,811

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Dispositions by category were calculated from available filing and pending data.

<sup>b</sup>Calculated category disposition values do not sum to total given in report. Total dispositions given in report are used for total civil and total criminal dispositions.

<sup>c</sup>The definitions for a civil case, the criminal unit count, and a trial were not uniform statewide.

<sup>d</sup>Includes law cases tried by court, contested marital cases, and other equity cases heard as non-jury civil trials.

<sup>e</sup>Change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions. Numbers are as reported in the biennial report.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, *The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire* (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts

**New Hampshire District and Municipal Courts**  
 99 justices and 22 special justices  
 August 1, 1974—July 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency .....	N/A	3,872	N/A	N/A
Dependency:				
Neglected children .....	N/A	546	N/A	N/A
Children in need of supervision:				
Persons in need of supervision .....	N/A	72	N/A	N/A
<b>Total juvenile .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**New Hampshire Probate Court**  
 10 courts, 10 judges  
 July 1, 1974—June 30, 1975

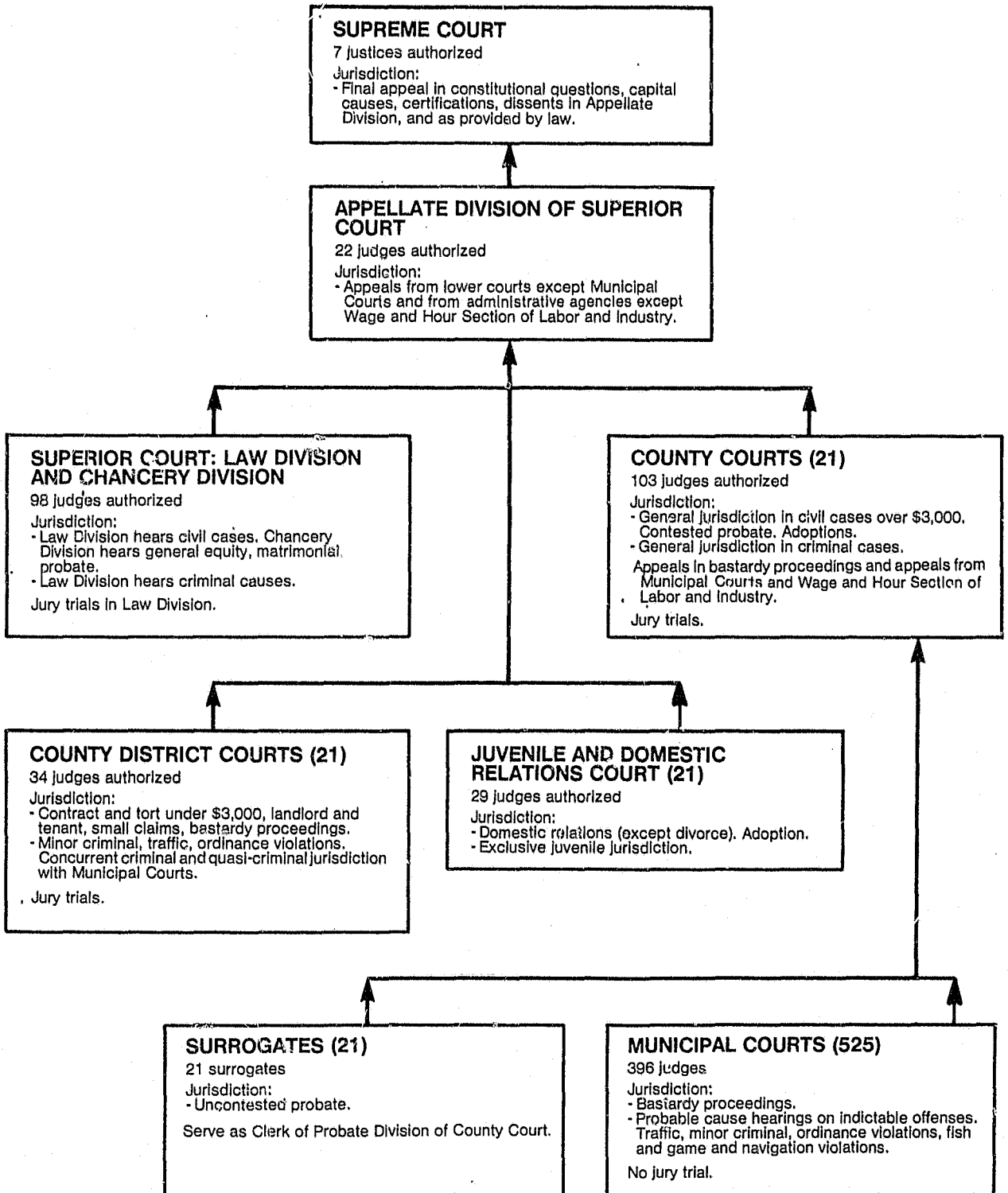
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption .....	N/A	852	N/A	N/A
Change of name .....	N/A	396	N/A	N/A
Commitment to Laconia State School .....	N/A	13	N/A	N/A
Marriage waivers granted .....	N/A	1,749	N/A	N/A
<b>Total domestic relations .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Guardians appointed .....	N/A	344	N/A	N/A
Will allowed .....	N/A	2,452	N/A	N/A
Administrations allowed .....	N/A	1,408	N/A	N/A
Voluntary administrations .....	N/A	632	N/A	N/A
Inheritance tax .....	N/A	24	N/A	N/A
Successor custodian .....	N/A	8	N/A	N/A
Death certificate .....	N/A	108	N/A	N/A
Will authenticity .....	N/A	228	N/A	N/A
Trustees appointed .....	N/A	159	N/A	N/A
Inquisitions .....	N/A	126	N/A	N/A
Accounts allowed .....	N/A	6,499	N/A	N/A
<b>Total probate .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>11,988</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Conservators appointed .....	N/A	181	N/A	N/A
<b>Total mental health .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, *The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire* (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# New Jersey court system, August 31, 1975



↑ Indicates general route of appeals.

**New Jersey Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
7 Justices  
September 1, 1974–August 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Notice of appeal filed .....	X	75	--	X
Certifications on petition filed .....	X	101	--	X
Certifications on motion granted .....	X	21	--	X
Appeals by leave granted .....	X	24	--	X
Appeals removed from calendar <sup>b</sup>	--	--	182 <sup>b</sup>	--
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>182<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Disciplinary .....	11	73	44	40
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petitions for certification .....	203	754	704 <sup>c</sup>	253
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>930<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>443</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions and other petitions <sup>c</sup> .....	66	1,058	936 <sup>c</sup>	188
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>936<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>188</b>

*Manner of disposition<sup>d</sup>*

Written opinion.....	127
Per curiam .....	47

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed .....	64
Reversed .....	25
Modified .....	12
Reversed and re- manded .....	14
Affirmed and re- versed in part.....	5
Remanded.....	21
Dismissed .....	7

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes 25 cases dismissed before argument, 6 cases remanded, and 3 decided without oral argument.

<sup>c</sup>"Motions and other petitions" disposed includes at least 72 motions for leave to appeal and 23 motions for rehearing; since the number of these motions filed or pending was unknown, the disposed motions were not listed as requests to appeal or rehearing requests.

<sup>d</sup>Deciding 148 appeals and 28 disciplinary matters.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974, 75* (Trenton, New Jersey: 1976). Source of cases, time to disposition, and age of pending cases data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**New Jersey Appellate Division of the Superior Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**22 Judges authorized<sup>b</sup>**  
**September 1, 1974-August 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	3,781	4,383 <sup>a</sup>	3,898 <sup>a</sup>	4,266
Total appeals <sup>a</sup> .....	3,781	4,383 <sup>a</sup>	3,898 <sup>a</sup>	4,266
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....				
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
Total other cases .....				
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	3,781	4,383 <sup>a</sup>	3,898 <sup>a</sup>	4,266
<b>Other proceedings</b> .....				
<b>Rehearing requests<sup>a</sup></b> .....	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions and petitions <sup>b,c</sup> .....	74	2,686 <sup>c</sup>	2,489 <sup>d</sup>	271
Total.....	74	2,686 <sup>c</sup>	2,489 <sup>d</sup>	271
Total other proceedings.....	74	2,686 <sup>c</sup>	2,489 <sup>d</sup>	271

*Manner of disposition*

Published opinions <sup>f</sup> .....	279
Per curiam <sup>f</sup> .....	2,365
Dismissal/withdrawal.....	1,249
Transfer <sup>g</sup> .....	21

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed.....	1,912
Reversed.....	119
Reversed and re-manded.....	278
Affirmed and re-manded.....	2
Remanded.....	53
Other.....	21
Modified.....	264
Dismissed.....	1,249

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Annual report figures adjusted by administrative office of the courts on basis of recounts.

<sup>c</sup>Within the "motions and petitions" filed category are 769 motions for leave to appeal and 99 motions for rehearing. Since the number of these motions disposed or pending is unknown, the filed motions were not listed under the requests to appeal and rehearing requests categories.

<sup>d</sup>Total dispositions include 52 withdrawn motions.  
<sup>e</sup>Filings and dispositions include 21 certifications by Supreme Court before calendaring by appellate division.

<sup>f</sup>All opinions are written opinions.  
<sup>g</sup>Cases transferred to Supreme Court by certification.  
<sup>h</sup>For comparative purposes 21 judges are used because one judge serves as acting administrative director of the courts.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Trenton, New Jersey; 1976). Source of case, time to disposition, and age of pending case data are available. Reversal rates by type of case are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**New Jersey Superior Court: Law Division and Chancery Division and County Courts**  
**Courts of general jurisdiction**  
**21 counties, 201 judges authorized**  
**September 1, 1974-August 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Law:</b>				
Other—Law Division .....	18,531	20,245	16,505	22,271
<b>Auto tort</b> .....	17,935	15,959	15,485	18,408
<b>Equity</b> .....	2,326	3,844	3,523	2,647
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Matrimonial .....	5,000	22,782	21,964	5,818
<b>Probate (county court):</b>				
Wills and administration .....	X	155	X	X
Accounting .....	X	113	X	X
Adoptions .....	X	21	X	X
Other probate matters .....	X	115	X	X
<b>Total</b> .....	163	404	395	172
<b>Total civil</b> .....	43,955	63,231	57,872	49,314
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Indictments and accusations .....	22,248	27,567	23,260	26,555
<b>Appeals (county court)</b> .....	789	3,629	3,586	812
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Post-conviction relief .....	161	304	402	63
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	23,178	31,500	27,248	27,430
<b>Grand total</b> .....	67,133	94,731	85,120	76,744

	Jury	Trial <sup>a</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	3,045	10,660*	13,705	Dismissed .....
Criminal .....	2,786	699	3,485	Guilty or non-vult pleas .....
<b>Total</b> .....	5,831	11,359	17,190	Trial conviction .....
				Acquitted .....
				Conditional discharge .....
				No relief granted .....
				Post-conviction relief
				summarily disposed <sup>d</sup> .....
				90

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted as soon as the first answer is filed.  
<sup>b</sup>The information/indictment is the unit of count for criminal cases.  
<sup>c</sup>Some domestic relations matters are handled in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts; these are not included here.  
<sup>d</sup>Jury trials are counted when the voir dire examination of the jury panel begins. Non-jury trials are counted with the opening statement or introduction of evidence.  
 \*Does not include uncontested matrimonial cases as civil non-jury trials.  
 †These categories are included with dismissed cases for use in Part I tables.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Trenton, New Jersey: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**New Jersey Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts**  
**21 courts, 29 judges authorized**  
**September 1, 1974-August 31, 1975**

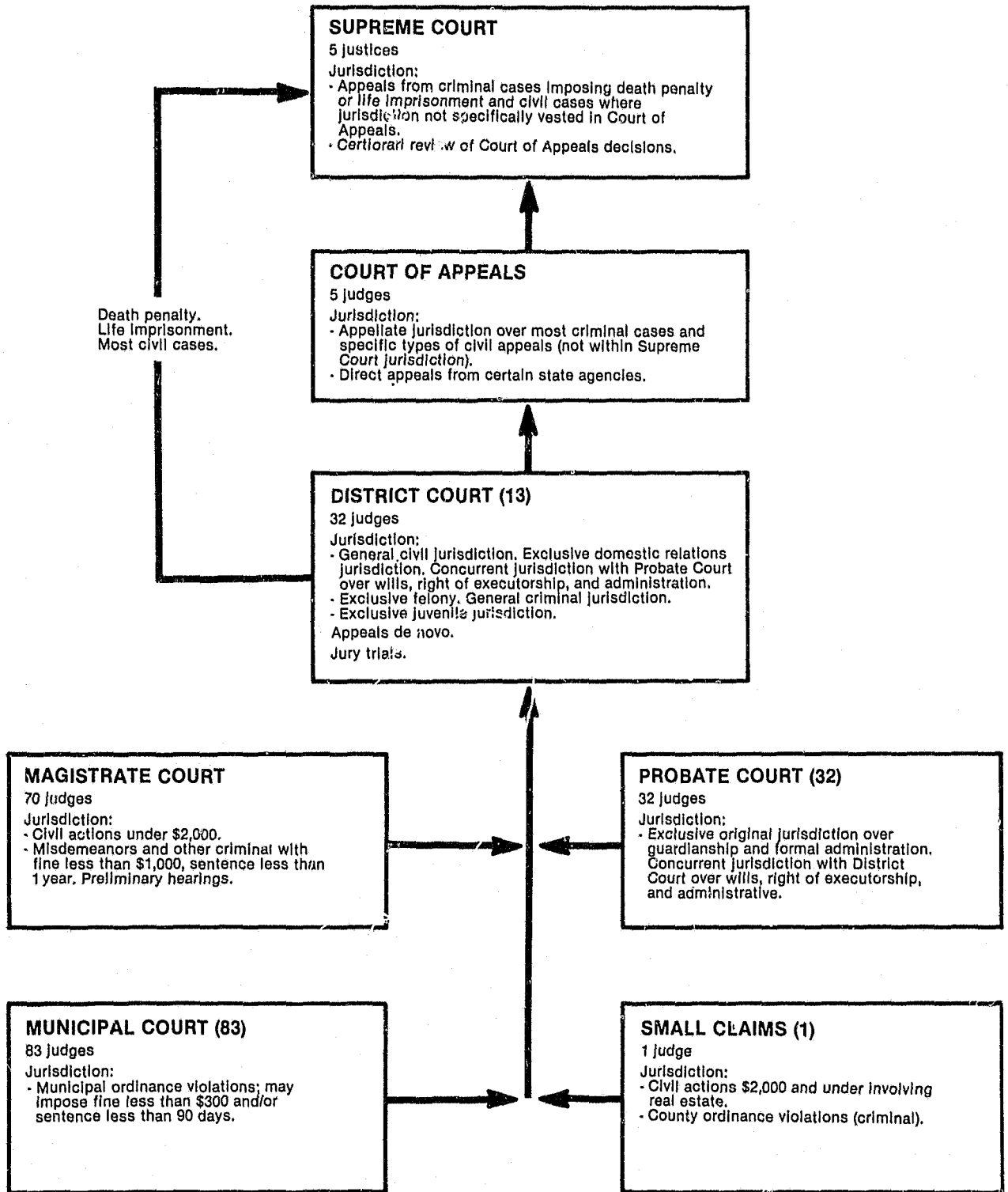
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations and reciprocal support .....	3,461	50,889	50,235	4,115
<b>Total domestic relations</b> .....	3,461	50,889	50,235	4,115
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquent .....	10,004	74,790	73,893	10,901
Children in need of supervision:				
Juvenile in need of supervision .....	662	7,867	7,852	677
<b>Total juvenile</b> .....	10,666	82,657	81,745	11,578

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1974-75* (Trenton, New Jersey: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



# New Mexico court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**New Mexico Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	220	X	X
Criminal .....	X	15	X	X
Total appeals.....	X	235	275 <sup>b</sup>	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus <sup>c</sup> .....	X	61 <sup>c</sup>	59	X
Mandamus .....	X	17	17	X
Prohibition .....	X	39	39	X
Quo warranto.....	X	1	N/A	X
Superintending control .....	X	5	8	X
Disciplinary.....	X	5	4	X
Other <sup>d</sup> .....	X	9	4 <sup>d</sup>	X
Total .....	X	137	131	X
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Certiorari.....	X	128	99	X
Total other cases .....	X	265	230	X
Total cases* .....	173	500	505	168
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Rule 37 motions* .....	N/A	469	469	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	469	469	N/A

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion.....	197
Per curiam .....	1
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	50
Transfer .....	9

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed .....	115
Reversed .....	55
Partially affirmed .....	13
Reversed and quashed.....	1
Affirmed and modified.....	1
Remanded.....	6
Other.....	6

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
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 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals disposed of were computed by subtracting Rule 37 motions and original proceedings disposed from reported total matters disposed.  
<sup>c</sup>Habeas corpus includes 20 original habeas corpus cases and 41 cases from habeas corpus docket.  
<sup>d</sup>Dispositions of other original proceedings include the following: stay of proceedings denied—1, grand jury presentment quashed—2, original proceedings dismissed—1.  
 \*Rule 37 motions are prosecutors' motions for extension of time in District Court.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, *Annual Report 1975* (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1976). Time to disposition of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**New Mexico Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**5 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	208	X	X
Criminal .....	X	259	X	X
Reinstated cases.....	X	10	X	X
Administrative .....	X	37	X	X
Total appeals.....	264	514	529	249
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	264	514	529	249
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	1	52	53	0
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	0	799	799	0
Total other proceedings <sup>b</sup> .....	1	851 <sup>b</sup>	852 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases involving certiorari from the New Mexico Supreme Court to the U.S. Supreme Court were omitted from total cases filed to avoid double counting. There were 131 of those cases dealt with in 1975 with 8 cases pending at the end of 1975.

Source: Clerk, appellate court, "1975 Annual Report," Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, *Annual Report 1975* (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1976). Source of cases and time to disposition data are available. Statistics are from these two reports except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

<i>Manner of disposition</i>		<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Written opinion .....	157	Affirmed .....	267
Memorandum .....	226	Reversed .....	43
Transfer .....	23	Partially affirmed .....	3
By order .....	122	Reversed and re-manded .....	58
Certification.....	1	Affirmed and re-manded .....	4
		Other .....	3
		Dismissed .....	5

**New Mexico District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**13 districts, 32 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
Total civil .....	19,798	30,374	31,786	17,305 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Criminal<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Total criminal .....	1,913	4,771	4,588	2,096
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	2,120	5,454	4,888	2,734 <sup>b</sup>
Grand total.....	23,831	40,599	41,262	22,135 <sup>b</sup>

<i>Jury trial<sup>d</sup></i>	
Criminal .....	375

Blankface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

- <sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions. Figures are as reported in the annual report.
- <sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of indictments.
- <sup>d</sup>A jury trial is counted if the jury is impaneled.

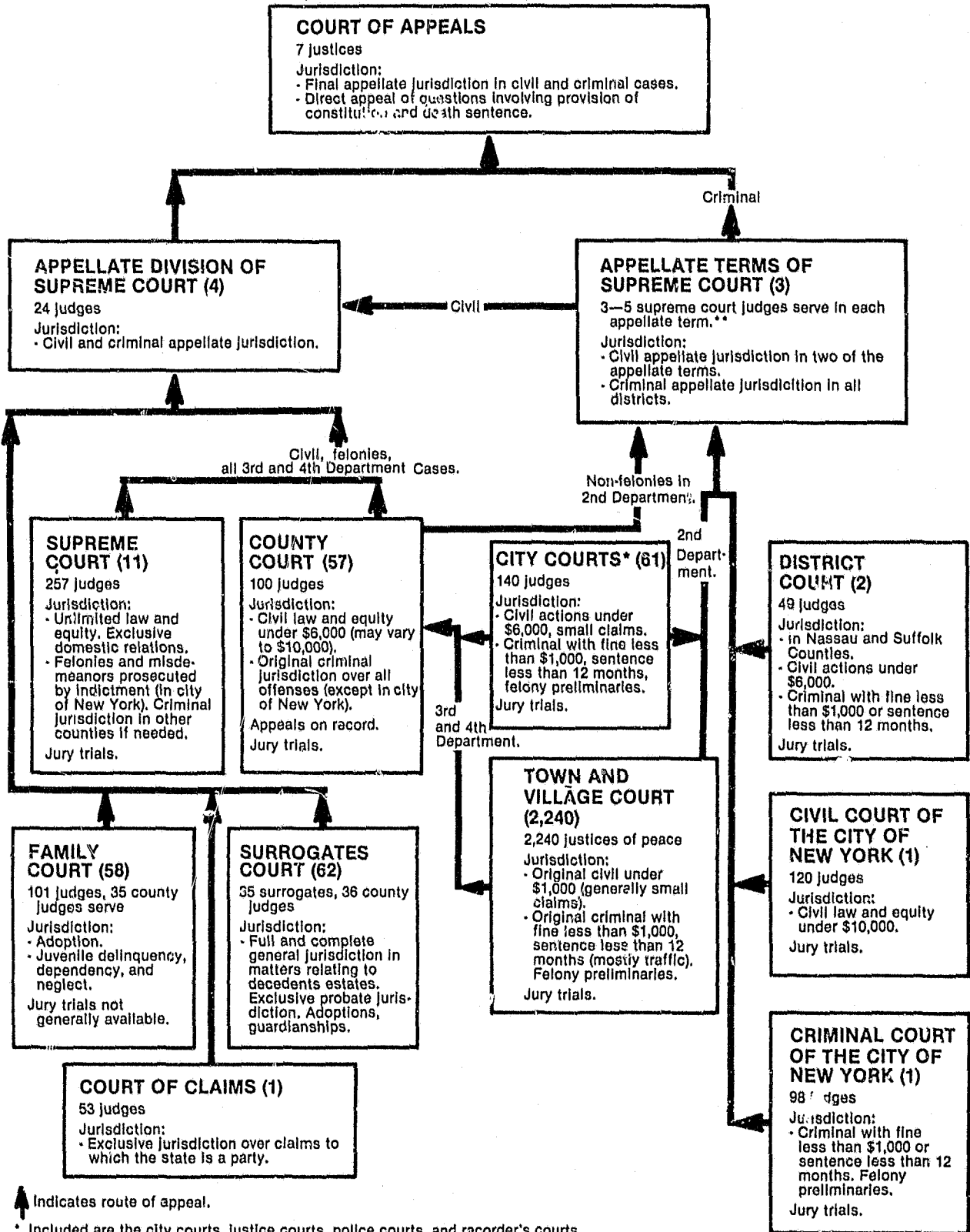
Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, *Annual Report 1975* (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**New Mexico Probate Court**  
**32 courts, 32 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

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

## New York court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

\* Included are the city courts, justice courts, police courts, and recorder's courts.

\*\* Fifty retired justices of the Supreme Court were certified to continue to serve. Of these, 12 were temporarily designated to the Appellate Term.

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**New York Court of Appeals**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	N/A	360	X
Criminal .....	X	N/A	188	X
Notices of appeal and orders granting leave received .....	X	617 <sup>b</sup>	--	X
Appeals withdrawn/dismitted .....	--	--	333	--
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>617<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>881</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Application for leave to appeal (criminal) .....	N/A	1,190	1,047	N/A
Motions <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	1,142 <sup>e</sup>	1,142 <sup>e</sup>	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,332<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>2,189<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,332<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>2,189<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup> .....</b>	<b>438<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>2,949<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>3,070<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>442<sup>d</sup></b>

**Manner of disposition**

Written opinion .....	282
Per curiam .....	35
Memorandum .....	127
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	333

**Disposition of appeals**

Affirmed .....	375
Reversed .....	124
Modifications .....	36
Dismissed after argument .....	9
Other .....	4

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

-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<sup>b</sup>Data on appeals filed are incomplete owing to missing figures for January, February, and March 1975. Hence caseload numbers do not add up.

<sup>c</sup>The motions category includes motions to appeal in civil cases and an unknown number of procedural motions.

<sup>d</sup>Pending data for requests to appeal are not available.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *21st Annual Report 1975* (New York, N. Y. 1976). Also unpublished statistical data provided by the clerk of the court. Origin of decided appeals is reported. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

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**New York Appellate Division of the Supreme Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**4 divisions, 24 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	7,429	7,348	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	7,429 <sup>b</sup>	7,348 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Disciplinary proceedings .....	N/A	87 <sup>b</sup>	87 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
Total other cases .....	N/A	87 <sup>b</sup>	87 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
Total cases* .....	N/A	7,516 <sup>b</sup>	7,435 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	N/A	N/A	13,406	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	N/A	13,406	N/A

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	482
Per curiam .....	71
Memorandum .....	3,478

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed .....	4,694
Reversed .....	1,015
Modifications .....	688
Dismissals .....	357
New trial ordered .....	222

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

<sup>b</sup>An unknown number of original proceedings is included in total filings and dispositions of appeals.

Source: Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *21st Annual Report 1975* (New York, N. Y.: 1976). Also data from the New York State Office of Court Administration. Statistics are from these two sources except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**New York Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**3 terms, 9 judges<sup>b</sup>**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases.....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	2,177	1,579	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions heard or submitted .....	N/A	N/A	2,510	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	N/A	2,510	N/A

<i>Manner of disposition</i>		<i>Disposition of appeals</i>	
Signed written opinion .....	0	Affirmed .....	636
Per curiam .....	695	Reversed .....	408
Memorandum.....	484	Discontinued/dismis- sed .....	403
		Modified.....	132

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

NOTE: Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court hear civil and criminal appeals from the First and Second Departments. County courts sitting as appellate courts for the Third and Fourth Departments hear some equivalent criminal appeals; however, data on the volume of such cases are not available. For certain criminal cases New York has three intermediate appellate courts when county courts sitting as appellate courts are counted.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>During 1975, there were three Appellate Terms sitting with three justices in each term; hence the total of nine judges for 1975.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *21st Annual Report 1975* (New York, N. Y.: 1976). Also data from the New York State Office of Court Administration. Statistics are from these two sources except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or clerk of the appeals court.



**New York Supreme Court and County Courts**  
**Courts of general jurisdiction**  
**11 districts, 257 judges; 57 counties, 100 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Auto tort:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	24,272	23,673	X
County Court.....	X	1,356	1,511	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>25,628</b>	<b>25,184</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Non-auto tort:</b>				
<b>Medical malpractice:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	932	981	X
County Court.....	X	3	4	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other tort:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	12,910	11,207	X
County Court.....	X	521	532	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>13,431</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>14,366</b>	<b>12,724</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Contract:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	9,233	8,027	X
County Court.....	X	1,294	1,135	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>10,527</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Property rights:</b>				
<b>Condemnation:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	294	243	X
County Court.....	X	3	2	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
<b>Matrimonial:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	5,144	59,306	56,631	7,619 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Administrative:</b>				
<b>Tax certiorari:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	3,955	5,108	X
County Court.....	X	0	1	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>5,109</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	X	4,612	5,323	X
County Court.....	X	318	353	X
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>5,676</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total civil:</b>				
Supreme Court.....	58,086	115,514	111,193	62,363 <sup>c</sup>
County Court.....	5,070	3,495	3,538	4,807 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>63,156</b>	<b>119,009</b>	<b>114,731</b>	<b>67,170<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Indictments—New York City.....	N/A	19,720	21,938	N/A
Indictments—outside New York City.....	N/A	16,034	16,736	N/A
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>35,754</b>	<b>38,674</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>35,754</b>	<b>38,674</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>63,156<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>154,763</b>	<b>153,405</b>	<b>67,170<sup>ee</sup></b>

	Jury	Trial Non-jury	Total
<b>Civil:</b>			
Supreme Court.....	2,068	55,386	57,454
County Court.....	133	222	355
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>55,608</b>	<b>57,809</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>			
New York City.....	X	X	2,184
Outside New York City.....	X	X	1,126
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>3,310</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>61,119</b>

<b>Criminal dispositions</b>	
Dismissed.....	8,899
Guilty plea.....	26,309
Trial conviction.....	2,308
Acquittal.....	1,158

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<sup>a</sup>Filings are the total of new actions, restorations, transfers into these courts from other courts, plus or minus transfers within the courts.  
<sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>c</sup>Because of adjustments made by the court, change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions.  
<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each indictment.  
<sup>e</sup>Grand totals do not include criminal pending.  
<sup>f</sup>A trial is counted if it is tried to decision or verdict.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *21st Annual Report* (New York: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts

## New York Surrogates Court

62 courts; 35 surrogates, 36 county judges serve  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoptions granted.....	N/A	N/A	3,605	N/A
Total domestic relations.....	N/A	N/A	3,605	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Wills.....	N/A	41,228	40,478	N/A
Administrator.....	N/A	N/A	21,479	N/A
Accountings.....	N/A	11,350	8,447	N/A
Guardianship.....	N/A	N/A	5,533	N/A
Other.....	N/A	N/A	3,843	N/A
Total probate.....	N/A	52,538 <sup>a</sup>	79,790	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Data were not available in all categories for inclusion in the total.

## New York Family Court

58 courts, 101 judges, 35 county judges serve  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975

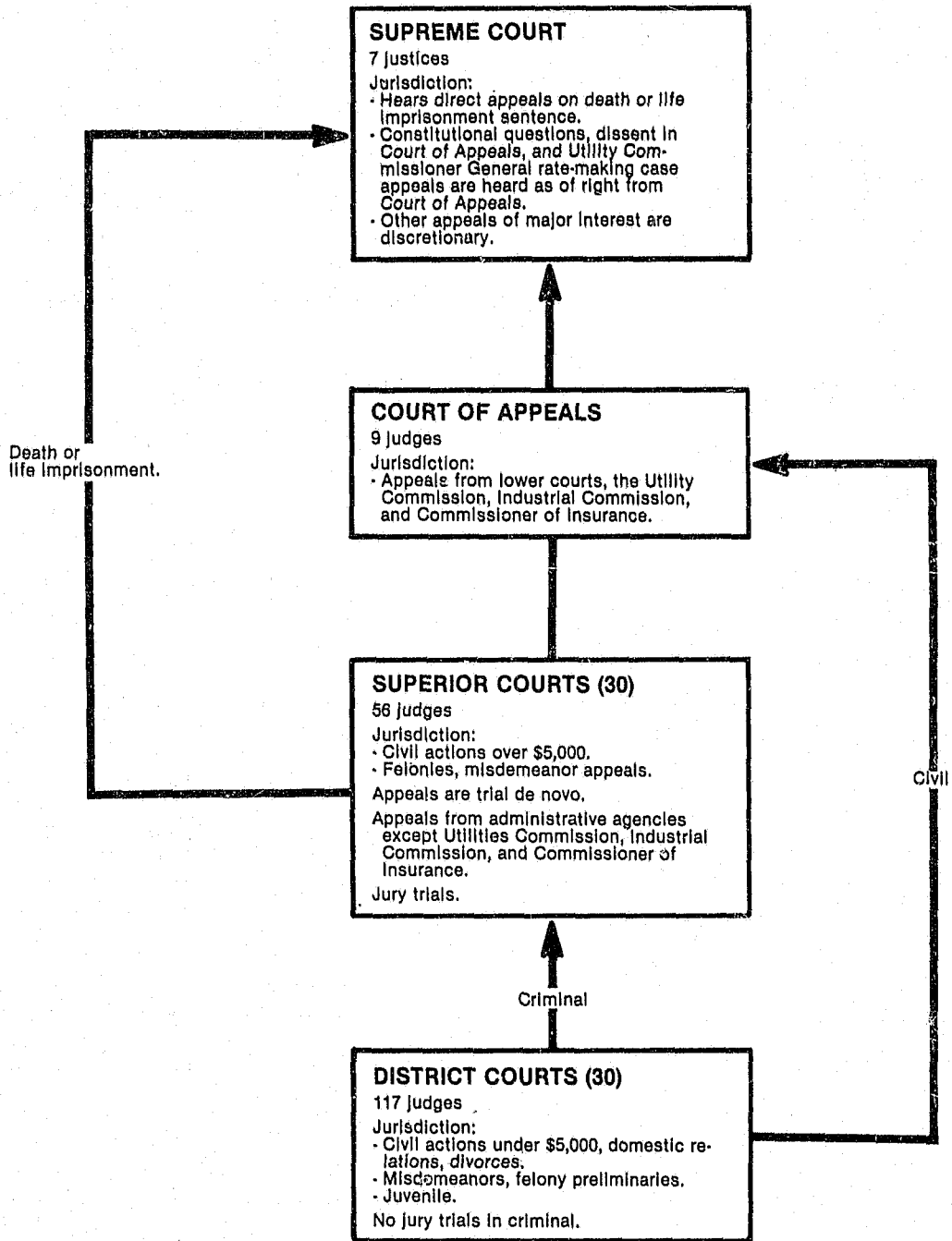
	Beginning pending <sup>b</sup>	Filed <sup>c</sup>	Disposed <sup>d</sup>	End pending <sup>b</sup>
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoption.....	1,586	3,760	3,943	1,069
Supreme court referral.....	529	1,349	1,800	196
Custody of minors.....	1,185	5,730	4,824	1,572
Foster care review.....	3,221	6,741	5,597	2,184
Foster care placement.....	1,330	7,275	7,607	1,326
Physically handicapped.....	689	7,385	6,133	1,118
Family offense.....	5,403	23,136	24,804	3,459
Paternity.....	14,008	20,862	23,895	5,735
Support.....	18,797	47,375	64,149	9,280
Uniform support of dependents.....	9,903	23,385	28,271	4,065
Consent to marry.....	57	502	774	52
Other.....	381	5,060	14,999	662
Total domestic relations.....	57,089	152,610	186,796	30,724 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Guardianship.....	213	602	495	243
Total probate.....	213	602	495	243
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mental defective.....	2	8	36	4
Total mental health.....	2	8	36	4
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency</b> .....	10,248	24,121	29,948	5,856
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Permanent neglect.....	406	918	835	545
Child protective—neglect.....	7,594	6,973	11,725	2,336
Child protective—abuse.....	407	1,271	937	877
Total.....	8,407	9,162	13,497	3,758
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Persons in need of supervision.....	3,641	12,250	17,008	1,911
Total juvenile.....	22,296	45,533	60,453	11,525

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>b</sup>Because of adjustments made by the court, change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions.<sup>c</sup>Figures include petitions in which warrants were returned during year.<sup>d</sup>Figures include petitions in which warrants were issued during year.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 21st Annual Report 1975 (New York: 1976).

# North Carolina court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**North Carolina Supreme Court  
Court of last resort  
7 Justices  
February 4, 1975-February 2, 1976**

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>b</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Cases docketed.....	--	242	X	X
Advisari pending.....	--	(-69)	--	--
Decided.....	--	--	143	--
Dismissed.....	--	--	29	--
Advisari.....	--	--	--	32
Pending cases.....	X	--	--	9
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>40<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>173<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>172</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings.....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal</b>				
<b>Petitions for certiorari<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Docketed.....	--	347	--	--
Allowed.....	--	--	39	--
Denied.....	--	--	230	--
Transfer to court of appeals.....	--	--	16	--
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>0<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>347<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>285</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total other cases.....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>347<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>285</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup>.....</b>	<b>40<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>520<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>457<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions <sup>c</sup> .....	0	288 <sup>c</sup>	288 <sup>c</sup>	0
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>288<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>288<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>0</b>

*Manner of disposition*  
Written opinion..... 143

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
-- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases coming to the court by both a notice of appeal and a petition for writ of certiorari are counted as two filings, but the number of cases counted twice is unknown.  
<sup>c</sup>Motions consist of 157 "motions and petitions acted on" (other than petition for certiorari to review Court of Appeals' decisions) plus 131 "other motions acted on."  
<sup>d</sup>Beginning pending figures for total appeals and total other cases were computed by NCSP staff.

Source: Clerk, Supreme Court, "Supreme Court Case Load Statistics" for the Spring and Fall Terms of 1975 (unpublished). Statistics are from these unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**North Carolina Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**9 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal .....	N/A	X	443	N/A
Civil .....	N/A	X	386	N/A
Unspecified cases .....	N/A	X	71	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A	1,078	900	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings .....				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases* .....	N/A	1,078	900	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions and petitions .....	N/A	1,002	1,002	N/A
Total other proceedings .....	N/A	1,002	1,002	N/A

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	829
Disposed without written opinion .....	71

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Letter containing statistical data received from the office of the clerk, Court of Appeals of North Carolina, and from 1975 Annual Report of the Judicial Department, State of North Carolina (Raleigh, North Carolina). Statistics are from these sources except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**North Carolina Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**30 districts, 56 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil* .....	13,517	10,919	9,222	15,214
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony .....	X	30,762	X	X
<b>Appellate:</b>				
Misdemeanor trial de novo .....	X	22,743	X	X
Total criminal .....	16,327	53,505	52,551	17,281
Grand total .....	29,844	64,424	61,773	32,495

	Trials <sup>a</sup>			Criminal dispositions
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil .....	667	3,353	4,020	Guilty pleas .....
Criminal .....	3,826	N/A	N/A	26,835
Total .....	4,293	N/A	N/A	

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

\*Civil cases are counted when the complaint or petition is recorded.  
<sup>a</sup>Additionally there were 25,283 estates filed, 24,278 disposed, and 42,946 pending at the end; and 28,349 special proceedings filed, 23,974 disposed, and 23,293 pending at the end. These matters are handled by the clerk of the Superior Court, and hence were not included.

<sup>b</sup>There was no specific definition for unit of count in criminal cases; however, it was probably most often the number of defendants on each information/indictment.

<sup>c</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn. Non-jury trials are counted with the opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**North Carolina District Court**  
**30 districts, 117 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

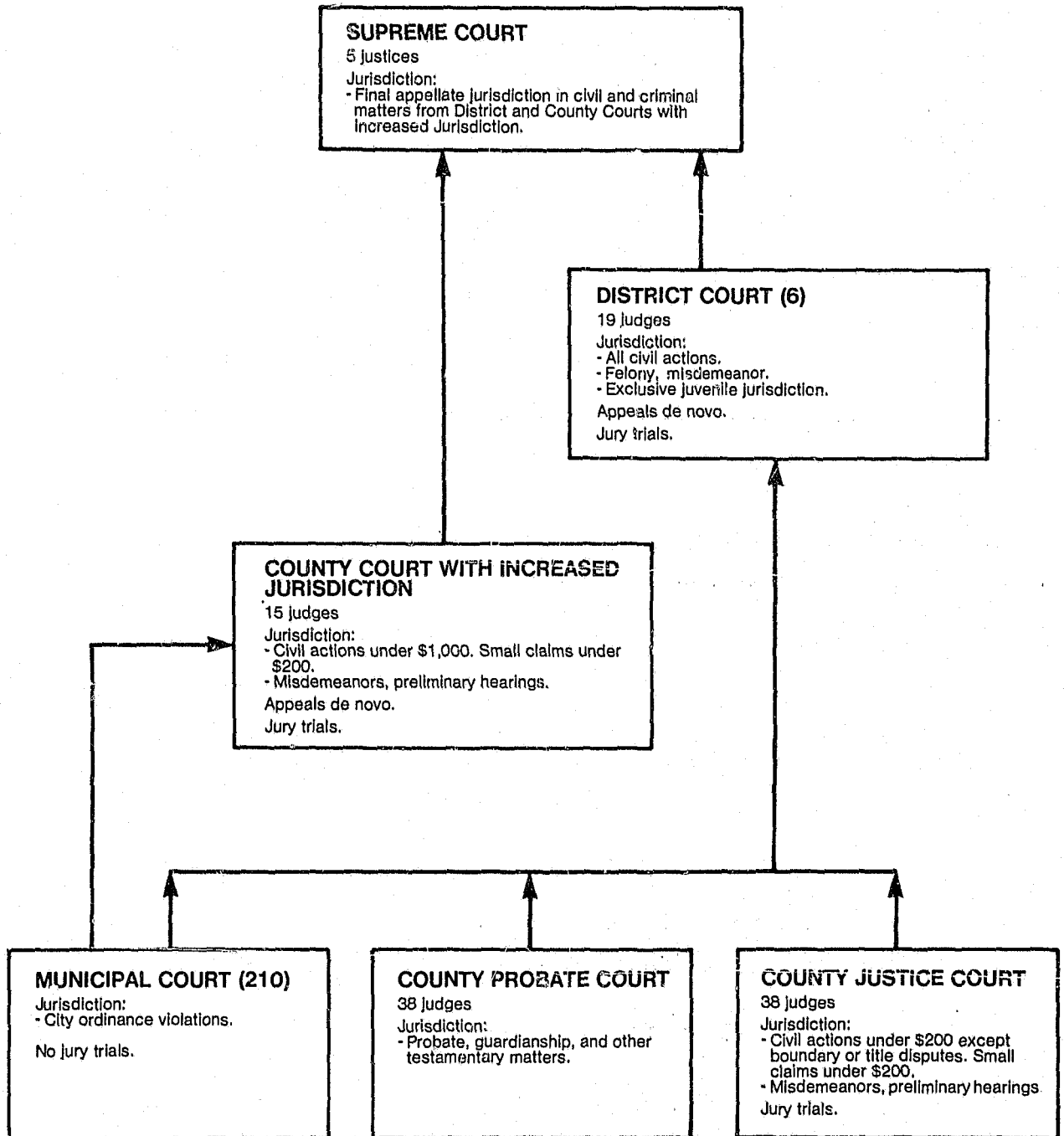
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Total domestic relations .....	N/A	30,271	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquent .....	N/A	15,152	16,168	N/A
<b>Dependent:</b>				
Dependant .....	N/A	2,237	2,525	N/A
Neglected .....	N/A	2,136	2,665	N/A
Total dependent .....	N/A	4,373	5,190	N/A
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Undisciplined .....	N/A	5,275	5,773	N/A
Total juvenile .....	N/A	24,800	27,131*	N/A

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\*Juvenile dispositions are the number of hearings resulting in the juvenile being retained or dismissed.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# North Dakota court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**North Dakota Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	2	82	82	0
Criminal .....	0	17	17	0
Other appeals .....	0	8	8	0
Certified question of law .....	0	1	1	0
<b>Total appeals<sup>b</sup>.....</b>	<b>2<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>108<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>108<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>0<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	0	6	6	0
Mandamus .....	0	3	3	0
Prohibition .....	0	2	2	0
Superintending control .....	0	7	7	0
Disciplinary .....	0	2	2	0
Certiorari .....	0	1	1	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup>.....</b>	<b>2<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>129<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>129<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>0<sup>bd</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	2	28	24	6
Other matters .....	0	8	8	0
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion.....	108 <sup>e</sup>
Per curiam .....	1
Dismissal/withdrawal .....	8
By order .....	46

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed .....	58
Reversed .....	9
Modified and re-manded .....	1
Dismissed .....	3
Affirmed and re-manded .....	8
Affirmed in part, reversed in part.....	3
Reversed and re-manded .....	11
Other .....	6
Certified question of law .....	1
Dismissed no opinion.....	8

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup> filings in North Dakota are not reported (for statistical purposes) until a case has been argued before the court; therefore, figures reported are lower than actual court workload.

<sup>c</sup>This figure includes three opinions disposing of petitions for rehearing.  
<sup>d</sup>Caseflow for appeals does not add up. Numbers are as provided by the clerk.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, *Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report, January–June 1975, June–December 1975* (Bismarck, North Dakota). Numbers shown are a composite of both semi-annual reports and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the court. Age-of-pending-case and time-to-case-disposition data are available. Statistics are from these sources except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**North Dakota District Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**6 districts, 19 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Other civil.....	X	6,387	X	X
Appeals.....	X	43	X	X
Total civil.....	3,873	6,430	7,351	2,952
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal.....	X	864	X	X
Appeals.....	X	212	X	X
Total criminal.....	273	1,076	1,063	286
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	224	855	897	182
Grand total.....	4,370	8,381	9,311	3,420

	Jury	Trial <sup>b</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil.....	69	638	705
Criminal.....	72	67	129
Total.....	141	693	834

\* Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>Data are taken from clerks of courts' section of the semi-annual reports.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case number assigned to the information/indictment.  
<sup>d</sup>Juvenile cases count the number of proceedings.  
<sup>e</sup>Jury trials are counted if they are tried to verdict. The state counts non-jury trials if they are contested.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, *Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report, January-June, 1975, July-December 1975* (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories--limited jurisdiction courts**

**North Dakota County Probate Court\***  
**38 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Probate:</b>				
Probate.....	6,788	2,825	2,735	6,604
Guardianship.....	2,692	312	373	2,544
Heirship.....	57	82	94	39
Estate tax.....	406	1,145	1,270	239
Total probate.....	9,943	4,364	4,472	9,426 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Total mental health hearings.....	N/A	N/A	920	N/A

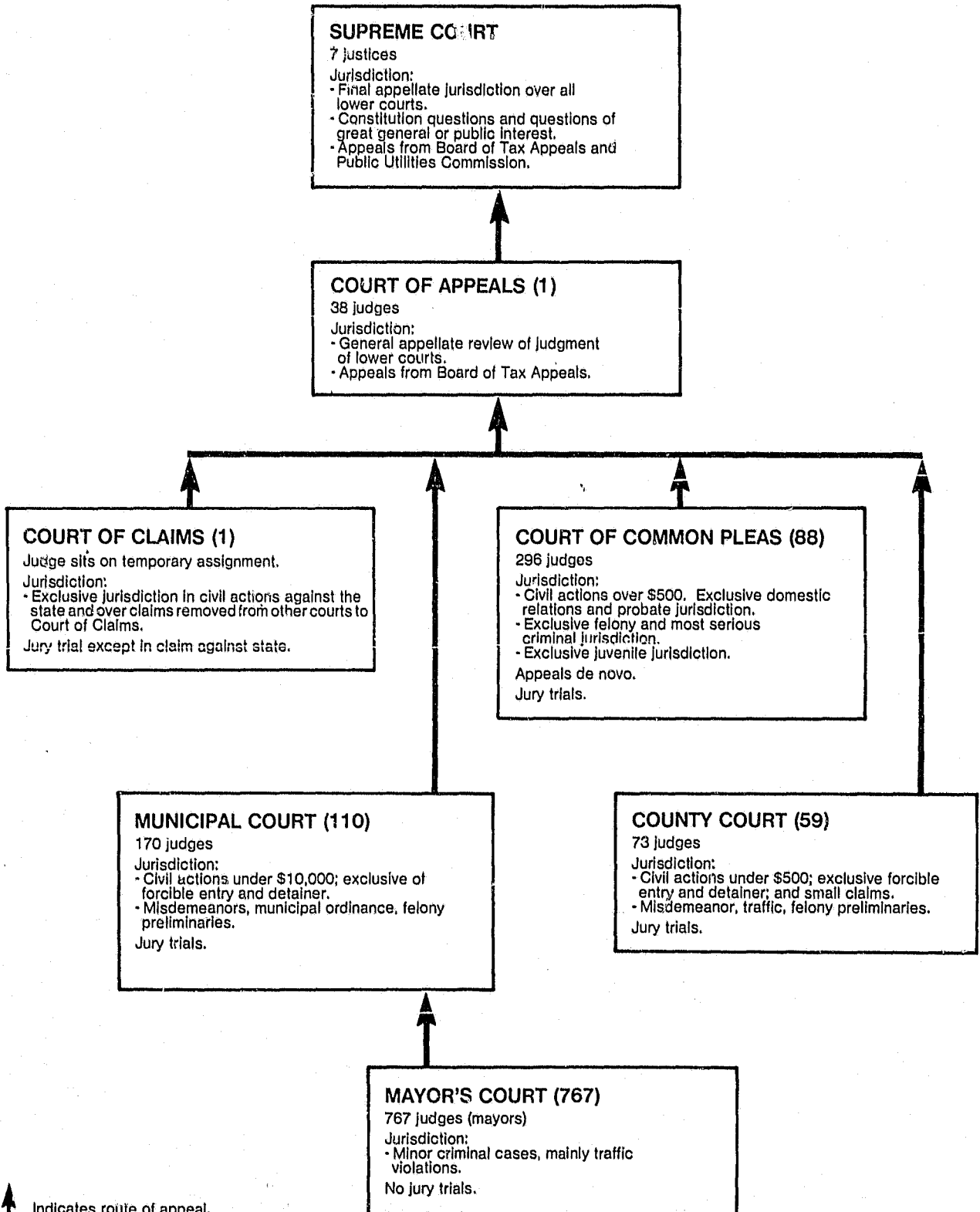
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

<sup>a</sup>Data for Richland County are missing for July-December.  
<sup>b</sup>Change in pending does not equal difference between filings and dispositions owing to missing data.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, *Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report, January-June 1975, July-December 1975* (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



# Ohio court system, 1975



**Ohio Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	N/A	293 <sup>a</sup>	256	N/A
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	N/A	293 <sup>a</sup>	256	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....	N/A	N/A	66	N/A
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	N/A	23	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	18	13	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	18 <sup>b</sup>	102	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Motion for leave				
to appeal .....	N/A	378	340	N/A
to certify .....	N/A	634	612	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	N/A	1,012	952	N/A
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	N/A	1,030 <sup>b</sup>	1,054	N/A
<b>Total cases</b> <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	1,323 <sup>b</sup>	1,310	N/A

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals filed includes an unknown number of original proceedings filed which are not included in the original proceedings filed category.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, *Ohio Courts Summary 1975* (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the summary except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Ohio Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**11 divisions, 38 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals</b> .....	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....				
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
<b>Total other cases</b> .....				
<b>Total cases</b> <sup>a</sup> .....	2,901	6,869	6,148	3,622

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, *Ohio Court Summary 1975* (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

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Ohio Court of Common Pleas  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 88 counties, 296 judges  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>				
Personal injury	22,127	19,107	18,418	22,816
Wrongful death	N/A	870	731	N/A
Total	22,127 <sup>b</sup>	19,777	19,149	22,816 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations	34,991	82,838	88,647	29,182
Adoptions	N/A	7,682	7,349	N/A
Birth records	N/A	3,809	3,741	N/A
Name change	N/A	2,780	2,761	N/A
Total	34,991 <sup>b</sup>	97,119	102,498	29,182 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedents' estates	56,420	65,548	64,692	54,741 <sup>c</sup>
Guardianship and testamentary trusts	22,549	8,184	6,263	22,409 <sup>c</sup>
Probate civil actions	4,373	6,553	6,499	3,707 <sup>c</sup>
Minor's settlement	N/A	1,506	1,510	N/A
Total	83,342 <sup>b</sup>	81,771	78,964	80,857 <sup>b,c</sup>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mental illness and retardation	N/A	6,696	7,055	N/A
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Workmen's compensation	1,135	869	903	1,101
Appropriations	851	959	1,062	748
Total	1,986	1,828	1,965	1,849
<b>Other civil:</b>				
All other	29,723	42,631	40,536	31,818
Total civil	172,169 <sup>b</sup>	249,822	250,167	166,522 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423
Total criminal	6,099	31,554	31,230	6,423
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile	21,322	194,288	196,503	19,107
Grand total	199,590 <sup>b</sup>	475,664	477,900	192,052 <sup>b</sup>

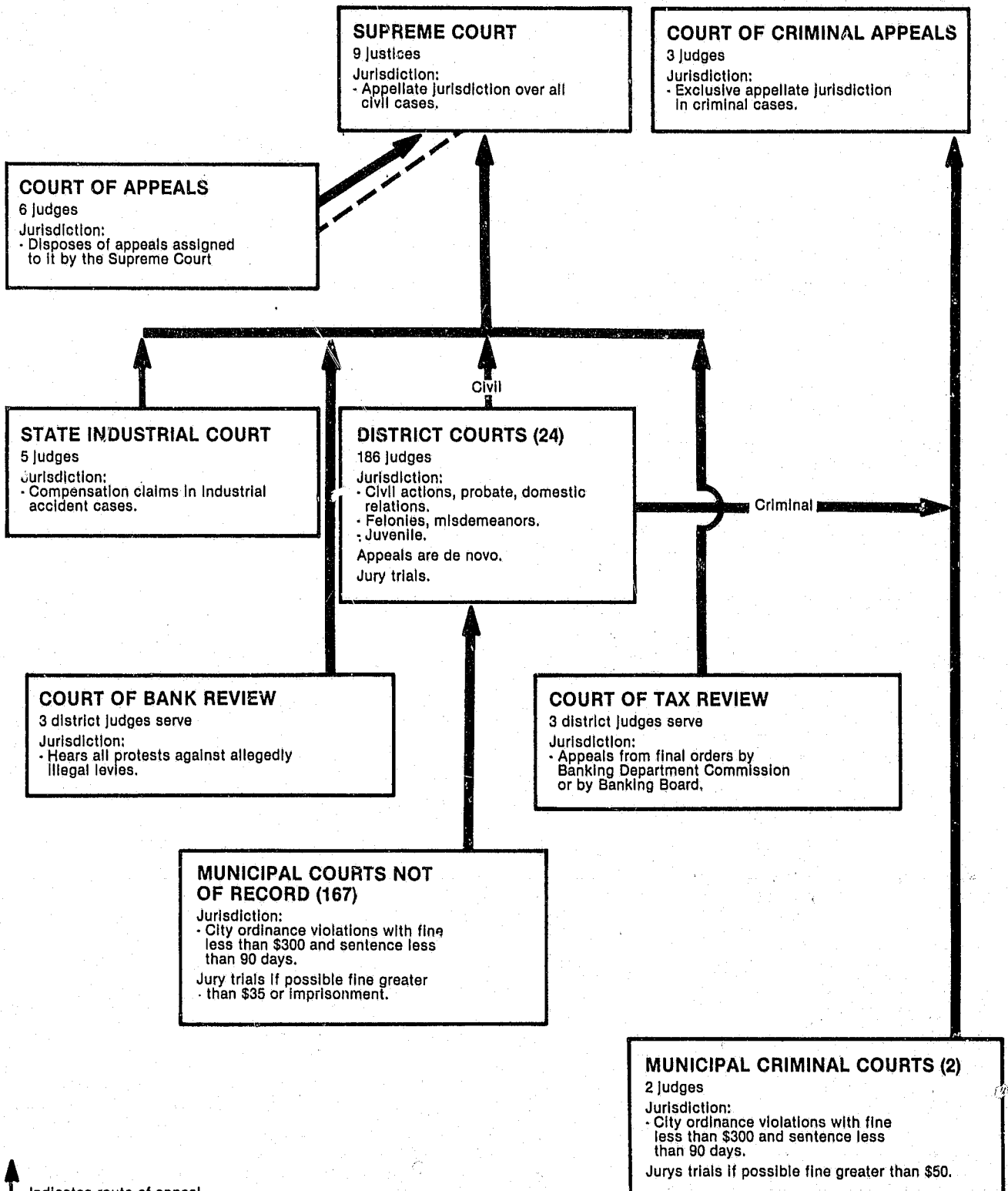
	Jury	Trial* Non-Jury	Total	Criminal dispositions	
Civil <sup>d</sup>	1,710	10,894	12,604	Dismissed	401
Criminal	2,358	2,832	5,190	Nolle prosequere	3,879
Total	4,068	13,726	17,794	Transfer	1,198

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

- <sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
- <sup>b</sup>All civil categories did not report pending. Only those reported are included in the total.
- <sup>c</sup>Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions. Numbers are as reported in annual report.
- <sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.
- <sup>e</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when the first witness is sworn.
- <sup>f</sup>Does not include trials for probate or domestic relations cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, *Ohio Courts Summary 1975* (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Oklahoma court system, 1975



**Oklahoma Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort<sup>b</sup>**  
**9 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	654	467	X
Total appeals.....	X	654 <sup>bc</sup>	467 <sup>bc</sup>	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	X	163	135	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari.....	X	175	169	X
Total other cases.....	X	338	304	X
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	963 <sup>cd</sup>	992 <sup>c</sup>	771 <sup>c</sup>	1,182 <sup>cd</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part 1 tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Supreme Court is court of last resort for civil cases.  
<sup>c</sup>All civil appeals are originally filed in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court then assigns some of these cases to the Court of Appeals for disposition. Therefore, cases assigned, disposed, and pending in the Court of Appeals have been deducted from the Supreme Court's **appeals** category and utilized as caseload figures for the Court of Appeals.  
<sup>d</sup>Caseflow does not add up after cases handled by the Court of Appeals have been subtracted. Figures are as verified by the state.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Report on the Judiciary 1975* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals**  
**Court of last resort<sup>b</sup>**  
**3 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal .....	X	379	328	X
Post conviction .....	X	139	140	X
Total appeals.....	X	518 <sup>b</sup>	468 <sup>b</sup>	X
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	X	296	322	X
Requests to appeal.....				
Total other cases.....	X	296	322	X
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	220	814	790	244

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part 1 tables.  
<sup>b</sup>The Court of Criminal Appeals has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases. It is the court of last resort for criminal cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Report on the Judiciary 1975* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion.....	295
By order.....	495

**Oklahoma Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court<sup>b</sup>**  
**6 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending <sup>c</sup>	Filed	Disposed	End pending <sup>c</sup>
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	129	327	364	92
Total appeals.....	129 <sup>bc</sup>	327 <sup>b</sup>	364 <sup>b</sup>	92 <sup>bc</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	NH	NH	NH	NH
Requests to appeal.....	NH	NH	NH	NH
Total other cases.....	NH	NH	NH	NH
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	129 <sup>bc</sup>	327 <sup>b</sup>	364 <sup>b</sup>	92 <sup>bc</sup>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part 1 tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Cases are assigned to the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals hears only civil cases assigned to it and has no original jurisdiction.  
<sup>c</sup>Pending cases were computed based on the assumption that there were no pending cases in the Court of Appeals prior to 1971 when the court was officially originated.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Report on the Judiciary 1975* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

Oklahoma District Court<sup>a</sup>  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 24 districts, 186 judges  
 January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	3,575	4,529	3,448	4,456
Non-auto tort.....	1,912	2,922	2,274	2,560
Contractual.....	14,545	18,683	13,582	19,646
<b>Small claims:</b>				
Possession of personal property .....	919	2,154	1,755	1,318
Possession of real property .....	977	3,711	2,824	1,864
Small claims.....	43,121	57,339	46,716	53,744
Total.....	45,017	63,204	51,295	56,926
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Lien or mortgage foreclosure.....	2,530	4,041	3,637	2,934
Real property.....	2,380	4,086	3,881	2,565
Total.....	4,890	8,127	7,518	5,499
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	13,076	30,930	27,670	16,336
Separate maintenance .....	485	519	446	558
Annulment.....	104	324	306	122
Reciprocal support—in .....	1,021	1,328	974	1,373
Reciprocal support—out.....	688	851	652	867
Bastardy .....	164	129	73	220
Adoption .....	677	2,626	2,454	849
Total.....	16,195	36,705	32,575	20,325
<b>Probate:</b>				
Administration of estates and probate proper.....	11,598	8,579	8,260	11,917
Determination of death of joint or life tenant.....	751	3,170	3,355	566
Guardianship and conservatorship.....	2,718	1,539	1,264	2,993
Other probate .....	125	325	320	130
Total.....	15,192	13,613	13,199	15,606
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Administrative:				
Appeals from administrative tribunals.....	469	552	544	477
Other Civil .....	5,949	5,562	4,704	6,807
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus, habeas corpus.....	898	1,259	985	1,172
Total civil.....	109,255	157,853	132,836	134,272
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Crime against person.....	2,647	4,281	3,867	2,942
Crime against property .....	7,242	9,790	8,167	8,843
Other felony.....	4,370	6,388	5,384	5,318
Total.....	14,628 <sup>d</sup>	20,439	17,418	17,643 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>				
DWI.....	4,361	9,270	9,011	4,620
Other misdemeanor .....	13,013	35,835	34,206	14,642
Total.....	17,374	45,105	43,217	19,262
Traffic .....	36,706	140,896	137,018	40,584
Appeals .....	425	738	397	766
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Felony post-conviction appeals .....	N/A	434	320	N/A
Total criminal.....	69,133 <sup>a</sup>	207,612	198,370	78,261 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	863	4,106	3,321	1,648
Dependency and neglect <sup>b</sup> .....	455	1,910	1,667	698
Children in need of supervision .....	729	2,295	1,885	1,139
Total juvenile.....	2,047 <sup>c</sup>	8,311	6,873	3,485
Grand total.....	180,435	373,776	338,079	216,018

**Trial or contest<sup>e</sup>**

Civil .....	24,372
Criminal .....	18,458
Juvenile .....	3,565
Total .....	46,395

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

<sup>a</sup>No activity was reported in 1975 for the Court of Bank Review or the Court of Tax Review. The caseload of both these courts is handled by district court judges.

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

<sup>c</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is the number of Informations/Indictments.

<sup>d</sup>Felony pending data are not available for pending by category in Muskogee County, but total felony pending data for Muskogee County are included in the total felonies pending.

<sup>e</sup>Does not include pending figures for felony post-conviction appeals. This category is included in filings and dispositions totals.

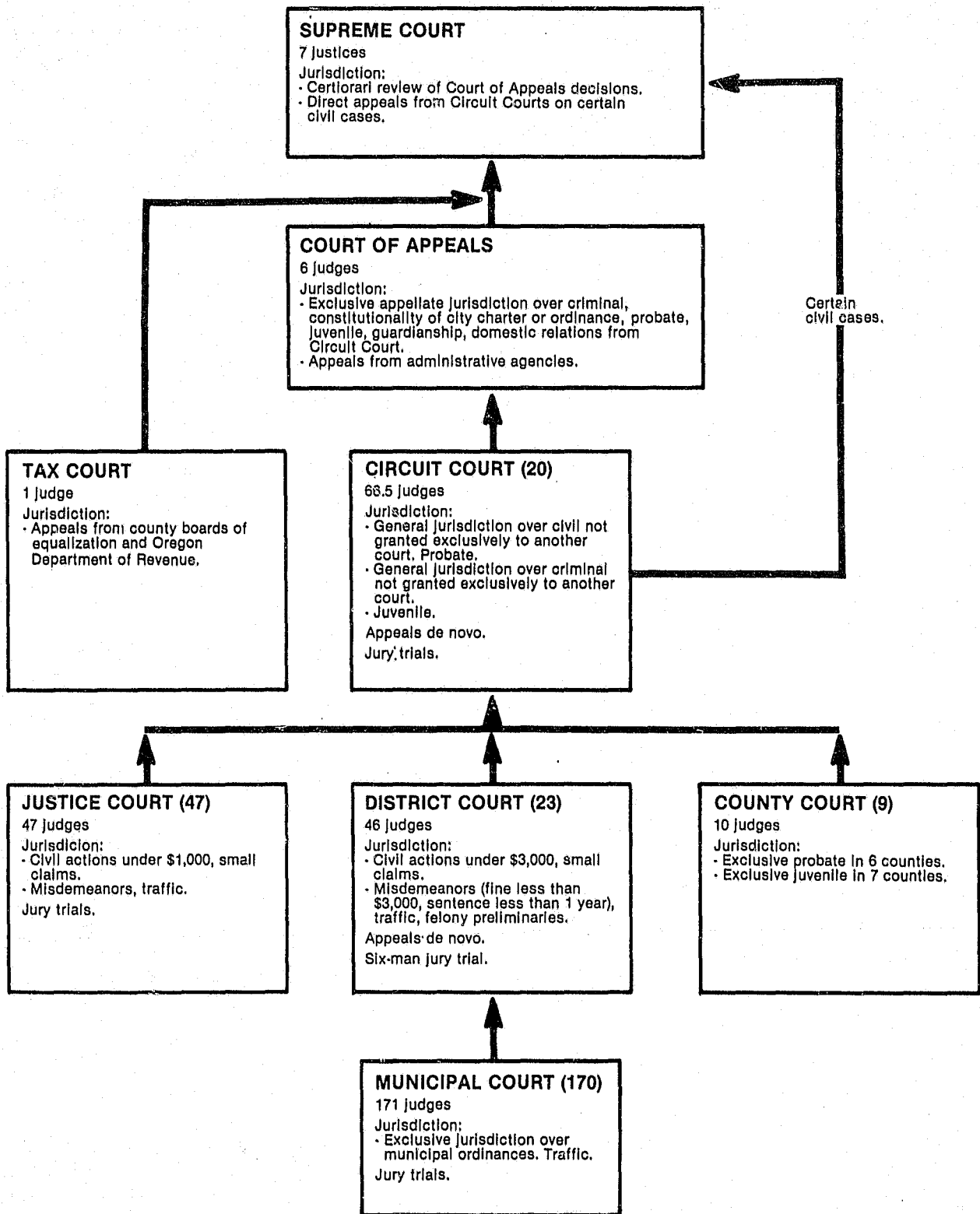
<sup>f</sup>Beginning pending data are not available for Oklahoma, Tulsa, or Muskogee counties.

<sup>g</sup>Data are not available in Oklahoma County for juvenile dependency.

<sup>h</sup>A trial or contest is counted when it is tried to completion.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Report on the Judiciary 1975* (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Oregon court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Oregon Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975—December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>472<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>424</b>	<b>298</b>
Total appeals.....	250	472 <sup>b</sup>	424	298
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Civil.....	X	79	X	X
Criminal.....	X	165	X	X
Other.....	X	57	X	X
Total.....	18	301	282	37
Total other cases.....	18	301	282	37
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>268</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>
Total other proceedings.....	0	43	42	1

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion..... 273	Affirmed..... 143
Dismissal/withdrawal..... 151	Reversed..... 78
	Modified..... 33
	Dismissed..... 155
	Other..... 15

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Appeals filed include 37 original proceedings, 13 Tax Court appeals, 7 bar proceedings, and 23 Court of Appeals reviews allowed. Hence, original proceedings and some requests to appeal are contained within the appeals category.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 22nd Annual Report 1975 (Salem, Oregon). Source of cases and time-to-disposition data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Oregon Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**6 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975—December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil.....	X	322	X	X
Criminal.....	X	704	X	X
<b>Other appeals:</b>				
Workmen's compensation.....	X	65	X	X
Administrative agency review.....	X	145	X	X
Parole board review.....	X	53	X	X
Post conviction and habeas corpus review.....	X	56	X	X
Corrections disciplinary review.....	X	194	X	X
Total appeals.....	429	1,539	1,299	669
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....				
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
Total other cases.....				
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>429</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>669</b>

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals
Written opinion..... 506	Affirmed..... 625
Per curiam..... 282	Reversed..... 114
Memorandum..... 46	Modified..... 56
Dismissal/withdrawal..... 421	Dismissed..... 421
Other..... 44	

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 22nd Annual Report 1975 (Salem, Oregon). Source of cases and time to disposition of cases data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.



**Oregon Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**20 circuits, 66.5 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
Law.....	X	15,102	13,675	X
Equity.....	X	5,437	5,172	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Dissolution.....	X	20,153	20,260	X
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates.....	7,106 <sup>b</sup>	4,589	5,055 <sup>b</sup>	6,499
Guardianship and conservatorship.....	8,204	1,551	1,728	8,027
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>15,310<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>6,783<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>14,526</b>
<b>Total civil<sup>c</sup>.....</b>	<b>39,671<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>46,832</b>	<b>45,890</b>	<b>40,472<sup>c</sup></b>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal.....	4,019 <sup>e</sup>	14,360	14,383	3,996
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>4,019<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>14,360</b>	<b>14,383</b>	<b>3,996</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Juvenile petitions.....	N/A	11,305	N/A	N/A
<b>Total juvenile.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>11,305</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total<sup>f</sup>.....</b>	<b>43,690</b>	<b>72,497</b>	<b>60,273</b>	<b>44,468</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>g</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil <sup>h</sup> .....	1,064	3,607	4,671
Criminal.....	1,113	726	1,839
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>6,510</b>

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

- <sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
- <sup>b</sup>Dispositions and beginning pending for estates included cases handled by the county court. The filings and end pending for the county court are presented in the limited jurisdiction chart.
- <sup>c</sup>Pending for law, equity, and domestic relations are included in total civil.
- <sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the case number assigned at the arraignment.
- <sup>e</sup>Beginning pending computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending.
- <sup>f</sup>Grand total does not include dispositions or pending for juvenile petitions. Filings include juvenile petitions.
- <sup>g</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials when the first witness is sworn.
- <sup>h</sup>Does not include trials in probate matters.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *22nd Annual Report 1975* (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Oregon Tax Court<sup>a</sup>**  
**1 judge**  
**January 1, 1975--December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Regular division.....	62	84	85	61
Small claims division.....	34	148	60	122
Total.....	96	232	145	183
Total civil.....	96	232	145	183
Grand total.....	96	232	145	183

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Data from this court are included in the general jurisdiction charts since ORS 305.405 designates the Tax Court as one of general jurisdiction within the substantive areas defined by ORS 305.410.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *22nd Annual Report 1975* (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Oregon County Court**  
**9 counties, 10 judges**  
**January 1, 1975--December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Probate:</b>				
Estates <sup>a</sup> .....	(a)	117	(a)	258
Guardianship and conservatorship.....	162	28	33	157
Total probate <sup>b</sup> .....	162 <sup>b</sup>	145	33 <sup>b</sup>	415
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Juvenile petitions.....	N/A	263	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile.....	N/A	263	N/A	N/A

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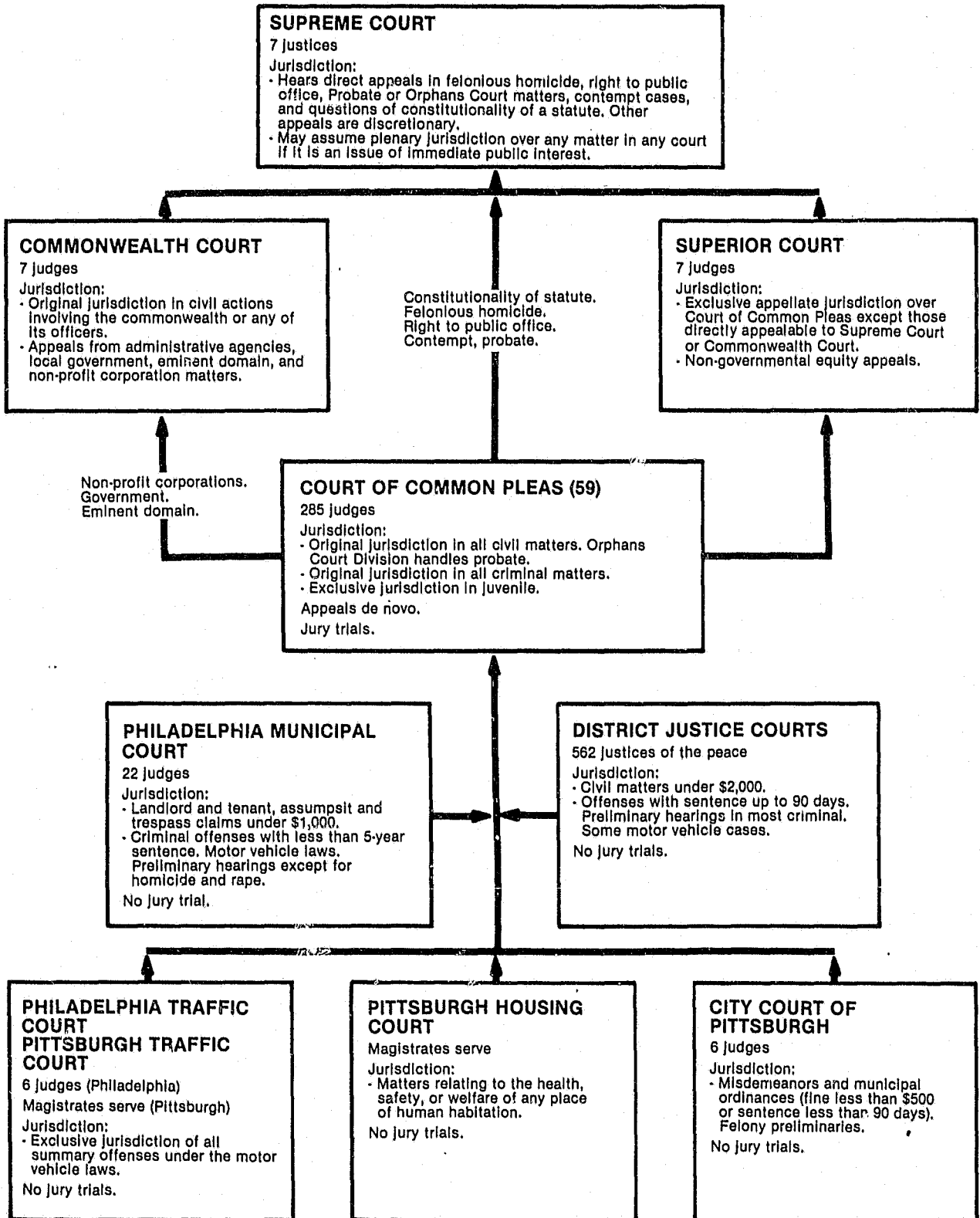
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

<sup>a</sup>Estate cases pending at the beginning of the year and disposed are included in the Circuit Court figures.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only guardianship and conservatorship cases for beginning of the year pending and dispositions. Also includes estates for filings and end of year pending.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *22nd Annual Report 1975* (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Pennsylvania court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Pennsylvania Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>	N/A	828	N/A	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	828	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for allocatur.....	N/A	868	N/A	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	868	N/A	N/A
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	N/A	1,696	N/A	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Miscellaneous petitions.....	N/A	1,400	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	1,400	N/A	N/A

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 561

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1975 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

**Pennsylvania Superior Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**7 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....				
Requests to appeal.....				
Total other cases.....				
<b>Total cases*</b> .....	N/A	2,996	N/A	N/A
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Miscellaneous petitions ..	N/A	5,448	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	5,448	N/A	N/A

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 1,346

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

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Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1975 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**7 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....				
Requests to appeal.....				
Total other cases.....				
<b>Total cases*<sup>b</sup></b> .....	N/A	2,027	1,257	N/A

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 821  
 Withdrawal, discontinued, and by order of court..... 436

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Court handles only cases involving officials or offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1975 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas and Philadelphia Municipal Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**59 courts, 285 judges; 1 court, 22 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Domestic relations .....	5,305	47,841	46,237	6,909
Divorce .....	13,649	38,313	36,332	15,630
Custody .....	421	3,138	2,977	582
Adoption .....	842	6,874	6,860	856
Total .....	20,217	96,168	92,406	23,977
<b>Probate:</b>				
Orphans' court audits .....	1,386	22,010	21,677	1,719
<b>Mental health</b> .....	288	5,697	5,679	306
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	18,949	19,959	18,629	20,279
<b>Total civil<sup>c</sup></b> .....	40,840	143,832	138,391	46,281
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Criminal <sup>e</sup> .....	26,061	102,648	97,213	31,496
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Miscellaneous <sup>f</sup> .....	1,602	6,512	6,635	1,479
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Post-conviction appeals .....	401	734	728	407
<b>Total criminal</b> .....	28,064	109,894	104,576	33,382
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	4,388	39,882	38,350	5,920
<b>Grand total</b> .....	73,292	293,608	281,317	85,583

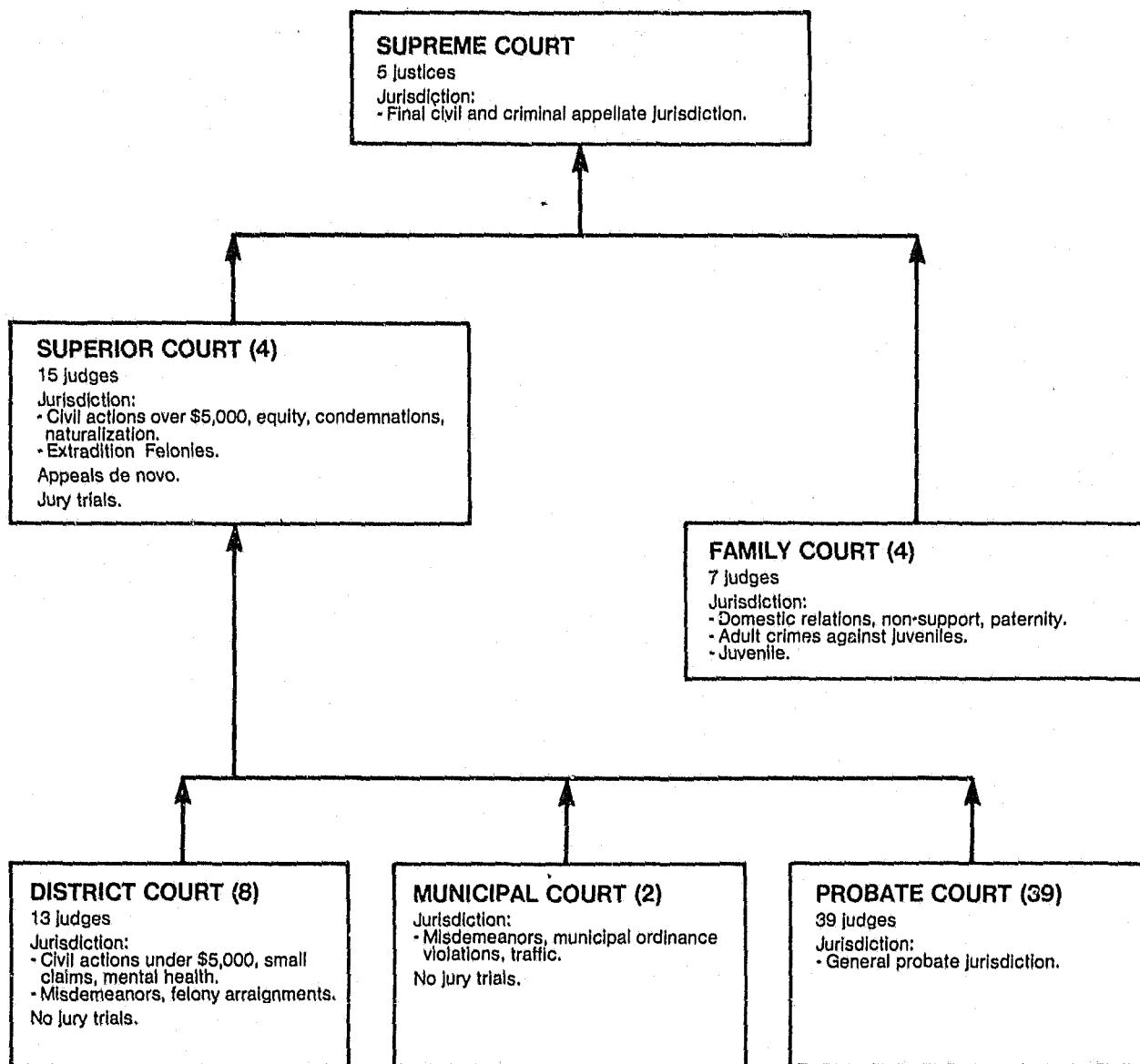
	Jury	Trials <sup>g</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions <sup>h</sup>
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	1,821	2,173	3,994	G guilty pleas .....
Criminal <sup>f</sup> .....	3,490	15,162	18,652	N nolle prossed .....
<b>Total<sup>i</sup></b> .....	5,311	17,335	22,646	ARD (rehabilitation program) .....

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>b</sup>Other civil includes trespass, assumpsit, equity, and miscellaneous civil cases which are counted when the case is placed at issue as ready for trial.  
<sup>c</sup>Does not include 28,902 cases filed, 28,770 disposed, and 15,272 pending at the end of the year which were assigned to boards of arbitration.  
<sup>d</sup>The unit of count for criminal cases is each defendant on each Information/Indictment.  
<sup>e</sup>Includes felonies, misdemeanors, and trials de novo for appeals. Included are 4,780 cases pending at the start of the year, 32,275 disposed, and 4,258 pending at the end of the year which were handled in the Philadelphia Municipal Court.  
<sup>f</sup>Includes criminal appeals from district justice courts and other miscellaneous court actions.  
<sup>g</sup>Jury trials are counted when they are tried to verdict. Non-jury trials are counted by the state when they are tried to completion.  
<sup>h</sup>Civil trial information is only for other civil cases.  
<sup>i</sup>Includes 7,157 non-jury trials in Philadelphia Municipal Court.  
<sup>j</sup>Includes 2,278 guilty pleas, 10,876 nolle prossed cases, and 11,928 cases disposed by ARD in the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1975 Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Rhode Island court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Rhode Island Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**October 1, 1974-September 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil	X	157	85	X
Criminal	X	52	38	X
Family court	X	18	11	X
Workman's compensation	X	13	9	X
Unspecified cases	--	--	77	--
Other cases heard	--	--	10	--
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus	X	10	13	X
Bar disciplinary	X	3	3	X
Miscellaneous petitions	X	18	16	X
<b>Total</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Certiorari	X	76	57	X
<b>Total other cases</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total cases*</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Arbitrator appointments	N/A	5	5	N/A
Petitions on bar exams	N/A	3	3	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion		172		
Dismissal/withdrawal		66		
Order of court		2		
Rule 16(g) granted		9		
Other		10		

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 -- = Not applicable.

Source: Unpublished statistical data provided by the Supreme Court's Office of the Court Administrator and Office of the Clerk to chief justice and associate justices entitled, "Court Activity—October 1, 1974 to September 30, 1975." Age-of-pending-case data are available. Statistics are from these unpublished sources except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appellate court.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

**Rhode Island Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**4 courts, 15 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil	N/A	5,589	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	866	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Probate appeals	N/A	87	N/A	N/A
<b>Total civil</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Indictments	N/A	2,374	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanors	N/A	747	N/A	N/A
<b>Appeals</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total criminal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

\*A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
 \*The criminal unit of count is the filing of an indictment.  
 \*Filing figures for misdemeanors were obtained by subtracting the number of appeals of district court cases from the total number of cases transferred to Superior Court from the District Court. These are misdemeanors transferred for jury trials.  
 \*Number of District Court appeals obtained from District Court data.

Source: Chief Justice, Supreme Court, 1975 Annual Report on the Judiciary (Providence, Rhode Island). Also unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Rhode Island Family Court  
4 courts, 7 judges  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Absolute divorce .....	N/A	3,766	2,682	N/A
Bed and board .....	N/A	363	7	N/A
Other dispositions of above .....	N/A	X	216	N/A
Adoptions .....	N/A	403	N/A	N/A
Bastardy .....	N/A	5 <sup>a</sup>	N/A	N/A
Paternity .....	N/A	11 <sup>a</sup>	N/A	N/A
Change of name .....	N/A	3 <sup>a</sup>	N/A	N/A
Other .....	N/A	13 <sup>a</sup>	N/A	N/A
<b>Total domestic relations .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>2,905<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Wayward/delinquent .....	N/A	4,840	N/A	N/A
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Dependency and neglect .....	N/A	273	N/A	N/A
Battered/abused children .....	N/A	23	N/A	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Traffic:</b>				
Motor vehicle .....	N/A	1,422	N/A	N/A
<b>Other juvenile:</b>				
Child marriages .....	N/A	100	N/A	N/A
Termination of parental rights .....	N/A	138	N/A	N/A
Other .....	N/A	11	N/A	N/A
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total juvenile .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

<sup>a</sup>Data obtained from 1976 annual report.  
<sup>b</sup>Not all categories had dispositions reported.

Source: Chief Justice, Supreme Court, 1975, 1976 Annual Report to the Judiciary (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Rhode Island District Court  
8 districts, 13 judges  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

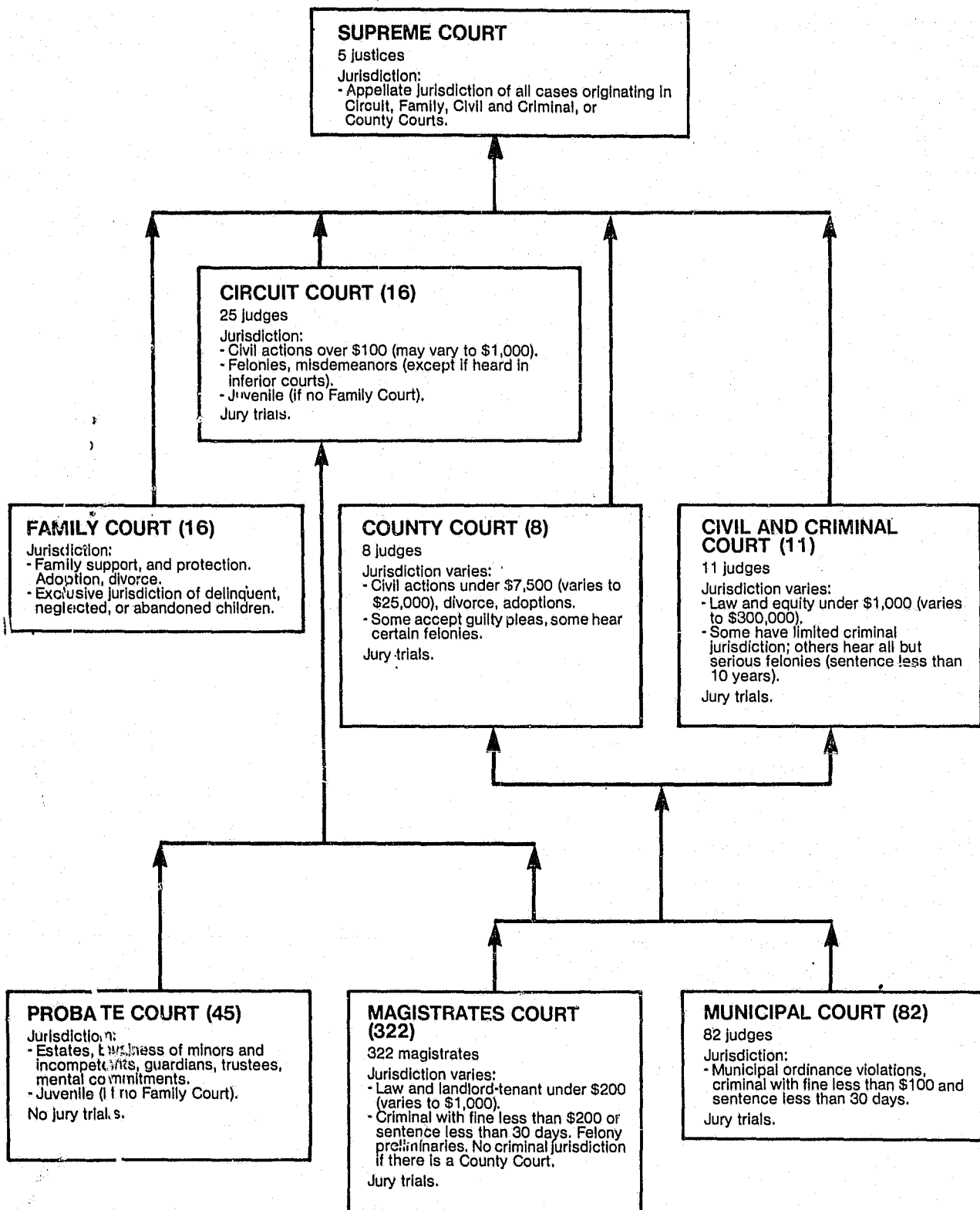
No data were available by category for mental health cases handled in the District Court.

**Rhode Island Probate Court  
39 courts, 39 judges  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

No data were available for probate cases handled in the Probate Court.



## South Carolina court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**South Carolina Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	X	152	X	X
Criminal <sup>c</sup> .....	X	94	X	X
Post conviction .....	X	18	X	X
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	<b>104<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>264</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>122<sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings <sup>g</sup> .....	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Habeas corpus.....	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Disciplinary.....	N/A	7	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Requests to appeal</b> .....				
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>104<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>276</b>	<b>232<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>122<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	27		N/A
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	163	Affirmed .....	125	
Per curiam .....	37	Reversed .....	29	
Memorandum .....	25	Reversed and re-		
Dismissal/withdrawal ...	7	mandated .....	29	
		Affirmed and re-		
		mandated .....	2	
		Remanded.....	4	
		Other .....	43	

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil appeals include regular and Rule 29 appeals.  
<sup>c</sup>Criminal appeals include regular and "no merit" appeals.  
<sup>d</sup>Court reports that 37 of these appeals have been heard, but opinions have not been completed.  
<sup>e</sup>Court reports that 30 of these appeals have been heard, but opinions have not been completed.  
<sup>f</sup>Caseload does not add up. Numbers are as provided by court.  
<sup>g</sup>Pending and disposition data are not available for original proceedings.

Source: Data supplied by the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from this unpublished source except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the clerk.

**South Carolina Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**16 circuits, 25 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for the Circuit Courts in 1975. Data for 1976 will be included in the *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**South Carolina Family Court**  
**16 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for domestic relations or juvenile cases handled in the Family Court. Data for 1976 will be included in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

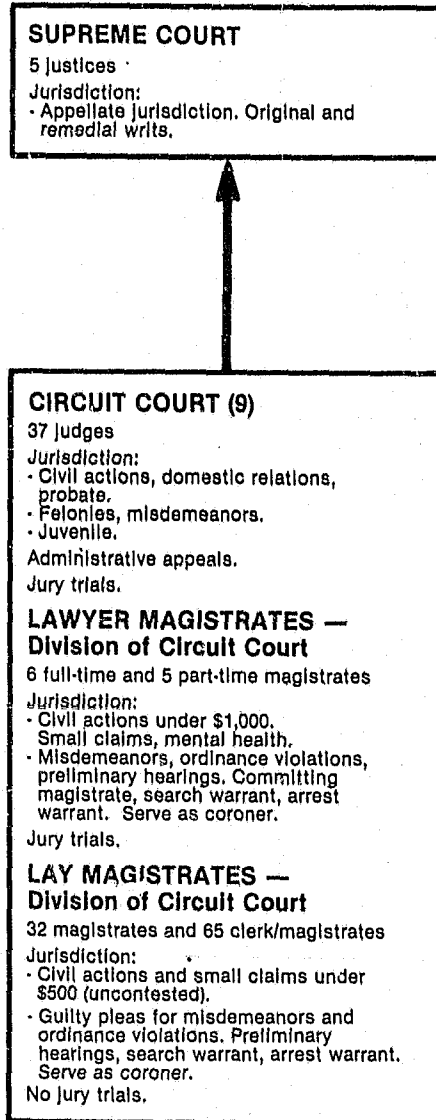
**South Carolina County Court**  
**8 counties, 8 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for domestic relations (adoption, divorce) cases handled in County Court. Data for total civil cases in 1976 will be included in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**South Carolina Probate Court**  
**45 courts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for probate or juvenile cases handled in the Probate Court.

## South Dakota court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**South Dakota Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>	211 <sup>c</sup>	183	171	223 <sup>b</sup>
Total appeals.....	211 <sup>a</sup>	183	171	223 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings</b> .....	N/A	20	13	N/A
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petitions for allowance to appeal.....	N/A	15	16	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	35	29	N/A
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	211 <sup>cd</sup>	218	200	223 <sup>bd</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests</b> .....	N/A	14	14	N/A
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Estimated orders and motions.....	N/A	100	100	N/A
Total other proceedings.....	N/A	114	114	N/A

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion.....	122
Dismissal withdrawal.....	48
Other.....	1

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>End pending cases include 74 appeals submitted and pending; 15 appeals ready for calendar; and 134 appeals not ready for calendar.  
<sup>c</sup>Beginning pending appeals figure was computed.  
<sup>d</sup>Pending data are not available for original proceedings or requests to appeal.

Source: Clerk, Supreme Court, "Business of the Court" statistical reports (unpublished). Calendar year totals were computed from these monthly reports.

**South Dakota Circuit Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**9 circuits, 37 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Small claims</b> .....	N/A	N/A	8,896	N/A
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	N/A	N/A	2,279	N/A
Adoption.....	N/A	N/A	490	N/A
Total.....	N/A	N/A	2,769	N/A
<b>Probate:</b>				
Contested probate.....	N/A	N/A	50	N/A
Mental health.....	N/A	N/A	465	N/A
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil judgment.....	N/A	N/A	3,936	N/A
Total civil.....	N/A	N/A	16,116	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony.....	N/A	N/A	1,751	N/A
Misdemeanor.....	N/A	N/A	10,719	N/A
Total criminal.....	N/A	N/A	12,470	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	N/A	3,465	3,337	N/A
Dependency/neglect.....	N/A	86	N/A	N/A
Children in need of supervision.....	N/A	659	635	N/A
Total juvenile.....	N/A	4,210	3,972 <sup>d</sup>	N/A
Grand total.....	N/A	4,210 <sup>ae</sup>	32,558 <sup>cd</sup>	N/A

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

<sup>a</sup>No data were available for the Lay Magistrates or Lawyer Magistrates Division of the Circuit Court.  
<sup>b</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the information/indictment.  
<sup>d</sup>Does not include dependency/neglect dispositions.  
<sup>e</sup>Includes only juvenile filings.  
<sup>f</sup>Jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trial when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.  
<sup>g</sup>Includes only contested civil judgments.

	Trial <sup>f</sup>			Criminal dispositions
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil.....	37	337	434	Dismissal..... 2,076
Criminal.....	243	595	838	Guilty plea..... 8,558
Total.....	340	932	1,272	Trial conviction..... 682
				Acquitted..... 176

Source: Court Administrator's Office, "Combined 1975-76 Judicial Annual Report" (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



**Tennessee Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	276	N/A	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	50	N/A	N/A
Total appeals.....	N/A	326	216	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
<b>    Certiorari:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	214	201	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	413	392	N/A
Total.....	N/A	627	593	N/A
Total other cases .....	N/A	627	593	N/A
Total cases* .....	N/A	953	809	N/A

*Manner of disposition*  
 Written opinion..... 310

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Tennessee Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**3 panels, 9 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	655	536	N/A
Total appeals <sup>b</sup> .....	N/A	655 <sup>b</sup>	536 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal.....</b>				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases* .....	N/A	655 <sup>b</sup>	536 <sup>b</sup>	N/A

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

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Court has civil jurisdiction only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**3 panels, 7 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal .....	N/A	630	562	N/A
Total appeals <sup>c</sup> .....	N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings....</b>				
<b>Requests to appeal.....</b>				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases <sup>ab</sup> .....	N/A	630 <sup>c</sup>	562 <sup>c</sup>	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Court has criminal jurisdiction only.

<sup>c</sup>Ninety-one postconviction and habeas corpus cases were filed during the year. It is unknown whether they are included in these summary totals.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

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**Tennessee Circuit Court and Criminal Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**26 circuits, 78 judges\* (56 circuit, 22 criminal)**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending <sup>a</sup>	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Auto tort .....	X	6,398	6,571	X
Non-auto tort.....	X	4,849	4,848	X
Property rights:				
Condemnations.....	X	792	895	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce.....	X	19,147	21,176	X
Petitions.....	X	6,606	5,845	X
Adoptions.....	X	779	640	X
Total.....	X	26,532	27,661	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation.....	X	2,617	2,438	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous.....	X	5,401	5,706	X
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>35,980</b>	<b>46,589</b>	<b>48,119</b>	<b>34,450</b>
<b>Criminal<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Felony.....	11,027	21,975	21,238	11,764
Misdemeanor.....	3,921	7,487	7,158	4,250
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>14,948</b>	<b>29,462</b>	<b>28,396</b>	<b>16,014</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>50,928</b>	<b>76,051</b>	<b>76,515</b>	<b>50,464</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

- \*Five of the circuit judges are also chancellors.
- <sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>b</sup>Beginning pending was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending.
- <sup>c</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations/indictments.
- \*A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

*Jury trial<sup>a</sup>*  
 Civil ..... 2,611

**Tennessee Chancery Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**22 circuits, 31 judges<sup>a</sup>**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Contracts.....	X	3,491	3,162	X
Property rights:				
Land cases.....	X	1,653	1,642	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce.....	X	12,411	12,115	X
Petitions.....	X	2,563	2,451	X
Adoptions.....	X	1,520	1,478	X
Total.....	X	16,494	16,044	X
Probate:				
Conservatorship and probate.....	X	1,344	1,380	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation.....	X	1,924	1,928	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous.....	X	4,433	4,182	X
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>15,451<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>29,569</b>	<b>28,338</b>	<b>16,682</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>15,451</b>	<b>29,569</b>	<b>28,338</b>	<b>16,682</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

- <sup>a</sup>Five of the chancery judges are also circuit judges.
- <sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>c</sup>Beginning pending was computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending.

**Tennessee Law and Equity Courts<sup>a</sup>**  
**Courts of general jurisdiction**  
**5 courts, 5 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	X	322	362	X
Non-auto tort.....	X	231	218	X
Contracts.....	X	166	122	X
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Land cases.....	X	101	77	X
Condemnations.....	X	23	49	X
Total.....	X	124	126	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	X	2,143	1,955	X
Petitions.....	X	604	559	X
Adoptions.....	X	180	172	X
Total.....	X	2,927	2,696	X
<b>Probate:</b>				
Conservatorships and probate.....	X	151	111	X
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Workmen's compensation.....	X	218	204	X
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Miscellaneous.....	X	428	364	X
Total civil.....	2,740 <sup>e</sup>	4,566	4,203	3,103
Grand total.....	2,740 <sup>e</sup>	4,566	4,203	3,103

Jury trial<sup>b</sup>  
Civil<sup>d</sup>..... 105

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

- <sup>a</sup>Includes data on equity courts in Dyer and Gibson Counties.
- <sup>b</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>c</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
- <sup>d</sup>Includes jury trials only for cases handled by law courts; jury trials for equity courts are not included.
- <sup>e</sup>Beginning pending was computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1975 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Tennessee Probate Court**  
**2 courts, 2 judges and 1 county judge serve**  
**January 1 1975-December 31, 1975**

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

**Tennessee County Court**  
**81 counties, 81 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for probate or juvenile cases handled in the County Court.

**Tennessee Juvenile Court**  
**7 courts, 7 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

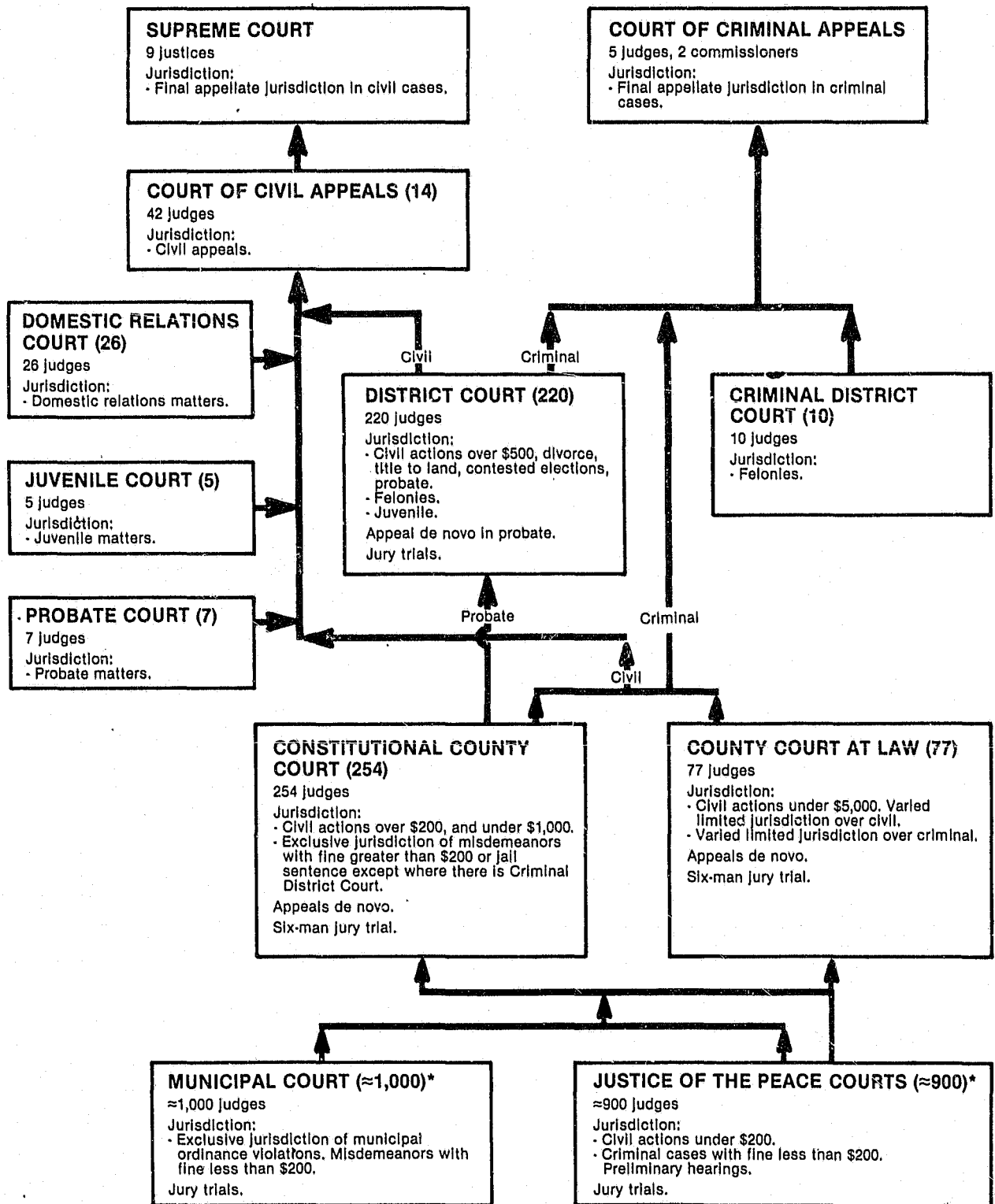
There were no data available for juvenile cases handled in the Juvenile Court.

**Tennessee General Sessions Court**  
**93 counties; 70 full-time and 44 part-time judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for juvenile or domestic relations cases handled by the General Sessions Court.



## Texas court system, 1975



\*Some Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts may appeal to the District Court.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Texas Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**9 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	25	104	103	26
Total appeals.....	25 <sup>b</sup>	104 <sup>b</sup>	103 <sup>b</sup>	26 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	0	9	9	0
Mandamus (civil) .....	0	91	89	2
Mandamus (criminal) .....	30	101	101	30
Total .....	30	201	199	32
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Writs of error.....	100	668	672	96
Total other cases.....	130	869	871	128
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	155	973	974	154
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests <sup>c</sup> .....	24 <sup>c</sup>	327 <sup>c</sup>	333 <sup>c</sup>	18 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Miscellaneous motions .....	0	37	37	0
Total other proceedings.....	154	1,233	1,241	146
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	136	<b>Disposition of appeals</b>		16
Per curiam .....	18	Affirmed .....	Reversed .....	27
		Reversed and re-	mandated .....	35
		Other .....		25

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Supreme Court is court of last resort for civil cases only.

<sup>c</sup>Rehearing requests include motions for rehearing of causes; motions for rehearing of applications for writs of error; and motions for rehearing of motions for leave to file petition.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 47th Annual Report 1975 (Austin, Texas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Texas Court of Criminal Appeals**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Criminal <sup>b</sup> .....	464	1,863	1,671	696
Reinstated criminal.....	--	40	--	--
Total appeals.....	464 <sup>b</sup>	1,903 <sup>b</sup>	1,671 <sup>b</sup>	696 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	27	839	839	27
Requests to appeal .....	27	839	839	27
Total other cases .....	54	1,678	1,678	54
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	491	2,742	2,510	723
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	0	283	283	0
Total other proceedings.....	0	283	283	0
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	591	<b>Disposition of appeals</b>		1,330
Per curiam .....	1,278	Affirmed .....	Reformed and af-	48
		firmated .....	Dismissed .....	88
		Reversed and re-	mandated .....	115
		Reversed and dis-	missed .....	69

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 -- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for criminal cases.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 47th Annual Report 1975 (Austin, Texas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Texas Court of Civil Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court<sup>b</sup>**  
**14 divisions, 42 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil <sup>b</sup> .....	674	1,764	1,608	847
Transfers in .....	--	271	--	--
Transfers out.....	--	--	271	--
Total appeals.....	674	1,764 <sup>c</sup>	1,608 <sup>c</sup>	847
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Requests to appeal .....				
Total other cases .....				
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	674 <sup>d</sup>	1,764 <sup>c</sup>	1,608 <sup>c</sup>	847 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Manner of disposition</b>				
Written opinion .....	1,420	<b>Disposition of appeals</b>		749
Per curiam .....	64	Affirmed .....	Reversed .....	352
		Modified and af-	firmated .....	47
		Partially affirmed .....	Dismissed .....	270
		Other .....		139

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.  
 -- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Court of Civil Appeals has civil jurisdiction only.

<sup>c</sup>Transfers in and out (cases to and from Texas Supreme Court) are not included in totals.

<sup>d</sup>Caseflow does not add up. Numbers are as provided by the state court administrator.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 47th Annual Report 1975 (Austin, Texas). Time-to-disposition-of-case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

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**Texas District Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**261 courts, 261 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>b</sup>	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
<b>Auto tort:</b>				
Personal Injury.....	23,554	17,302	14,664	26,192
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	67,482	115,286	110,492	72,276
Annulment.....	765	1,702	1,657	800
Non-adversary <sup>d</sup> .....	7,413	19,040	17,124	9,329
Total.....	75,650	136,028	129,273	82,405
<b>Administrative:</b>				
Workmen's compensation.....	4,376	6,306	4,606	6,076
Tax.....	51,307	20,652	16,433	55,526
Total.....	55,683	26,958	21,039	61,602
<b>Other civil.....</b>	<b>90,369</b>	<b>80,278</b>	<b>70,976</b>	<b>99,671</b>
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus.....	789	4,322	4,291	820
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>246,045</b>	<b>264,888</b>	<b>240,243</b>	<b>270,690</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal categories.....	57,673	66,487	66,707	57,453
<b>Misdemeanor.....</b>	<b>5,490</b>	<b>7,109</b>	<b>7,603</b>	<b>4,996</b>
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Contempt, extradition.....	351	994	879	468
Bond forfeitures.....	4,828	5,233	4,488	5,573
Total.....	5,179	6,227	5,367	6,039
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Post-conviction habeas corpus.....	378	879	783	494
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>68,720</b>	<b>80,702</b>	<b>80,440</b>	<b>68,982</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency.....</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>11,919</b>	<b>12,361</b>	<b>5,322</b>
<b>Total juvenile.....</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>11,919</b>	<b>12,361</b>	<b>5,322</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>320,529</b>	<b>357,509</b>	<b>333,044</b>	<b>344,994</b>

	Trial <sup>f</sup>			Total	Criminal dispositions	
	Jury	Non-jury	Directed verdict		Dismissal	Guilt plea
Civil.....	2,488	116,712	2,172	121,372	27,708	41,097
Criminal.....	3,579	41,531	41	45,151	43,752	824
Juvenile.....	218	5,964	116	6,296		
Total.....	6,283	164,207	2,329	172,829		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

- \*Includes data on District, Criminal District, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Courts.
- <sup>b</sup>Filings include new cases filed and other cases reaching docket.
- <sup>c</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>d</sup>Non-adversary includes adoptions, change of name, occupational drivers licenses, dependent and neglected children decisions, and removal of disability of minority.
- <sup>e</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.
- <sup>f</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence. Guilty pleas are counted as trials. Directed verdict cases are counted as jury trials on the charts in Part I.
- <sup>g</sup>Total convictions include felony convictions and lesser offense convictions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, *49th Annual Report 1975* (Austin, Texas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Texas County Courts\***  
**338 courts, 338 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

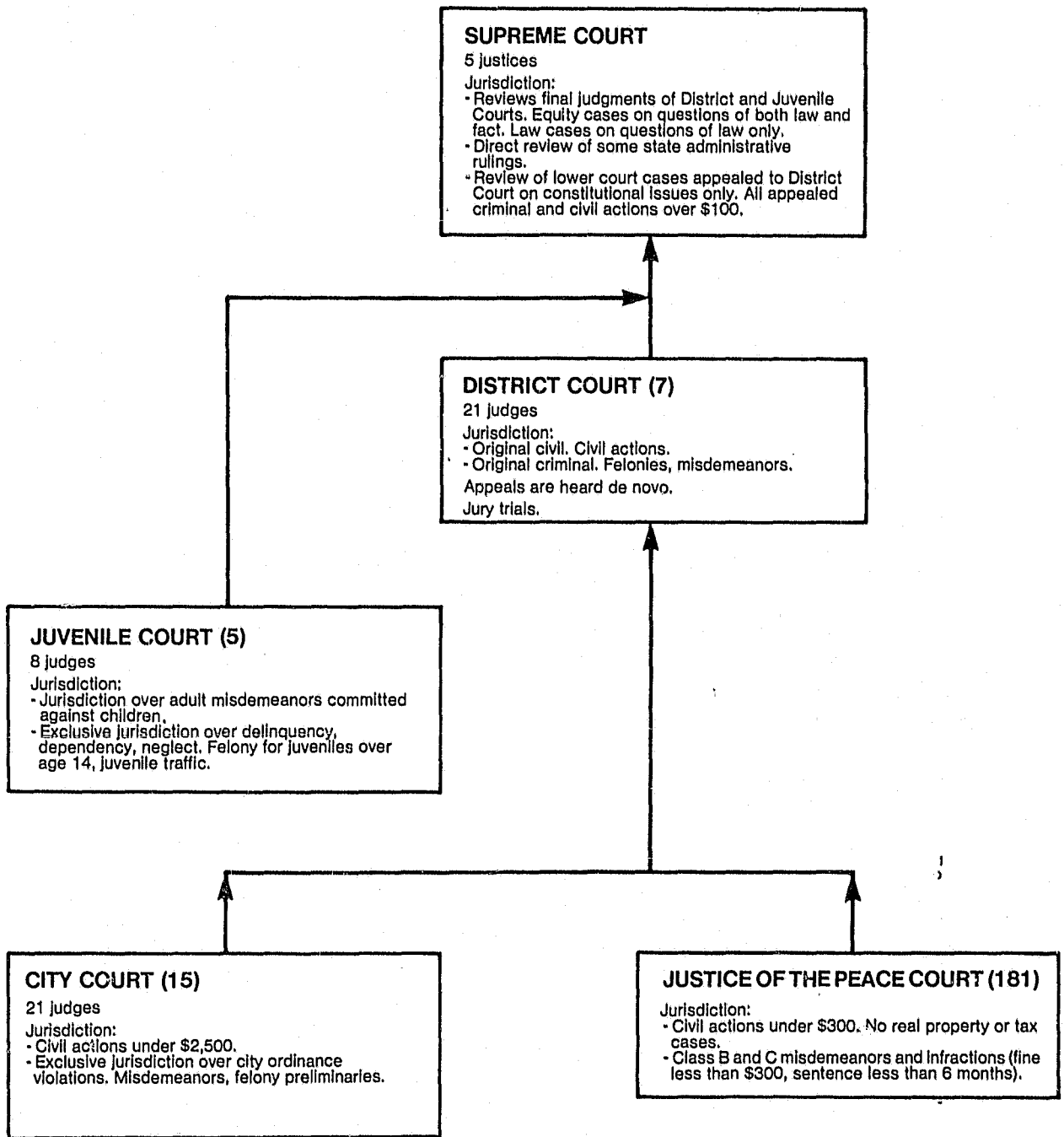
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Probate:</b>				
Total probate.....	N/A	47,021	N/A	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Delinquency.....	1,138	1,527	1,575	1,090
Total juvenile.....	1,138	1,527	1,575	1,090

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

\*Includes data from Constitutional County Courts, County Courts at Law, and Probate Courts. Bexar County data were not available.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, *49th Annual Report 1975* (Austin, Texas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Utah court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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**Utah Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	N/A	246	X	N/A
Criminal .....	N/A	128	X	N/A
Miscellaneous .....	N/A	88	X	N/A
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings....				
Requests to appeal .....				
<b>Total other cases.....</b>				
<b>Total cases*.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	N/A	223	223	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the court and unpublished data provided by the National Center for State Courts' Western Regional Office (from a study for the Utah Supreme Court).

<i>Manner of disposition</i>	
Written opinion.....	230
Dismissal/withdrawal.....	173

**Utah District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**7 districts, 21 judges**  
**July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civils:</b>				
<b>Unclassified tort:</b>				
Personal injury.....	X	797	X	X
<b>Property rights:</b>				
Eminent domain.....	X	111	X	X
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Divorce.....	X	8,370	X	X
Probate.....	939	3,145	2,556	1,528
Mental hearings.....	X	576	645	X
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Complaints <sup>b</sup> .....	X	12,512	X	X
Appeals.....	X	125	60	X
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Writs.....	X	393	X	X
<b>Total civils<sup>c</sup>.....</b>	<b>7,817</b>	<b>26,029</b>	<b>21,343</b>	<b>12,503</b>
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
<b>Other criminal:</b>				
Criminal categories <sup>e</sup> .....	X	2,127	2,190	X
Appeals.....	X	516	457	X
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2,643</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>7,898</b>	<b>28,672</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>12,580</b>

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<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.  
<sup>b</sup>Complaints include filings not set forth in other categories, for example, Uniform Enforcement of Support Act.  
<sup>c</sup>Dispositions and pending totals include those for all civil categories.  
<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations/indictments or complaints.  
<sup>e</sup>Includes felonies and misdemeanors in the criminal categories.  
 Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, *Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1974–June 1975* (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

	Trial		Total	Criminal dispositions	
	Jury	Non-jury		Dismissed .....	517
Civil .....	259	1,634	1,893	Pleas of guilty .....	1,324
Criminal .....	255	94	349		
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>2,242</b>		

## Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts

Utah Juvenile Court  
5 districts, 8 judges  
January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed <sup>a</sup>	Disposed <sup>b</sup>	End pending
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
<b>Delinquency:</b>				
Criminal .....	N/A	14,339	17,154	N/A
<b>Dependency:</b>				
Dependency, neglect.....	N/A	1,518	1,495	N/A
<b>Children in need of supervision:</b>				
Status .....	N/A	6,665	7,785	N/A
Traffic .....	N/A	12,776	14,297	N/A
<b>Total Juvenile .....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>34,698</b>	<b>40,731</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

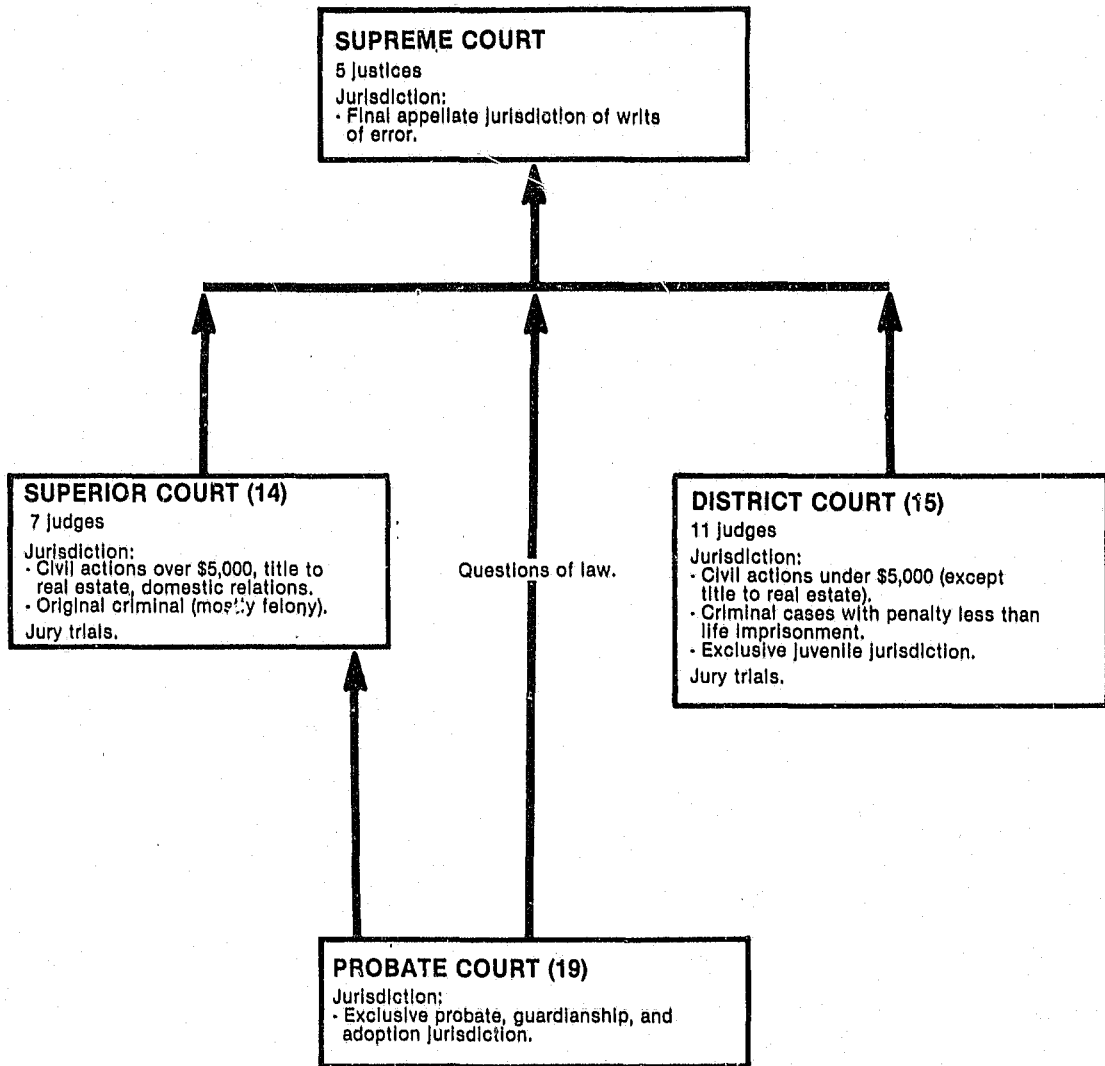
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

<sup>a</sup> Filings are the number of referrals.

<sup>b</sup> Dispositions include intake action dispositions and judicial action dispositions of the referrals.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, *Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1974-June 1975* (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Vermont court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Vermont Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	X	264	224	X
Criminal .....	X	68	64	X
Other appeals .....	X	N/A	5	X
Juvenile .....	X	10	8	X
Post conviction .....	X	5	5	X
Habeas corpus .....	X	4	1	X
<b>Total appeals .....</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	N/A	1	1	N/A
Extraordinary relief .....	N/A	2	3	N/A
Other .....	0	1	1	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Requests to appeal .....</b>				
<b>Total other cases .....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total cases* .....</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	2	20	19	3
<b>Total other proceedings .....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
 \*These figures include disposition of appeals and original proceedings by opinion only.

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals <sup>b</sup>
Written opinion .....	Affirmed .....
146	75
Per curiam .....	Reversed .....
11	50
By court order .....	Partially affirmed .....
48	6
Stipulation by parties .....	Dismissed .....
107	5
	Other .....
	6

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975* (Montpelier, Vermont). Source of cases and age of pending case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Vermont Superior Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**14 counties, 7 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Matrimonial .....	2,194	2,741	2,533	2,402
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil .....	3,819	3,175	3,113	3,881
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Miscellaneous <sup>b</sup> .....	512	341	357	496
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	4	18	17	5
<b>Total civil .....</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>6,784</b>
<b>Criminal<sup>a</sup>:</b>				
Felony .....	5	20	14	11
Misdemeanor .....	4	0	4	0
<b>Extraordinary writs:</b>				
Postconviction remedies .....	11	24	27	8
<b>Total criminal .....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Grand total .....</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>6,803</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>a</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil <sup>a</sup> .....	93	1,018	1,111	Nolle prosequere .....
Criminal .....	3	1	4	Guilty plea .....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>2</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes both civil and criminal appeals as well as habeas corpus and post-conviction remedies under civil appeals.

<sup>a</sup>The criminal filing instrument is the information/indictment.  
<sup>c</sup>Civil trials include only trials for regular civil cases. Does not include trials for matrimonial cases.

<sup>a</sup>A jury trial is counted if it is tried to verdict; a non-jury if it is tried to completion.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975* (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.



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**Vermont District Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**15 circuits, 11 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Small claims.....	9,303	11,276	11,323	9,256
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
URESAs cases.....	1,360	643	442	1,561
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Mentally ill commitments.....	8	297	286	19
<b>Other civil:</b>				
Civil.....	4,920	3,257	3,800	4,377
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>15,591</b>	<b>15,473</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>15,213</b>
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Felony.....	890	2,361	2,247	1,004
Misdemeanor.....	3,099	14,549	14,105	3,543
Traffic.....	2,043	45,091	44,738	2,396
<b>Total criminal.....</b>	<b>6,032</b>	<b>62,001</b>	<b>61,090</b>	<b>6,943</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	267	968	980	255
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>21,890</b>	<b>78,442</b>	<b>77,921</b>	<b>22,411</b>

	Jury	Trial <sup>1</sup> Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Civil <sup>2</sup> .....	3	492	495	Nolle prosequere ..... 3,697
Criminal.....	166	457	623	GUILTY PLEA ..... 53,301
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>1,118</b>	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>1</sup>A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.  
<sup>2</sup>The criminal filing instrument is the information/ indictment or complaint.  
<sup>3</sup>Civil trials include only trials for regular civil cases (other civil).  
<sup>4</sup>A jury trial is counted if it is tried to verdict; a non-jury if it is tried to completion.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975* (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**Vermont Probate court**  
**19 districts**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

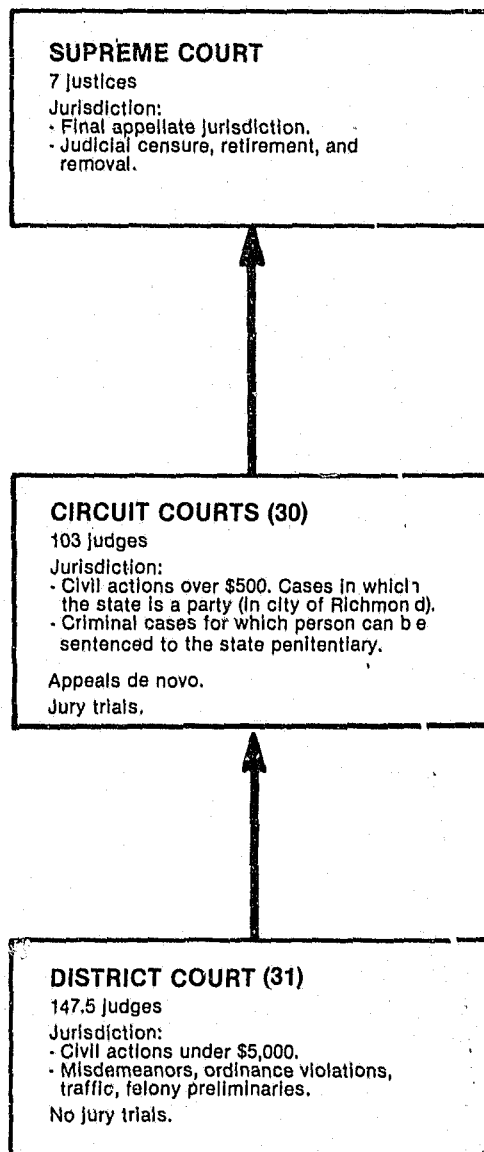
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Domestic relations:</b>				
Adoptions.....	118	641	627	132
Change of name.....	10	132	130	12
Vital records.....	49	476	430	95
Pre-marriage matters.....	0	669	669	0
<b>Total domestic relations.....</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Probate:</b>				
Decedent estates and testamentary trusts.....	4,013 <sup>a</sup>	2,117	1,870	4,382 <sup>a</sup>
Gifts to minors.....	2	1	1	2
Guardianships.....	2,571 <sup>a</sup>	697	400	2,998 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total probate.....</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>7,382</b>
<b>Mental health:</b>				
Alcohol and drug commitments.....	0	3	3	0
<b>Total mental health.....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

<sup>a</sup>Change in pending does not equal difference in filings and dispositions because pending figures do not include cases commenced prior to January 1, 1970, for these two categories. Numbers are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975* (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Virginia court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Virginia Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Petitions to appeal:				
Granted:				
Civil.....	X	138	--	X
Criminal.....	X	53	--	X
Habeas corpus.....	X	3	--	X
Cases decided:				
By opinion.....	--	--	171	--
By order.....	--	--	50	--
Granted petitions left to be argued.....	X	--	--	124
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>151<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>194<sup>bd</sup></b>	<b>221</b>	<b>124<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Writs acted on:				
Habeas corpus.....	--	--	94	--
Mandamus.....	--	--	35	--
Prohibition.....	--	--	3	--
Writs not acted on.....	X	--	--	34
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
Petitions to appeal and/or original jurisdiction:				
Filed.....	--	1,526	--	--
Grants (moved to appeals).....	--	(-194) <sup>d</sup>	--	--
Withdrawn.....	--	--	21	--
Refused (civil).....	--	--	310	--
Refused (criminal).....	--	--	723	--
Refused (habeas corpus).....	--	--	52	--
Not acted on.....	X	--	--	240
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Total other cases.....</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,332<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup>.....</b>	<b>331<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>1,526<sup>bd</sup></b>	<b>1,459<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>398<sup>bc</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
<b>Rehearing requests.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion.....	171
By order.....	54
Withdrawn.....	21

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed.....	73
Reversed.....	98
Petition refused.....	1,085
Withdrawn.....	21
Other.....	54

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.  
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.  
 -- = Not applicable.

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>All numbers except rehearing requests are filed, disposed of, and pending petitions for appeal or original jurisdiction.  
<sup>c</sup>Appeals and other cases pending at the start of the year were computed based on filings, dispositions, and year-end pendings in these categories.  
<sup>d</sup>194 requests to appeal that were granted were deducted by the NCSP staff from the total petitions filed (to avoid double counting) and were listed as appeals filed.  
<sup>e</sup>At the end of 1975, there were 124 petitions to appeal that had been granted but not decided by the court.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, *State of the Judiciary Report 1975* (Richmond, Virginia). Also telephone contact with the clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Virginia Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**30 circuits, 103 Judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending <sup>a</sup>	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil<sup>b</sup>:</b>				
Law.....	27,996	26,170	23,830	30,336
Equity.....	<u>51,062</u>	<u>36,768</u>	<u>35,733</u>	<u>52,097</u>
Total civil <sup>c</sup> .....	79,058	62,938	59,563	82,433
<b>Criminal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Felony.....	6,494	22,427	21,960	6,961
Misdemeanor.....	<u>4,926</u>	<u>19,217</u>	<u>19,670</u>	<u>4,473</u>
Total criminal <sup>e</sup> .....	11,420	41,644	41,630	11,434
Grand total.....	90,478	104,582	101,193	93,867

	Trial <sup>f</sup>		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil <sup>g</sup> .....	1,988 <sup>h</sup>	N/A	N/A
Criminal.....	2,728	37,869	40,597
Total.....	4,716	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

<sup>a</sup>Beginning of the year pending was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending.

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

<sup>c</sup>Appeal cases are imbedded in the other case categories.

<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of defendants on each indictment.

<sup>e</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

<sup>f</sup>Civil jury trials include only jury trials on law cases; do not include jury trials for equity cases.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, *State of the Judiciary Report 1975* (Richmond, Virginia). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

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**Washington Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**9 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	125	130	135	120
Criminal .....	28	25	25	28
Total appeals .....	153	155	160	148
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	12	21	27	6
Disciplinary .....	4	4	4	4
Writs of review .....	23	89	88	24
Total .....	39	114	119	34
<b>Requests to appeal:</b>				
<b>Petitions for review:</b>				
Civil .....	28	127	123	32
Criminal .....	13	108	98	23
Total .....	41	235	221	55
Total other cases .....	80	349	340	89
Total cases* .....	233	504	500	237

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	161
Writ denied .....	251
Transfer .....	48
Dismissed .....	40

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, *19th Annual Report 1975*, revised (Olympia, Washington). Time-to-disposition-of-case data are also available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Washington Court of Appeals**  
**Intermediate appellate court**  
**3 divisions, 12 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	920	974	777	1,117
Criminal .....	449	493	342	600
Total appeals .....	1,369	1,467	1,119	1,717
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>Original proceedings:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	6	21	22	5
Writ of review .....	47	167	158	56
C & R 7.7 cases .....	7	164	140	31
Total .....	60	352	320	92
<b>Requests to appeal</b>				
Total other cases .....	60	352	320	92
Total cases* .....	1,429	1,819	1,439	1,809

*Manner of disposition*

Written opinion .....	605
Transfer .....	145
By order .....	689

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\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, *19th Annual Report 1975*, revised (Olympia, Washington). Time-to-disposition-of-case data are also available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

230 State Court Profiles

Washington Superior Court  
 Court of general jurisdiction  
 28 courts, 100 judges  
 January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Auto tort .....	N/A	3,465	X	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
Personal tort .....	N/A	3,281	X	N/A
Contract:				
Commercial .....	N/A	17,799	X	N/A
Property rights:				
Property rights .....	N/A	3,467	X	N/A
Condemnations .....	N/A	107	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	3,574	X	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Dissolutions .....	N/A	31,751	X	N/A
Other domestic relations .....	N/A	5,892	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	37,643	X	N/A
Probate .....	N/A	15,671	12,152	N/A
Mental health .....	N/A	2,472	N/A	N/A
Other civil .....	N/A	5,337	X	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	502	X	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs and injunctions .....	N/A	919	X	N/A
Total civil .....	N/A	90,663	76,829 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
Other criminal:				
Crime against person <sup>d</sup> .....	N/A	2,195	X	N/A
Crime against property <sup>e</sup> .....	N/A	4,901	X	N/A
Liquor/narcotics .....	N/A	2,235	X	N/A
Other criminal .....	N/A	1,672	X	N/A
Total .....	N/A	11,003	X	N/A
Appeals .....	N/A	3,045	X	N/A
Total criminal .....	N/A	14,048	14,284	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile .....	N/A	11,929	N/A	N/A
Grand total .....	N/A	116,640	91,113 <sup>f</sup>	N/A

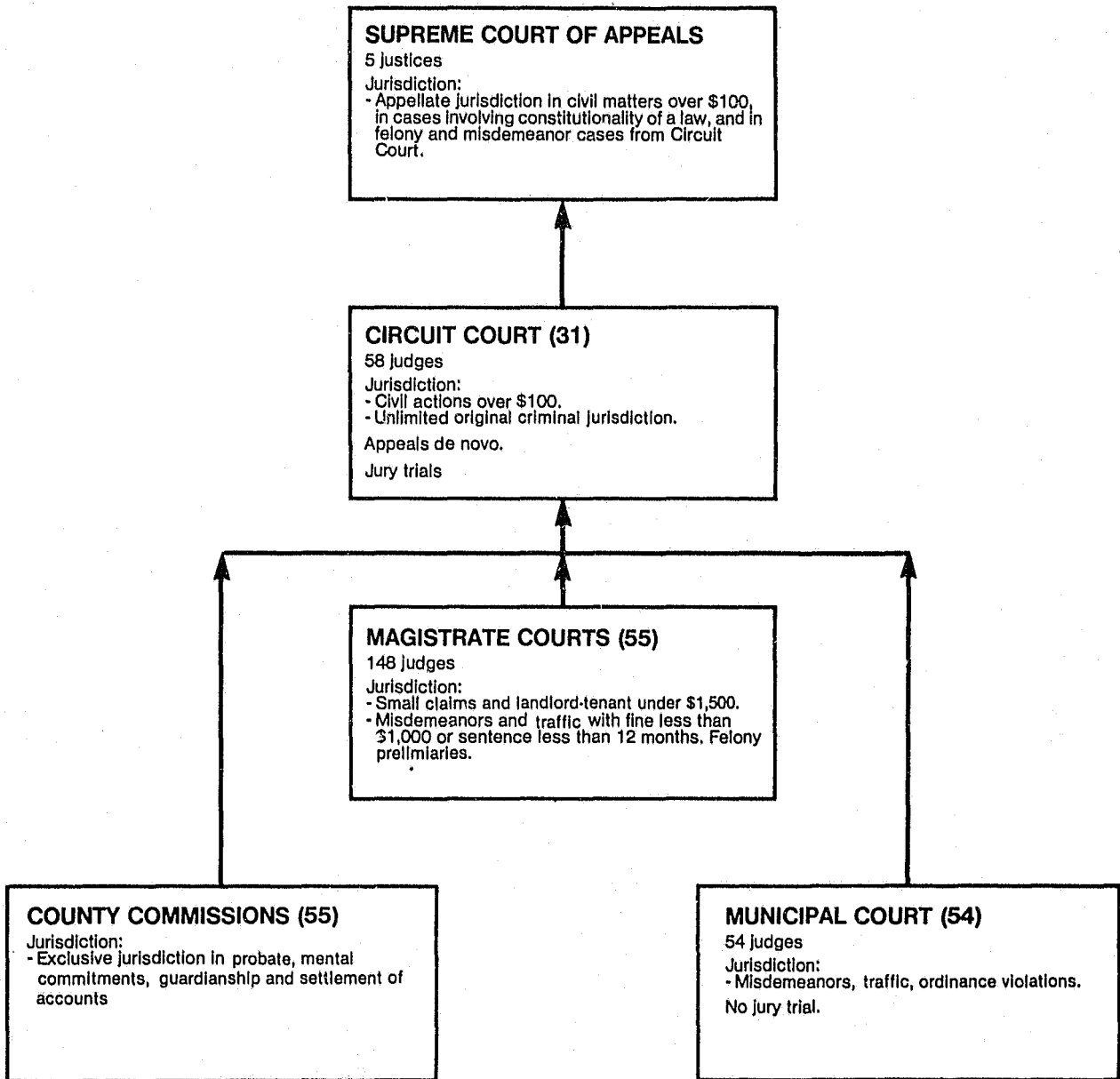
	Jury	Trials <sup>g</sup> Non-jury	Total
Civil .....	1,124	6,309	7,433
Criminal .....	1,523	773	2,296
Total .....	2,647	7,082	9,729

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

- <sup>a</sup>Civil cases are counted with the filing of a complaint or petition.
- <sup>b</sup>Total civil dispositions do not include mental health dispositions.
- <sup>c</sup>The unit of count in criminal cases is the number of defendants on each information/indictment.
- <sup>d</sup>Includes homicide, assault, sex offenses, and robbery as crimes against person.
- <sup>e</sup>Includes burglary, larceny, and forgery as crimes against property.
- <sup>f</sup>Total dispositions do not include mental health and juvenile dispositions.
- <sup>g</sup>Jury trials are counted when the jury is sworn; non-jury trials when the first witness is sworn.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 19th Annual Report 1975 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# West Virginia court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.



232 State Court Profiles

**West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals<sup>a</sup>:</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total appeals .....	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
<b>(Original proceedings<sup>c</sup>:</b>				
Habeas corpus .....	6	347	337	10
Mandamus .....	1	27	27	N/A
Prohibition .....	N/A	29	29	N/A
Disciplinary .....	N/A	1	1	N/A
Other .....	N/A	23	23	N/A
Total .....	7	427	417	10
<b>Requests to appeal<sup>d</sup>:</b>				
Petitions for appeal:				
Civil .....	3	132	117	15
Criminal .....	4	87	81	6
Other appeals .....	0	74	72	2
Total .....	7 <sup>b</sup>	293 <sup>b</sup>	270 <sup>b</sup>	23 <sup>b</sup>
Total other cases .....	14	720 <sup>b</sup>	687 <sup>b</sup>	33 <sup>b</sup>
Total cases <sup>a</sup> .....	14 <sup>a</sup>	720	687	33 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	1	10	8	2
Total other proceedings .....	1	10	8	2

*Manner of disposition (matured cases)<sup>d</sup>*

Written opinion .....	95
Dismissal .....	6
Other .....	13
Undecided .....	5

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

<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>West Virginia does not have an automatic appeal in either civil or criminal cases. Case accounting provided by the court consists of accounting for petitions for appeal filed and acted on. Data are not maintained regarding appeals as a separate category.

<sup>c</sup>Original proceedings cases are also heard on a discretionary basis.

<sup>d</sup>Matured cases are cases set on the argument docket and disposed of during 1975. These cases include requests to appeal granted (but not acted on) prior to 1975, original proceedings in which a ruling was made returnable in 1975, and a few requests to appeal which were both granted and acted on during 1975.

<sup>e</sup>Pending at end of year do not add up. Numbers are as provided by the court.

Source: Clerk's unpublished review of Blotter, Order Books, and Dockets. Source-of-cases, time-to-disposition, and age-of-pending-cases data are available.

**West Virginia Circuit Court**  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**31 circuits, 58 judges**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

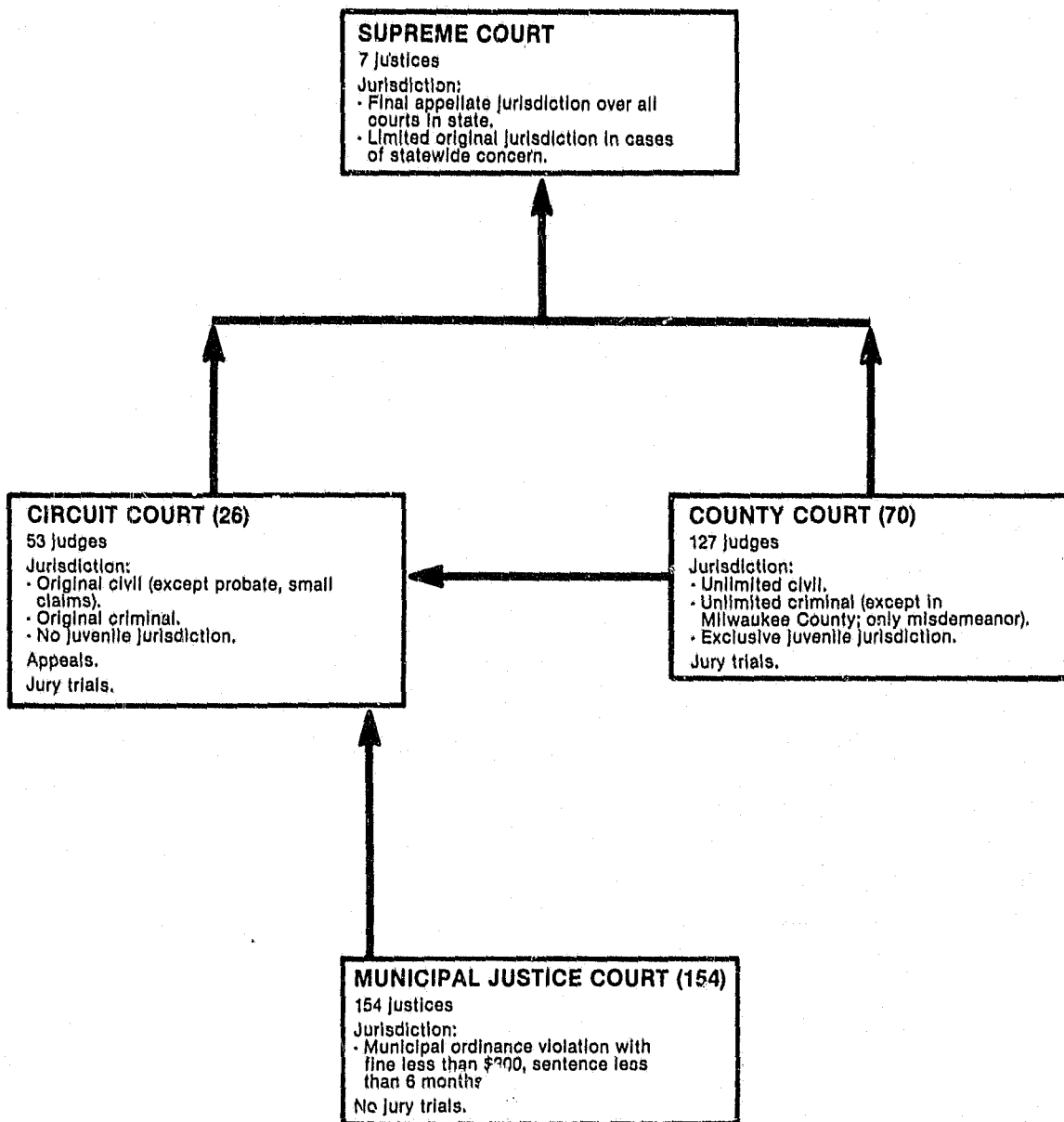
There were no data available for the Circuit Court for 1975. Data were collected for 1976 and will be used in *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976*.

**Selected case categories—limited jurisdiction courts**

**West Virginia County Commissions**  
**55 commissions**  
**January 1, 1975–December 31, 1975**

There were no data available for probate or mental health cases handled by the County Commissions.

# Wisconsin court system, 1975



▲ Indicates route of appeal.

**Wisconsin Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**7 Justices**  
**August 13, 1974–August 11, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
Civil .....	316	485	467	335
State <sup>b</sup> .....	88 <sup>b</sup>	171 <sup>b</sup>	182	85
No-merit cases .....	N/A	62	82	N/A
<b>Total appeals</b> .....	<b>382<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>718<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>711</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings .....	N/A	48	48	N/A
Requests to appeal .....	N/A <sup>b</sup>	78	78	N/A
Petitions for post-conviction writs .....	N/A <sup>b</sup>	122 <sup>bc</sup>	122	N/A
<b>Total other cases</b> .....	<b>N/A<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>122<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>122</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total cases<sup>a</sup></b> .....	<b>382<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>840<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>833<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>390<sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests .....	N/A	48	48	N/A
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Motions .....	N/A	185	185	N/A
Foreign bar admissions .....	N/A	27	27	N/A
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total other proceedings</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*Manner of disposition*

Published written opinion .....	301
Published per curiam .....	17
Unpublished per curiam .....	185
Terminated without opinion .....	177

*Disposition of appeals*

Affirmed .....	318
Reversed .....	85
Dismissed .....	172
Affirmed/reversed ..	33
Affirmed/dismisled ..	2
Affirmed/vacated ..	7
Affirmed/modified ..	18
Vacated .....	7
Other .....	15

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<sup>a</sup>These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>State cases docketed (beginning pending plus filed) include 218 criminal cases, 8 disciplinary cases, and 11 original action cases.  
<sup>c</sup>Filings are counted for the period March 1–February 28. The new filings for the 1974 term cover the period March 1, 1974–February 28, 1975. Cases filed after February 28, 1975, are placed on the calendar for the 1975 term.  
<sup>d</sup>The state's annual report indicates that the total of terminated cases and cases carried over to the 1975 term does not equal the total number of cases docketed for the 1974 term because one case, dismissed during the 1974 term, but later reinstated, was counted twice—once in the termination column and once in the carry-over column.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1975* (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Wisconsin Circuit Court and County Court  
Courts of general jurisdiction  
26 circuits, 53 judges; 70 counties, 127 judges  
January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Net transferred	Disposed	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>					
<b>Law:</b>					
Money judgment:					
Circuit Court.....	X	6,722	X	6,824	X
County Court.....	X	18,181	X	18,708	X
Total.....	16,329	24,873	+ 1,763	25,532	16,433
Unclassified tort:					
Personal injury:					
Circuit Court.....	X	4,484	X	4,310	X
County Court.....	X	1,312	X	1,350	X
Total.....	7,825	5,806	+ 31	5,660	8,102
Property damage:					
Circuit Court.....	X	650	X	448	X
County Court.....	X	509	X	526	X
Total.....	1,491	1,159	-16	974	1,681
Total.....	9,416	6,965	+ 16	6,634	9,763
Small claims:					
Circuit Court.....	X	9	X	191	X
County Court.....	X	99,891	X	103,335	X
Total.....	14,330	99,900	+ 1,187	103,526	11,591
Domestic relations:					
Divorce:					
Circuit Court.....	X	6,639	X	7,002	X
County Court.....	X	12,272	X	11,831	X
Total.....	18,869	18,911	+ 613	18,833	19,760
Legal separation:					
Circuit Court.....	X	201	X	134	X
County Court.....	X	322	X	310	X
Total.....	861	523	-22	444	938
Annulment:					
Circuit Court.....	X	118	X	63	X
County Court.....	X	241	X	285	X
Total.....	287	359	+ 17	353	310
Reciprocal support:					
Circuit Court.....	X	1,686	X	243	X
County Court.....	X	1,645	X	2,037	X
Total.....	2,630	2,731	-71	2,280	2,410
Paternity:					
Circuit Court.....	X	40	X	51	X
County Court.....	X	2,887	X	2,302	X
Total.....	1,835	2,927	-190	2,353	2,219
Petition to remarry:					
Circuit Court.....	X	736	X	122	X
County Court.....	X	1,472	X	2,058	X
Total.....	238	2,208	-63	2,180	201
Other family:					
Circuit Court.....	X	81	X	51	X
County Court.....	X	585	X	483	X
Total.....	385	666	-29	634	488
Adoption <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,401	N/A
Public assistance <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	868	N/A
Total.....	24,523 <sup>d</sup>	28,925 <sup>d</sup>	+ 255 <sup>d</sup>	30,046	26,328 <sup>e</sup>
Probate:					
Estate <sup>a</sup> .....	17,792	13,548	0	14,198	17,144
Guardianship <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,448	N/A
Trust <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	782	N/A
Other probate <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,722	N/A
Total.....	17,792 <sup>d</sup>	13,548 <sup>d</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>	45,148	17,144 <sup>d</sup>
Mental health:					
Commitments <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,040	N/A
Other civil:					
Circuit Court.....	X	4,688	X	4,485	X
County Court.....	X	9,951	X	10,179	X
Total.....	9,017	14,639	+ 226	14,664	9,217
Appeals:					
Circuit Court.....	X	769	X	547	X
County Court.....	X	13	X	6	X
Total.....	516	782	+ 66	553	580
<b>Total civil.....</b>	<b>60,923<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>189,732<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>+ 3,511<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>229,143</b>	<b>91,154<sup>d</sup></b>

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Wisconsin Circuit Court and County Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed	Net <sup>a</sup> transferred	Disposed	End pending
<b>Criminal:</b>					
<b>Felony:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	X	5,133	X	5,516	X
County Court.....	X	7,127	X	6,314	X
Total.....	3,749	12,260	-395	11,830	5,764
<b>Misdemeanor:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	X	132	X	350	X
County Court.....	X	42,728	X	43,789	X
Total.....	14,473	42,860	-128	44,149	13,058
<b>Traffic:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	X	209	X	997	X
County court.....	X	350,079	X	354,764	X
Total.....	37,532	380,288	+464	355,761	32,523
<b>Other criminal:</b>					
<b>Forfeitures:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	X	17	X	42	X
County Court.....	X	15,602	X	15,659	X
Total.....	1,416	15,919	-9	15,701	1,625
<b>Special proceeding:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	X	62	X	68	X
County Court.....	X	435	X	465	X
Total.....	239	487	+103	533	296
Total.....	1,855	16,406	+94	16,234	1,921
Total criminal.....	59,409	421,814	+37	427,974	53,286
<b>Juvenile:</b>					
Total Juvenile <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,760 <sup>f</sup>	N/A
Grand total.....	150,332 <sup>d</sup>	610,546 <sup>d</sup>	+3,546 <sup>d</sup>	672,877	144,440 <sup>d</sup>

	Jury	Trial <sup>h</sup>		Total	Criminal dispositions
		Non-jury	Total		
<b>Civil:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	646	9,751	10,397	Dismissed:	
County Court.....	300	54,455	54,755	Circuit.....	1,649
Total.....	946	64,206	65,152	County.....	40,004
<b>Criminal:</b>					
Circuit Court.....	414	1,424	1,838	Total.....	41,653
County Court.....	853	40,167	41,020	GUILTY PLEA:	
Total.....	1,267	41,591	42,858	Circuit.....	2,891
<b>Total.....</b>					
	2,213	105,797	108,010	County.....	136,170
				Total.....	139,061
<b>Acquittal:</b>					
				Circuit.....	171
				County.....	2,803
				Total.....	2,974
<b>Trial conviction:</b>					
				Circuit.....	1,667
				County.....	38,217
				Total.....	39,884

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<sup>a</sup>For the purposes of the tables in Part I of this annual report, the number of net transferred cases was counted as filings for positive values and as dispositions for negative values.

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

<sup>c</sup>These categories are handled in the County Court.

<sup>d</sup>Data for all categories were not available for inclusion in the total.

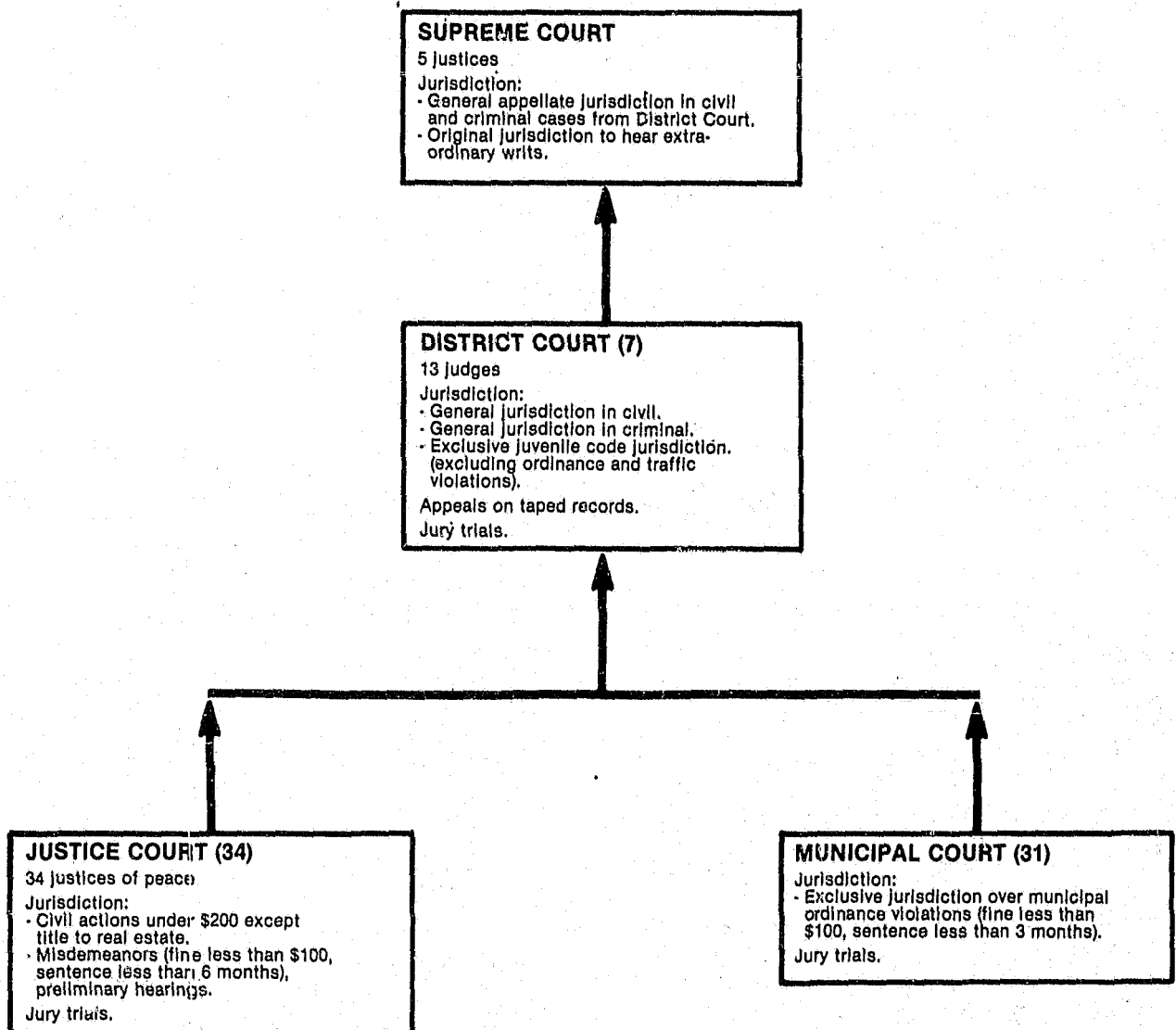
<sup>e</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations/indictments.

<sup>f</sup>Juvenile dispositions are the number of formal petitions disposed.

<sup>g</sup>A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn; a non-jury trial when there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1975* (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

# Wyoming court system, 1975



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

**Wyoming Supreme Court**  
**Court of last resort**  
**5 Justices**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
<b>Cases:</b>				
<b>Appeals:</b>				
<b>Civil:</b>	60	NC	84	65
School districts.....	X	2	X	X
Counties.....	X	3	X	X
Municipality.....	X	2	X	X
State agency.....	X	2	X	X
Probate.....	X	5	X	X
Workmen's compensation.....	X	3	X	X
Justice of peace courts.....	X	1	X	X
Parental rights.....	X	2	X	X
Divorce.....	X	4	X	X
Reserved questions.....	X	6	X	X
Other civil.....	X	65	X	X
<b>Criminal:</b>	23	28	25	24
Post conviction.....	1	0	1	0
<b>Total appeals.....</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Other cases:</b>				
Original proceedings.....	3	8	8	0 <sup>b</sup>
Requests to appeal.....				
<b>Total other cases.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Total cases*.....</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>118<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>95<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Other proceedings:</b>				
Rehearing requests.....	2	20	22	0
<b>Other matters:</b>				
Journal orders (Procedural matters).....	N/A	270	270	N/A
<b>Total other proceedings.....</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>300<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>0</b>

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 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.  
 NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate.  
 X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total. Data were not available by category for this case type.

\*These case totals are the figures brought forward for inclusion in Part I tables.  
<sup>b</sup>Caseflow does not add up because one original proceedings order disposed of four cases. Numbers are as reported by the state.

Source: Office of the Court Coordinator for the Supreme Court of Wyoming and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, "1975 Supreme Court Appellate Statistics" (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished source except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator or the clerk of the appeals court.

**Wyoming District Court\***  
**Court of general jurisdiction**  
**7 districts, 13 judges**  
**January 1, 1975-December 31, 1975**

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed <sup>b</sup>	End pending
<b>Civil:</b>				
Total civil <sup>a</sup> .....	N/A	7,987	7,332	N/A
<b>Criminal:</b>				
<b>Felony:</b>				
Criminal.....	N/A	1,629	1,357	N/A
Total criminal.....	N/A	1,629	1,357	N/A
<b>Juvenile:</b>				
Total juvenile.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>9,616</b>	<b>8,689</b>	<b>N/A</b>

	Trials <sup>a</sup>		Total	Criminal dispositions <sup>b</sup>	
	Jury	Non-jury		Dismissed	Guilty plea
Civil.....	26	1,686	1,692	423	
Criminal.....	69	267	336	548	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>2,028</b>		

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

<sup>a</sup>Data were not available for juvenile, guardianship, adoption, workmen's compensation, or probate cases.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only dispositions of cases which were filed in 1974 and 1975.

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

<sup>d</sup>The criminal unit of count is the number of informations. Approximately 30 to 35 cases filed in 1973 were disposed in 1975. Breakdowns were not available for these cases.

<sup>e</sup>There was no consistent definition used for jury trial or non-jury trial.

Source: Office of the Court Coordinator, "District Court Caseload" (unpublished). Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed, where necessary, and additional data have sometimes been supplied during verification by the state court administrator.

## Appendices



## Appendix A

### Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Alabama	<i>1975 Annual Report</i> (Department of Court Management, State Court Administrator's Office)	<i>1975 Annual Report</i>	<i>1975 Annual Report</i>	Not available	1971	1972-73
Alaska	<i>Alaska Court System, 1975 Annual Report</i> (Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished material		1975, 1976 <i>Annual Reports</i>	1975, 1976 <i>Annual Reports</i>	1959	1960
Arizona	Appeals in the State of Arizona 1973-1976 (unpublished, Acting Administrative Director of the Courts)	Appeals in the State of Arizona 1973-76 (unpublished)	Statistical Reports 1975, 1976, for 14 Superior Courts; All Counties year-end reports 1975, 1976 (unpublished), Acting Administrative Director of the Courts	Statistical Reports and All Counties Reports 1975, 1976 (unpublished)	1960	
Arkansas	<i>Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics</i> (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, who is also the SCA)	-----	<i>Eleventh Annual Report, 1975 Judicial Statistics</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1965	1965-66 <sup>d</sup>
California	<i>1976 Annual Report of Judicial Council and State Court Administrator</i> (Administrative Office of the California Courts)	<i>1976 Annual Report</i> and unpublished data	<i>1976 Annual Report</i> and unpublished data	<i>1976 Annual Report</i> and unpublished data	1960	1960-61

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Colorado	<i>Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1974-75, 1975-76</i> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1974-75</i>	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1974-75 and Denver Probate Court Annual Report</i>	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1974-75</i>	1959	1961
Connecticut	<i>Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium</i> (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	-----	<i>Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium</i> and unpublished data	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1965	1965-66
Delaware	<i>1975, 1976 Report of the Delaware Judiciary</i> (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	<i>1975, 1976 Report of the Delaware Judiciary</i>	Not available	1971	1972
District of Columbia	<i>1976 Annual Report</i> (Joint Committee and Executive Officer)	-----	<i>1976 Annual Report</i>	<i>1976 Annual Juvenile Statistical Report</i>	1971	1972
Florida	<i>Judicial System Statistical Report 1975</i> (State Court Administrator)	<i>Judicial System Statistical Report 1975</i>	<i>Judicial System Statistical Report 1975</i> and unpublished data	<i>Judicial System Statistical Report 1975</i> and unpublished data	1972	1973
Georgia	Caseload Data for Fiscal Year 1975-76 (unpublished, Clerk, Supreme Court)	Not available	Not available	Not available	1973	1973-74 <sup>e</sup>
Hawaii	<i>State of Hawaii Annual Report 1974-75</i> (Administrative Director)	-----	<i>State of Hawaii Annual Report 1974-75</i> and telephone call	<i>State of Hawaii Annual Report 1974-75</i>	1959	1960
Idaho	<i>Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report, Statistical Appendix</i> (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	<i>Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report</i>	<i>Idaho Courts 1975 Annual Report</i>	1967	1968
Illinois	Unpublished data provided by the Clerk of Supreme Court	<i>1975 Annual Report to the Supreme Court of Illinois</i> (Administrative Office)	<i>1975 Annual Report to the Supreme Court of Illinois</i>	<i>1975 Annual Report to the Supreme Court of Illinois</i>	1959	1960

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Indiana	Not available	Indiana Court of Appeals 1975-76 Statistics (unpublished, Administrator's Office)	Not available	Not available	1968	
Iowa	1975 Report Relating to the Courts of the State of Iowa (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	-----	1975 Report Relating to the Courts of the State of Iowa	1975 Report Relating to the Courts of the State of Iowa	1971	1972
Kansas	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975 (Judicial Council) and telephone call	-----	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975; Statistical Report on the District Courts 1975 (Office of Judicial Administrator)	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1965	1966
Kentucky	Annual Report for 1975 to the Judicial Conference (Judicial Council, of which the SCA is Secretary)	-----	Annual Report for 1975 to the Judicial Conference and unpublished data	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1954 <sup>d</sup>	1976 <sup>e</sup>
Louisiana	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data (Judicial Administrator, who is the SCA) and unpublished data from Clerk of Supreme Court	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1975 Statistics-Related Data	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1954	1955 <sup>d</sup>
Maine	Unpublished data and Annual Report August 1975-December 1976 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	Annual Report August 1975-December 1976	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1975	1977 <sup>e</sup>
Maryland	Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76	Annual Report 1974-75	Annual Report 1974-75	1955	1955-56
Massachusetts	19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75 (Executive Secretary) and telephone call	19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75 and telephone call	19th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1974-75	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1956	1957

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Michigan	Unpublished data from Clerk of Supreme Court	<i>Annual Report 1974-75</i>	<i>Annual Report 1974-75</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1952	1955
Minnesota	<i>12th Annual Report 1975</i> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	-----	<i>12th Annual Report 1975</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1963	1964
Mississippi	<i>10th and 11th Annual Statistical Report 1975, 1976</i> (Executive Assistant, Supreme Court)	-----	<i>Mississippi Courts Master Plan, 1976</i> Resources Planning Corporation	Not available	1974 <sup>d</sup>	1964 <sup>e</sup> (10th annual)
Missouri	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1975</i> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1975</i>	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1975</i>	<i>Annual Statistical Report 1975</i>	1970	1971 <sup>e</sup>
Montana	"1976—1st Annual Report" in <i>The State of the Judiciary, 1977</i> (Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court)	-----	Not available	Not available	1975	1976 <sup>e</sup>
Nebraska	<i>The Courts of Nebraska 1974-75</i> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	-----	<i>The Courts of Nebraska 1974-75</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1972	1974-75 <sup>e</sup>
Nevada	"State of the Judiciary 1975-76" (Chief Justice, Supreme Court) and unpublished data from Clerk	-----	Not available	Not available	1971 (vacant 1973-1977)	
New Hampshire	<i>The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire</i> (Chairman)	-----	<i>The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1977	
New Jersey	<i>Annual Report 1974-75</i> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<i>Annual Report 1974-75</i>	<i>Annual Report 1974-75</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1948	1948-49
New Mexico	<i>Annual Report 1975</i> (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	<i>Annual Report 1975 and 1975 annual report from Clerk</i>	<i>Annual Report 1975</i>	<i>Annual Report 1975</i>	1959	1960

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
New York	<i>21st Annual Report 1975</i> (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, of which the Court Administrator is Secretary) and unpublished data from Clerk of Court of Appeals	<i>21st Annual Report 1975</i> and unpublished data from Office of Court Administration	<i>21st Annual Report 1975</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1955	1955 <sup>d</sup>
North Carolina	Supreme Court Data 1975 (unpublished, from Clerk of Supreme Court)	<i>Annual Report 1975</i> (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data from Clerk of Appeals Court	<i>Annual Report 1975</i>	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1954 <sup>e</sup>	1956
North Dakota	<i>Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report, January-June 1975, July-December 1975</i> (North Dakota Judicial Council, of which the SCA is Executive Secretary) and unpublished data from Clerk	-----	<i>Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report</i>	<i>Judicial Council Statistical Compilation and Report</i>	1971	1971 <sup>f</sup>
Ohio	<i>Ohio Courts Summary 1975</i> (Office of the Administrative Director)	<i>Ohio Courts Summary 1975</i>	<i>Ohio Courts Summary 1975</i>	<i>Ohio Courts Summary 1975</i>	1955	1957
Oklahoma	<i>Report on the Judiciary 1975</i> (Administrative Director of the Courts)	<i>Report on the Judiciary 1975</i>	<i>Report on the Judiciary 1975</i>	<i>Report on the Judiciary 1975</i>	1967	1969-71
Oregon	<i>22nd Annual Report 1975</i> (Office of the State Court Administrator)	<i>22nd Annual Report 1975</i>	<i>22nd Annual Report 1975</i>	<i>22nd Annual Report 1975</i> (Also handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1971	1972
Pennsylvania	<i>1975 Report</i> (Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts)	<i>1975 Report</i>	<i>1975 Report</i>	<i>1975 Report</i>	1968	1970

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Rhode Island	Unpublished data from Office of Court Administrator and from Clerk of Supreme Court	-----	1975 <i>Annual Report on the Judiciary</i> (Chief Justice, Supreme Court) and unpublished data	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1969	1971 <sup>e</sup>
South Carolina	Telephone call	-----	Not available	Not available	1973	
South Dakota	Supreme Court Statistics 1975 (unpublished, Clerk of Supreme Court)	-----	Combined 1975-76 Judicial Annual Report (unpublished) from Court Administrator	Not available	1974	
Tennessee	1975 <i>Annual Report</i> (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1975 <i>Annual Report</i>	1975 <i>Annual Report</i>	Not available	1964	1964-65
Texas	47th <i>Annual Report 1975</i> (Texas Judicial Council, of which the SCA is Executive Director)	47th <i>Annual Report 1975</i>	47th <i>Annual Report 1975</i>	47th <i>Annual Report 1975</i> (Also handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1977 <sup>d</sup>	
Utah	Unpublished data from Clerk of Supreme Court and NCSC Western Regional Office	-----	<i>Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1974-June 1975, July 1975-June 1976</i> (Utah Judicial Council)	(Handled in limited jurisdiction courts)	1973	1973-74 <sup>e</sup>
Vermont	<i>Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975</i> (Office of the Court Administrator)	-----	<i>Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975</i>	<i>Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1975</i>	1967	1969
Virginia	<i>State of the Judiciary Report 1975</i> (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court) and telephone contact with Clerk	-----	<i>State of the Judiciary Report 1975</i>	Not available	1952	1953
Washington	19th <i>Annual Report 1975</i> (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	19th <i>Annual Report 1975</i>	19th <i>Annual Report 1975</i>	19th <i>Annual Report 1975</i>	1957	1957
West Virginia	Unpublished data from Clerk of Supreme Court	-----	Not available	Not available	1975 <sup>f</sup>	

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## Sources of 1975 state caseload statistics

State <sup>a</sup>	Courts of last resort	Intermediate appellate	General jurisdiction	Juvenile	Date SCA appointed <sup>b</sup>	1st SCA annual report <sup>c</sup>
Wisconsin	<i>Judicial Statistics 1975</i> (Administrator of Courts)	-----	<i>Judicial Statistics 1975</i>	<i>Judicial Statistics 1975</i>	1962	1969-70
Wyoming	1975 Supreme Court, Appellate Court Statistics (unpublished, from Office of Court Coordinator and Clerk of Supreme Court)	-----	District Court Caseload (unpublished)	Not available	1974	

----- indicates the state has no intermediate appellate court.

<sup>a</sup> The addresses of the state court administrators are given in Figure 18-A.

<sup>b</sup> Source of the date the state court administrator was appointed is *Book of the States* (Council of State Governments, Lexington, Kentucky, 1977), with a few exceptions as indicated in footnote f. The exact titles of the administrators are listed in Figure 18-A.

<sup>c</sup> Source of the date of the first SCA annual report is Fannin

J. Klein, *The Administration of Justice in the Courts* (Dobbs Ferry, New York: Oceana Publications, 1976), with the few exceptions indicated in footnote e.

<sup>d</sup> The SCA is secretary of the Judicial Council or Department that publishes the state's annual report.

<sup>e</sup> Source is the state's annual report.

<sup>f</sup> Information obtained by telephone. (In North Carolina the Administrative Office of the Courts was created in 1965.)

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## Appendix B: Technical discussion of estimation procedure

An estimation procedure was used to allow the presentation of estimated national totals for appellate court caseload. Through this procedure, estimates were arrived at for totals in those states with missing data for beginning pendings, filings, dispositions, or end pendings in either the court of last resort or the intermediate appellate court.

The procedure followed for developing caseload estimates for the appellate courts involved three essential steps. The first step was to determine a set of independent variables to be used. Next, the relationship between these variables and the dependent variables was examined. The final and more time-consuming step was the development of a meaningful estimation equation.

Several independent variables were selected for use in the development of the estimation equation, because of their possible relationship to the caseload in the appellate courts. Many of these were population variables, because population has long been considered a good indication of caseload. The variables initially considered were the number of judges in the court, the population of the state, the population in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the population in other cities, the population in rural areas, the number of intermediate appellate courts, the number of courts of last resort, the population per square mile, the percent change in state population from 1970 to 1975, the percent change in state population from 1974 to 1975, and the per capita income. Future reports will attempt to incorporate a larger variety of independent variables, which could not be considered in this first attempt at developing the estimation equations.

The data for each state were put in machine-readable form to allow use of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), Version 7.0, at the College of William and Mary Computing Center. The cards for each state contained data on each of the independent variables listed above as well as the dependent variables, which were the number of

beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending cases for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. In the states with two courts of last resort, Oklahoma and Texas, the sum of the data from the two courts was used. Similarly, in states with two intermediate appellate courts, the sum of the data from the two courts was used.

The second step in the development of the estimation equations was to plot each of the independent variables against each of the dependent variables. This was done with the use of the SCATTERGRAM sub-program in SPSS. These plots were visually examined for determination of the non-linear relationships which existed between the independent and dependent variables. This examination resulted in transformations of several of the independent variables.

The mathematical functions used for the transformations were natural logarithm, square root, square of the variable, inverse of the variable, and exponential function. In addition, two or more variables were combined by multiplication or division to produce new variables that more closely predicted the dependent variables.

The examination of the plots generated by the SCATTERGRAM sub-program revealed that the values for many of the independent variables in the District of Columbia were outliers. The District of Columbia is a large city and, therefore, the values for the population variables are quite different from those for the fifty states. Because of these extreme values only the data for the fifty states were used in development of the estimation equations.

The final step was the development of the estimation equations. This was accomplished by the use of the REGRESSION sub-program in SPSS. The step-wise regression procedure was used to allow entry of the variables one at a time into the regression equation. The output from this procedure gave the  $R^2$  value (the percent of variation in the dependent variable which was explained by the

variation of the variables in the regression equation), the F-ratio for the regression equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the entire regression equation), the F-ratio for each variable in the equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the individual variables in the equation), and the values of the coefficients for the independent variables in the regression equation. In addition, the residual for each case was given along with a plot of the residuals against the predicted values for the dependent variables. All this output was used to select the best estimation equations possible, given the set of independent variables.

Several equations were developed for each of the dependent variables. The different equations were obtained by the step-wise regression procedure because the tolerance level (the percent of variation in the independent variable not explained by the variation of the independent variables already in the regression equation) and the F-ratio level (the F-ratio that would be associated with the variable if it were entered next into the equation) were changed to create more or less stringent conditions for inclusion of variables in the equation. The various equations were developed so that each equation could be examined for satisfaction of the assumptions for using the regression procedure.

For each of the estimation equations, the residuals and the residual plots were examined. The residuals were checked for correlation with the dependent variable. The residual plot was checked for correlation between the residuals and the predicted values for the dependent variables. Those estimation equations with relatively little correlation between the residuals and both the dependent variable and the predicted values of the dependent variable were selected for further consideration.

For those equations selected because of low correlation of the residuals with the dependent variable and the predicted values of the dependent variable, the  $R^2$  statistic and F-ratio for the equation

and the individual variables were examined. This procedure then led to the selection of the estimation equations for use in estimating values for those states having missing data.

The estimation equation selected for each dependent variable is given below along with the  $R^2$  statistic and the F-ratio values for each equation. First, a few codes for the variables are listed for ease in reading the equations:

BPCOLR—Beginning pending for courts of last resort.

FCOLR—Filings for courts of last resort.

DCOLR—Dispositions for courts of last resort.

EPCOLR—End pending for courts of last resort.

BPIAC—Beginning pending for intermediate appellate courts.

FIAC—Filings for intermediate appellate courts.

DIAC—Dispositions for intermediate appellate courts.

EPIAC—End pending for intermediate appellate courts.

JUDGE—The number of judges in the courts of last resort for each state.

POPULATION—The estimates for state population on July 1, 1975.\*

CITY—The estimate for state population in cities other than Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA) on July 1, 1975.\*

RURAL—The estimate for the state population in rural areas on July 1, 1975.\*

PC7075—The percent change in the state population from July 1, 1970, to July 1, 1975.\*\*

PC7475—The percent change in the state population from July 1, 1974, to July 1, 1975.\*\*

POPSPQM—The population per square mile of the state on July 1, 1975.\*\*

NOCOLR—The number of courts of last resort in the state.

NOIAC—The number of intermediate appellate courts in the state.

\* Source of the population estimates is U.S. Department of Justice, *Uniform Crime Reports for the United States* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Govt. Printing Off., 1975). These estimates were used instead of revised U.S. Bureau of Census estimates because the population in SMSAs, cities, and rural areas was available from this source.

\*\* Source of the percent change in population and population per square mile is the U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1976*, 97th edition (Washington, D.C., 1976).

**Courts of last resort**

*Beginning pending*

The estimation equation for beginning pending in the courts of last resort is:

$$BPCOLR = -204.3172 + 82.80313 \times (NOCOLR \times JUDGE) - 0.07281589 \times \left( \frac{\exp(JUDGE)}{\frac{CITY \times 1,000}{POPULATION} + 1} \right)$$

$$-24.45853 \times (NOCOLR \times JUDGE \times NOIAC) + 1.201198 \times 10^{-12} \times (POPULATION)^2$$

with  $R^2 = .715$

$F_{4,29}$ -ratio = 18.18,  $p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(NOCOLR x JUDGE)	52.05	1,29	$p < .01$
$\left( \frac{\exp(JUDGE)}{\frac{CITY \times 1,000}{POPULATION} + 1} \right)$	18.62	1,29	$p < .01$
(NOCOLR x JUDGE x NOIAC)	11.98	1,29	$p < .01$
(POPULATION) <sup>2</sup>	6.75	1,29	.01 < $p < .05$

Note to explain (*exp (JUDGE)*): The function exp used in this equation is the exponential function. With e being the base of the natural logarithm, the expression (exp(JUDGE)) is e raised to the power of the value of the variable JUDGE (the number of judges in the court of last resort).

*Filings*

The estimation equation for filings in the courts of last resort is:

$$FCOLR = 2.012934 \times 10^{-3} \times (JUDGE \times POPULATION) - 59.19076 \times \left( \frac{1}{PC7075} \right) + 345.5334$$

with  $R^2 = .849$

$F_{2,43}$ -ratio = 120.47,  $p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(JUDGE x POPULATION)	240.42	1,43	$p < .01$
$\left( \frac{1}{PC7075} \right)$	8.19	1,43	$p < .01$

*Dispositions*

The estimation equation for dispositions in the courts of last resort is:

$$DCOLR = 1.962629 \times 10^{-3} \times (\text{JUDGE} \times \text{POPULATION}) - 77.06959 \times \left( \frac{1}{PC7075} \right) + 306.63$$

with  $R^2 = .870$

$F_{2,42}\text{-ratio} = 140.33, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(JUDGE x POPULATION)	271.20	1,42	p < .01
$\left( \frac{1}{PC7075} \right)$	12.55	1,42	p < .01

*End pending*

The estimation equation for end pending in the courts of last resort is:

$$EPCOLR = 35.54272 \times (\text{NOCOLR} \times \text{JUDGE}) + 16.30584 \times \left( \text{NOCOLR} \times \text{JUDGE} \times \frac{1}{PC7475} \right) + 39.84012$$

with  $R^2 = .608$  and

$F_{1,31}\text{-ratio} = 24.00, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(NOCOLR x JUDGE)	22.47	1,31	p < .01
$\text{NOCOLR} \times \text{JUDGE} \times \left( \frac{1}{PC7475} \right)$	4.33	1,31	.01 < p < .05

**Intermediate appellate courts***Beginning pending*

The estimation equation for beginning pending in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$BPIAC = 3.596711 \times 10^{-4} \times (\text{POPULATION}) - 2.586894 \times 10^{-3} \times (\exp(\text{JUDGE})) - 93.60634 \times \left( \frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{CITY}} \right) + 12.34139 \times \left( \frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{RURAL}} \right) + 276.8477$$

with  $R^2 = .885$

$F_{4,13}\text{-ratio} = 25.01, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(POPULATION)	87.58	1,13	p < .01
(exp(JUDGE))	22.31	1,13	p < .01
$\left(\frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{CITY}}\right)$	16.27	1,13	p < .01
$\left(\frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{RURAL}}\right)$	10.25	1,13	p < .01

Note to explain (*exp (JUDGE)*): The function exp used in this equation is the exponential function. With e being the base of the natural logarithm, the expression (exp(JUDGE)) is e raised to the power of the value of the variable JUDGE (the number of judges in the court of last resort).

#### Filings

The estimation equation for filings in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$\text{FIAC} = 5.780694 \times 10^{-4} \times (\text{POPULATION}) - 4.073869 \times 10^{-3} \times (\text{exp(JUDGE)}) + 614.2749 \times (\text{PC7075}) - 1470.043$$

with  $R^2 = .883$   
 $F_{3,19}\text{-ratio} = 47.73, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(POPULATION)	137.73	1,19	p < .01
(exp(JUDGE))	18.16	1,19	p < .01
(PC7075)	8.68	1,19	p < .01

Note to explain (*exp(JUDGE)*): The function exp used in this equation is the exponential function. With e being the base of the natural logarithm, the expression (exp(JUDGE)) is e raised to the power of the value of the variable JUDGE (the number of judges in the court of last resort).

#### Dispositions

The estimation equation for dispositions in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$\text{DIAC} = 5.857194 \times 10^{-4} \times (\text{POPULATION}) - 3.983621 \times 10^{-3} \times (\text{exp(JUDGE)}) + 627.845 \times (\text{PC7075}) - 1809.195$$

with  $R^2 = .918$   
 $F_{3,18}\text{-ratio} = 67.00, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
(POPULATION)	196.01	1,18	p < .01
(exp(JUDGE))	24.55	1,18	p < .01
(PC7075)	12.69	1,18	p < .01

Note to explain (*exp(JUDGE)*): The function exp used in this equation is the exponential function. With e being the base of the natural logarithm, the expression (*exp(JUDGE)*) is e raised to the power of the value of the variable JUDGE (the number of judges in the court of last resort).

#### End Pending

The estimation equation for end pending in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$\text{EPIAC} = \frac{6.15835}{\sqrt{10}} \left( \sqrt{\text{POPULATION}} \right) - 2.783268 \times 10^{-3} \times \exp(\text{JUDGE}) - 66.7752 \times \left( \frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{CITY}} \right) + 0.1814519 \times \left( \exp(\text{POPSSQM} \times 10^{-2}) \right) - 1945.802$$

with  $R^2 = .868$

$F_{4,13}\text{-ratio} = 21.38, p < .01$

The significance of each variable is:

Variable	F-Ratio	Degrees of freedom	Significance
$\left( \sqrt{\text{POPULATION}} \right)$	66.52	1,13	p < .01
(exp(JUDGE))	18.80	1,13	p < .01
$\left( \frac{\text{POPULATION}}{\text{CITY}} \right)$	9.52	1,13	p < .01
(exp (POPSSQM x 10 <sup>-2</sup> ))	8.15	1,13	.01 < p < .05

Note to explain (*exp(JUDGE)*) and (*exp(POPSSQM x 10<sup>-2</sup>)*): The function exp used in this equation is the exponential function. With e being the base of the natural logarithm, the expression (*exp(JUDGE)*) is e raised to the power of the value of the variable JUDGE (the number of judges in the court of last resort). (*exp(POPSSQM x 10<sup>-2</sup>)*) is e raised to the power of 10<sup>-2</sup> times the value of the variable POPSSQM (the population per square mile).

# Appendix C

## Unit of count used in general jurisdiction courts in 1975

State	Criminal					Civil				
	Number of defendants on each indictment/information/complaint	Indictment/information/complaint	Case number assigned at arraignment	Case	No standard definition	Petition or complaint	Placed on calendar	Note of issue	First answer	No consistent definition
Alabama	X					X				
Alaska		X				X				
Arizona	X					X				
Arkansas		X				X				
California	X					X				
Colorado	X					X				
Connecticut	X					X				
Delaware	X					X				
District of Columbia	X						X			
Florida	X					X				
Georgia										
Hawaii	X					X				
Idaho	X					X				
Illinois		X				X				
Indiana		X				X				
Iowa		X				X				
Kansas		X				X				
Kentucky	X					X				
Louisiana				X		X				
Maine		X				X				
Maryland		X				X				
Massachusetts		X				X				
Michigan	X					X				
Minnesota					X			X		
Mississippi		X				X				
Missouri		X				X				
Montana										
Nebraska	X					X				
Nevada										
New Hampshire					X					X
New Jersey		X							X	
New Mexico		X				X				
New York	X					X				
North Carolina					X	X				
North Dakota		X				X				
Ohio	X					X				
Oklahoma		X				X				
Oregon			X			X				
Pennsylvania	X					X				
Rhode Island		X				X				
South Carolina										
South Dakota		X				X				
Tennessee		X				X				
Texas	X					X				
Utah		X				X				
Vermont		X				X				
Virginia	X					X				
Washington	X					X				
West Virginia										
Wisconsin		X				X				
Wyoming		X				X				
Total	19	21	1	1	3	41	1	1	1	1

## Glossary

The following terms, used in both *State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art* and *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1975*, should be interpreted according to the meanings indicated below. Where possible, the definitions are from an authoritative source already in print. The following sources are drawn upon, with the footnote number which will appear after each definition from that source. Definitions that have been adapted for NCSP purposes have an (A) after the footnote number.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, National Criminal Justice Information and Statistics Service, *Dictionary of Criminal Justice Data Terminology* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1976).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, National Criminal Justice Information and Statistics Service, *National Survey of Court Organization* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1973; Supplements in 1975 and 1977).

<sup>3</sup> Black, Henry Campbell, *Black's Law Dictionary* (St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing Co., 1968).

<sup>4</sup> American Bar Association, *Law and the Courts* (Chicago: ABA Press, 1974).

Definition of terms peculiar to a single state is beyond the scope of this project. However, in many instances the general meaning of these types of cases can be derived from the category into which they were placed. For example, it is helpful to know that "Rule 27.26" cases from Missouri are classified under the general category of extraordinary writs and that "C&R7.7" cases from Washington are some sort of original proceeding used by the intermediate court of appeals in Washington. More detailed information on how a specific case is defined and classified in a particular state may be obtained by writing to the office of the state court administrator in that state. Addresses of court administrator's offices in each state are found in Appendix A of the 1975 annual report.

A more complete dictionary of civil terminology for court use is being compiled by the National Court Statistics Project in Phase II of its operations.

**Acquittal**—a judgment of a court, based either on the verdict of the jury or of a judicial officer, that the defendant is not guilty of the offense(s) for which he has been tried.<sup>1</sup>

**Administrative**—a summary civil category of cases brought before general jurisdiction courts that embraces actions related to governmental bodies in the exercise of their varied functions.

**Adoption**—a category of actions which includes all cases involving child adoption proceedings. The result of adoption cases is usually to take a juvenile into one's family and legally confer on him the rights, privileges, and duties of a child and heir.

**Affirmed**—a disposition by an appellate court that ratifies and reasserts the correctness of a judgment. In the practice of appellate courts an affirmed judgment, decree, or order declares that it is valid and right, and must stand as rendered by the lower court.

**Age at disposition**—the amount of time (days, months, years) from the date that a case comes under control of the court (usually when it is filed) until it is disposed of (dismissed, tried to verdict, and so forth) by the court.

**Age of pending**—the amount of time (days, months, years) from the date that a case comes under the control of the court (usually when it is filed) until the last day of the period for which the report is being prepared.

**Annulment**—the act of making void retrospectively as well as prospectively.<sup>3(A)</sup> An annulment destroys the existence of a marriage and everything pertaining to it.

**Answer**—a pleading by which a defendant endeavors to resist the plaintiff's allegation of facts.<sup>3</sup>

**Appeal, civil**—the complaint to a higher court of an injustice done or error committed by a lower court, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.<sup>4</sup>

**criminal**—a request by either the defense or prosecution that a case be removed from a lower court to a higher court in order for a completed trial to be reviewed by the higher court.<sup>1</sup>



**Appeals from administrative agencies**—an appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction, contesting the outcome rendered by an administrative agency as a result of its administrative hearing of a matter.

**Appellate court**—*see* Court of appellate jurisdiction.

**At issue**—the point in the pleadings when one of the parties to a suit makes an assertion that is denied by the other party.

**Auto tort**—a civil category that includes actions for damages for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising out of an automobile accident, automobile collision, or otherwise from the operation of a motor vehicle.

**Case**—a general term for a charge, action, cause, suit, or controversy, for purposes of adjudication by regular proceedings.<sup>3(A)</sup> In compiling caseload statistics for comparison purposes, it is essential to know what constitutes a case in each state and what unit of count is being used. If the unit of count differs, caseload cannot be compared. In general jurisdiction courts the predominant unit of count used in civil cases is the complaint action or petition. In criminal cases most general jurisdiction courts use either the number of indictments/informations/complaints, or the number of defendants on each indictment/information/complaint. In appellate courts no clear pattern exists as to what the states are counting as appellate cases. Some courts report only total cases, with no indication as to what types of proceedings constitute the total. Some define cases as appeals that were decided on the merits. Others define appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal as cases to distinguish them from less time-consuming motions and other procedural matters. This report uses the broad definition of an appellate case being defined as any appeal, original proceeding, or request to appeal.

**Caseflow**—the process by which a case or cases move(s) through the court from the time of filing to disposition. In this report the steps for monitoring caseflow are beginning pending, filing, disposition, and end pending.

**Caseload**—the total number of cases filed in a given court or before a given judicial officer during a given period of time.<sup>1</sup>

**Caseload pending**—*see* pending caseload.

**Charge**—a formal complaint, information, or indictment against a defendant in a criminal case.

**Children in need of supervision** (also known as CINS, CHINS, PINS, JINS)—a child who requires guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation because of (a) habitual truancy from school; (b) habitual disobedi-

ence, being ungovernable and beyond control of the person having custody of the child without substantial fault on the part of that person; (c) deportment that is injurious or endangers the child or others; or (d) commitment of an offense applicable only to children.

**Civil action**—an action instituted in court to recover damages, collect a debt, or obtain other relief purely civil in nature; a legal and formal demand for enforcement or protection of rights and prevention or redress of wrongs.

**Civil appeal**—*see* Appeal, civil.

**Civil jurisdiction**—*see* Jurisdiction, civil.

**Complaint, civil**—the initial pleading on the part of the plaintiff in a civil action. Its purpose is to inform the defendant of all material facts on which the plaintiff bases his claim.

**criminal**—a formal written accusation made by any person, often a prosecutor, and filed in a court, alleging that a specified person(s) has committed a specified offense(s).<sup>1</sup>

**Conservatorship**—the legal relation existing between a conservator, an incapable person, and the estate of the incapable person. When a person having property is found incapable of managing his/her affairs, a probate court may appoint another person as a conservator to have charge of and protect the person and his property.

**Contract**—a category of civil court actions which includes any action involving either (1) promissory agreements between two or more persons that create, modify, or destroy a legal relation (contracts); or (2) recovery of a certain specific sum of money or a sum that can readily be reduced to a certainty, as provided by common law, where there is no express contract to pay it (debt). This includes recovery of money for services performed, property sold and delivered, money loaned, or damages for performance of simple contracts, express or implied, when the rights of the parties will be adequately protected by the payment and receipt of money.

**Conviction**—a judgment of a court, based either on a verdict of a jury or judicial officer or on the guilty plea of the defendant that the defendant is guilty of the offense(s) for which he has been tried.<sup>1</sup>

**Court**—an agency of the judicial branch of government, authorized or established by statute or constitution, and consisting of one or more judicial officers, which has the authority to decide upon controversies in law and disputed matters of fact brought before it.<sup>1</sup>

**Court of appellate jurisdiction**—a court having jurisdiction of appeal and review, with original juris-

diction conferred only in special cases; includes both courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts;<sup>2</sup> a court to which causes are removable by appeal, certiorari, or error.

**Court, federal**—a court established under the constitution or laws of the United States and concerned primarily with the judicial administration of federal law.<sup>2</sup>

**Court of general jurisdiction**—a trial court of unlimited original jurisdiction in civil and/or criminal cases, also called "major trial court,"<sup>2</sup> which may or may not hear appeals from administrative agencies and courts of lower jurisdiction.

**Court of intermediate appeals**—an appellate court that is limited in its appellate jurisdiction by state law or at the discretion of the court of last resort in the state.<sup>2</sup> The rulings of a court of intermediate appeals may be subject to review by the state's court of last resort.

**Court of last resort**—an appellate court that has jurisdiction over final appeals in a state.<sup>2</sup>

**Court of limited or special jurisdiction**—a trial court whose legal jurisdiction covers only a particular class of cases, e.g., probate, juvenile, traffic, or cases where the amount in controversy is below a prescribed sum or which is subject to specific exception. For example, civil jurisdiction may be limited to civil cases with a maximum of \$500 in controversy; criminal jurisdiction may be limited to cases with a maximum of \$500 fine or 6-months sentence. Certain courts with unlimited civil jurisdiction but limited criminal jurisdiction are included in this category.<sup>2</sup>

**Court of original jurisdiction**—a court having jurisdiction in the first instance to try and pass judgment upon the law and facts, as distinguished from a court of appellate jurisdiction; includes both courts of general jurisdiction and courts of limited or special jurisdiction; also referred to as "trial court."<sup>2</sup>

**Court of special jurisdiction**—*see* Court of limited or special jurisdiction.

**Court, state**—a court established or authorized under the constitution or laws of a state and concerned primarily with judicial administration of state and local government laws; viz., all courts other than federal courts.<sup>2</sup>

**Court system**—a judicial agency established or authorized by constitutional or statutory law. A court system may consist of a single court or a group of two or more courts in the same judicial district.<sup>2</sup>

**Court, trial**—a court whose primary function is to try, in the first instance, criminal or civil cases, or

both. (*See* Court of general jurisdiction and court of limited jurisdiction.)

**Court trial**—*see* Trial, non-jury.

**Criminal action**—a proceeding governed by the rules of criminal procedure brought by the government, representing the public, against one accused of violating a law or ordinance designed for the public's protection.

**Criminal appeal**—*see* Appeal, criminal.

**Criminal jurisdiction**—*see* Jurisdiction, criminal.

**Date of service**—the date of the delivery of an order, a summons, or a writ to the person against whom it is directed.

**Default judgment**—a civil judgment wherein the court enters a finding against the defendant when the defendant has either failed to appear in court as required or has failed to properly file an answer to a petition.

**Defendant**—the person defending or denying. In civil proceedings, the party against whom relief or recovery is sought. In criminal proceedings, the accused or the person charged with an offense.<sup>1</sup>

**Delinquency**—any type of behavior performed by a juvenile that is considered a crime if it is committed by an adult.

**Dependency**—the legal status of a juvenile over whom a juvenile court has assumed jurisdiction because the court has found the child's care by parents, guardian, or custodian to fall short of a legal standard of proper care.<sup>1</sup> For statistical purposes, dependent and neglected actions have been included in the dependency category. Dependent and neglected actions on behalf of a child allege that the juvenile is without proper guardianship; or the parent, guardian, or person with whom the child lives is unfit to give proper care; or the juvenile has suffered from unlawful holding out from school, negligent medical care, lack of proper supervision, want or suffering, or injury to body or mind due to brutality, abuse, or neglect. (Note that child abuse, abandonment, contributing to delinquency, and contributing to dependency and neglect are offenses chargeable to an adult and are classified as other criminal.)

**Directed verdict**—an instruction by the judge to the jury to return a specific verdict.<sup>4</sup>

**Dismissal**—a decision by a judicial officer to terminate a case without a determination of guilt or innocence.<sup>1</sup>

**Disposition**—the action that terminates the jurisdiction of a particular court over a person or a case.

**Divorce**—the permanent dissolution of a marriage effected by the judgment of a court.

**Domestic relations**—in courts of general jurisdiction, a category of civil actions which includes family problems such as divorce and offenses against spouses.

**Driving under the influence (alcohol)** or driving while intoxicated (DWI)—the operation of any vehicle after having consumed a quantity of alcohol sufficient to potentially interfere with the ability to maintain safe operation.<sup>1</sup>

**Driving under the influence (drugs)**—the operation of any vehicle while attention or ability is impaired through the intake of a narcotic or any incapacitating quantity of another drug.<sup>1</sup>

**DWI**—*see* Driving under the influence.

**Equity case**—a category of civil court cases in which remedies to civil wrongs are redressable by applying the rules of equity as distinguished from cases decided according to common law. Common law is concerned with damages after wrongful action, whereas equity is designed to provide relief where damages would be awarded too late to be meaningful. In an equity case the court may order that something be done or may forbid certain actions (by injunction).

**Exception data**—a report showing the number and types of errors in caseload reporting by court, used to correct such errors and pinpoint recurrent patterns of those errors.

**Extraordinary writ**—a written court order directed to a specific person requiring that person to perform or refrain from performing a specific act.<sup>2</sup>

**Federal court**—*see* Court, federal.

**Felony**—a criminal offense punishable by death, or by incarceration in a state or federal confinement facility for a period of which the lower limit is prescribed by statute in a given jurisdiction, typically one year or more.<sup>1</sup>

**Filing**—the commencement of a judicial proceeding by formally entering a document or a piece of information into the official record of a court.<sup>1(A)</sup>

**First answer**—*see* Answer.

**Guardian**—a person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person and managing the property and rights of another person who, for some peculiarity of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs.<sup>3</sup>

**Guardianship**—the relation existing between a guardian and a ward.

**Habeas corpus**—*see* Writ of habeas corpus.

**Indictment**—a formal written accusation made by

a grand jury and filed in a court, alleging that a specified person(s) has committed a specific offense(s).<sup>1</sup> An indictment usually represents the beginning of a criminal case.

**Information**—a formal written accusation made by a prosecutor and filed in a court, alleging that a specified person(s) has committed a specific offense(s).<sup>1</sup>

**Injunction**—a mandatory or prohibitive writ issued by a court.<sup>4</sup>

**Judgment, civil**—the official decision of a court upon the respective rights and claims of the parties in an action or suit submitted for its determination.<sup>3</sup>

**criminal**—the decision of a court, that the defendant is convicted or acquitted of the offense(s) charged.<sup>1</sup>

**Jurisdiction**—the territory, subject matter, or person over which lawful authority may be exercised.<sup>1</sup>

**Jurisdiction, civil**—the power to try and determine civil controversies between individuals.

**Jurisdiction, criminal**—includes jurisdiction over felonies, felony preliminary hearings, misdemeanors, traffic, and municipal or county ordinance violations.<sup>2(A)</sup>

**Jurisdiction, juvenile**—the authority given to a court to hear or act upon a case involving a person(s) statutorily defined as juvenile, alleged to be delinquent, dependent, or status offender(s).

**Jurisdiction, original**—the lawful authority of a court or an administrative agency to hear or act upon a case from its beginning and to pass judgment on it.<sup>1</sup> (*See* Court of original jurisdiction.)

**Jury trial**—*see* Trial, jury.

**Juvenile**—a person under a statutorily specified limit of age.

**Juvenile court**—*see* Jurisdiction, juvenile.

**Law case**—a civil category in which cases are adjudicated on the basis of common law; that is, the principles and rules of action that derive their authority not from legislative statute, but from usages and customs or from the judgments and decrees of courts recognizing, affirming, and enforcing such precedents.

**Mandamus**—*See* Writ of mandamus.

**Memorandum opinion**—*see* Opinion, memorandum.

**Mental health**—a civil case category in which a determination of the mental capacity or incapacity of an individual is made.

**Method of entry into court**—the means by which a criminal case is brought under the jurisdic-

tion of a court. Examples of method of entry are charge, indictment, information.

**Misdemeanor**—an offense usually punishable by incarceration in a local confinement facility for a period of which the upper limit is prescribed by statute in a given jurisdiction, typically limited to a year or less.<sup>1</sup>

**Motion**—an oral or written request made by a party to an action, before, during, or after a trial, that a court issue a rule or order.<sup>1</sup>

**Nolle prosequi**—a formal entry upon the record by the plaintiff in a civil suit, or the prosecuting officer in a criminal case, by which he declares that he "will no further prosecute" the case.<sup>4</sup>

**Nolo contendere**—a defendant's formal answer in court, to the charges in a complaint, information, or indictment, in which he states that he does not contest the charges, and which, while not an admission of guilt, subjects him to the same legal consequences as a plea of guilty.<sup>1</sup>

**Non-auto tort**—a civil category which includes actions for damages for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death resulting other than from the operation of a motor vehicle.

**Non-jury trial**—*see* Trial, non-jury.

**Note of Issue**—notice asserting that a case is ready for trial.

**Notice of appeal**—the first notice to the appellate court from a lower court or an attorney indicating that a case is being appealed.

**Offenses against administration of justice**—a criminal category that includes all crimes related to the obstruction of justice.

**Offenses against person**—a criminal category that includes all criminal offenses committed against people.

**Offenses against property**—a criminal category that includes all criminal offenses committed against property.

**Offenses against public order**—a criminal category that includes the wide variety of crimes relating to endangering public order.

**Opinion**—the statement by a judge or court of a decision reached in regard to a case tried or argued before it. (Distinction should be made between published opinions, which are printed and distributed because they contain new legal interpretations, and unpublished opinions, based solely on legal precedent, which are not printed and distributed.)

**Opinion, memorandum**—an opinion of a superior court which has no institutional or precedential value, and is used to affirm unanimously a trial court decision or an administrative agency order.

**Opinion, per curiam**—a phrase used to distinguish an opinion of the whole court from an opinion written by any one judge. Sometimes it denotes an opinion written by the chief justice or presiding judge.<sup>3</sup>

**Opinion, written**—in appellate courts, the decisions of judges which are recorded and published and based on established legal precedents, as opposed to those which are handed down orally.

**Original jurisdiction**—*see* Jurisdiction, original.

**Original proceedings**—an appellate category that includes any new action filed during the reporting period or any case received on transfer or change of venue from another court.

**Other appeals**—a residual category into which appeals were placed if not identified by the states as either civil or criminal.

**Other civil**—a residual category into which civil cases that could not otherwise be categorized have been placed.

**Other criminal**—a residual category into which criminal cases that could not be classified as felonies or misdemeanors have been placed.

**Other felony**—a residual category used by some states to include felonies which do not fit into a classification scheme that specifies types of felonies.

**Other matters**—a residual category into which were placed miscellaneous motions, petitions, orders, writs not identified as appeals, requests to appeal, or original proceedings.

**Other misdemeanor**—a residual category used by some states to include misdemeanors which do not fit into a classification scheme which specifies types of misdemeanors.

**Other proceedings**—a residual category for those criminal proceedings not identified as offenses against persons, property, public order, or the administration of justice.

**Pending**—the status of a case that has not been terminated or disposed of by the court. Beginning Pending is the number of cases pending in a particular court at the beginning of a reporting period. End Pending is the number of cases pending in a particular court at the end of a reporting period.

**Pending caseload**—the number of cases at any given time which have been filed in a given court, or are before a given judicial officer, but have not reached disposition.<sup>1</sup>

**Per curiam opinion**—*see* Opinion, per curiam.

**Personal injury**—a hurt or damage done to a person or a person's reputation as distinguished from an injury to a person's property.

**Petition**—a written application to a court request-

ing the remedy of a civil wrong or relief from a conviction, sentence, or detention.

**Plea**—a defendant's formal answer in court to the charges brought against him in a complaint, information, or indictment.<sup>1</sup>

**Postconviction**—a procedure available to a convicted offender, which serves to challenge either the validity or the legality of the conviction, or the legality of the imposition or execution of sentence resulting from the conviction.

**Preliminary hearing**—synonymous with "preliminary examination"; the hearing given by a magistrate or judge to determine whether a person charged with a crime should be held for trial.<sup>4</sup> Guilt or innocence is not at issue.

**Probate**—a civil category that includes all actions involving wills, the settlement of estates, and guardianships.

**Property rights**—a category of civil cases which involves the protection of the use or disposition, more specifically ownership, one may lawfully exercise over concrete objects.

**Published opinion**—*see* Opinion.

**Quashed**—the action of a court in voiding a prior action or order, such as a warrant, a subpoena, or indictment, so that it has no further legal effect.

**Quo warranto**—a writ issued by the state, demanding that an individual show by what right he/she exercises an authority which can only be exercised through grant or franchise emanating from the state.<sup>4(A)</sup>

**Reciprocal support**—all actions involving child support in which the case is either sent to another court outside the county or state or is received from another court outside the county or state.

**Rehearing requests**—a category that includes requests by a party for a second consideration of a cause for the sole purpose of calling to the court's attention any error, omission, or oversight that may have occurred during the first consideration.

**Remanded**—a disposition by an appellate court that results in sending the case back to the original court from which it came, for the purpose of having some action taken on it.

**Requests to appeal**—a category which includes all petitions to an appellate court to review a case or action previously decided by a trial court.

**Reversed**—a disposition by an appellate court voiding, because of some error or irregularity, a judgment.

**Settlement**—cases not requiring judicial determination because the case is either settled out of court

or is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff prior to completion of trial.

**Small claims**—a category of civil actions based on either tort or contract involving less than a specified dollar amount, which varies from state to state.

**Speedy trial**—the right of the defendant to have a prompt trial.<sup>1</sup>

**State court**—*see* Court, state.

**Tax case**—a civil category which includes all cases or actions on local tax issues.

**Time interval**—the amount of time that occurs between two procedural steps in the processing of a case.

**Tort**—a civil category that includes cases in which an injury or wrong has been committed, either with or without force, to the person or property of another, excluding breach of contract. (*See* Auto tort, Non-auto tort, and Unclassified tort.)

**Traffic**—a criminal category which includes any action involving a violation of the traffic laws.

**Transfer**—a category that covers those judgments that transfer or change the venue of an action from one location to another.

**Trial**—the examination of issues of fact and law in a case before a court that has jurisdiction over the case.

**Trial court**—*see* Court, trial.

**Trial de novo**—a completely new trial conducted as if no previous trial had been held.

**Trial, jury**—a trial in which a jury determines the issues of fact in a case.<sup>1</sup>

**Trial, non-jury**—a trial in which there is no jury and in which a judicial officer determines the issues of fact and law in a case.<sup>1</sup>

**Trusts**—all civil actions relating to the filing and establishment of the fiduciary relationship known as trust, i.e., a right of property held by one party for the benefit of another.

**Unclassified tort**—a residual category of cases that cannot be classified as either auto tort or non-auto tort cases.

**Unit of count**—for general jurisdiction court reporting purposes, the unit (action or person) that the court recognizes as the basis for counting a single case. (In the 1975 annual report, *see* Appendix C for the units of count being used in general jurisdiction courts.)

**Unpublished opinion**—*see* Opinion.

**URES A (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act)**—all actions before a court arising under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Sup-

port Act, i.e., actions resulting from nonpayment of support by an individual ordered to pay that support by a court outside of the county or state. (See Reciprocal support.)

**Weighted caseload**—a method of caseload reporting which assigns weights to cases according to the period of time necessary to process the case and permits an assessment of judicial workload in terms of time spent rather than number of cases.

**Withdrawn**—a disposition category for reporting cases that are filed but later removed from the docket before adjudication.

**Writ**—a written court order directed to a specific person requiring that person to perform or refrain from performing a specific act.<sup>2</sup>

**Writ of error**—a writ directed to a lower court requiring it to remit to the appellate court the record of an action before it, in order that examination may be made of certain errors alleged to have been committed.

**Writ of habeas corpus**—a writ commanding that

a person be brought before the court for consideration of the legality of the detention or custody.

**Writ of certiorari**—a writ issued from a higher court commanding judges or officers of a lower court to certify and transmit to the higher court all records of a case for review.<sup>4(A)</sup> The appellate court has discretion to grant or deny a petition for the writ.

**Writ of mandamus**—a writ issued from a court of higher jurisdiction, directed to a lower court, commanding a public official to perform a public duty.<sup>4(A)</sup>

**Writ of prohibition**—an extraordinary writ, issued by a higher court to a lower court, to prevent the latter from exceeding its jurisdiction, by prohibiting it from either assuming jurisdiction in a matter over which it has no control or from going beyond its legitimate powers in a matter over which it has jurisdiction.<sup>3(A)</sup>

**Written opinion**—see Opinion, written.

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