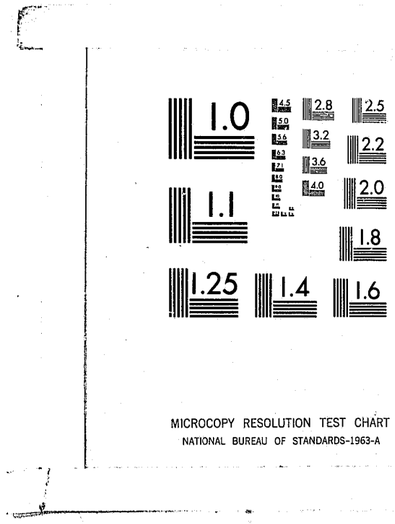
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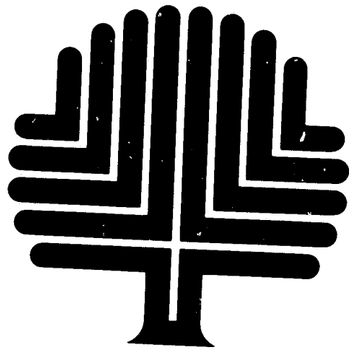
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This State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1976 is the second in a series of documents containing statistical caseload data compiled from the annual reports of each state court system and from other available data. It is the result of the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

Questions of validity and accuracy of source data, as well as caveats regarding variation in reporting periods, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions used by the states, and demographic characteristics make it imperative that the data contained in this report be used with extreme caution. Care must be exercised in attempting to compare even the broadest categories of caseflow for 1976.

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 willingness to help the National Center develop an accurate national data base of state court caseload statistics. The assistance and leadership of the COSCA and especially the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) Committee chaired by James R. James, have been invaluable in bringing order out of the present confusion.

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

This second annual report presents data for the appellate courts and trial courts of general, limited, or special jurisdiction of the several states. The addition of limited and special jurisdiction court data has increased greatly the volume of data displayed.

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

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

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The 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 the quality of appellate court data available to the project.

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

Executive summary

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

For the reader of this document, cautionary notes necessarily abound. Because of many state-to-state variations in the kinds of data reported, the summary tables in this annual report do not permit extensive, valid, direct comparisons of caseflow among states without careful examination of all the factors involved in assuring that the data are comparable. Variations in data availability, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions of cases and units of count, reporting periods, and the degrees of completeness and accuracy of data all combine to make cross-jurisdictional comparisons extremely complex. These variations are discussed in general terms in the introduction to the report on pages 6 through 10. More specific cautionary notes are given in the discussions of individual tables. The limitations on analysis section (pages 10 to 12) provides an indication of the kinds of analysis that can and cannot be made with the data in this report.

Comparisons between the 1976 data contained in this report and the 1975 data contained in the first report in this series should be made only after careful examination of the factors mentioned above to ascertain that these factors have not changed for the particular court.

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

In terms of the structure of this annual report, summary statistical tables in Part I were constructed from the individual court profiles for all the states found in Part II. Data were first compiled into nationwide volume statistics (beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending), and then the volume statistics were broken down where possible into broad category classifications, which were chosen to reflect the kinds of data being reported by the states. This approach required initial preparation of an overview court organization chart and an individual statistical profile for each state's appellate and trial courts. The resulting documentation makes up Part II of this report (pages 143 to 384).

Data availability has improved greatly from the first half of this century, when the first national compilation of caseload data was attempted. This improvement in the quantity of available data has continued with significantly more data being reported for 1976 than for 1975 (see page 24 for appellate courts and page 55 for trial courts). At least some gross volume data are displayed in this report for all appellate courts, for all trial courts of general jurisdiction, and for 118 of the 183 trial courts of limited or special jurisdiction. For much of the data reported, however, the validity and reliability has not been ascertained.

Several general observations can be made about the 1976 state court caseflow data. First, in addition to the increase in data available, the number of cases filed in the courts has also increased from 1975 to 1976. The caseflow estimates indicate that the number of cases filed per judge has increased. Most trial courts also reported increases in the number of filings from 1975 to 1976. Second, the courts have managed to handle this increase in filings fairly well with most courts disposing between 90.0 and 100.0 percent of the number of cases filed and a few courts disposing of more cases than were filed. The disposition rates of less than 100.0 percent, however, mean that most courts are increasing their pending caseload. For courts reporting pending caseload, most had increases of less than 20.0 percent. Finally, for courts reporting pending and filed data, the number of cases pending at the end of the year as a percent of the number of cases filed was less than 50.0 percent for most courts of last resort, less than 70.0 percent for most intermediate appellate courts and for **civil** caseflow in most trial courts, less than 50.0 percent for **criminal** caseflow in most trial courts, and less than 30.0 percent for **traffic** and **juvenile** caseflow in most trial courts.

The composition of the caseload of the courts is also of interest. In the appellate courts, the data available indicate that approximately 55 percent of the **appeals** filed in 1976 were civil **appeals**. For the trial courts in 1976 the caseload estimates indicate that of the 71 to 108 million cases filed, over 13 percent were **civil** cases, almost 13 percent were **criminal** cases, over 72 percent were **traffic** cases, and almost 1.5 percent were **juvenile** cases.

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

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Introduction

National Court Statistics Project

The annual series of state court caseload statistics is the product of the continuing cooperative relationship between the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Financial management, project management, and project staffing responsibility are assumed by the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) of the NCSC. COSCA, through its NCSP Committee, provides general policy review, guidance, and control over all project activities.

The primary purpose of the National Court Statistics Project is to develop and implement a program to collect and report all available court caseload statistics from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.[1] The NCSP and COSCA coordinate within the National Center for State Courts the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of aggregated caseload data derived from each state court system.

A second purpose of the National Court Statistics Project is to compile for use in court management complete state court caseload data that are comparable across jurisdictional boundaries.

These NCSC goals required the careful choosing of an annual report series methodology for assembling the caseload data that were available from each of the states.

Methodology employed

Data sources

The sources of data for the tables presented in this series are published annual reports provided by the 'states' and unpublished statistical material requested of and supplied by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. (Appendix A of this report identifies the sources of data from each 'state'.)

In addition to a review of all published and unpublished data received from the 'states', a study was made of all available reporting forms and instructions used by the 'states' to collect caseload statistics from their respective courts. Additional relevant information was secured from appropriate personnel in each 'state'. As the project progressed, telephone contact and follow-up correspondence were used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and determine the legal jurisdiction of each court.

Each administrative office of the courts completed a check-off sheet to indicate the types of cases handled by each court. Beyond this, information was collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from

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[1]Repetition of "50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico" becomes very cumbersome. Throughout the rest of this report, 'states' and court systems will be used as appropriate to indicate that the reporting units being discussed include the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate clerks), the size of state population (based on Bureau of the Census 1976 revised estimates), other 1976 demographic data (taken from the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1978[2]), and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. When explanation of a court's jurisdiction was not directly obtainable, available information was used from the National Survey of Court Organization.[3]

Scope of the report

The first annual report (1975) presented available caseload data for state appellate courts and trial courts of general jurisdiction, and for selected categories (**juvenile**, **domestic relations**, **probate**, and **mental health**[4]) in limited jurisdiction courts. This second annual report (1976) again presents available data for appellate courts and courts of general jurisdiction, and also expands to include all available caseload data for all limited jurisdiction courts. As data from each court level become more complete, future aggregation of trial court caseloads should become more meaningful.

The 1976 report has been expanded to include Puerto Rico. The addition of Puerto Rico to the series was made possible through translation assistance provided by the Puerto Rico Office of Court Administration. The scope of future reports will be broadened, if possible, to include American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

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

Category classifications

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

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

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

Another change was the relabeling of one **juvenile** case subcategory. **Children in need of supervision**, a term used in the 1975 annual report, has been changed to **status offenses**, a term used increasingly throughout the country. NCSP case categories used for this 1976 report appear as principal headings in the summary tables in Part I, and in each court's profile in Part II. Terminology used within each 'state' is displayed on each court's profile as subheadings under the boldface NCSP main headings. The NCSP main headings are categories used uniformly for all the 'states'. For example, a state's "application for leave to appeal" was classified under NCSP's **request to appeal** category in all tables. Explanations used in source documents to clarify a state's data are included, as are explanations to clarify project staff's arrangement of that data. These appear, where appropriate, as footnotes in each court's profile.

Format used

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

--a chart depicting the organization of the court system within the 'state', the jurisdiction and route of appeal for each court, the number of judges, and information on kinds of trials; and

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

Summary Tables. Data from each state profile were transferred into summary tables designed to display for the record the kinds of available data that could be aggregated. The summary tables are divided into two major sections (appellate and trial) to reflect the two major levels of court.

Appellate courts include both courts of last resort (the final court or courts of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (the court or courts in which the primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and in which some decisions are subject to appeal or review by a court of last resort). For purposes of displaying data, the courts of last resort have been divided into two groups: those in states with intermediate appellate courts and those in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts. With few exceptions, this division also conveniently separates courts of last resort according to whether or not they have almost complete discretionary jurisdiction. Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts generally have little or no discretionary jurisdiction, although there are exceptions, such as Virginia and West Virginia.

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

--the individual 'state' con-

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[2]U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1978 (Washington, D. C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

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

[4]The classification categories used by the NCSP are shown in boldface throughout this report.

siders it a general jurisdiction court; or

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

--the judges of the court are general jurisdiction court judges sitting on temporary assignment. All other trial courts were classified as limited or special jurisdiction courts.

Footnotes. Standard footnote headings have been adopted for use in this report and will continue to be used in the annual report series. These standard headings appear on the summary tables and identify the broad subject matter of the footnote; if further explanation is needed, informational statements are provided under the same standard footnote headings on the profiles in Part II.

Verification of data

With the cooperation of the Conference of State Court Administrators, all data were submitted for review and verification to the appropriate state court administrator's office. An additional check was provided through the cooperation of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC), which invited NCSP staff to submit appellate court data for review and verification to the appropriate clerk of the appellate court in each state. This process also included followup by NCSP staff through telephone or letter contact with the state personnel. Finally, the format, content, and limitations of data tables have been reviewed and approved by the COSCA NCSP Committee, which guides the National Court Statistics Project.

Limitations on use of data displayed

The four major uses of court statistical data, as identified in the NCSP publication, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art[5], are: (1) operational (aiding in the execution of routine day-to-day activities at the local level); (2) management (decision-making at the state or local level concerned with improvement of the court process and system-wide efficiency in the use of court resources); (3) internal planning and research (goal setting and policy planning to establish longterm programs and identify evolving problems); and (4) indirect court uses (decision-making by those outside the courts concerned with policy making or research about court operations). The various uses of court statistics require different levels of detail and analysis, but the availability of detailed statistics is dependent upon the statistical reporting system used at the state or local level. This annual report has restricted its scope to the level of detail currently available from state-level reporting systems.

Operational decisions are made at the local level and require detailed information on a case-by-case basis. These decisions must be made daily and cannot be based upon year-end summary statistics such as those contained in this 1976 report.

Management decisions can be made at either the state or local level and require aggregation of detailed information used for operational decisions. Caseflow management data such as that needed to determine the status of the preparation of the record for appeal or to generate exception reports are gathered by state reporting systems, but this kind of information is also case specific and too detailed to be compiled and used for nationwide comparisons. In contrast, state-level summary statistics would be useful on a national basis for comparison and research purposes in areas such as comparisons of time lapses in case processing to establish norms or guides; analyses to determine assignments of judges needed to relieve backlog; analyses to determine the need for additional judges, support personnel, or facilities; and analyses to determine if an intermediate appellate court should be created.

In response to the recognized need for certain management data nationally, the 1976 annual report has concentrated on uniformly classifying caseload data and on compiling available case processing time data. Caseload and case processing are major components of court workload, which the NCSP has defined to mean all court-related matters that consume time and effort (hence, purely administrative and ministerial functions are also included as workload). Measurement of court workload per se is not directly addressed in this report, but caseload inventory data and data regarding the number of trials do provide partial indications of the extent of judicial activity. The data presented in this report reflect the quantity of management data now available from each state's reporting system in published and unpublished reports.

Internal planning and research, as well as planning and research by those outside the court system, require a much wider range of data and analysis than operation and management decisions. The information necessary for these purposes often includes not only an aggregation of data on caseload and caseflow, but also specific data regarding status of cases, as well as information on court operations, judicial budgets, actions prior to filing a case, and actions after disposition of a case. Of interest to some individuals within and outside the court system are studies on a wide range of subjects, such as the effect and cost of litigation, bail availability and uniformity including recognizance/10% bail programs, the validity of case weighting techniques, sentence disparity patterns, the effects of plea negotiation on caseloads, and the impact of legislation. The level needed to answer these questions is, however, beyond the capabilities of most state or even local court information systems. Basic information on caseflow is adequate for many other planning and research issues where the level of needed detail is not as high. These latter kinds of issues include, for example, case filing and disposition trend analysis, caseload composition analysis, analysis of reversal rates, time lapse analysis to establish norms and guides, and forecasting of caseload volumes and facilities needs.

Because few states report data suitable for all kinds of planning and research purposes, and because most states report only certain types of data, the NCSP initially chose to include in the national series only those kinds of data that either were already fairly widely available or could be made available without requiring undue effort. Enough states reported trend data, caseload by category, number of reversals, and time-to-disposition data to warrant inclusion of these topics in this report. For those states reporting, some preliminary analysis can be made. For those states not supplying basic data, gaps and "not/available" entries in the profiles and summary charts draw attention to the missing data. As the gaps in these kinds of data are filled, the annual report series can be ex-

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

panded to include broader and more sophisticated compilations and analyses.

There are many current variations, as indicated by footnotes, in court data that must be considered before the summary tables can be used to make comparisons between courts or 'states'. The effect of state variations on aggregated statistics make indiscriminate comparisons very dangerous. Variations that limit the comparability of the 1976 data involve: court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, case definition, completeness, accuracy, and reporting periods. These variations are discussed in broad terms below. More specific statements can be found in the analysis of the appellate court data (pages 18-51), and in the analysis of the trial court data (pages 52-139).

Variations in court organization

In any comparison of court statistics among 'states', differences in court organization must be considered. For example, it should be kept in mind that during 1976:

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

--twenty-five states had intermediate appellate courts; four of these (Alabama, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee) had two intermediate appellate courts;

--the number of appellate judges per 'state' (considering only full-time judges and not commissioners or temporary judges) varied from 3 to 63;

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

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

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction

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

The same kind of wide variation exists in the kinds of cases over which trial courts have jurisdiction. For example, general jurisdiction courts in 'states' with unified trial courts will be handling all cases from parking violations to felonies and from small claims to the largest civil actions. Another state may have general jurisdiction courts with a criminal division handling only felony matters (after preliminary hearing in a limited jurisdiction court) and a civil division handling no civil cases involving less than $10,000. Similarly, some limited and special jurisdiction courts may handle only small claims cases while others may try civil cases for amounts up to $300,000.

In criminal matters, some limited jurisdiction courts accept only guilty pleas for traffic and ordinance violation cases while others may try serious misdemeanor cases or felony cases carrying a maximum sentence of 5 years. In summary, when comparing trial court statistics, the differences in jurisdiction both within and among 'states' must be examined.

Variations in definitions

Problems relating to definitions of court statistical terms abound in both appellate and trial courts. Published source documents generally provide few, if any, definitions to assist in comparing statistics among 'states'. Much of the definition information used in preparation of this report came from ancillary sources.

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

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

Reference to Figures A and B shows that the problem of case definition in trial courts is more acute on the criminal side. Forty-four states and Puerto Rico count civil cases in all trial courts when the petition or complaint is filed. In criminal cases, however, the two major units of count are almost evenly divided. Paper doc-

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

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

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

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

uments filed are the count unit for all courts in 22 states, while the number of defendants is the count unit for all courts in 16 states and the District of Columbia.

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

Variations in completeness and accuracy of data

Incomplete data and questionable accuracy of reported data have been a major concern to the staff of this project. As the appellate court summary tables show, the amount and type of data available (published and unpublished) had no common denominator, and very little consensus existed among 'states' as to the appellate case categories that should be reported. There were very few states that consistently reported the volume of appellate court data by case category and by filings, dispositions, and pending cases.

Overall, the trial courts were more consistent in reporting 1976 data. During the verification process, all 'states' were requested to provide caseload breakdowns for **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** cases in their trial courts. One state provided only total filings and dispositions and one state provided data only for the state's two largest counties. The remaining 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico provided at least **civil** and **criminal** breakdowns for total cases processed in general jurisdiction courts for 1976. There were seven states that reported no limited jurisdiction data. Of the remaining states and Puerto Rico, data were reported for 118 of the 183 limited jurisdiction courts.

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

Extensive effort was required to validate NCSP classification of data provided by the 'states' and to avoid further distortion of any data received. The National Court Statistics Project staff made no attempt to assess the underlying validity or accuracy of the data received from the 'states'. For example, the published cumulative case statistics for appellate courts or for trial courts frequently did not balance with reported totals within each category. Such discrepancies were seldom footnoted or explained in published state reports. These discrepancies are, however, footnoted on the court statistical profile in Part II of this report.

Variations in reporting periods

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

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

State	Reporting Period				
	7/01/75-6/30/76	8/01/75-7/31/76	9/01/75-8/31/76	10/01/75-9/30/76	2/4/76-2/2/77
Alabama				All appellate courts	
California	All courts				
Colorado	All courts				
Connecticut	Superior Court (criminal) Court of Common Pleas (criminal) Probate Court		Superior Court (civil) Court of Common Pleas (civil)	Supreme Court	
Delaware	All trial courts				
Georgia	All but Court of Appeals				
Hawaii	All courts				
Kansas	All courts				
Maine	District Court				
Maryland	All courts				
Massachusetts	All courts				
Michigan	All trial courts but Recorder's Court of Detroit				
Missouri	All courts				
Montana	All trial courts				
Nebraska	Workmen's Compensation Court		Supreme Court		
New Hampshire	Probate Court	All but Probate Court			
New Jersey			All courts		
North Carolina					Supreme Court
Puerto Rico	All courts				
Rhode Island				Supreme Court	
Utah	All but Supreme Court and Juvenile Court				
Wisconsin	Supreme Court				

a few report appellate court data by court term. Therefore, the time spans covered in this report are not always directly comparable.

Although dates included in this report cover reporting periods of approximately uniform length, the starting and ending dates for the reporting periods vary both within and among states. Figure C displays the actual reporting periods for all courts not using the calendar year for the reporting period.

Limitations on analysis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

--Comparison of volume of pending cases or proportion of pending cases to filed cases across all states (courts): The point of filing may differ greatly (notice of appeal or submission in appellate courts; petition filed or note of issue for civil cases) and this may affect the pending caseload.

--Comparison of the volume of **small claims** cases across all states (courts): The limits on the amounts involved in **small claims** cases varies from state to state.

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

Despite the list of analyses that should not be performed, the data in this report do have significant analysis potential. In addition to the central purpose of this report--that is, to be a record of the data itself--some comparisons and analyses can be done. A few examples are as follows:

--Comparison of time to decision in appellate courts: These comparisons can be made from Table 13 for courts at the same level that use the same event for the start of the time interval. (Comparison of the average time from notice of appeal to decision announced for all cases in the courts of last resort of the District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota can be made. These 'states' do not have an intermediate appellate court. The same comparison could be made for both the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.)

--Comparison of the proportion of trials for felony cases: These comparisons can be made from Table 39 for trial courts that have similar units of count and trial definitions and report trial data for felonies or felonies and appeals. (Comparison of the proportion of cases disposed by jury trial in the California Superior Court, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, Michigan Circuit Court, and Florida Circuit Court can be made.)

--Comparison of the volume of tort actions: These comparisons can be made from Tables 21, 22, and 23 for states reporting tort data for all courts handling tort actions in that state (that is, those that have no footnote "p") and that use the same case definition. (Comparison of the number of tort cases filed per 100,000 population can be made from Table 23 for Florida, Wisconsin, Washington, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Idaho, and Alaska.)

--Comparison of the proportion of total **civil** to total **criminal** filings: These comparisons can be made from Tables 20 and 31, but it is necessary for the courts in compared states to report complete data (no footnote "i" or "p"), and to use the same **civil** case definition and similar **criminal** case unit of count. (Comparisons of the proportion of total **civil** to total **criminal** filings can be made for Illinois, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Alaska, states where the criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints; and for California, Virginia, Washington, Connecticut, Hawaii, and Idaho, states where the criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants.)

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

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

--Comparison of total volume of **civil** cases in trial courts: These comparisons can be made from Table 20 for 'states' that use the filing of the petition or complaint as the point that the case begins (those that have footnote "1" on the court title) and that report complete filings for all courts handling **civil** cases (no footnote "i" or "p"). (Comparisons of the total volume of civil cases filed or the number of civil cases filed per population unit can be made for California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Hawaii, Idaho, Vermont, and Alaska.)

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

Statistical series continuing development

Evolutionary focus of the statistical series

The annual report series is an evolving product. It is anticipated that additions and refinements will be made to successive volumes in the series. Between 1975 and 1976, the amount of data contained in the report was greatly increased by the inclusion of data from all special and limited jurisdiction courts.

It is important to the long-term improvement of the statistical series that these early volumes in the series be circulated widely enough to encourage reader/user ideas and commentary, and that they be used as a vehicle for developing solutions to problems encountered during the statistical series production process. As each successive volume is published, the NCSP can consider the feedback subsequently received from users of the documents, thereby further enhancing succeeding volumes. During this process, an early benefit to be derived will be availability to future researchers of successive-year data compilations, so that complete time series information is preserved. The current drawbacks occasioned by limitations in currently available data are greatly outweighed by the importance of having data compilation for all years in the continuing statistical series.

The type and depth of analysis considered by the NCSP to be meaningful, given the quality and completeness of the data, have been outlined above. More analysis can be performed on the 1976 data than on the 1975 data. Still more extensive changes will be made to the 1977 and succeeding volumes of the annual report series to improve analytical content. Graphic displays, particularly for communicating analytical information, will be added to the 1977 volume. As more is learned about the quality of the data, more specific suggestions will be given for their proper use, along with warnings to help avoid their abuse. Each year the text of the report will be revised, progressively improving the "readability" of the report.

Another type of effort will be necessary to eliminate those problems that stem from the currently unknown validity and reliability of the data. After data have been collected and state court statistical profiles constructed by project staff, these charts are verified by the states for completeness and accuracy of classification, but resource limitations preclude any auditing procedures, which would be necessary for conclusively establishing data validity and reliability.

In order to improve the quality of data contained in future volumes of the annual report series, the NCSP staff and COSCA NCSP Committee intend to consider the feasibility of establishing a project capability to conduct audits of selected clusters of data from particular courts, selected either because the data they report are atypical or to randomly represent all courts. It is anticipated that the combination of these "miniaudits" and technical assistance (the latter by NCSP and State Judicial Information Systems (SJIS) project staff to states requesting an assessment of and assistance in improving their statistical report systems) will systematically improve over time the validity and reliability of the data contained in the annual report series.

Because validity and readibility of the data has not yet been established, the NCSP staff has performed only limited statistical analysis for the Annual Report, 1976. In future volumes of this series, as the quality and quantity of data improve, the analysis section of the document will be expanded to include the investigation of selected questions of interest to researchers and court administrators. Analysis within this context might, for example, include: examination of problems relating to time guidelines for case processing; the differences, in terms of outcome or delay, resulting from adopting various strategies for processing cases; identification of methods to improve the allocation of resources within courts; and other topics focused toward improving the quality of justice available in our legal system.

As states gradually increase the quantity and quality of data available to the NCSP, the problems presently caused by the incomplete nature of the data will decrease. Progressive improvements should be apparent to the reader of successive volumes in the series.

Future analysis will not only describe court systems as they exist at the present time, but also will predict where they are going. The purpose will be to identify existing or developing problems and suggest solutions. Research proposed by the NCSP is not anticipated to be exhaustive, but will concentrate on those questions considered to be of greatest interest and importance to the courts and research community.

Dynamics of improvement

Ideas and suggestions for improvement of this state court caseload statistical series have come from many sources, and have provided the creative stimulus needed to constructively assess current NCSP efforts and map future directions.

In this regard, particular recognition and appreciation are extended to the members of COSCA, who are the crucial element in the successful production and improvement of state court statistics. Special recognition and appreciation are also extended in the methodological review panel assembled by LEAA to review NCSP products and generate specific ideas and suggestions for improvement. Panel members have been most helpful to the process of identifying and discussing issues and alternatives for future NCSP efforts, and in assessing, prioritizing, and time-phasing NCSP plans for improvements.

Continuation of evolutionary improvement in this statistical series rests, ultimately, upon the ability of the NCSP to maintain a productive dialogue and flow of ideas among the producer-compilers of the annual report, its data sources, and its end users. There already has been much dialogue, flow of ideas, and movement toward improved state court statistics, but much remains to be done.

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

Because of their importance and potential impact for improving the national statistical series on caseloads (i.e., the annual report), the Model Annual Report and Model Statistical Dictionary need to be briefly described.

During compilation of the NCSP state of the art and the 1975 annual report, a staggering classification problem resulted from the multitude of terms being used by the states to report their caseloads. The need for both a model annual report and a model statistical dictionary of terms for court usage became obvious. In response, an effort was launched during the 1976 annual report production cycle to develop these "ground-level" documents. They are to be used as tools to assist the states in improving their statistics. Such improvement should eventually be reflected in future annual reports.

The State Court Model Annual Report is a flexible working outline of critically needed, basic management data that should, as a minimum, be included in state court annual reports. The model identifies the kinds of data and the types of display needed for caseload and other management. The State Court Model Statistical Dictionary is a companion document which provides commonality of terminology, definition, and usage for reporting **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, **juvenile**, and appellate caseload inventory as presented in the model annual report. The classification structure and definitions serve as models of preferred terminology and meanings for statewide and national comparison purposes. The structure in the first edition of the dictionary covers those data elements essential for classifying court caseload inventory and manner of disposition.

Both of these documents must be viewed as a logical first step in promoting comparable court statistics. They were not available to states in time to affect their reporting systems or the national-level 1976 annual report, and will not affect state production of data for the 1977 through 1979 annual reports (because states have already completed the collection of data for these years). Even so, some effects will be noticeable in each national-level annual report, starting with this one. As state data allow, more of the recommended classification structure will be integrated into the annual report series (this 1976 edition has begun the process by revising several of

the case categories used in the 1975 report).

Future versions of the model annual report and model statistical dictionary will consider development of finer levels of detail, expansion of the classification structure, and addition of other significant information. Topics for such future exploration include, for example, further subdivision of **criminal** case categories, as well as the development of descriptive statistics and a scheme for reporting important case events in case processing. All such explorations must, of course, reflect the practicality of implementation and the trade-off considerations between perceived needs for data and the cost of acquiring such data.

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

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

The State Court Organization Survey statistical series is also related to the annual report in that it contains the types of organizational information most often sought by court administrators and researchers. As a result, the information requirements of the annual report need to consider the information requirements of the survey.

The NCSP technical assistance effort also is interwoven with the annual report national statistical series. This is accomplished by helping states adopt the suggestions in the model annual report and model statistical dictionary and by proactive identification of particular state systems that could benefit from technical assistance directed at helping resolve existing methodological problems of classification structure, terminology, definition, local data reporting procedures, and data handling/ transformation procedures. To the extent that such technical assistance suggestions are adopted, individual states directly benefit and the annual report national statistical series indirectly benefits. Without such extensive interrelationship as have been described, and without complete coordination and cooperation with COSCA, the resulting NCSP products will be severely limited in usefulness.

The process of building toward meaningful statistics takes time. Concurrent with expanding and refining the annual report national statistical series, the NCSP effort must encourage movement toward quality and precision in state court statistics. The necessarily longterm nature of this evolutionary process will contribute greatly to year-to-year improvements and enhancements of the statistical series. Given the complexity of the problems being faced, building toward comparability, quality assurance, and appropriate detail is a necessary incremental process. It is in this light that the NCSP presents the data and analysis contained in the Annual Report, 1976.

Part I
1976 State court caseload summary statistics

Introduction

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

Measures of analysis used on summary tables

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

Disposed as a percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases disposed by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by 100. A percent over 100 would indicate that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than 100 would indicate that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than 10 or if the quantity of missing data made it inappropriate.

End pending as a percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by 100. A value of 100 percent would indicate that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. A value higher than 100 percent would indicate a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than 100 percent would indicate a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. The smaller the percent, the better a court has handled its caseload. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than 10 or if the quantity of missing data made it inappropriate.

Number change in pending caseload. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from

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the number of cases pending at the end of the year. A positive number indicates the addition of cases to the pending caseload while a negative number indicates a reduction in the pending caseload. Thus, a large negative change in pending indicates that the court is keeping the caseflow current, and even making headway in reducing the pending caseload. A large positive change in pending would indicate that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending caseload. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and then multiplying by 100. A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than 10.

Filed per unit of population. The unit of state population used on all court caseflow charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among 'states' of various sizes. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed per unit of population statistic will permit direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases. For civil cases in trial courts, this measure will indicate, among other things, the propensity to litigate among the citizens in a given state.

Disposed and end pending per unit of population. These measures are displayed in appellate court tables, with 100,000 as the unit of population. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, discretionary jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the disposed and end pending per 100,000 population statistics permit direct comparisons among 'states' of the number of disposed and end pending cases.

Filed and disposed per judge. These measures are displayed in appellate court tables. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, discretionary jurisdiction, case definition, panels in the court, etc.) are similar, these measures will permit comparison of caseload per judge.

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

Appellate court summary statistics

In this section, tables are presented to show the caseflow of appellate courts in 1976. Appellate courts are subdivided into courts of last resort (the final court of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (courts whose primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and whose decisions are usually subject to appeal or review by a court of last resort within a given state). For purposes of data presentation in some tables, the courts of last resort have been divided further into courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts and courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts. All appellate courts reported at least some caseflow data.

Data presented in the following tables were compiled from all data that were available, both in annual reports and in unpublished data provided by individual appellate court clerks and state court administrators. Therefore, these data cannot be found in published annual reports alone. The sources of data from each court are shown in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix A.

Three factors prevent comparability from 'state' to 'state' of this appellate court caseflow data. These are variations in court jurisdiction, variations in case classification, and variations in the way cases are counted.

Major variation from 'state' to 'state' in court jurisdiction among appellate courts results from the kind and amount of discretionary jurisdiction over initial appeals granted to courts of last resort and to intermediate appellate courts. 'States' having both levels of appellate courts generally direct the more difficult appeals to the court of last resort, but these are not necessarily the same types of cases in every 'state'. Similarly, trial courts of general jurisdiction in some 'states' have incidental appellate jurisdiction. These courts may receive a large portion of the initial appeals, while other 'states' that do not assign appellate jurisdiction to general jurisdiction courts will have all of their appeals heard in the appellate courts. In these 'states' the appellate courts will have a much higher filing rate, but not necessarily more workload than in those 'states' where appeals are heard in general jurisdiction courts.

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

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

The second major variation in appellate court data arises in the classification of cases. The types of actions included as filings may involve time spans that vary from a few minutes to several months of judge time. Original jurisdiction cases and requests for leave to appeal generally require less judge time than appeals, while appeals of right are less complex and less time consuming than appeals allowed through discretionary jurisdiction. Many of the problems in comparability result from the various ways in which courts classify these different types of cases. Some courts report only total filings with no indication as to the types of cases included. Other courts report only what they have designated as appeals. Still other courts classify all types of cases by case category. Often definitions are not

given for the case categories. The types of cases classified as appeals are a difficult problem. Requests for bail pending appeal, requests for delayed appeal, and petitions to stay the lower court ruling pending appeal generally would not be considered appeals, but are counted as such in some courts. The appeals caseload will be inflated in these 'states'. Comparison of appellate caseflow is difficult because of these kinds of variations in the classification of the cases being counted.

The final variation in appellate court case data results from differences in when cases are counted and how they are counted. Some courts count cases as soon as the notice of appeal is filed while others count them at a later event, such as the filing of the record or the filing of the appellant's brief. The latter method will exclude those cases that are withdrawn before the counting point. Courts may inflate or deflate their caseflow by the way they count appeals of criminal convictions for two or more defendants, by whether cross appeals are counted as separate cases, and by the way they count appeals granted through discretionary jurisdiction. Courts with discretionary jurisdiction sometimes report the total number of cases filed without distinguishing between mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction cases; or they separate mandatory and discretionary cases filed but do not indicate the number of requests for discretionary review granted; or they provide separate data for mandatory cases, discretionary jurisdiction granted, and discretionary jurisdiction denied; or they combine mandatory jurisdiction cases and cases accepted for review, but report separately the total number of petitions for review filed. This latter results in double counting of granted petitions for review.

In trying to deal with these many variations in case data, the National Court Statistics Project has presented as much information as possible about the caseflow. The jurisdiction of each court is outlined briefly in the court system chart for each 'state' located in Part II of this report. Also presented in each court statistical profile in Part II is any available information about case category classifications or how and when cases are counted. Because the deciding of appeals is the primary function of the appellate courts, data on appeals should be separated from data on procedural matters. Unfortunately, data on appeals were not reported by states in sufficient detail to separate all appellate caseloads into categories. In the detailed caseflow tables (Tables 3 and 4) **appeals have been distinguished from original proceedings and requests to appeal** for courts of last resort and for intermediate appellate courts whenever such data were available. Even so, the significant differences in the definition and classification of cases in appellate courts have led the National Court Statistics Project staff to define appellate caseload **to include as 'cases' any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal.**

The appellate tables that follow (Numbers 1 through 15) are sequenced from the presentation of general data to more specific analytical tables. The tables present general caseflow, various analyses of caseflow, civil and criminal breakdowns, and time-to-disposition of appeals. The last two tables (Numbers 14 and 15) present 10-year trends in filings for those 'states' reporting total case data for 5 or more years, as well as the number and percent change in filings for these courts.

Only national totals, which appear as 'Estimated national totals' in Table 1, have been estimated. All other data in the following appellate tables are as reported and verified by state court personnel.

General appellate court caseflow (Tables 1-4)

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

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

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

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

The national caseflow estimates are displayed as 95 percent confidence intervals for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. The confidence intervals for all appellate courts are the sums of the intervals for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. A 95 percent confidence interval means that for 95 out of 100 samples of data, the confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value. A more complete technical discussion of the procedure used for estimation can be found in Appendix B.

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

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

tions resulting from differences in state populations.

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

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

"Reported totals" at the bottom of Table 2 are the totals of published and unpublished data received from the 'states'. "Number of states reporting" indicates how many 'states' provided information in each caseflow phase--beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending. 'States' were included in the nationwide totals only if data were reported for all courts in the state. "Percent of population represented" is the percent of the total U.S. population (plus Puerto Rico) represented by the number of 'states' that reported data in the caseflow phase for courts of last resort, and the percent of the total population of the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts represented by the number of states reporting data for intermediate appellate courts.

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

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

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

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

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

A final caution to be kept in mind is that Table 2 presents data for courts of last resort in raw form, without regard to the presence or absence of intermediate appellate courts, and without regard to composition and jurisdiction of the appellate courts in each 'state'. Comparisons between 'states' should be made only after carefully comparing the jurisdictions of the courts in the court system charts found in Part II.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is any **appeal**, any **original proceeding**, or any **request to appeal**. To ascertain the 'states' that reported data in any category, refer to Table 2.

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

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

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

Estimated national totals:
Estimated national totals for 1975 are the cumulative totals of all reported data plus the estimated data for each 'state' not reporting data; the 1975 data do not include Puerto Rico.
Estimated national totals 95% confidence intervals for 1976 are the cumulative totals for all reported data plus the 95% confidence interval for each state not reporting data. A 95% confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value for 95 out of 100 samples.

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

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

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Table 2: Reported appellate court caseflow for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1976. Number and percent change in pending. Number of courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. Number of judges in each appellate court. 1976 state population in thousands. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State	Court of last resort						Intermediate appellate courts						All appellate courts				Number of courts		Number of judges		1976 state population in thousands
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending Number	Change in pending Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending Number	Change in pending Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Last resort	Intermediate	Last resort	Intermediate	
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	0	510[j]	510	0	0	0.0	523	1,270	1,119[l]	671	148	28.3	523	1,780	1,629[l]	671	1	2	9	8	3,653
Court of Civil Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	186[j]	186	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--
Court of Criminal Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	523[f]	1,084	933[l]	6719	148	28.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--
Alaska	258	468	335	391	133	51.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	258	468	335	391	1	0	5	0	408
Arizona	305	1,023	1,004	324	19	6.2	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395	141	11.2	1,559	3,040	2,880	1,719	1	1	5	12	2,249
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	1	0	7	0	2,117
California	N/A	3,801[e]	3,694[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,675[l]	10,312	11,357	4,544[l]	-131[l]	-2.8[l]	4,675[lp]	14,113	15,051	4,544[lp]	1	1	7	56	21,522
Colorado	366	651	674	343	-23	-6.3	592	915	833	674	82	13.9	958	1,566	1,507	1,017	1	1	7	10	2,575
Connecticut	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	1	0	6	0	3,102
Delaware	233	335	282	286	53	22.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	233	335	282	286	1	0	3	0	582
District of Columbia	1,103[fh]	1,369	1,224	1,248[h]	145	13.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,103	1,369	1,224	1,248	1	0	9	0	700
Florida	1,159	2,214	2,390	983	-176	-15.2	5,118[h]	9,129	8,180	6,067	949	18.5	6,277	11,343	10,570	7,050	1	1	7	20	8,353
Georgia	405	1,433	1,404	4119	6	1.5	N/A	1,754[e]	1,754[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	405[p]	3,187	3,158	411[p]	1	1	7	9	4,984
Hawaii	221	265	166	320	99	44.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	221	265	166	320	1	0	5	0	884
Idaho	315	332	249	398	83	26.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	315	332	249	398	1	0	5	0	833
Illinois	340	998[e]	987[e]	351	11	3.2	4,073[f]	3,973	3,935	4,111	38	0.9	4,413	4,971	4,922	4,462	1	1	7	34	11,193
Indiana	80[h]	430	430	80	0	0.0	499	777[j]	653	623	124	24.8	579	1,207	1,083	703	1	1	5	9	5,313
Iowa	999	1,176	1,079	1,078[g]	79	7.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	999	1,176	1,079	1,078	1	0	9	0	2,874
Kansas	239[f]	438	340	337	98	41.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	239	438	340	337	1	0	7	0	2,299
Kentucky	N/A	833	1,217[j]	N/A	N/A	N/A	0[k]	615	71[k]	544[k]	544[k]	--	0[p]	1,448	1,288	544[p]	1	1	7	14	3,436
Louisiana	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	760[fh]	2,189	2,031	918	158	20.8	760[p]	3,951	3,617	918[p]	1	1	7	29	3,875
Maine	279	334	299	314	35	12.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	279	334	299	314	1	0	6[c]	0	1,071
Maryland	25	657	668	14	-11	-44.0	187	1,541	1,491	237	50	26.7	212	2,198	2,159	451	1	1	7	12	4,125
Massachusetts	N/A	663[j]	609[j]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	605	519	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,268	1,128	N/A	1	1	7	6	5,791
Michigan	396	1,045	921	520	124	31.3	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087	-40	-1.0	4,523	5,589	5,505	4,607	1	1	7	18	9,113
Minnesota	N/A	911	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	911	833	N/A	1	0	9	0	3,954
Mississippi	610	936	819	727	117	19.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	610	936	819	727	1	0	9	0	2,365
Missouri	165	579	649	95	-70	-42.4	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033	197	10.7	2,001	2,760	2,633	2,128	1	1	7	22	4,787
Montana	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	1	0	5	0	755
Nebraska	388[l]	716[l]	634[l]	470[l]	82[l]	21.1[l]	--	--	--	--	--	--	388[l]	716[l]	634[l]	470[l]	1	0	7	0	1,552
Nevada	256	806	803	259	3	1.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	256	806	803	259	1	0	5	0	613
New Hampshire	249	273	320	202	-47	-18.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	249	273	320	202	1	0	5	0	827
New Jersey	443[l]	1,164[l]	985[l]	622[l]	179[l]	40.4[l]	4,266[l]	4,819[l]	4,349[l]	4,736[l]	470[l]	11.0[l]	4,709[l]	5,983[l]	5,334[l]	5,358[l]	1	1	7	21[c]	7,339
New Mexico	168	558	603	123	-45	-26.8	249	446	550	145	-104	-41.8	417	1,004	1,153	268	1	1	5	5	1,172
New York--STATE TOTAL	N/A	595[el]	2,902[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,477[l]	9,067	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,072[l]	11,969	N/A	1	2	7	33	18,053
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	7,362[l]	7,560	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--
North Carolina	41[l]	546	492	48[l]	7[l]	17.1[l]	N/A	1,027	999	N/A	N/A	N/A	41[lp]	1,573	1,491	48[lp]	1	1	7	9	5,462
North Dakota	2[f]	150	144	8	6	NC	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	150	144	8	1	0	5	0	645
Ohio	N/A	1,404[e]	1,374[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,591[g]	2,101	84.4	2,490[p]	8,608	7,689	4,591[p]	1	1	7	38	10,690
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	1,426	1,998	1,795	1,646	220	15.4	92[h]	418	347	163[h]	71	77.2	1,518	2,416	2,142	1,809	2	1	12	6	2,770
Supreme Court[a]	1,182	1,019	908	1,310[g]	128	10.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	244	979	887	336	92	37.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--
Oregon	335	973[e]	911[e]	397	62	18.5	669	1,847	1,786	730	61	9.1	1,004	2,820	2,697	1,127	1	1	7[c]	6	2,326

Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,067	2,069[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,803	2,069[p]	N/A	1	2	7	14	11,802
Superior Court.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--
Commonwealth Court[a].....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--
Puerto Rico.....	369	1,204	1,123	450	81	22.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	369	1,204	1,123	450	1	0	7	0	3,214
Rhode Island.....	355	411	319	447	92	25.9	--	--	--	--	--	--	355	411	319	447	1	0	5	0	936
South Carolina.....	122	416	345	193	71	58.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	122	416	345	193	1	0	5	0	2,844
South Dakota.....	234[f,l]	294[e]	259[e]	270[l]	36[l]	15.4[l]	--	--	--	--	--	--	234[l]	294	259	270[l]	1	0	5	--	686
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	N/A	897[e]	308[e,l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,330	1,418	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,227	1,726[l]	N/A	1	2	5	18	4,234
Court of Appeals[a].....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	694	688	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]....	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	636	730	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	877	4,774	4,280	1,371	494	56.3	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]	131	15.5	1,724	6,598	5,997	2,349	2	1	14	42	12,599
Supreme Court[a].....	154	1,072	1,021	205	51	33.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]....	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	443	61.3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--
Utah.....	N/A	556	274[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	556	274[l]	N/A	1	0	5	0	1,232
Vermont.....	287	366	360	293	6	2.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	287	366	360	293	1	0	5	0	477
Virginia.....	501[f]	1,672[e]	1,574[e]	591[g]	90	18.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	501	1,672	1,574	591	1	0	7	0	5,052
Washington.....	241	589	495	335	94	39.0	1,808[f]	1,777	1,670	1,915	107	5.9	2,049	2,366	2,165	2,250	1	1	9	12	3,611
West Virginia.....	34	878	802	110	76	223.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	878	802	110	1	0	5	0	1,832
Wisconsin.....	598[f,l]	939	901	639[g,l]	41[l]	6.9[l]	--	--	--	--	--	--	592[l]	939	901	639[l]	1	0	7	0	4,610
Wyoming.....	130	138	134	134	4	3.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	130	138	134	134	1	0	5	0	391
Reported national totals*.....	14,554	47,030	44,778	16,828	2,274	15.6	34,065	78,058	68,605	39,162	5,097	15.0	40,248	115,611	111,965	44,934	54	29	346	463	217,882
Number states reporting*.....	39	49	48	39	39	39	19	25	24	19	19	19	37	49	48	37					
Percent of population represented*	58.4	89.3	91.7	58.4	58.4	58.4	70.6	100.0	93.1	70.6	70.6	70.6	53.6	89.3	91.7	53.6					

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

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[c]Judge information.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed **appeals**. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[l]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals include only data for 'states' reporting data in the caseflow category for all courts in the state. Not included in these national totals are incomplete data for the New York court of last resort filings, the Pennsylvania intermediate appellate courts dispositions, the Tennessee court of last resort dispositions, the Utah court of last resort dispositions, and the California, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Ohio "all appellate courts" beginning pendings and end pendings.
Number of 'states' reporting:
Reported cases for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Reported cases for intermediate appellate courts are from the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts.
Percent of population represented:
'State' populations used for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are the revised 1976 Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Population for the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts totals 171,027,000. The percent of population represented for each caseflow category is based on this total population figure.

Table 3: Detailed category caseflow for courts of last resort, 1976.
Appeals, original proceedings, requests to appeal, and total cases. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State and court title	Beginning pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending			
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total cases
Alabama--Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	243[J]	28[J]	239[J]	510[J]	243	28	239	510	0	0	0	
Alaska--Supreme Court[q]	224	1	16	258	334	16	86	468	208	12	82	335	350	5	20	391
Arizona--Supreme Court	216	89		305	211	812		1,023	185	819		1,004	242	82		324
Arkansas--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	551	62		613	N/A	N/A		N/A
California--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21[e]	886[e]	2,894	3,801[e]	118	911	2,665[e]	3,694[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado--Supreme Court	X	X	X	366	152	225	274	651	X	X	X	674	X	X	X	343
Connecticut--Supreme Court	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	192		49	241	N/A		N/A	N/A
Delaware--Supreme Court	233	X	X	233	335	X	X	335	282	X	X	282	286	X	X	286
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	1,103[fh]	0	(j)	1,103[fh]	1,342	27	(j)	1,369	1,197	27	(j)	1,224	1,248[h]	0	(j)	1,248[h]
Florida--Supreme Court	X	X	X	1,159	285	627	1,302	2,214	278	626	1,486	2,390	X	X	X	983
Georgia--Supreme Court	319	NH	86	405	833	NH	600	1,433	862	NH	542	1,404	270[g]	NH	141[g]	411[g]
Hawaii--Supreme Court	218	3	0	221	253	12	0	265	155	11	0	166	316	4	0	320
Idaho--Supreme Court	312	3		315	295	37		332	228	21		249	379	19		398
Illinois--Supreme Court	181	12	147	340	69[e]	87[e]	842	998[e]	262	81[e]	644[e]	987[e]	187	18	146	351
Indiana--Supreme Court	X	X	X	80[h]	X	X	X	430	151	58	221	430	X	X	X	80
Iowa--Supreme Court	999[J]	X	X	999	955[J]	31	190	1,176	1,079[J]	X	X	1,079	1,078[gJ]	X	X	1,078[g]
Kansas--Supreme Court	231[f]	8[f]		239[f]	406	32		438	304	36		340	333	4		337
Kentucky--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	21	833	X	X	X	1,217[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	461	1,301	X	1,762	344	1,242	X	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court[q]	246	0	0	279	269	2	6	334	236	2	6	299	279	0	0	314
Maryland--Court of Appeals	25	0	0	25	175	18	464	657	186	18	464	668	14	0	0	14
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	N/A	N/A		N/A	555	108		663[J]	501	108		609[J]	N/A	N/A		N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court	143	(k)	253	396	70	(k)	975	1,045	87	(k)	834	921	126	(k)	394	520
Minnesota--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	911	461	372	X	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi--Supreme Court	607	3		610	780	156[h]		936	662	157		819	725[h]	2		727
Missouri--Supreme Court	116	49		165	170	409		579	215	434		649	71	24		95
Montana--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A		N/A	291	118		409	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Nebraska--Supreme Court	388	X	N/A	388[i]	716	X	N/A	716[i]	634	X	N/A	634[i]	470	X	N/A	470[i]
Nevada--Supreme Court	X	X	X	256	627	172	7	806	X	X	X	803	X	X	X	259
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	X	X		249	238	35		273	X	X		320	X	X		202
New Jersey--Supreme Court	150	40	253[J]	443[i]	232	95	837[J]	1,164[i]	187	93	705[J]	985[i]	195	42	385[J]	622[i]
New Mexico--Supreme Court	X	X	X	168	213	161	184	558	288	160	155	603	X	X	X	123
New York--Court of Appeals	N/A		N/A	N/A	595[e]		N/A	595[ei]	640		2,262[e]	2,902[e]	N/A		N/A	N/A
North Carolina--Supreme Court	41		N/A	41[i]	165		381	546	158		334	492	48		N/A	48[i]
North Dakota--Supreme Court	2[f]	0	0	2[f]	132	15	3	150	126	15	3	144	8	0	0	8

Ohio--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	143[e]	143	1,118	1,404[e]	263	130	981[e]	1,374[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X	1,426	1,381	446	171	1,998	1,106	489	200	1,795	X	X	X	1,646
Supreme Court[a]	X	X	X	1,182	714	134	171	1,019	578	130	200	908	X	X	X	1,310[g]
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	X	X		244	667	312		979	528	359		887	X	X		336
Oregon--Supreme Court	X	X	X	335	440[e]	66	467	973[e]	X	X	413[e]	911[e]	X	X	X	397
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court	N/A		N/A	N/A	830		906	1,736	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	42	16	311	369	299	48	857	1,204	149	43	931	1,123	192	21	237	450
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	X	X	X	355	258	48	105	411	X	X	X	319	X	X	X	447
South Carolina--Supreme Court	122	0		122	403	13		416	334	11		345	191	2		193
South Dakota--Supreme Court	234[fh]	N/A	N/A	234[fi]	255[e]	15	24	294[e]	223	18	18[e]	259[e]	270	N/A	N/A	270[i]
Tennessee--Supreme Court	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	246[e]	NH	651	897[e]	308	NH	N/A	308[ei]	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	722	59	96	877	2,657	1,424	693	4,774	2,274	1,339	667	4,280	1,105	144	122	1,371
Supreme Court[a]	26	32	96	154	111	268	693	1,072	107	247	667	1,021	30	53	122	205
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	696	27		723	2,546	1,156		3,702	2,167	1,092		3,259	1,075	91[h]		1,166
Utah--Supreme Court	N/A			N/A	556			556	274[i]			274[i]	N/A			N/A
Vermont--Supreme Court	286	1		287	351	15		366	346	14		360	291	2		293
Virginia--Supreme Court	103[f]	34	364	501[f]	(e)	X	1,672	1,672[e]	220	174	1,180[e]	1,574[e]	112[g]	61	418[g]	591[g]
Washington--Supreme Court	149	10	82[f]	241	200	37	352	589	151	38	306	495	198	9	128	335
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals	24	10		34	359	519		878	300	502		802	83	27		110
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	594[f]	4[f]	N/A	598[fi]	682	177	80	939	649	172	80	901	630[g]	9	N/A	639[gi]
Wyoming--Supreme Court	116	14	NH	130	128	10	NH	138	125	9	NH	134	119	15	NH	134
Reported national totals*	8,146	356	1,608	14,554	20,611	8,371	16,401	47,030	17,742	8,232	15,551	44,778	9,816	490	1,991	16,828
Number of 'states' reporting*	30	23	14	39	46	37	30	49	44	34	26	48	30	23	14	39
Percent of population represented*	47.0	37.0	31.2	58.4	89.5	66.1	69.9	89.3	89.3	68.7	69.9	91.7	47.0	37.0	31.2	58.4

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

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 but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed **appeals**. When the resulting **appeal** is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[q]Explanation of sentence review cases:
The Alaska Supreme Court reported 17 beginning pendings, 32 filed, 33 disposed, and 16 end pending sentence review cases as a part of the total case figures.
The Maine Supreme Judicial Court reported 33 beginning pending, 57 filed, 55 disposed, and 35 end pending sentence review cases as a part of the total case figures.

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals included only data for 'states' reporting data in the caseflow category for all courts in the state. Incomplete data for total cases filed in New York and total cases disposed in Tennessee and Utah were not included in these national totals.
Number of 'states' reporting:
Reported cases for **appeals** and total cases are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Reported cases from **original proceedings** and **requests to appeal** are from the 50 states and 51 'states' handling **original proceedings** and **requests to appeal**, respectively.
Percent of population represented:
State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 217,882,000 from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total population is 208,664,000 for the 50 'states' handling **original proceedings** and 217,491,000 for the 51 'states' handling **requests to appeal**.

Table 4: Detailed category caseflow for intermediate appellate courts, 1976. Appeals, original proceedings, requests to appeal, and total cases. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State and court title	Beginning pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending			
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	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--STATE TOTAL	523		X	523	1,270		X	1,270	1,119[I]		X	1,119[I]	671		X	671
Court of Civil Appeals	0			0	186			186	186			186	0			0
Court of Criminal Appeals	523[f]		X	523[f]	1,084		X	1,084	933[I]		X	933[I]	671[g]		X	671[g]
Arizona--Court of Appeals	1,220	34		1,254	1,851	166		2,017	1,697	179		1,876	1,374	21		1,395
California--Courts of Appeal	4,675	N/A	NH	4,675[I]	6,462	3,850	NH	10,312	7,558	3,799	NH	11,357	4,544[g]	N/A	NH	4,544[I]
Colorado--Court of Appeals	592			592	915			915	833			833	674			674
Florida--District Court of Appeal	X	X	X	5,118[h]	7,931	666	532	9,129	7,392	503	285	8,180	X	X	X	6,067
Georgia--Court of Appeals	N/A		0	N/A	1,530[e]		224	1,754[e]	1,591		163[e]	1,754[e]	N/A		0	N/A
Illinois--Appellate Court	4,073[f]	NH	NH	4,073[f]	3,973	NH	NH	3,973	3,935	NH	NH	3,935	4,111	NH	NH	4,111
Indiana--Court of Appeals	499	NH		499	777[J]	NH		777[J]	653	NH		653	623	NH		623
Kentucky--Court of Appeals[k]	0	0		0[k]	X	X		615	X	X		71[k]	X	X		544[k]
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal[a]	X	X		760[fh]	1,947	242		2,189	1,802	229[h]		2,031	X	X		918
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	187		0	187	1,384		157	1,541	1,334		157	1,491	237		0	237
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	N/A			N/A	605			605	519			519	N/A			N/A
Michigan--Court of Appeals	3,535	30	562	4,127	3,007	212	1,325	4,544	3,209	189	1,186	4,584	3,333	53	701	4,087
Missouri--Court of Appeals	1,815	21		1,836	1,805	376		2,181	1,617	367		1,984	2,003	30		2,033
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	4,266		(J)	4,266[I]	4,819		841[J]	4,819[I]	4,349		(J)	4,349[I]	4,736		(J)	4,736[I]
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	249			249	446			446	550			550	145			145
New York--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A		N/A	9,477	N/A		9,477[I]	8,965	102		9,067	N/A	N/A		N/A
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court	N/A	N/A		N/A	7,362[J]	N/A		7,362[I]	7,458[J]	102[J]		7,560	N/A	N/A		N/A
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court	N/A			N/A	2,115			2,115	1,507			1,507	N/A			N/A
North Carolina--Court of Appeals	N/A			N/A	1,027			1,027	999			999	N/A			N/A
Ohio--Court of Appeals	2,413[f]	77[J]	NH	2,490	6,590	614[J]	NH	7,204	5,574	741[J]	NH	6,315	4,328[g]	263[gJ]	NH	4,591[g]
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals[a]	92[h]	NH	NH	92[h]	418	NH	NH	418	347	NH	NH	347	163[h]	NH	NH	163[h]
Oregon--Court of Appeals	669	0	NH	669	1,847	0	NH	1,847	1,786	0	NH	1,786	730	0	NH	730
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A		N/A	5,762	305		6,067	X	X		2,069[P]	N/A	N/A		N/A
Superior Court	N/A			N/A	3,631			3,631	N/A			N/A	N/A			N/A
Commonwealth Court[a]	N/A	N/A		N/A	2,131	305		2,436	X	X		2,069	N/A	N/A		N/A
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	N/A	NH		N/A	1,330	NH		1,330	1,418	NH		1,418	N/A	NH		N/A
Court of Appeals[a]	N/A	NH		N/A	694	NH		694	688	NH		688	N/A	NH		N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	N/A	NH		N/A	636	NH		636	730	NH		730	N/A	NH		N/A
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals[a]	847			847	1,824			1,824	1,717			1,717	978[g]			978[g]
Washington--Court of Appeals	1,713[f]	29[f]	66[f]	1,808[f]	1,512	130	135	1,777	1,384	138	148	1,670	1,841	21	53	1,915
Reported national totals*	27,368	1,911	628	34,065	68,509	6,561	2,373	78,058	60,348	6,247	1,939	68,605	30,491	388	754	39,162
Number of states reporting*	17	7	4	19	24	10	5	25	23	10	5	24	16	6	4	19
Percent of population represented*	63.4	74.5	17.8	70.6	98.0	53.1	24.6	100.0	91.1	57.3	24.6	93.1	61.4	22.2	17.8	70.6

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

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 but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting: Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed appeals. When the resulting appeal is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[I]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals include only data for states reporting data in the caseflow category for all courts in the state. Incomplete data for total cases disposed in Pennsylvania were not included in these national totals.
Number of states reporting:
Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 21 states and 20 states, respectively, handling each case type.
Percent of population represented:
State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 171,027,000 for the 25 states with intermediate appellate courts. The total population is 147,517,000 for the 21 states handling original proceedings and 122,526,000 for the 20 states handling requests to appeal. The percent of population represented for each caseflow category is based on these total population figures.

Comparative caseflow (Tables 5-10)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The wide ranges that exist for filed, disposed, and end pending cases per 100,000 population and for filed and disposed cases per judge are expected because of the many problems in comparability of caseflow from state to state. These measures are intended to remove the effects of population size or number of judges from the caseflow figures, but it is obvious that other differences exist.

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

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

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

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

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

	Courts reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Midpoint
Filed per judge					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 6) . . .	26	56.7	740.4	189.4	140.8
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 8).	25	27.6	238.9	100.7	93.6
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 10)	29	43.4	518.7	173.3	128.4
Disposed per judge					
Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts (Table 6) . . .	25	55.0	651.8	190.4	131.6
Courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts (Table 8).	25	26.8	224.9	88.5	72.0
Intermediate appellate courts (Table 10)	28	5.1	409.0	149.3	120.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Figure I it is interesting to note that the number of cases filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population was higher for courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts than for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts. This higher ratio is appropriate, since the intermediate appellate courts should handle the final resolution of some of the appeals. Also, in Figure J it should be noted that the number of cases filed and disposed per judge was lower for the courts of last resort in 'states' without intermediate appellate courts than for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The number and percent change in pending are displayed in Tables 9 and 10. Of the 18 states that reported pending data, only 5 reduced the number of pending cases. Two states had large increases in pending (77.2 and 84.4 percent) and the remaining 13 states showed an increase between 0 and 29 percent.

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

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

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

There are many differences in court jurisdiction. The Texas Court of Civil Appeals and the Oklahoma Court of Appeals handle only civil appeal cases, many of which are assigned to these courts by the Supreme Court in the respective states. There is no intermediate appellate court for criminal cases in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Variations exist in the types of cases heard by the court, the point at which the court counts a case, and the types of cases counted. These variations are discussed in the introduction to this report and the introduction to the appellate tables. If two courts are found to be similar after checking the jurisdictions and the other items mentioned above, then comparisons of their caseflow can be made.

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

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

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
California--Supreme Court	21,522	N/A	3,801[e]	3,694[e]	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.7	17.2	N/A
New York--Court of Appeals	18,053	N/A	595[e][i]	2,902[e]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC	16.1	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	877	4,774	4,280	1,371	89.7	28.7	494	56.3	37.9	34.0	10.9
Supreme Court[a]	--	154	1,072	1,021	205	95.2	19.1	51	33.1	8.5	8.1	1.6
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	--	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	88.0	31.5	443	61.3	29.4	25.9	9.3
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court	11,802	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.7	N/A	N/A
Illinois--Supreme Court	11,193	340	998[e]	987[e]	351	98.9	35.2	11	3.2	8.9	8.8	3.1
Ohio--Supreme Court	10,690	N/A	1,404[e]	1,374[e]	N/A	97.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.1	12.9	N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court	9,113	396	1,045	921	520	88.1	49.8	124	31.3	11.5	10.1	5.7
Florida--Supreme Court	8,353	1,159	2,214	2,390	983	107.9	44.4	-176	-15.2	26.5	28.6	11.8
New Jersey--Supreme Court	7,339	443[i]	1,164[i]	985[i]	622[i]	84.6[i]	53.4[i]	179[i]	40.4[i]	15.9[i]	13.4[i]	8.5[i]
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	5,791	N/A	663[j]	609[j]	N/A	91.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4	10.5	N/A
North Carolina--Supreme Court	5,462	41[i]	546	492	48[i]	90.1	NC	7[i]	17.1[i]	10.0	9.0	0.9[i]
Indiana--Supreme Court	5,313	80[h]	430	430	80	100.0	18.6	0	0.0	8.1	8.1	1.5
Georgia--Supreme Court	4,984	405	1,433	1,404	411[g]	98.0	28.7	6	1.5	28.8	28.2	8.2
Missouri--Supreme Court	4,787	165	579	649	95	112.1	16.4	-70	-42.4	12.1	13.6	2.0
Tennessee--Supreme Court	4,234	N/A	897[e]	308[e][i]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.2	NC	N/A
Maryland--Court of Appeals	4,125	25	657	668	14	101.7	2.1	-11	-44.0	15.9	16.2	0.3
Louisiana--Supreme Court	3,875	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A	90.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.5	40.9	N/A
Alabama--Supreme Court	3,653	0	510[j]	510	0	100.0	0.0	0	--	14.0	14.0	0.0
Washington--Supreme Court	3,611	241	589	495	335	84.0	56.9	94	39.0	16.3	13.7	9.3
Kentucky--Supreme Court	3,436	N/A	833	1,217[j]	N/A	146.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.2	35.4	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	2,770	1,426	1,998	1,795	1,646	89.8	82.4	220	15.4	72.1	64.8	59.4
Supreme Court[a]	--	1,182	1,019	908	1,310[g]	89.1	128.6	128	10.8	36.8	32.8	47.3
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	--	244	979	887	336	90.6	34.3	92	37.7	35.3	32.0	12.1
Colorado--Supreme Court	2,575	366	651	674	343	103.5	52.7	-23	-6.3	25.3	26.2	13.3
Oregon--Supreme Court	2,326	335	973[e]	911[e]	397	93.6	40.8	62	18.5	41.8	39.2	17.1
Arizona--Supreme Court	2,249	305	1,023	1,004	324	98.1	31.7	19	6.2	45.5	44.6	14.4
New Mexico--Supreme Court	1,172	168	558	603	123	108.1	22.0	-45	-26.8	47.6	51.5	10.5

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

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
Texas--Supreme Court[a]	9	12,599	154	1,072	1,021	205	51	33.1	119.1	113.4	8.5	8.1	1.6
Alabama--Supreme Court	9	3,653	0	510[j]	510	0	0	--	56.7	56.7	14.0	14.0	0.0
Washington--Supreme Court	9	3,611	241	589	495	335	94	39.0	65.4	55.0	16.3	13.7	9.3
Oklahoma--Supreme Court[a]	9	2,770	1,182	1,019	908	1,310[g]	128	10.8	113.2	100.9	36.8	32.8	47.3
California--Supreme Court	7	21,522	N/A	3,801[e]	3,694[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	543.0	527.7	17.7	17.2	N/A
New York--Court of Appeals	7	18,053	N/A	595[e][i]	2,902[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC	414.6	NC	16.1	N/A
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court	7	11,802	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	248.0	N/A	14.7	N/A	N/A
Illinois--Supreme Court	7	11,193	340	998[e]	987[e]	351	11	3.2	142.6	141.0	8.9	8.8	3.1
Ohio--Supreme Court	7	10,690	N/A	1,404[e]	1,374[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	200.6	196.3	13.1	12.9	N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court	7	9,113	396	1,045	921	520	124	31.3	149.3	131.6	11.5	10.1	5.7
Florida--Supreme Court	7	8,353	1,159	2,214	2,390	983	-176	-15.2	316.3	341.4	26.5	28.6	11.8
New Jersey--Supreme Court	7	7,339	443[i]	1,164[i]	985[i]	622[i]	179[i]	40.4[i]	166.3[i]	140.7[i]	15.9[i]	13.4[i]	8.5[i]
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	7	5,791	N/A	663[j]	609[j]	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.7	87.0	11.4	10.5	N/A
North Carolina--Supreme Court	7	5,462	41[i]	546	492	48[i]	7[i]	17.1[i]	78.0	70.3	10.0	9.0	NC
Georgia--Supreme Court	7	4,984	405	1,433	1,404	411[g]	6	1.5	204.7	200.6	28.8	28.2	8.2
Missouri--Supreme Court	7	4,787	165	579	649	95	-70	-42.4	82.7	92.7	12.1	13.6	2.0
Maryland--Court of Appeals	7	4,125	25	657	668	14	-11	-44.0	93.9	95.4	15.9	16.2	0.3
Louisiana--Supreme Court	7	3,875	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	251.7	226.6	45.5	40.9	N/A
Kentucky--Supreme Court	7	3,436	N/A	833	1,217[j]	N/A	N/A	N/A	119.0	173.9	24.2	35.4	N/A
Colorado--Supreme Court	7	2,575	366	651	674	343	-23	-6.3	93.0	96.3	25.3	26.2	13.3
Oregon--Supreme Court	7[c]	2,326	335	973[e]	911[e]	397	62	18.5	139.0	130.1	41.8	39.2	17.1
Texas--Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	5	12,599	723	3,702	3,259	1,166	443	61.3	740.4	651.8	29.4	25.9	9.3
Indiana--Supreme Court	5	5,313	80[h]	430	430	80	0	0.0	86.0	86.0	8.1	8.1	1.5
Tennessee--Supreme Court	5	4,234	N/A	897[e]	308[e][i]	N/A	N/A	N/A	179.4	NC	21.2	NC	N/A
Arizona--Supreme Court	5	2,249	305	1,023	1,004	324	19	6.2	204.6	200.8	45.5	44.6	14.4
New Mexico--Supreme Court	5	1,172	168	558	603	123	-45	-26.8	111.6	120.6	47.6	51.5	10.5
Oklahoma--Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	3	2,770	244	979	887	336	92	37.7	326.3	295.7	35.3	32.0	12.1

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
Virginia--Supreme Court	5,052	501[f]	1,672[e]	1,574[e]	5919	94.1	35.3	90	18.0	33.1	31.2	11.7
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	4,610	598[fl]	939	901	6399[l]	96.0	NC	41[l]	6.9[l]	20.4	19.5	13.9[l]
Minnesota--Supreme Court	3,954	N/A	911	833	N/A	91.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.0	21.1	N/A
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	3,214	369	1,204	1,123	450	93.3	37.4	81	22.0	37.5	34.9	14.0
Connecticut--Supreme Court	3,102	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.8	N/A
Iowa--Supreme Court	2,874	999	1,176	1,079	1,078[g]	91.8	91.7	79	7.9	40.9	37.5	37.5
South Carolina--Supreme Court	2,844	122	416	345	193	82.9	46.4	71	58.2	14.6	12.1	6.8
Mississippi--Supreme Court	2,365	610	936	819	727	87.5	77.7	117	19.2	39.6	34.6	30.7
Kansas--Supreme Court	2,299	239[f]	438	340	337	77.6	76.9	98	41.0	19.1	14.8	14.7
Arkansas--Supreme Court	2,117	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.0	N/A
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals	1,832	34	878	802	110	91.3	12.5	76	223.5	47.9	43.8	6.0
Nebraska--Supreme Court	1,552	388[l]	716[l]	634[l]	470[l]	88.5[l]	65.6[l]	82[l]	21.1[l]	46.1[l]	40.9[l]	30.3[l]
Utah--Supreme Court	1,232	N/A	556	274[l]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.1	NC	N/A
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	1,071	279	334	299	314	89.5	94.0	35	12.5	31.2	27.9	29.3
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	936	355	411	319	447	77.6	108.8	92	25.9	43.9	34.1	47.8
Hawaii--Supreme Court	884	221	265	166	320	62.6	120.8	99	44.8	30.0	18.8	36.2
Idaho--Supreme Court	833	315	332	249	398	75.0	119.9	83	26.3	39.9	29.9	47.8
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	827	249	273	320	202	117.2	74.0	-47	-18.9	33.0	38.7	24.4
Montana--Supreme Court	755	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54.2	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	700	1,103[fh]	1,369	1,224	1,248[h]	89.4	91.2	145	13.1	195.6	174.9	178.3
South Dakota--Supreme Court	686	234[fl]	294[e]	259[e]	270[l]	88.1	NC	36[l]	15.4[l]	42.9	37.8	39.4[l]
North Dakota--Supreme Court	645	2[f]	150	144	8	96.0	5.3	6	NC	23.3	22.3	1.2
Nevada--Supreme Court	613	256	806	803	259	99.6	32.1	3	1.2	131.5	131.0	42.3
Delaware--Supreme Court	582	233	335	282	286	84.2	85.4	53	22.7	57.6	48.5	49.1
Vermont--Supreme Court	477	287	366	360	293	98.4	80.1	6	2.1	76.7	75.5	61.4
Alaska--Supreme Court	408	258	468	335	391	71.6	83.5	133	51.6	114.7	82.1	95.8
Wyoming--Supreme Court	391	130	138	134	134	97.1	97.1	4	3.1	35.3	34.3	34.3

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

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
Minnesota--Supreme Court	9	3,954	N/A	911	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	101.2	92.6	23.0	21.1	N/A
Iowa--Supreme Court	9	2,874	999	1,176	1,079	1,078[g]	79	7.9	130.7	119.9	40.9	37.5	37.5
Mississippi--Supreme Court	9	2,365	610	936	819	727	117	19.2	104.0	91.0	39.6	34.6	30.7
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	9	700	1,103[fh]	1,369	1,224	1,248[h]	145	13.1	152.1	136.0	195.6	174.9	178.3
Virginia--Supreme Court	7	5,052	501[f]	1,672[e]	1,574[e]	5919	90	18.0	238.9	224.9	33.1	31.2	11.7
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	7	4,610	598[fl]	939	901	6399[l]	41[l]	6.9[l]	134.1	128.7	20.4	19.5	13.9[l]
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	7	3,214	369	1,204	1,123	450	81	22.0	172.0	160.4	37.5	34.9	14.0
Kansas--Supreme Court	7	2,299	239[f]	438	340	337	98	41.0	62.6	48.6	19.1	14.8	14.7
Arkansas--Supreme Court	7	2,117	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.6	N/A	29.0	N/A
Nebraska--Supreme Court	7	1,552	388[l]	716[l]	634[l]	470[l]	82[l]	21.1[l]	102.3[l]	90.6[l]	46.1[l]	40.9[l]	30.3[l]
Connecticut--Supreme Court	6	3,102	N/A	N/A	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.2	N/A	7.8	N/A
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	6[c]	1,071	279	334	299	314	35	12.5	55.7	49.8	31.2	27.9	29.3
South Carolina--Supreme Court	5	2,844	122	416	345	193	71	58.2	83.2	69.0	14.6	12.1	6.8
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals	5	1,832	34	878	802	110	76	223.5	175.6	160.4	47.9	43.8	6.0
Utah--Supreme Court	5	1,232	N/A	556	274[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	111.2	NC	45.1	NC	N/A
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	5	936	355	411	319	447	92	25.9	82.2	63.8	43.9	34.1	47.8
Hawaii--Supreme Court	5	884	221	265	166	320	99	44.8	53.0	33.2	30.0	18.8	36.2
Idaho--Supreme Court	5	833	315	332	249	398	83	26.3	66.4	49.8	39.9	29.9	47.8
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	5	827	249	273	320	202	-47	-18.9	54.6	64.0	33.0	38.7	24.4
Montana--Supreme Court	5	755	N/A	409	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.8	N/A	54.2	N/A	N/A
South Dakota--Supreme Court	5	686	234[fl]	294[e]	259[e]	270[l]	36[l]	15.4[l]	58.8	51.8	42.9	37.8	39.4[l]
North Dakota--Supreme Court	5	645	2[f]	150	144	8	6	NC	30.0	28.8	23.3	22.3	1.2
Nevada--Supreme Court	5	613	256	806	803	259	3	1.2	161.2	160.6	131.5	131.0	42.3
Vermont--Supreme Court	5	477	287	366	360	293	6	2.1	73.2	72.0	76.7	75.5	61.4
Alaska--Supreme Court	5	408	258	468	335	391	133	51.6	93.6	67.0	114.7	82.1	95.8
Wyoming--Supreme Court	5	391	130	138	134	134	4	3.1	27.6	26.8	35.3	34.3	34.3
Delaware--Supreme Court	3	582	233	335	282	286	53	22.7	111.7	94.0	57.6	48.5	49.1

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Table 9: Caseflow for intermediate appellate courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
California--Courts of Appeal.....	21,522	4,675[I]	10,312	11,357	4,544[I]	110.1	NC	-131[I]	-2.8[I]	47.9	52.8	21.1[I]
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	18,053	N/A	9,477[I]	9,067	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.5[I]	50.2	N/A
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....	---	N/A	7,362[I]	7,560	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	40.8[I]	41.9	N/A
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	---	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A	71.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7	8.3	N/A
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals[a].....	12,599	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]	94.1	53.6	131	15.5	14.5	13.6	7.8
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802	N/A	6,067	2,069[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.4	NC	N/A
Superior Court.....	---	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.8	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Court[a].....	---	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A	84.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.6	17.5	N/A
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,193	4,073[f]	3,973	3,935	4,111	99.0	103.5	38	0.9	35.5	35.2	36.7
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	10,690	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,591[g]	87.7	63.7	2,101	84.4	67.4	59.1	42.9
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	9,113	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087	100.9	89.9	-40	-1.0	49.9	50.3	44.8
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	8,353	5,118[h]	9,129	8,180	6,067	89.6	66.5	949	18.5	109.3	97.9	72.6
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,339	4,266[I]	4,819[I]	4,349[I]	4,736[I]	90.2[I]	98.3[I]	470[I]	11.0[I]	65.7[I]	59.3[I]	64.5[I]
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	5,791	N/A	605	519	N/A	85.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.4	9.0	N/A
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	5,462	N/A	1,027	999	N/A	97.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8	18.3	N/A
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	5,313	499	777[J]	653	623	84.0	80.2	124	24.8	14.6	12.3	11.7
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	4,984	N/A	1,754[e]	1,754[e]	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.2	35.2	N/A
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	4,787	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033	91.0	93.2	197	10.7	45.6	41.4	42.5
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	N/A	1,330	1,418	N/A	106.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	31.4	33.5	N/A
Court of Appeals[a].....	---	N/A	694	688	N/A	99.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4	16.2	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals[a].....	---	N/A	636	730	N/A	114.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0	17.2	N/A
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals....	4,125	187	1,541	1,491	237	96.8	15.4	50	26.7	37.4	36.1	5.7
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal[a].....	3,875	760[fh]	2,189	2,031	918	92.8	41.9	158	20.8	56.5	52.4	23.7
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	3,653	523	1,270	1,119[I]	671	NC	52.8	148	28.3	34.8	30.6[I]	18.4
Court of Civil Appeals.....	---	0	186[J]	186	0	100.0	0.0	0	---	5.1	5.1	0.0
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	---	523[f]	1,084	933[I]	671[g]	NC	61.9	148	28.3	29.7	25.5[I]	18.4
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	3,611	1,808[f]	1,777	1,670	1,915	94.0	107.8	107	5.9	49.2	46.2	53.0
Kentucky--Court of Appeals[k].....	3,436	0[k]	615	71[k]	544[k]	11.5[k]	88.5[k]	544[k]	---	17.9	2.1[k]	15.8[k]
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals[a].....	2,770	92[h]	418	347	163[h]	83.0	39.0	71	77.2	15.1	12.5	5.9
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	2,575	592	915	833	674	91.0	73.7	82	13.9	35.5	32.3	26.2
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	2,326	669	1,847	1,786	730	96.7	39.5	61	9.1	79.4	76.8	31.4
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,249	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395	93.0	69.2	141	11.2	89.7	83.4	62.0
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	1,172	249	446	550	145	123.3	32.5	-104	-41.8	38.1	46.9	12.4

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Table 10: Caseflow for intermediate appellate courts, 1976.
States ranked by the number of judges and state population. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population.

State and court title	Number of judges	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: Filed	Per 100,000 population: Disposed	Per 100,000 population: End pending
California--Courts of Appeal...	56	21,522	4,675[I]	10,312	11,357	4,544[I]	-131[I]	-2.8[I]	184.1	202.8	47.9	52.8	21.1[I]
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals[a]	42	12,599	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]	131	15.5	43.4	40.9	14.5	13.6	7.8
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	38	10,690	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,591[g]	2,101	84.4	189.6	166.2	67.4	59.1	42.9
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	34	11,193	4,073[f]	3,973	3,935	4,111	38	0.9	116.9	115.7	35.5	35.2	36.7
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	33	18,053	N/A	9,477[I]	9,067	N/A	N/A	N/A	287.2[I]	274.8	52.5[I]	50.2	N/A
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....	24	---	N/A	7,362[I]	7,560	N/A	N/A	N/A	306.8[I]	315.0	40.8[I]	41.9	N/A
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....	9	---	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A	N/A	N/A	235.0	167.4	11.7	8.3	N/A
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal[a]...	29	3,875	760[fh]	2,189	2,031	918	158	20.8	75.5	70.0	56.5	52.4	23.7
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	22	4,787	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033	197	10.7	99.1	90.2	45.6	41.4	42.5
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	21[c]	7,339	4,266[I]	4,819[I]	4,349[I]	4,736[I]	470[I]	11.0[I]	229.5[I]	207.1[I]	65.7[I]	59.3[I]	64.5[I]
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	20	8,353	5,118[h]	9,129	8,180	6,067	949	18.5	456.4	409.0	109.3	97.9	72.6
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	18	9,113	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087	-40	-1.0	252.4	254.7	49.9	50.3	44.8
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	18	4,234	N/A	1,330	1,418	N/A	N/A	N/A	73.9	78.8	31.4	33.5	N/A
Court of Appeals[a].....	9	---	N/A	694	688	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.1	76.4	16.4	16.2	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]...	9	---	N/A	636	730	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.7	81.1	15.0	17.2	N/A
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	14	11,802	N/A	6,067	2,069[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	433.4	NC	51.4	NC	N/A
Superior Court.....	7	---	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	518.7	N/A	30.8	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Court[a].....	7	---	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A	N/A	N/A	348.0	295.6	20.6	17.5	N/A
Kentucky--Court of Appeals[k]....	14	3,436	0[k]	615	71[k]	544[k]	544[k]	---	43.9	5.1[k]	17.9	2.1[k]	15.8[k]
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	12	4,125	187	1,541	1,491	237	50	26.7	128.4	124.2	37.4	36.1	5.7
Washington--Court of Appeals...	12	3,611	1,808[f]	1,777	1,670	1,915	107	5.9	148.1	139.2	49.2	46.2	53.0
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	12	2,249	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395	141	11.2	168.1	156.3	89.7	83.4	62.0
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	10	2,575	592	915	833	674	82	13.9	91.5	83.3	35.5	32.3	26.2
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	9	5,462	N/A	1,027	999	N/A	N/A	N/A	114.1	111.0	18.8	18.3	N/A
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	9	5,313	499	777[J]	653	623	124	24.8	86.3	72.6	14.6	12.3	11.7
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	9	4,984	N/A	1,754[e]	1,754[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	194.9	194.9	35.2	35.2	N/A
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	8	3,653	523	1,270	1,119[I]	671	148	28.3	158.8	139.9[I]	34.8	30.6[I]	18.4
Court of Civil Appeals	3	---	0	186[J]	186	0	0	---	62.0	62.0	5.1	5.1	0.0
Court of Criminal Appeals....	5	---	523[f]	1,084	933[I]	671[g]	148	28.3	216.8	186.6[I]	29.7	25.5[I]	18.4
Massachusetts--Appeals Court...	6	5,791	N/A	605	519	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.8	86.5	10.4	9.0	N/A
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals[a]....	6	2,770	92[h]	418	347	163[h]	71	77.2	69.7	57.8	15.1	12.5	5.9
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	6	2,326	669	1,847	1,786	730	61	9.1	307.8	297.7	79.4	76.8	31.4
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Special appellate court caseflow (Tables 11-15)

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

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

Table 11 includes 34 'states' reporting civil and criminal appeals filed in the courts of last resort. Of the **appeals** reported for courts of last resort, 51.4 percent were criminal. The number of 'states' providing civil and criminal category breakdowns for **requests to appeal** filed was quite low--10 for civil, 7 for criminal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Filings in appellate courts, 1967-76 (Tables 14 and 15). Table 14 displays trend data for total cases filed from 1967 through 1976 in those court systems reporting at least 5 years of data. For the 31 courts of last resort displayed, there was a 34.3 percent increase in cases filed from 1972 to 1976. In the 19 courts of last resort that displayed data for 1967 through 1976, the total increase in caseload was 52.5 percent. The 19 intermediate appellate courts reporting data had a 48.8 percent increase in cases filed from 1972 through 1976. In the 12 intermediate appellate courts reporting data for 1967 through 1976, total filings increased 134.6 percent.

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

General conclusions

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

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

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

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending				
	Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal		
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases
Alabama--Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	510[j]	X	X	X	X	510	0	0	0	0	0
Alaska--Supreme Court	147	71	X	X	258	214	113	X	X	468	141	58	X	X	335	220	126	X	X	391
Arizona--Supreme Court	15	201			305	35	169			1,023	26	155			1,004	24	215			324
Arkansas--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	350	201			613	N/A	N/A			N/A
California--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	153	56	1,547	1,347	3,801[e]	84	34	1,547[e]	1,347[e]	3,694[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	366	76	75	X	X	651	X	X	X	X	674	X	X	X	X	343
Connecticut--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67	44	X	X	241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Supreme Court	139	94	X	X	233	219	116	X	X	335	172	110	X	X	282	186	100	X	X	286
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	X	X	X	X	1,103[fh]	346	826	(j)	(j)	1,369	X	X	X	X	1,224	X	X	X	X	1,248[h]
Florida--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	1,159	X	X	X	X	2,214	X	X	X	X	2,390	X	X	X	X	983
Georgia--Supreme Court	217	102	X	X	405	591	242	X	X	1,433	582	280	X	X	1,404	1919	799	X	X	4119
Hawaii--Supreme Court	143	62	0	0	221	150	99	0	0	265	97	50	0	0	166	196	111	0	0	320
Idaho--Supreme Court	187[f]	81			315	161	82			332	122	62			249	226	101			398
Illinois--Supreme Court	98	44	61	86	340	119	108	448	394	998[e]	133	83	444	399	987[e]	84	69	65	81	351
Indiana--Supreme Court	X	X	0	X	80[h]	X	X	151	X	430	X	X	151	X	430	X	X	0	X	80
Iowa--Supreme Court	662[J]	337[J]	(j)	(j)	999	547[J]	408	X	X	1,176	625[J]	446[J]	(j)	(j)	1,079	756[J]	322[J]	(j)	(j)	1,078[g]
Kansas--Supreme Court	155[f]	76[f]			239[f]	254	152			438	186	118			340	223	110			337
Kentucky--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	833	X	X	X	X	1,217[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	453	X	X	1,762	7	337	X	X	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	119	127	0	0	279	145	124	X	X	334	121	115	X	X	299	143	136	0	0	314
Maryland--Court of Appeals	21	4	0	0	25	134[h]	41[h]	230	234	657	149[h]	37[h]	230	234	668	6	8	0	0	14
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			663[J]	238	248			609[J]	N/A	N/A			N/A
Michigan--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	396	X	X	X	X	1,045	X	X	X	X	921	X	X	X	X	520
Minnesota--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	911	279	115	X	X	833	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi--Supreme Court	X	X			610	507	273			936	328	163			819	X	X			727
Missouri--Supreme Court	X	X			165	X	X			579	180	35			649	X	X			95
Montana--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	247	44			409	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
Nebraska--Supreme Court	205	183	N/A	N/A	388[l]	364	352	N/A	N/A	716[l]	325	309	N/A	N/A	634[l]	244	226	N/A	N/A	470[l]
Nevada--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	256	249	358	X	X	806	X	X	X	X	803	X	X	X	X	259
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	X	X			249	X	X			273	X	X			320	X	X			202
New Jersey--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	443[l]	X	X	X	X	1,164[l]	X	X	X	X	985[l]	X	X	X	X	622[l]
New Mexico--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	168	206	7	X	X	558	X	X	X	X	603	X	X	X	X	123
New York--Court of Appeals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	N/A	595[ei]	474	166	1,233[J]	1,113	2,902[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina--Supreme Court	X	X	N/A	N/A	41[l]	X	X	X	X	546	X	X	X	X	492	X	X	N/A	N/A	48[l]
North Dakota--Supreme Court	2[f]	0	0	0	2[f]	97	35	X	X	150	91	35	X	X	144	8	0	0	0	8

Ohio--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,404[e]	X	X	X	X	1,374[e]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X		1,426	714	667	171		1,998	578	528	200		1,795	X	X	X		1,646
Supreme Court[a]	X	NH	X	NH	1,182	714	NH	171	NH	1,019	578	NH	200	NH	908	X	NH	X	NH	1,310[g]
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	NH	X	NH		244	NH	667	NH		979	NH	528	NH		887	NH	X	NH		336
Oregon--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	335	X	X	127	238	973[e]	X	X	X	X	911[e]	X	X	X	X	397
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	X	1,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	14	5	X	X	369	40	186	X	X	1,204	37	36	X	X	1,123	17	155	X	X	450
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	355	181	61	X	X	411	X	X	X	X	319	X	X	X	X	447
South Carolina--Supreme Court	98	24			122	226	177			416	178	156			345	146	45			193
South Dakota--Supreme Court	X	X	N/A	N/A	234[fi]	X	X	X	X	294[e]	X	X	X	X	259[e]	X	X	N/A	N/A	270[i]
Tennessee--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	232[e]	14[e]	258	393	897[e]	X	X	N/A	N/A	308[ei]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	26	696	96		877	111	2,546	693		4,774	107	2,167	667		4,280	30	1,075	122		1,371
Supreme Court[a]	26	NH	96	NH	154	111	NH	693	NH	1,072	107	NH	667	NH	1,021	30	NH	122	NH	205
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	NH	696	NH		723	NH	2,546	NH		3,702	NH	2,167	NH		3,259	NH	1,075	NH		1,166
Utah--Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	327	111			556	X	X			274[i]	N/A	N/A			N/A
Vermont--Supreme Court	X	X			287	283	51			366	265	56			360	X	X			293
Virginia--Supreme Court	X	X	136	220	501[f]	124	81	X	X	1,672[e]	X	X	440	871	1,574[e]	X	X	197	210	591[g]
Washington--Supreme Court	123[f]	26[f]	32	25[f]	241	154	46	107	125	589	123	28	97	90	495	154	44	42	60	335
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals	15	7			34	149	137			878	130	103			802	34	41			110
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	485[f]	109[f]	N/A	N/A	598[fl]	511	171	X	X	939	521	128	X	X	901	478[g]	152	N/A	N/A	639[gl]
Wyoming--Supreme Court	80	36	NH	NH	130	82	46	NH	NH	138	97	28	NH	NH	134	65	54	NH	NH	134

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal**, any **original proceeding**, or any **request to appeal**.
Total cases pending, filed, and disposed include **original proceedings** as well as all **appeals** and all **requests to appeal**. For display on this table, filings after the granting of a **request to appeal** are included in the numbers displayed for civil and criminal **appeals** filed in California, Illinois, and Virginia; dispositions which granted the **requests to appeal** are included in the numbers displayed for civil and criminal **requests to appeal** disposed in Illinois, New York, and Virginia. Filings after the granting of a **request to appeal** and dispositions which granted the **requests to appeal** are not included, however, in the total cases filed or total cases disposed figures for these courts.
Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
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[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.

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

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending				
	Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal		
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	0	523		X	523	186	1,084		X	1,270	186	933[I]		X	1,119[I]	0	671		X	671
Court of Civil Appeals	0	NH		NH	0	186[J]	NH		NH	186[J]	186	NH		NH	186	0	NH		NH	0
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH	523[f]	NH	X	523[f]	NH	1,084	NH	X	1,084	NH	933[I]	NH	X	933[I]	NH	671[g]	NH	X	671[g]
Arizona--Court of Appeals	473	633			1,254	599	1,000			2,017	482	978			1,876	590	655			1,395
California--Courts of Appeal	2,579	2,096	NH	NH	4,675[I]	3,183	3,279	NH	NH	10,312	X	X	NH	NH	11,357	2,555	1,989	NH	NH	4,544[I]
Colorado--Court of Appeals	X	X			592	569	261			915	X	X			833	X	X			674
Florida--District Court of Appeal	X	X	X	X	5,118[h]	X	X	X	X	9,129	X	X	X	X	8,180	X	X	X	X	6,067
Georgia--Court of Appeals	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	943	572	X	X	1,754[e]	X	X	X	X	1,754[e]	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A
Illinois--Appellate Court	1,803[f]	2,270	NH	NH	4,073[f]	1,858	2,115	NH	NH	3,973	1,678	2,257	NH	NH	3,935	1,983	2,128	NH	NH	4,111
Indiana--Court of Appeals	X	X			499	317[J]	417[J]			777[J]	X	X			653	X	X			623
Kentucky--Court of Appeals[k]	0	0			0[k]	X	X			615	X	X			71[k]	X	X			544[k]
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal[a]	X	NH		NH	760[fh]	1,947	NH		NH	2,189	1,802	NH		NH	2,031	X	NH		NH	918
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	76	111	0	0	187	622	762	X	X	1,541	607[h]	727[h]	X	X	1,491	91	146	0	0	237
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			605	240	62			519	N/A	N/A			N/A
Michigan--Court of Appeals	1,139	2,396	220	342	4,127	1,096	1,911	727	598	4,544	1,001	2,208	608	578	4,584	1,234	2,099	339	362	4,087
Missouri--Court of Appeals	1,117	698			1,836	1,206	599			2,181	1,021	596			1,984	1,309[g]	694[g]			2,033
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,266[I]	3,157[h]	1,662	N/A	N/A	4,819[I]	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,349[I]	X	X	N/A	N/A	4,736[I]
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	X	X			249	174	220			446	X	X			550	X	X			145
New York--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			9,477[I]	X	X			9,067	N/A	N/A			N/A
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			7,362[I]	X	X			7,560	N/A	N/A			N/A
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			2,115	X	X			1,507	N/A	N/A			N/A
North Carolina--Court of Appeals	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			1,027	457	487			999	N/A	N/A			N/A
Ohio--Court of Appeals	1,354	1,059	NH	NH	2,490	3,858	2,732	NH	NH	7,204	3,110	2,464	NH	NH	6,315	2,481[g]	1,847[g]	NH	NH	4,591[g]
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals[a]	92[h]	NH	NH	NH	92[h]	418	NH	NH	NH	418	347	NH	NH	NH	347	163[h]	NH	NH	NH	163[h]
Oregon--Court of Appeals	X	X	NH	NH	669	421	735	NH	NH	1,847	X	X	NH	NH	1,786	X	X	NH	NH	730
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			6,067	N/A	N/A			2,069[p]	N/A	N/A			N/A
Superior Court	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			3,631	X	X			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A
Commonwealth Court[a]	N/A	N/A			N/A	X	X			2,436	N/A	N/A			2,069	N/A	N/A			N/A
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A			N/A	694	636			1,330	N/A	730			1,418	N/A	N/A			N/A
Court of Appeals[a]	N/A	NH		NH	N/A	694	NH		NH	694	688	NH		NH	688	N/A	NH		NH	N/A
Court of Criminal Appeals[a]	NH	N/A	NH		N/A	NH	636	NH		636	NH	730	NH		730	NH	N/A	NH		N/A
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals[a]	847	NH		NH	847	1,824	NH		NH	1,824	1,717	NH		NH	1,717	978[g]	NH		NH	978[g]
Washington--Court of Appeals	1,110[f]	603[f]	X	X	1,808[f]	1,017	495	X	X	1,777	974	410	X	X	1,670	1,153	688	X	X	1,915

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal**, any **original proceeding**, or any **request to appeal**.
Total cases pending, filed, and disposed include **original proceedings** as well as all **appeals** and all **requests to appeal**. For display on this table, filings after the granting of a **request to appeal** are included in the numbers displayed for civil and criminal **appeals** filed for Georgia. Filings after the granting of a **request to appeal** are not included, however in the total cases filed or total cases disposed figures for this court.
Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

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, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting: **Requests to appeal** granted are not counted as disposed requests or as filed **appeals**. When an **appeal** is disposed, it is counted as a disposed case.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[I]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 13: Time interval (days) data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, 1976. Courts grouped by beginning event point. Beginning event to briefs filed, to argument or submission, and to decision announced. Argument or submission to decision announced. Type of cases included and statistic type (mean or median).

State and court title	Type of case	Beginning event	Number of days: Beginning event to briefs filed	Beginning event to argument or submission	Argument or submission to decision announced	Beginning event to decision announced	Type of statistic
Courts of last resort							
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	total cases	notice of appeal	204	305	127	432	mean
Iowa--Supreme Court	civil	notice of appeal	262†	805	73	878	mean
	priority civil	notice of appeal	262†	326	58	384	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	290†	351	55	406	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal	278†	491	61	552	mean
Kansas--Supreme Court	civil	notice of appeal	305†	473	52	522	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	360†	464	40	503	mean
Minnesota--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal	N/A	332	122	454	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification	79†	198	139	333	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certificaion	48†	N/A	108	290	median
Oregon--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal	166†	N/A	N/A	276	mean
Washington--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal	125†	247	152	400	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal	107†	N/A	183	N/A	median
Alaska--Supreme Court	total cases	filing of appeal	N/A	329	133	N/A	median
Hawaii--Supreme Court	civil--regular opinion	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	665	mean
	civil--memorandum opinion	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	543	mean
	criminal--regular opinion	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	503	mean
	criminal--memorandum opinion	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	491	mean
	other--regular opinion	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	796	mean
Wyoming--Supreme Court	total cases	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	302	mean
Arkansas--Supreme Court	civil	filing of record	N/A	152	29	181	mean
	criminal	filing of record	N/A	127	19	146	mean
Maryland--Court of Appeals	total cases	disposition in lower court	N/A	256	34	290	mean
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	total cases	entry	N/A	140	91	230	mean
Mississippi--Supreme Court	total cases	filing of record	N/A	347	33	379	mean
	total cases	judgment in lower court	N/A	519	33	552	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court	total cases	judgment below	190†	309	139	444	mean
New Mexico--Supreme Court	total cases	docketing	145†	238	54	292	mean
Intermediate appellate courts							
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	total cases	notice of appeal	224†	368	27	395	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal	196†	N/A	15	386	median
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	criminal and children's	notice of appeal	167	N/A	N/A	242	mean
	torts	notice of appeal	159	N/A	N/A	273	mean
	administrative appeals	notice of appeal	102	N/A	N/A	234	mean
	workmen's compensation	notice of appeal	147	N/A	N/A	257	mean
	criminal (Bernalillo County)	notice of appeal	154	N/A	N/A	213	mean
	new appellate rules--criminal and children's	notice of appeal	102	N/A	N/A	140	mean
	new appellate rules--criminal (Bernalillo County)	notice of appeal	105	N/A	N/A	146	mean
Oregon--Court of Appeals	total cases	notice of appeal	126†	N/A	N/A	169	mean
Washington--Court of Appeals--All divisions	total cases	notice of appeal	192†	458	73	531	mean
Division I	total cases	notice of appeal	152†	N/A	61	N/A	median
Division II	total cases	notice of appeal	204†	N/A	55	N/A	median
Division III	total cases	notice of appeal	198†	N/A	92	N/A	median
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	total cases	entry	N/A	245†	112†	357	mean
Michigan--Court of Appeals	civil	filing of appeal	225†	N/A	79†	N/A	mean
	criminal	filing of appeal	265†	N/A	65†	N/A	mean
	civil	filing of appeal	206†	N/A	65†	N/A	median
	criminal	filing of appeal	245†	N/A	48†	N/A	median
Texas--Court of Civil Appeals	total cases	filing of appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	168	mean
Georgia--Court of Appeals	total cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	30-45	N/A	mean
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	total cases	disposition in lower court	N/A	195	37	232	mean
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	total cases	judgment below	272†	415	27	442	mean

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

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

†For the time the briefs are filed, the following events were used:
Ready for submission--Iowa Supreme Court
Readiness--Kansas Supreme Court
Date perfected--New Jersey Supreme Court
Washington Supreme Court
New Jersey Appellate Division of Superior Court
Washington Court of Appeals

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

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

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases filed									
		1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Courts of last resort											
California--Supreme Court.....	21,522	2,716	2,959	3,322	3,400	3,179	3,238	3,139	3,513	3,668	3,704
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	11,802						1,424	1,387	1,607	1,696	1,736
Ohio--Supreme Court.....	10,690					905	1,001	1,144	1,203	1,323	1,479
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	9,113	361	450	544	504	708	658	811	957	974	1,045
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	7,339	160	142	139	170	195	169	173	183	227	232
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	5,052	1,270	1,248	1,185	1,380	1,329	1,398	1,249	1,256	1,526	1,672
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	4,787	1,046	846	815	1,036	1,187	998	387	1,039	904	1,170
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	4,610				455	494	555	502	607	656	709
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	4,234	399	194	191	205	213	209	205	266	327	246
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	4,125	714	435	411	437	489	403	348	304	250	173
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	3,954	525	578	631	576	584	603	677	781	921	911
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	3,875	515	532	601	755	863	1,044	1,083	1,258	1,606	1,762
Washington--Supreme Court.....	3,611					450	414	426	497	504	589
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	3,436	862	843	960	1,153	1,113	1,144	1,160	1,142	1,225	833*
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	3,214						878	995	1,071	1,083	1,204
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	2,770	409[P]	489[P]	1,339	1,357	1,235	1,281	1,421	1,578	1,806	1,998
Supreme Court.....	--			644	726	433	508*	702	735	992	1,019
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	--	409	489	695	631	802	773	719	843	814	979
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	2,575	640	574	620	568*	544	517	606	611	553	651
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	2,365				462	455	563	626	601	613	780
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	2,326	612	629	458*	432	558	607	553	667	750	973
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	2,299						368	341	342	368	438
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	2,249	444	505	556	679	697	677	686	749	890	1,023
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	1,552	320	321	322	362	474	446	546	484	571	716
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	1,172	331	244	255	218	240	295	298	433	500	558
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	936						325	349	345	355	422
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	833					182	155	243	252	307	295
New Hampshire--Supreme Court....	827	138	144	154	139	186	188	240	270	288	273
Montana--Supreme Court.....	755				189	197	236	239	269	299	409
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	700				452	613	796	980	1,128	1,221	1,342
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	613	246	288	319	396	306	375	392	434	556	806
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	582	137	129	201	198	176	250	247	255	273	341
Intermediate appellate courts											
California--Courts of Appeal....	21,522	5,262	6,121	6,530	7,721	8,327	8,194	8,806	9,418	9,936	10,312
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals..	12,599	1,199	1,133	1,153	1,228	1,328	1,397	1,332	1,502	1,764	1,824
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802						3,780	4,474	3,916	5,023	6,067
Superior Court.....	--						2,433	2,670	2,203	2,996	3,631
Commonwealth Court.....	--						1,347	1,804	1,713	2,027	2,436
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,193	1,402	1,504	1,691	1,856	2,499	3,020	3,044	3,259	4,135	3,973
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	10,690					3,798	4,311	4,909	5,503	6,869	7,204
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	9,113	1,795	1,894	1,959	2,214	2,336	2,799	3,076	3,579	4,435	4,544
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,339	1,598	1,845	2,067	2,449	2,746	3,583	3,883	3,801	4,383	4,819
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	4,787	702	703	573	660	758	1,097	1,616	1,405	1,552	1,805
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	501	811	860	863	859	1,042	1,092	1,016	1,279	1,330
Court of Appeals.....	--	434	400	430	488	452	498	494	485	649	694
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	--	67	411	430	375	407	544	598	531	630	636
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	4,125	339	382	500	593	729	726	880	980	1,154	1,384
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal.....	3,875	1,336	1,430	1,406	1,416	1,455	1,573	1,589	1,579	2,020	2,189
Washington--Court of Appeals....	3,611					937	1,243	1,244	1,541	1,819	1,777
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals.....	2,770	--	--	--	--	445	472	365	406	327	418
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	2,575	--	--	--	373	616	426	468	444	858	915
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	2,326	--	--	563	577	622	766	843	1,046	1,539	1,047
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,249	526	599	671	805	783	875	921	1,321	1,725	2,017
New Mexico--Court of Appeals....	1,172	108	152	168	168	232	235	318	475	514	446

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

Blank space = Not enough information is known.
-- = Not applicable.

[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

Table 15: Number and percent change in filed cases year to year for appellate courts, 1967-1976.
Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed								
		1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
Courts of last resort										
California--Supreme Court.....	21,522	243(8.9%)	363(12.3%)	78(2.3%)	-221(-6.5%)	59(1.9%)	-99(-3.1%)	374(11.9%)	155(4.4%)	36(1.0%)
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court...	11,802									
Ohio--Supreme Court.....	10,690						-37(-2.6%)	220(15.9%)	89(5.5%)	40(2.4%)
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	9,113	89(24.7%)	94(20.9%)	-40(-7.4%)	204(40.5%)	96(10.6%)	143(14.3%)	59(5.2%)	120(10.0%)	156(11.8%)
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	7,339	-18(-11.2%)	-3(-2.1%)	31(22.3%)	25(14.7%)	-50(-7.1%)	153(23.3%)	146(18.0%)	17(1.8%)	71(7.3%)
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	5,052	-22(-1.7%)	-63(-5.0%)	195(16.5%)	-91(-3.7%)	69(5.2%)	-149(-10.7%)	7(0.6%)	270(21.5%)	146(9.6%)
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	4,787	-200(-19.1%)	-31(-3.7%)	221(27.1%)	151(14.6%)	-189(-15.9%)	-611(-61.2%)	652(168.5%)	-135(-13.0%)	266(29.4%)
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	4,610				39(8.6%)	61(12.3%)	-53(-9.5%)	105(20.9%)	49(8.1%)	53(8.1%)
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....	4,234	-205(-51.4%)	-3(-1.5%)	14(7.3%)	8(3.9%)	-4(-1.9%)	-4(-1.9%)	61(29.8%)	61(22.9%)	-81(-24.8%)
Maryland--Court of Appeals....	4,125	-279(-39.1%)	-24(-5.5%)	26(6.3%)	52(11.9%)	-86(-17.6%)	-55(-13.6%)	-44(-12.6%)	-54(-17.8%)	-77(-30.8%)
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	3,954	53(10.1%)	53(9.2%)	-55(-8.7%)	8(1.4%)	19(3.3%)	74(12.3%)	104(15.4%)	140(17.9%)	-10(-1.1%)
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	3,875	17(3.3%)	69(13.0%)	154(25.6%)	108(14.3%)	181(21.0%)	39(3.7%)	175(16.2%)	348(27.7%)	156(9.7%)
Washington--Supreme Court.....	3,611					-36(-8.0%)	12(2.9%)	71(16.7%)	7(1.4%)	85(16.9%)
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....	3,436	-19(-2.2%)	117(13.9%)	193(20.1%)	-40(-3.5%)	31(2.8%)	16(1.4%)	-18(-1.6%)	83(7.3%)	-392(-32.0%)
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	3,214						117(13.3%)	76(7.6%)	12(1.1%)	121(11.2%)
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	2,770	NC	NC	18(1.3%)	-122(-9.0%)	46(3.7%)	140(10.9%)	157(11.0%)	228(14.4%)	192(10.6%)
Supreme Court.....	--			82(12.7%)	-293(-40.4%)	75(17.3%)	194(38.2%)*	33(4.7%)	257(35.0%)	27(2.7%)
Court of Criminal Appeals...	--	80(19.6%)	206(42.1%)	-64(-9.2%)	171(27.1%)	-29(-3.6%)	-54(-7.0%)	124(17.2%)	-29(-3.4%)	165(20.3%)
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	2,575	-66(-10.3%)	46(8.0%)	-52(-8.4%)	-24(-4.2%)*	-27(-5.0%)	89(17.2%)	5(0.8%)	-58(-9.5%)	98(17.7%)
Mississippi--Supreme Court....	2,365				-7(-1.5%)	108(23.7%)	63(11.2%)	-25(-4.0%)	12(2.0%)	167(27.2%)
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	2,326	17(2.8%)	-171(-27.2%)	-26(-5.7%)*	126(29.2%)	49(8.8%)	-54(-8.9%)	114(20.6%)	83(12.4%)	223(29.7%)
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	2,299						-27(-7.3%)	1(0.3%)	26(7.6%)	70(19.0%)
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	2,249	61(13.7%)	51(10.1%)	123(22.1%)	18(2.7%)	-20(-2.9%)	9(1.3%)	63(9.2%)	141(18.8%)	133(14.9%)
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	1,552	1(0.3%)	1(0.3%)	40(12.4%)	112(30.9%)	-28(-5.9%)	100(22.4%)	-62(-11.4%)	87(18.0%)	145(25.4%)
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	1,172	-87(-26.3%)	11(4.5%)	-37(-14.5%)	22(10.1%)	55(22.9%)	3(1.0%)	135(45.3%)	67(15.5%)	58(11.6%)
Rhode Island--Supreme Court...	936						24(7.4%)	-4(-1.1%)	10(2.9%)	67(18.9%)
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	833					-27(-14.8%)	88(56.8%)	9(3.7%)	55(21.8%)	-12(-3.9%)
New Hampshire--Supreme Court..	827	6(4.3%)	10(6.9%)	-15(-9.7%)	47(33.8%)	2(1.1%)	52(27.7%)	30(12.5%)	18(6.7%)	-15(-5.2%)
Montana--Supreme Court.....	755				8(4.2%)	39(19.8%)	3(1.3%)	30(12.6%)	30(11.2%)	110(36.8%)
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	700				161(35.6%)	183(29.9%)	184(23.1%)	148(15.1%)	93(8.2%)	121(9.9%)
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	613	42(17.1%)	31(10.8%)	77(24.1%)	-90(-22.7%)	69(22.5%)	17(4.5%)	42(10.7%)	122(28.1%)	250(45.0%)
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	582	-8(-5.8%)	72(55.8%)	-3(-1.5%)	-22(-11.1%)	74(42.0%)	-3(-1.2%)	8(3.2%)	18(7.1%)	68(24.9%)
Intermediate appellate courts										
California--Courts of Appeal..	21,522	859(16.3%)	409(6.7%)	1,191(18.2%)	606(7.8%)	-133(-1.6%)	612(7.5%)	612(6.9%)	518(5.5%)	376(3.8%)
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals	12,599	-66(-5.5%)	20(1.8%)	75(6.5%)	100(8.1%)	69(5.2%)	-65(-4.7%)	170(12.8%)	262(17.4%)	60(3.4%)
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	11,802						694(18.4%)	-558(-12.5%)	1,107(28.3%)	1,044(20.8%)
Superior Court.....	--						237(9.7%)	-467(-17.5%)	793(36.0%)	635(21.2%)
Commonwealth Court.....	--						457(33.9%)	-91(-5.0%)	314(18.3%)	409(20.2%)
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,193	102(7.3%)	187(12.4%)	165(9.8%)	645(34.6%)	521(20.8%)	24(0.8%)	215(7.1%)	876(26.9%)	-162(-3.9%)
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	10,690					513(13.5%)	598(13.9%)	594(12.1%)	1,366(24.8%)	335(4.9%)
Michigan--Court of Appeals....	9,113	99(5.5%)	65(3.4%)	255(13.0%)	122(5.5%)	463(19.8%)	277(9.9%)	503(16.4%)	856(23.9%)	109(2.5%)
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,339	247(15.5%)	222(12.0%)	382(18.5%)	297(12.1%)	837(30.5%)	300(8.4%)	-82(-2.1%)	582(15.3%)	436(9.9%)
Missouri--Court of Appeals....	4,787	1(0.1%)	-130(-18.5%)	87(15.2%)	98(14.8%)	339(44.7%)	519(47.3%)	-211(-13.1%)	147(10.5%)	253(16.3%)
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,234	310(61.9%)	49(6.0%)	3(0.3%)	-4(-0.5%)	183(21.3%)	50(4.8%)	-76(-7.0%)	263(25.9%)	51(4.0%)
Court of Appeals.....	--	-34(-7.8%)	30(7.5%)	58(13.5%)	-36(-7.4%)	46(10.2%)	-4(-0.8%)	-9(-1.8%)	164(33.8%)	45(6.9%)
Court of Criminal Appeals...	--	344(513.4%)	19(4.6%)	-55(-12.8%)	32(8.5%)	137(33.7%)	54(9.9%)	-67(-11.2%)	99(18.6%)	6(1.0%)
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	4,125	43(12.7%)	118(30.9%)	93(18.6%)	156(22.9%)	-3(-0.4%)	154(21.2%)	100(11.4%)	174(17.8%)	230(19.9%)
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal...	3,875	94(7.0%)	-24(-1.7%)	10(0.7%)	39(2.8%)	118(8.1%)	16(1.0%)	-10(-0.6%)	441(27.9%)	169(8.4%)
Washington--Court of Appeals..	3,611	--	--	--	--	306(32.7%)	1(0.1%)	297(23.9%)	278(18.0%)	-42(-2.3%)
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals....	2,770	--	--	--	--	27(6.1%)	-107(-22.7%)	41(11.2%)	-79(-19.5%)	91(27.8%)
Colorado--Court of Appeals....	2,575	--	--	--	243(65.1%)	-190(-30.8%)	42(9.9%)	-24(-5.1%)	414(93.2%)	57(6.6%)
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	2,326			14(2.5%)	45(7.8%)	144(23.2%)	77(10.1%)	203(24.1%)	493(47.1%)	308(20.0%)
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,249	73(13.9%)	72(12.0%)	134(20.0%)	-22(-2.7%)	92(11.7%)	46(5.3%)	400(43.4%)	404(30.6%)	292(16.9%)
New Mexico--Court of Appeals..	1,172	44(40.7%)	16(10.5%)	0(0.0%)	64(38.1%)	3(1.3%)	83(35.3%)	157(49.4%)	39(8.2%)	-68(-13.2%)

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

Blank space = Not enough information is known.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
-- = Not applicable.

*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

Trial court summary statistics

This section contains tables that display the 1976 statistical data from the trial courts. The data cannot be found in published annual reports alone. All published annual reports and other available documents from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were used. Unpublished data provided by state court administrators or other officials were also used.

In this 1976 annual report the number of 'states' with trial court data displayed has increased from 44 states and the District of Columbia in 1975 to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The number of courts displayed has increased greatly over 1975. The major reason for the increase has been the addition of statistics from limited jurisdiction courts. Court systems that contributed to the 1975 annual report have provided more data as state court administrators became aware of the NCSP data needs. Several states that submitted no data for the 1975 report have changed or improved their data systems to the extent that they could provide 1976 data.

Trial court data received from 'states' are generally more detailed and easier to interpret than appellate court data. However, some very specific problems prevent comparisons of the data presented in this report. These problems are (1) the lack of a uniform case classification; (2) the lack of complete data reported by the courts; (3) questions relating to the validity of data collected, both published and unpublished; and (4) variations in the subject matter jurisdiction of the courts.

The first problem in comparing data available from trial courts is the lack of uniformity in case classification and unit of case count. Both the case categories and the data classified in the case categories vary from state to state. Under the case category of **law**, for example, one state may use the term "civil judgment," another "civil complaint," and still another may report the case as "money judgment." This makes consolidation of these categories difficult. The lack of uniformity in unit of case count causes difficulty in comparison of caseload (see Figures A and B). Units of counting **criminal** cases may be informations, indictments, or complaints; the number of defendants; or even the number of charges. **Civil** cases may be counted at the filing of a complaint, at note of issue, or at the time placed on the calendar.

The second problem in comparing data available from trial courts is the lack of complete statistics. Some 'states' report only total caseload. Others report individual case categories, but omit breakdowns within certain categories to show what is included within, for example, **domestic relations, probate,** or **mental health.** This omission presents a problem in interstate comparisons. In addition, there are 'states' that are not consistent in their reporting of data. The general jurisdiction court, for example, may give detailed category breakdowns, whereas the limited jurisdiction court may report only total **civil**, **criminal**, and **juvenile** cases, or not report at all.

The third problem relates to questions of validity of the data collected, both published and unpublished. One of the major factors in data validity is the chance of human error. Many elements (hidden data, transposition of figures, double counting of cases, manner used to verify data) contribute to the scope of this problem. Although many techniques have been implemented, both by state court administrators and by the staff of the National Court Statistics Project, to keep errors to a minimum, the reader should understand that a verification process does not guarantee absolute validity.

The final problem is variation in the subject matter jurisdiction of the courts. In four states, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, and South Dakota and in the District of Columbia, general jurisdiction courts handle all types of cases. In other states, such as Florida and New Jersey, general jurisdiction courts process only major criminal cases and major civil actions, while other civil and criminal cases are handled by limited jurisdiction courts. Limited jurisdiction courts have been added to this year's report in order to present a complete picture of the trial court caseload. The addition of limited jurisdiction court data to this report does not change the fact that some general jurisdiction court systems handle all the cases. The 1976 state statistical profiles in Part II show that the number and types of trial courts vary from state to state. This difference in court structure must be kept in mind while examining the data in this document.

The reader should note two other factors before reviewing the trial court tables. The first: only 'states' reporting data that could be displayed in specific case category tables (i.e., **felony**, **property rights**, **status offenses**, etc.) were included in such tables. For the sake of clarity, those 'states' that did not report such data were not listed. When every court in the state handling the case type did not report data, the data that were reported have been footnoted as being incomplete (footnote p) in order to provide the reader with an indicator of incomplete data when comparing caseloads. The second: the reader should review Appendix C, which provides a court-by-court listing of case types handled in a particular court. This information will help determine whether caseloads can be compared between 'states' or courts.

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

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

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

General trial court caseflow (Tables 16-19)

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

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

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

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

The national caseflow estimates are displayed as 95 percent confidence intervals for each of the categories of caseflow (**civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile**). The confidence intervals for total caseflow are the sums of the intervals for each of the four categories. A 95 percent confidence interval means that for 95 our of 100 samples of data, the confidence interval would be expected to contain the true value. A more complete technical discussion of the procedure used for estimation can be found in Appendix B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In this table the reader will note that data for the general jurisdiction courts are more complete than data for the limited jurisdiction courts. The all trial courts section is far from complete.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Range in percent						
	0.0 to 29.9%	30.0 to 49.9%	50.0 to 69.9%	70.0 to 99.9%	100.0% to 199.9%	200.0% and over	Total 'states' reporting
'State' totals for general jurisdiction courts:							
Civil (Table 20)	0	5	8	10	9	1	33
Criminal (Table 31)	9	10	5	7	2	0	33
Traffic (Table 40)	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
Juvenile (Table 44)	7	5	3	0	0	0	15
Total (Table 19)	1	7	8	7	6	1	30
'State' totals for limited jurisdiction courts:							
Civil (Table 20)	4	3	3	0	1	0	11
Criminal (Table 31)	7	3	0	0	1	0	11
Traffic (Table 40)	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Juvenile (Table 44)	5	0	0	1	0	0	6
Total (Table 19)	7	1	0	0	2	0	10
'State' totals for all trial courts:							
Civil (Table 20)	1	3	7	3	1	0	15
Criminal (Table 31)	8	5	3	2	0	0	18
Traffic (Table 40)	13	1	0	0	0	0	14
Juvenile (Table 44)	11	5	3	0	0	0	19
Total (Table 19)	5	4	3	1	0	0	13

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

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

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

Reported and estimated caseflow	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases	2,048,289	7,745,762	6,300,254	1,750,055
Number of 'states' reporting	15	29	26	14
Percent of population represented	32.0%	66.3%	58.7%	28.2%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	--	13,700,000	12,000,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	--	10,600,000	9,900,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	2,558,819	4,731,183	4,297,027	2,451,863
Number of 'states' reporting	41	50	47	40
Percent of population represented	79.1%	98.8%	95.6%	75.2%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	789,968	4,258,189	3,343,287	655,321
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle **civil** cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	10	24	20	9
Percent of population represented (196,986,000 is the population in the 46 'states')	25.1%	63.1%	54.3%	20.9%
Criminal				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases	171,365	4,906,518	3,467,558	236,529
Number of 'states' reporting	7	20	20	8
Percent of population represented	12.1%	46.2%	40.9%	14.6%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	--	14,200,000	12,000,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	--	8,300,000	7,800,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	498,609	1,820,828	1,770,249	462,652
Number of 'states' reporting	37	49	47	36
Percent of population represented	66.9%	97.5%	95.6%	63.0%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	115,072	3,788,243	2,356,525	156,447
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle **criminal** cases in limited jurisdiciton courts)	3	16	14	4
Percent of population represented (201,119,000 is the population in the 46 'states')	6.5%	43.5%	35.9%	9.2%
Traffic				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases	375,376	34,334,620	17,745,87[illegible]	519,017
Number of 'states' reporting	7	21	19	8
Percent of population represented	8.4%	48.1%	42.0%	10.9%
Estimated national totals, 1976:				
Upper limit of 95% confidence interval	--	79,200,000	66,300,000	--
Lower limit of 95% confidence interval	--	50,500,000	40,500,000	--
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	94,754	4,043,833	3,475,237	96,501
Number of 'states' reporting (14 'states' handle **traffic** cases in general jurisdiction courts)	8	12	13	8
Percent of population represented (47,381,000 is the population in the 14 'states')	45.8%	92.5%	98.6%	45.8%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases	361,271	31,673,774	14,603,072	501,447
Number of 'states' reporting (46 'states' handle **traffic** cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	4	18	15	5
Percent of population represented (201,119,000 is the population in the 46 'states')	8.1%	47.3%	37.8%	10.8%

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- = Not applicable.

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

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed				
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total
Alabama--Circuit Court[1,8]	46,052[fh]	10,553[fh]	NH	NH	56,605[fh]	78,016	25,466	NH	NH	103,482
Alaska--Superior Court[1,6]	7,382[h]	564[f]	NH	N/A	7,946[fi]	10,749	991	NH	1,510	13,250
Arizona--Superior Court[1,1,8]	54,064[f]	5,882[f]	NH	794	60,740[f]	62,574	13,913	NH	8,287	84,774
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	49,911[i]	7,675	NH	NH	57,586[i]	59,916	12,813	NH	NH	72,729
Circuit Court[1,6]	14,586[f]	7,675[f]	NH	NH	22,261[f]	20,200	12,813	NH	NH	33,013
Chancery and Probate Court[1]	35,325[fi]	NH	NH	NH	35,325[fi]	39,716	NH	NH	NH	39,716
California--Superior Court[1,8]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	501,775	57,430	NH	107,917	667,122
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	79,096	10,031	NH	8,795	97,922	83,879	14,334	NH	22,838	121,051
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court[1,8]	73,424	10,031	NH	8,795	92,250[f]	82,035	14,334	NH	22,838	119,207
Water Court[a,1]	5,672	NH	NH	NH	5,672	1,844	NH	NH	NH	1,844
Connecticut--Superior Court[1,8]	32,961[f]	3,370	NH	NH	36,331[f]	26,004	4,555	NH	NH	30,559
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	11,550	1,593	NH	NH	13,143	7,599	3,786	NH	NH	11,385
Superior Court[a,1,8]	3,963	1,593	NH	NH	5,556	4,935	3,786	NH	NH	8,721
Court of Chancery[1]	7,587	NH	NH	NH	7,587	2,664	NH	NH	NH	2,664
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2,9]	13,139[f]	5,832	4,287	1,967	25,225[fr]	170,059	31,956	97,903	7,391	307,309[r]
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1,9]	229,856	52,242	NH	20,767	302,865	243,129	66,166	NH	64,377	373,672
Georgia--Superior Court[c,1,1,9]	50,903[h]	X	X	NH	69,535[hr]	87,133	42,962	13,517	NH	143,612[r]
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	19,379	1,803	171	2,778	24,131[r]	18,098	2,028	650	7,363	28,139[r]
Circuit Court[1,8]	19,256	1,803	171	2,778	24,008[r]	18,000	2,028	650	7,363	28,041[r]
Land Court[a,1]	76	NH	NH	NH	76	57	NH	NH	NH	57
Tax Appeal Court[a,1]	47	NH	NH	NH	47	41	NH	NH	NH	41
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	19,783	5,363	4,688	1,844	31,678[r]	40,245	30,490	183,974	7,927	262,636[r]
District Court[1,8]	7,035[fh]	880[fh]	10[fh]	3[fh]	7,928[fhr]	9,719	3,379	21	1	13,120[r]
Magistrates Division[a,1,9]	12,748[fh]	4,483[fh]	4,678[fh]	1,841[fh]	23,750[fhr]	30,526	27,111	183,953	7,926	249,516[r]
Illinois--Circuit Court[1,7]	344,005[i]	19,278[i]	N/A	13,606[h]	376,889[i]	633,246	520,112	2,305,483	25,731	3,484,572[r]
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X	X	231,848[r]	173,924	45,889	48,337	12,981	281,131[r]
Superior Court and Circuit Court[1,7]	X	X	X	X	231,492[r]	173,924	43,495	48,337	12,981	278,737[r]
Criminal Court of Marion County[1,7]	NH	356	NH	NH	356	NH	2,394	NH	NH	2,394
Iowa--District Court[1,6]	47,146[i]	X	X	N/A	133,424[ir]	125,415	X	X	5,672	587,921[r]
Kansas--District Court[1,7]	18,602[f]	1,902[f]	46[f]	NH	20,550[fr]	37,811	7,026	229	NH	45,066[r]
Kentucky--Circuit Court[1,1,6]	71,720[f]	8,228[f]	NH	NH	79,948[f]	59,497	11,202	NH	NH	70,699
Louisiana--District Court[c,1], Family Court, and Juvenile Court[1,8]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	100,868	52,297	NH	10,406	163,571
Maine--Superior Court[1,7]	8,188[h]	3,844[h]	NH	NH	12,032[h]	5,851	6,533	NH	NH	12,384
Maryland--Circuit Court[1,6]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	62,158	34,333	NH	25,185	121,676
Massachusetts--Superior Court[1,6]	93,291	43,147	NH	NH	136,438	31,085	37,508	NH	NH	68,593
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	106,669	16,080[i]	2,563[i]	NH	125,312[ir]	127,911	122,894	782,255	NH	1,033,060[s]
Circuit Court[1,9]	106,368[f]	11,359[f]	NH	NH	117,727[f]	126,924	26,426	NH	NH	153,350
Court of Claims[a,1]	301[f]	NH	NH	NH	301[f]	987	NH	NH	NH	987
Recorder's Court[9]	NH	4,721[i]	2,563[i]	NH	7,284[ir]	NH	96,468	782,255	NH	878,723[s]
Minnesota--District Court[1,12]	8,261	1,763	NH	N/A	10,024[i]	21,643	8,919	NH	N/A	30,562[i]
Mississippi--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	52,217	7,441	NH	N/A	59,658[i]
Circuit Court[a,1,6]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	12,635	7,441	NH	NH	20,076
Chancery Court[a,1]	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	39,582	NH	NH	N/A	39,582[i]
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[1,6]	63,023[f]	10,171[f]	NH	10,530[f]	83,724[f]	74,474	18,080	NH	16,929	109,483
Montana--District Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	18,668	2,122	NH	1,793	22,583[i]
Nebraska--District Court[1,8]	5,220	895	NH	NH	6,115	17,232	7,215	NH	NH	24,447
Nevada--District Court[1,1,9]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	25,106	4,633	NH	2,343	32,082
New Hampshire--Superior Court[5,12]	18,361	4,461	NH	NH	22,872	17,758	6,431	NH	NH	24,189
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court[2,6]	49,443[f]	27,436[f]	NH	NH	76,879[f]	64,877	31,680	NH	NH	96,557
New Mexico--District Court[1,9]	17,305	2,096	NH	2,848	22,249	33,990	4,706	NH	5,259	43,955
New York--Supreme Court and County Court[1,8]	66,709[f]	N/A	NH	NH	66,709[fi]	114,099	31,659	NH	NH	145,758
North Carolina--Superior Court[k,1,12]	13,269[f]	15,282[f]	NH	NH	28,551[f]	10,774	52,547	NH	NH	63,321
North Dakota--District Court[1,6]	2,908[f]	X	X	X	3,421[r]	7,630	1,051	3	1,001	9,685[r]
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[1,8]	167,984[fi]	6,487[f]	NH	19,226[f]	193,697[fi]	244,569	30,527	NH	189,342	464,438
Oklahoma--District Court[1,6]	134,417[f]	33,150[fi]	44,833[f]	3,911[f]	216,311[fir]	160,562	55,581	178,599	8,272	403,014[r]
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	39,238[i]	4,974	NH	N/A	44,212[i]	55,799	14,485	NH	13,470	83,754
Circuit Court[1,11]	39,055[fi]	4,974[h]	NH	N/A	44,029[i]	55,618	14,485	NH	13,470	83,573
Tax Court[a,1]	183	NH	NH	NH	183	181	NH	NH	NH	181
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[1,8]	61,553	29,124	NH	5,920	96,597	178,800	76,302	NH	37,084	292,186
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[1,10]	53,236	26,264	NH	2,474	81,974	78,476	26,331	NH	6,215	111,022
Rhode Island--Superior Court[1,6]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	6,733	3,277	NH	NH	10,010
South Carolina--Circuit Court[1,6]	22,215	11,128	NH	NH	33,343[j]	25,377	28,548	NH	NH	53,925[j]
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,1,6]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,210	4,210[i]
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	49,880	16,943	NH	NH	66,823	83,202	29,609	NH	NH	112,811
Circuit Court and Criminal Court[c,1,6]	29,642[fh]	16,943[fh]	NH	NH	46,585[fh]	47,357	29,609	NH	NH	76,966
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	3,128[fh]	NH	NH	NH	3,128[fh]	4,847	NH	NH	NH	4,847
Chancery Court[c,1]	17,110[fh]	NH	NH	NH	17,110[fh]	30,998	NH	NH	NH	30,998
Texas--District Court[1,9]	270,142	68,812	NH	5,328	344,282	272,601	78,317	NH	11,031	361,949
Utah--District Court[1,7]	15,678[f]	287[f]	NH	NH	15,965[f]	25,533	3,068	NH	NH	28,601
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	21,997	4,567	2,396	255	29,215[r]	19,559	16,987	37,091	1,020	74,657[r]
Superior Court[1,6]	6,784	19	NH	NH	6,803	6,691	59	NH	NH	6,750
District Court[1,7]	15,213	4,548[f]	2,396	255	22,412[fr]	12,868	16,928	37,091	1,020	67,907[r]
Virginia--Circuit Court[1,8]	82,779[fh]	12,174[fh]	NH	NH	94,953[fh]	63,976	42,843	NH	NH	106,819
Washington--Superior Court[1,8]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	94,325	14,053	NH	13,433	121,811
West Virginia--Circuit Court[5,12]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	X	X	NH	N/A	53,697[i]
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court[1,6]	88,715[fhi]	24,504[fh]	35,770[fh]	N/A	148,989[fhir]	208,280	78,403	395,792	N/A	682,475[ir]
Wyoming--District Court[1,1,6]	2,789	704	NH	X	3,493	7,981	1,329	NH	X	9,310

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

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

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

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

[a]Court jurisdiction.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information.

[c]Judge information.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

[h]Figure was computed.

[i]Data are not complete.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category.

Disposed					End pending					State population in thousands	Number of judges
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total		
75,052	25,451	NH	NH	100,503	49,016	10,566	NH	NH	59,584	3,653	102
8,604	1,077	NH	1,133	10,814	9,527	480[g]	NH	N/A	10,007[i]	408	19
62,133	13,765	NH	7,088	82,986	54,448[g]	6,030	NH	938[g]	61,416[g]	2,249	70
50,394[i]	11,730	NH	NH	62,124[i]	53,747[i]	8,758	NH	NH	62,505[i]	2,117	55
18,708	11,730	NH	NH	30,438	16,078	8,758	NH	NH	24,836	---	29
31,686[i]	NH	NH	NH	31,686[i]	37,669[i]	NH	NH	NH	37,669[i]	---	26
401,496	92,242	NH	103,664	557,402	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	21,522	520
93,686	13,760	NH	24,015	131,461	69,289	10,605	NH	7,618	87,512	2,575	99
89,934	13,760	NH	24,015	127,709	65,525	10,605	NH	7,618	83,748	---	99[c]
3,752	NH	NH	NH	3,752	3,764	NH	NH	NH	3,764	--	7 district judges serve
25,168	4,100	NH	NH	29,268	33,797	3,848[g]	NH	NH	37,645[g]	3,102	45
7,944	4,022	NH	NH	11,966	11,205	1,357	NH	NH	12,562	582	14
5,265	4,022	NH	NH	9,287	3,633	1,357	NH	NH	4,990	---	11
2,679	NH	NH	NH	2,679	7,572	NH	NH	NH	7,572	---	3
164,621[i]	32,418	95,323	8,254	300,616[ir]	16,009[i]	5,204[g]	6,867	1,104	29,184[ir]	700	44
234,395[i]	63,887[i]	NH	61,365	359,647[i]	(k)	(k)	NH	(k)	(k)	8,353	273
75,534	40,222	13,372	NH	129,128[r]	62,502	X	X	NH	84,019[r]	4,984	88
16,109	1,683	751	6,865	25,408[r]	21,368	2,148	70	3,276	26,862[r]	884	22
16,005	1,683	751	6,865	25,304[r]	21,251	2,148	70	3,276	26,745[r]	---	22
46	NH	NH	NH	46	87	NH	NH	NH	87	--	2 circuit judges serve
58	NH	NH	NH	58	30	NH	NH	NH	30	--	2 circuit judges serve
36,663	29,360	183,679	7,513	257,215[r]	23,365	6,493	4,983	2,258	37,099[r]	833	91
8,436	3,206	26	2	11,670[r]	8,318	1,053	5	2	9,378[r]	---	25
28,227	26,154	183,653	7,511	245,545[r]	15,047	5,440	4,978	2,256	27,721[r]	---	66
375,465	437,221	2,229,623	26,529	3,268,838[r]	397,256[i]	20,311[i]	N/A	12,808	430,575[i]	11,193	603
168,710	52,192	46,991	13,331	281,224[r]	X	X	X	X	232,342[r]	5,313	173
168,710	49,769	46,991	13,331	278,801[r]	X	X	X	X	232,134[r]	---	169
NH	2,423	NH	NH	2,423	NH	208[g]	NH	NH	208[g]	---	4
118,771[i]	182,199	285,710	6,629	593,309[ir]	47,844[i]	X	X	N/A	123,047[ir]	2,874	318[c]
37,059	6,867	192	NH	44,118[r]	19,354	2,061	83	NH	21,498[r]	2,299	63
55,110	11,740	NH	NH	66,850	76,104[g]	9,152[g]	NH	NH	85,256[g]	3,436	87
N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	3,875	148[c]
5,024	6,339	NH	NH	11,363	9,015[h]	4,038[h]	NH	NH	13,053[h]	1,071	14
54,464	33,491	NH	27,751	115,706	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	4,125	85
33,361	33,804	NH	NH	67,165	91,015	46,851	NH	NH	137,866	5,791	46
120,449	43,459[i]	6,439[i]	NH	170,347[ir]	114,131	18,746[i]	3,169[i]	NH	136,046[ir]	9,113	161
119,948	25,575	NH	NH	145,523	113,344	12,210	NH	NH	125,554	---	138
501	NH	NH	NH	501	787	NH	NH	NH	787	---	1 circuit judge serves
NH	17,884[i]	6,439[i]	NH	24,323[ir]	NH	6,536[i]	3,169[i]	NH	9,705[ir]	---	23
21,234	8,634	NH	N/A	29,868[i]	8,666[g]	2,043[g]	NH	N/A	10,709[g][i]	3,954	72
N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	2,365	65
N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	---	30
N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	35
73,846	17,964	NH	18,443	110,253	63,651	10,2[c]7	NH	9,016	82,954	4,787	111[c]
10,987	1,726	NH	1,414	14,127	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	755	28
16,250	6,823	NH	NH	23,073	6,202	1,287	NH	NH	7,489	1,552	45
N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	613	25[c]
16,494	5,771	NH	NH	22,268	19,675	5,118[g]	NH	NH	24,793[g]	827	13
57,393	29,466	NH	NH	86,859	56,927	29,650	NH	NH	86,577	7,339	201
32,765	4,573	NH	4,828	42,166	18,530	2,229	NH	3,279	24,038	1,172	32
113,287	37,662	NH	NH	150,949	66,809[g]	N/A	NH	NH	66,809[g][i]	18,053	357
9,391	49,398	NH	NH	58,789	14,652	18,431	NH	NH	33,083	5,462	56
6,784	989	5	922	8,700[r]	3,752[g]	X	X	186	4,272[gr]	645	19
256,271	30,312	NH	190,321	476,904	151,380[i]	6,702	NH	18,247	176,329[i]	10,690	296
146,131	53,717	182,717	6,803	389,368[r]	148,848	34,972[i]	40,715	5,380	229,915[ir]	2,770	189
45,708[i]	14,909	NH	N/A	60,617[i]	42,359[i]	4,550	NH	N/A	46,909[i]	2,326	69
45,533[i]	14,909	NH	N/A	60,442[i]	42,170[i]	4,550	NH	N/A	46,720[i]	---	68
175	NH	NH	NH	175	189	NH	NH	NH	189	---	1
177,060	74,343	NH	38,145	289,548	59,717[g]	25,064[g]	NH	4,859	89,640[g]	11,802	285
85,491	28,752	NH	5,830	120,073	46,221	23,843	NH	2,859	72,923	3,214	89
N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	936	17
32,214	27,193	NH	NH	59,407[j]	15,796[g]	12,415[g]	NH	NH	28,211[g][j]	2,844	25
17,439	13,278	N/A	3,972[i]	34,689[i]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	686	36
82,153	30,298	NH	NH	112,451	50,929	16,254	NH	NH	67,183	4,234	112
47,321	30,298	NH	NH	77,619	29,678	16,254	NH	NH	45,932	---	80[c]
4,541	NH	NH	NH	4,541	3,434	NH	NH	NH	3,434	---	5
30,291	NH	NH	NH	30,291	17,817	NH	NH	NH	17,817	---	27[c]
250,555	77,370	NH	11,411	339,336	292,188	69,759	NH	4,948	366,895	12,599	261
22,638	2,494	NH	NH	25,132	18,573	861	NH	NH	19,434	1,232	21
23,968	16,853	37,006	1,103	78,930[r]	17,588	4,701	2,481	172	24,942[r]	477	18
6,335	53	NH	NH	6,388	7,140	25	NH	NH	7,165	---	7
17,633	16,800	37,006	1,103	72,542[r]	10,448	4,676	2,481	172	17,777[r]	---	11
63,074	42,250	NH	NH	105,324	83,681	12,767	NH	NH	96,448	5,052	104
79,911[i]	14,374	NH	N/A	91,113[i]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	3,611	101
X	X	NH	N/A	45,106[i]	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	1,832	50
228,516	78,725	393,429	22,561	723,231[r]	103,212[i]	24,182	38,133	N/A	165,527[ir]	4,610	180
7,255	1,346	NH	815	8,601	3,515	687	NH	X	4,202	391	13

[k]Additional information available.

[l]Data include traffic cases other than parking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.

[9]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

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

[11]The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.

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

Table 18: Reported limited jurisdiction caseflow, 1976.
Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total cases, with state population and number of judges.

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending					Population	Number
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	In thousands	of judges
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,653	410[p]
County Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	N/A
Juvenile Court	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	N/A
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	68
Family Court of Jefferson County	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	1
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	120 mayors and 220 recorders
County Justice Court, Morgan County	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	1
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	5,076[p]	5,352[p]	14,156[p]	NH	24,584[pr]	8,954	22,895	59,682	NH	91,531[r]	6,944[p]	7,030[p]	16,794[p]	NH	30,768[pr]	6,944	7,030[g]	16,794[g]	NH	30,768[gr]	408	83.8
District Court[1,7]	5,076[h]	5,352[h]	14,156	NH	24,584[r]	8,652	21,335	59,002	NH	88,989[r]	6,784	19,666	56,419	NH	82,869[r]	6,944	7,030[g]	16,794[g]	NH	30,768[gr]	---	27.8
Magistrates Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	302	1,560	680	NH	2,542[r]	193	1,439	715	NH	2,347[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	56 part-time
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,915	30,840[p]	212,435[p]	NH	275,190[pr]	26,363	X	X	NH	250,570[pr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	2,249	174
Justices of the Peace[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,915	30,840	212,435	NH	275,190[r]	26,363	X	X	NH	250,570[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	84
City Magistrates	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	90
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,225	103,377	413,389	6,588	539,579[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,117	303
Court of Common Pleas[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	241	NH	NH	NH	241	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	county judges serve
County Court[1]	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	300	NH	NH	6,588	6,888	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	75 judges and 42 juvenile referees
Municipal Court[1,1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	15,255	99,254	391,424	NH	505,933[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	95
City Court and Police Court[1,1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	196	3,520	18,062	NH	21,778[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	82
Justice of the Peace Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	233	603	3,903	NH	4,739[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	9
California--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	765,892	720,573	13,756,850	NH	15,243,315[s]	X	X	X	NH	13,189,718[fs]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	21,522	600
Justice Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	58,031	83,863	929,609	NH	1,071,503[s]	X	X	X	NH	740,445[ir]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	175
Municipal Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	707,861	636,710	12,827,241	NH	14,171,812[s]	537,908	579,812	11,331,553	NH	12,449,273[s]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	425
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	8,955	11,509[p]	37,613[p]	NH	58,077[pr]	47,617	41,862[p]	142,420[p]	NH	231,899[pr]	46,392	41,628[p]	142,611[p]	NH	230,631[pr]	10,180	11,743[p]	37,422[p]	NH	59,345[pr]	2,575	280
County Court[1,1,9]	8,955	11,509	37,613	NH	58,077[r]	47,617	41,862	142,420	NH	231,899[r]	46,392	41,628	142,611	NH	230,631[r]	10,180	11,743	37,422	NH	59,345[r]	---	106
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	174
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	42,680[lp]	19,772	17,730	1,692	81,874[lpr]	191,344	91,191	227,207	14,452	524,194[r]	51,625[lp]	95,907	225,446	14,800	387,778[lpr]	36,590[lp]	15,263	17,454	1,344	70,651[lpr]	3,102	196
Court of Common Pleas[1,9]	42,680[l]	19,772	17,730	NH	80,182[lr]	140,130	91,191	227,207	NH	458,528[r]	51,625[l]	95,907	225,446	NH	372,978[lr]	36,590[l]	15,263[g]	17,454[g]	NH	69,307[glr]	---	61
Probate Court[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	51,214	NH	NH	NH	51,214	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	129
Juvenile Court	NH	NH	NH	1,692	1,692	NH	NH	NH	14,452	14,452	NH	NH	NH	14,800	14,800	NH	NH	NH	1,344	1,344	---	6
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	7,833[p]	X	X	2,166	12,789[pr]	27,717[p]	37,034[p]	76,658[p]	9,823	151,232[pr]	26,219[l]	X	X	9,609	162,815[lr]	9,673[p]	X	X	2,380	14,709[pr]	582	89
Court of Common Pleas[a,1,10]	2,056	827	NH	NH	2,883	3,354	5,762	NH	NH	9,116	3,244	5,645	NH	NH	8,889	2,166	944	NH	NH	3,110	---	5
Family Court[a,1]	1,789	NH	234	2,166	4,189[r]	10,522	NH	1,612	9,823	21,957[r]	9,632	NH	1,580	9,609	20,821[r]	2,679	NH	266	2,380	5,325[r]	---	11
Municipal Court of Wilmington[10]	NH	678	485	NH	1,163[r]	NH	8,754	12,265	NH	21,019[r]	NH	8,979	12,235	NH	21,214[r]	NH	453	515	NH	968[r]	---	3
Alderman's Court[1,10]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	342[l]	1,105[l]	11,497[l]	NH	13,503[lr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	17
Justice of the Peace Court[1,10]	3,988	X	X	NH	4,554[r]	13,841	22,518	62,781	NH	99,140[r]	13,001	X	X	NH	98,388[r]	4,828	X	X	NH	5,306[r]	---	53
Florida--STATE TOTAL	155,619	146,848[p]	N/A	NH	302,467[p]	222,233	213,873[p]	N/A	NH	436,106[p]	223,253	185,903[p]	N/A	NH	409,156[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	8,353	164[p]
County Court[b,1,9]	155,619	146,848	NH	NH	302,467	222,233	213,873	NH	NH	436,106	223,253	185,903	NH	NH	409,156	(k)	(k)	NH	NH	(k)	---	164
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	N/A
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	83,472[p]	71,770[p]	262,971[p]	28,362	450,575[lpr]	69,920[p]	64,051[p]	251,238[p]	27,727	412,936[lpr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,984	≈ 2,030[p]
State Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	87,472	68,443	147,204	NH	303,119[r]	69,920	60,701	136,727	NH	267,348[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	74
Probate Court[9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	3,327	113,645	NH	116,972[lr]	N/A	3,350	112,547	NH	115,897[lr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	159
Juvenile Court[c,1]	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	2,122	28,362	30,484[r]	NH	NH	1,964	27,727	29,691[r]	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	35[c]
County Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	---	N/A
Municipal Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	11
Small Claims Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	49
Magistrate's Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	---	2
Justice of the Peace Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	≈ 1,700
Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, and Criminal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	N/A
Hawaii--District Court[1,10]	5,493	4,101	41,460	NH	51,054[s]	11,633	42,088	549,317	NH	603,038[s]	10,953	41,290	545,340	NH	597,583[s]	6,173	4,899	45,437	NH	56,509[s]	884	16
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X	1,397	83,194[pr]	73,652[p]	71,804[p]	226,459[p]	6,055	377,970[pr]	58,324[p]	59,698[p]	203,088[p]	5,775	326,885[pr]	X	X	X	1,677	162,016[pr]	5,313	194
County Court[1,7]	X	X	X	NH	2,385[r]	51,951	36,167	130,149	NH	218,267[r]	34,716	27,544	116,663	NH	178,923[r]	X	X	X	NH	42,444[gr]	---	60
Juvenile Court of Marion County[7]	NH	6	NH	1,397	1,403	NH	42	NH	6,055	6,097	NH	25	NH	5,775	5,800	NH	23	NH	1,677	1,700	---	1
Probate Court[1]	10,541	NH	NH	NH	10,541	6,744	NH	NH	NH	6,744	5,759	NH	NH	NH	5,759	11,412[g]	NH	NH	NH	11,412[g]	---	2
Municipal Court of Marion County[1,7]	8,797	13,918	46,150	NH	68,865[r]	14,957	35,595	96,310	NH	146,862[r]	17,849	32,129	86,425	NH	136,403[r]	5,891[g]	23,573[g]	76,996[g]	NH	106,460[gr]	---	11 full-time and part-time
City Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	81
Town Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	25
Justice of the Peace Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	---	2
Small Claims Court of Marion County	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	8
Kansas--STATE TOTAL	24,873[l]	X	X	N/A	36,709[lpr]	42,752[l]	X	X	N/A	311,647[lpr]	55,845	X	X	21,007	345,585[pr]	25,919[l]	X	X	N/A	37,917[lpr]	2,299	126[p]
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court[1,7]	5,791	X	X	NH	9,949[r]	27,935	X	X	NH	113,977[hr]	28,269	X	X	NH	114,192[r]	5,457	X	X	NH	9,734[r]	---	17
County Court[1,7]	2,495	X	X	NH	10,173[r]	7,274[h]	X	X	NH	190,127[hr]	6,966	X	X	NH	189,776[r]	2,803	X	X	NH	10,524[r]	---	probate judges serve
Probate Court and Juvenile Court[1]	16,587[fl]	NH	NH	N/A	16,587[fl]	7,543[l]	NH	NH	N/A	7,543[l]	20,610	NH	NH	21,007	41,617	17,659[l]	NH	NH	N/A	17,659[l]	---	109
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	---	N/A
Kentucky--County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62,755	209,356	426,446	26,043	724,600[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,436	606
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,537[p]	112,158[p]	387,983	5,075	564,753[pr]	35,081[p]	92,992[p]	335,462	4,409	467,944[pr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,875	526[p]
City Court and Parish Court[1], New Orleans Municipal and Traffic Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,537	112,158	387,983	5,075	564,753[r]	35,081	92,992	335,462	4,409	467,944[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	65
Justice of the Peace Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	461
Mayor's Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	---	N/A
Maine--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,693[p]	X	X	4,517	177,845[pr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,071	36
District Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,693	X	X	4,517	177,845[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	20
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	16
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	332,812[p]	110,606	677,673	3,047	1,124,138[pr]	N/A	25[l]	N/A	2,494	2,519[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,125	150
District Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	332,812	110,606	677,673	3,047	1,124,138[r]	N/A	25[l]	N/A	2,494	2,519[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	81
Orphans' Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	---	69

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

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed				
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	8,902[1p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,902[1p]	387,515	217,869	1,480,214	49,467	2,135,065[s]
District Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	239,885	202,711	1,065,955	37,552	1,546,103[s]
Boston Municipal Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	31,079	9,909	414,259	NH	455,247[s]
Housing Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	7,490	5,198	NH	NH	12,688
Land Court[1]	8,902[hl]	NH	NH	NH	8,902[hl]	7,699	NH	NH	NH	7,699
Court of Probate and Insolvency[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	101,362	NH	NH	NH	101,362
Juvenile Court[7]	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	51	NH	11,915	11,966
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	359,497[l]	91,199	280,326	N/A	731,022[lr]	428,620	272,476	1,479,998	25,623	2,206,717[r]
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[a,1]	18,612[l]	NH	NH	NH	18,612[l]	171,573	NH	NH	NH	171,573
District Court[1,9]	51,765	67,246	191,874	NH	310,885[r]	172,746	231,787	1,291,319	NH	1,695,852[r]
Municipal Court[1,1,9]	2,497	23,953	88,452	NH	114,902[r]	16,590	40,689	188,679	NH	245,958[r]
Probate Court[1]	286,623[hl]	NH	NH	N/A	286,623[hl]	67,711	NH	NH	25,623	93,334
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL	48,043[p]	13,657[p]	X	X	124,419[pr]	125,278[p]	65,513[p]	X	X	653,911[pr]
Conciliation Court[3]	4,346	NH	NH	NH	4,346	37,934	NH	NH	NH	37,934
County Court[3,12]	42,631	9,709	X	X	110,045[r]	74,215	39,019	X	X	503,706[r]
County Municipal Court[3,12]	1,066	3,948	5,014	NH	10,028[r]	13,129	26,494	72,648	NH	112,271[r]
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Justices of the Peace	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A
Mississippi--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Court	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Family Court	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Justices of the Peace	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Missouri--STATE TOTAL	N/A	11,340[p]	N/A	NH	11,340[p]	N/A	20,330[p]	N/A	NH	20,330[p]
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	NH	11,340	NH	NH	11,340	NH	20,330	NH	NH	20,330
Magistrate Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A
Montana--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Justice Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
City Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL	29,494[p]	16,218[p]	10,022[p]	1,127[p]	56,861[pr]	43,810	X	X	5,254	352,178[r]
County Court[1,7]	29,494	16,218	10,022	1,127	56,861[r]	27,967	44,958	151,609	3,184	227,718[r]
Municipal Court[a,1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	15,081	X	X	NH	121,628[r]
Juvenile Court	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	2,070	2,070
Workmen's Compensation Court[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	762	NH	NH	NH	762
Nevada--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Justice Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	1,806[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,806[lp]	38,984	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,984[l]
District Court[5,12]	1,783	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,783[l]	23,370	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,370[l]
Probate Court[5]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	15,055	NH	NH	NH	15,055
Municipal Court[5,12]	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	23[l]	559	N/A	N/A	N/A	559[l]
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	48,449	N/A	N/A	11,602	60,051[lp]	355,791	331,601	3,495,397	84,484	4,267,273[s]
County District Court[1,7]	44,380	N/A	N/A	NH	44,380[l]	293,917	2,176	80,773	NH	376,866[s]
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court[1]	4,069[f]	NH	NH	11,602[f]	15,671[f]	61,874	NH	NH	84,484	146,358
Municipal Court[7]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	329,425	3,414,624	NH	3,744,049[s]
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	13,645[p]	23,687[p]	62,231	NH	99,563[pr]
Magistrate Court[b,1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	13,645	23,687	62,231	NH	99,563[r]
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A
Small Claims Court of Albuquerque	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A
New York--STATE TOTAL	71,349[p]	9,421[p]	N/A	11,396	92,166[p]	572,166[lp]	226,160[p]	N/A	48,872	847,198[lp]
Civil Court of the City of New York[l,1]	20,353	NH	NH	NH	20,353	151,488	NH	NH	NH	151,488
Criminal Court of the City of New York[g]	NH	9,421[h]	NH	NH	9,421[h]	NH	226,160	NH	NH	226,160
Family Court[1]	47,406	NH	NH	11,396	58,802	243,416	NH	NH	48,872	292,288
Surrogates' Court[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	53,351[l]	NH	NH	NH	53,351[l]
Court of Claims[1]	3,590	NH	NH	NH	3,590	1,014	NH	NH	NH	1,014
District Court and City Court[1,1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	122,897	N/A	N/A	NH	122,897[l]
Town and Village Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
North Carolina--District Court[1,12]	52,049	X	X	N/A	157,368[lr]	224,810	366,335	678,855	22,757	1,292,757[r]
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	7,378[l]	15,687[l]	N/A	NH	23,065[lp]
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[1,1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	5,603[l]	10,900[l]	N/A	NH	16,503[l]
Municipal Court	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A
County Probate Court[1]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,342[l]	NH	NH	NH	1,342[l]
County Justice Court[1,1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	433	4,787	N/A	NH	5,220[l]
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	105,051	33,326[p]	46,101[p]	NH	184,478[pr]	329,358	290,393[p]	1,339,866[p]	NH	1,959,617[pr]
County Court[1,8]	4,486	3,599	6,142	NH	14,227[r]	20,874	25,360	154,689	NH	200,923[r]
Municipal Court[1,8]	100,260	29,727	39,959	NH	169,946[r]	307,954	265,033	1,185,177	NH	1,758,164[r]
Court of Claims[a,1]	305	NH	NH	NH	305	530	NH	NH	NH	530
Mayors' Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	7[p]	N/A	N/A	NH	7[p]	9[p]	N/A	N/A	NH	9[p]
State Industrial Court[k,4]	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A
Court of Bank Review[1]	7	NH	NH	NH	7	9	NH	NH	NH	9
Court of Tax Review[1]	0	NH	NH	NH	0	0	NH	NH	NH	0
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A
Municipal Court Not of Record	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A

Disposed					End pending					Population	Number
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	in thousands	of judges
5,535[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,535[p]	11,056[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,056[lp]	5,791	209[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	67 full-time, 16 part-time, and 81 special
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	10
N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	2
5,535	NH	NH	NH	5,535	11,056[l]	NH	NH	NH	11,056[l]	--	N/A
N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	27
NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	--	4 full-time and 2 part-time
416,423	267,800	1,419,828	22,935	2,126,986[r]	372,066[l]	95,875	340,496	N/A	808,437[lr]	9,113	337
165,177	NH	NH	NH	165,177	25,691[l]	NH	NH	NH	25,691[l]	--	13
169,108	228,547	1,277,551	NH	1,675,206[r]	55,403	70,486	205,642	NH	331,531[r]	--	185
16,049	39,253	142,277	NH	197,579[r]	3,038	25,389	134,854	NH	163,281[r]	--	36
66,089	NH	NH	22,935	89,024	287,934[l]	NH	NH	N/A	287,934[l]	--	103
125,343[p]	62,273[p]	424,656	14,168	626,440[pr]	48,081[p]	17,252[p]	X	X	154,138[pr]	3,954	405
39,446	NH	NH	NH	39,446	2,834	NH	NH	NH	2,834	--	municipal judges serve
72,689	37,073	354,003	14,168	477,933[r]	44,260[g]	12,010[g]	X	X	138,066[gr]	--	106
13,208	25,200	70,653	NH	109,061[r]	987	5,242	7,009	NH	13,238[r]	--	28
N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	2
N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	269
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,365	20[p]
N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	--	20
NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	--	N/A
NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	N/A
N/A	9,494[lp]	N/A	NH	9,494[lp]	N/A	22,176[p]	N/A	NH	22,176[p]	4,787	≈ 672
NH	9,494[l]	NH	NH	9,494[l]	NH	22,176	NH	NH	22,176	--	2
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	55 magistrate judges
N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	91 magistrate and probate judges
NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	24 probate judges
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	≈ 500
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	755	199
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	93
NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	106
26,517[p]	43,140[p]	150,007[p]	3,256[p]	222,920[pr]	30,944[p]	18,058[p]	11,602[p]	1,088[p]	61,692[pr]	1,552	64
26,517	43,140	150,007	3,256	222,920[r]	30,944	18,058[g]	11,602[g]	1,088[g]	61,692[gr]	--	43
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	13
NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	--	3
(k)	NH	NH	NH	(k)	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	5
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	613	69
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	54
NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	15
23,034[p]	30,427	115,484	5,498	174,443[pr]	3,254[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,254[lp]	827	131
22,478	28,851	109,165	5,268	165,762[r]	3,227[g]	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,227[l]	--	77
N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	10
556	1,576	6,319	230	8,681[r]	27[g]	N/A	N/A	N/A	27[l]	--	44
354,616	297,066	2,836,791	83,276	3,571,749[s]	49,624	N/A	N/A	12,810	62,434[lp]	7,339	445
293,177	2,320	62,717	NH	358,214[s]	45,120	N/A	N/A	NH	45,120[l]	--	34
61,439	NH	NH	83,276	144,715	4,504	NH	NH	12,810	17,314	--	29
NH	294,746	2,774,074	NH	3,068,820[s]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	382
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	1,172	186
N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	70
N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	32
NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	83
N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	1
676,142	439,034	2,586,686	61,174	3,763,036[r]	59,602[p]	14,847[p]	N/A	12,057	86,506[p]	18,053	3,064
149,865	NH	NH	NH	149,865	22,589[g]	NH	NH	NH	22,589[g]	--	120
NH	220,734	NH	NH	220,734	NH	14,847	NH	NH	14,847	--	98
261,907	NH	NH	61,174	323,081	33,281[g]	NH	NH	12,057[g]	45,338[g]	--	103 judges and 35 county judges serve
83,739	NH	NH	NH	83,739	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	35 surrogates and 36 county judges serve
872	NH	NH	NH	872	3,732	NH	NH	NH	3,732	--	17[c]
125,243	110,454	927,376	NH	1,163,073[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	190
54,516	107,846	1,659,310	NH	1,821,672[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	2,501
212,208	X	X	22,906	1,272,515[r]	64,651	40,410	72,698	N/A	177,759[r]	5,462	117
7,234[l]	13,693[l]	88,620	NH	109,547[lr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	645	249
5,557[l]	9,437[l]	30,826	NH	45,820[lr]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	15
NH	NH	42,189	NH	42,189[r]	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	--	158
1,262	NH	NH	NH	1,262	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	38
415	4,256	15,605	NH	20,276[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	38
346,613	294,029[p]	1,338,424[p]	NH	1,979,066[pr]	97,575	40,096[p]	55,818[p]	NH	193,489[pr]	10,690	934
21,168	25,608	153,517	NH	200,293[r]	4,300[g]	3,339[g]	7,264[g]	NH	14,903[gr]	--	63
325,113	268,421	1,184,907	NH	1,778,441[r]	92,772[g]	36,757[g]	48,554[g]	NH	178,083[gr]	--	181
332	NH	NH	NH	332	503	NH	NH	NH	503	--	Judges on temporary assignment
NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	690
10,720	N/A	N/A	NH	10,720[p]	8[p]	N/A	N/A	NH	8[p]	2,770	7[p]
10,712	NH	NH	NH	10,712	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	5
8	NH	NH	NH	8	8	NH	NH	NH	8	--	3 district judges serve
0	NH	NH	NH	0	0	NH	NH	NH	0	--	3 district judges serve
NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	2
NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	N/A

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

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending					Population in thousands	Number of judges
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total		
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	22,361[l]	X	X	N/A	119,000[lr]	62,030	58,775	665,993[p]	242	787,040[r]	63,361[l]	55,555	645,415	N/A	764,331[lr]	20,903[l]	X	X	N/A	141,340[lr]	2,326	269
District Court[1,11]	21,312[l]	X	X	NH	83,305[lr]	58,920	39,769	454,790	NH	553,479[r]	60,751[l]	37,279	440,585	NH	538,615[lr]	19,410[l]	X	X	NH	98,098[lr]	--	47
Justice Court[1,11]	634[h]	793[h]	7,276[h]	NH	8,703[hr]	2,896	4,936	89,564	NH	97,396[r]	2,457	4,942	87,480	NH	94,879[r]	1,073	787	9,360	NH	11,220[r]	--	47
Municipal Court[1,11]	NH	3,433[h]	23,144[h]	NH	26,577[hr]	NH	14,070	121,639	NH	135,709[r]	NH	13,334	117,350	NH	130,684[r]	NH	4,169	27,433	NH	31,602[r]	--	165
County Court[1]	415[l]	NH	NH	N/A	415[l]	214	NH	NH	242	456	153[l]	NH	NH	N/A	153[l]	420[l]	NH	NH	N/A	420[l]	--	10
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	10,570[p]	5,208[p]	N/A	NH	15,778[p]	220,891	482,223[p]	2,758,296[p]	NH	3,461,410[pr]	212,590	462,354[p]	2,063,464[p]	NH	2,738,408[pr]	9,811[p]	4,450[p]	N/A	NH	14,261[p]	11,802	599
Philadelphia Municipal Court[1,8]	10,570	5,208	NH	NH	15,778	69,219	43,904	NH	NH	113,123	69,978	44,364	NH	NH	114,342	9,811	4,450[g]	NH	NH	14,261[g]	--	22
District Justice Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	151,672	438,319	1,105,175	NH	1,695,166[r]	142,612	417,990	1,098,190	NH	1,658,792[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	564
Philadelphia Traffic Court	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	1,653,121	NH	1,653,121[r]	NH	NH	NH	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	6
Pittsburgh Traffic Magistrates	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	6 magistrates and 1 housing court judge
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	24,215[p]	18,612[p]	21,755	NH	64,582[pr]	46,697[p]	67,916[p]	234,719	NH	349,332[pr]	54,617	141,892	231,112	NH	427,621[r]	23,652[p]	21,072[p]	25,362	NH	70,086[pr]	3,214	148
District Court[1,10]	24,215	18,612	21,755	NH	64,582[r]	46,697	67,916	234,719	NH	349,332[r]	47,260	65,456	231,112	NH	343,828[r]	23,652	21,072	25,362	NH	70,086[r]	--	98
Justices of the Peace[1,10]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	6,166	67,267	NH	NH	73,433	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	25
Municipal Court[1,10]	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	1,191	9,169	NH	NH	10,360	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	25
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,141[p]	28,769[p]	697[p]	6,436	70,043[pr]	24,555[lp]	28,189[p]	N/A	N/A	52,744[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	936	61[p]
District Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	29,026	28,757	N/A	NH	57,783[l]	21,750	28,189	N/A	NH	49,939[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	13
Family Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,115	12	697	6,436	12,260[r]	2,805[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,805[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	9
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	N/A
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	39
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL	25,033[p]	N/A	X	X	27,162[pr]	146,126[p]	70,546[p]	X	X	616,376[pr]	134,924[p]	X	X	10,701	601,774[pr]	28,484[p]	N/A	X	X	31,978[pr]	2,844	443[p]
County Court and Civil and Criminal Court[1,6]	15,183	(k)	NH	NH	15,183	23,065	(k)	NH	NH	23,065	22,871	(k)	NH	NH	22,871	14,406[g]	(k)	NH	NH	14,406[g]	--	19
Family Court[1]	9,850	NH	X	X	11,979[r]	28,303	NH	X	X	42,245	24,781	NH	1,436	10,701	36,918[r]	14,078[g]	NH	X	X	17,572[gr]	--	20[c]
Magistrate Court[1,6]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	94,758	70,546	385,762	NH	551,066[r]	87,272	X	X	NH	541,985[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	322
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	N/A
Municipal Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	82
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,234	417
Probate Court	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	2 judges, 1 county and 5 general sessions judges serve
County Court	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	--	81 judges and 20 county chairmen serve
Juvenile Court	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	--	6 juvenile judges and 2 county, 1 trial, and 7 general sessions judges serve
General Sessions Court	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	70 full-time and 44 part-time
Justice of the Peace Court	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	2
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	192
Texas--STATE TOTAL	111,355[lp]	156,759[p]	42,399[p]	1,090	311,603[lpr]	284,573	848,793	5,510,451	1,296	6,645,113[s]	196,221[l]	665,949	4,138,773	1,262	5,002,205[ls]	114,527[lp]	179,666[p]	44,923[p]	1,124	340,240[lpr]	12,599	≈2,246
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[1,9]	111,355[l]	156,759	42,399	1,090	311,603[lr]	131,036	168,423	69,222	1,296	369,977[r]	72,939[l]	145,516	66,698	1,262	286,415[lr]	114,527[l]	179,666	44,923	1,124	340,240[lr]	--	346
Municipal Court[1,9]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	435,360	4,523,153	NH	4,958,513[s]	NH	360,950	3,246,633	NH	3,607,583[s]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	≈1,000
Justice of the Peace Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	153,537	245,010	918,076	NH	1,316,623[r]	123,282	159,483	825,442	NH	1,108,207[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	≈900
Utah--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,705[p]	23,920[p]	479,562[p]	22,482	549,669[ps]	20,384[p]	24,190[p]	425,682[p]	25,397[l]	495,653[lps]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,232	209
Juvenile Court	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	238	13,658	22,482	36,378[r]	NH	N/A	N/A	25,397[l]	25,397[l]	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	8
City Court[1,7]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	23,705	23,682	465,904	NH	513,291[s]	20,384	24,190	425,682	NH	470,256[s]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	24
Justice of the Peace Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	177
Vermont--Probate Court[1]	7,621	NH	NH	NH	7,621	4,523	NH	NH	NH	4,523	4,166	NH	NH	NH	4,166	8,230[g]	NH	NH	NH	8,230[g]	477	N/A
Virginia--District Court[1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	400,925	264,557	820,859	111,675	1,598,016[r]	392,374	260,163	802,955	103,414	1,558,906[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,052	151.8
Washington--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	67,661	112,064	746,510	NH	926,235[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	3,611	238[p]
Municipal and Police Court[k,9]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	39,112	222,131	NH	261,243[r]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	238
District Court and Justices of the Peace Court[k,1,9]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	67,661	72,952	524,379	NH	664,992[r]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	N/A
West Virginia--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	1,832	≈224
County Commission	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	N/A	--	≈170
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	--	54
Justice Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	N/A
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court[7]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	26,619	149,370	NH	175,989[s]	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	4,610	136[c]
Wyoming--STATE TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	391	34[p]
Justice Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	34
Municipal Court	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	NH	N/A	N/A	NH	N/A	--	N/A

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

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[l]Data are not complete.
[k]Additional information available.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
[r]Data include traffic cases other than parking.
[s]Data include traffic cases (DWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations).

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[2]A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
[3]A civil case is counted at the note of issue.
[4]A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing case.
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[6]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[7]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[9]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[10]The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[11]The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.
[12]The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 19: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts total caseflow, 1976. States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending.

State	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts								Limited	
						As percent of filed		Change in pending			
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed
California	21,522	N/A	667,122	557,402	N/A	83.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,243,315[s]
New York	18,053	66,709[l]	145,758	150,949	66,809[l]	103.6	NC	100[l]	0.1[l]	92,166[lp]	847,198[lp]
Texas	12,599	344,282	361,949	339,336	366,895	93.8	101.4	22,613	6.6	311,603[lpr]	6,645,113[ls]
Pennsylvania	11,802	96,597	292,186	289,548	89,640	99.1	30.7	-6,957	-7.2	15,778[p]	3,461,410[pr]
Illinois	11,193	376,889[l]	3,484,572[r]	3,268,838[r]	430,575[l]	93.8	NC	53,686[l]	14.2[l]	--	--
Ohio	10,690	193,697[l]	464,438	476,904	176,329[l]	102.7	NC	-17,368[l]	-9.0[l]	184,478[pr]	1,959,617[pr]
Michigan	9,113	125,312[lr]	1,033,060[s]	170,347[l]	136,046[lr]	NC	NC	10,743[l]	8.6[l]	731,022[lr]	2,206,717[lr]
Florida	8,353	302,865	373,672	359,647[l]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	302,467[p]	436,106[p]
New Jersey	7,339	76,879	96,557	86,859	86,577	90.0	89.7	9,698	12.6	60,051[lp]	4,267,273[s]
Massachusetts	5,791	136,438	68,593	67,165	137,866	97.9	201.0	1,428	1.0	8,902[lp]	2,135,065[s]
North Carolina	5,462	28,551	63,321	58,789	33,083	92.8	52.2	4,532	15.9	157,368[lr]	1,292,757[r]
Indiana	5,313	231,848[r]	281,131[r]	281,224[r]	232,342[r]	100.0	82.6	494	0.2	83,194[pr]	377,970[pr]
Virginia	5,052	94,953	106,819	105,324	96,448	98.6	90.3	1,495	1.6	N/A	1,598,016[r]
Georgia	4,984	69,535[lr]	143,612[r]	129,128[lr]	84,019[lr]	89.9[l]	58.5[l]	14,484[l]	20.8[l]	N/A	450,575[lpr]
Missouri	4,787	83,724	109,483	110,253	82,954	100.7	75.8	-770	-0.9	11,340[p]	20,330[p]
Wisconsin	4,610	148,989[lr]	682,475[lr]	723,231[r]	165,527[lr]	NC	NC	16,538[l]	11.1[l]	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	4,234	66,823	112,811	112,451	67,183	99.7	59.6	360	0.5	N/A	N/A
Maryland	4,125	N/A	121,676	115,706	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,124,138[pr]
Minnesota	3,954	10,024[l]	30,562[l]	29,868[l]	10,709[l]	97.7[l]	35.0[l]	685[l]	6.8[l]	124,419[pr]	653,911[pr]
Louisiana	3,875	N/A	163,571[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	564,753[pr]
Alabama	3,653	56,605	103,482	100,503	59,584	97.1	57.6	2,979	5.3	N/A	N/A
Washington	3,611	N/A	121,811	91,113[l]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	926,235[r]
Kentucky	3,436	79,948[l]	70,699[l]	66,850[l]	85,256[l]	94.6[l]	120.6[l]	5,308[l]	6.6[l]	N/A	724,600[r]
Puerto Rico	3,214	81,974	111,022	120,073	72,923	108.2	65.7	-9,051	-11.0	64,582[pr]	349,332[pr]
Connecticut	3,102	36,331	30,559	29,268	37,645	95.8	123.2	1,314	3.6	81,874[lpr]	524,194[r]
Iowa	2,874	133,424[lr]	587,921[r]	593,309[lr]	123,047[lr]	NC	NC	-10,377[l]	-7.8[l]	--	--
South Carolina	2,844	33,343	53,925	59,407	28,211	110.2	52.3	-5,132	-15.4	27,162[pr]	616,376[pr]
Oklahoma	2,770	216,311[lr]	403,014[r]	389,368[r]	229,915[lr]	96.6	NC	13,604[l]	6.3[l]	7[p]	9[p]
Colorado	2,575	97,922	121,051	131,461	87,512	108.6	72.3	-10,410	-10.6	58,077[lpr]	231,899[lpr]
Mississippi	2,365	N/A	59,658[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon	2,326	44,212[l]	83,754	60,617[l]	46,909[l]	NC	NC	2,697[l]	6.1[l]	119,000[lr]	787,040[lr]
Kansas	2,299	20,550[r]	45,066[r]	44,118[r]	21,498[r]	97.9	47.7	948	4.6	36,709[lpr]	311,647[lpr]
Arizona	2,249	60,740[l]	84,774[l]	82,986[l]	61,416[l]	97.9[l]	72.4[l]	676[l]	1.1[l]	N/A	275,190[lpr]
Arkansas	2,117	57,586[l]	72,729	62,124[l]	62,505[l]	NC	NC	4,919[l]	8.5[l]	N/A	539,579[lr]
West Virginia	1,832	N/A	53,697[l]	45,106[l]	N/A	84.0[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	1,552	6,115	24,447	23,073	7,489	94.4	30.6	1,374	22.5	56,861[pr]	352,178[r]
Utah	1,232	15,965	28,601	25,132	19,434	87.9	67.9	3,469	21.7	N/A	549,669[ps]
New Mexico	1,172	22,249	43,955	42,166	24,038	95.9	54.7	1,789	8.0	N/A	99,563[pr]
Maine	1,071	12,032	12,384	11,363	13,053	91.8	105.4	1,021	8.5	N/A	177,845[pr]
Rhode Island	936	N/A	10,010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,043[lpr]
Hawaii	884	24,131[r]	28,139[r]	25,408[r]	26,862[r]	90.3	95.5	2,731	11.3	51,054[s]	603,038[s]
Idaho	833	31,678[r]	262,636[r]	257,215[r]	37,099[r]	97.9	14.1	5,421	17.1	--	--
New Hampshire	827	22,872	24,189	22,268	24,793	92.1	102.5	1,921	8.4	1,806[lp]	38,984[l]
Montana	755	N/A	22,583[l]	14,127	N/A	62.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	700	25,225[lr]	307,309[r]	300,616[lr]	29,184[lr]	NC	NC	3,959[l]	15.7[l]	--	--
South Dakota	686	N/A	4,210[l]	34,689[l]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--
North Dakota	645	3,421[r]	9,685[r]	8,700[r]	4,272[r]	89.8	44.1	851	24.9	N/A	23,065[lp]
Nevada	613	N/A	32,082[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	582	13,143	11,385	11,966	12,562	105.1	110.3	-581	-4.4	12,789[pr]	151,232[pr]
Vermont	477	29,215[r]	74,657[r]	78,930[r]	24,942[r]	105.7	33.4	-4,273	-14.6	7,621	4,523
Alaska	408	7,946[l]	13,250	10,814	10,007[l]	81.6	NC	2,061[l]	25.9[l]	24,584[pr]	91,531[r]
Wyoming	391	3,493[l]	9,310	8,601[l]	4,202[l]	92.4[l]	45.1[l]	709[l]	20.3[l]	N/A	N/A

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

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
-- = Not applicable.

Jurisdiction courts					All trial courts						
		As percent of filed		Change in pending					As percent of filed		Change in pending
Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent
13,184,718[ls]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,910,437[s]	13,742,120[ls]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
3,763,036[lr]	86,506[lp]	NC	NC	-5,660[lp]	-6.1[lp]	158,875[lp]	992,956[lp]	3,913,985[lr]	153,315[lp]	NC	NC	-5,560[lp]	-3.5[lp]
5,002,205[ls]	340,240[lpr]	75.3[l]	NC	28,637[lp]	9.2[lp]	655,885[lpr]	7,007,062[ls]	5,341,541[ls]	707,135[lpr]	76.2[l]	NC	51,250[lp]	7.8[lp]
2,738,408[pr]	14,261[p]	79.1[p]	NC	-1,517[p]	-9.6[p]	112,375[p]	3,753,596[pr]	3,027,956[pr]	103,901[p]	80.6	NC	-8,474[p]	-7.5[p]
--	--	--	--	--	--	376,889[l]	3,484,572[r]	3,268,838[r]	430,575[l]	93.8	NC	53,868[l]	14.2[l]
1,979,066[pr]	193,489[pr]	101.0[p]	9.9[p]	9,011[p]	4.9[p]	378,175[lpr]	2,424,055[pr]	2,455,970[pr]	369,818[lpr]	101.3[p]	NC	-8,357[lp]	-2.2[lp]
2,126,986[lr]	808,437[lr]	96.4[l]	NC	77,415[l]	10.6[l]	856,334[lr]	3,239,777[lr]	2,297,333[lr]	944,493[lr]	NC	NC	88,159[l]	10.3[l]
409,156[p]	N/A	93.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	605,332[p]	809,778[p]	768,803[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
3,571,749[s]	62,434[lp]	83.7	NC	2,383[lp]	4.0[lp]	136,930[lp]	4,363,830[s]	3,658,608[s]	149,011[lp]	83.8	NC	12,081[lp]	8.8[lp]
5,535[p]	11,056[lp]	NC	NC	2,154[lp]	24.2[lp]	145,340[lp]	2,203,658[s]	72,700[p]	148,922[lp]	NC	NC	3,582[lp]	2.5[lp]
1,272,515[r]	177,759[lr]	98.4	NC	20,391[l]	13.0[l]	185,919[lr]	1,356,078[r]	1,331,304[r]	210,842[lr]	98.2	NC	24,923[l]	13.4[l]
326,885[pr]	162,016[pr]	86.5[p]	42.9[p]	78,822[p]	94.7[p]	315,042[pr]	659,101[pr]	608,109[pr]	394,358[pr]	92.3[p]	59.8[p]	79,316[p]	25.2[p]
1,558,906[r]	N/A	97.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	94,953[p]	1,704,835[r]	1,664,230[r]	96,448[p]	97.6	NC	1,495[p]	1.6[p]
412,936[lpr]	N/A	91.6[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	69,535[lpr]	594,187[lpr]	542,064[lpr]	84,019[lpr]	91.2[lp]	NC	14,484[lp]	20.8[lp]
9,494[lp]	22,176[p]	NC	109.1[p]	10,836[p]	95.6[p]	95,064[p]	129,813[p]	119,747[lp]	105,130[p]	NC	81.0[p]	10,066[p]	10.6[p]
175,989[s]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	148,989[lpr]	682,475[lpr]	899,220[s]	165,527[lpr]	NC	NC	16,538[lp]	11.1[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	66,823[p]	112,811[p]	112,451[p]	67,183[p]	99.7[p]	59.6[p]	360[p]	0.5[p]
2,519[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,245,814[pr]	118,225[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
626,440[pr]	154,138[pr]	95.8[p]	23.6[p]	29,719[p]	23.9[p]	134,443[pr]	684,473[pr]	656,308[pr]	164,847[lpr]	95.9	24.1[lp]	30,404[p]	22.6[lp]
467,944[pr]	N/A	82.9[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	728,324[pr]	467,944[pr]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56,605[p]	103,482[p]	100,503[p]	59,584[p]	97.1[p]	57.6[p]	2,979[p]	5.3[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,048,046[r]	91,113[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	79,948[lp]	795,299[lr]	66,850[lp]	85,256[lp]	NC	NC	5,308[lp]	6.6[lp]
427,621[r]	70,086[pr]	NC	20.1[p]	5,504[p]	8.5[p]	146,556[pr]	460,354[pr]	547,694[r]	143,009[pr]	NC	31.1[p]	-3,547[p]	-2.4[p]
387,778[lpr]	70,651[lpr]	NC	NC	-11,223	-13.7	118,205[lpr]	554,753[r]	417,046[lpr]	108,296[lpr]	NC	NC	-9,909[lp]	-8.4[lp]
--	--	--	--	--	--	133,424[lr]	587,921[r]	593,309[lr]	123,047[lr]	NC	NC	-10,377[l]	-7.8[l]
601,774[pr]	31,978[p]	97.6[p]	NC	4,816[p]	17.7[p]	60,505[p]	670,301[pr]	661,181[pr]	60,189[p]	98.6[p]	NC	-316[p]	-0.5[p]
10,720[p]	8[p]	NC	NC	1[p]	NC	216,318[lpr]	403,023[pr]	400,088[pr]	229,923[lpr]	NC	NC	13,605[lp]	6.3[lp]
230,631[lpr]	59,345[lpr]	99.5[lp]	25.6[lp]	1,268[lp]	2.2[lp]	155,999[lpr]	352,950[lpr]	362,092[lpr]	146,857[lpr]	102.6[lp]	41.6[lp]	-9,142[lp]	-5.9[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,658[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
764,331[lr]	141,340[lr]	NC	NC	22,340[l]	18.8[l]	163,212[l]	870,794[lr]	824,948[lr]	188,249[lr]	NC	NC	25,037[l]	15.3[l]
345,585[pr]	37,917[pr]	NC	12.2[lp]	1,208[lp]	3.3[lp]	57,259[lpr]	356,713[lpr]	389,703[pr]	59,415[lpr]	NC	16.7[lp]	2,156[lp]	3.8[lp]
250,570[lpr]	N/A	91.1[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	60,740[lp]	359,964[lpr]	333,556[lpr]	61,416[lp]	92.7[lp]	NC	676[lp]	1.1[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57,586[lp]	612,308[lr]	62,124[lp]	62,505[lp]	NC	NC	4,919[lp]	8.5[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53,697[lp]	45,106[lp]	N/A	84.0[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A
222,920[pr]	61,692[pr]	NC	NC	4,831	8.5	62,976[pr]	376,625[r]	245,993[pr]	69,181[pr]	NC	NC	6,205[p]	9.9[p]
495,653[lps]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,965[p]	578,270[ps]	520,785[ps]	19,434[p]	NC	NC	3,469[p]	21.7[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,249[p]	143,518[p]	42,166[p]	24,038[p]	NC	NC	1,789[p]	8.0[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,032[p]	190,229[pr]	11,363[p]	13,053[p]	NC	NC	1,021[p]	8.5[p]
52,744[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	80,053[lp]	52,744[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
597,583[s]	56,509[s]	99.1	9.4	5,455	10.7	75,185[s]	631,177[s]	622,991[s]	83,371[s]	98.7	13.2	8,186	10.9
--	--	--	--	--	--	31,678[r]	262,636[r]	257,215[r]	37,099[r]	97.9	14.1	5,421	17.1
174,443[pr]	3,254[lp]	NC	NC	1,448[lp]	80.2[lp]	24,678[lp]	63,173[l]	196,711[pr]	28,047[lp]	NC	NC	3,369[lp]	13.7[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22,583[lp]	14,127[p]	N/A	62.6[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A
--	--	--	--	--	--	25,225[lr]	307,309[r]	300,616[lr]	29,184[lr]	NC	NC	3,959[l]	15.7[l]
--	--	--	--	--	--	N/A	4,210[l]	34,689[l]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
109,547[lr]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,421[pr]	32,750[lpr]	118,247[r]	4,272[pr]	NC	NC	851[p]	24.9[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,082[lp]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
162,815[lr]	14,709[pr]	NC	9.7[p]	1,920[p]	15.0[p]	25,932[pr]	162,617[pr]	174,781[lr]	27,271[pr]	NC	16.8[p]	1,339[p]	5.2[p]
4,166	8,230	92.1	182.0	609	8.0	36,836[r]	79,180[r]	83,096[r]	33,172[r]	104.9	41.9	-3,664	-9.9
85,216[r]	30,768[pr]	93.1	NC	6,184[p]	25.2[p]	32,530[lpr]	104,781[r]	96,030[r]	40,775[lpr]	91.6	NC	8,245[lp]	25.3[lp]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,493[lp]	9,310[p]	8,601[lp]	4,202[lp]	92.4[lp]	45.1[lp]	709[lp]	20.3[lp]

[l]Data are not complete.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
[r]Data include traffic cases other than parking.
[s]Data include traffic cases (OWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations).

Civil caseflow (Tables 20-30)

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

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

The measure, dispositions as a percent of filings, is used in Table 20, as well as in the criminal, traffic, and juvenile tables. The measure reveals that the problems in keeping caseflow current in 1976 were greater for civil cases than for criminal, traffic, or juvenile cases. Comparisons can be made by examining Figure N, in the previous section, where it can be seen that for civil cases in general jurisdiction courts a higher proportion of the 'states' have less than a 90.0 percent disposition rate than for other case types in general jurisdiction courts. Of the 52 'states' that reported general jurisdiction court data (see Figure Q below), eight disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed. This fact indicates that these states made headway in reducing pending caseload. In addition, 21 states disposed of at least 90 percent but less than 100 percent of the number of cases filed. At the opposite end of the scale, only one state disposed of less than 70 percent (58.9%) of the cases filed. Lack of data prevented calculation of the measure for 12 states.

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

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

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

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

The number of dispositions was also computed as a percent of filings for all trial courts data. The total number of 'states' in each percent range differs from the number of 'states' reporting in the general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts for two reasons: (1) there are 4 states (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, and South Dakota) and the District of Columbia that do not have limited jurisdiction courts (thus general jurisdiction had 52 'states' reporting, while limited jurisdiction had only 47), and (2) in states that have both general and limited jurisdiction courts, the general jurisdiction court data will probably differ in percent of cases disposed from that in limited jurisdiction courts. Therefore, the all trial courts figure is the number of 'states' that fall within the specified percentage range after combining the cases disposed and calculating the total as a percent of the number of combined filings. Of the 23 states reporting (see Figure Q above), 4 disposed of over 100 percent of the number of cases filed at the two levels combined. Figure Q indicates that 16 other states disposed of at least 90 percent of the number of cases filed. At the opposite end of the scale, one state disposed of less than 70 percent. Lack of data prevented calculation of the measure for 29 states.

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

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

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

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

Table 20: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts civil caseflow, 1976. States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending.

State	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts				As percent of filed		Change in pending		Limited jurisdiction courts	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End Pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed
California	21,522	N/A	501,775	401,496	N/A	80.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	765,892
New York	18,053	66,709	114,099	113,287	66,809	99.3	58.6	100	0.1	71,349[1p]	572,166[1p]
Texas	12,599	270,142	272,601	250,555	292,188	91.9	107.2	22,046	8.2	111,355[1p]	284,573[1]
Pennsylvania	11,802	61,553	178,800	177,060	59,717	99.0	33.4	-1,836	-3.0	10,570[p]	220,891
Illinois	11,193	344,005[1]	633,246	575,465	397,256[1]	90.9	NC	53,251[1]	15.5[1]	---	---
Ohio	10,690	167,984[1]	244,569	256,271	151,380[1]	104.8	NC	-16,604[1]	-9.9[1]	105,051	329,358
Michigan	9,113	106,669	127,911	120,449	114,131	94.2	89.2	7,462	7.0	359,497[1]	428,620[1]
Florida	8,353	229,856	243,129	234,395[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	155,619	222,233
New Jersey	7,339	49,443	64,877	57,393	56,927	88.5	87.7	7,484	15.1	48,449	355,791
Massachusetts	5,791	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015	107.3	292.8	-2,276	-2.4	8,902[1p]	387,515
North Carolina	5,462	13,269	10,774	9,391	14,652	87.2	136.0	1,383	10.4	52,049	224,810
Indiana	5,313	N/A	173,924	168,710	N/A	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,338[p]	73,652[p]
Virginia	5,052	82,779	63,976	63,074	83,681	98.6	130.8	902	1.1	N/A	400,925
Georgia	4,984	50,903[1]	87,133	75,534[1]	62,502[1]	86.7[1]	71.7[1]	11,599[1]	22.8[1]	N/A	87,472[p]
Missouri	4,787	63,023	74,474	73,846	63,651	99.2	85.5	628	1.0	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	4,610	88,715[1]	208,280	228,516	103,212[1]	109.7	NC	14,497[1]	16.3[1]	NH	NH
Tennessee	4,234	49,880	83,202	82,153	50,929	98.7	61.2	1,049	2.1	N/A	N/A
Maryland	4,125	N/A	62,158	54,464	N/A	87.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	332,812[p]
Minnesota	3,954	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666	98.1	40.0	405	4.9	48,043[p]	125,278[p]
Louisiana	3,875	N/A	100,868[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59,537[1p]
Alabama	3,653	46,052	78,016	75,052	49,016	96.2	62.8	2,964	6.4	N/A	N/A
Washington	3,611	N/A	94,325	79,911[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67,661
Kentucky	3,436	71,720[1]	59,497[1]	55,110[1]	76,104[1]	92.6[1]	127.9[1]	4,384[1]	6.1[1]	N/A	62,755
Puerto Rico	3,214	53,236	78,476	85,491	46,221	108.9	58.9	-7,015	-13.2	24,215[p]	46,697[p]
Connecticut	3,102	32,961	26,004	25,168	33,797	96.8	130.0	836	2.5	42,680[1p]	191,344
Iowa	2,874	47,146[1]	125,415	118,771[1]	47,844[1]	NC	NC	698[1]	1.5[1]	---	---
South Carolina	2,844	22,215	25,377	32,214	15,796	126.9	62.2	-6,419	-28.9	25,033[p]	146,126[p]
Oklahoma	2,770	134,417	160,562	146,131	148,848	91.0	92.7	14,431	10.7	7[p]	9[p]
Colorado	2,575	79,096	83,879	93,686	69,289	111.7	82.6	-9,807	-12.4	8,955	47,617
Mississippi	2,365	N/A	52,217	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon	2,326	39,238[1]	55,799	45,708[1]	42,359[1]	NC	NC	3,121[1]	8.0[1]	22,361[1]	62,030[1]
Kansas	2,299	18,602	37,811	37,059	19,354	98.0	51.2	752	4.0	24,873[1]	42,752[1]
Arizona	2,249	54,064[1]	62,574[1]	62,133[1]	54,448[1]	99.3[1]	87.0[1]	384[1]	0.7[1]	N/A	31,915[1]
Arkansas	2,117	49,911[1]	59,916	50,394[1]	53,747[1]	NC	NC	3,836[1]	7.7[1]	N/A	16,225[1]
West Virginia	1,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	1,552	5,220	17,232	16,250	6,202	94.3	36.0	982	18.8	29,494[p]	43,810
Utah	1,232	15,678	25,533	22,638	18,573	88.7	72.7	2,895	18.5	N/A	23,705[p]
New Mexico	1,172	17,305	33,990	32,765	18,530	96.4	54.5	1,225	7.1	N/A	13,645[p]
Maine	1,071	8,188	5,851	5,024	9,015	85.9	154.1	827	10.1	N/A	38,693[p]
Rhode Island	936	N/A	6,733	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,141[p]
Hawaii	884	19,379	18,098	16,109	21,368	89.0	118.1	1,989	10.3	5,493	11,633
Idaho	833	19,783	40,245	36,663	23,365	91.1	58.1	3,582	18.1	---	---
New Hampshire	827	18,361	17,758	16,494	19,675	92.9	110.8	1,314	7.2	1,806[p]	38,984
Montana	755	N/A	18,668	10,987	N/A	58.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	700	13,139[1]	170,059	164,621[1]	16,009[1]	NC	NC	2,870[1]	21.8[1]	---	---
South Dakota	686	N/A	N/A	17,439[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
North Dakota	645	2,908	7,630	6,784	3,752	88.9	49.2	844	29.0	N/A	7,378[1]
Nevada	613	N/A	25,106[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	592	11,550	7,599	7,944	11,205	104.5	147.5	-345	-3.0	7,833[p]	27,717[p]
Vermont	477	21,997	19,559	23,968	17,588	122.5	89.9	-4,409	-20.0	7,621	4,523
Alaska	408	7,382	10,749	8,604	9,527	80.0	88.6	2,145	29.1	5,076[p]	8,954
Wyoming	391	2,789[1]	7,981	7,255[1]	3,515[1]	90.9[1]	44.0[1]	726[1]	26.0[1]	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 if the divisor was less than 10.
NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
--- = Not applicable.

Limited jurisdiction courts			All trial courts								
		As percent of filed		Change in pending					As percent of filed		Change in pending	
Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent
537,908[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,267,667	939,404[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
676,142[1]	59,602[1p]	NC	NC	-11,747[1p]	-16.5[1p]	138,058[1p]	686,265[1p]	789,429[1]	126,411[1p]	NC	NC	-11,647[1p]	-8.4[1p]
196,221[1]	114,527[1p]	NC	NC	3,172[1p]	2.8[1p]	381,497[1p]	557,174[1]	446,776[1]	406,715[1p]	NC	NC	25,218[1p]	6.6[1p]
212,590	9,811[p]	96.2	NC	-759[p]	-7.2[p]	72,123[p]	399,691	389,650	69,528[p]	97.5	NC	-2,595[p]	-3.6[p]
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346,613	97,575	105.2	29.6	-7,476	-7.1	273,035[1]	573,927	602,884	248,955[1]	105.0	NC	-24,080[1]	-8.8[1]
416,423[1]	372,066[1]	97.2[1]	NC	12,569[1]	3.5[1]	466,166[1]	556,531[1]	536,872[1]	486,197[1]	96.5[1]	NC	20,031[1]	4.3[1]
223,253	N/A	100.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	385,475	465,362	457,648[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
354,616	49,624	99.7	13.9	1,175	2.4	97,892	420,668	412,009	106,551	97.9	25.3	8,659	8.8
5,535[p]	11,056[1p]	NC	NC	2,154[1p]	24.2[1p]	102,193[p]	418,600	38,896[p]	102,071[p]	NC	NC	-122[p]	-0.1[p]
212,208	64,651	94.4	28.8	12,602	24.2	65,318	235,584	221,599	79,303	94.1	33.7	13,985	21.4
58,324[p]	17,303[p]	79.2[p]	NC	-2,035[p]	-10.5[p]	19,338[p]	247,576[p]	227,034[p]	17,303[p]	91.7[p]	N/A	-2,035[p]	-10.5[p]
392,374	N/A	97.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	82,779[p]	464,901	455,448	83,681[p]	98.0	NC	902[p]	1.1[p]
69,920[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	50,903[1p]	174,605[p]	145,454[1p]	62,502[1p]	NC	NC	11,599[1p]	22.8[1p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63,023[p]	74,474[p]	73,846[p]	63,651[p]	99.2[p]	85.5[p]	628[p]	1.0[p]
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	88,715[1]	208,280	228,516	103,212[1]	109.7	NC	14,497[1]	16.3[1]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,880[p]	83,202[p]	82,153[p]	50,929[p]	98.7[p]	61.2[p]	1,049[p]	2.1[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	394,970[p]	54,464[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
125,343[p]	48,081[p]	100.1[p]	38.4[p]	38[p]	0.1[p]	56,304[p]	146,921[p]	146,577[p]	56,747[p]	99.8[p]	38.6[p]	443[p]	0.8[p]
35,081[1p]	N/A	58.9[1p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	160,405[1p]	35,081[1p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46,052[p]	78,016[p]	75,052[p]	49,016[p]	96.2[p]	62.8[p]	2,964[p]	6.4[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	161,985	79,911[1p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71,720[1p]	122,252[1]	55,110[1p]	76,104[1p]	NC	NC	4,384[1p]	6.1[1p]
54,617	25,652[p]	NC	50.6[p]	-563[p]	-2.3[p]	77,451[p]	125,173[p]	140,108	69,873[p]	NC	55.8[p]	-7,578[p]	-9.8[p]
51,625[1p]	36,590[1p]	NC	NC	-6,090[1p]	-14.3[1p]	75,641[1p]	217,348	76,793[1p]	70,387[1p]	NC	NC	-5,254[1p]	-6.9[1p]
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134,924[p]	28,484[p]	92.3[p]	NC	3,451[p]	13.8[p]	47,248[p]	171,503[p]	167,138[p]	44,280[p]	97.5	NC	-2,968[p]	-6.3[p]
10,720	8[p]	NC	NC	NC	NC	134,424[p]	160,571[p]	156,851	148,856[p]	NC	92.7[p]	14,432[p]	10.7[p]
46,392	10,180	97.4	21.4	1,225	13.7	88,051	131,496	140,078	79,469	106.5	60.4	-8,582	-9.7
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52,217[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
63,361[1]	20,903[1]	102.1[1]	33.7[1]	-1,458[1]	-6.5[1]	61,599[1]	117,829[1]	109,069[1]	63,262[1]	NC	NC	1,663[1]	2.7[1]
55,845	25,919[1]	NC	60.6[1]	1,046[1]	4.2[1]	43,475[1]	80,563[1]	92,904	45,273[1]	NC	56.2[1]	1,798[1]	4.1[1]
26,363[1]	N/A	82.6[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,064[1p]	94,489[1]	88,496[1]	54,448[1p]	93.7[1]	NC	384[1p]	0.7[1p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,911[1p]	76,141[1]	50,394[1p]	53,747[1p]	NC	NC	3,836[1p]	7.7[1p]
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
26,517[p]	30,944[p]	NC	NC	1,450[p]	4.9[p]	34,714[p]	61,042	42,767[p]	37,146[p]	NC	NC	2,432[p]	7.0[p]
20,384[p]	N/A	86.0[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,678[p]	49,238[p]	43,022[p]	18,573[p]	87.4[p]	NC	2,895[p]	18.5[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,305[p]	47,635[p]	32,765[p]	18,530[p]	NC	NC	1,225[p]	7.1[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,188[p]	44,544[p]	5,024[p]	9,015[p]	NC	NC	827[p]	10.1[p]
24,555[1p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40,874[p]	24,555[1p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
10,953	6,173	94.2	53.1	680	12.4	24,872	29,731	27,062	27,541	91.0	92.6	2,669	10.7
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23,034[p]	3,254[p]	NC	NC	1,448[p]	80.2[p]	20,167[p]	56,742	39,528[p]	22,929[p]	NC	NC	2,762[p]	13.7[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,668[p]	10,987[p]	N/A	58.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
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7,234[1]	N/A	98.0[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,908[p]	15,008[1]	14,018[1]	3,752[p]	NC	NC	844[p]	29.0[p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,106[1p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
26,219[1]	9,673[p]	NC	34.9[p]	1,840[p]	23.5[p]	19,383[p]	35,316[p]	34,163[1]	20,878[p]	NC	59.1[p]	1,495[p]	7.7[p]
4,166	8,230	92.1	182.0	609	8.0	29,618	24,082	28,134	25,818	116.8	107.2	-3,800	-12.8
6,977	6,944[p]	77.9	NC	1,868[p]	36.8[p]	12,458[p]	19,703	15,581	16,471[p]	79.1	NC	4,013	32.2
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,789[1p]	7,981[p]	7,255[1p]	3,515[1p]	90.9[1p]	44.0[1p]	726[1p]	26.0[1p]

[1]Data are not complete.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This measure indicates that the number of cases filed per 100,000 varies throughout the 'states', regardless of population size. This lack of correlation between population and cases filed may result from any of a number of factors, some of which have been discussed already. The most important of these are the lack of complete data and the variations in the case categories used by the 'states' which make accurate compilation of caseload very difficult. These factors must be remembered when making any comparison of case category statistics among 'states'. More uniform classification of data from individual 'states' and courts would permit more effective analysis in Tables 21-30.

Cases disposed as percent of the number of cases filed, shown in Figure Q and in Tables 21-30, indicates that the courts are keeping fairly current in disposing of the number of cases being filed. A majority of the 'states' disposed of at least 90.0 percent of the number of cases filed in all cases categories except **non-auto tort** and **civil appeals,** and many 'states' disposed more cases than were filed. This ability to keep somewhat current may be the result of alternate methods in disposing of these types of cases such as citizen dispute settlement programs and the use of referees by the courts.

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

Table 21: Auto tort caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting auto tort caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	52,574[P]	40,138[P]	N/A	76.3[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	244.3[P]
New York--Supreme Court and County Court[1]	18,053	N/A	22,574[P]	23,202[P]	N/A	102.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	125.0[P]
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	39,592[P]	26,424[P]	23,374[P]	42,642[P]	88.5[P]	161.4[P]	3,050[P]	7.7[P]	209.7[P]
District Court[1]	--	26,151	17,540	15,220	28,471	86.8	162.3	2,320	8.9	139.2
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[1,I]	--	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171	91.8	159.5	730	5.4	70.5
Michigan--Circuit Court[1]	9,113	20,847[fP]	10,472[P]	10,147[P]	21,172[P]	96.9[P]	202.2[P]	325[P]	1.6[P]	114.9[P]
Florida--Circuit Court[b,I]	8,353	N/A	9,629[J]	7,728[J]	N/A	80.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	115.3
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	23,173	30,458	28,498	25,133	93.6	82.5	1,960	8.5	415.0
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court[2]	--	18,473[f]	15,896	13,541	20,828	85.2	131.0	2,355	12.7	216.6
County District Court[1]	--	4,700	14,562	14,957	4,305	102.7	29.6	-395	-8.4	198.4
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	6,999[P]	6,649[P]	N/A	95.0[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	165.3[P]
Circuit Court[C,I]	--	N/A	6,656	6,308	N/A	94.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	157.2
Law and Equity Court[b,I]	--	N/A	343	341	N/A	99.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	5,914[P]	6,811[P]	N/A	115.2[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	143.4[P]
Louisiana--District Court[C,I,I]	3,875	N/A	8,616[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	222.3[P]
Alabama--Circuit Court[1]	3,653	N/A	6,966[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	190.7[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	3,567	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	98.8
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	7,417[P]	3,062[P]	2,908[P]	7,571[P]	95.0[P]	247.3[P]	154[P]	2.1[P]	98.7[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	4,473[f]	4,398	3,726	5,145	84.7	117.0	672	15.0	158.8
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[1]	2,575	N/A	751[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.2[P]
Kansas--District Court[1]	2,299	1,497[fP]	1,260[P]	1,325[P]	1,432[P]	105.2[P]	113.7[P]	-65[P]	-4.3[P]	54.8[P]
Hawaii--Circuit Court[1]	884	1,404	816	844	1,376	103.4	168.6	-28	-2.0	92.3
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas[a,I]	582	N/A	334[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.4[P]

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

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[C]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[I]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[2]A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).

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

'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
Auto tort (Table 21)	17	29.2	415.0	149.2	125.0
Non-auto tort (Table 22)	13	36.1	136.3	80.9	66.7
Total tort (Table 23)	24	57.4	475.9	231.0	194.7
Contract (Table 24)	15	11.6	2,129.4	590.1	339.1
Small claims (Table 25)	26	157.0	5,434.0	1,618.3	1,579.5
Property rights (Table 26)	28	2.8	16,344.0	983.0	110.2
Domestic relations (Table 27)	44	355.6	2,129.5	1,004.9	989.1
Probate (Table 28)	37	8.0	1,443.9	432.0	336.3
Mental health (Table 29)	25	0.1	204.7	71.0	61.9
Civil appeals (Table 30)	19	1.7	69.6	15.8	10.0
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:					
Auto tort (Table 21)	5	92.3	415.0	176.0	115.3
Non-auto tort (Table 22)	4	46.1	117.8	76.6	71.3
Total tort (Table 23)	9	178.2	475.9	261.6	238.8
Contract (Table 24)	6	11.6	1,143.7	599.0	609.0
Small claims (Table 25)	22	157.0	5,434.9	1,688.4	1,664.7
Property rights (Table 26)	13	7.0	16,344.0	1,828.5	110.1
Domestic relations (Table 27)	36	546.5	2,129.5	1,025.1	1,007.2
Probate (Table 28)	33	8.0	1,443.9	426.6	366.9
Mental health (Table 29)	20	17.8	204.7	76.5	62.8
Civil appeals (Table 30)	15	1.7	69.6	18.0	10.0

Table 22: Non-auto tort caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting non-auto tort caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	27,767[P]	20,023[P]	N/A	72.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	129.0[P]
New York--Supreme Court and County Court[1]	18,053	N/A	13,990[P]	11,577[g]	N/A	82.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.5[P]
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	3,851[j]	3,041[j]	N/A	79.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.1
New Jersey--County District Court[1]	7,339	1,447[P]	4,469[P]	4,398[P]	1,518[P]	98.4[P]	34.0[P]	71[P]	4.9[P]	60.9[P]
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	5,164[P]	5,654[P]	N/A	109.5[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	122.0[P]
Circuit Court[c,1]	--	N/A	4,969	5,465	N/A	110.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	117.4
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	N/A	195	189	N/A	96.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	2,282[P]	3,025[P]	N/A	132.6[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	55.3[P]
Louisiana--District Court[c,f,1]	3,875	N/A	5,280[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	136.3[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	3,182	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.1
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	4,641[P]	1,899[P]	1,531[P]	5,009[P]	80.6[P]	263.8[P]	368[P]	7.9[P]	61.2[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	2,553[f]	3,264	2,660	3,157	81.5	96.7	604	23.7	117.8
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[1]	2,575	N/A	929[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36.1[P]
Kansas--District Court[1]	2,299	1,480[fp]	1,533[P]	1,332[P]	1,681[P]	86.9[P]	109.7[P]	201[P]	13.6[P]	66.7[P]
Hawaii--Circuit Court[1]	884	813	482	398	897	82.6	186.1	84	10.3	54.5

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]Civil cases are counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Table 23: Total tort caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting tort (auto tort, non-auto tort, or unclassified tort) caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	80,341[P]	60,161[P]	N/A	74.9[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	373.3[P]
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	83,110[P]	82,080[P]	N/A	98.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	460.4[P]
Supreme Court and County Court[1]	--	N/A	36,564	34,779	N/A	95.1[j]	N/A	N/A	N/A	202.5
Civil Court of the City of New York[j,1]	--	N/A	46,546	47,301	N/A	101.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	39,592[P]	26,424[P]	23,374[P]	42,642[P]	88.5[P]	161.4[P]	3,050[P]	7.7[P]	209.7[P]
District Court[1]	--	26,151	17,540	15,220	28,471	86.8	162.3	2,320	8.9	139.2
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[j,1]	--	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171	91.8	159.5	730	5.4	70.5
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	34,274[fp]	35,528[P]	39,205[P]	31,565[fp]	110.3[P]	NC	-2,709[fp]	-7.9[fp]	332.3[P]
Court of Common Pleas[1]	--	22,924[f1]	19,424	19,561	22,668[1]	100.7	NC	-256[1]	-1.1[1]	181.7
County Court[1]	--	168	324	378	116[g]	116.7	35.8	-52	-31.0	3.0
Municipal Court[1]	--	11,182	15,780	19,266	8,781[g]	122.1	55.6	-2,401	-21.5	147.6
Michigan--Circuit Court[1]	9,113	20,847[fp]	10,472[P]	10,147[P]	21,172[P]	96.9[P]	202.2[P]	325[P]	1.6[P]	114.9[P]
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	26,096[J]	21,631[J]	N/A	82.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	312.4
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	24,620	34,927	32,896	26,651	94.2	76.3	2,031	8.2	475.9
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court[2]	--	18,473[f]	15,896	13,541	20,828	85.2	131.0	2,355	12.7	216.6
County District Court[1]	--	6,147	19,031	19,355	5,823	101.7	30.6	-324	-5.3	259.3
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[1]	4,787	N/A	N/A	6,865[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	10,379[fh]	8,281	7,704	10,956	93.0	132.3	577	5.6	179.6
Circuit Court[1]	--	X	5,685	5,344	X	94.0	X	X	X	123.3
County Court[1]	--	X	2,596	2,360	X	90.9	X	X	X	56.3
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	12,163[P]	12,303[P]	N/A	101.2[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	287.3[P]
Circuit Court[c,1]	--	N/A	11,625	11,773	N/A	101.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	274.6
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	N/A	538	530	N/A	98.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	8,196[P]	9,836[P]	N/A	120.0[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	198.7[P]
Louisiana--District Court[c,f,1]	3,875	N/A	13,896[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.6[P]
Alabama--Circuit Court[1]	3,653	N/A	6,966[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	190.7[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	6,749	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	186.9
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	11,747	5,790	7,286	10,251	125.8	177.0	-1,496	-12.7	180.1
Superior Court[1]	--	9,801	3,755	5,230	8,326	139.3	221.7	-1,475	-15.0	116.8
District Court[1]	--	1,946	2,035	2,056	1,925	101.0	94.6	-21	-1.1	63.3
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	12,058[P]	4,961[P]	4,439[P]	12,580[P]	89.5[P]	253.6[P]	522[P]	4.3[P]	159.9[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	7,026[f]	7,662	6,386	8,302	83.3	108.4	1,276	18.2	276.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[1]	2,575	N/A	3,250[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	126.2[P]
Kansas--District Court[1]	2,299	2,977[fp]	2,793[P]	2,657[P]	3,113[P]	95.1[P]	111.5	136[P]	4.6[P]	121.5[P]
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	N/A	809[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65.7[P]
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	3,004	2,111	1,880	3,235	89.1	153.2	231	7.7	238.8
Circuit Court[1]	--	2,217	1,298	1,242	2,273	95.7	175.1	56	2.5	146.8
District Court[1]	--	787	813	638	962	78.5	118.3	175	22.2	92.0
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	1,391	1,484	1,206	1,669	81.3	112.5	278	20.0	178.2
District Court[1]	--	1,076[fh]	934	778	1,232	83.3	131.9	156	14.5	112.1
Magistrates Division[a,1]	--	315[fh]	550	428	437	77.8	79.5	122	38.7	66.0
New Hampshire--District Court[5]	827	N/A	N/A	792[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--District Court[1]	645	N/A	846[P]	844[P]	N/A	99.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	131.2[P]
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas[a,1]	582	N/A	334[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.4[P]
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	N/A	1,331	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	326.2
Superior Court[1]	--	N/A	870	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	213.2
District Court[1]	--	N/A	461	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	113.0

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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 if the divisor was less than 10.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[j]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
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as well as a substantial number of cases disposed. The fact that guardianship, conservatorship, and trusteeship cases, which may be pending for long periods of time, are included in probate caseload, may account for this large volume of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases. The case category with the lowest proportion of end pending cases compared to the number of cases filed was **small claims**. This is most likely due to the nature of small claims cases; that is, they are cases generally handled in a special manner to allow quick court processing.

The percent of change in pending measure shown in Figure S and Tables 21-30 indicates that 'states' showing decreases in pending case figures were few, and a large number showed increases, but most increases were less than 20.0 percent.

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

Table 24: Contract caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting contract caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	33,988[P]	32,294[P]	N/A	95.0[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	188.3[P]
Supreme Court and County Court[1]	--	N/A	10,350	9,505	N/A	91.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.3
Civil Court of the City of New York[1,l]	--	N/A	23,638	22,789	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[1,l]	12,599	38,073[P]	25,112[P]	23,326[P]	39,859[P]	92.9[P]	158.7[P]	1,786[P]	4.7[P]	199.3[P]
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	57,506[P]	162,862[P]	173,237[P]	53,098[P]	106.4[P]	32.6[P]	-4,408[P]	-7.7[P]	1,523.5[P]
County Court[1]	--	1,380	4,125	4,354	1,147[g]	105.6	27.8	-233	-16.9	38.6
Municipal Court[1]	--	56,126	158,737	168,883	51,951[g]	106.4	32.7	-4,175	-7.4	1,484.9
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	28,324	26,638	N/A	94.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	339.1
New Jersey--County District Court[1]	7,339	30,229[P]	156,275[P]	155,550[P]	30,954[P]	99.5[P]	19.8[P]	725[P]	2.4[P]	2,129.4[P]
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	3,443[P]	3,906[P]	N/A	113.4[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.3[P]
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	N/A	177	144	N/A	81.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.2
Chancery Court[c,1]	--	N/A	3,266	3,762	N/A	115.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.1
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	4,615[P]	4,250[P]	N/A	92.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	111.9[P]
Louisiana--District Court[c,l,1]	3,875	N/A	26,779[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	691.1[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	18,141	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	502.4
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[1]	3,214	621	373	467	527	125.2	141.3	-94	-15.1	11.6
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	3,227[P]	1,745[P]	1,459[P]	3,513[P]	83.6[P]	201.3[P]	286[P]	8.9[P]	56.3[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	19,658[f]	19,820	14,909	24,569	75.2	124.0	4,911	25.0	715.5
Kansas--District Court[1]	2,299	3,734[fp]	6,375[P]	6,033[P]	4,076[P]	94.6[P]	63.9[P]	342[P]	9.2[P]	277.3[P]
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	4,827	10,110	9,399	5,538	93.0	54.8	711	14.7	1,143.7
Circuit Court[1]	--	1,494	1,513	1,229	1,778	81.2	117.5	284	19.0	171.2
District Court[1]	--	3,333	8,597	8,170	3,760	95.0	43.7	427	12.8	972.5
New Hampshire--District Court[5]	827	N/A	N/A	3,794[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	N/A	3,596	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	881.4
Superior Court[1]	--	N/A	1,190	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	291.7
District Court[1]	--	N/A	2,406	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	589.7

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[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

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[5]A civil case is not counted in the same manner throughout the state.

Table 25: Small claims caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting small claims caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	434,642	298,112[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,019.5
Justice Court[1]	--	N/A	44,219	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	205.5
Municipal Court[1]	--	N/A	390,423	298,112	N/A	76.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,814.1
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court[1]	11,802	6,041[P]	32,334[P]	32,936[P]	5,439[P]	101.9[P]	16.8[P]	-602[P]	-10.0[P]	NC
Illinois--Circuit Court[1]	11,193	37,638[h]	185,811[J]	184,161	39,288	99.1	21.1	1,650	4.4	1,660.1
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	11,648	84,837	84,768	12,759	99.9	15.0	1,111	9.5	793.6
County Court[1]	--	1,635	12,419	12,600	1,565[g]	101.5	12.6	-70	-4.3	116.2
Municipal Court[1]	--	10,013	72,418	72,168	11,194[g]	99.7	15.5	1,181	11.8	677.4
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	9,646[P]	45,658	45,777	9,465[P]	100.3	NC	-181[P]	-1.9[P]	501.0
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[a,1]	--	N/A	2,465	2,403	N/A	97.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
District Court[1]	--	9,642	42,752	42,940	9,454	100.4	22.1	-188	-1.9	469.1
Municipal Court[1,l]	--	4	441	434	11	98.4	2.5	7	NC	4.8
New Jersey--County District Court[1]	7,339	4,529	37,132	36,059	5,602	97.1	15.1	1,073	23.7	506.0
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	122,364	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,113.0
District Court[1]	--	N/A	116,737	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,015.8
Boston Municipal Court[1]	--	N/A	3,623	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Housing Court[1]	--	N/A	2,004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.6
North Carolina--District Court[1]	5,462	N/A	144,846	N/A	17,831	N/A	12.3	N/A	N/A	2,651.9
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	253[P]	58,165[P]	40,813[P]	5,738[gP]	70.2[P]	NC	5,485[P]	2,168.0[P]	1,094.8[P]
Superior Court and Circuit Court[1]	--	253	17,407	11,833	5,738[g]	68.0	33.0	5,485	2,168.0	327.6
County Court[1]	--	N/A	40,758	28,980	N/A	71.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	767.1
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	15,906[fh]	110,393	110,950	15,349	100.5	13.9	-557	-3.5	2,394.6
Circuit Court[1]	--	X	163	150	X	92.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5
County Court[1]	--	X	110,230	110,800	X	100.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,391.1
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL	3,954	8,873[P]	80,222[P]	81,429[P]	7,668[P]	101.5[P]	9.6[P]	-1,205[P]	-13.6[P]	2,028.9[P]
Conciliation Court[3]	--	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834	104.0	7.5	-1,512	-34.8	959.4
County Court[3]	--	4,527	42,288	41,983	4,834[g]	99.3	11.4	307	6.8	1,069.5
Washington--District Court and Justices of the Peace[k,1]	3,611	N/A	20,911	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	579.1
Connecticut--Court of Common Pleas[1]	3,102	N/A	94,595	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,049.5
Iowa--District Court[1]	2,874	12,982[fh]	62,416	64,213	11,185	102.9	17.9	-1,797	-13.8	2,171.7
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	56,973[f]	63,795	62,384	58,384	97.8	91.5	1,411	2.5	2,303.1
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	9,929	38,828	38,447	10,310	99.0	26.6	381	3.8	1,669.3
District Court[1]	--	9,439	36,466	36,494	9,411	100.1	25.8	-28	-0.3	1,567.8
Justice Court[1,l]	--	490[h]	2,362	1,953	899	82.7	38.1	409	83.5	101.5
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL	1,552	1,153[P]	23,263	7,802[P]	1,533[P]	NC	NC	380[P]	33.0[P]	1,498.9
County Court	--	1,153	8,182	7,802	1,533	95.4	18.7	380	33.0	527.2
Municipal Court[a,1]	--	N/A	15,081	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	971.7
Utah--City Court[1]	1,232	N/A	7,220[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	586.0[P]
Maine--District Court[1]	1,071	N/A	12,511	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,168.2
Rhode Island--District Court[1]	936	N/A	9,062	6,319	N/A	69.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	968.2
Hawaii--District Court[1]	884	472	1,308	1,393	467	100.4	33.6	-5	-1.1	157.0
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	1,754	10,150	9,689	2,215	95.5	21.8	461	26.3	1,218.5
District Court[1]	--	14[fh]	20	19	15	95.0	75.0	1	7.1	2.4
Magistrates Division[a,1]	--	1,740[fh]	10,130	9,670	2,200	95.5	21.7	460	26.4	1,216.1
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	795	18,159	16,947	2,028	93.3	11.2	1,233	155.1	2,195.8
District Court[5]	--	772	17,610	16,401	2,001[g]	93.1	11.4	1,229	159.2	2,129.4
Municipal Court[5]	--	23	549	546	27[g]	99.5	4.9	4	17.4	66.4
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2]	700	1,955	38,044	37,936	2,063	99.7	5.4	108	5.5	5,434.9
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,l]	686	N/A	N/A	9,296[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	1,460	1,328	N/A	91.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	226.4
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[1,l]	--	N/A	1,190	1,080	N/A	90.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	184.5
County Justice Court[1,l]	--	N/A	270	248	N/A	91.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Delaware--Aldermen's Court[1]	582	N/A	N/A	342[1P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont--District Court[1]	477	9,256	8,896	13,308	4,844	149.6	54.5	-4,412	-47.7	1,865.0
Alaska--District Court[1]	408	2,490[hp]	4,985[P]	3,747[P]	3,728[P]	75.2[P]	74.8[P]	1,238[P]	49.7[P]	1,221.8[P]

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

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[l]Data are not complete
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[3]A civil case is counted at the note of issue.
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Table 26: Property rights caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting property rights caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	3,622[P]	3,241[P]	N/A	89.5[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.8[P]
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	77,037[P]	75,602[P]	N/A	98.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	426.7[P]
Supreme Court and County Court[1]	--	N/A	224	336	N/A	150.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.2
Civil Court of the City of New York[1,1]	--	N/A	76,813	75,266	N/A	98.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Texas--County Court at Law[1,1]	12,599	1,978[P]	359[P]	499[P]	1,838[P]	139.0[P]	512.0[P]	-140[P]	-7.1[P]	2.8[P]
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court[1]	11,802	990[P]	14,243[P]	14,218[P]	1,015[P]	99.8[P]	7.1[P]	25[P]	2.5[P]	NC
Illinois--Circuit Court[1]	11,193	1,441[h]	785	856	1,370	109.0	174.5	-71	-4.9	7.0
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	11,835[P]	45,478[P]	46,379[P]	12,323[P]	102.0[P]	27.1[P]	488[P]	4.1[P]	425.4[P]
County Court[1]	--	331	1,924	1,681	570[g]	87.4	29.6	239	72.2	18.0
Municipal Court[1]	--	11,504	43,554	44,698	11,753[g]	102.6	27.0	249	2.2	407.4
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	3,807[P]	68,820[P]	65,580[P]	5,035[P]	95.3[P]	NC	1,228[P]	32.3[P]	755.2[P]
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[a,1]	--	N/A	31,588	29,576	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
District Court[1]	--	3,313	34,088	33,035	4,366	96.9	12.8	1,053	31.8	374.1
Municipal Court[1,1]	--	494	3,144	2,969	669	94.4	21.3	175	35.4	34.5
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	20,975	19,380	N/A	92.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	251.1
New Jersey--County District Court[1]	7,339	3,475[P]	81,479[P]	82,213[P]	2,741[P]	100.9[P]	3.4[P]	-734[P]	-21.1[P]	1,110.2[P]
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	8,902[1,P]	13,185[P]	5,535[P]	11,056[1,P]	NC	NC	2,154[1,P]	24.2[1,P]	227.7[P]
Housing Court[1]	--	N/A	5,486	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.7
Land Court[1]	--	8,902[h,1]	7,699	5,535	11,056[1]	71.9	143.6	2,154[1]	24.2[1]	132.9
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	2,405[P]	2,481[P]	N/A	103.2[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	56.8[P]
Circuit Court[c,1]	--	N/A	537	891	N/A	165.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	N/A	259	257	N/A	99.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.1
Chancery Court[c,1]	--	N/A	1,609	1,333	N/A	82.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	38.0
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125	N/A	236,728	2,112[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,738.9
Circuit Court[1]	--	N/A	2,481	2,112	N/A	85.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	60.1
District Court[1]	--	N/A	234,247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,678.7
Minnesota--County Municipal Court[3]	3,954	125[P]	10,357[P]	10,419[P]	63[P]	100.6[P]	0.6[P]	-62[P]	-49.6[P]	261.9[P]
Louisiana--District Court[c,i,1]	3,875	N/A	1,758	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.4
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	3,529	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	97.7
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	8,764	14,174	14,188	8,750	100.1	61.7	-14	-0.2	441.0
Superior Court[1]	--	8,394	13,613	13,619	8,388	100.0	61.6	-6	-0.1	423.6
District Court[1]	--	370	561	569	362	101.4	64.5	-8	-2.2	17.5
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	1,644[P]	2,126[P]	1,909[P]	1,861[P]	89.8[P]	87.5[P]	217[P]	13.2[P]	68.5[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	5,511[f]	7,678	6,938	6,251	90.4	81.4	740	13.4	277.2
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575	5,672[P]	7,113	3,752[P]	3,764[P]	NC	NC	-1,908[P]	-33.6[P]	276.2
District Court and Denver Probate Court[1]	--	N/A	5,269	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	204.6
Water Court[a,1]	--	5,672	1,844	3,752	3,764	203.5	204.1	-1,908	-33.6	71.6
Mississippi--Circuit Court[k,1]	2,365	N/A	75[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2[P]
Kansas--District Court[1]	2,299	1,152[f]	2,220	2,251	1,121	101.4	50.5	-31	-2.7	96.6
Nebraska--County Court[1]	1,552	82[P]	144[P]	156[P]	70[P]	108.3[P]	48.6[P]	-12[P]	-14.6[P]	9.3[P]
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	N/A	106	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.6
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	877	973	823	1,027	84.6	105.5	150	17.1	110.1
Circuit Court[1]	--	231	272	230	273	84.6	100.4	42	18.2	30.8
Land Court[a,1]	--	76	57	46	87	80.7	152.6	11	14.5	6.4
District Court[1]	--	570	644	547	667	84.9	103.6	97	17.0	72.9
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	42[P]	1,403[P]	1,404[P]	42[P]	100.1[P]	3.0[P]	0[P]	0.0[P]	169.6[P]
District Court[5]	--	42	1,393	1,394	42[g]	100.1	3.0	0	0.0	168.4
Municipal Court[5]	--	0	10	10	0	100.0	NC	0	NC	1.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2]	700	444	114,408	114,564	288	100.1	0.3	-156	-35.1	16,344.0
North Dakota--District Court[1]	645	N/A	496	450	N/A	90.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.9
Delaware--Superior Court[a,1]	582	N/A	636[P]	572[P]	N/A	89.9[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	109.3[P]
Alaska--Superior Court[1]	408	N/A	450[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	110.3[P]

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[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[k]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[2]A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
[3]A civil case is counted at the note if issue.
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Table 27: Domestic relations caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting domestic relations caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	168,887	146,179	N/A	86.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	784.7
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	54,353[P]	300,466[P]	323,401[P]	39,563[P]	NC	13.2[P]	-14,790[P]	-27.2[P]	1,664.4[P]
Supreme Court[k,1]	--	7,173[f]	57,991	58,681	6,671[g]	101.2	11.5	-502	-7.0	321.2
Family Court[1]	--	47,180	242,475	261,062	32,892[g]	107.7	13.6	-14,288	-30.3	1,343.1
Surrogates' Court[1]	--	N/A	N/A	3,658	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--District Court and Domestic Relations Court[1]	12,599	82,355	138,547	134,651	86,251	97.2	62.3	3,896	4.7	1,099.7
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[1]	11,802	23,977	101,426	100,950	24,453	99.5	24.1	476	2.0	859.4
Illinois--Circuit Court[1]	11,193	47,489[h]	90,441	81,858	56,072	90.5	62.0	8,583	18.1	808.0
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[1]	10,690	29,994[f,i]	97,419	101,441	25,571[i]	104.1	NC	-4,423[i]	-14.7[i]	911.3
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	46,673[i]	80,699	79,214	47,847[i]	98.2	NC	1,174[i]	2.5[i]	885.5
Circuit Court[1]	--	46,613[f]	60,591	59,529	47,675	98.2	78.7	1,062	2.3	664.9
Probate Court[1]	--	60[h,i]	20,108	19,685	172[i]	97.9	NC	112[i]	186.7[i]	220.7
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	95,989	94,042	N/A	98.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,149.2
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	9,833	85,265	83,644	11,454	98.1	13.4	1,621	16.5	1,161.8
Superior Court (Chancery Division)[2]	--	5,764[f]	23,391	22,205	6,950	94.9	29.7	1,186	20.6	318.7
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court[1]	--	4,069[f]	61,874	61,439	4,504	99.3	7.3	435	10.7	843.1
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	46,073[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	795.6[P]
District Court[1]	--	N/A	6,368	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	110.0
Boston Municipal Court[1]	--	N/A	190	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.3
Court of Probate and Insolvency[1]	--	N/A	39,515	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	682.4
North Carolina--District Court[1]	5,462	N/A	35,949	N/A	15,341	N/A	42.7	N/A	N/A	658.2
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court[1]	5,313	N/A	66,005	66,757	N/A	101.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,242.3
Virginia--District Court[1]	5,052	N/A	51,531	47,319	N/A	91.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,020.0
Georgia--Superior Court[c,i,1]	4,984	N/A	48,902	45,080	N/A	92.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	981.2
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[1]	4,787	N/A	N/A	39,114	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court[1]	4,610	27,888[f,h,i]	30,097[i]	30,995	30,126[i]	NC	100.1	2,238[i]	8.0[i]	652.9[i]
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	47,757[P]	46,744[P]	N/A	97.9[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,127.9[P]
Circuit Court[c,1]	--	N/A	26,771	26,466	N/A	98.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	632.3
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	N/A	2,946	2,929	N/A	99.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.6
Chancery Court[c,1]	--	N/A	18,040	17,349	N/A	96.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	426.1
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	32,601	26,098	N/A	80.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	790.3
Minnesota--County Court[3]	3,954	6,835[P]	14,061[P]	13,118[P]	7,841[g,P]	93.3[P]	55.8[P]	1,006[P]	14.7[P]	355.6[P]
Louisiana--District Court[c,1] and Family Court[1]	3,875	N/A	26,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	686.6
Alabama--Circuit Court[1]	3,653	N/A	39,096[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,070.2[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	38,608	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,069.2
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	19,747	28,344	32,181	15,910	113.5	56.1	-3,837	-19.4	881.9
Superior Court[1]	--	19,265	25,475	29,595	15,145	116.2	59.5	-4,120	-21.4	792.6
District Court[1]	--	482	2,869	2,586	765	90.1	26.7	283	58.7	89.3
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	13,367[P]	18,568	15,556[P]	13,272[P]	NC	NC	-95[P]	0.7[P]	598.6
Superior Court[1]	--	13,347[f]	15,453	15,555	13,245	100.7	85.7	-102	-0.8	498.2
Court of Common Pleas[1]	--	20	8	1	27	NC	NC	7	35.0	0.3
Probate Court[1]	--	N/A	3,107	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.2
South Carolina--Family Court[1]	2,844	9,850	28,303	24,781	14,078[g]	87.6	49.7	4,228	42.9	995.2
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	20,249[f]	37,491	33,308	24,432	88.8	65.2	4,183	20.7	1,353.5
Colorado--District Court[1]	2,575	24,588	37,980	44,728	17,840	117.8	47.0	-6,748	-27.4	1,475.0
Mississippi--Chancery Court[a,1]	2,365	N/A	24,107	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,019.3
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	N/A	25,152	20,837[i,P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,081.3
Circuit Court[1]	--	N/A	25,080	20,837[i]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,078.2
District Court[1]	--	N/A	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.3
County Court[1]	--	N/A	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Kansas--STATE TOTAL	2,299	8,467[P,f]	22,599[P]	25,181	8,317[P]	NC	36.8[P]	-150[P]	1.8[P]	983.0[P]
District Court[1]	---	8,467[f]	22,599	22,749	8,317	100.7	36.8	-150	-1.8	983.0
Probate Court[1]	---	N/A	N/A	2,432	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona--Superior Court[i,1]	2,249	16,258[f]	26,052	26,571	16,273[g]	102.0	62.5	15	0.1	1,158.4
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	14,563[i,P]	25,687	22,654[i,P]	15,758[i,P]	NC	NC	1,195[i,P]	8.2[i,P]	1,213.4
Chancery and Probate Court[1]	---	14,563[f,i]	25,387	22,654[i]	15,758[i]	NC	NC	1,195[i]	8.2[i]	1,199.2
County Court[1]	---	N/A	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.2
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL	1,552	2,462	12,221	11,529	3,154	94.3	25.8	692	28.1	787.4
District Court[1]	---	2,240	10,874	10,193	2,921	93.7	26.9	681	30.4	700.6
County Court[1]	---	222	1,347	1,336	233	99.2	17.3	11	5.0	86.8
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	N/A	8,815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	715.5
Maine--District Court[1]	1,071	N/A	7,364[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	687.6[P]
Rhode Island--Family Court[1]	936	N/A	5,115	2,805[i]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	546.5
Hawaii--Circuit Court[1]	884	5,694	10,276	9,595	6,375	93.4	62.0	681	12.0	1,162.4
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	5,031	11,632	10,855	5,808	93.3	49.9	777	15.4	1,396.4
District Court[1]	---	2,073[f,h]	4,999	4,102	2,970	82.1	59.4	897	43.3	600.1
Magistrates Division[a,1]	---	2,958[f,h]	6,633	6,753	2,838	101.8	42.8	-120	-4.1	796.3
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	6,002[P]	12,542	9,186[P]	6,426[P]	NC	NC	424[P]	7.1[P]	1,516.6
Superior Court[5]	---	6,002	9,610	9,186[h]	6,426	95.6	66.9	424	7.1	1,162.0
Probate Court[5]	---	N/A	2,932	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	354.5
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2]	700	6,531[f]	6,731	5,766	7,496	85.7	111.4	965	14.8	961.6
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i,1]	686	N/A	N/A	2,912	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--District Court[1]	645	N/A	3,618	3,138	N/A	86.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	560.9
Nevada--District Court[i,1]	613	N/A	13,054	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,129.5
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	1,342[P]	3,664[P]	3,781[P]	1,225[P]	103.2[P]	33.4[P]	-117[P]	-8.7[P]	629.6[P]
Superior Court[a,1]	---	1,288	1,765	2,797	256	158.5	14.5	-1,032	-80.1	303.3
Family Court[a,1]	---	54	1,899	984	969	51.8	51.0	915	1,694.4	326.3
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	4,202	5,155	4,898	4,459	95.0	86.5	257	6.1	1,080.7
Superior Court[1]	---	2,402	2,798	2,717	2,483	97.1	88.7	81	3.4	586.6
District Court[1]	---	1,561	637	466	1,732	73.2	271.9	171	11.0	133.5
Probate Court[1]	---	239	1,720	1,715	244	99.7	14.2	5	2.1	360.6
Alaska--Superior Court[1]	408	N/A	6,158	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,509.3

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Table 28: Probate caseflow for trial courts, 1976.

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	62,590	61,968	N/A	99.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	290.8
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	226[P]	54,275[i]	80,896	389[P]	NC	NC	163[P]	72.1[P]	300.6
Family Court[1]	---	226	924	815	389[g]	88.2	42.1	163	72.1	5.1
Surrogates Court[1]	---	N/A	53,351[i]	80,081	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	295.5
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[i,1]	12,599	N/A	54,925[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	435.9[P]
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[1]	11,802	1,719	20,075	20,118	1,676	100.2	8.3	-43	-2.5	170.1
Illinois--Circuit Court[1]	11,193	N/A	33,533	29,003	N/A	86.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	299.6
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[1]	10,690	81,303[f,i]	77,925	83,678	70,276[g,i]	107.4	NC	-11,027[i]	-13.6[i]	729.0
Michigan--Probate Court[1]	9,113	284,113[h]	40,855	42,725	282,243	104.6	690.8	-1,870	-0.7	448.3
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	36,776[j]	38,257[j]	N/A	104.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	440.3
New Jersey--Superior Court (Chancery Division) and County Court[2]	7,339	168[f]	584	519	233	88.9	39.9	65	38.7	8.0
Massachusetts--Court of Probate and Insolvency[1]	5,791	N/A	61,847	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,068.0
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	8,862[P]	26,364	24,338	9,113[P]	92.3	NC	251[P]	2.8[P]	496.2
Superior Court and Circuit Court[1]	---	N/A	21,855	19,975	N/A	91.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	411.3
Probate Court[1]	---	8,862	4,509	4,363	9,113[g]	96.8	202.1	251	2.8	84.9
Wisconsin--County Court[1]	4,610	16,969[f,h,i]	13,090	41,826	16,985[i]	319.5	NC	16[i]	0.1[i]	283.9
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	N/A	1,476[P]	1,321[P]	N/A	89.5[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.9[P]
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	---	N/A	170	135	N/A	79.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.0
Chancery Court[c,1]	---	N/A	1,306	1,186	N/A	90.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.8
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	539[P]	545[P]	N/A	101.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.1[P]
Minnesota--County Court[3]	3,954	28,007[J,P]	9,281[J,P]	9,524[J,P]	27,800[g,J,P]	102.6[P]	299.5[P]	-207[P]	-0.7[P]	234.7[P]
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	16,329	12,450	N/A	76.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	452.2
Kentucky County Court, Quarterly Court Police Court, and Justice Court[b,1]	3,436	N/A	20,097	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	584.9
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	271[P]	42,462	179[P]	278[P]	NC	NC	7[P]	2.6[P]	1,368.9
Superior Court[1]	---	271	186	179	278	96.2	149.5	7	2.6	6.0
Probate Court[1]	---	N/A	42,276	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,362.9
Iowa--District Court[1]	2,874	N/A	22,896	16,950[i]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	796.7
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	15,716[f]	13,679	12,884	16,511	94.2	120.7	795	5.1	493.8
Colorado--District Court and Denver Probate Court[1]	2,575	18,722[f]	6,297	5,966	19,053	94.7	302.6	331	1.8	244.5
Mississippi--Chancery Court[a,1]	2,365	N/A	6,789	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	287.1
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	14,940	6,525	6,542	14,923	100.3	228.7	-17	-0.1	280.5
Circuit Court[1]	---	14,087	6,244	6,178	14,153	98.9	226.7	66	0.5	268.4
District Court[1]	---	438	123	211	350	171.5	284.6	-88	-20.1	5.3
County Court[1]	---	415	158	153	420	96.8	265.8	5	1.2	6.8
Kansas--Probate Court[1]	2,299	16,587[f,i]	7,543[i]	17,576	17,659[i]	NC	234.1[i]	1,072[i]	6.5[i]	328.1[i]
Arizona--Superior Court[i,1]	2,249	6,743[f,i]	7,130	6,013	7,272[g,i]	84.3	102.0[i]	529[i]	7.8[i]	317.0
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court[1]	2,117	13,393[f,i]	7,119	3,704[i]	13,970[i]	NC	NC	577[i]	4.3[i]	336.3
Nebraska--County Court[1]	1,552	21,010	11,059	10,788	21,281	97.5	192.4	271	1.3	712.6
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	1,887[f]	3,226	2,848	2,265	88.3	70.2	378	20.0	261.9
Hawaii--Circuit Court[1]	884	6,867[j]	2,141[j]	1,982[j]	7,026[j]	92.6	328.2	159	2.3	242.2
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	2,760[f,h]	4,044	3,495	3,309	86.4	81.8	549	19.9	485.5
District Court[1]	---	69[f,h]	25	77	17	308.0	68.0	-52	-75.4	3.0
Magistrates Division[a,1]	---	2,691[f,h]	4,019	3,418	3,292	85.0	81.9	601	22.3	482.5
New Hampshire--Probate Court[5]	827	N/A	11,941	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,443.9
Montana--District Court[1]	755	N/A	3,570	1,094	N/A	30.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	472.8
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2]	700	N/A	2,568	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	366.9
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i,1]	686	N/A	N/A	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	3,032	2,179	N/A	71.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	470.1
District Court[1]	---	N/A	13	13	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.0
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[i,1]	---	N/A	1,677	1,083	N/A	64.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	260.0
County Probate Court[1]	---	N/A	1,342	1,083	N/A	80.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	208.1
Nevada--District Court[i,1]	613	N/A	1,247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	203.4
Delaware--Court of Chancery[1]	582	6,806	2,244	2,287	6,763	101.9	301.4	-43	-0.6	385.6
Vermont--Probate Court[1]	477	7,382	2,796	2,446	7,984[g]	87.5	285.6	602	8.2	586.2
Alaska--Superior Court[1]	408	N/A	799	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	195.8
Wyoming--District Court[i,1]	391	N/A	N/A	2,132[i]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Table 29: Mental health caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting mental health caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	6,514	6,108	N/A	93.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.3
New York--Family Court[1]	18,053	0[p]	17[p]	30[p]	0[gp]	176.5[p]	0.0[p]	0	--	0.1[p]
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[1]	11,802	306	6,628	6,706	228	101.2	3.4	-78	-25.5	56.2
Illinois--Circuit Court[1]	11,193	1,424[h]	8,515	8,466	1,473	99.4	17.3	49	3.4	76.1
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[1]	10,690	N/A	6,340	7,232	N/A	114.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	59.3
Michigan--Probate Court[1]	9,113	2,450[h]	6,748	3,679	5,519	54.5	81.8	3,069	125.3	74.0
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	N/A	10,891[J]	11,742[J]	N/A	107.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	130.4
Massachusetts--District Court[1]	5,791	N/A	1,899[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.8[p]
Wisconsin--County Court[1]	4,610	N/A	N/A	2,845	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	2,679	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.2
Connecticut--Probate Court[1]	3,102	N/A	5,831[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	188.0[p]
Oklahoma--District Court[1]	2,770	800[f]	2,810	2,661	949	94.7	33.8	149	18.6	101.4
Colorado--District Court, Denver Probate Court, and Denver Juvenile Court[1]	2,575	731[f]	1,923	1,847	807	96.0	42.0	76	10.4	74.7
Mississippi--Chancery Court[a,1]	2,365	N/A	3,599	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152.2
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	N/A	4,762	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	204.7
Circuit Court[1]	--	N/A	4,707	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	202.4
District Court[1]	--	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8
County Court[1]	--	N/A	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.6
Arizona--Superior Court[1,1]	2,249	1,340[f1]	400[1]	411[1]	1,326[g1]	102.8[1]	331.5[1]	-14[1]	-1.0[1]	17.8[1]
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court[1]	2,117	N/A	1,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.9
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	N/A	648	750	N/A	115.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.6
Maine--District Court[1]	1,071	N/A	418	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39.0
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	161	202	167	196	82.7	97.0	35	21.7	24.2
District Court[1]	--	2[fh]	1	2	1	NC	NC	-1	NC	0.1
Magistrates Division[a,1]	--	159[fh]	201	165	195	82.1	97.0	36	22.6	24.1
New Hampshire--Probate Court[5]	827	N/A	182[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0[p]
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2]	700	70	760	726	104	95.5	13.7	34	48.6	108.6
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,1]	686	N/A	N/A	619[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	N/A	926	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[1,1]	--	N/A	N/A	747	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Probate Court[1]	--	N/A	N/A	179	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada--District Court[1,1]	613	N/A	390	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63.6
Delaware--Court of Chancery[1]	582	151[p]	12[p]	3[p]	160[p]	25.0[p]	1,333.3[p]	9[p]	6.0[p]	2.1[p]
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	19	378	346	51	91.5	13.5	32	168.4	79.2
District Court[1]	--	19	371	341	49	91.9	13.2	30	157.9	77.8
Probate Court[1]	--	0	7	5	2	71.4	28.6	2	NC	1.5
Alaska--Superior Court[1]	408	N/A	203	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.8

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Table 30: Civil appeals caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting civil appeals caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court[1]	21,522	N/A	9,092	8,478	N/A	93.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.2
Michigan--Circuit Court[1]	9,113	430[f]	559	481	508	86.0	90.9	78	18.1	6.1
Florida--Circuit Court[b,1]	8,353	1,261	833	474[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	143[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.5[p]
District Court[1]	--	N/A	105	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.8
Boston Municipal Court[1]	--	N/A	38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	543[fh]	613	557	599	90.9	97.7	56	10.3	13.3
Circuit Court[1]	--	X	570	464	X	81.4	X	X	X	12.4
County Court[1]	--	X	43	93	X	216.3	X	X	X	0.9
Maryland--Circuit Court[1]	4,125	N/A	768	677	N/A	88.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6
Louisiana--District Court[c,1]	3,875	N/A	65	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.7
Alabama--Circuit Court[1]	3,653	N/A	1,725	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.2
Washington--Superior Court[1]	3,611	N/A	520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.4
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[1]	3,214	N/A	147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6
Connecticut--Superior Court[1]	3,102	132[J]	211[J]	173[J]	170[J]	82.0	80.6	38	28.8	6.8
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[1]	2,575	N/A	58[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.3[p]
Mississippi--Circuit Court[k,1]	2,365	N/A	349[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8[p]
Utah--District Court[1]	1,232	N/A	113	84	N/A	74.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.2
Rhode Island--Superior Court[1]	936	N/A	52	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.6
Idaho--District Court[1]	833	109[fh]	152	112	149	73.7	98.0	40	36.7	18.2
New Hampshire--Superior Court[5]	827	40	25	17[h]	48	68.0	192.0	8	20.0	3.0
North Dakota--District Court[1]	645	N/A	65[p]	46[p]	N/A	70.8[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1[p]
Vermont--Superior Court[1]	477	496[J]	332[J]	342[J]	486[J]	103.0	146.4	-10	-2.0	69.6

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

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed.
[I]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[K]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Criminal caseflow (Tables 31-39)

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

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

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

As in the tables showing civil caseflow and total civil caseflow, several measures are used to allow comparisons among 'states'. These include the number of cases disposed, shown as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year; the number of pending cases at the end of the year, shown as a percent of the number of cases filed; the number and percent of change in year-end pending cases as compared to beginning pending figures; and the number of cases filed per 100,000 population.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The data displayed in Table 32 indicate that the courts were able to remain current with their felony caseload (see Figures U, V, and W above). This may be a result of the move for speedy trials, the factors enumerated in connection with Table 31, or state and local provisions that mandate the prompt disposition of criminal cases. Table 32 displays 34 'states' that reported data for felony caseload. Of the 27 'states' reporting comparable filings and dispositions, 24 disposed of 90 percent or better of the number of cases filed. Of these, seven 'states' reduced the number of end pending cases over their beginning pending cases by disposing more cases than were filed. This indicates that these states made headway in reducing current pending caseload. Three of the states disposed of 80 to 90 percent of the number of felony cases filed. The remaining seven states did not report enough data to be calculated.

For the 22 'states' reporting comparable data permitting the computation of the number of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases, cases pending in 11 states were less than 50 percent of cases filed and only 3 states had more cases pending at the end of the year than were filed. (See Figure V.) As can be seen in Figure W, the change in pending caseload for felony caseflow is similar to that for total criminal caseflow, with 7 of the 23 'states' reporting reducing their pending caseload, and only 3 having an increase of over 20 percent.

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

Table 31: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts criminal caseflow, 1976. States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending.

State and unit of count	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts: Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Percent	Limited: Beginning pending	Filed
Informations, indictments, or complaints											
Illinois	11,193	19,278[I]	520,112	437,221	20,511[I]	84.1	NC	1,233[I]	6.4[I]	---	---
New Jersey	7,339	27,436	31,680	29,466	29,650	93.0	93.6	2,214	8.1	N/A	331,601
Massachusetts	5,791	43,147	37,508	33,804	46,851	90.1	124.9	3,704	8.6	N/A	217,869
Indiana	5,313	356[P]	45,889	52,192	208[P]	113.7	NC	-148[P]	-41.6[P]	13,924[P]	71,804[P]
Missouri	4,787	10,171	18,080	17,964	10,287	99.4	56.9	116	1.1	11,340[P]	20,330[P]
Wisconsin	4,610	24,504	78,403	78,725	24,182	100.4	30.8	-322	-1.3	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	4,234	16,943	29,609	30,298	16,254	102.3	54.9	-689	-4.1	N/A	N/A
Maryland	4,125	N/A	34,333	33,491	N/A	97.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	110,606
Kentucky	3,436	8,228[I]	11,202[I]	11,740[I]	9,152[I]	104.8[I]	81.7[I]	924[I]	11.2[I]	N/A	209,356
Iowa	2,874	N/A	N/A	182,199	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
South Carolina	2,844	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,415	95.3	43.5	1,287	11.6	N/A	70,546[P]
Oklahoma	2,770	33,150[I]	55,581	53,717	34,972[I]	96.6	NC	1,822[I]	5.5[I]	N/A	N/A
Oregon	2,326	4,974	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424	-8.5	4,226[IP]	58,775[I]
Kansas	2,299	1,902	7,026	6,867	2,061	97.7	29.3	159	8.4	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	2,117	7,675	12,813	11,730	8,758	91.5	68.4	1,083	14.1	N/A	103,377[I]
Utah	1,232	287	3,068	2,494	861	81.3	28.1	574	200.0	N/A	23,920[P]
Maine	1,071	3,844	6,533	6,339	4,038	97.0	61.8	194	5.0	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	936	N/A	3,277	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,769[P]
Montana	755	N/A	2,122	1,726	N/A	81.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota	686	N/A	N/A	13,278[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
North Dakota	645	N/A	1,051	989	N/A	94.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,687[I]
Vermont	477	4,567	16,987	16,853	4,701	99.2	27.7	134	2.9	NH	NH
Alaska	408	564	991	1,077	480	108.7	48.4	-84	-14.9	5,352[P]	22,895
Wyoming	391	704[I]	1,329	1,346[I]	687[I]	101.3[I]	51.7[I]	-17[I]	-2.4[I]	N/A	N/A
Number of defendants											
California	21,522	N/A	57,430	52,242	N/A	91.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	720,573
New York	18,053	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A	119.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,421[P]	226,160[P]
Texas	12,599	68,812	78,317	77,370	69,759	98.8	89.1	947	1.4	156,759[IP]	848,793[I]
Pennsylvania	11,802	29,124	76,302	74,343	25,064	97.4	32.8	-4,060	-13.9	5,208[P]	482,223[P]
Ohio	10,690	6,487	30,527	30,312	6,702	99.3	22.0	215	3.3	33,326[P]	290,393[P]
Michigan	9,113	16,080[I]	122,894	43,459[I]	18,746[I]	NC	NC	2,666[I]	16.6[I]	91,199[I]	272,476[I]
Florida	8,353	52,242	66,166	63,887[I]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	146,848[P]	213,873[P]
Virginia	5,052	12,174	42,843	42,250	12,767	98.6	29.8	593	4.9	N/A	264,557
Georgia	4,984	N/A	42,962	40,222[I]	N/A	93.6[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71,770[P]
Minnesota	3,954	1,763	8,919	8,634	2,043	96.8	22.9	280	15.9	13,657[P]	65,513[P]
Louisiana	3,875	N/A	52,297[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,158[IP]
Alabama	3,653	10,553	25,466	25,451	10,568	99.9	41.5	15	0.1	N/A	N/A
Washington	3,611	N/A	14,053	14,374	N/A	102.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	112,064
Connecticut	3,102	3,370	4,555	4,100	3,848	90.0	84.5	478	14.2	19,772	91,191
Colorado	2,575	10,031	14,334	13,760	10,605	96.0	74.0	574	5.7	11,509[IP]	41,862[IP]
Arizona	2,249	5,882	13,913	13,765	6,030	98.9	43.3	148	2.5	N/A	30,840[IP]
Nebraska	1,552	895	7,215	6,823	1,287	94.6	17.8	392	43.8	16,218[P]	44,958[P]
New Mexico	1,172	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229	97.2	47.4	133	6.3	N/A	23,687[P]
Hawaii	884	1,803	2,028	1,683	2,148	83.0	105.9	345	19.1	4,101	42,088
Idaho	833	5,363	30,490	29,360	6,493	96.3	21.3	1,130	21.1	---	---
District of Columbia	700	5,832	31,956	32,418	5,204	101.4	16.3	-628	-10.8	---	---
Nevada	613	N/A	4,633[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	582	1,593	3,786	4,022	1,357	106.2	35.8	-236	-14.8	1,505[P]	37,034[P]
Number of charges											
Puerto Rico	3,214	26,264	26,331	28,752	23,843	109.2	90.6	-2,421	-9.2	18,612[P]	67,916[P]
No consistent definition											
North Carolina	5,462	15,282	52,547	49,398	18,431	94.0	35.1	3,149	20.6	N/A	366,335
Mississippi	2,365	N/A	7,441	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia	1,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire	827	4,461	6,431	5,771	5,118	89.7	79.6	657	14.7	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed. All courts in Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Delaware are displayed in the number of defendants grouping because this is the unit of count grouping for the general jurisdiction court in each of these states.

Jurisdiction courts: Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Percent	All trial courts: Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	End pending	Change in pending: Number	Percent
---	---	---	---	---	---	19,278[I]	520,112	437,221	20,511[I]	84.1	NC	1,233[I]	6.4[I]
297,066	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,436[P]	363,281	326,532	29,650[P]	89.9	NC	2,214[P]	8.1[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43,147[P]	255,377	33,804[P]	46,851[P]	NC	NC	3,704[P]	8.6[P]
59,698[P]	23,596[P]	83.1[P]	NC	9,672[P]	69.5[P]	14,280[P]	117,693[P]	111,890[P]	23,804[P]	95.1[P]	NC	9,524[P]	66.7[P]
9,494[IP]	22,176[P]	NC	109.1[P]	10,836[P]	95.6[P]	21,511[P]	38,410[P]	27,458[P]	32,463[P]	NC	84.5	10,952[P]	50.9
26,619	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24,504[P]	78,403[P]	105,344	24,182[P]	NC	30.8[P]	-322[P]	-1.3[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,943[P]	29,609[P]	30,298[P]	16,254[P]	102.3[P]	54.9[P]	-689[P]	-4.1[P]
25[I]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	144,939	33,516[I]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,228[IP]	220,558[I]	11,740[IP]	9,152[IP]	NC	NC	924[IP]	11.2[IP]
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,128[P]	99,094[P]	27,193[P]	12,415[P]	NC	NC	1,287[P]	11.6[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33,150[IP]	55,581[P]	53,717[P]	34,972[IP]	96.6[P]	NC	1,822[IP]	5.5[IP]
55,555[I]	4,956[IP]	94.5[I]	NC	730[IP]	17.3[IP]	9,200[IP]	73,260[I]	70,464[I]	9,506[IP]	96.2[I]	NC	306[IP]	3.3[IP]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,902[P]	7,026[P]	6,867[P]	2,061[P]	97.7[P]	29.3[P]	159[P]	8.4[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,675[P]	116,190[I]	11,730[P]	8,758[P]	NC	NC	1,083[P]	14.1[P]
24,190[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	287[P]	26,988[P]	26,684[P]	861[P]	NC	NC	574[P]	200.0[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,844[P]	6,533[P]	6,339[P]	4,038[P]	97.0[P]	61.8[P]	194[P]	5.0[P]
28,189[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,046[P]	28,189[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,122[P]	1,726[P]	N/A	81.3[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A
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13,693[I]	N/A	87.3[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,738[I]	14,682[I]	N/A	87.7[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	4,567	16,987	16,853	4,701	99.2	27.7	134	2.9
21,105	7,030[P]	92.2	NC	1,678[P]	31.4[P]	5,916[P]	23,886	22,182	7,510[P]	92.9	NC	1,594[P]	26.9[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	704[IP]	1,329[P]	1,346[IP]	687[IP]	101.3[IP]	51.7[IP]	-17[IP]	-2.4[IP]
579,812[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	778,003	632,054[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
439,034[I]	14,847[P]	NC	6.6[P]	5,426[P]	57.6[P]	9,421[P]	257,819[P]	476,696[I]	14,847[P]	NC	NC	5,426[P]	57.6[P]
665,949[I]	179,666[IP]	78.5[I]	NC	22,907[IP]	14.6[IP]	225,571[IP]	927,110[I]	743,319[I]	249,425[IP]	80.2[I]	NC	23,854[IP]	10.6[IP]
462,354[P]	4,450[P]	95.9[P]	NC	-758[P]	-14.6[P]	34,332[P]	558,525[P]	536,697[P]	29,514[P]	96.1[P]	NC	-4,818[P]	-14.0[P]
294,029[P]	40,096[P]	101.3[P]	13.8[P]	6,770[P]	20.3[P]	39,813[P]	320,920[P]	324,341[P]	46,798[P]	101.1[P]	14.6[P]	6,985[P]	17.5[P]
267,800[I]	95,875[I]	98.3[I]	35.2[I]	4,676[I]	5.1[I]	107,279[I]	395,370[I]	311,259[I]	114,621[I]	NC	NC	7,342[I]	6.8[I]
185,903[P]	N/A	86.9[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	199,090[P]	280,039[P]	249,790[IP]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
260,163	N/A	98.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,174[P]	307,400	302,413	12,767[P]	98.4	NC	593[P]	4.9[P]
64,051[P]	N/A	89.2[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	114,732[P]	104,273[IP]	N/A	90.9[IP]	N/A	N/A	N/A
62,273[P]	17,252[P]	95.1	26.3	3,595	26.3	15,420[P]	74,432[P]	70,907[P]	19,295[P]	95.3	25.9	3,875	25.1
92,992[P]	N/A	82.9[IP]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	164,455[IP]	92,992[IP]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,553[P]	25,466[P]	25,451[P]	10,568[P]	99.9[P]	41.5[P]	15[P]	0.1[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	126,117	14,374[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
95,907	15,263	105.2	16.7	-4,509	-22.8	23,142	95,746	100,007	19,111	104.5	20.0	-4,031	-17.4
41,628[IP]	11,743[IP]	99.4[IP]	28.1[IP]	234[IP]	2.0[IP]	21,540[IP]	56,196[IP]	55,388[IP]	22,348[IP]	98.6[IP]	39.8[IP]	808[IP]	3.8[IP]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,882[P]	44,753[IP]	13,765[P]	6,030[P]	NC	NC	148[P]	2.5[P]
43,140[P]	18,058[P]	96.0[P]	40.2[P]	1,840[P]	11.3[P]	17,113[P]	52,173[P]	49,963[P]	19,345[P]	95.8[P]	37.1[P]	2,232[P]	13.0[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,096[P]	28,393[P]	4,573[P]	2,229[P]	NC	NC	133[P]	6.3[P]
41,290	4,899	98.1	11.6	798	19.5	5,904	44,116	42,973	7,047	97.4	16.0	1,143	19.4
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,633[IP]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15,729[IP]	1,397[P]	NC	NC	-108	-7.2	3,098[P]	40,820[P]	19,751[IP]	2,754[P]	NC	NC	-344	-11.1[P]
141,892	21,072[P]	NC	31.0[P]	2,460[P]	13.2[P]	44,876[P]	94,247[P]	170,644	44,915[P]	NC	47.7[P]	39[P]	0.1[P]
N/A	40,410	N/A	11.0	N/A	N/A	15,282[P]	418,882	49,398[P]	58,841	NC	NC	NC	NC
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,441[P]	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
30,427	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,461[P]	6,431[P]	36,198	5,118[P]	NC	79.6[P]	657[P]	14.7[P]

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
--- = Not applicable.

[I]Data are not complete.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 32: Felony caseflow for general jurisdiction courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
Illinois--Circuit Court[7]	11,193	19,278[h]	30,645	29,412	20,511	96.0	66.9	1,233	6.4	273.8
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court[6]	7,339	26,571[f]	27,663	25,495	28,739	92.2	103.9	2,168	8.2	376.9
Massachusetts--Superior Court[6]	5,791	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894	89.7	125.7	1,959	8.9	328.4
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	4,787	N/A	N/A	13,957	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	5,324[fh]	14,833	12,767	7,390	86.1	49.8	2,066	38.8	321.8
Circuit Court[6]	---	X	5,880	5,972	X	101.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	127.5
County Court[6]	---	X	8,953	6,795	X	75.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	194.2
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court[c,6]	4,234	13,183[fh]	22,001	22,894	12,290	104.1	55.9	-893	-6.8	519.6
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	9,964[fJ]	18,015	16,534	11,458[J]	91.8	NC	1,494	15.0	626.8
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,770	17,471[f]	20,179	19,365	18,285	96.0	90.6	814	4.7	728.5
Mississippi--Circuit Court[6]	2,365	N/A	6,598	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	279.0
Oregon--Circuit Court[11]	2,326	4,974[h]	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424	-8.5	622.7
Kansas--District Court[7]	2,299	1,417[f]	5,514	5,427	1,504	98.4	27.3	87	6.1	239.8
Arkansas--Circuit Court[6]	2,117	5,209[f]	7,758	7,642	5,325	98.5	68.6	116	2.2	366.5
Rhode Island--Superior Court[6]	936	N/A	2,159	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	230.7
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i,6]	686	N/A	N/A	2,556	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--District Court[6]	645	N/A	852	781	N/A	91.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	132.1
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	1,012	2,341	2,245	1,108	95.9	47.3	96	9.5	490.8
Superior Court[6]	---	11	37	26	22	70.3	59.5	11	100.0	7.8
District Court[7]	---	1,001[f]	2,304	2,219	1,086	96.3	47.1	85	8.5	483.0
Alaska--Superior Court[6]	408	531	782	898	415	114.8	53.1	-116	-21.8	191.7
Wyoming--District Court[i,6]	391	704	1,329	1,346	687	101.3	51.7	-17	-2.4	339.9
Number of defendants										
California--Superior Court[8]	21,522	N/A	54,906	50,094	N/A	91.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	255.1
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court[8]	12,599	57,284	64,701	66,057	55,928	102.1	86.4	-1,356	-2.4	513.5
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[8]	10,690	6,487[f]	30,527	30,312	6,702	99.3	22.0	215	3.3	285.6
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	15,532	38,871	35,976	18,206	92.6	46.8	2,674	17.2	426.5
Circuit Court[9]	---	10,811[f]	25,821	24,962	11,670	96.7	45.2	859	7.9	283.3
Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	---	4,721	13,050	11,014	6,536[g]	84.4	50.1	1,815	38.4	NC
Florida--Circuit Court[b,9]	8,353	52,097	65,799	63,856	(k)	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	787.7
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	5,052	7,757[fh]	23,772	23,252	8,257	97.8	34.7	520	6.7	470.5
Georgia--Superior Court[c,i,9]	4,984	N/A	24,850	23,263	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	498.6
Louisiana--District Court[i,8]	3,875	N/A	14,721	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	379.9
Colorado--District Court[8]	2,575	N/A	10,972	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	426.1
Arizona--Superior Court[i,8]	2,249	4,678	10,556	10,334	4,900	97.9	46.4	222	4.7	469.4
Nebraska--District Court[8]	1,552	777	4,416	4,431	762	100.3	17.3	-15	-1.9	284.5
Hawaii--Circuit Court[8]	884	1,329	1,551	1,258	1,622	81.1	104.6	293	22.0	175.5
Idaho--District Court[8]	833	752[fh]	2,620	2,451	921	93.5	35.2	169	22.5	314.5
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,9]	700	2,008	4,227	4,759	1,476	112.6	34.9	-532	-26.5	603.9
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[10]	3,214	14,148	15,077	14,361	14,869	95.3	98.6	721	5.1	469.1
No consistent definition										
North Carolina--Superior Court[k,12]	5,462	N/A	29,010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	531.1

Note: Felony preliminary cases are not included on this table. Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was than 10.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

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

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

	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:					
All units of count:					
Felony (Table 32)	32	132.1	787.7	405.0	378.4
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	35	6.4	6,477.2	2,124.6	1,838.4
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	49	175.4	6,990.8	1,943.4	1,863.5
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	14	26.1	5,392.2	1,238.1	579.0
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	22	106.8	1,153.3	506.6	537.0
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	22	4.4	589.7	117.1	50.1
Information, indictment, or complaint:					
Felony (Table 32)	16	132.1	728.5	379.3	334.2
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	18	6.4	5,122.0	2,174.5	1,961.5
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	23	246.2	5,488.4	1,972.3	1,863.5
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	4	533.3	1,246.2	734.4	579.0
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	10	106.8	746.2	420.6	363.5
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	9	15.0	589.7	111.3	48.6
Number of defendants:					
Felony (Table 32)	14	175.5	787.7	420.8	426.3
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	14	49.4	6,477.2	2,057.6	1,932.4
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	22	175.4	6,990.8	2,080.0	1,981.2
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	7	136.1	5,392.2	1,629.3	1,083.1
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	10	251.5	1,153.3	605.8	604.6
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	10	4.4	307.8	84.0	36.4
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:					
All units of count:					
Felony (Table 32)	32	132.1	787.7	405.0	378.4
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	18	971.0	6,477.2	2,715.0	2,282.3
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	24	376.9	6,990.8	2,971.4	2,769.0
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	7	136.1	5,392.2	1,517.8	553.2
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	11	193.8	1,153.3	585.2	584.2
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	21	4.4	589.7	122.0	51.6
Information, indictment, or complaint:					
Felony (Table 32)	16	132.1	728.5	379.3	334.2
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	9	971.0	5,122.0	2,818.9	2,465.1
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	13	376.9	5,488.4	3,010.8	2,842.2
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	1	553.2	553.2	553.2	553.2
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	3	193.8	695.2	422.8	379.4
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	8	20.8	589.7	123.3	50.1
Number of defendants:					
Felony (Table 32)	14	175.5	787.7	420.8	426.3
Misdemeanor (Table 33)	8	1,512.3	6,477.2	2,717.6	2,222.6
Felony and misdemeanor (Table 34)	10	1,676.5	6,990.8	2,994.5	2,789.6
Ordinance violations (Table 35)	5	136.1	5,392.2	1,447.1	453.9
Felony preliminary (Table 36)	8	251.5	1,153.3	646.0	604.6
Criminal appeals (Table 37)	10	4.4	307.8	84.0	36.4

Misdemeanor caseflow (Table 33). Table 33 displays **misdemeanor** caseflow data from the 42 'states' reporting the misdemeanor case category. Courts that did not identify a segment in their total criminal caseload as misdemeanor cases were excluded from the table. The 'state' data are footnoted with a "p" if all courts handling misdemeanor cases did not report misdemeanor caseflow. The same measures were used as in Table 32.

The data displayed in Table 33 indicate that courts were able to remain fairly current with their misdemeanor caseload. There were, however, many 'states' for which the

Table 33: Misdemeanor caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting misdemeanor caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
Illinois--Circuit Court[7]	11,193	N/A	427,545	348,923	N/A	81.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,819.8
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	202,209[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,491.8[P]
District Court[7]	---	N/A	187,051	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,230.0
Boston Municipal Court[7]	---	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	171.1
Housing Court[7]	---	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.8
Juvenile Court[7]	---	N/A	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	18,412[P]	80,693[P]	73,393[P]	26,632[P]	91.0[P]	NC	8,220[P]	44.6[P]	1,518.8[P]
Superior Court and Circuit Court[7]	---	4,488	13,241	17,524	3,036[g]	132.3	22.9	-1,452	-32.4	249.2
County Court[7]	---	N/A	31,815	23,715	N/A	74.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	598.8
Municipal Court of Marion County[7]	---	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573[g]	90.3	66.2	9,655	69.4	NC
Juvenile Court of Marion County[7]	---	6	42	25	23	59.5	54.8	17	NC	NC
Missouri--STATE TOTAL	4,787	N/A	14,691[P]	8,683[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	---	N/A	N/A	4,007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	---	N/A	14,691	4,676	N/A	31.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	16,154	44,762	46,909	14,007	104.8	31.3	-2,147	-13.3	971.0
Circuit Court[6]	---	X	108	251	X	232.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.3
County Court[6]	---	X	44,654	46,658	X	104.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	968.6
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court[6]	4,234	3,760[fhp]	7,608[P]	7,404[P]	3,964[P]	97.3[P]	52.1[P]	204[P]	5.4[P]	179.7[P]
Maryland--District Court[9]	4,125	N/A	110,606[P]	25[lp]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,681.4[P]
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	N/A	N/A	52,892	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina--Magistrate Court[6]	2,844	N/A	52,283[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,838.4[P]
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,770	14,430[f]	33,697	32,630	15,497	96.8	46.0	1,067	7.4	1,216.5
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	793[P]	36,619	34,244	787[P]	93.5	NC	-6[P]	-0.8[P]	1,574.3
District Court[11]	---	N/A	31,683	29,302	N/A	92.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,362.1
Justice Court[l,11]	---	793[h]	4,936	4,942	787	100.1	15.9	-6	-0.8	212.2
Kansas--District Court[7]	2,299	50[fp]	146[P]	144[P]	52[P]	98.6[P]	35.6[P]	2[P]	4.0[P]	6.4[P]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	2,466[P]	108,432	4,088[P]	3,433[P]	NC	NC	967[P]	39.2[P]	5,122.0
Circuit Court[6]	---	2,466[f]	5,055	4,088	3,433	80.9	67.9	967	39.2	238.8
Municipal Court[l,7]	---	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,688.4
City Court and Police Court[l,7]	---	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	166.3
Justice of the Peace Court[7]	---	N/A	603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.5
Nebraska--County Court[7]	1,552	10,756[P]	32,353[P]	30,931[P]	12,199[gp]	95.6[P]	37.7[P]	1,443[P]	13.4[P]	2,084.6[P]
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	N/A	8,558[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	694.6[P]
Juvenile Court	---	N/A	238	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.3
City Court[7]	---	N/A	8,320	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	675.3
New Mexico--Magistrate Court[b,7]	1,172	N/A	14,942[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,274.9[P]
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	936	N/A	23,073	22,081[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,465.1
Superior Court[6]	---	N/A	708[h]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	75.6
District Court[7]	---	N/A	22,365	22,081	N/A	98.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,389.4
South Dakota--Circuit Court[l,6]	686	N/A	N/A	10,722[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	14,487	12,713	N/A	87.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,246.0
District Court[6]	---	N/A	50	69	N/A	138.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.8
County Court with increased Jurisdiction[l,7]	---	N/A	9,939	8,616	N/A	86.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,540.9
County Justice Court[l,7]	---	N/A	4,498	4,028	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	697.4
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	3,547	14,628	14,585	3,590	99.7	24.5	43	1.2	3,066.7
Superior Court[6]	---	0	4	4	0	NC	NC	0	---	0.9
District Court[7]	---	3,547[f]	14,624	14,581	3,590	99.7	24.5	43	1.2	3,065.8
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	4,605[P]	19,946	18,413[P]	6,046[P]	NC	NC	1,841[P]	31.3[P]	4,888.7
Superior Court[6]	---	N/A	33	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1
District Court[7]	---	4,605	18,452	17,041	6,046[g]	92.4	32.8	1,441	31.3	4,522.5
Magistrates Court[7]	---	N/A	1,461	1,372	N/A	93.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.1
Number of defendants										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	585,854	478,099[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,722.1
Justice Court[9]	---	N/A	69,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	322.4
Municipal Court[9]	---	N/A	516,462	478,099	N/A	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,399.7
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	N/A	141,358[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court and City Court[l,9]	---	N/A	N/A	47,943	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town and Village Court[9]	---	N/A	N/A	93,415	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	161,754[P]	816,064	671,522	185,141[P]	NC	NC	23,387[P]	14.5[P]	6,477.2
District Court and Criminal District Court[8]	---	4,995	6,053	5,573	5,475	92.1	90.5	480	9.6	48.0
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[l,9]	---	156,759[j]	129,641	145,516[j]	179,666[j]	NC	NC	22,907	14.6	1,029.0
Municipal Court[l,9]	---	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A	82.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,455.5
Justice of the Peace Court[l,9]	---	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A	65.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,944.7

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Number of defendants										
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court[8]	11,802	4,258[P]	31,970[P]	32,237[P]	3,693[P]	100.8[P]	11.6[P]	-965[P]	-13.3[P]	NC
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	28,174	247,862	250,473	34,778	101.1	14.0	6,604	23.4	2,318.6
County Court[8]	---	3,089	21,363	21,796	2,630[g]	102.0	12.3	-459	-14.9	199.8
Municipal Court[8]	---	25,085	226,499	228,677	32,148[g]	101.0	14.2	7,063	28.2	2,118.8
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	9,113	N/A	8,240[P]	6,870[P]	N/A	83.4[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Florida--County Court[b,9]	8,353	124,287	177,628	152,581	(k)	85.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,126.5
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	5,052	4,437[fhp]	19,071[P]	18,998[P]	4,510[P]	99.6[P]	23.6[P]	73[P]	1.6[P]	377.5[P]
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	4,984	N/A	89,882[P]	81,010[P]	N/A	90.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,803.4[P]
Superior Court[c,l,9]	---	N/A	18,112	16,959	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	363.4
State Court[9]	---	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A	88.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,373.3
Probate Court[9]	---	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A	100.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.8
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL	3,875	N/A	58,603	20,736[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,512.3
District Court[c,l,8]	---	N/A	37,576	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	969.7
City Court[i] and New Orleans Municipal Court[7]	---	N/A	21,027	20,736	N/A	98.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	542.6
Washington--District Court and Justices of the Peace[k,9]	3,611	N/A	63,869	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,768.7
Connecticut--Court of Common Pleas[9]	3,102	19,772[P]	91,191[P]	95,907[P]	15,263[gp]	105.2[P]	16.7[P]	-4,509[P]	-22.8[P]	2,939.7[P]
Colorado--County Court[i,9]	2,575	11,509[P]	25,742[P]	25,508[P]	11,743[P]	99.1[P]	45.6[P]	234[P]	2.0[P]	999.7[P]
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	2,249	1,204[P]	20,139[P]	3,431[P]	1,130[P]	NC	NC	-74[P]	-6.1[P]	895.5[P]
Superior Court[l,8]	---	1,204	3,357	3,431	1,130	102.2	33.7	-74	-6.1	149.3
Justice of the Peace[l,9]	---	N/A	16,782	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	746.2
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	454[P]	437[P]	16,051	511[P]	NC	NC	57[P]	12.6[P]	49.4[P]
Circuit Court[8]	---	454	437	380	511	87.0	116.9	57	12.6	49.4
District Court[10]	---	N/A	N/A	15,671	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	3,378	22,939	22,229	4,088	96.9	17.8	710	21.0	2,753.8
District Court[8]	---	86[fh]	694	706	74	101.7	10.7	-12	-14.0	83.3
Magistrates Division[a,9]	---	3,292[fh]	22,245	21,523	4,014	96.8	18.0	722	21.9	2,670.5
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,9]	700	3,299	14,429	14,305	3,221[g]	99.1	22.3	-78	-2.4	2,061.3
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	23,381	56,564	57,494	22,446	101.6	39.7	-935	-4.0	1,759.9
Superior Court[10]	---	11,653	10,394	13,487	8,555[g]	129.8	82.3	-3,098	-26.6	323.4
District Court[10]	---	11,728	46,170	44,007	13,891	95.3	30.1	2,163	18.4	1,436.5
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	827[P]	22,087[P]	6,750[lp]	944[P]	NC	NC	117[P]	14.1[P]	3,795.0[P]
Court of Common Pleas[a,10]	---	827	5,762	5,645	944	98.0	16.4	117	14.1	990.0
Alderman's Court[10]	---	N/A	N/A	1,105[l]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Justice of the Peace Court[10]	---	N/A	16,325	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,805.0
No consistent definition										
Minnesota--County Court[12]	3,954	8,834[P]	33,933[P]	32,149[P]	10,844[gp]	94.7[P]	32.0[P]	2,010[P]	22.8[P]	858.2[P]
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	27,428[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court[12]	---	N/A	N/A	25,931	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[12]	---	N/A	N/A	1,497	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed. All courts in Louisiana and Hawaii are displayed in the number of defendants grouping because this is the unit of count grouping for the general jurisdiction court in both of these states.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[l]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
[6]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[7]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[9]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[10]The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[11]The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.
[12]The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

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

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

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

The system of ranking by population the 'states' that use the same unit of count, and of displaying the number of cases filed per 100,000 population, as is done in Table 33, allows for better comparison. With all units of count taken together, there were 18 'states' reporting misdemeanor filings for all courts handling misdemeanors. For these 18 'states', the average number of cases filed per 100,000 population was 2,715.0 with a mid-point of 2,282.3 and a range of 971.0 to 6,477.2.

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

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

There were 20 'states' that reported comparable data for the computation in Table 34 of end pending cases as a percent of the number of cases filed. Of these 'states', 11 had less than half the number of cases filed still pending at the end of the year, and 2 had more cases pending than were filed. (See Figure V.) Of the 34 'states' that reported pending caseflow, 9 reduced the number of pending cases, 20 had less than a 20 percent increase, and only 1 had an increase of over 50 percent. (See Figure W.)

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

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

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

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

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

Table 34: Combined felony and misdemeanor caseflow, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony, misdemeanor, or felony/misdemeanor caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
Illinois--Circuit Court[7]	11,193	19,278[hI]	458,190	378,335	20,511[hI]	82.6	NC	1,233[I]	6.4[I]	4,093.5
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division) and County Courts[6]	7,339	26,571[f]	27,663	25,495	28,739	92.2	103.9	2,168	8.2	376.9
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	21,935[P]	221,225	17,057[P]	23,894[P]	NC	NC	1,959[P]	8.9[P]	3,820.2
Superior Court[6]	—	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894	89.7	125.7	1,959	8.9	328.4
District Court[7]	—	N/A	187,051	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,230.0
Boston Municipal Court[7]	—	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	171.1
Housing Court[7]	—	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	89.8
Juvenile Court[7]	--	N/A	51	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	14,280[P]	99,009[P]	95,585[P]	23,804[P]	96.5[P]	NC	9,524[P]	66.7[P]	1,863.5[P]
Superior Court and Circuit Court[7]	—	N/A	29,163	37,293	N/A	127.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	548.9
Criminal Court of Marion County[7]	—	356	2,394	2,423	208[J]	101.2	8.7	-148	-41.6	NC
County Court[7]	—	N/A	31,815	23,715	N/A	74.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	598.8
Municipal Court of Marion County[7]	—	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573[J]	90.3	66.2	9,655	69.4	NC
Juvenile Court of Marion County[7]	--	6	42	25	23	59.5	54.8	17	NC	NC
Missouri--STATE TOTAL	4,787	10,171[P]	32,771[P]	22,640[P]	10,287[P]	69.1[P]	NC	116[P]	1.1[P]	684.6[P]
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	—	10,171[f]	18,080	17,964[J]	10,287	99.4	56.9	116	1.1	377.7
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	—	N/A	14,691	4,676	N/A	31.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Wisconsin--STATE TOTAL	4,610	21,478[fh]	59,595	59,676	21,397	100.1	35.9	-81	-0.4	1,292.7
Circuit Court[6]	--	X	5,988	6,223	X	103.9	X	X	X	129.9
County Court[6]	--	X	53,607	53,453	X	99.7	X	X	X	1,162.8
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court[c,6]	4,234	16,943[fhp]	29,609[P]	30,298[P]	16,254[P]	102.3[P]	54.9[P]	-689[P]	-4.1[P]	699.3[P]
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125	N/A	139,125	27,881[I]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,372.7
Circuit Court[6]	—	N/A	28,519	27,856	N/A	97.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	691.4
District Court[9]	—	N/A	110,606	25[I]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,681.4
Kentucky--Circuit Court[I,6]	3,436	8,208[P]	11,013[P]	11,589[P]	9,094[P]	105.2[P]	82.6[P]	686[P]	10.8[P]	320.5[P]
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	N/A	N/A	69,426	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL	2,844	11,128[P]	80,831	27,193[P]	12,415[P]	NC	NC	1,287[P]	11.6[P]	2,842.2
Circuit Court, County Court, and Civil and Criminal Court[6]	--	11,128	28,538	27,193	12,415[J]	95.3	43.5	1,287	11.6	1,003.8
Magistrate Court[6]	--	N/A	52,283	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,838.4
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,770	31,201[f]	53,876	51,995	33,782	96.5	62.7	1,881	5.9	1,945.0
Mississippi--Circuit Court[6]	2,365	N/A	6,598[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	297.0[P]
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	5,767[P]	51,104	49,153	5,337[P]	96.2	NC	-430[P]	-7.5[P]	2,197.1
Circuit Court[11]	—	4,974[h]	14,485	14,909	4,550	102.9	31.4	-424	-8.5	622.7
District Court[11]	—	N/A	31,683	29,302	N/A	92.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,362.1
Justice Court[I,11]	—	793[h]	4,936	4,942	787	100.1	15.9	-6	-0.8	212.2
Kansas--District Court[7]	2,299	1,467[P]	5,660[P]	5,571[P]	1,556[P]	98.4[P]	27.5[P]	89[P]	6.1[P]	246.2[P]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	7,675[P]	116,190	11,730[P]	8,758[P]	NC	NC	1,083[P]	14.1[P]	5,488.4
Circuit Court[6]	—	7,675[f]	12,813	11,730	8,758	91.5	68.4	1,083	14.1	605.2
Municipal Court[I,7]	—	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,688.4
City Court and Police Court[I,7]	—	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	166.3
Justice of the Peace Court[7]	—	N/A	603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.5
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	N/A	11,078[P]	2,120[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	899.2[P]
District Court[7]	—	N/A	2,520	2,120	N/A	84.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	204.5
Juvenile Court	—	N/A	238	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.3
City Court[7]	--	N/A	8,320[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	675.3
Maine--Superior Court[7]	1,071	3,844[hp]	6,533[P]	6,339[P]	4,038[hP]	97.0[P]	61.8[P]	194[P]	5.0[P]	610.0[P]
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	936	N/A	25,232	22,081[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,695.7
Superior Court[6]	—	N/A	2,867[h]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	306.3
District Court[7]	—	N/A	22,365	22,081	N/A	98.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,389.4
Montana--District Court[7]	755	N/A	2,122[P]	1,726[P]	N/A	81.3[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	281.1[P]
South Dakota--Circuit Court[I,6]	686	N/A	N/A	13,278[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	15,339[I]	13,494[I]	N/A	88.0[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,378.1[I]
District Court[6]	—	N/A	902	850	N/A	94.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	139.8
County Court with increased jurisdiction[I,7]	—	N/A	9,939[I]	8,616[I]	N/A	86.7[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,540.9[I]
County Justice Court[I,7]	—	N/A	4,498	4,028	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	697.4
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	4,559	16,969	16,830	4,698	99.2	27.7	139	3.0	3,557.4
Superior Court[6]	—	11	41	30	22	73.2	53.7	11	100.0	8.6
District Court[7]	--	4,548[f]	16,928	16,800	4,676	99.2	27.6	128	2.8	3,548.8
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	4,605[P]	20,728	18,413[P]	6,046[P]	NC	NC	1,441[P]	31.3[P]	5,080.4
Superior Court[6]	—	N/A	815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	199.8
District Court[7]	—	4,605	18,452	17,041	6,046[J]	92.4	32.8	1,441	31.3	4,522.5
Magistrates Court[7]	—	N/A	1,461	1,372	N/A	93.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.1
Wyoming--District Court[I,6]	391	704[P]	1,329[P]	1,346[P]	687[P]	101.3[P]	51.7[P]	-17[P]	-2.4[P]	339.9[P]
Number of defendants										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	640,760	528,193[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,977.2
Superior Court[8]	—	N/A	54,906	50,094	N/A	91.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	255.1
Justice Court[9]	—	N/A	69,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	322.4
Municipal Court[9]	—	N/A	516,462	478,099	N/A	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,399.7
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	31,659[P]	179,020[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	175.4[P]
Supreme Court and County Court[8]	—	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A	119.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	175.4
District Court and City Court[I,9]	—	N/A	N/A	47,943	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town and Village Court[9]	--	N/A	N/A	93,415	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	219,038[P]	880,765	737,579	241,069[P]	NC	NC	22,031[P]	10.1[P]	6,990.8
District Court and Criminal District Court[8]	—	62,279	70,754	71,630	61,403	101.2	86.8	-876	-1.4	561.6
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court[I,9]	—	156,759[J]	129,641	145,516[J]	179,666[J]	NC	NC	22,907	14.6	1,029.0
Municipal Court[I,9]	—	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A	82.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,455.5
Justice of the Peace Court[I,9]	--	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A	65.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,944.7

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State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	11,802	31,496[P]	100,197[P]	98,645[P]	26,731[P]	98.5[P]	26.7[P]	-4,765[P]	-15.1[P]	849.0[P]
Court of Common Pleas[8]	—	27,238	68,227	66,408	23,038[J]	97.3	33.8	-4,200	-15.4	578.1
Philadelphia Municipal Court[8]	—	4,258	31,970	32,237	3,693[J]	100.8	11.6	-565	-13.3	NC
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	34,661	278,389	280,785	41,480	100.9	14.9	6,819	19.7	2,604.2
Court of Common Pleas[8]	—	6,487[f]	30,527	30,312	6,702	99.3	22.0	215	3.3	285.6
County Court[8]	—	3,089	21,363	21,796	2,630[J]	102.0	12.3	-459	-14.9	199.8
Municipal Court[8]	—	25,085	226,499	228,677	32,148[J]	101.0	14.2	7,063	28.2	2,118.8
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	15,532[IP]	47,111[P]	42,846[P]	18,206[IP]	90.9[P]	NC	2,674[IP]	17.2[IP]	517.0[P]
Circuit Court[9]	—	10,811[f]	25,821	24,962	11,670	96.7	45.2	859	7.9	283.3
Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	—	4,721[I]	21,290	17,884	6,536[I]	84.0	NC	1,815[I]	38.4[I]	NC
Florida--STATE TOTAL	8,353	176,384	243,427	216,437	N/A	88.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,914.2
Circuit Court[b,9]	—	52,097	65,799	63,856	(k)	97.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	787.7
County Court[b,9]	—	124,287	177,628	152,581	(k)	85.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,126.5
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	5,052	12,174[fhp]	42,843[P]	42,250[P]	12,767[P]	98.6[P]	29.8[P]	593[P]	4.9[P]	848.0[P]
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	4,984	N/A	114,732[P]	104,273[P]	N/A	90.9[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,302.0[P]
Superior Court[c,I,9]	—	N/A	42,962	40,222	N/A	93.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	862.0
State Court[9]	—	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A	88.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,373.3
Probate Court[9]	--	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A	100.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.8
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL	3,875	N/A	73,324	20,736[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,892.2
District Court[c,I,8]	—	N/A	52,297	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,349.6
City Court[I] and New Orleans Municipal Court[7]	—	N/A	21,027	20,736	N/A	98.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	542.6
Alabama--Circuit Court[8]	3,653	N/A	19,593[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	536.4[P]
Washington--STATE TOTAL	3,611	N/A	74,760	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,070.3
Superior Court[8]	—	N/A	10,891	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	301.6
District Court and Justices of the Peace[k,9]	--	N/A	63,869	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,768.7
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	23,142	95,746	100,007	19,111	104.5	20.0	-4,031	-17.4	3,086.6
Superior Court[8]	—	3,370	4,555	4,100	3,848[J]	90.0	84.5	478	14.2	146.8
Court of Common Pleas[9]	—	19,772	91,191	95,907	15,263[J]	105.2	16.7	-4,509	-22.8	2,939.7
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575	11,509[P]	36,714[P]	25,508[P]	11,743[P]	NC	NC	234[P]	2.0[P]	1,425.8[P]
District Court[8]	—	N/A	10,972	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	426.1
County Court[I,9]	—	11,509	25,742	25,508	11,743	99.1	45.6	234	2.0	999.7
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	2,249	5,882[P]	30,695[P]	13,765[P]	6,030[P]	NC	NC	148[P]	2.5[P]	1,364.8[P]
Superior Court[I,8]	—	5,882[I]	13,913	13,765	6,030	98.9	43.3	148	2.5	618.6
Justices of the Peace[I,9]	--	N/A	16,782	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	746.2
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL	1,552	11,533[P]	36,769[P]	35,362[P]	12,961[P]	96.2[P]	35.2[P]	1,428[P]	12.4[P]	2,369.1[P]
District Court[8]	—	777	4,416	4,431	762	100.3	17.3	-15	-1.9	284.5
County Court[7]	—	10,756	32,353	30,931	12,199[J]	95.6	37.7	1,443	13.4	2,084.6
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL	1,172	2,096[P]	19,648	4,573[P]	2,229[P]	NC	NC	133[P]	6.3[P]	1,676.5
District Court[9]	—	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229	97.2	47.4	133	6.3	401.5
Magistrate Court[b,7]	--	N/A	14,942	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,274.9
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	1,783[P]	1,988[P]	17,309	2,133[P]	NC	107.3[P]	350[P]	19.6[P]	224.9[P]
Circuit Court[8]	—	1,783	1,988	1,638	2,133	82.4	107.3	350	19.6	224.9
District Court[10]	—	N/A	N/A	15,671	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	4,130	25,559	24,680	5,009	96.6	19.6	879	21.3	3,068.3
District Court[8]	—	838	3,314	3,157	995	95.3	30.0	157	18.7	397.8
Magistrates Division[8,9]	—	3,292[fh]	22,245	21,523	4,014	96.8	18.0	722	21.9	2,670.5
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,9]	700	5,307	18,656	19,064	4,697[J]	102.2	25.2	-610	-11.5	2,665.1
Nevada--District Court[I,9]	613	N/A	4,633[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	755.8[P]
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	2,420[P]	25,873[P]	10,772[IP]	2,301[P]	NC	NC	-119[P]	-4.9[P]	4,445.5[P]
Superior Court[8,I]	—	1,593	3,786	4,022	1,357	106.2	35.8	-236	-14.8	650.5
Court of Common Pleas[a,10]	—	827	5,762	5,645	944	98.0	16.4	117	14.1	990.0
Aldermen's Court[10]		N/A	N/A	1,105[I]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Justice of the Peace Court[10]	--	N/A	16,325	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,805.0
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,214	37,529	71,641	71,855	37,315	100.3	52.1	-214	-0.6	2,229.0
Superior Court[10]	—	25,801	25,471	27,848	23,424[J]	109.3	92.0	-2,377	-9.2	792.5
District Court[10]	--	11,728	46,170	44,007	13,891	95.3	30.1	2,163	18.4	1,436.5
No consistent definition										
North Carolina--Superior Court[k,12]	5,462	N/A	29,010[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	531.1[P]
Minnesota--County Court[12]	3,954	8,834[P]	33,933[P]	32,149[P]	10,844[JP]	94.7[P]	32.0[P]	2,010[P]	22.8[P]	858.2[P]
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	2,539[P]	4,033[P]	30,668	3,332[P]	NC	82.6[P]	793[P]	31.2[P]	487.7[P]
Superior Court[12]	—	2,539	4,033	3,240[h]	3,332	80.3	82.6	793	31.2	487.7
District Court[12]	—	N/A	N/A	25,931	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[12]	--	N/A	N/A	1,497	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: Felony preliminary cases are not included on this table. Footnotes that apply to the data on this table are given below. Explanatory information pertaining to the footnotes can be found in Part II of this report, where statistical profiles for all courts in each state are displayed. All courts in Louisiana, Nebraska, Hawaii, and Delaware are displayed in the number of defendants grouping, because this is the unit of count grouping for the general jurisdiction court in each of those states.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
X = The data for this type of case are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[I]Data are not complete.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
[6]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[7]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[9]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[10]The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[11]The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.
[12]The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 35: Ordinance violations caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting ordinance violations caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
Illinois--Circuit Court[7]	11,193	N/A	61,922	58,886	N/A	95.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	553.2
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court[7]	4,610	N/A	N/A	25,044[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	N/A	N/A	93,183	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oregon--Municipal Court[1,11]	2,326	3,435[hP]	14,070[P]	13,334[P]	4,169[P]	94.8[P]	29.6[P]	736[P]	21.4[P]	604.9[P]
Nebraska--County Court[7]	1,552	1,291[P]	8,277[P]	8,211[P]	1,357[P]	99.2[P]	16.4[P]	66[P]	5.1[P]	533.3[P]
Utah--City Court[7]	1,232	N/A	15,353[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,246.2[P]
Number of defendants										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	29,298	21,564[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	136.1
Justice Court[9]	—	N/A	4,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.8
Municipal Court[9]	—	N/A	25,250	21,564	N/A	85.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	117.3
New York--District Court and City Court[1,9]	18,053	N/A	N/A	20,736[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court[9]	11,802	N/A	214,570[P]	205,475[P]	N/A	95.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,818.1[P]
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	9,113	N/A	75,178[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Florida--County Court[b,9]	8,353	7,214[P]	14,214[P]	12,519[P]	(k)	88.1[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	170.2
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court[1], Municipal and Traffic Court[9]	3,875	N/A	91,131[P]	72,256[P]	N/A	79.3[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,351.8[P]
Washington--Municipal and Police Court[k,9]	3,611	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,083.1
Kentucky--Police Court[b,9]	3,436	N/A	185,275	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,392.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,9]	700	237	3,177	3,168	2829	99.7	8.9	45	19.0	453.9
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--District Court[10]	3,214	263[P]	840[P]	895[P]	208[P]	106.5[P]	24.8[P]	-55[P]	-20.9[P]	26.1[P]
Hawaii--District Court[10]	884	399	25,070	24,881	588	99.2	2.3	189	47.4	2,836.0
No consistent definition										
Minnesota--County Court[12]	3,954	875[P]	5,086[P]	4,924[P]	1,169[P]	96.8[P]	22.9[P]	291[P]	33.3[P]	128.6[P]

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

Table 36: Felony preliminary caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony preliminary caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	186[P]	6,353[P]	4,756[P]	8[P]	74.9[P]	NC	-178[P]	-95.7[P]	119.6[P]
Superior Court and Circuit Court[7]	---	186	2,001	927	8[g]	46.3	0.4	-178	-95.7	37.7
County Court[7]	---	N/A	4,352	3,829	N/A	88.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.9
Missouri--St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	4,787	N/A	5,113[P]	3,067[P]	N/A	60.0[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	106.8[P]
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	2,709	19,980	19,590	3,099	98.0	15.5	390	14.4	695.2
South Carolina--Magistrate Court[6]	2,844	N/A	18,263[P]	18,367[P]	N/A	100.6[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	642.2[P]
Oregon--District Court[11]	2,326	N/A	8,086[P]	7,977[P]	N/A	98.7[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	291.9[P]
Nebraska--County Court[7]	1,552	4,171[P]	4,328[P]	3,998[P]	4,502[g,P]	92.4[P]	104.0[P]	331[P]	7.9[P]	347.6[P]
Utah--City Court[7]	1,232	N/A	N/A	5,038	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico--Magistrate Court[b,7]	1,172	N/A	8,745[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	746.2[P]
Rhode Island--District Court[7]	936	N/A	6,392[P]	6,108[P]	N/A	95.6[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	682.9[P]
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	1,250[I]	1,049[I]	N/A	83.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	193.8
County Court with increased Jurisdiction[I,7]	---	N/A	961[I]	821[I]	N/A	85.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	149.0
County Justice Court[I,7]	---	N/A	289	228	N/A	78.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.8
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	476[P]	1,548	1,426	573[P]	92.1	NC	97[P]	20.4[P]	379.4
District Court[7]	---	476	1,449	1,359	573[g]	93.8	39.5	97	20.4	355.1
Magistrates Court[7]	---	N/A	99	67	N/A	67.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.3
Number of defendants										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	105,421	80,149[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	489.8
Justice Court[9]	---	N/A	10,423	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.4
Municipal Court[9]	---	N/A	94,998	80,149	N/A	84.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	441.4
New York--District Court and City Court[I,9]	18,053	N/A	N/A	13,740[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	11,802	950[P]	113,975	115,919	757[P]	101.7	NC	-193[P]	-20.3[P]	965.7
Philadelphia Municipal Court[8]	---	950	11,934	12,127	757	101.6	6.3	-193	-20.3	NC
District Justice Court[9]	---	N/A	102,041	103,792	N/A	101.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	864.6
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	5,152	42,531	43,556	5,318	102.4	12.5	166	3.2	397.9
County Court[8]	---	510	3,997	3,812	709[g]	95.4	17.7	199	39.0	37.4
Municipal Court[8]	---	4,642	38,534	39,744	4,609[g]	103.1	12.0	-33	-0.7	360.5
Florida--County Court[b,9]	8,353	15,347[P]	22,031[J,P]	20,803[J,P]	(k)	94.4[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	263.7[P]
Washington--District Court[k,9]	3,611	N/A	9,083	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	251.5
Kentucky--Quarterly Court and Police Court[b,9]	3,436	N/A	24,081	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	700.8
Colorado--County Court[I,9]	2,575	0[P]	16,120[P]	16,120[P]	0[P]	100.0[P]	0.0[P]	0[P]	---	626.0[P]
Arizona--Justices of the Peace[I,9]	2,249	N/A	14,058	14,058	N/A	100.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	625.1
Idaho--Magistrates Division[a,9]	833	1,191	4,866	4,631	1,426	95.2	29.3	235	19.7	584.2
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,9]	700	243	8,073	8,139	177	100.8	2.2	-66	-27.2	1,153.3
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--TOTAL	3,214	7,084[P]	21,766[P]	97,894	7,392[P]	NC	NC	308[P]	4.3[P]	677.2[P]
Superior Court[10]	---	463	860	904	419	105.1	48.7	-44	-9.5	26.8
District Court[10]	---	6,621	20,906	20,554	6,973	98.3	33.4	352	5.3	650.5
Justices of the Peace[10]	---	N/A	N/A	67,267[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[10]	---	N/A	N/A	9,169[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii--District Court[10]	884	N/A	N/A	738	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Justice of the Peace Court[10]	582	N/A	1,186[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	203.8[P]
No consistent definition										
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	2,999[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court[12]	---	N/A	N/A	2,920	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[12]	---	N/A	N/A	79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Table 37: Criminal appeals caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal appeals caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State, court title, and unit of count.	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Informations, indictments, complaints										
New Jersey--County Court[6]	7,339	797[f]	3,790	3,730	857	98.4	22.6	60	7.5	51.6
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	21,212[P]	34,152	16,747[P]	22,957[P]	NC	NC	1,745[P]	8.2[P]	589.7
Superior Court[6]	---	21,212	18,492	16,747	22,957	90.6	124.1	1,745	8.2	319.3
District Court[7]	---	N/A	15,660	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	270.4
Missouri--STATE TOTAL	4,787	N/A	144[P]	3,310[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	---	N/A	N/A	3,310[J]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	---	N/A	144	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Maryland--Circuit Court[6]	4,125	N/A	5,295	5,217	N/A	98.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	128.1
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,770	1,249[f]	1,346	1,405	1,190	104.4	88.4	-59	-4.7	48.6
Kansas--District Court[7]	2,299	435[f]	1,366	1,296	505	94.9	37.0	70	16.1	59.4
Utah--District Court[7]	1,232	N/A	548	374	N/A	68.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.5
Rhode Island--Superior Court[6]	936	N/A	410	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.8
North Dakota--District Court[6]	645	N/A	97[P]	73[P]	N/A	75.3[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0[P]
Alaska--Superior Court[6]	408	N/A	85	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.8
Number of defendants										
California--Superior Court[8]	21,522	N/A	2,524	2,148	N/A	85.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.7
Texas--County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[I,9]	12,599	N/A	38,782	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	307.8
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[8]	11,802	1,479	7,105	7,097	1,487	99.9	20.9	8	0.5	60.2
Michigan--Circuit Court[9]	9,113	548[f]	605	613	540	101.3	89.3	-8	-1.5	6.6
Florida--Circuit Court[b,9]	8,353	145	367	31[I]	(k)	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.4
Alabama--Circuit Court[8]	3,653	N/A	5,873	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	160.8
Washington--Superior Court[8]	3,511	N/A	3,162	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[8]	2,575	N/A	322	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.5
Nebraska--District Court[8]	1,552	118[J]	2,799[J]	2,392[J]	525[J]	85.5	18.8	407	344.9	180.3
Idaho--District Court[8]	833	42[fh]	65	49	58	75.4	89.2	16	38.1	7.8
Number of charges										
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[10]	3,214	N/A	480	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.9
No consistent definition										
North Carolina--Superior Court[k,12]	5,462	N/A	23,537	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	430.9
New Hampshire--Superior Court[12]	827	1,922	2,398	2,476[h]	1,844	103.3	76.9	-78	-4.1	290.0

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[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
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Criminal disposition types (Table 38). This table displays the 'states' and courts that have reported criminal disposition types. To aid in comparison, the 'states' have been listed in population order within their unit of count groupings. This table displays total criminal dispositions as well as the following six disposition types: **plea, total conviction** (which includes pleas as well as other convictions by the

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

Among the six disposition types, the disposition type "pleas" is reported most often. Of the 29 'states' displayed in Table 38, 28 reported data for this disposition type in some courts. In addition, 13 of the 25 'states' with percents computed used this method of disposition for 50 percent or more of the cases disposed. The average of the 25 state proportions of total dispositions that fall into the "pleas" category is 50.6 percent. The next disposition type for which data were most complete is "dismissals." Of the 29 states, 25 reported dismissal data for some courts. The average of the 21 state values of dismissal dispositions was much lower--22.3 percent. If the individual court values are looked at instead of the 'state' total values, more data are available, but the averages and midpoints are similar to those for the 'state' totals. For all courts reporting, the average percent of cases disposed by a guilty plea was 48.7, with 6.5 percent of the cases resulting in a trial conviction, 4.0 percent resulting in an acquittal, 17.4 percent resulting in a nolle prosequi, and 22.4 percent being dismissed. These averages along with the ranges and midpoints are displayed in Figure Y (below).

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

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

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

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

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

Table 39 does not permit definite conclusions about the data or direct comparisons between 'states' for the following reasons: (1) the data do not represent the same case categories in each court; (2) the trial definitions are not similar throughout the courts displayed; (3) the courts use different units of count; and (4) the data displayed are only a small proportion of the total picture that could be displayed, given complete data from all 'states'. These differences are quite evident when the ranges in percents in Figure Z are examined. The proportion of trials that are jury trials ranges from 0.0 to 88.9 percent, and the proportion of trials that are non-jury trials ranges from 11.1 to 100.0 percent. The average percent of trials that are jury trials is 37.9 percent, while the average percent of trials that are non-jury trials is 67.1 percent, indicating that there are approximately twice as many non-jury trials as jury trials for criminal cases.

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

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

	Courts reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
Jury trials as a percent of total trials:					
All units of count	46	0.0	88.9	37.9	40.2
Informations, indictments, or complaints	18	0.0	88.9	39.1	39.0
Number of defendants	23	0.0	78.0	37.3	42.6
Non-jury trials as a percent of total trials:					
All units of count	53	11.1	100.0	67.1	77.1
Informations, indictments, or complaints	32	11.1	100.0	68.1	82.2
Number of defendants	26	22.0	100.0	67.0	65.2
Jury trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count	52	0.0	15.1	4.7	4.2
Informations, indictments, or complaints	18	0.0	15.1	5.7	4.2
Number of defendants	28	0.2	13.6	4.2	4.4
Non-jury trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count	52	0.3	92.4	13.1	6.6
Informations, indictments, or complaints	22	0.3	46.0	13.1	6.8
Number of defendants	25	0.8	92.4	14.5	7.8
Total trials as a percent of criminal dispositions:					
All units of count	61	0.3	98.5	16.0	12.5
Informations, indictments, or complaints	25	0.3	51.9	17.0	14.6
Number of defendants	31	0.4	98.5	16.6	11.3

Table 38: Criminal disposition types for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal disposition types. Pleas, total convictions, trial convictions, acquitted, nolle prosequi, and dismissed. Each disposition type as a percent of criminal dispositions.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Total criminal dispositions	Plea		Total conviction		Trial conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed
Informations, indictments, complaints														
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	326,532	15,329[P]	NC	109,770	NC	1,809[P]	NC	1,355[P]	NC	N/A	N/A	6,827[P]	NC
Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court[6]	--	29,466	15,329	52.0	N/A	N/A	1,809	6.1	1,355	4.6	N/A	N/A	6,827	23.2
County District Court[7]	--	2,320	N/A	N/A	330	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[7]	--	294,746	N/A	N/A	109,440	37.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana--Criminal Court of Marion County[7]	5,313	2,423	766	31.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	436	18.0
Missouri--STATE TOTAL	4,787	22,640	14,666	64.8	N/A	N/A	29[P]	NC	4[P]	NC	2,184[P]	NC	2,734[P]	NC
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	--	17,964	10,807	60.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,184	12.2	2,734	15.2
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	--	4,676	3,859	82.5	N/A	N/A	29	0.6	4	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	26,684	9,548	35.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,553	24.6
District Court[7]	--	2,494	1,268	50.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	367	14.7
City Court[7]	--	24,190	8,280	34.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,186	25.6
Rhode Island--District Court[7]	936	6,108	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,300	37.7
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,6]	686	13,278	8,623	64.9	N/A	N/A	726	5.5	188	1.4	N/A	N/A	1,828	13.8
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477	16,853	12,044	71.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,089	18.3	1,402	8.3
Superior Court[6]	--	53	5	9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	3.8	8	15.1
District Court[7]	--	16,800	12,039	71.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,087	18.4	1,394	8.3
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408	19,298	11,892	61.6	12,636	65.5	712	3.7	316	1.6	N/A	N/A	4,467	23.1
Superior Court[6]	--	898	429	47.8	561	62.5	100	11.1	31	3.5	N/A	N/A	247	27.5
District Court[7]	--	18,400	11,463	62.3	12,075	65.6	612	3.3	285	1.5	N/A	N/A	4,220	22.9
Wyoming--District Court[1,6]	391	1,346	531	39.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	404	30.0
Number of defendants														
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	632,054	346,762	54.9	N/A	N/A	[illegible],722[P]	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	125,138	19.8
Superior Court[8]	--	52,242	34,956	66.9	N/A	N/A	6,722	12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,136	11.7
Municipal Court[9]	--	579,812	311,804	53.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	119,002	20.5
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	340,815	159,648	46.8	N/A	N/A	2,582[P]	NC	1,656[P]	NC	N/A	N/A	140,485	41.2
Supreme Court and County Court[8]	--	37,662	26,006	69.1	N/A	N/A	2,175	5.8	1,041	2.8	N/A	N/A	8,440	22.4
Criminal Court of the City of New York[9]	--	220,734	99,727	45.2	N/A	N/A	407	0.2	615	0.3	N/A	N/A	91,650	41.5
District Court and City Court[1,9]	--	82,419	33,915	41.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40,395	49.0
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	743,319	104,029[P]	NC	49,001[P]	NC	71,534[P]	NC	2,771	3.1	N/A	N/A	160,506	21.6
District Court[8] and Criminal District Court[8]	--	77,370	39,970	51.7	49,001	63.3	N/A	N/A	784	1.0	N/A	N/A	26,897	34.8
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[1,9]	--	145,516	64,059	44.0	N/A	N/A	1,676	1.2	1,218	0.8	N/A	N/A	67,076	46.1
Municipal Court[1,9]	--	360,950	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43,205	12.0	18,080	5.0	N/A	N/A	40,156	11.1
Justice of the Peace Court[1,9]	--	159,483	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26,653	16.7	2,689	1.7	N/A	N/A	26,377	16.5

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

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
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[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[i]Data were not complete.
[k]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
[6]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
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[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
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[10]The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[12]The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 39: Criminal trial data for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal trial data. Case categories included in data are listed. Trial definitions. Jury and non-jury trials as a percent of total trials. Jury, non-jury, and total trials as a percent of criminal dispositions.

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Definitions: Felony	Misdemeanor Ordinance violation Appeals	Felony preliminary	Definitions: Jury	Non-jury	Criminal trials: Jury	Percent of total trials	Non-jury	Percent of total trials	Total	Number of criminal dispositions	Percent of criminal dispositions: Jury trial	Non-jury trial	Total trial
Informations, indictments, complaints															
New Jersey:	7,339														
Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court[6]	—	/			B	E	2,895	80.6	695	19.4	3,590	25,495	11.4	2.7	14.1
County District Court[7]	—		/	/	B	E	NH	NH	379	100.0	379	2,320	NH	16.3	16.3
Municipal Court[7]	—		/	/		E	NH	NH	5,385	100.0	5,385	294,746	NH	1.8	1.8
Massachusetts--Superior Court[6]	5,791	/	/		C	E	X	X	X	X	3,438	33,804	X	X	10.2
Indiana:	5,313														
Superior Court and Circuit Court[7]	—	/ /	/	/	A	A	846	13.2	5,571	86.8	6,417	49,789	1.7	11.2	12.9
Criminal Court of Marion County[7]	—	/ /			A	A	366	68.7	167	31.3	533	2,423	15.1	6.9	22.0
County Court[7]	—	/		/	A	A	81	2.0	3,944	98.0	4,025	27,544	0.3	14.3	14.6
Juvenile Court of Marion County[7]	—	/			A	A	0	0.0	10	100.0	10	25	0.0	40.0	40.0
Municipal Court of Marion County[7]	—	/			A	A	100	0.8	11,946	99.2	12,046	32,129	0.3	37.2	37.5
Missouri:	4,787														
Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas[6]	—	/ /	/		C	E	1,061	47.4	1,178	52.6	2,239	17,964	5.9	6.6	12.5
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction[7]	—	/	/	/		A	NH	NH	33	100.0	33	9,494	NH	0.3	0.3
Maryland--Circuit Court[6]	4,125	/ /	/		A	E	1,970	11.5	15,209	88.5	17,179	33,073	6.0	46.0	51.9
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,874	/ /	/	/	C	D	1,022	4.1	23,780	95.9	24,802	182,199	0.6	13.1	13.6
Oregon:	2,326														
Circuit Court[11]	—	/			C	D	1,059	64.7	577	35.3	1,636	14,909	7.1	3.9	11.0
Municipal Court[1,11]	—		/		C	D	X	X	X	X	2,270	13,334	X	X	17.0
Utah:	1,232														
District Court[7]	—	/ /	/		C	E	340	70.0	146	30.0	486	2,494	13.6	5.9	19.5
City Court[7]	—	/	/	/	C	E	137	3.8	3,445	96.2	3,582	24,190	0.6	14.2	14.8
Maine--Superior Court[7]	1,071	/ /			F	F	X	X	X	X	604	6,339	X	X	9.5
Rhode Island--District Court[7]	936	/	/			E	NH	NH	9,420	100.0	9,420	28,189	NH	33.4	33.4
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,6]	686	/ /			C	E	281	30.7	633	69.3	914	13,278	2.1	4.8	6.9
Vermont:	477														
Superior Court[6]	—	/ /	/		A	A	8	88.9	1	11.1	9	53	15.1	1.9	17.0
District Court[7]	—	/ /			A	A	130	59.9	87	40.1	217	16,800	0.8	0.5	1.3
Alaska:	408														
Superior Court[6]	—	/			A	A	118	86.8	18	13.2	136	898	13.1	2.0	15.1
District Court[7]	—		/		A	A	447	47.7	491	52.3	938	17,041	2.6	2.9	5.5
Wyoming--District Court[1,6]	391	/			H	H	79	22.4	273	77.6	352	1,346	5.9	20.3	26.2
Number of defendants															
California:	21,522														
Superior Court[8]	—	/	/		C	E	4,695	42.6	6,317	57.4	11,012	52,242	9.0	12.1	21.1
Municipal Court[9]	—	/	/	/	B	E	X	X	X	X	60,488	579,812	X	X	10.4
New York:	18,053														
Supreme Court and County Court[8]	—	/ /			A	A	X	X	X	X	3,090	37,662	X	X	8.2
Criminal Court of the City of New York[9]	—	/		/	A	A	X	X	X	X	864	220,734	X	X	0.4
District Court and City Court[1,9]	—	/	/		A	A	X	X	X	X	1,449	68,679	X	X	2.1
Texas:	12,599														
District Court and Criminal District Court[8]	—	/ /			C	G	3,400	7.8	40,354	92.2	43,754	77,370	4.4	52.2	56.6
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[1,9]	—	/	/		A	A	1,137	37.9	1,866	62.1	3,003	145,516	0.8	1.3	2.1
Municipal Court[1,9]	—	/			A	A	550	0.9	60,735	99.1	61,285	360,950	0.2	16.8	17.0
Justice of the Peace Court[1,9]	—	/			A	A	523	1.8	28,819	98.2	29,342	159,483	0.3	18.1	18.4
Pennsylvania:	11,802														
Court of Common Pleas[8]	—	/ /	/		A	A	3,272	31.6	7,071	68.4	10,343	74,343	4.4	9.5	13.9
Philadelphia Municipal Court[8]	—	/				A	NH	NH	6,342	100.0	6,342[m]	32,237	NH	19.7	19.7
District Justice Court[9]	—		/	/	NH	K	NH	NH	194,815	100.0	194,815	417,990	NH	46.6	46.6
Illinois--Circuit Court[7]	11,193	/			A	A	1,147	44.7	1,420	55.3	2,567	38,408	3.0	3.7	6.7
Ohio:	10,690														
Court of Common Pleas[8]	—	/			C	D	2,049	46.6	2,350	53.4	4,399	30,312	6.8	7.8	14.5
County Court[8]	—		/	/	C	D	76	3.6	2,055	96.4	2,131	25,608	0.3	8.0	8.3
Municipal Court[8]	—		/	/	C	D	931	5.5	16,067	94.5	16,998	268,421	0.3	6.0	6.3

Table 39: Criminal trial data for trial courts, 1976 (continued)

State, court title, and unit of count	State population in thousands	Definitions: Felony	Misdemeanor Ordinance violation Appeals	Felony preliminary	Definitions: Jury	Non-jury	Criminal trials: Jury	Percent of total trials	Non-jury	Percent of total trials	Total	Number of criminal dispositions	Percent of criminal dispositions: Jury trial	Non-jury trial	Total trial
Michigan:	9,113														
Circuit Court[9]	—	/		/	C	D	1,806	71.9	706	28.1	2,512	25,575	7.1	2.8	9.8
Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	—	/ /			C	I	900	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,829	5.0	N/A	N/A
District Court[9]	—	/	/	/	C	D	2,399	9.3	23,325	90.7	25,724	228,547	1.0	10.2	11.3
Municipal Court[1,9]	—	/	/		C	D	69	1.2	5,766	98.8	5,835	39,253	0.2	14.7	14.9
Florida:	8,353														
Circuit Court[b,9]	—	/		/	C	E	3,564	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63,887[l]	5.6	N/A	N/A
County Court[b,9]	—		/ /	/	C	E	1,986	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185,903	1.1	N/A	N/A
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	5,052	/ /		/	C	G	2,601	6.2	39,027	93.8	41,628	42,250	6.2	92.4	98.5
Georgia:	4,984														
Superior Court[c,1,9]	—	/ /			A	A	2,406	66.0	1,238	34.0	3,644	40,222	6.0	3.1	9.1
State Court[9]	—	/			A	A	669	8.7	6,985	91.3	7,654	60,701	1.1	11.5	12.6
Probate Court[9]	—	/			A	A	NH	NH	42	100.0	42	3,350	NH	1.3	1.3
Alabama--Circuit Court[8]	3,653	/ /		/	A	A	1,808	66.6	908	33.4	2,716	25,451	7.1	3.6	10.7
Washington--Superior Court[8]	3,611	/ /		/	C	D	1,752	68.2	817	31.8	2,569	14,374	12.2	5.7	17.9
Connecticut--Superior Court[8]	3,102	/ /		/	C	D	102	76.7	31	23.3	133	4,100	2.5	0.8	3.2
Colorado--County Court[1,9]	2,575		/		C		246	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,508	0.9	N/A	N/A
Arizona--Superior Court[1,8]	2,249	/ /		/	B	D	784	47.4	871	52.6	1,655	13,765	5.7	6.3	12.0
New Mexico--District Court[9]	1,172	/ /			B		352	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,573	7.7	N/A	N/A
Hawaii--Circuit Court[8]	884	/ /			C	E	229	73.4	83	26.6	312	1,683	13.6	4.9	18.5
Idaho:	833														
District Court[8]	—	/ /		/	C	E	X	X	X	X	378	3,206	X	X	11.8
Magistrates Division[a,9]	—	/		/	C	E	X	X	X	X	1,955	26,154	X	X	7.5
District of Columbia Superior Court[a,9]	700	/ /	/	/	A	A	1,167	61.1	742	38.9	1,909	32,418	3.6	2.3	5.9
Delaware:	582														
Superior Court[a,8]	—	/ /		/	C	E	163[l]	78.0[l]	46[l]	22.0[l]	209[l]	4,022	NC	NC	NC
Court of Common Pleas[a,10]	—	/			C		75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,645	1.3	N/A	N/A
Number of charges															
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[10]	3,214	/ /		/ /	A	A	627	10.5	5,371	89.5	5,998	28,752	2.2	18.7	20.9
No consistent definition															
North Carolina--Superior Court[k,12]	5,462	/		/	C	E	3,899	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,398	7.9	N/A	N/A
Minnesota:	3,954														
District Court[12]	—	/ /		/	A	A	472	70.6	197	29.4	669	8,634	5.5	2.3	7.7
County Court[12]	—	/			A	A	227	9.6	2,147	90.4	2,374	32,149	0.7	6.7	7.4
County Municipal Court[12]	—	/	/		A	A	214	22.9	722	77.1	936	25,200	0.8	2.9	3.7
New Hampshire--Superior Court[12]	827	/ /	/		H	H	379	69.7	165	30.3	544	5,771	6.6	2.9	9.4

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NH = This classification is not handled in this court.
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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.
/ = This case type is included in the criminal trial and disposition data.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[l]Data are not compete.
[k]Additional information available.

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

Trial definitions:
A = A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
B = A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins.
C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
D = A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
E = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
F = A trial is counted when it has officially begun.
G = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Guilty pleas are counted as trials.
H = A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the states.
I = A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn. Guilty pleas are counted as trials.
K = A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision. Guilty pleas are counted as trials.

Traffic caseflow (Tables 40-43)

The fourth group of tables displays the traffic statistics available in 1976, both published and unpublished, for all the trial courts. Table 40 shows the total traffic caseflow categories; Tables 41 and 42 show total reported court caseflow for traffic case categories; and Table 43 reports traffic disposition types. In each of these tables, all 'states' have been arranged by population to facilitate comparison between states of similar size. The reader should note that only courts that have reported traffic data are displayed in Tables 41-43. In addition, parking cases are not included in Tables 41 and 42 if states have reported parking separately from other traffic violations. If, however, states have included parking as a part of their traffic total, those figures are as reported. It is often impossible to tell whether parking cases have been included in the traffic data.

Total traffic caseflow (Table 40). Table 40 displays the total traffic caseflow for 1976 in three parts: general jurisdiction courts, limited jurisdiction courts, and all trial courts. The data in Table 40 are sparse. There are 13 states in the general jurisdiction section that handle traffic cases, and of those 13, all but one reported data for inclusion in Table 40. In comparison, of the states that handle traffic cases in limited jurisdiction courts, 12 did not report traffic data. In addition, the reader will note that of the 34 'states' that did report data, 4 provided only disposition data, 9 provided only filing data, 10 did not provide complete case disposition data, and 12 did not provide complete case filing data for all courts in the state (footnote "p").

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 40: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts traffic caseflow, 1976. States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending.

State	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts				As percent of filed		Change in pending		Limited	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed
California	21,522	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	13,756,850
New York	18,053	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Texas	12,599	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	42,399[1p]	5,510,451[1]
Pennsylvania	11,802	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	2,758,296[P]
Illinois	11,193	N/A	2,305,483	2,229,623	N/A	96.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
Ohio	10,690	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	46,101[P]	1,339,866[P]
Michigan	9,113	2,563[1]	782,255	6,439[1]	3,169[1]	NC	NC	606[1]	23.6[1]	280,326[1]	1,479,998[1]
Florida	8,353	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	7,339	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	3,495,397
Massachusetts	5,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,480,214
North Carolina	5,462	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	678,855
Indiana	5,313	N/A	48,337	46,991	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	46,150[P]	226,459[P]
Virginia	5,052	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	820,859
Georgia	4,984	N/A	13,517	13,372[1]	N/A	98.9[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	262,971[1p]
Missouri	4,787	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	4,610	35,770	395,792	393,429	38,133	99.4	9.6	2,363	6.6	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	4,234	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Maryland	4,125	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	677,673
Minnesota	3,954	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	5,014[P]	72,648[P]
Louisiana	3,875	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	387,983[1]
Alabama	3,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Washington	3,611	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	746,510
Kentucky	3,436	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	426,446
Puerto Rico	3,214	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	21,755	234,719
Connecticut	3,102	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	17,730	227,207
Iowa	2,874	N/A	N/A	285,710	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
South Carolina	2,844	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	385,762[P]
Oklahoma	2,770	44,833	178,599	182,717	40,715	102.3	22.8	-4,118	-9.2	N/A	N/A
Colorado	2,575	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	37,613[P]	142,420[P]
Mississippi	2,365	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Oregon	2,326	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	30,420[1p]	665,993[1]
Kansas	2,299	46	229	192	83	83.8	36.2	37	80.4	N/A	N/A
Arizona	2,249	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	212,435[1p]
Arkansas	2,117	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	413,389[1]
West Virginia	1,832	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	1,552	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	10,022[P]	151,609[P]
Utah	1,232	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	479,562[P]
New Mexico	1,172	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	62,231
Maine	1,071	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	936	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	697[P]
Hawaii	884	171	650	751	70	115.5	10.8	-101	-59.1	41,460	549,317
Idaho	833	4,688	183,974	183,679	4,983	99.8	2.7	295	6.3	---	---
New Hampshire	827	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Montana	755	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	700	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867	97.4	7.0	2,580	60.2	---	---
South Dakota	686	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---
North Dakota	645	N/A	3	5	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nevada	613	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
Delaware	582	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	719[P]	76,658[P]
Vermont	477	2,396	37,091	37,006	2,481	99.8	6.7	85	3.5	NH	NH
Alaska	408	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	14,156[P]	59,682
Wyoming	391	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A

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

Jurisdiction courts				All trial courts							
		As percent of filed		Change in pending					As percent of filed		Change in pending	
Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent
11,331,553[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,756,850	11,331,553[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
2,586,686[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,586,686[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4,138,773[1]	44,923[1p]	75.1[1]	NC	2,524[1p]	6.0[1p]	42,399[1p]	5,510,451[1]	4,138,773[1]	44,923[1p]	75.1[1]	NC	2,524[1p]	6.0[1p]
2,063,464[P]	N/A	74.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,758,296[P]	2,063,464[P]	N/A	74.8[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A
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1,338,424[P]	55,818[P]	99.9[P]	4.2[P]	9,717[P]	21.1[P]	46,101[P]	1,339,866[P]	1,338,424[P]	55,818[P]	99.9[P]	4.2[P]	9,717[P]	21.1[P]
1,419,828[1]	340,496[1]	95.9[1]	23.0[1]	60,170[1]	21.5[1]	282,889[1]	2,262,253[1]	1,426,267[1]	343,665[1]	NC	NC	60,776[1]	21.5[1]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2,836,791	N/A	81.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,495,397	2,836,791	N/A	81.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,480,214	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	72,698	N/A	10.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	678,855	N/A	72,698	N/A	10.7	N/A	N/A
203,088[P]	76,996[P]	89.7	NC	30,846[P]	66.8[P]	46,150[P]	274,796[P]	250,079[P]	76,996[P]	91.0	NC	30,846[P]	66.8[P]
802,955	N/A	97.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	820,859	802,955	N/A	97.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
251,238[1p]	N/A	95.5[1p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	276,488[1p]	264,610[1p]	N/A	95.7[1p]	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
149,370	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,770[P]	395,792[P]	542,799	38,133[P]	NC	9.6[P]	2,363[P]	6.6[P]
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	N/A	677,673	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
424,656	7,009[P]	NC	9.6[P]	1,995[P]	39.8[P]	5,014[P]	72,648[P]	424,656	7,009[P]	NC	9.6[P]	1,995[P]	39.8[P]
335,462[1]	N/A	86.5[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	387,983[1]	335,462[1]	N/A	86.5[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	746,510[P]	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 P	426,446	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
231,112	25,362	98.5	10.8	3,607	16.6	21,755	234,719	231,112	25,362	98.5	10.8	3,607	16.6
225,446	17,454	99.2	7.7	-276	-1.6	17,730	227,207	225,446	17,454[9]	99.2	7.7	-276	-1.6
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1,436[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	385,762[P]	1,436[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,833[P]	178,599[P]	182,717[P]	40,715[P]	102.3[P]	22.8[P]	-4,118[P]	-9.2[P]
142,611[P]	37,422[P]	100.1[P]	26.3[P]	-191[P]	-0.5[P]	37,613[P]	142,420[P]	142,611[P]	37,422[P]	100.1[P]	26.3[P]	-191[P]	-0.5[P]
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
645,415[1]	36,793[1p]	96.9[1]	NC	6,373[1p]	21.0[1p]	30,420[1p]	665,993[1]	645,415[1]	36,793[1p]	96.9[1]	NC	6,373[1p]	21.0[1p]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46[P]	229[P]	192[P]	83[P]	83.8[P]	36.2[P]	37[P]	80.4[P]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	212,435[1p]	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	413,389[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
150,007[P]	11,602[P]	98.9[P]	7.7[P]	1,580[P]	15.8[P]	10,022[P]	151,609[P]	150,007[P]	11,602[P]	98.9[P]	7.7[P]	1,580[P]	15.8[P]
425,682[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	479,562[P]	425,682[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62,231	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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	697[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
545,340	45,437	99.3	8.3	3,977	9.6	41,631	549,967	546,091	45,507	99.3	8.3	3,876	9.3
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115,484	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	115,484	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
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88,620[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3[P]	88,625[1p]	N/A	NC	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
25,312[1p]	781[P]	NC	NC	62[P]	8.6[P]	719[P]	76,658[P]	25,312[1p]	781[P]	NC	NC	62[P]	8.6[P]
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,396	37,091	37,006	2,481	99.8	6.7	85	3.5
57,134	16,794[P]	95.7	NC	2,638[P]	18.6[P]	14,156[P]	59,682	57,134	16,794[P]	95.7	NC	2,638[P]	18.6[P]
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 = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
--- = Not applicable.

[1]Data are not complete.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

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

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

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

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

The ratio of end pending cases to filed cases was low for all 'states' reporting information for the two **traffic case** categories. For **DWI/DUI**, only two states had more than 50.0 percent (55.3, 64.9) of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year, and only one state had more than 30.0 percent (31.9) of the number of **other traffic violations** cases filed pending at the end of the year. There was an increase in the pending caseload for all 'states' reporting the two categories, except that one state reduced the number of pending for **other traffic violations**. The reported increases, however, were not large and the number of 'states' reporting was quite low, thus preventing any conclusions.

The final measure in Tables 41 and 42 is the number of cases filed per 100,000 population. The minimum, maximum, average, and mid-point are given in Figure DD for all 'states' reporting and for 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling the case type. Only two states reported filing data for all courts handling **DWI/DUI** cases and thus the average is not meaningful. Nine 'states' reported filing data for all courts handling **other traffic violations** and had an average of 16,066.8 cases filed per 100,000 population, with a mid-point of 14,260.2 and a range of 8,653.1 to 23,613.6.

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

	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:					
DWI/DUI (Table 41)	8	3.8	1,219.9	518.0	457.9
Other traffic violations (Table 42)	22	0.5	23,613.6	10,270.0	10,995.8
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:					
DWI/DUI (Table 41)	2	796.8	1,219.8	1,008.3	1,008.3
Other traffic violations (Table 42)	9	8,653.1	23,613.6	16,066.8	14,260.2

Table 41: DWI/DUI caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting DWI/DUI caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Texas--County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[i]	12,599	42,399[P]	69,222[P]	66,698[P]	44,923[P]	96.4[P]	64.9[P]	2,524[P]	6.0[P]	549.4[P]
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	9,797[P]	59,295[P]	59,638[P]	10,492[P]	100.6[P]	17.7[P]	695[P]	7.1[P]	554.7[P]
County Court	—	1,986	10,635	10,143	2,460[g]	95.4	23.1	474	23.9	99.5
Municipal Court	—	7,811	48,660	49,495	8,032[g]	101.7	16.5	221	2.8	455.2
Massachusetts--District Court	5,791	N/A	17,994[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	310.7[P]
South Carolina--Magistrate Court	2,844	N/A	10,419[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	366.4[P]
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770	4,490[fp]	9,492[P]	8,733[P]	5,249[P]	92.0[P]	55.3[P]	759[P]	16.9[P]	342.7[P]
Kansas--District Court	2,299	17[fp]	88[P]	67[P]	38[P]	76.1[P]	43.2[P]	21[P]	123.5[P]	3.8[P]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	N/A	25,824	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,219.8
Municipal Court[i]	--	N/A	23,236	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,097.6
City Court and Police Court[i]	--	N/A	2,279	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	107.7
Justice of the Peace Court	--	N/A	309	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.6
Idaho-STATE TOTAL	833	1,086	6,637	6,547	1,176	98.6	17.7	90	8.3	796.8
District Court	--	6[fh]	20	24	2	120.0	10.0	-4	NC	2.4
Magistrates Division[a]	--	1,080[fh]	6,617	6,523	1,174	98.6	17.7	94	8.7	794.4

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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 was deemed inappropriate if the division was less than 10.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 42: Other traffic violations caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting other traffic violations caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	N/A	5,082,113	4,104,938[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,613.6
Justice Court	--	N/A	658,253	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,058.5
Municipal Court	--	N/A	4,423,860	4,104,938	N/A	92.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,555.1
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053	N/A	N/A	2,586,686	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court and City Court[I]	--	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Town and Village Court	--	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas--Municipal Court[I]	12,599	N/A	2,121,974[P]	2,068,481[P]	N/A	97.5[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,842.4[P]
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	36,304[P]	1,280,571[P]	1,278,786[P]	45,326[P]	99.9[P]	3.5[P]	9,022[P]	24.9[P]	11,979.1[P]
County Court	--	4,156	144,054	143,374	4,804[G]	99.5	3.3	648	15.6	1,347.6
Municipal Court	--	32,148	1,136,517	1,135,412	40,522[G]	99.9	3.6	8,374	26.0	10,631.6
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit	9,113	2,563[IP]	164,304[P]	6,439[IP]	3,169[IP]	NC	NC	606[IP]	23.6[IP]	NC
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	N/A	1,046,557	978,116	N/A	93.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,260.2
County District Court	--	N/A	38,833	32,455	N/A	83.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	529.1
Municipal Court	--	N/A	1,007,724	945,661	N/A	93.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,731.1
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	501,100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,653.1
District Court	--	N/A	487,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,425.3
Boston Municipal Court	--	N/A	13,191	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NC
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313	46,150[P]	274,796[P]	250,079[P]	76,996[P]	91.0[P]	NC	30,846[P]	66.8[P]	5,172.1[P]
Superior Court and Circuit Court	--	N/A	48,337	46,991	N/A	97.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	909.8
County Court	--	N/A	130,149	116,663	N/A	89.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,449.6
Municipal Court of Marion County	--	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996[G]	89.7	79.9	30,846	66.8	1,812.7
Georgia--Juvenile Court[C,I]	4,984	N/A	2,122[P]	1,964[P]	N/A	92.6[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.6[P]
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court	4,610	N/A	N/A	79,694[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota--County Court	3,954	N/A	N/A	354,003[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court,[I] and New Orleans Traffic Court	3,875	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A	86.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,012.5
Kentucky--County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court[b]	3,436	N/A	426,446	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,411.1
Iowa--District Court	2,874	N/A	N/A	285,710	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL	2,844	N/A	375,343[P]	1,436[P]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,197.7[P]
Family Court	--	N/A	N/A	1,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Magistrate Court	--	N/A	375,343	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,197.7
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770	40,343[FP]	169,107[P]	173,984[P]	35,466[P]	102.9[P]	21.0[P]	-4,877[P]	-12.1[P]	6,104.9[P]
Oregon--Municipal Court[I]	2,326	23,144[HP]	121,639[P]	117,350[P]	27,433[P]	96.5[P]	22.6[P]	4,289[P]	18.5[P]	5,229.9[P]
Kansas--District Court	2,299	29[FP]	141[P]	125[P]	45[P]	88.7[P]	31.9[P]	16[P]	55.2[P]	6.1[P]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	N/A	387,565	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18,307.3
Municipal Court[I]	--	N/A	368,188	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,392.0
City Court and Police Court[I]	--	N/A	15,783	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	745.5
Justice of the Peace Court	--	N/A	3,594	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	169.8
Nebraska--County Court	1,552	10,022[P]	151,609[P]	150,007[P]	11,602[GP]	98.9[P]	7.7[P]	1,580[P]	15.8[P]	9,768.6[P]
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232	N/A	155,783[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,644.7[P]
Juvenile Court	--	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,108.6
City Court	--	N/A	142,125	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,536.1
Rhode Island--Family Court	936	N/A	697[P]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.5[P]
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	884	41,059	195,081	191,326	44,814	98.1	23.0	3,755	9.1	22,068.0
Circuit Court	--	171	650	751	70	115.5	10.8	-101	-59.1	73.5
District Court	--	40,888	194,431	190,575	44,744	98.0	23.0	3,856	9.4	21,994.5
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	3,602	177,337	177,132	3,807	99.9	2.1	205	5.7	21,289.0
District Court	--	4[fh]	1	2	3	NC	NC	-1	NC	0.1
Magistrates Division[a]	--	3,598[fh]	177,336	177,130	3,804	99.9	2.1	206	5.7	21,288.8
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	115,484	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court	--	N/A	N/A	109,165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	N/A	N/A	6,319	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a]	700	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867	97.4	7.0	2,580	60.2	13,986.1
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	N/A	3[P]	88,625	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5[P]
District Court	--	N/A	3	5	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5
County Court with increased Jurisdiction[I]	--	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Justice Court[I]	--	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware--Family Court[a]	582	234[P]	1,612[P]	1,580[P]	266[P]	98.0[P]	16.5[P]	32[P]	13.7[P]	277.0[P]

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

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[I]Data are not complete.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Traffic disposition types (Table 43). This table displays the 'states' and courts that reported traffic disposition types. There are data for 26 individual courts in 17 'states' (15 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico). To aid in comparison, the 'states' have been listed in population order. This table displays total traffic dispositions as well as the following eight disposition types: **plea, violations bureau, bail or bond forfeiture, total conviction, trial conviction, acquittal, nolle prosequi,** and **dismissal**. The disposition type **total conviction** includes pleas as well as other convictions by the courts. The violations bureau dispositions are cases where the disposition is rendered by a violations bureau; generally, these involve just the payment of a fine.

Because so few 'states' and courts reported data by disposition type for traffic cases and the disposition types may have overlapping definitions, conclusions are impossible; however, there are some interesting points that can be noted. The most commonly reported disposition type was **dismissal**, with 19 courts reporting an average of 7.5 percent of their **traffic** cases dismissed. (See Figure EE.) The next most commonly reported disposition type was **plea**, with 15 courts reporting an average of 45.6 percent of their **traffic** cases disposed after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere. **Violations bureau** and **bail or bond forfeiture** dispositions were each reported by nine courts, with averages of 63.2 percent and 48.7 percent of their **traffic** cases dispositions, respectively. Both of these disposition types are probably used in a fashion similar to pleas, making the averages similar to the average for pleas. As with **criminal** cases, the proportion of **traffic** cases having an acquittal disposition was low, with an average of 2.8 percent of the dispositions in the seven courts reporting.

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

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

Disposition type:	Courts reporting	Percent of traffic dispositions: Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
Plea	15	6.3	87.9	45.6	39.0
Violations bureau	9	41.0	87.8	63.2	59.8
Bail or bond forfeiture	9	1.5	86.8	48.7	64.4
Total conviction	7	9.2	97.4	53.1	68.3
Trial conviction	6	1.2	9.6	3.6	2.6
Acquittal	7	0.6	8.3	2.8	2.5
Nolle prosequi	3	0.7	12.3	5.0	2.1
Dismissal	19	0.1	39.1	7.5	4.1

Table 43: Traffic disposition types for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting traffic disposition type data. Pleas, violations bureau, bail or bond forfeitures, total convictions, trial convictions, acquitted, nolle prosequi, and dismissed. Each disposition type as a percent of traffic dispositions.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Total traffic dispositions	Plea		Violations bureau*		Bail or bond forfeiture		Total conviction		Trial conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed
California--Municipal Court	21,522	11,331,553	1,068,989	9.4	N/A	N/A	8,752,169	77.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,292,688	11.4
New York--District Court and City Court[I]	18,053	927,376	748,017	80.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	166,239	17.9
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	4,138,773	54,602[P]	NC	2,029,086[P]	NC	255,827[P]	NC	N/A	N/A	210,089	5.1	65,622	1.6	N/A	N/A	344,144	8.3
County Court at Law, and Constitutional County Court[I]	--	66,698	54,602	81.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	855	1.3	487	0.7	N/A	N/A	9,503	14.2
Municipal Court[I]	--	3,246,633	N/A	N/A	1,329,690	41.0	243,640	7.5	N/A	N/A	130,051	4.0	60,552	1.9	N/A	N/A	304,548	9.4
Justice of the Peace Court[I]	--	825,442	N/A	N/A	699,396	84.7	12,187	1.5	N/A	N/A	79,183	9.6	4,583	0.6	N/A	N/A	30,093	3.6
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court	11,802	1,098,190	878,696	80.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,393	3.3	90,853	8.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690	1,338,424	525,309	39.2	620,696	46.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,349	3.3
County Court	--	153,517	62,989	41.0	68,992	44.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,584	1.7
Municipal Court	--	1,184,907	462,320	39.0	551,704	46.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41,765	3.5
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113	1,419,828	N/A	N/A	743,518	52.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court	--	1,277,551	N/A	N/A	644,061	50.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court[I]	--	142,277	N/A	N/A	99,457	69.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	2,836,791	N/A	N/A	2,367,364	83.5	N/A	N/A	356,637	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County District Court	--	62,717	N/A	N/A	55,092	87.8	N/A	N/A	5,764	9.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	2,774,074	N/A	N/A	2,312,272	83.4	N/A	N/A	350,893	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	4,984	262,646	81,337	31.0	N/A	N/A	150,803	57.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,881	6.8
Superior Court[C,I]	--	13,372	3,634	27.2	N/A	N/A	8,628	64.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	940	7.0
State Court	--	136,727	46,305	33.9	N/A	N/A	69,639	50.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,440	6.9
Probate Court	--	112,547	31,398	27.9	N/A	N/A	72,536	64.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,501	6.7
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL	3,954	424,656	139,012	32.7	211,857[P]	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,204	9.9
County Court	--	354,003	98,634	27.9	211,857	59.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,568	4.1
County Municipal Court	--	70,653	40,378	57.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,636	39.1
Washington--District Court and Justices of the Peace[K]	3,611	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	319,147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--District Court	3,214	231,112	169,787	73.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	172,514	74.6	2,727	1.2	6,991	3.0	N/A	N/A	20,319	8.8
Utah--City Court	1,232	425,682	43,509	10.2	N/A	N/A	369,585	86.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,180	1.5
Hawaii--District Court	884	545,340	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	411,353	75.4	67,662	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,870	0.7	12,456	2.3
District of Columbia--Superior Court[B]	700	95,323	6,040	6.3	N/A	N/A	9,367	9.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,693	12.3	3,063	3.2
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	645	46,431	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45,178	97.3	N/A	N/A	1,205	2.6	N/A	N/A	48	0.1
County Court with increased Jurisdiction[I]	--	30,826	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30,031	97.4	N/A	N/A	776	2.5	N/A	N/A	19	0.1
County Justice Court[I]	--	15,605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,147	97.1	N/A	N/A	429	2.7	N/A	N/A	29	0.2
Vermont--District Court	477	37,006	32,534	87.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	772	2.1	607	1.6
Alaska--District Court	408	56,419	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,524	68.3	1,095	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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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 if the divisor was less than 10.

[B]Court jurisdiction.
[C]Judge information.
[I]Data are not complete.
[K]Additional information available.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

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

Juvenile caseflow (Tables 44-47)

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

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

As in the tables showing total, civil, criminal, and traffic caseflow, several measures are presented to allow comparisons among 'states'. These include the total number of cases disposed during the year listed as a percent of the number of cases filed during the year; the total number of pending cases at the end of the year shown as a percentage of the number of cases filed; and the number and percent change in year-end pending case figures as compared to beginning pending case figures. In addition, the second subset uses the measure of the number of cases filed per 100,000 population.

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

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

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

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

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

Table 44: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts juvenile caseflow, 1976. States ranked by population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending.

State	State population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts								Limited jurisdiction courts		All trial courts							
						As percent of filed		Change in pending								As percent of filed		Change in pending	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent
California	21,522	N/A	107,917	103,664	N/A	96.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	107,917	103,664	N/A	96.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	18,053	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,396	48,872	11,396	48,872	61,174	12,057	125.2	24.7	661	5.8
Texas	12,599	5,328	11,031	11,411	4,948	103.4	44.9	-380	-7.1	1,090[1]	1,296[1]	6,418[1]	12,327[1]	12,673[1]	6,072[1]	102.8[1]	49.3[1]	-346[1]	-5.4[1]
Pennsylvania	11,802	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859	102.9	13.1	-1,061	-17.9	NH	NH	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859	102.9	13.1	-1,061	-17.9
Illinois	11,193	13,606	25,731	26,529	12,808	103.1	49.8	-798	-5.9	---	---	13,606	25,731	26,529	12,808	103.1	49.8	-798	-5.9
Ohio	10,690	19,226	189,342	190,321	18,247	100.5	9.6	-979	-5.1	NH	NH	19,226	189,342	190,321	18,247	100.5	9.6	-979	-5.1
Michigan	9,113	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	25,623	22,935	N/A	89.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	8,353	20,767	64,377	61,365	N/A	95.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	20,767	64,377	61,365	(k)	95.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	7,339	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,602	84,484	11,602	84,484	83,276	12,810	98.6	15.2	1,208	10.4
Massachusetts	5,791	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	49,467	N/A	49,467	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	5,462	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	22,757	N/A	22,757	22,906	N/A	100.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indiana	5,313	N/A	12,981	13,331	N/A	102.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677	1,677[P]	1,677[P]	100.4	NC	280[P]	20.0[P]
Virginia	5,052	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	111,675	N/A	111,675	103,414	N/A	92.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia	4,984	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	28,362[1]	N/A	28,362[1]	27,727[1]	N/A	97.8[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missouri	4,787	10,530	16,929	18,443	9,016	108.9	53.3	-1,514	-14.4	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Wisconsin	4,610	N/A	N/A	22,561	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Tennessee	4,234	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland	4,125	N/A	25,185	27,751	N/A	110.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,047	2,494	N/A	81.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minnesota	3,954	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,168	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	3,875	N/A	10,406[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,075[1]	4,409[1]	N/A	86.9[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alabama	3,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington	3,611	N/A	13,433	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kentucky	3,436	NH	781	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	26,043	N/A	26,043	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico	3,214	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	93.8	46.0	385	15.6	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Connecticut	3,102	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,692	14,452	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	93.8	46.0	385	15.6
Iowa	2,874	N/A	5,672	6,629	N/A	116.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---	1,692	14,452	14,800	1,344	102.4	9.3	-348	-20.6
South Carolina	2,844	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oklahoma	2,770	3,911	8,272	6,803	5,380	82.2	65.0	1,469	37.6	NH	NH	N/A	5,672	6,629	N/A	116.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado	2,575	8,795	22,838	24,015	7,618	105.2	33.4	-1,777	-13.4	NH	NH	10,701	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	2,365	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Oregon	2,326	N/A	13,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	242	3,911	8,272	6,803	5,380	82.2	65.0	1,469	37.6
Kansas	2,299	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	8,795	22,838	24,015	7,618	105.2	33.4	-1,177	-13.4
Arizona	2,249	794[1]	8,287[1]	7,088[1]	938[1]	85.5[1]	11.3[1]	144[1]	18.1[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	2,117	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	6,588	N/A	13,712	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia	1,832	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	21,007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	1,552	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,127[P]	5,254	NH	794[1]	8,287[1]	7,088[1]	938[1]	85.5[1]	11.3[1]	144[1]	18.1[1]
Utah	1,232	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	22,482	N/A	6,588	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	1,172	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279	91.8	62.4	431	15.1	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Maine	1,071	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	4,517	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	936	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	6,436	3,256[P]	1,088[P]	NC	NC	NC	NC	-39[P]	-3.5[P]
Hawaii	884	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276	93.2	44.5	498	17.9	NH	NH	25,397[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho	833	1,844	7,927	7,513	2,258	94.8	28.5	414	22.5	---	---	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
New Hampshire	827	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279	91.8	62.4	431	15.1
Montana	755	N/A	1,793	1,414	N/A	78.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	4,517	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	700	1,967	7,391	8,254	1,104	111.7	14.9	-863	-43.9	---	---	N/A	6,436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Dakota	686	N/A	4,210	3,972[1]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	---	---	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
North Dakota	645	N/A	1,001	922	186	92.1	18.6	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276	93.2	44.5	498	17.9
Nevada	613	N/A	2,343[1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Delaware	582	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,166	9,823	1,844	7,927	7,513	2,258	94.8	28.5	414	22.5
Vermont	477	255	1,020	1,103	172	108.1	16.9	-83	-32.5	NH	NH	5,498	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska	408	N/A	1,510	1,133	N/A	75.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Wyoming	391	N/A	N/A	815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	NH	1,793	1,414	N/A	78.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
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												NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												9,609	2,380	97.8	24.2	214	9.9	2,166	9,823
												NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	255	1,020
												NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	1,510
												NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	N/A	N/A

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

[1]Data are not complete.
[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

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

The next measure displayed in Table 44 is the number of end pending cases as a percent of the number of filed cases. This ratio of pending to filed cases was quite low for all 'states' reporting data. Seven of the 15 'states' reporting at the general jurisdiction level, 5 of the 6 states reporting at the limited jurisdiction level, and 11 of the 19 'states' reporting for all trial courts had fewer than 30.0 percent of the number of cases filed remaining pending at the end of the year. (See Figure GG.)

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

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

Figure HH displays the number of 'states' in general jurisdiction, in limited jurisdiction, and in all trial courts for which change-in-pending cases was computed. In addition, it shows the number of 'states' in which the courts had an increase or decrease in pending caseload. The number of states in which change (number and percent) in pending cases was computed was small because of the lack of complete data; for those reporting, however, approximately the same number of states had an increase in pending as had a decrease. Of the 'states' reporting increases in pending, the largest increase was 37.6 percent. Because of the small number of states displayed, however, these numbers cannot be construed to represent a trend across the United States.

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

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

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

Some general comments can be made about Tables 45-47 and the measures used therein. First, these tables indicate that the more selective the case type, the lower the number of 'states' reporting such data. Second, it appears that most 'states' were reporting only "filed" and "disposed" as caseflow for **delinquency, dependency and neglect**, and **status offenses**. This does not give a complete picture of caseflow in the courts, but does show caseload added in the current year. Finally, reporting only a portion of caseflow affects the use of comparative measures in Tables 44-47. The rate of disposition as a percent of the number of cases filed and the number of cases filed per 100,000 population are the most complete columns. The other columns cannot be completed without additional caseflow data.

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

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

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

	'States' reporting	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Mid-point
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting:					
Delinquency (Table 45)	24	74.7	1,687.8	510.9	439.0
Dependency and neglect (Table 46)	20	7.7	172.1	64.4	58.9
Status offenses (Table 47)	16	0.1	540.6	94.4	64.5
'State' totals for all 'states' reporting filed data for all courts handling case category:					
Delinquency (Table 45)	24	74.7	1,687.8	510.9	439.0
Dependency and neglect (Table 46)	19	12.5	172.1	67.4	65.3
Status offenses (Table 47)	15	0.1	540.6	99.3	67.5

Table 45: Delinquency caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting delinquency caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court	21,522	N/A	93,864	89,995	N/A	95.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	436.1
New York--Family Court	18,053	5,923	27,324	32,632	6,616[g]	119.4	24.2	693	11.7	151.4
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	N/A	9,411	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	74.7
District Court and Juvenile Court	--	N/A	8,280	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	65.7
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[i]	--	N/A	1,131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.0
Michigan--Probate Court	9,113	N/A	21,074[j]	18,156[j]	N/A	86.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	231.3[j]
Florida--Circuit Court[b]	8,353	N/A	38,613	37,790	N/A	97.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	462.3
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	7,339	10,925[f]	75,862	74,752	12,035	98.5	15.9	1,110	10.2	1,033.7
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	45,331	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	782.8
District Court	--	N/A	34,733	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	599.8
Juvenile Court	--	N/A	10,598	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	183.0
North Carolina--District Court	5,462	N/A	13,241	12,954	N/A	97.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	242.4
Georgia--Juvenile Court[c,i]	4,984	N/A	17,850	17,173	N/A	96.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	358.1
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125	N/A	24,256	26,266	N/A	108.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	588.0
Circuit Court	--	N/A	22,276	24,740	N/A	111.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	540.0
District Court	--	N/A	1,980	1,526	N/A	77.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.0
Minnesota--County Court	3,954	N/A	N/A	11,462[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--STATE TOTAL	3,875	N/A	10,070	3,951[p]	N/A	NC	N/A	N/A	N/A	259.9
District Court[c,i], Family Court, and Juvenile Court	--	N/A	5,501	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	142.0
City Court and Parish Court[i]	--	N/A	4,569	3,951	N/A	86.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	117.9
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	3,214	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859	93.8	46.0	385	15.6	193.4
Connecticut--Juvenile Court	3,102	1,314	13,709	14,021	1,002	102.3	7.3	-312	-23.7	441.9
South Carolina--Family Court	2,844	N/A	N/A	9,582	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770	1,736[f]	4,698	3,482	2,952	74.1	62.8	1,216	70.0	169.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	2,575	N/A	5,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	229.5
Utah--Juvenile Court	1,232	N/A	14,200	17,550	N/A	123.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,152.6
Rhode Island--Family Court	936	N/A	4,993	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	533.4
Hawaii--Circuit Court	884	1,677	4,957	4,513	2,121	91.0	42.8	444	26.5	560.7
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	1,538	7,490	7,023	2,005	93.8	26.8	467	30.4	899.2
District Court	--	2[fh]	0	1	1	NC	NC	-1	NC	0.0
Magistrates Division[a]	--	1,536[fh]	7,490	7,022	2,004	93.8	26.8	468	30.5	899.2
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	4,573	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court	--	N/A	N/A	4,377	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	N/A	N/A	196	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a]	700	1,618	6,236	7,036	818	112.8	13.1	-800	-49.4	890.9
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i]	686	N/A	3,465	3,337	N/A	96.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	505.1
North Dakota--District Court	645	N/A	499	460	N/A	92.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	77.4
Delaware--Family Court[a]	582	2,166	9,823	9,609	2,380	97.8	24.2	214	9.9	1,687.8
Alaska--Superior Court	408	N/A	1,223[h]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	299.8

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[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
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Table 46: Dependency and neglect caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting dependency and neglect caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court	21,522	N/A	14,053	13,669	N/A	97.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	65.3
New York--Family Court	18,053	3,625	9,358	13,002	3,392[g]	138.9	36.2	-233	-6.4	51.8
Michigan--Probate Court	9,113	N/A	4,549	4,779	N/A	105.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.9
Florida--Circuit Court[b]	8,353	N/A	14,373	12,417	N/A	86.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	172.1
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	1,079	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6
District Court	--	N/A	775	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4
Juvenile Court	--	N/A	304	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.2
North Carolina--District Court	5,462	N/A	4,691	5,301	N/A	113.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.9
Georgia--Juvenile Court[c,i]	4,984	N/A	3,889	4,166	N/A	107.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.0
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125	N/A	3,976	3,979	N/A	100.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.4
Circuit Court	--	N/A	2,909	3,011	N/A	103.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.5
District Court	--	N/A	1,067	968	N/A	90.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Minnesota--County Court	3,954	N/A	N/A	1,260[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court[i]	3,875	N/A	299[p]	304[p]	N/A	101.7[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.7[p]
Connecticut--Juvenile Court	3,102	378	743	779	342	104.8	46.0	-36	-9.5	24.0
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770	810[f]	1,869	1,574	1,105	84.2	59.1	295	36.4	67.5
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	2,575	N/A	1,757	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	68.2
Utah--Juvenile Court	1,232	N/A	1,622	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	131.7
Rhode Island--Family Court	936	N/A	1,348	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	144.0
Hawaii--Circuit Court	884	157	153	160	150	104.6	98.0	-7	-4.5	17.3
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	833	306	437	490	253	112.1	57.9	-53	-17.3	52.5
District Court	--	1[fh]	1	1	1	NC	NC	0	NC	0.1
Magistrates Division[a]	--	305[fh]	436	489	252	112.2	57.8	-53	-17.4	52.3
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	436	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court	--	N/A	N/A	427	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a]	700	225[f]	565	609	181	107.8	32.0	-44	-19.6	80.7
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i]	686	N/A	86	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.5
North Dakota--District Court	645	N/A	289	266	N/A	92.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	44.8
Alaska--Superior Court	408	N/A	76[h]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.6

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Table 47: Status offenses caseflow for trial courts, 1976.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting status offenses caseflow. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
New York--Family Court	18,053	1,848	12,190	15,540	2,049[g]	127.5	16.8	201	10.9	67.5
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599	N/A	1,187	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.4
District Court and Juvenile Court	--	N/A	1,022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[i]	--	N/A	165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.3
Florida--Circuit Court[b]	8,353	N/A	9	61	N/A	677.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	7,339	677	8,622	8,524	775	98.9	9.0	98	14.5	117.5
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,791	N/A	3,057	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52.8
District Court	--	N/A	2,044	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.3
Juvenile Court	--	N/A	1,013	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.5
North Carolina--District Court	5,462	N/A	4,825	4,651	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.3
Georgia--Juvenile Court[c,i]	4,984	N/A	6,237	6,076	N/A	97.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	125.1
Louisiana--District Court[c,i], Family Court, and Juvenile Court	3,875	N/A	854[p]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.0[p]
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770	1,365[f]	1,705	1,747	1,323	102.5	77.6	-42	-3.1	61.6
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	2,575	N/A	731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.4
Utah--Juvenile Court	1,232	N/A	6,660	7,847	N/A	117.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	540.6
Hawaii--Circuit Court	884	446	1,227	1,212	461	98.8	37.6	15	3.4	138.8
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	827	N/A	N/A	489	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court	--	N/A	N/A	464	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Municipal Court	--	N/A	N/A	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a]	700	124	590	609	105[h]	103.2	17.8	-19	-15.3	84.3
South Dakota--Circuit Court[i]	686	N/A	659	635	N/A	96.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.1
North Dakota--District Court	645	N/A	173	163	N/A	94.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.8
Alaska--Superior Court	408	N/A	211[h]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.7

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Special trial court caseflow (Tables 48-50)

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

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

There are 39 'states' (37 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) that reported the number of jury trials for civil, criminal, or traffic cases, and, as well, the total number of dispositions for civil, criminal, or traffic categories for some courts. Juvenile jury trial and disposition data are also included in the table when provided. Using these data, calculations were made to display the number of jury trials as a percent of total dispositions.

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

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

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

Table 48: Jury trials for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseflow.
States ranked by population. Courts reporting jury trial data. Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total dispositions. Jury trials as a percent of dispositions.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Jury trial definition	Jury trials				Dispositions				Jury trials as percent of dispositions			
			Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522		3,157	X	X	9,278	X	X	X	1,187,396[l]	X	X	X	0.8
Superior Court[1,8]	--	C	3,131[m]	4,695	NH	7,826	394,709	52,242	NH	446,951	0.8	9.0	NH	1.8
Justice Court[1,9]	--	B	26	X	X	1,452	X	X	X	740,445[l]	X	X	X	0.2
New York--STATE TOTAL	18,053		2,988	N/A	NH	N/A	263,152	37,662	NH	296,576	1.1	N/A	NH	N/A
Supreme Court and County Court[1,8]	--	A	2,067	N/A	NH	N/A	113,287	37,662	NH	146,711	1.8	N/A	NH	N/A
Civil Court of the City of New York[1,1]	--	A	921	NH	NH	921	149,865	NH	NH	149,865	0.6	N/A	NH	0.6
Texas--STATE TOTAL	12,599		5,657	5,610	4,595(238*)	16,130	446,776	743,319	4,138,773(11,411*)	5,340,279	1.3	0.8	0.1(2.1*)	0.3
District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court[1,8]	--	C	4,088	3,400	NH(238*)	7,726	250,555	77,370	NH(11,411*)	339,336	1.6	4.4	NH(2.1*)	2.3
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[1,1,9]	--	A	1,040	1,137	590	2,767	72,939[l]	145,516	66,698	285,153[l]	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.0
Municipal Court[1,9]	--	A	NH	550	1,851	2,401	NH	360,950	3,246,633	3,607,583	NH	0.2	0.1	0.1
Justice of the Peace Court[1,1,9]	--	A	529	523	2,154	3,206	123,282	159,483	825,442	1,108,207	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[1,8]	11,802	A	1,952[m]	3,272	NH	5,224	49,286	74,343	NH	123,629	4.0	4.4	NH	4.2
Illinois--Circuit Court[1,7]	11,193	A	1,448	1,147	N/A	N/A	144,890	29,412	2,229,623	2,403,925	1.0	3.9	N/A	N/A
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,690		1,998	3,056	998	6,052	332,997	324,341	1,338,424	1,995,967	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.3
Court of Common Pleas[1,8]	--	C	1,630[m]	2,049	NH	3,679	71,152	30,312	NH	101,464	2.3	6.8	NH	3.6
County Court[1,8]	--	C	7[m]	76	150	233	8,568	25,608	153,517	187,693	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Municipal Court[1,8]	--	C	361[m]	931	848	2,140	252,945	268,421	1,184,907	1,706,273	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Court of Claims[a,1]	--	C	0	NH	NH	0	332	NH	NH	332	0.0	NH	NH	0.0
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	9,113		2,486	5,174	2,703	9,463[p]	470,282	311,204	1,419,828	2,207,808	0.5	1.7	0.2	NC
Circuit Court[1,9]	--	C	1,224	1,806	NH	3,030	119,948	25,575	NH	145,523	1.0	7.1	NH	2.1
Recorder's Court of Detroit[9]	--	C	NH	900	N/A	N/A	NH	17,829	6,439[l]	24,323[l]	NH	5.0	N/A	N/A
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[1]	--	C	486	NH	NH	486	165,177	NH	NH	165,177	0.3	NH	NH	0.3
District Court[1,9]	--	C	773	2,399	2,598	5,770	169,108	228,547	1,277,551	1,675,206	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.3
Municipal Court[1,1,9]	--	C	3	69	105	177	16,049	39,253	142,277	197,579	0.02	0.2	0.1	0.1
Florida--STATE TOTAL	8,353		2,376	5,550	NH	7,926	457,648[l]	249,790[l]	NH	707,438[l]	0.5	2.2	NH	1.1
Circuit Court[b,1,9]	--	C	2,314	3,564	NH	5,878	234,395[l]	63,887[l]	NH	298,282[l]	1.0	5.6	NH	2.0
County Court[b,1,9]	--	C	62	1,986	NH	2,048	223,253	185,903	NH	409,156	0.03	1.1	NH	0.5
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339		3,415	2,895	NH	6,310	350,570	29,466	--	380,036	1.0	9.8	NH	1.7
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court[2,6]	--	B	2,699	2,895	NH	5,594	57,393	29,466	NH	86,859	4.7	9.8	NH	6.4
County District Court[1,7]	--	B	716	NH	NH	716	293,177	--	--	293,177	0.2	NH	NH	0.2
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462		1,211	3,899	NH	5,110	221,599	49,398	--	270,997	0.5	7.9	NH	1.9
Superior Court[k,1,12]	--	C	602	3,899	NH	4,501	9,391	49,398	NH	58,789	6.4	7.9	NH	7.7
District Court[1,12]	--	C	609	NH	NH	609	212,208	--	--	212,208	0.3	NH	NH	0.3
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,313		X	X	X(X*)	2,640	227,034	111,890	250,079(19,106*)	608,109	X	X	X(X*)	0.4
Superior Court and Circuit Court[1,7]	--	A	X	X	X(X*)	1,934	168,710	49,769	46,991(13,331*)	278,801	X	X	X(X*)	0.7
Criminal Court of Marion County[7]	--	A	NH	366	NH	366	NH	2,423	NH	2,423	NH	15.1	NH	15.1
County Court[1,7]	--	A	X	X	X	155	34,716	27,544	116,663	178,923	X	X	X	0.1
Juvenile Court of Marion County[7]	--	A	NH	0	NH(4*)	4	NH	25	NH(5,775*)	5,800	NH	0.0	NH(0.1*)	0.1
Probate Court[1]	--	A	3	NH	NH	3	5,759	NH	NH	5,759	0.1	NH	NH	0.1
Municipal Court of Marion County[1,7]	--	A	39	100	39	178	17,849	32,129	86,425	136,403	0.2	0.3	0.04	0.1
Virginia--Circuit Court[1,8]	5,052	C	2,132[m]	2,601	NH	4,733	24,909	42,250	NH	67,159	8.6	6.2	NH	7.0
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	4,984		2,616[p]	3,075	248	5,935[p]	145,454[p]	104,273	262,646	512,373[l]	1.8[p]	2.9	0.1	1.2[p]
Superior Court[c,1,1,9]	--	A	1,594	2,406	33	4,033	75,534	40,222	13,372	129,128	2.1	6.0	0.2	3.1
State Court[1,9]	--	A	1,022	669	211	1,902	69,920	60,701	136,727	267,348	1.5	1.1	0.2	0.7
Probate Court[9]	--	A	N/A	0	4	N/A	N/A	3,350	112,547	115,897[l]	N/A	0.0	0.004	N/A
Missouri--Circuit Court[1,6]	4,787	C	N/A	1,061	NH	N/A	73,846	17,964	NH	91,810	N/A	5.9	NH	N/A
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234		2,628	N/A	NH	96[p]	51,862	30,298	NH	82,160	5.1	N/A	NH	NC
Circuit Court and Criminal Court[1,6]	--	C	2,532	N/A	NH	N/A	47,321	30,298	NH	77,619	5.4	N/A	NH	N/A
Law and Equity Court[b,1]	--	C	96	NH	NH	96	4,541	NH	NH	4,541	2.1	NH	NH	2.1
Maryland--Circuit Court[1,6]	4,125	A	1,206	1,970	NH	3,176	54,464	33,073	NH	87,537	2.2	6.0	NH	3.6
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL	3,954		1,475	913	595	2,983	107,131	65,983	424,656	597,770	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.5
District Court[3,12]	--	A	1,015	472	NH	1,487	21,234	8,634	NH	29,868	4.8	5.5	NH	5.0
County Court[3,12]	--	A	153	227	424	804	72,689	32,149	354,003	458,841	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2
County Municipal Court[3,12]	--	A	307	214	171	692	13,208	25,200	70,653	109,061	2.3	0.8	0.2	0.6

Alabama--Circuit Court[1,8]	3,653	A	N/A	1,608	NH	N/A	75,052	25,451	NH	100,503	N/A	7.1	NH	N/A
Washington--STATE TOTAL	3,611		1,026	X	X	4,100	79,911[1p]	14,374[p]	N/A	91,113[1p]	NC	NC	NC	NC
Superior Court[1,8]	--	C	993	1,752	NH	2,745	79,911[1]	14,374	NH	91,113[1]	1.2	12.2	NH	3.0
Municipal and Police Court	--	C	NH	NH	193	193	NH	--	N/A	N/A	NH	NH	N/A	N/A
District Court and Justices of the Peace[k,1,9]	--	C	33	X	X	1,162	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[1,10]	3,214	A	NH	627	NH	627	--	28,752	NH	28,752	NH	2.2	NH	2.2
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102		583	102[p]	NH	434[p]	51,868	100,007	--	151,875	1.1	NC	NH	NC
Superior Court[1,8]	--	C	332	102	NH	434	25,168	4,100	NH	29,268	1.3	2.5	NH	1.5
Court of Common Pleas[1,9]	--	C	251[m]	N/A	NH	N/A	26,700	95,907	--	122,607	0.9	N/A	NH	N/A
Iowa--District Court[1,6]	2,874	C	384	1,022	160	1,566	118,767[1]	182,199	285,710	586,676	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.3
South Carolina--Magistrate Court[1,6]	2,844	J	91	X	X	2,656	87,272	X	X	541,985	0.1	X	X	0.5
Oklahoma--District Court[1,8]	2,770	A	1,203	X	X(38*)	2,636	146,131	53,717	182,717(6,803*)	389,368	0.8	X	X(0.6*)	0.7
Colorado--County Court[1,9]	2,575	C	56	246	743	1,045	46,392	25,508	142,611	214,511	0.1	1.0	0.5	0.5
Oregon--Circuit Court[1,11]	2,326	C	1,158[m]	1,059	NH	2,217	39,355	14,909	NH	54,264	2.9	7.1	NH	4.1
Kansas--STATE TOTAL	2,299		1,552	N/A	N/A	N/A	72,294	X	X	348,086	2.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
District Court[1,7]	--	B	389	X	X	1,127	37,059	6,867	192	44,118	1.0	X	X	2.6
County Court[1,7]	--	B	1,162	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,966	X	X	189,776	16.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court[1,7]	--	B	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,269	X	X	114,192	0.004	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona--Superior Court[1,1,8]	2,249	B	541[m]	784	NH	1,325	52,369	13,765	NH	66,134	1.0	5.7	NH	2.0
Utah--STATE TOTAL	1,232		286	477	250	1,013	43,022	26,684	425,682	495,388	0.7	1.8	0.1	2.0
District Court[1,7]	--	C	253	340	NH	593	22,638	2,494	NH	25,132	1.1	13.6	NH	2.4
City Court[1,7]	--	C	33	137	250	420	20,384	24,190	425,682	470,256	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL	1,172		35[p]	X	X	151[p]	32,765[p]	4,573[p]	N/A	37,338[p]	NC	NC	NC	NC
District Court[1,9]	--	B	N/A	352	NH	N/A	32,765	4,573	NH	37,338	N/A	7.7	NH	N/A
Magistrate Court[b,1,7]	--	B	35	X	X	151	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii--Circuit Court[1,8]	884	C	127	229	NH	356	16,005	1,683	--	17,688	0.8	13.6	NH	2.0
New Hampshire--Superior Court[5,12]	827	H	202	379	NH	581	16,494	5,771	NH	22,268	1.2	6.6	NH	2.6
District of Columbia--Superior Court[a,2,9]	700	A	230[m]	1,167	36	1,433	4,065	32,418	95,323	131,806	5.7	3.6	0.04	1.1
South Dakota--Circuit Court[1,1,6]	686	C	111[m]	281	NH	392	4,565	13,278	NH	17,843	2.4	2.1	NH	2.2
North Dakota--District Court[1,6]	645	A	N/A	X	X	42[1]	--	989	5	994[1]	N/A	X	X	4.2[1]
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582		N/A	238[1]	NH	N/A	8,509	9,667	NH	18,176	N/A	NC	NH	N/A
Superior Court[1,8]	--	C	N/A	163[1]	NH	N/A	5,265	4,022	NH	9,287	N/A	NC	NH	N/A
Court of Common Pleas[a,1,10]	--	C	N/A	75	NH	N/A	3,244	5,645	NH	8,889	N/A	1.3	NH	N/A
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	477		86	138	16	240	20,426	16,853	37,006	74,285	0.4	0.8	0.04	0.3
Superior Court[1,6]	--	A	83[m]	8	NH	91	3,600	53	NH	3,653	2.3	15.1	NH	2.5
District Court[1,7]	--	A	3[m]	130	16	149	16,826	16,800	37,006	70,632	0.02	0.8	0.04	0.2
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	408		63	565	NH	628	3,037[p]	17,939	--	20,976[p]	NC	3.1	NH	NC
Superior Court[1,6]	--	A	46[m]	118	NH	166	N/A	898	NH	898[1]	N/A	13.1	NH	NC
District Court[1,7]	--	A	15	447	NH	462	3,037	17,041	--	20,078	0.5	2.6	NH	2.3
Wyoming--District Court[1,1,6]	391	H	60	79	NH	139	7,255	1,346	NH	8,601	0.8	5.9	NH	1.6

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

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
NC = The number was not computed because of incomplete or incomparable data. Computation of the number was deemed inappropriate if the divisor was less than 10.
NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[1]Data are not complete.
[k]Additional information available.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data.
[p]Data were not available for all courts in the state.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[2]A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[6]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[7]The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[8]The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[10]The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[11]The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment or complaint at arraignment.
[12]The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Jury trial definitions:

A = A trial is counted if tried to judgment.
B = A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
H = A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
J = A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed. All cases not concluded by jury trial are considered non-jury trials.

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

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

The trend data displayed indicate a sizable increase in cases filed between 1972 and 1976 (the years for which most complete data are available). The percent increases were 21 percent for total cases, 32 percent for **civil** cases, 9 percent for **criminal** cases, and 33 percent for **juvenile** cases. Some of the reasons for this increase can be identified as (1) population growth across the United States (especially in the early 70's); (2) population shifts (urban vs. rural); (3) laws being created or changed (e.g., drug laws); (4) a major refinement in gathering statistics; (5) the emphasis placed on gathering and evaluating statistics by state court administrative offices; and (6) increasing public awareness of the law and individual rights.

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

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

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases Filed									
		1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Total cases											
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	11,215,532	11,582,083	11,814,295	13,001,054	13,417,794	13,357,774	13,338,348	13,985,522	15,250,622	15,910,437
Superior Court	--	446,500	467,560	493,631	507,163	527,488	522,256	532,563	562,248	602,470	667,122
Justice Court	--	1,301,441	1,284,284	1,252,728	1,228,981	1,237,765	1,298,940	1,202,217	1,181,749	1,305,928	1,071,503
Municipal Court	--	9,467,591	9,830,239	10,067,936	11,264,910	11,652,541	11,536,578	11,603,568	12,241,525	13,342,224	14,171,812
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,802						240,688	243,315	263,359	290,757	292,186
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	93,698	97,848	98,129	105,213	111,717	119,799	131,387	138,805	153,420	153,350
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	109,442	121,620	140,367	156,346	165,452	183,841	192,455	206,627	228,277	242,915
Superior Court and County Court	--	58,376	64,711	66,628	70,576	76,782	84,571	87,196	84,934	94,731	96,557
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	--	51,066	56,909	73,739	85,770	88,670	99,270	105,259	121,693	133,546	146,358
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						1,198,174	1,250,749	1,350,029	1,404,980	1,333,321
Superior Court	--						48,542	50,849	56,693	64,424	63,321
District Court	--						1,149,632	1,199,900	1,293,336	1,340,556	1,270,000
Virginia--Circuit Court	5,052	68,130	69,604	73,614	79,400	83,154	85,581	88,751	98,249	104,582	106,819
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						97,065	94,145	100,093	110,825	109,483
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	63,588	70,841	78,052	84,397	81,995	81,272	88,644	101,382	109,869	112,811
Circuit Court and Criminal Court	--	47,206	54,397	59,660	63,528	60,571	58,009	61,567	69,958	76,058	76,966
Law and Equity Court	--	2,567	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,847
Chancery Court	--	13,815	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			89,930[P]	95,264[P]	100,734[P]	875,353	909,845	1,019,005	1,125,426	1,287,753
Circuit Court	--			89,930	95,264	100,734	95,417	95,007	100,958	110,407	121,198
District Court	--						779,936	814,838	918,047	1,015,019	1,166,555
Washington--STATE TOTAL	3,611	75,400[P]	78,052[P]	84,810[P]	824,653	870,648	916,692	889,807	966,107	1,005,928	1,048,046
Superior Court	--	75,400	78,052	84,810	88,627	92,369	95,413	100,135	111,477	116,640	121,811
Municipal and Police Court	--				418,224	441,488	455,559	422,546	414,475	399,097	429,371
District Court and Justices of the Peace	--				317,802	336,791	365,720	367,126	440,155	490,191	496,864
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770			275,784	321,925	324,986	340,353	329,151	329,139	373,342	402,655
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575				106,158[P]	118,292[P]	221,423	243,594	271,608	315,957	319,397
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts	--						77,220	80,540	94,130	116,593	119,207
Water Court	--				865	2,034	14,063	3,287	1,767	1,608	1,640
County Court	--				105,293	116,258	130,140	159,767	175,711	197,756	198,550
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	31,286[P]	32,316[P]	33,791[P]	240,939	261,028	406,533	429,297	500,745	512,971	610,355
Circuit Court	--	31,175	32,185	33,601	37,725	39,790	41,540	44,943	50,987	55,052	56,889
Tax Court	--	111	131	190	202	189	175	223	148	232	181
District Court	--				203,012	221,049	364,818	384,131	449,610	457,687	553,285
Kansas--District Court	2,299	30,579	30,102	30,622	34,043	35,151	37,309	36,947	39,534	42,038	45,066
Arizona--Superior Court	2,249						64,943	75,538	86,464	90,575	84,774
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	45,133	44,811	49,582	50,957	52,110	56,607	60,768	66,617	71,792	72,970
Circuit Court	--	18,893	18,262	21,158	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795	33,013
Chancery Court	--	16,988	17,490	18,921	19,438	21,326	24,532	25,824	28,055	28,791	29,749
Probate Court	--	9,069	8,904	9,330	8,795	9,434	9,836	9,717	9,553	9,842	9,967
Court of Common Pleas	--	183	155	173	246	241	248	248	367	364	241
Utah--District Court	1,232					20,519	22,305	23,922	**	28,672	28,601
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	936						75,644	84,125	91,705	86,809	67,793
Superior Court	--						9,104	9,248	9,092	10,207	10,010
District Court	--						66,540	74,877	82,613	76,602	57,783
Idaho--District Court and Magistrates Division	833					128,730	175,248	231,894	241,417	250,210	262,419
New Hampshire--Superior Court	827	13,670	14,597	14,716	16,060	16,469	18,401	19,917	21,974	23,719	24,189
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	8,282[P]	77,727	90,035	94,429	99,400	109,124	105,866	109,210	135,746	139,289
Superior Court	--	4,629	5,011	5,642	6,198	6,570	8,649	8,289	8,546	11,260	8,668
Court of Chancery	--	279	244	288	350	354	355	339	452	386	408
Court of Common Pleas	--	3,374	3,418	4,386	4,857	5,262	5,260	6,436	6,779	8,375	9,116
Family Court	--		14,906	15,685	15,977	17,662	13,787	14,294	17,113	21,206	21,957
Justice of the Peace Court	--		54,148	64,034	67,047	69,552	81,073	76,508	76,320	94,519	99,140

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

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases Filed 1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Civil cases											
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	715,824[p]	744,469	706,570	725,146	700,959	718,510	785,661	844,875	937,832	933,638
Superior Court	---		88,746	88,594	95,627	104,214	110,656	120,159	137,849	156,626	167,746
Justice Court	---	95,747	83,011	71,963	67,041	59,016	60,049	65,152	67,340	69,134	58,031
Municipal Court	---	620,077	572,712	546,013	562,478	537,729	547,805	600,350	639,686	712,072	707,861
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	79,569	82,510	82,292	87,123	91,346	100,772	111,417	117,146	127,229	126,924
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	255,682	257,444	258,643	298,757	321,547	332,097	351,516	366,923	395,061	420,668
Superior Court and County Court	---	43,615	47,687	46,430	47,800	48,910	52,430	58,366	56,901	63,231	64,877
County District Court	---	190,967	188,734	180,674	215,491	237,548	239,213	251,743	260,664	280,941	293,917
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court		21,100	21,023	31,539	35,466	35,089	40,454	41,407	49,358	50,889	61,874
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						156,988	179,858	213,889	230,347	235,584
Superior Court	---						8,249	8,490	10,065	10,919	10,774
District Court	---						148,739	171,368	203,824	219,428	224,810
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						65,954	63,259	66,591	74,314	74,474
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	46,091	52,773	58,651	63,507	60,113	61,168	66,691	74,799	80,407	83,202
Circuit Court	---	29,709	36,329	40,259	42,638	38,689	37,905	39,614	43,375	46,596	47,357
Law and Equity Court	---	2,567	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,847
Chancery Court	---	13,815	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			50,384[p]	53,667[p]	57,985[p]	277,593	298,429	345,253	356,531	394,970
Circuit Court	---			50,384	53,667	57,985	50,591	52,601	53,916	57,330	62,158
District Court	---						227,002	245,828	291,337	299,201	332,812
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	25,198	24,748	25,755	29,017	26,577	27,871	28,107	30,779	48,904	56,591
Superior Court	---	16,972	17,288	17,565	19,399	18,221	19,822	20,279	23,170	25,003	25,793
Court of Common Pleas	---	8,226	7,460	8,190	9,618	8,356	8,049	7,828	7,609	23,901	30,798
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770			97,914	115,389	120,892	130,189	142,744	156,342	166,164	168,834
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575				14,980[p]	15,743[p]	82,185	76,689	86,704	106,115	114,318
District Court and Denver Superior and Probate Courts	---						54,127	57,587	65,681	80,226	82,035
Water Court	---				865	2,034	14,063	3,287	1,767	1,608	1,640
County Court	---				14,115	13,709	13,995	15,815	19,256	24,281	30,643
Oregon--Tax Court	2,326	111	131	190	202	189	175	223	148	232	181
Kansas--District Court	2,299			25,995	28,737	29,826	31,649	31,488	33,491	35,312	37,811
Utah--District Court	1,232					18,599	20,207	21,594	**	26,029	25,533
Rhode Island--District Court	936						26,141	26,738	31,217	33,335	29,026
New Hampshire--Superior Court	827	11,677	12,074	12,133	12,741	12,868	13,736	15,064	16,829	17,398	17,758
District of Columbia--Superior Court	700						168,126	167,582	162,920	164,770	159,597
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	4,533	4,528	5,833	6,156	6,081	6,477	7,915	8,006	10,673	8,644
Superior Court	---	2,987	3,126	4,085	4,105	4,081	4,638	5,256	5,369	7,173	4,882
Court of Chancery	---	279	244	288	350	354	355	339	452	386	408
Court of Common Pleas	---	1,267	1,158	1,460	1,701	1,646	1,484	2,230	2,185	3,114	3,354
Criminal cases											
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	624,527	638,968	687,937	748,351	748,161	746,660	742,193	742,109	774,966	775,479
Superior Court	---	46,328	55,067	68,159	71,422	76,386	65,487	61,605	54,635	55,635	54,906
Justice Court	---	94,242	90,115	89,573	91,899	90,694	94,058	97,518	98,080	97,344	83,863
Municipal Court	---	483,957	493,786	530,205	585,030	581,081	587,115	583,070	589,394	621,987	636,710
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,802						67,230	62,078	67,047	78,141	76,302
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	10,690						24,155	25,121	28,782	31,554	30,527
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	14,129	15,338	15,837	18,090	20,371	19,027	19,970	21,659	26,191	26,426

New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	7,339	14,761	17,024	20,198	22,776	27,872	32,141	28,830	28,033	31,500	31,680
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						1,041,186	1,070,891	1,136,140	1,174,533	1,097,737
Superior Court	--						40,293	42,359	46,628	53,505	52,547
District Court	--						1,000,893	1,028,532	1,089,512	1,121,028	1,045,190
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						15,326	14,449	16,341	17,760	18,080
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	4,234	17,497	18,068	19,401	20,890	21,882	20,104	21,953	26,583	29,462	29,609
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			23,280[P]	24,974[P]	22,308[P]	133,469	129,902	142,575	167,402	186,737
Circuit Court	--			23,280	24,974	22,308	20,546	21,081	24,603	29,606	33,744
District Court	--						112,923	108,821	117,972	137,796	152,993
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770			177,870	206,536	204,094	210,164	186,407	172,797	207,178	233,821
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575				91,178[P]	102,549[P]	126,502	153,627	167,590	188,044	182,241
District Court and Denver Superior Court	--						10,357	9,675	11,135	14,569	14,334
County Court	--				91,178	102,549	116,145	143,952	156,455	173,475	167,907
Kansas--District Court	2,299			4,627	5,306	5,325	5,660	5,459	6,043	6,726	7,255
Utah--District Court	1,232					1,920	2,098	2,328	**	2,643	3,068
Rhode Island--District Court	936						40,399	48,139	51,396	43,267	28,757
New Hampshire--Superior Court	827	1,993	2,523	2,583	3,319	3,601	4,665	4,853	5,145	6,321	6,431
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	10,822	11,594	11,875	11,702	12,785	15,513	15,634	15,606	18,133	18,302
Superior Court	--	1,642	1,885	1,557	2,093	2,489	4,011	3,042	3,177	4,087	3,786
Court of Common Pleas	--	2,107	2,260	2,926	3,156	3,616	3,776	4,116	4,594	5,261	5,762
Municipal Court of Wilmington	--	7,073	7,449	7,392	6,453	6,680	7,726	8,476	7,835	8,785	8,754
Juvenile cases											
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,802						24,770	27,094	35,120	39,882	37,084
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	7,339	29,966	35,886	42,200	50,304	53,581	58,816	63,852	72,335	82,657	84,484
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						15,785	16,437	17,161	18,751	16,929
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			17,886	18,335	21,916	25,498	22,871	24,527	25,330	28,373
Circuit Court	--			16,266	16,623	20,441	24,280	21,325	22,439	23,471	25,296
District Court	--			1,620	1,712	1,475	1,218	1,546	2,088	1,859	3,077
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	2,575						12,736	13,278	17,314	21,798	22,838
New Hampshire--District Court and Municipal Court	827	1,847	2,186	2,681	2,741	2,912	2,883	3,560	N/A	5,497	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court	700						7,665	7,847	7,772	7,756	7,391

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

Total cases:

Arizona Superior Court--the 1972 figure does not include **juvenile** data for five counties.
Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.
Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.
Delaware Chancery Court--includes only **other civil** cases.
Idaho District Court and Magistrates Division--does not include **appeals.**
Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences data.
Maryland District Court--the criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.
North Carolina District Court--does not include juvenile data.
Oklahoma District Court--does not include **criminal extraordinary writs.**
Oregon Circuit Court--does not include adoption, **probate, mental health,** or **juvenile** data.
Oregon District Court--does not include **domestic relations, probate,** or **mental health** data.
Washington District Court and Justices of the Peace--does not include Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.
Washington Municipal and Police Court--includes Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

Juvenile cases:

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

Civil cases:

California Superior Court--includes only **auto tort, non-auto tort,** and other complaints.
Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.
Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
Connecticut Superior Court--does not include **appeals.**
Connecticut Court of Common Pleas--does not include civil--geographical areas or small claims cases.
Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.
Delaware Chancery Court--includes only **other civil** cases.
Oklahoma District Court--includes **civil** and **juvenile** cases.

Criminal cases:

California Superior Court--includes only **felony** cases.
Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
Kansas District Court--includes **criminal** and **traffic** cases.
Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences or adult offenses against juveniles cases.
Maryland District Court--does not include adult offenses against juveniles cases. The criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.
North Carolina District Court--includes **criminal** and **traffic** cases.
Oklahoma District Court--includes **criminal** and **traffic** cases; does not include **criminal**

Blank space = Data were not provided in the 1976 source documents.
N/A = This type of case is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[P]Data were not available for all courts in the state.
**The missing data for Utah in 1974 was the result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

Table 50: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year for trial courts, 1967-1976. Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed: 1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
Total cases										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	366,551 (3.3%)	232,212 (2.0%)	1,186,859 (10.0%)	416,740 (3.2%)	-60,020 (-0.4%)	-19,426 (-0.1%)	647,174 (4.9%)	1,265,100 (9.0%)	659,815 (4.3%)
Superior Court	--	21,060 (4.7%)	26,071 (5.6%)	13,532 (2.7%)	20,325 (4.0%)	-5,232 (-1.0%)	10,307 (2.0%)	29,685 (5.6%)	40,222 (7.2%)	64,652 (10.7%)
Justice Court	--	-17,157 (-1.3%)	-31,556 (-2.5%)	-23,747 (-1.9%)	8,784 (0.7%)	61,175 (4.9%)	-96,723 (-7.4%)	-20,468 (-1.7%)	124,179 (10.5%)	-234,425(-18.0%)
Municipal Court	--	362,648 (3.8%)	237,697 (2.4%)	1,196,974 (11.9%)	387,631 (3.4%)	-115,963 (-1.0%)	66,990 (0.6%)	637,957 (5.5%)	1,100,699 (9.0%)	829,588 (6.2%)
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,802						2,627 (1.1%)	20,044 (8.2%)	27,398 (10.4%)	1,429 (0.5%)
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	4,150 (4.4%)	281 (0.3%)	7,084 (7.2%)	6,504 (6.2%)	8,082 (7.2%)	11,588 (9.7%)	7,418 (5.6%)	14,615 (10.5%)	-70 (-0.0%)
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	12,178 (11.1%)	18,747 (15.4%)	15,979 (11.4%)	9,106 (5.8%)	18,389 (11.1%)	8,614 (4.7%)	14,172 (7.4%)	21,650 (10.5%)	14,638 (6.4%)
Superior Court and County Court	--	6,335 (10.9%)	1,917 (3.0%)	3,948 (5.9%)	6,206 (8.8%)	7,789 (10.1%)	2,625 (3.1%)	-2,262 (-2.6%)	9,797 (11.5%)	1,826 (1.9%)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	--	5,843 (11.4%)	16,830 (29.6%)	12,031 (16.3%)	2,900 (3.4%)	10,600 (12.0%)	5,989 (6.0%)	16,434 (15.6%)	11,853 (9.7%)	12,812 (9.6%)
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						52,575 (4.4%)	99,280 (7.9%)	54,951 (4.1%)	-71,699 (-5.1%)
Superior Court	--						2,307 (4.8%)	5,844 (11.5%)	7,731 (13.6%)	-1,103 (-1.7%)
District Court	--						50,268 (4.4%)	93,436 (7.8%)	47,220 (3.7%)	-70,596 (-5.3%)
Virginia--Circuit Court	5,052	1,474 (2.2%)	4,010 (5.8%)	5,786 (7.9%)	3,754 (4.7%)	2,427 (2.9%)	3,170 (3.7%)	9,498 (10.7%)	6,333 (6.4%)	2,237 (2.1%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						-2,920 (-3.0%)	5,948 (6.3%)	10,732 (10.7%)	-1,342 (-1.2%)
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	7,253 (11.4%)	7,211 (10.2%)	6,345 (8.1%)	-2,402 (-2.8%)	-723 (-0.9%)	7,372 (9.1%)	12,738 (14.4%)	8,487 (8.4%)	2,942 (2.7%)
Circuit Court and Criminal Court	--	7,191 (15.2%)	5,263 (9.7%)	3,868 (6.5%)	-2,957 (-4.7%)	-2,562 (-4.2%)	3,558 (6.1%)	8,391 (13.6%)	6,100 (8.7%)	908 (1.2%)
Law and Equity Court	--	-180 (-7.0%)	671 (28.1%)	-36 (-1.2%)	108 (3.6%)	664 (21.2%)	796 (21.0%)	592 (12.9%)	-940(-18.1%)	605 (14.3%)
Chancery Court	--	242 (1.8%)	1,277 (9.1%)	2,513 (16.4%)	447 (2.5%)	1,175 (6.4%)	3,018 (15.5%)	3,755 (16.7%)	3,327 (12.7%)	1,429 (4.8%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			5,334P(5.9%)	5,470P(5.7%)	NC (NC)	34,492 (3.9%)	109,160 (12.0%)	106,421 (10.4%)	162,327 (14.4%)
Circuit Court	--			5,334 (5.9%)	5,470 (5.7%)	-5,317 (-5.3%)	-410 (-0.4%)	5,951 (6.3%)	9,449 (9.4%)	10,791 (9.8%)
District Court	--						34,902 (4.5%)	103,209 (12.7%)	96,972 (10.6%)	151,536 (14.9%)
Washington--STATE TOTAL	3,611	2,652P(3.5%)	6,758P(8.7%)	NC (NC)	45,995 (5.6%)	46,044 (5.3%)	-26,885 (-2.9%)	76,300 (8.6%)	39,821 (4.1%)	42,118 (4.2%)
Superior Court	--	2,652 (3.5%)	6,758 (8.7%)	3,817 (4.5%)	3,742 (4.2%)	3,044 (3.3%)	4,722 (4.9%)	11,342 (11.3%)	5,163 (4.6%)	5,171 (4.4%)
Municipal and Police Court	--				23,264 (5.6%)	14,071 (3.2%)	-33,013 (-7.2%)	-8,071 (-1.9%)	-15,378 (-3.7%)	30,274 (7.6%)
District Court and Justices of the Peace	--				18,989 (6.0%)	28,929 (8.6%)	1,406 (0.4%)	73,029 (19.9%)	50,036 (11.4%)	6,673 (1.4%)
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770			46,141 (16.7%)	3,061 (1.0%)	15,367 (4.7%)	-11,202 (-3.3%)	-12 (-0.0%)	44,203 (13.4%)	29,313 (7.9%)
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575				12,134P(11.4%)	NC (NC)	22,171 (10.0%)	28,014 (11.5%)	44,349 (16.3%)	3,440 (1.1%)
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts	--						3,320 (4.3%)	13,590 (16.9%)	22,463 (23.9%)	2,614 (2.2%)
Water Court	--				1,169(135.1%)	12,029(591.4%)	-10,776(-76.6%)	-1,520(-46.2%)	-159 (-9.0%)	32 (2.0%)
County Court	--				10,965 (10.4%)	13,882 (11.9%)	29,627 (22.8%)	15,944 (10.0%)	22,045 (12.5%)	794 (0.4%)
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,326	1,030P(3.3%)	1,475P(4.6%)	NC (NC)	20,089 (8.3%)	145,505 (55.7%)	22,764 (5.6%)	71,448 (16.6%)	12,226 (2.4%)	97,384 (19.0%)
Circuit Court	--	1,010 (3.2%)	1,416 (4.4%)	4,124 (12.3%)	2,065 (5.5%)	1,750 (4.4%)	3,403 (8.2%)	6,044 (13.4%)	4,065 (8.0%)	1,837 (3.3%)
Tax Court	--	20 (18.0%)	59 (45.0%)	12 (6.3%)	-13 (-6.4%)	-14 (-7.4%)	48 (27.4%)	-75 (-33.6%)	84 (56.8%)	-51 (-22.0%)
District Court	--				18,037 (8.9%)	143,769 (65.0%)	19,313 (5.3%)	65,479 (17.0%)	8,077 (1.8%)	95,598 (20.9%)
Kansas--District Court	2,299	-477 (-1.6%)	520 (1.7%)	3,421 (11.2%)	1,108 (3.3%)	2,158 (6.1%)	-362 (-1.0%)	2,587 (7.0%)	2,504 (6.3%)	3,028 (7.2%)
Arizona--Superior Court	2,249						NC (NC)	10,926 (14.5%)	4,111 (4.8%)	-5,801 (-6.4%)
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,117	-322 (-0.7%)	4,771 (10.6%)	1,375 (2.8%)	1,153 (2.3%)	4,497 (8.6%)	4,161 (7.4%)	5,849 (9.6%)	5,175 (7.8%)	1,178 (1.6%)
Circuit Court	--	-631 (-3.3%)	2,896 (15.9%)	1,320 (6.2%)	-1,369 (-6.1%)	882 (4.2%)	2,988 (13.6%)	3,663 (14.7%)	4,153 (14.5%)	218 (0.7%)
Chancery Court	--	502 (3.0%)	1,431 (8.2%)	517 (2.7%)	1,888 (9.7%)	3,206 (15.0%)	1,292 (5.3%)	2,231 (8.6%)	736 (2.6%)	958 (3.3%)
Probate Court	--	-165 (-1.8%)	426 (4.8%)	-535 (-5.7%)	639 (7.3%)	402 (4.3%)	-119 (-1.2%)	-164 (-1.7%)	289 (3.0%)	125 (1.3%)
Court of Common Pleas	--	-28(-15.3%)	18 (11.6%)	73 (42.2%)	-5 (-2.0%)	7 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	119 (48.0%)	-3 (-0.8%)	-123(-33.8%)
Utah--District Court	1,232					1,786 (8.7%)	1,617 (7.2%)	**	**	-71 (-0.2%)
Rhode Island--STATE TOTAL	936						8,481 (11.2%)	7,580 (9.0%)	-4,896 (-5.3%)	-19,016(-21.9%)
Superior Court	--						144 (1.6%)	-156 (-1.7%)	1,115 (12.3%)	-197 (-1.9%)
District Court	--						8,337 (12.5%)	7,736 (10.3%)	-6,011 (-7.3%)	-18,819(-24.6%)
Idaho--District Court and Magistrates Division	833					46,518 (36.1%)	56,646 (32.3%)	9,523 (4.1%)	8,793 (3.6%)	12,209 (4.9%)
New Hampshire--Superior Court	827	927 (6.8%)	119 (0.8%)	1,344 (9.1%)	409 (2.5%)	1,932 (11.7%)	1,516 (8.2%)	2,057 (10.3%)	1,745 (7.9%)	470 (2.0%)

Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	NC (NC)	12,308 (15.8%)	4,394 (4.9%)	4,971 (5.3%)	9,724 (9.8%)	-3,258 (-3.0%)	3,344 (3.2%)	26,936 (24.3%)	3,543 (2.6%)
Superior Court	--	382 (8.3%)	631 (12.6%)	556 (9.9%)	372 (6.0%)	2,079 (31.6%)	-360 (-4.2%)	257 (3.1%)	2,714 (31.8%)	-2,592(-23.0%)
Court of Chancery	--	-35(-12.5%)	44 (18.0%)	62 (21.5%)	4 (1.1%)	1 (0.3%)	-16 (-4.5%)	113 (33.3%)	-66(-14.6%)	22 (5.7%)
Court of Common Pleas	--	44 (1.3%)	968 (28.3%)	471 (10.7%)	405 (8.3%)	-2 (-0.0%)	1,176 (22.4%)	343 (5.3%)	1,596 (23.5%)	741 (8.8%)
Family Court	--		779 (5.2%)	292 (1.9%)	1,685 (10.5%)	-3,875(-21.9%)	507 (3.7%)	2,819 (19.7%)	4,093 (23.9%)	751 (3.5%)
Justice of the Peace Court	--		9,886 (18.3%)	3,013 (4.7%)	2,505 (3.7%)	11,521 (16.6%)	-4,565 (-5.6%)	-188 (-0.2%)	18,199 (23.8%)	4,621 (4.9%)
Civil cases										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	NC (NC)	-37,899 (-5.1%)	18,576 (2.6%)	-24,187 (-3.3%)	17,551 (2.5%)	67,151 (9.3%)	59,214 (7.5%)	92,957 (11.0%)	-4,194 (-0.4%)
Superior Court	--		-152 (-0.2%)	7,033 (7.9%)	8,587 (9.0%)	6,442 (6.2%)	9,503 (8.6%)	17,690 (14.7%)	18,777 (13.6%)	11,120 (7.1%)
Justice Court	--	-12,736(-13.3%)	-11,048(-13.3%)	-4,922 (-6.8%)	-8,025(-12.0%)	1,033 (1.8%)	5,103 (8.5%)	2,188 (3.4%)	1,794 (2.7%)	-11,103(-16.1%)
Municipal Court	--	-47,365 (-7.6%)	-26,699 (-4.7%)	16,465 (3.0%)	-24,749 (-4.4%)	10,076 (1.9%)	52,545 (9.6%)	39,336 (6.6%)	72,386 (11.3%)	-4,211 (-0.6%)
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	2,941 (3.7%)	-218 (-0.3%)	4,831 (5.9%)	4,223 (4.8%)	9,426 (10.3%)	10,645 (10.6%)	5,729 (5.1%)	10,083 (8.6%)	-305 (-0.2%)
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,339	1,762 (0.7%)	1,199 (0.5%)	40,114 (15.5%)	22,790 (7.6%)	10,550 (3.3%)	19,419 (5.8%)	15,407 (4.4%)	28,138 (7.7%)	25,607 (6.5%)
Superior Court and County Court	--	4,072 (9.3%)	-1,257 (-2.6%)	1,370 (3.0%)	1,110 (2.3%)	3,520 (7.2%)	5,936 (11.3%)	-1,465 (-2.5%)	6,330 (11.1%)	1,646 (2.6%)
County District Court	--	-2,233 (-1.2%)	-8,060 (-4.3%)	34,817 (19.3%)	22,057 (10.2%)	1,665 (0.7%)	12,530 (5.2%)	8,921 (3.5%)	20,277 (7.8%)	12,976 (4.6%)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	--	-77 (-0.4%)	10,516 (50.0%)	3,927 (12.5%)	-377 (-1.1%)	5,365 (15.3%)	953 (2.4%)	7,951 (19.2%)	1,531 (3.1%)	10,985 (21.6%)
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						22,870 (14.6%)	34,031 (18.9%)	16,458 (7.7%)	5,237 (2.3%)
Superior Court	--						241 (2.9%)	1,575 (18.6%)	854 (8.5%)	-145 (-1.3%)
District Court	--						22,629 (15.2%)	32,456 (18.9%)	15,604 (7.7%)	5,382 (2.5%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,787						-2,659 (-4.1%)	3,332 (5.3%)	7,723 (11.6%)	160 (0.2%)
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,234	6,682 (14.5%)	5,878 (11.1%)	4,856 (8.3%)	-3,394 (-5.3%)	1,055 (1.8%)	5,523 (9.0%)	8,108 (12.2%)	5,608 (7.5%)	2,795 (3.5%)
Circuit Court	--	6,620 (22.3%)	3,930 (10.8%)	2,379 (5.9%)	-3,949 (-9.3%)	-784 (-2.0%)	1,709 (4.5%)	3,761 (9.5%)	3,221 (7.4%)	761 (1.6%)
Law and Equity Court	--	-180 (-7.0%)	671 (28.1%)	-36 (-1.2%)	108 (3.6%)	664 (21.2%)	796 (21.0%)	592 (12.9%)	-940(-18.1%)	605 (14.3%)
Chancery Court	--	242 (1.8%)	1,277 (9.1%)	2,513 (16.4%)	447 (2.5%)	1,175 (6.4%)	3,018 (15.5%)	3,755 (16.7%)	3,327 (12.7%)	1,429 (4.8%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,125			3,283[P] (6.5%)	4,318[P] (8.0%)	NC (NC)	20,836 (7.5%)	46,824 (15.7%)	11,278 (3.3%)	38,439 (10.8%)
Circuit Court	--			3,283 (6.5%)	4,318 (8.0%)	-7,394(-12.8%)	2,010 (4.0%)	1,315 (2.5%)	3,414 (6.3%)	4,828 (8.4%)
District Court	--						18,826 (8.3%)	45,509 (18.5%)	7,864 (2.7%)	33,611 (11.2%)
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,102	-450 (-1.8%)	1,007 (4.1%)	3,262 (12.7%)	-2,440 (-8.4%)	1,294 (4.9%)	236 (0.8%)	2,672 (9.5%)	18,125 (58.9%)	7,687 (15.7%)
Superior Court	--	316 (1.9%)	277 (1.6%)	1,834 (10.4%)	-1,178 (-6.1%)	1,601 (8.8%)	457 (2.3%)	2,891 (14.3%)	1,833 (7.9%)	790 (3.2%)
Court of Common Pleas	--	-766 (-9.3%)	730 (9.8%)	1,428 (17.4%)	-1,262(-13.1%)	-307 (-3.7%)	-221 (-2.7%)	-219 (-2.8%)	16,292(214.1%)	6,897 (28.9%)
Oklahoma--District Court	2,770			17,475 (17.8%)	5,503 (4.8%)	9,297 (7.7%)	12,555 (9.6%)	13,598 (9.5%)	9,822 (6.3%)	2,670 (1.6%)
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,575				763[P] (5.1%)	NC (NC)	-5,496 (-6.7%)	10,015 (13.1%)	19,411 (22.4%)	8,203 (7.7%)
District Court, and Denver Superior and Probate Courts	--						3,460 (6.4%)	8,094 (14.1%)	14,545 (22.1%)	1,809 (2.3%)
Water Court	--				1,169(135.1%)	12,029(591.4%)	-10,776(-76.6%)	-1,520(-46.2%)	-159 (-9.0%)	32 (2.0%)
County Court	--				-406 (-2.9%)	286 (2.1%)	1,820 (13.0%)	3,441 (21.8%)	5,025 (26.1%)	6,362 (26.2%)
Oregon--Tax Court	2,326	20 (18.0%)	59 (45.0%)	12 (6.3%)	-13 (-6.4%)	-14 (-7.4%)	48 (27.4%)	-75(-33.6%)	84 (56.8%)	-51(-22.0%)
Kansas--District Court	2,299			2,742 (10.5%)	1,089 (3.8%)	1,823 (6.1%)	-161 (-0.5%)	2,003 (6.4%)	1,821 (5.4%)	2,499 (7.1%)
Utah--District Court	1,232					1,608 (8.6%)	1,387 (6.9%)	N/A	N/A	-496 (-1.9%)
Rhode Island--District Court	936						597 (2.3%)	4,479 (16.8%)	2,118 (6.8%)	-4,309(-12.9%)
New Hampshire--Superior Court	827	397 (3.4%)	59 (0.5%)	608 (5.0%)	127 (1.0%)	868 (6.7%)	1,328 (9.7%)	1,765 (11.7%)	569 (3.4%)	360 (2.1%)
District of Columbia--Superior Court	700						-544 (-0.3%)	-4,662 (-2.8%)	1,850 (1.1%)	-5,173 (-3.1%)
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	582	-5 (-0.1%)	1,305 (28.8%)	323 (5.5%)	-75 (-1.2%)	396 (6.5%)	1,438 (22.2%)	91 (1.1%)	2,667 (33.3%)	-2,029(-19.0%)
Superior Court	--	139 (4.6%)	959 (30.7%)	20 (0.5%)	-24 (-0.6%)	557 (13.6%)	618 (13.3%)	113 (2.1%)	1,804 (33.6%)	-2,291(-31.9%)
Court of Chancery	--	-35(-12.5%)	44 (18.0%)	62 (21.5%)	4 (1.1%)	1 (0.3%)	-16 (-4.5%)	113 (33.3%)	-66(-14.6%)	22 (5.7%)
Court of Common Pleas	--	-109 (-8.6%)	302 (26.1%)	241 (16.5%)	-55 (-3.2%)	-162 (-9.8%)	836 (56.3%)	-135 (-5.8%)	929 (42.5%)	240 (7.7%)
Criminal cases										
California--STATE TOTAL	21,522	14,441 (2.3%)	48,969 (7.7%)	60,414 (8.8%)	-190 (-0.0%)	-1,501 (-0.2%)	4,467 (-0.6%)	-84 (-0.0%)	32,857 (4.4%)	513 (0.1%)
Superior Court	--	8,739 (18.9%)	13,092 (23.8%)	3,263 (4.8%)	4,964 (7.0%)	-10,899(-14.3%)	-3,882 (-5.9%)	-6,970(-11.3%)	1,000 (1.8%)	-729 (-1.3%)
Justice Court	--	-4,127 (-4.4%)	-542 (-0.6%)	2,326 (2.6%)	-1,205 (-1.3%)	3,364 (3.7%)	3,460 (3.7%)	562 (0.6%)	-736 (-0.8%)	-13,481(-13.8%)
Municipal Court	--	9,829 (2.0%)	36,419 (7.4%)	54,825 (10.3%)	-3,949 (-0.7%)	6,034 (1.0%)	-4,045 (-0.7%)	6,324 (1.1%)	32,593 (5.5%)	14,723 (2.4%)
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,802						-5,152 (-7.7%)	4,969 (8.0%)	11,094 (16.5%)	-1,839 (-2.4%)
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	10,690						966 (4.0%)	3,661 (14.6%)	2,772 (9.6%)	-1,027 (-3.3%)
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,113	1,209 (8.6%)	499 (3.3%)	2,253 (14.2%)	2,281 (12.6%)	-1,344 (-6.6%)	943 (5.0%)	1,689 (8.5%)	4,532 (20.9%)	235 (0.9%)
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	7,339	2,263 (15.3%)	3,174 (18.6%)	2,578 (12.8%)	5,096 (22.4%)	4,269 (15.3%)	-3,311(-10.3%)	-797 (-2.8%)	3,467 (12.4%)	180 (0.6%)
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL	5,462						29,705 (2.9%)	65,249 (6.1%)	38,393 (3.4%)	-76,796 (-6.5%)
Superior Court	--						2,066 (5.1%)	4,269 (10.1%)	6,877 (14.7%)	-958 (-1.8%)
District Court	--						27,639 (2.8%)	60,980 (5.9%)	31,516 (2.9%)	-75,838 (-6.8%)

Footnotes are at the end of the table.

Table 50: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, juvenile) year to year for trial courts, 1967-1976. Table 50, page 3

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed: 1967 to 1968	1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
Criminal cases										
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787						-877 (-5.7%)	1,892 (13.1%)	1,419 (8.7%)	320 (1.8%)
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,234	571 (3.3%)	1,333 (7.4%)	1,489 (7.7%)	992 (4.7%)	-1,778 (-8.1%)	1,849 (9.2%)	4,630 (21.1%)	2,879 (10.8%)	147 (0.5%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			1,694P(7.3%)	-2,666P(-10.7%)	NC (NC)	-3,567 (-2.7%)	12,673 (9.8%)	24,827 (17.4%)	19,335 (11.6%)
Circuit Court.....	--			1,694 (7.3%)	-2,666(-10.7%)	-1,762 (-7.9%)	535 (2.6%)	3,522 (16.7%)	5,003 (20.3%)	4,138 (14.0%)
District Court.....	--						-4,102 (-3.6%)	9,151 (8.4%)	19,824 (16.8%)	15,197 (11.0%)
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,770			28,666 (16.1%)	-2,442 (-1.2%)	6,070 (3.0%)	-23,757(-11.3%)	-13,610 (-7.3%)	34,381 (19.9%)	26,643 (12.9%)
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,575				11,371P(12.5%)	NC (NC)	27,125 (21.4%)	13,963 (9.1%)	20,454 (12.2%)	-5,803 (-3.1%)
District Court and Denver Superior Court.....	--						-682 (-6.6%)	1,460 (15.1%)	3,434 (30.8%)	-235 (-1.6%)
County Court.....	--				11,371 (12.5%)	13,596 (13.3%)	27,807 (23.9%)	12,503 (8.7%)	17,020 (10.9%)	-5,568 (-3.2%)
Kansas--District Court.....	2,299			679 (14.7%)	19 (0.4%)	335 (6.3%)	-201 (-3.6%)	584 (10.7%)	683 (11.3%)	529 (7.9%)
Utah--District Court.....	1,232					178 (9.3%)	230 (11.0%)	N/A	N/A	425 (16.1%)
Rhode Island--District Court.....	936						7,740 (19.2%)	3,257 (6.8%)	-8,129(-15.8%)	-14,510(-33.5%)
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	827	530 (26.6%)	60 (2.4%)	736 (28.5%)	282 (8.5%)	1,064 (29.5%)	188 (4.0%)	292 (6.0%)	1,176 (22.9%)	110 (1.7%)
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						3,424 (4.6%)	16,262 (20.9%)	10,782 (11.4%)	11,608 (11.1%)
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	582	772 (7.1%)	281 (2.4%)	-173 (-1.5%)	1,083 (9.3%)	2,728 (21.3%)	121 (0.8%)	-28 (-0.2%)	2,527 (16.2%)	169 (0.9%)
Superior Court.....	--	243 (14.8%)	-328(-17.4%)	536 (34.4%)	396 (18.9%)	1,522 (61.1%)	-969(-24.2%)	135 (4.4%)	910 (28.6%)	-301 (-7.4%)
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	153 (7.3%)	666 (29.5%)	230 (7.9%)	460 (14.6%)	160 (4.4%)	340 (9.0%)	478 (11.6%)	667 (14.5%)	501 (9.5%)
Municipal Court of Wilmington.....	--	376 (5.3%)	-57 (-0.8%)	-939(-12.7%)	227 (3.5%)	1,046 (15.7%)	750 (9.7%)	-641 (-7.6%)	950 (12.1%)	-31 (-0.4%)
Juvenile Cases										
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,802						2,324 (9.4%)	8,026 (29.6%)	4,762 (13.6%)	-2,798 (-7.0%)
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court...	7,339	5,920 (19.8%)	6,314 (17.6%)	8,104 (19.2%)	3,277 (6.5%)	5,235 (9.8%)	5,036 (8.6%)	8,483 (13.3%)	10,322 (14.3%)	1,827 (2.2%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,787						652 (4.1%)	724 (4.4%)	1,590 (9.3%)	-1,822 (-9.7%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,125			449 (2.5%)	3,581 (19.5%)	3,582 (16.3%)	-2,627(-10.3%)	1,656 (7.2%)	803 (3.3%)	3,043 (12.0%)
Circuit Court.....	--			357 (2.2%)	3,818 (23.0%)	3,839 (18.8%)	-2,955(-12.2%)	1,114 (5.2%)	1,032 (4.6%)	1,825 (7.8%)
District Court.....	--			92 (5.7%)	-237(-13.8%)	-257(-17.4%)	328 (26.9%)	542 (35.1%)	-229(-11.0%)	1,218 (65.5%)
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court..	2,575						542 (4.3%)	4,036 (30.4%)	4,484 (25.9%)	1,040 (4.8%)
New Hampshire--District Court and Municipal Court....	827	339 (18.4%)	495 (22.6%)	60 (2.2%)	171 (6.2%)	-29 (-1.0%)	697 (24.2%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	700						182 (2.4%)	-75 (-1.0%)	-16 (-0.2%)	-365 (-4.7%)

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

Total cases:
- Arizona Superior Court--the 1972 figure does not include juvenile data for five counties.
- Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.
- Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
- Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.
- Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.
- Idaho District Court and Magistrates Division--does not include appeals.
- Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences data.
- Maryland District Court--the criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the of defendants.
- North Carolina District Court--does not include juvenile data.
- Oklahoma District Court--does not include criminal extraordinary writs.
- Oregon Circuit Court--does not include adoption, probate, mental health, or juvenile data.
- Oregon District Court--does not include domestic relations, probate, or mental health data.
- Washington District Court and Justices of the Peace--does not include Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.
- Washington Municipal and Police Court--includes Municipal and Police Court cases that are processed by the District Court.

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

Civil cases:
- California Superior Court--includes only auto tort, non-auto tort, and other complaints.
- Colorado Water Court--original filings only; no postjudgment actions.
- Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
- Connecticut Superior Court--does not include appeals.
- Connecticut Court of Common Pleas--does not include civil--geographical areas or small claims cases.
- Delaware Superior Court--does not include involuntary commitments.
- Delaware Chancery Court--includes only other civil cases.
- Oklahoma District Court--includes civil and juvenile cases.

Criminal cases:
- California Superior Court--includes only felony cases.
- Colorado County Court--does not include data for the Denver County Court.
- Kansas District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.
- Maryland Circuit Court--does not include review of sentences or adult offenses against juveniles cases.
- Maryland District Court--does not include adult offenses against juveniles cases. The criminal case unit of count used is the number of charges instead of the number of defendants.
- North Carolina District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases.
- Oklahoma District Court--includes criminal and traffic cases; does not include criminal extraordinary writs.

Blank space = Data were not provided in the 1976 source documents.
N/A = This type of case is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

PData were not available for all courts in the state. Only courts with data are included in this number.
**The missing data for Utah in 1974 was the result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

General conclusions

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

With this vast amount of data, questions of reliability and validity arise. Murphy's Law can be applied to statistics and, in this case, addresses reliability and validity questions. "Any error that can creep into calculation will--and will always be in the direction that causes the most damage to the calculation," and "in any collection of data, the figures that are obviously correct will contain errors." The above is not meant to be humorous, but to emphasize the fact that, when dealing with large amounts of data, such as for the trial courts, even though various controls to correct any errors are implemented, the possibility of error remains.

One final point is that there is much room for improvement. More data and more complete data are needed to make comparisons that can lead to accurate conclusions. Many courts, court administrators, and judges will benefit through the achievement of these goals.

Part II
State court statistical profiles

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The following section begins with blank prototypes of the three different types of tables that make up the profile of the court system of each 'state'. The first prototype is a diagram depicting the organization of the courts within a 'state', including number of judges and number of courts, their jurisdictions and routes of appeal. The second and third prototype tables provide the reader with an outline of the case categories into which actual data from appellate and trial courts have been classified.

Following the blank prototypes are the 'state' statistical profiles which contain the actual court caseload statistics. 'State' profiles are arranged in alphabetical order by 'state' name with the organization chart for the 'state' court system presented first, followed by the statistical profiles for the court(s) of last resort, intermediate appellate court(s) (if any), general jurisdiction court(s), and limited or special jurisdiction court(s) (if any).

The statistical profile for each court is the basic source document used in compiling the summary tables in Part I. Along with the name of the court, the level of the court, the number of court divisions, the number of judges, and the time span covered by the data, each profile shows the actual caseflow data reported by that court. Data are classified into the general categories chosen by the NCSP as being most representative of the kinds of data reported by the states. For example, a divorce action or a reciprocal support case reported by a trial court is displayed under the general heading of **domestic relations** for **civil** caseflow. NCSP classifications are shown in the prototypes and appear in boldface on the statistical profiles.

Footnotes are used in these statistical profiles to explain any peculiarities regarding the data as reported by each court and to qualify data, as necessary, when transferred from the statistical profiles to the summary tables in Part I. Standard footnote headings, as indicated on the prototypes, have been adopted for use in this report and will continue to be used in the annual report series. These standard headings give the subject matter of the footnote; if further explanation is needed, informational statements are provided on the profiles under the standard footnote heading. Only the standard footnote headings are displayed on the summary tables in Part I. For example, on Tables 17 and 19, the total pending cases for the Alaska Superior Court are footnoted (i). The standard footnote heading for footnote (i) is "Data are not complete". In the statistical profile for the Alaska Superior Court, the explanation under footnote (i) indicates that juvenile cases are not included in the grand total pending figures.

In addition to the 14 standard footnotes used on the statistical profiles, 3 additional standard footnotes have been used in Part I for summary tables. These are footnote (p) indicating that data were not available for all courts, footnote (r) indicating that the total includes **traffic** cases other than **parking**, and footnote (s) indicating that the total includes **traffic (DWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations)** data.

In Part II the source of data is indicated at the bottom of each state court profile. A complete listing of sources is included in Appendix A.

State court system, 1976

COURT OF LAST RESORT
Number of justices

Jurisdiction:
- Exclusive
- Kinds of appeals
- Discretionary review

↑

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT (Number of courts)
Number of judges

Jurisdiction:
- Original
- Exclusive

↑

GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS (Number of courts)
Number of judges

Jurisdiction:
- Civil
- Criminal
- Juvenile

Appeals heard
Jury trial/no jury trial

↑

LIMITED AND SPECIAL JURISDICTION COURTS (Number of courts)
Number of judges

Jurisdiction:
- Civil
- Criminal
- Juvenile

Jury trial/no jury trial

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

STATE NAME, COURT NAME
Court of last resort or intermediate appellate court
Number of court divisions, Number of judges
Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil				
Criminal				
Postconviction remedy				
Administrative agency				
Juvenile				
Total appeals	___	___	___	___
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Original jurisdiction				
Disciplinary matter				
Advisory opinion cases				
Total				
Requests to appeal:				
Civil				
Criminal				
Postconviction remedy				
Administrative agency				
Juvenile				
Total				
Sentence review only				
Total other cases	___	___	___	___
Total cases				
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests				
Other matters				
Total other proceedings	___	___	___	___

Manner of disposition

Opinion
Memorandum decision
Order (decision without opinion)
Dismissed/withdrawn/settled
Transferred
Other

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed
Modified
Reversed
Reversed and remanded
Remanded

Time interval[n] (months/days)

	Notice of appeal to ready for hearing		Ready for hearing to under advisement (submission or oral argument		Under advisement (submission or oral argument) to decision		Notice of appeal to decision	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Appeals								

Age of pending cases (days)

	Not ready for hearing								Ready for hearing			Under advisement (Submitted or oral argument completed)			
	Awaiting court reporter's transcript			Awaiting appellant's brief			Awaiting respondent's brief								
	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days	Average age of pending cases
Appeals																
Original proceedings																
Requests to appeal																

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

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information.
[l]Special source or revision in data.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data.

STATE NAME, COURT NAME
Court of general jurisdiction or court of limited jurisdiction
Number of circuits on districts, Number of judges
Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
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				
Criminal[d]:				
Felony				
Misdemeanor				
Felony/misdemeanor				
Ordinance violations				
Felony preliminary				
Other criminal				
Appeals				
Extraordinary writs	___	___	___	___
Total criminal				
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI				
Parking				
Other traffic violations	___	___	___	___
Total traffic				
Juvenile:				
Delinquency				
Dependency and neglect				
Status offenses				
Other juvenile	___	___	___	___
Total juvenile				
Grand total				

Trial[d]	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil			
Criminal			
Traffic			
Juvenile			
Total			

Civil dispositions	
Uncontested/default	
Dismissed/withdrawn/settled	
Transferred	
Arbitration	

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	
Trial conviction	
Bail forfeiture	
Total conviction	
Acquittal	
Dismissed/nolle prosequi	

Traffic dispositions	
Guilty plea	
Trial conviction	
Bail forfeiture	
Total conviction	
Acquittal	
Dismissed/nolle prosequi	
Parking fines	

Time interval (days)		
Age at disposition:	Mean	Median
Civil		
Criminal		
Traffic		
Juvenile		

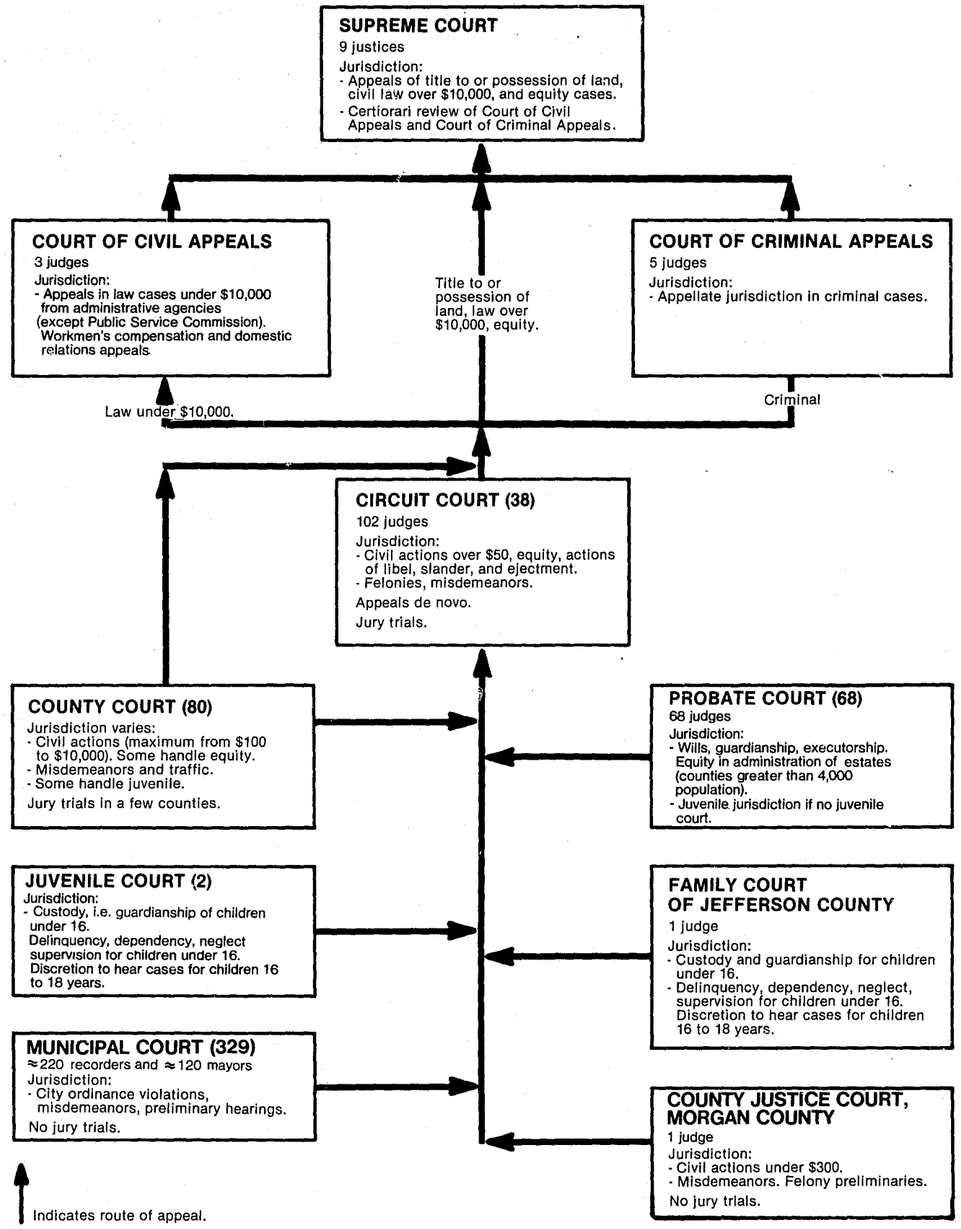
Age of pending cases (days)					
	0-90 days	91-180 days	181-360 days	361-720 days	Over 720 days	Average age of pending cases
Civil						
Criminal						
Traffic						
Juvenile						

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--- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
Civil definition.
Criminal case unit of count.
Jury trial definition.
Non-jury trial definition.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information.
[l]Special source or revision in the data.
[m]Disposition type or trial data.
[n]Time interval or age of pending cases data.

Source:

Alabama court system, 1976



ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	0	243[j]	243	0
Total appeals	0	243[j]	243	0
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition[k]	0	28[j]	28	0
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writ of certiorari	0	38	38	0
Petitions for writs of certiorari for preliminary examination	0	201	201	0
Total	0	229[j]	229	0
Total other cases	0	267[j]	267	0
Total cases	0	510[j]	510	0
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Requests for advisory opinion	0	9	9	0
Miscellaneous matters	0	39	39	0
Total	0	48	48	0
Total other proceedings	0	48	48	0

Manner of disposition[m]
Written opinion 285
Transferred or dismissed by agreement 4

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed cases as displayed are "cases submitted," indicating the number of cases ready for adjudication. There were 378 appeals and extraordinary writs docketed and 217 petitions for certiorari docketed. These 595 "cases docketed" indicate the total number of cases entering the system, but only 510 cases were submitted to the court.
[k]Additional information:
Petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition include 24 petitions for mandamus disposed with no written opinion.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Manner of disposition categories are for appeals, petitions for writs of certiorari, and petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition with written opinion.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 judges
October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[a]:				
Cases	0	186[j]	186	0
Total appeals	0	186[j]	186	0
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	0	186[j]	186	0

Manner of disposition
Cases decided 186

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in civil appeal cases only.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed cases include only those completed cases submitted to a judge either on oral argument or submitted on brief.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
5 judges
October 7, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal[a]	523[f,j]	1,084	933[i]	671[g,j]
Total appeals[j]	523[f]	1,084	933[i]	671[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases				
Total cases	523[f]	1,084	933[i]	671[g]

Manner of disposition
Opinion 396

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in criminal appeal cases only.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases disposed do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Beginning pending is the number of cases brought forward from the 1974-75 term. It includes cases pending on certiorari in the Supreme Court of Alabama and the Supreme Court of the United States and those in which appeals have not been perfected (all necessary documents filed).
End pending is the number of cases carried forward to the 1976-77 term. There were no submitted cases carried over to the 1976-77 term.
Total appeals include requests to appeal as well as appeals.
Requests to appeal are reported as appeals.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
38 circuits, 102 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Original civil	X	25,123	X	X
Auto tort:				
Motor vehicle	X	6,966	X	X
Equity	X	5,106	X	X
Domestic relations	X	39,096	X	X
Appeals	X	1,725	X	X
Total civil	46,052[f,h]	78,016	75,052	49,016
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments	X	18,454	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	1,139	X	X
Total	X	19,593	X	X
Appeals	X	5,873	X	X
Total criminal	10,553[f,h]	25,466	25,451	10,568
Grand total	56,605[f,h]	103,482	100,503	59,584

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	X	X	28,764
Criminal	1,808	908	2,716
Total	X	X	31,480

Civil dispositions
Dismissed/settled 45,394

Criminal dispositions
Dismissal/nolle prosequi ... 7,513
Guilty plea 15,136

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.
A trial is counted if tried to completion.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Statistics are from unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
80 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

ALABAMA JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
68 courts, 68 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

FAMILY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

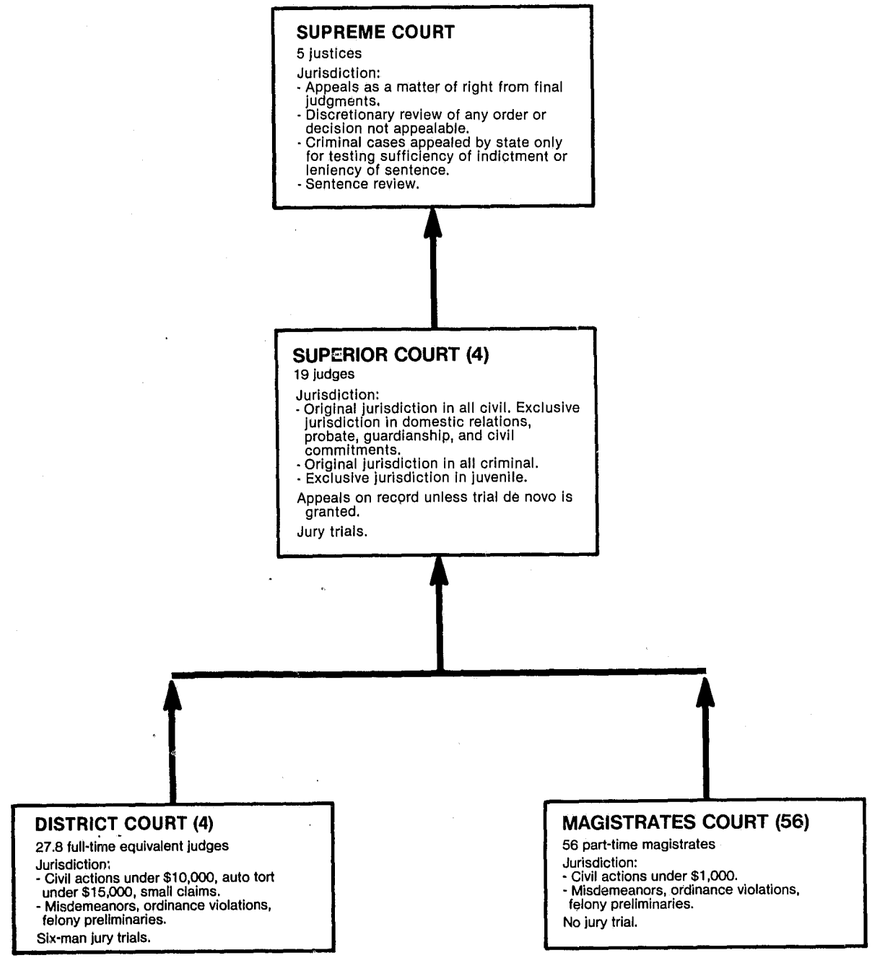
ALABAMA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
329 courts; ≈ 220 recorders, ≈ 120 mayors
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

COUNTY JUSTICE COURT, MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

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

Alaska court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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ALASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil and cross appeals	147[l]	214	141	220
Criminal	71[l]	113	58	126
Juvenile	6	7	9	4
Total appeals	224	334	208	350
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	1	16	12	5
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review	16	86	82	20
Sentence review:				
Sentence appeal	17	32	33	16
Total other cases	34	134	127	41
Total cases	258	468	335	391

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	133
Mandate opinion	13
Order of court	2
Dismissed	135
Review denied	52

Disposition of appeals[m]

Affirmed	47
Reversed and remanded	40[m]
Affirmed in part/ reversed in part	14
Reversed	6
Remanded	2

Time interval[n] (median months/days)

Bringing an appeal to issue	10 months 24 days
Disposing an appeal by opinion	4 months 11 days

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figure was revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Disposition of appeals categories are for civil appeals, criminal appeals, and petitions for review.
Reversed and remanded criminal disposition figure does not reflect actual reversals of criminal convictions. Five of the reversed cases are petitions for review of appeals brought by the State of Alaska in criminal matters.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for regular civil and criminal appeals. The time period for bringing an appeal to issue begins with the date of the filing of an appeal in the clerk's office and ends at the time the appeal is heard or assigned on briefs. The time period for disposing an appeal by opinion is computed by starting from the date the case is heard or assigned on the briefs and ending with the date of publication of the opinion.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977); and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976." Statistics are from the annual report and clerk's memo except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the court.

ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 districts, 19 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Civil damage	X	870	X	X
Contract:				
Debts, contracts, and notes	X	1,190	X	X
Property rights:				
Housing, real estate	X	450	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	4,190	X	X
Reciprocal support	X	1,058	X	X
Other	X	288	X	X
Adoption	X	622	X	X
Total	X	6,158	X	X
Probate:				
Estates	X	547	X	X
Guardianship	X	18	X	X
Probate waiver	X	90	X	X
Protective	X	125	X	X
Other	X	19	X	X
Total	X	799	X	X
Mental health:				
Sanity	X	203	X	X
Administrative:				
Administrative review	X	96	X	X
Other civil:				
Other	X	983	X	X
Total civil	7,382[h]	10,749	8,604	9,527

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Alaska Superior Court (continued)

Criminal[d]:				
Felony	531	782	898	415
Misdemeanor	X	33	X	X
Other criminal:				
Probation revocation	X	57	X	X
Other	X	34	X	X
Total	X	91	X	X
Appeals:				
From District Court	X	50	X	X
To Supreme Court	X	35	X	X
Total	X	85	X	X
Total criminal	564[f]	991	1,077	480[g]
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	1,223[h]	X	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency	N/A	76[h]	X	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	211[h]	X	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	1,510	1,133	N/A
Grand total	7,946[fi]	13,250	10,814	10,007[i]

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	48	243	291
Criminal (felony)	118	18	136
Total	166	261	427

Civil dispositions[m]

Default	437
Withdrawn	714
Judgment	315
Dismissed	511

Criminal (felony) dispositions

Guilty plea	429
Trial conviction	100
Total conviction	561
Acquitted	31
Dismissed	244
Mistrial with dismissal	3

Time interval (days)

Age at disposition[n]:	Average	Median
Domestic relations	202	80
Probate	361	71
Other civil	474	275
Felony	155	102
All other criminal	163	72

Age of pending cases[n] 12/31/76 (days)

	Average	Median
Domestic relations	257	207
Probate	834	568
Other civil	358	285
Felony	313	195
All other criminal	365	329

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments. Some occur after preliminary hearings in District Court.
A trial is counted if tried to judgment.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
The juvenile filing figure for each category was derived from the percent of formal petitions for each category multiplied by the total number of formal petitions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include juvenile cases.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil jury trial and civil disposition data are for civil damages; debts, contracts, and notes; housing, real estate; administrative review; and other civil cases. Civil non-jury trials also include domestic relations (divorce, reciprocal support, other) cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Age at disposition and age of pending data represent those categories listed in the annual report.
These categories include the following case types:
All other criminal--misdemeanors, probation revocation, other appeals from District Court, and appeals to Supreme Court.
Domestic relations--divorce, reciprocal support, and other.
Probate--estates, guardianship, probate waiver, protective, other, adoption, and sanity.
Other civil--civil damage; debts, contracts, and notes; housing, real estate; administrative review; and other.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 27.8 full-time equivalent judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Civil damage	X	461	X	X
Contract:				
Debt, contract, and notes	X	2,406	X	X
Small claims	2,490[h]	4,985	3,747	3,728
Other civil:				
Other	X	800	X	X
Total civil	5,076[h]	8,652	6,784	6,944
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	4,605	18,452	17,041	6,046[g]
Felony preliminary	476	1,449	1,359	573[g]
Other criminal	271	1,434	1,266	411[g]
Total criminal	5,352	21,335	19,666	7,030[g]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	14,156	59,002	56,419	16,794[g]
Grand total	24,584	88,989	82,869	30,768[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	NH	585	585
All other civil	15	202	217
Total	15	787	802
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	447	491	938
Traffic	NH	1,494	1,494
Total	462	2,772	3,234

Civil dispositions[m]

Default	1,101
Withdrawn	1,138
Judgment	244
Dismissal	249

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Felony preliminary
Guilty/no contest plea	11,463	--
Trial conviction	612	--
Total conviction	12,075	--
Acquittal	285	--
Dismissal	3,567	653
Reduced to misdemeanor	--	154
Moved to Superior Court	--	543

Traffic dispositions

Trial conviction	1,095
Total conviction	38,524

Time interval (days)

Age at disposition:	Average	Median
Small claims	196	83
All other civil	282	151
Misdemeanor[n]	48	17
Felony preliminary	47	18
Other criminal	69	22
Traffic	189	172

Age of pending cases 12/31/76 (days)

	Average	Median
Small claims	289	272
All other civil	281	263
Misdemeanor	232	119
Other criminal	291	293
Felony preliminary	182	166

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
NH = This classification is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to judgment.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil dispositions do not include disposition of small claims cases.

[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Misdemeanor age at disposition is measured from first appearance to dismissal, acquittal, or sentencing.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA MAGISTRATES COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
56 courts, 56 part-time magistrates
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

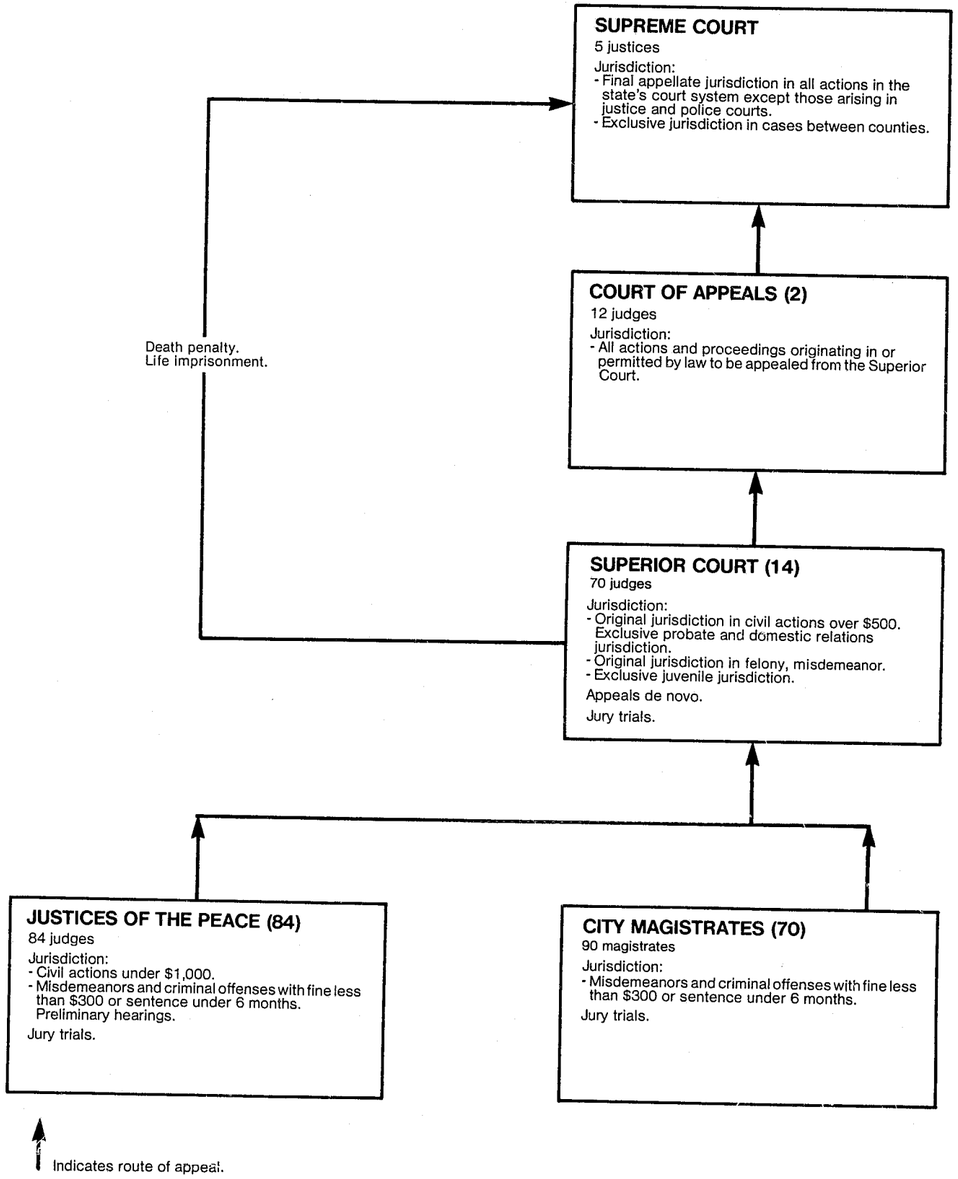
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	302	193	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	1,461	1,372	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	99	67	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	1,560	1,439	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	680	715	N/A
Grand total	N/A	2,542	2,347	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Arizona court system, 1976



ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	15	35	26	24
Criminal	201	169	155	215
Delayed appeals	0	7	4	3
Total appeals[j]	216	211	185	242
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	0	21	19	2
Special actions[j]	21	170	171	20
Bar matters	3	29	26	6
Petitions for review[j]	65[f]	592	603	54
Total	89	812	819	82
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	89	812	819	82
Total cases	305	1,023	1,004	324
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous	0	40	39	1
Total other proceedings	0	40	39	1

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	185	Affirmed	163
Memorandum	84	Reversed	43
Terminated without written opinion	774	Reversed and remanded	33
		Remanded	28
		Dismissed[m]	776

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals (civil, criminal, and delayed) include cases transferred in from the Arizona Court of Appeals.
Special actions include mandamus, probibition, and quo warranto cases.
Petitions for review are requests for review of Court of Appeals cases (or portions thereof) that are heard as a matter of right. They are not necessarily processed as a regular appeal.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Dismissed includes special actions declined and petitions for review.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the administrative director.

ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
2 divisions, 12 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	473	599	482	590
Criminal	633	1,000	978	655
Delayed appeals	7	0	7	0
Industrial Commission	102	243	217	128
Juvenile	5	9	13	1
Total appeals[j]	1,220	1,851	1,697	1,374
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus[j]	2	2	2	2
Special actions[j]	32	160	173	19
Petitions for review	0	4	4	0
Total	34	166	179	21
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	34	166	179	21
Total cases	1,254	2,017	1,876	1,395

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	449
Memorandum	619
Terminated without opinion	647

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals filed (civil and criminal) are net figures after appeals transferred in are added.
Appeals disposed (civil and criminal) include appeals transferred out and appeals disposed by the court.
Habeas corpus appeals are counted as civil appeals by Division 2 of the Court of Appeals.
Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 70 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil[j]	29,723	28,992	29,138	29,577
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	9,797	22,025	23,231	8,591
Adoption[i]	1,415[f]	1,638	1,440	1,506[g]
Reciprocal support[i]	5,046[f]	2,389	1,900	6,176[g]
Total	16,258[fi]	26,052	26,571	16,273[gi]
Probate[i]	6,743[fi]	7,130	6,013	7,272[gi]
Mental health[i]	1,340[f]	400	411	1,326[g]
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil	54,064[f]	62,574	62,133	54,448[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	4,678	10,556	10,334	4,900
Misdemeanor[j]	1,204	3,357	3,431	1,130
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	5,882[f]	13,913	13,765	6,030
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile[i]	794	8,287	7,088	938[g]
Grand total	60,740[f]	84,774	82,986	61,416[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	541	2,713	3,254
Criminal	784	871	1,655
Total	1,325	3,584	4,909

Civil dispositions[m]

Default judgment	5,548
Dismissed/nonprosecution	5,871
Transferred	364
Otherwise no trial	14,101

Criminal dispositions

Plea	7,031
Dismissed	4,992

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the voir dire examination of the panel begins.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
This discrepancy is due to missing data. See (i).
[i]Data are not complete:
Adoption pending figures do not include data for Cochise and Maricopa Counties.
Mental health data do not include data for Maricopa County.
Reciprocal support pending figures do not include data from Cochise County.
Probate pending figures do not include Cochise and Maricopa Counties.
Juvenile pending data do not include Maricopa, Cochise, Navajo, Pima, Yuma, or Yavapai Counties.
Juvenile figures include no filing or disposition data from Pima County and only partial filing and disposition data for Maricopa County.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filings include cases transferred in.
Dispositions include cases transferred out.
Civil cases include prayer under $1,000, auto tort, non-auto tort, contract, eminent domain, unclassified civil, and appeal cases.
Appeals (civil) are reported in the law category.
Misdemeanor cases include lower court appeals and nonfelony cases.
Appeals (criminal) are reported in the misdemeanor category.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials and disposition types do not include data for probate, adoption, reciprocal support, or mental health.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977); and Administrative Office of the Courts, The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). Statistics are from the reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the administrative director.

ARIZONA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
84 courts, 84 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	31,915	26,363	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	16,782	X	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	14,058	14,058	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	30,840	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	212,435	X	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	275,190	250,570	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

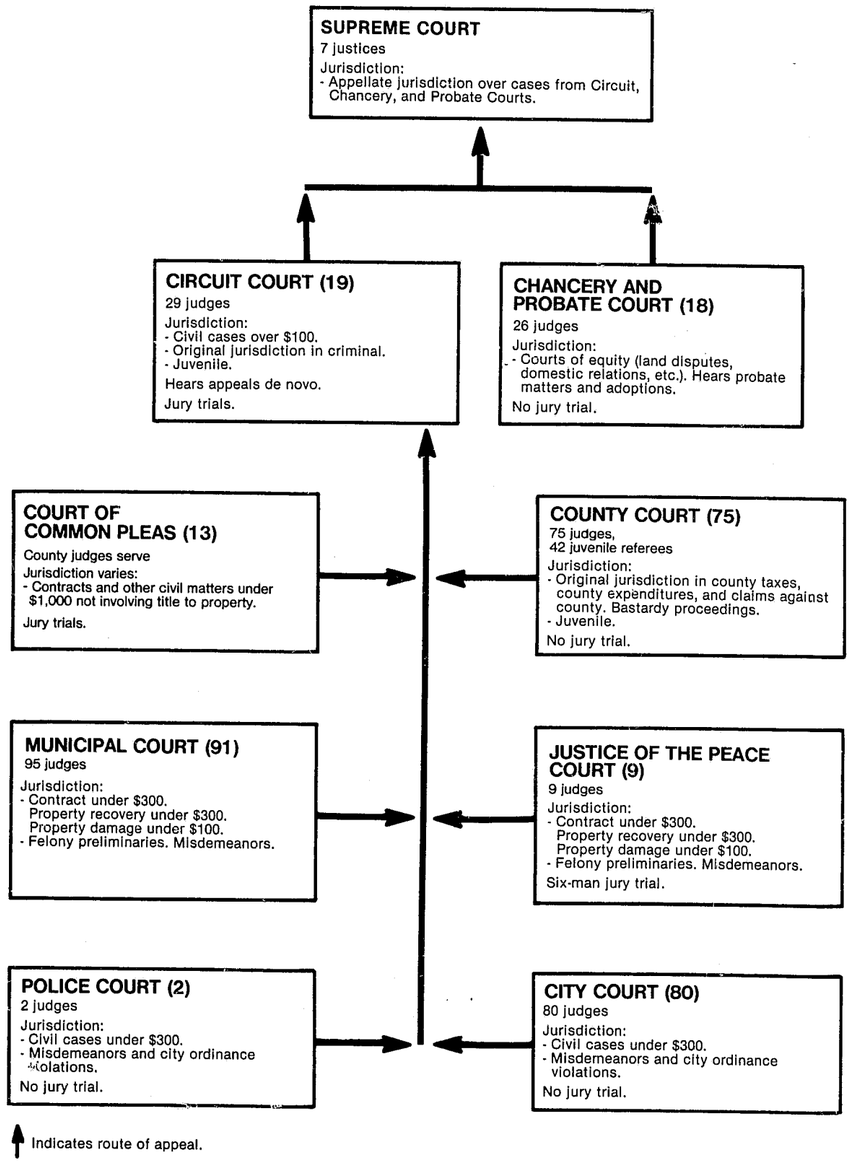
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
There were incomplete data for Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, Navajo, Apache, Gila, Graham, and Greenlee Counties.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Arizona Courts Summary Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA CITY MAGISTRATES
Court of limited jurisdiction
70 courts, 90 magistrates
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Magistrate Court for 1976. Data collection for these courts began in 1978.

Arkansas court system, 1976



ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	N/A	N/A	193	N/A
Equity	N/A	N/A	137	N/A
Probate	N/A	N/A	20	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	350	N/A
Criminal:				
Postconviction	N/A	N/A	19	N/A
Capital	N/A	N/A	11	N/A
Other felony	N/A	N/A	162	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	201	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	N/A	551	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus--felony	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Mandamus	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
Prohibition	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Postconviction	N/A	N/A	19	N/A
Writs of certiorari	N/A	N/A	15	N/A
Other petitions	N/A	N/A	6	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	62	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	62	N/A
Total cases	N/A	N/A	613	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	124	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions (excluding extension of time)	N/A	N/A	300	N/A
Motions for extension of time	N/A	N/A	1,102	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	1,402	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	1,526	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	581
Per curiam	43

Time intervals (average days)

	Civil	Criminal
Record filing to submission	152.09	126.52
Submission to decision	28.54	19.40
Record filing to decision	180.63	145.92

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	331
Reversed	46
Reversed and remanded	64
Remanded	-
Dismissed without opinion	44
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	22
Reversed and dismissed	21
Affirmed as modified or on condition	10
Dismissed with opinion	7
Affirmed in part	2
Reversed with directions	1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
19 circuits, 29 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law[j]	14,586[f]	20,200	18,708	16,078
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil	14,586[f]	20,200	18,708	16,078
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Capital	100[f]	99	129	70
Felony	5,109[f]	7,659	7,513	5,255
Total	5,209[f]	7,758	7,642	5,325
Misdemeanor[j]	2,466[f]	5,055	4,088	3,433
Total criminal[j]	7,675[f]	12,813	11,730	8,758
Grand total	22,261[f]	33,013	30,438	24,836

Age of pending cases

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil	10,773	3,190	2,115
Criminal:			
Capital	45	10	15
Felony	3,473	1,008	774
Misdemeanor	2,571	466	396
Total criminal	6,089	1,484	1,185

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Law includes appeals (trial de novo) that could not be separated from the total.
Misdemeanor cases are generally appeals (trial de novo) from lower courts.
Criminal data include a nominal number of juvenile cases and juvenile appeals.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
18 chancery circuits, 26 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Equity	7,369[f]	5,900	5,328	7,941
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	12,893[f]	21,871	21,014	13,750
Reciprocals IN	1,670[f]	1,338	1,000	2,008
Reciprocals OUT	0[f]	640	640	0
Adoption	N/A	1,538	N/A	N/A
Total	14,563[f i]	25,387	22,654[i]	15,758[i]
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	13,393[f]	4,281	3,704	13,970
Guardianship	N/A	1,662	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous probate	N/A	1,176	N/A	N/A
Total	13,393[f i]	7,119	3,704[i]	13,970[i]
Mental health:				
Alcoholics and mental	N/A	1,310	N/A	N/A
Total civil	35,325[f i]	39,716	31,686[i]	37,669[i]
Grand total	35,325[f i]	39,716	31,686[i]	37,669[i]

Age of pending cases

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil:			
Equity	3,400	1,877	2,664
Domestic relations	7,551	2,866	3,333
Reciprocals IN	1,011	469	528
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0
Total civil	11,962	5,212	6,525

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[i]Data are not complete:
Domestic relations pending and disposed totals do not include adoptions.
Probate pending and disposed totals do not include guardianship and miscellaneous probate.
Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include adoptions, guardianship, alcoholics and mental, and miscellaneous probate.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
13 courts, county judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	241	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	241	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
75 courts; 75 judges, 42 juvenile referees
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Bastardy	N/A	300	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	300	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	6,588	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	6,888	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
91 courts, 95 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	15,255	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	99,254	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	23,236	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic	N/A	225,160	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	143,028	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	368,188	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	391,424	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	505,933	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
There were no data for Drew County. Only 6-month totals were available and are included for Newton, Fulton, Lee, Desha, Montgomery, Franklin, Randolph, and Benton Counties.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CITY COURT AND POLICE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
80 city courts, 2 police courts; 82 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	196	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,520	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	2,279	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic	N/A	10,628	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	5,155	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	15,783	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	18,062	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	21,778	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
There were no reports for the cities of Alma, Ashdown, Barling, Buckner, Fordyce, Foreman, Fouke, Hunnoke, Mansfield, Mineral Springs, Prescott, Rison, Swifton, Thornton, and Wilmot. Only 6-month totals were available for the courts of Biscoe, Bradley, Calico Rock, Carlisle, Glenwood, Gould, Gurdon, Judsonia, Lincoln, Lonoke, Mountainburg, Palestine, Portia, Rose Bud, Strong, and Sulfur Springs.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
9 courts, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

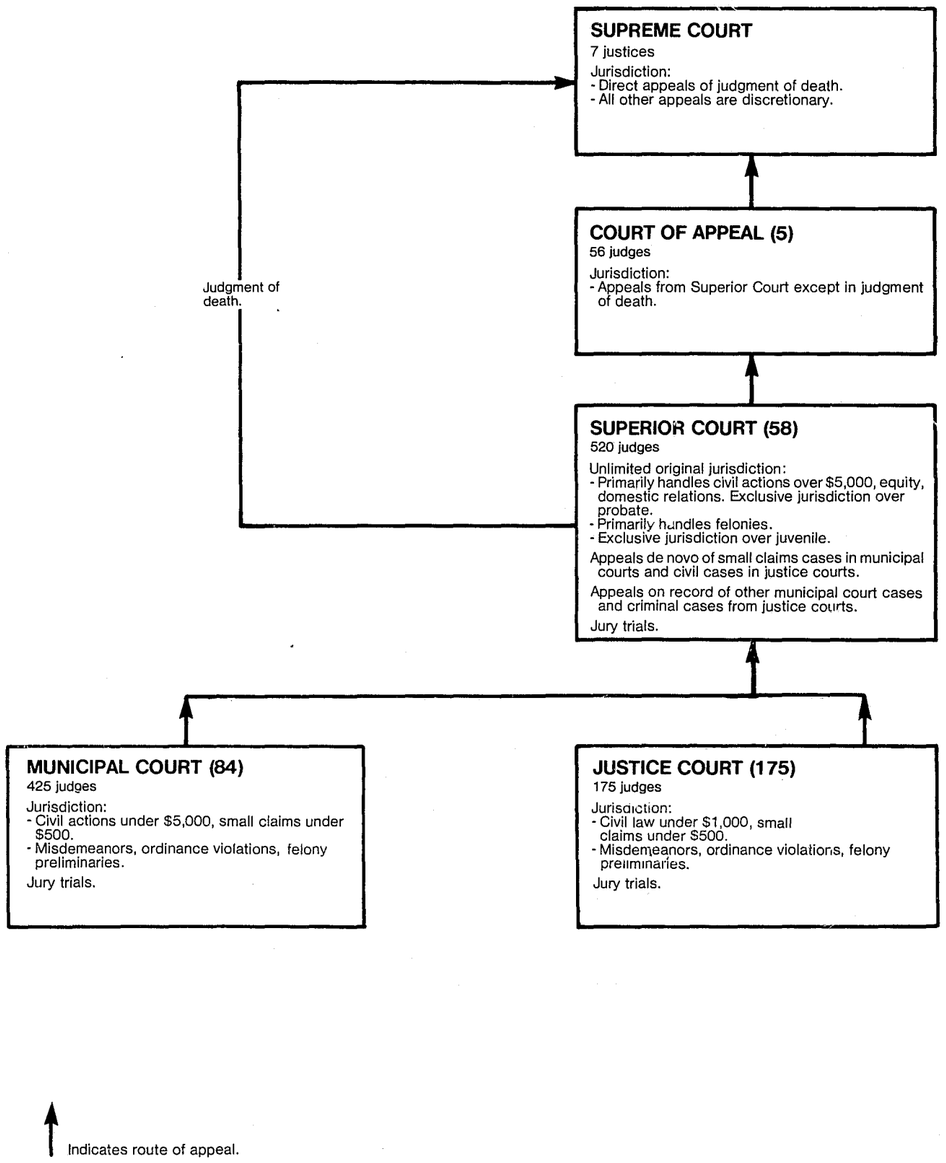
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	233	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	603	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	603	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	309	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic	N/A	3,188	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	406	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,594	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,903	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	4,739	N/A	N/A

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Twelfth Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

California court system, 1976



CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X (153)[e]	84	N/A
Criminal:				
Direct appeals[j]	N/A	21	0	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	X (35)[e]	34	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	X (35)[e]	34	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	21 (188)[e]	118	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil	N/A	197 (32)[e]	185	N/A
Criminal	N/A	592 (9)[e]	629	N/A
Attorney disciplinary proceedings	N/A	97	97	N/A
Total	N/A	886 (41)[e]	911	N/A
Requests to appeal[j]:				
Civil appeals	N/A	1,233	1,233 (X)[e]	N/A
Criminal appeals	N/A	1,077	1,077 (X)[e]	N/A
Civil original proceedings	N/A	314	314 (X)[e]	N/A
Criminal original proceedings	N/A	270	270 (X)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	2,894	2,665 (229)[ek]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	3,740 (41)[e]	3,576 (229)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	3,801 (229)[e]	3,694 (229)[e]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Civil	N/A	N/A	60	N/A
Criminal	N/A	N/A	24	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	84	N/A
Other matters:				
Transfers and retransfers	N/A	N/A	252	N/A
Orders/writs to show cause	N/A	N/A	61	N/A
Motions decided	N/A	N/A	124	N/A
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	1,650	N/A
Executive clemency applications	N/A	N/A	38	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,125	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,209	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals (criminal)	
Written opinion	191	Affirmed	8
		Affirmed with modifications	5
		Reversed	0
		Reversed and remanded	16

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

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for hearings granted are not counted as a disposed petition until the resulting appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Direct criminal appeals are capital (death penalty) cases only.
Requests to appeal are petitions for hearing cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal.
[k]Additional information:
Total requests to appeal disposed is not the sum of the dispositions for the reported case categories. Each individual case category disposition value includes some portion of the 229 granted petitions. These 229 granted petitions are not included in the requests to appeal disposed.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
5 divisions, 56 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2,579	3,183	X	2,555
Criminal	2,096	3,279	X	1,989
Total appeals	4,675	6,462	7,558	4,544[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil	N/A	2,842	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	1,008	X	N/A
Total	N/A	3,850	3,799	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	3,850	3,799	N/A
Total cases	4,675[i]	10,312	11,357	4,544[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	1,363	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certification	N/A	42	N/A	N/A
Motions	N/A	N/A	736	N/A
Orders (miscellaneous)	N/A	N/A	5,456	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	6,192	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	485[i]	7,555[i]	N/A

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 5,943

Disposition of appeals (criminal)[m]
Affirmed 1,979
Affirmed with modifications 217
Reversed 12
Reversed and remanded 143

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases pending do not include original proceedings.
Total other proceedings filed are only for motions to dismiss on clerk's certification. Filings are not reported for the other categories.
Total other proceedings disposed do not include disposition of motions to dismiss on clerk's certification.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Disposition of appeals data include only criminal appeals terminated by written opinion.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
58 courts, 520 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	N/A	52,574	40,138[l]	N/A
Non-auto tort	N/A	27,767	20,023[l]	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain (parcels)	N/A	3,622	3,241[l]	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family law[j]	N/A	168,887	146,179[l]	N/A
Probate:				
Probate and guardianship	N/A	62,590	61,968[l]	N/A
Mental health	N/A	6,514	6,108	N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaints	N/A	87,405	50,330[l]	N/A
Other petitions	N/A	74,369	56,722[l]	N/A
Total	N/A	161,774	107,052[l]	N/A
Appeals:				
Appeals from lower courts	N/A	9,092[l]	8,478[l]	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	8,955	8,309	N/A
Total civil	N/A	501,775	401,496	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	N/A	54,906	50,094	N/A
Appeals	N/A	2,524[l]	2,148[l]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	57,430	52,242	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	93,864	89,995	N/A
Dependency and neglect	N/A	14,053	13,669	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	107,917	103,664	N/A
Grand total	N/A	667,122	557,402	N/A

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	3,131[l]	240,445[l]	243,576[l]
Civil appeals	0	9,088[l]	9,088[l]
Criminal	4,695	3,793	8,488
Criminal appeals	0	2,524[l]	2,524[l]
Total	7,826	255,850	263,676

Civil dispositions[m]
Dismissal for lack of prosecution ..... 7,228[l]
Other dismissals and transfers ..... 106,713[l]
Summary judgments 1,314
Others before trial ..... 21,915[l]

Criminal dispositions
Guilty plea 34,958
Trial conviction 6,722
Dismissals ..... 6,136[l]
Transfers 525

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
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The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Family law includes annulment, divorce, and separate maintenance cases.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figures are as revised by the administrative office of the courts.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials include mental health hearings; do not include juvenile, habeas corpus, or appeal hearings.
Civil disposition types do not include data for habeas corpus or appeal hearings.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977), and unpublished data provided by AOC. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
175 courts, 175 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	44,219	X	N/A
Other civil	N/A	13,812	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	58,031	X	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	36,417	X	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	32,975	X	N/A
Total	N/A	69,392	X	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	4,048	X	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	10,423	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	83,863	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Illegal parking	N/A	271,356	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Group C misdemeanor	N/A	32,509	X	N/A
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	40,777	X	N/A
Traffic infractions	N/A	584,967	X	N/A
Total	N/A	658,253	X	N/A
Total traffic[i]	N/A	929,609	X	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	1,071,503	740,445[il]	N/A

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	26	X	X
Criminal and traffic[m]	1,426[l]	X	X
Total	1,452[l]	63,738[l]	65,190[l]

Criminal and traffic dispositions[m]

Convicted or bound over after guilty plea	135,399
Bail forfeiture	442,953

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[i]Data are not complete:
Traffic and grand total dispositions do not include illegal parking cases.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figures are as revised by the administrative office of the courts.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Criminal and traffic dispositions and criminal and traffic trials are for all criminal and traffic categories except illegal parking.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
84 courts, 425 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	390,423	298,112	N/A
Other civil	N/A	317,438	239,796	N/A
Total civil	N/A	707,861	537,908	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	315,831	286,299	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	200,631	191,800	N/A
Total	N/A	516,462	478,099	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	25,250	21,564	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	94,998	80,149	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	636,710	579,812	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Illegal parking	N/A	8,403,381	7,226,615	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Group C misdemeanor	N/A	247,664	199,244	N/A
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	147,540	281,858	N/A
Traffic infractions	N/A	4,028,656	3,623,836	N/A
Total	N/A	4,423,860	4,104,938	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	12,827,241	11,331,553	N/A
Grand total	N/A	14,171,812	12,449,273	N/A

Trial[d]

Civil:	
Contested	118,381
Uncontested	179,883
Total	298,264
Criminal:	
Contested	14,497
Uncontested	45,991
Total	60,488
Traffic:	
Contested	81,361
Uncontested	83,870
Total	165,231
Total:	
Contested	214,239
Uncontested	309,744
Total	523,983

Civil dispositions

Dismissed before trial	239,644[l]
Judgments by clerk and summary judgments	113,672[l]

Criminal dispositions

Guilty pleas	311,804
Dismissed before trial/hearing	119,002[l]
Bail forfeitures	54,849

Traffic dispositions

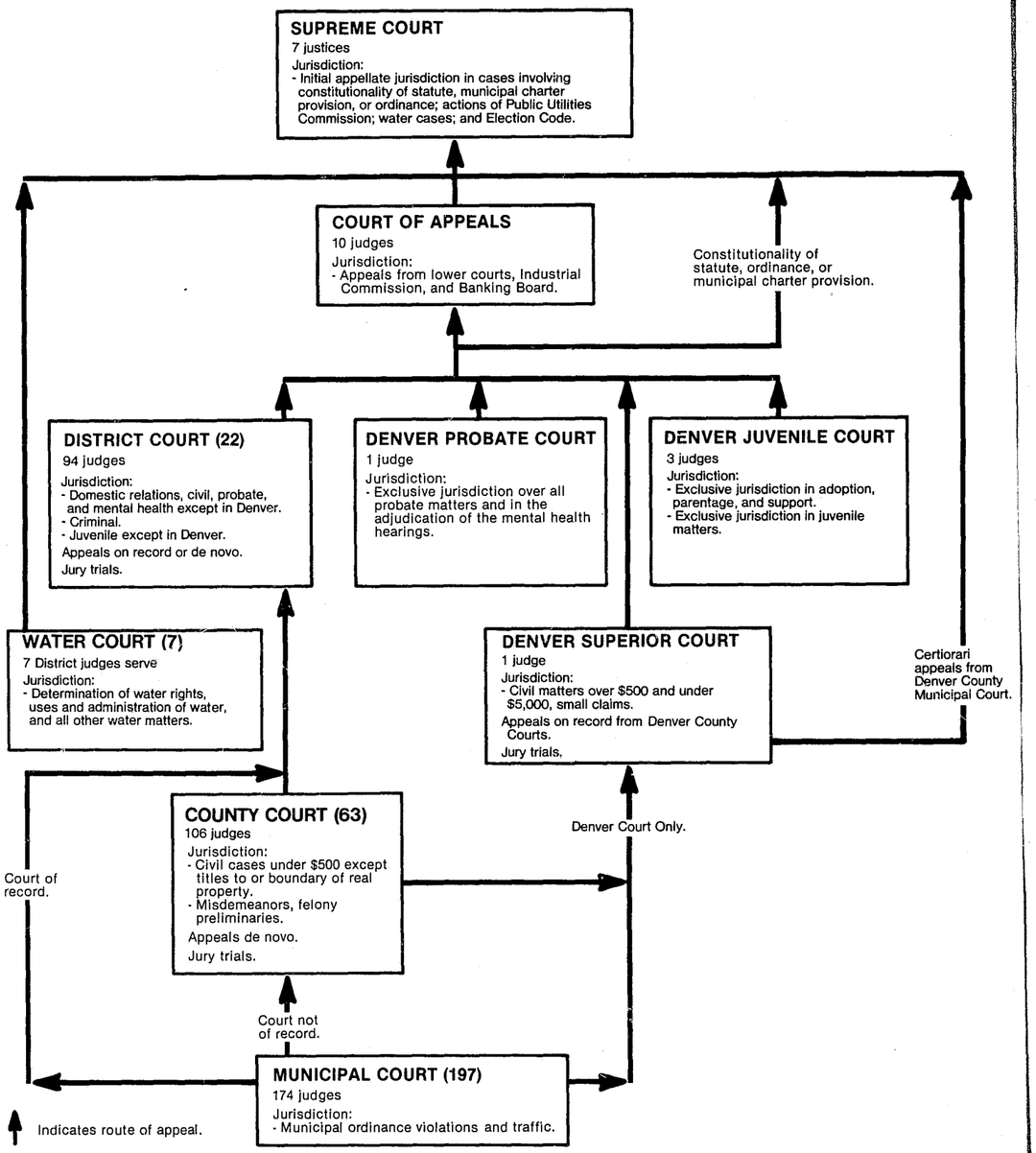
Guilty pleas	1,068,989
Bail forfeitures	8,752,169
Dismissed before trial	1,292,688
Other	229,660

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted when commenced. A jury trial is commenced once jury selection begins; a non-jury trial at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Civil and **criminal** dispositions have been revised by the administrative office of the courts during verification of the data.

Source: Administrative Office of the California Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator (San Francisco, California: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

Colorado court system, 1976



COLORADO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	76	X	X
Criminal	X	75	X	X
Other appeals:				
Statutory review	X	0	X	X
Reopened cases	X	1	X	X
Bail reduction	X	0	X	X
Total	X	1	X	X
Total appeals	X	152	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings	X	188	X	X
Habeas corpus	X	19	X	X
Interlocutories	X	16	X	X
Interrogatories	X	2	X	X
Total	X	225	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petition in certiorari	X	274	X	X
Total other cases	X	499	X	X
Total cases	366	651	674	343

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	293
Without opinion	377
Transferred to Court of Appeals	4

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

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado: 1976).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
10 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	569[j]	X	X
Criminal	X	261	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Industrial commission	X	85	X	X
Total appeals	592	915	833[l]	674
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	592	915	833	674

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	599[l]
Without opinion	193
Transferred to Supreme Court	81

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

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals filed include one reopened case.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figures are as revised by the office of the state court administrator because one opinion for fiscal year 1976 was withdrawn in fiscal year 1977.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

COLORADO DISTRICT COURT,
DENVER SUPERIOR COURT, DENVER JUVENILE COURT,
AND DENVER PROBATE COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
22 districts, 99 judges[c]
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Postjudgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:					
Law:					
Money demands	X	14,986	X	X	X
Auto tort:					
Negligence--motor vehicle	X	751	X	X	X
Non-auto tort:					
Personal injury--other	X	929	X	X	X
Unclassified tort:					
Property damage	X	1,439	X	X	X
Wrongful death	X	131	X	X	X
Total	X	1,570	X	X	X
Property rights:					
Real and personal property	X	5,269	X	X	X
Domestic relations:					
Dissolution of marriage	X	23,028	X	X	X
Legal separation	X	481	X	X	X
Invalidity of marriage	X	165	X	X	X
Child custody	X	229	X	X	X
Reciprocal nonsupport interstate	X	5,497	X	X	X
Reciprocal nonsupport intrastate	X	791	X	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	170	X	X	X
Total	24,588	30,361	7,619	44,728	17,840
Probate:					
Intestates	X	1,399	X	X	X
Testates	X	3,152	X	X	X
Small estates	X	331	X	X	X
Guardianships	X	222	X	X	X
Conservatorships	X	549	X	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	362	X	X	X
Total	18,722[f]	6,015	282	5,966	19,053
Mental health:					
Short-term treatment	X	483	X	X	X
Developmentally disabled admissions	X	60	X	X	X
Petition for evaluation	X	890	X	X	X
Long-term treatment	X	23	X	X	X
Involuntary commitment of alcoholic	X	91	X	X	X
Other	X	127	X	X	X
Total	731[f]	1,674	249	1,847	807
Administrative:					
Administrative review and local government	X	463	X	X	X
Appeals:					
County court appeals	X	58	X	X	X
Extraordinary writs:					
Miscellaneous[j]	X	3,817	X	X	X
Total civil[k]	73,424	65,893	16,142	89,934	65,525
Criminal[d]:					
Felony:					
Criminal[j]	X	10,972	X	X	X
Other criminal:					
Non-offense[j]	X	347	X	X	X
Appeals:					
Municipal and County Court appeals	X	322	X	X	X
Total criminal[k]	10,031	11,641	2,693	13,760	10,605
Juvenile:					
Delinquency	X	5,909	X	X	X
Dependency and neglect	X	1,757	X	X	X
Status offenses:					
Child in need of supervision	X	731	X	X	X
Other juvenile:					
Relinquishments	X	456	X	X	X
Adoptions[j]	X	2,348	X	X	X
Paternity and support[j]	X	4,401	X	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	803	X	X	X
Total	X	8,008	X	X	X
Total juvenile[k]	8,795	16,405	6,433	24,015	7,618
Grand total[k]	92,250[f]	93,939	25,268	127,709	83,748

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

[c]Judge information:
Five of these 99 judges serve in the Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
These figures have changed because of the inclusion of Denver Probate Court pending figures, which had not previously been reported.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous includes habeas corpus and other remedial writs, injunctions, etc.
Criminal includes felonies as well as cases filed as felonies but reduced to misdemeanors.
Non-offense cases include extraditions, revocations, parole, and release from commitment hearings.
Adoptions and paternity and support are included in the juvenile figures because pendings and dispositions could not be separated from other juvenile data.
[k]Additional information:
Total civil category includes 29,383 beginning pending cases, 7,992 postjudgment actions filed, 37,393 disposed, and 27,825 pending at the end that were not previously displayed in this table. These relate to the 27,843 cases filed in the law, auto tort, non-auto tort, unclassified tort, property rights, administrative, appeals, and extraordinary writs categories.
Total filings as displayed on the Part I table include postjudgment actions filed.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO WATER COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 7 district judges serve
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Postjudgment actions filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:					
Property rights:					
Water adjudications	X	1,441	165	X	X
Diligence findings	X	171	36	X	X
Review petitions	X	2	0	X	X
Other[j]	X	26	3	X	X
Total	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764
Total civil	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764
Grand total	5,672	1,640	204	3,752	3,764

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since District Court judges serve.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" includes cases involving springs, waste waters, etc.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
63 counties, 106 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	8,955	47,617	46,392	10,180
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	11,509	25,742	25,508	11,743
Felony preliminary[i]	0	16,120	16,120	0
Total criminal	11,509	41,862	41,628	11,743
Traffic:				
Total traffic	37,613	142,420	142,611	37,422
Grand total	58,077	231,899	230,631	59,345

Jury trial[d]	
Civil	56
Criminal	246
Traffic	743
Total	1,045

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

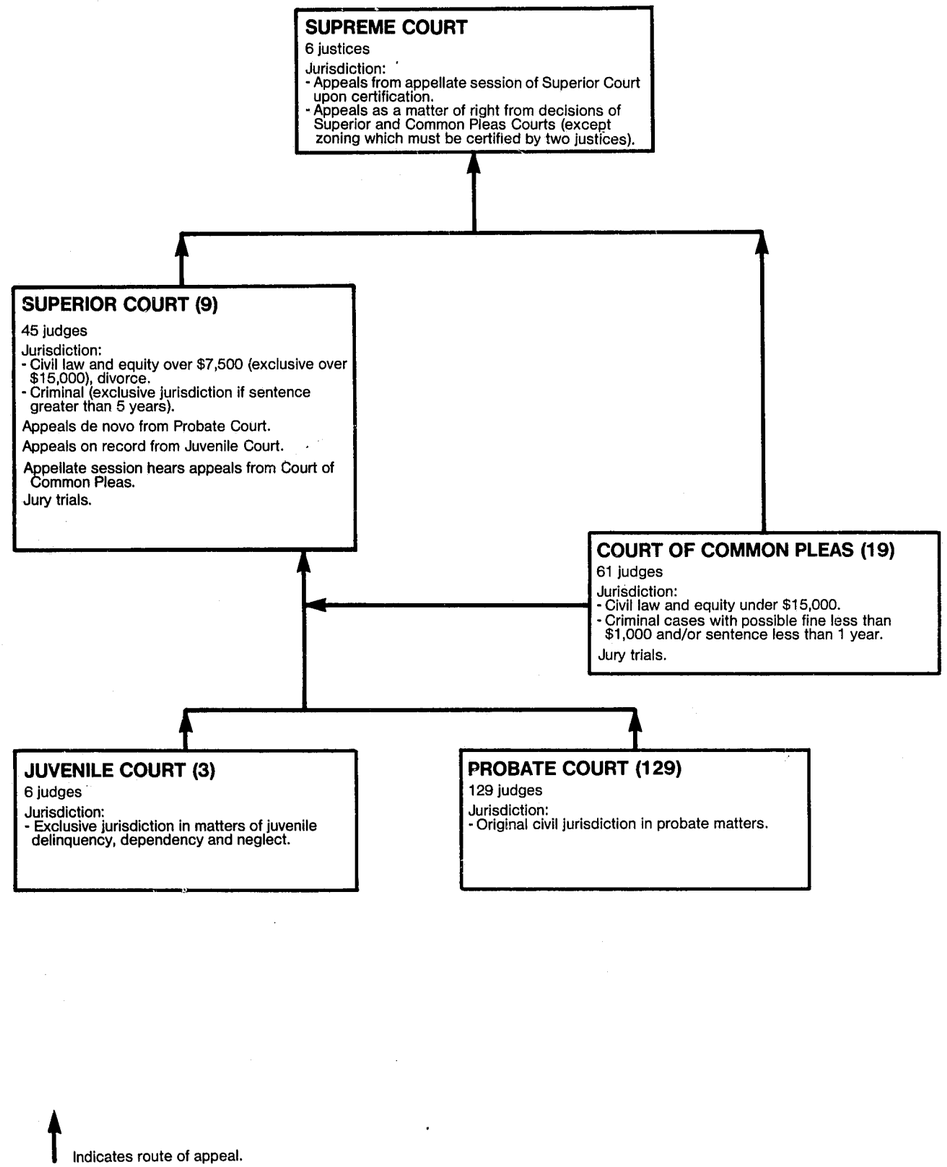
[i]Data are not complete:
Felony advisements (no complaints lodged) data were not available for Denver County. Data for other felony preliminaries were available and included for Denver County.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76 (Denver, Colorado).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
197 courts, 174 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1975-76.

Connecticut court system, 1976



CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
6 justices
October 1975 to September 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts	N/A	N/A	13	N/A
Equity	N/A	N/A	17	N/A
Negligence	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
Other torts	N/A	N/A	7	N/A
Construction of wills	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	67	N/A
Criminal	N/A	N/A	44	N/A
Agency appeals	N/A	N/A	34	N/A
Other appeals:				
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	47	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	N/A	192	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification	N/A	N/A	49	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	49	N/A
Total cases	N/A	N/A	241	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions	N/A	N/A	386	N/A
Reservations	N/A	N/A	3	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	389	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	389	N/A

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	138
Reversed	22
Reversed and remanded	32

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
9 courts, 45 judges
1975 to 1976[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort:				
Vehicular torts	7,417	3,062	2,908	7,571
Non-auto tort:				
Torts, other than vehicular	4,641	1,899	1,531	5,009
Contract	3,227	1,745	1,459	3,513
Property rights:				
Property, such as foreclosure	1,269	1,896	1,653	1,512
Eminent domain	375	230	256	349
Total	1,644	2,126	1,909	1,861
Domestic relations:				
Family docket	13,347[f]	15,453	15,555	13,245
Probate:				
Wills, estates, etc.	271	186	179	278
Administrative:				
Administrative appeals	678	227	414	491
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous, including injunctive relief	1,604	1,095	1,040	1,659
Appeals:				
Appellate session[j]	132	211	173	170
Total civil	32,961[f]	26,004	25,168	33,797
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories[j]	3,370[l]	4,555[l]	4,100[l]	3,848[l]
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	3,370	4,555	4,100	3,848[g]
Grand total	36,331[f]	30,559	29,268	37,645[g]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	332	1,515	1,847
Criminal	102	31	133
Total	434	1,546	1,980

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	3,148
Trial conviction	78
Total conviction	3,226
Acquitted	55
Dismissed, quashed	100
Nolled, withdrawn, transfer	719

Time interval (average months)

Civil:	
Return day to disposition	16.1
Date claimed for trial list to jury trial	32.0
Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial	23.9

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The civil data are for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976. The criminal data are for the fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
The number of pending cases was adjusted by the office of the chief court administrator to reflect transfers and other related year-end input.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appellate session appeals are both civil and criminal.
Criminal categories are felonies and misdemeanors.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Data were obtained from unpublished report.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the Executive Secretary.

CONNECTICUT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
19 courts, 61 judges
1975 to 1976[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	94,595	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family docket	20	8	1	27
Other civil:				
Nonfamily docket	28,072	30,790	26,699	32,163
Civil--geographical areas	14,588	14,737	24,925	4,400
Total	42,660	45,527	51,624	36,563
Total civil	42,680[i]	140,130	51,625[i]	36,590[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	19,772	91,191	95,907	15,263[g]
Total criminal	19,772	91,191	95,907	15,263[g]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	17,730	227,207	225,446	17,454[g]
Grand total	80,182[i]	458,528	372,978[i]	69,307[g,i]

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	251	1,086	1,337

Time interval (average months)

Civil[n]:
- Return day to disposition 14.5
- Date claimed for trial list to jury trial 16.3
- Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial 22.3

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The civil data are for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976. The criminal data are for fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

[d]Case defininition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include small claims cases. Small claims data are included in the filing figures.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trial data are only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts, 129 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions and terminations	N/A	2,334	N/A	N/A
Marriages	N/A	773	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,107	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Decedent's estate	N/A	33,770	N/A	N/A
Guardianship	N/A	2,087	N/A	N/A
Trustees	N/A	6,419	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	42,276	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments	N/A	1,808	N/A	N/A
Conservators	N/A	4,023	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,831	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	51,214	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	51,214	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

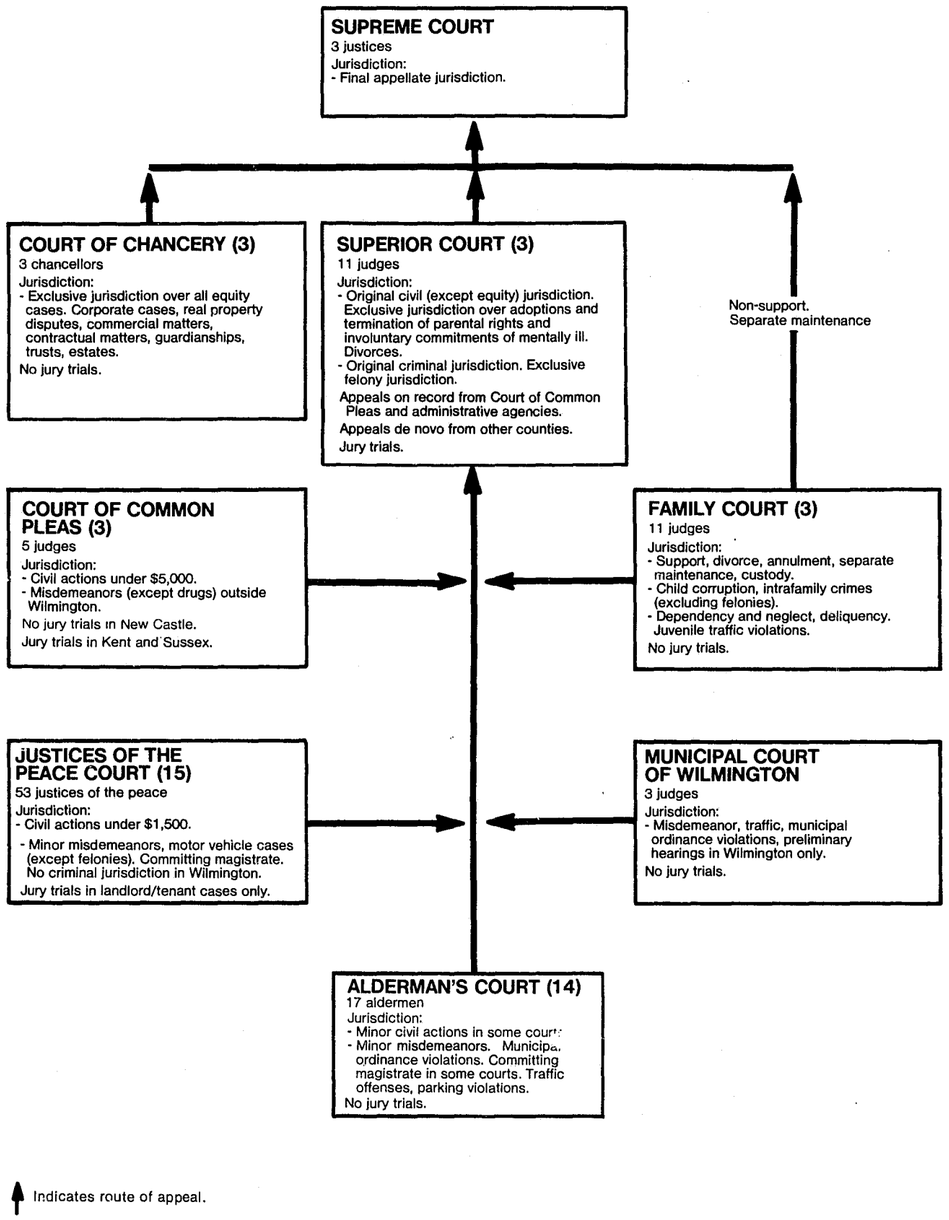
CONNECTICUT JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 6 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	1,314	13,709	14,021	1,002
Dependency and neglect	378	743	779	342
Total juvenile	1,692	14,452	14,800	1,344
Grand total	1,692	14,452	14,800	1,344

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Juvenile Court 1976 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Delaware court system, 1976



DELAWARE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
3 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	139	219	172	186
Criminal	94	116	110	100
Total appeals[j]	233	335	282	286
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total cases	233	335	282	286

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
All matters reported by the court are classified as civil or criminal appeals.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976, 1977). Data are reported quarterly; calendar year 1976 was computed from the two fiscal year reports.

DELAWARE SUPERIOR COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
3 counties, 11 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Complaints	X	1,927	1,370	X
Property rights:				
Mortgages and mechanic's liens	X	636	572	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	1,112[l]	1,370[a]	2,390[a]	92[l]
Adoption and termination	176[l]	395	407	164[l]
Total	1,288	1,765	2,797	256
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	554	493	X
Involuntary commitments	0[l]	53[l]	33[l]	20[l]
Total	X	607	526	X
Total civil	3,963	4,935	5,265	3,633
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	1,593[l]	3,786[l]	4,022	1,357[l]
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	1,593	3,786	4,022	1,357
Grand total	5,556	8,721	9,287	4,990

	Trial[di]			Criminal dispositions	
	Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Criminal	163[l]	46[l]	209[l]	Plea	2,294
				Trial conviction	327
				Acquittal	91
				Dismissal	72
				Nolle prosequi	1,148

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Divorces filed and disposed are for a 5-month period only (July 1975 through November 1975). Jurisdiction for these cases was transferred to Family Court beginning December 1975.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, transfer, appeal, or reinstatement. A defendant with a consecutively numbered series of informations, appeals, or transfers filed on the same day would be counted as one defendant.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[i]Data are not complete:
Criminal trial figures are for a 6-month period only (January 1 through June 30, 1976). Figures for the previous 6 months are unavailable.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal cases include appeals that are tried de novo.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY
Court of general jurisdiction
3 counties, 3 chancellors
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Probate:				
Estates	3,147	1,634	1,846[l]	2,935
Guardians for minors	1,009	190	134	1,065
Guardian for infirm	519	129	51	597
Trusts	1,869	158	155	1,872
Other matters	262	133[l]	101[l]	294[l]
Total	6,806	2,244	2,287	6,763
Mental health:				
Trustees for mentally ill	151	12	3	160
Other civil:				
Cases[j]	630	408	389	649
Total civil	7,587	2,664	2,679	7,572
Grand total	7,587	2,664	2,679	7,572

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Cases include corporate cases, equity, real property disputes (boundaries and title), commercial matters, contractual matters, Delaware's "Sunshine Law," etc. Corporate matters take up the bulk of time.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 5 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	X	334	X	X
Other civil	X	3,020	X	X
Total civil	2,056	3,354	3,244	2,166
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	827	5,762	5,645	944
Total criminal	827	5,762	5,645	944
Grand total	2,883	9,116	8,889	3,110

	Jury trial[ad]
Criminal	75

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Jury trials are not handled in the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas; jury trials are held in Kent and Sussex Counties. If a jury demand is made in New Castle County, the case is transferred to the Superior Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE FAMILY COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 11 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce and annulments[a]	54[j]	1,899	984	969
Other civil:				
Adults[j]	1,735	8,623[l]	8,648[l]	1,710
Total civil	1,789	10,522	9,632	2,679
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--juvenile	234	1,612	1,580	266
Total traffic	234	1,612	1,580	266
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	2,166	9,823[l]	9,609[l]	2,380
Total juvenile	2,166	9,823[l]	9,609[l]	2,380
Grand total	4,189	21,957	20,821	5,325

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Divorce and annulment cases were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Family Court after November 1975; therefore, these figures reflect filings beginning December 1, 1975.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The beginning pending figure for divorce and annulments is the number pending on December 1, 1975.
The adults category includes both civil and criminal cases. In New Castle County, adult criminal informations represented 16.7% of the total adult civil and criminal actions handled by that court. Civil and criminal breakdowns were not available for the other two courts.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Other civil and delinquency filed and disposed figures were corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	678	8,754	8,979	453
Total criminal	678	8,754	8,979	453
Traffic:				
Total traffic	485	12,265	12,235	515
Grand total	1,163	21,019	21,214	968

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal cases include misdemeanor cases, ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE ALDERMAN'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts, 17 aldermen
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims:				
Other	N/A	N/A	342[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	342[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	N/A	1,105[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	1,105[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	11,497[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	13,503[i]	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

[i]Data are not complete:
Disposed figures are minimums because breakdowns in some courts are unavailable. In addition, the disposed column does not sum to the grand total figure because of the lack of breakdown in some courts.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

DELAWARE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts, 53 justices of the peace
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

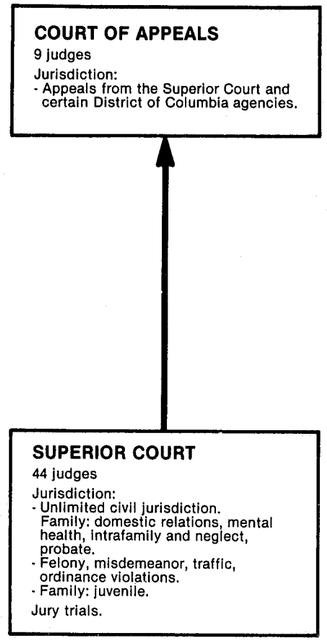
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	3,988	13,841	13,001	4,828
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	X	16,325[j]	X	X
Felony preliminary	X	1,186	X	X
Other criminal:				
Fish/game	X	1,536	X	X
Other	X	3,471	X	X
Total	X	5,007	X	X
Total criminal	X	22,518	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	62,781	X	X
Grand total	4,554	99,140	98,388[l]	5,306[l]

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Preliminary hearings were held in 2,170 of the **misdemeanor** cases.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during an audit for preparation of the 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

District of Columbia court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	346	X	X
Criminal	X	826	X	X
Agency appeals	X	170	X	X
Total appeals[j]	1,103[fh]	1,342	1,197	1,248[h]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	0	27	27	0
Requests to appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases	0	27	27	0
Total cases	1,103[fh]	1,369	1,224	1,248[h]
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Procedural motions	0	5,628	5,628	0
Substantive motions	0	1,737	1,737	0
Total	0	7,365	7,365	0
Total other proceedings	0	7,365	7,365	0

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	307
Judgment	373
By order	517

Time interval (average days)	
Notice of appeal to filing of record	82
Filing of record until briefing is completed	122
Completed briefing to argument	101
Argument to decision	127
Notice of appeal to decision	432

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

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Pending figure was estimated from bar graphs presented in annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals include appeals and petitions for review.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, 1976 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 44 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil jury	3,113	3,657	2,840	3,930
Civil non-jury	574	1,780	1,225	1,129
Total	3,687	5,437	4,065	5,059
Small claims	1,955	38,044	37,936	2,063
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	444	114,408	114,564	288
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	3,963	3,990	3,122	4,831
Adoption	168	388	346	210
Paternity	359	406	370	395
Support	584	242	150	676
Reciprocal support	975	887	983	879
Intrafamily	482[f]	818	795	505
Total	6,531[f]	6,731	5,766	7,496
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	N/A	2,416	N/A	N/A
Minors' estates	N/A	152	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,568	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Judicial petitions	70	760	726	104
Administrative:				
Civil tax	103	68	53	118
Criminal tax	28	562[k]	68	522
Total	131	630	121	640
Other civil:				
Auditor-master division	296	1,475	1,438	333
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	25	6	5	26
Total civil	13,139[fi]	170,059	164,621[i]	16,009[i]

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District of Columbia Superior Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	2,008	4,227	4,759	1,476
Misdemeanor	3,299	14,429	14,305	3,221[g]
Ordinance violations:				
Major triable District of Columbia cases	12	117	95	34
Other District of Columbia cases	225	3,060	3,073	248[g]
Total	237	3,177	3,168	282[g]
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearings	243	8,073	8,139	177
Extraordinary writs:				
Special operations[j]	45	2,050	2,047	48
Total criminal	5,832	31,956	32,418	5,204[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Major triable traffic	1,209	4,297	4,052	1,454
Other traffic	3,078	93,606	91,271	5,413
Total	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867
Total traffic	4,287	97,903	95,323	6,867
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	1,618	6,236	7,036	818
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect	225[f]	565	609	181
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision	124[j]	590	609	105[h]
Total juvenile	1,967[f]	7,391	8,254	1,104
Grand total	25,225[fi]	307,309	300,616[i]	29,184[i]

Trial[d]	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	230	164	394
Criminal	1,167	742	1,909
Traffic	36	905	941
Total	1,433	1,811	3,244

Traffic dispositions	
Guilty plea	6,040
Dismissed	3,063
Nolle prosequi	11,693
No paper	3,852
Transfer rule 105	11
Absconded	1,999
Security forfeit	9,367
Other[m]	58,357

Civil dispositions[m]	
Settled out of court	1,745
Dismissed before trial	690
Removed from calendar	199
Settled at pretrial or trial conference	585
Summary judgment	37
Settlement	71

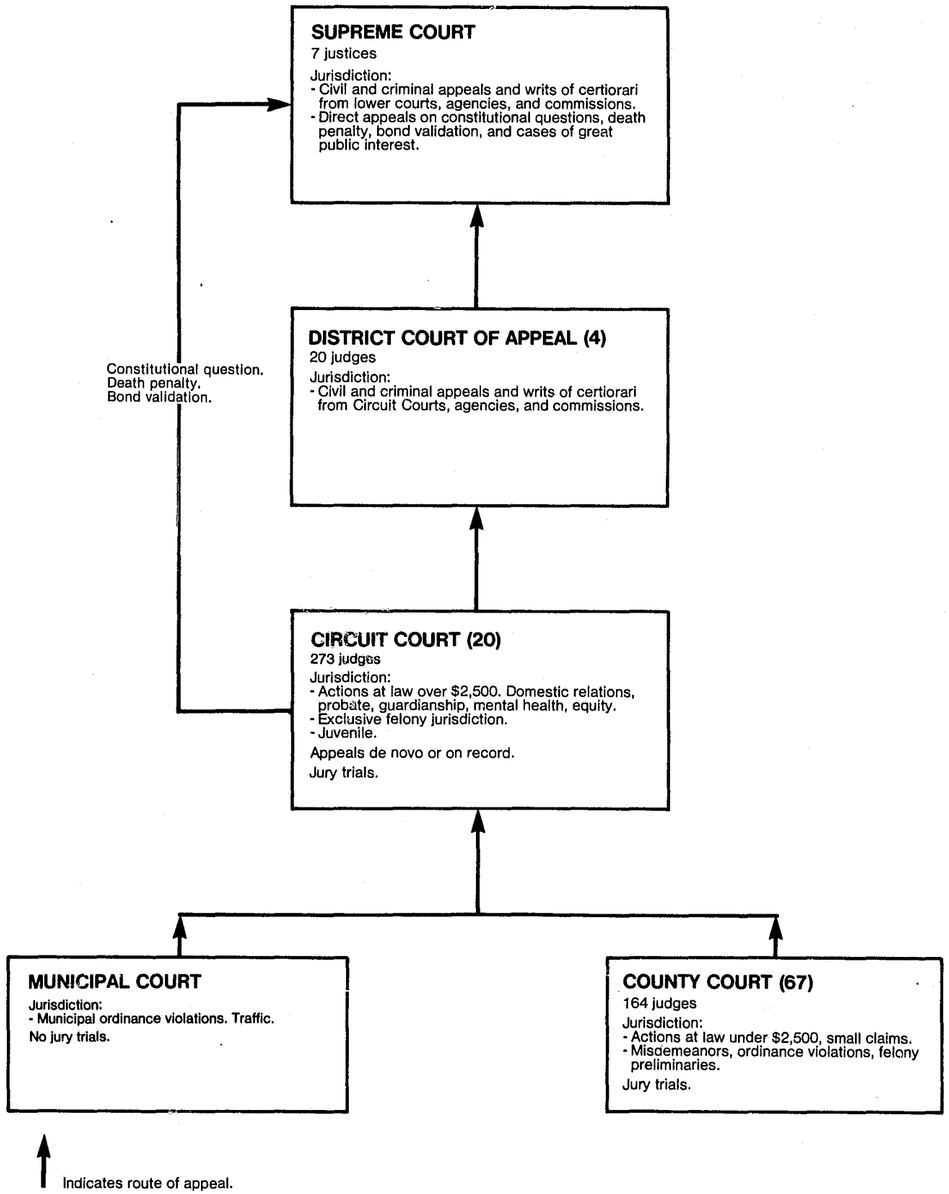
Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	6,789
Dismissed	1,511
Nolle prosequi	5,888
No paper	6,393
Transfer rule 105	427
Absconded	2,112
Mental observation	149
Security forfeit	571

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Superior Court data are displayed according to case types, not court divisions as they exist in the Superior Court.
Civil Division handles civil jury, civil non-jury, small claims, and landlord and tenant cases. Family Division handles divorce, adoption, paternity, support, reciprocal support, intrafamily, judicial petitions, habeas corpus, delinquency, neglect, and person in need of supervision cases. Probate Division handles decedents' estates and minors' estates cases. Tax Division handles civil tax and criminal tax cases. Criminal Division handles all criminal and traffic cases.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include estate cases. Estate cases are included in the filing figures.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Special operations include fugitive from justice complaints, writs of habeas corpus, out of state witnesses, and show cause of contempt proceedings.
Persons in need of supervision beginning pending figure is the end pending figure for 1975.
[k]Additional information:
The 562 criminal tax cases filed indicate the number of charges brought against 51 individuals and organizations.
[m]Categories for dispositions type or trial data:
Civil trials and civil dispositions are for law cases only.
Other traffic dispositions are defendants whose cases are in the traffic summons stage in accordance with procedures outlined in the Traffic Violation Notice Systems.

Source: Joint Committee and Executive Officer, 1976 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Florida court system, 1976



FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	X	285	278	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	288	281	X
Mandamus	X	76	78	X
Prohibition	X	28	22	X
Florida Bar (disciplinary)	X	97	107	X
Certified questions	X	15	11	X
Board of bar examiners	X	54	60	X
Other	X	69	67	X
Total	X	627	626	X
Requests to appeal:				
Writs of certiorari from:				
District Court of Appeal	X	1,089	1,225	X
Circuit Court	X	10	10	X
Industrial Relations Commission	X	179	210	X
Public Service Commission	X	22	38	X
Other	X	2	3	X
Total	X	1,302	1,486	X
Total other cases	X	1,929	2,112	X
Total cases	1,159	2,214	2,390	983
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	64[h]	504	435	133
Total other proceedings	64[h]	504	435	133

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	274
Per curiam	141
Disposition by order	1,975

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

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
4 districts, 20 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	7,931	7,392	X
Total appeals	X	7,931	7,392	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Other original writs	X	612	484	X
Other[j]	X	54	19	X
Total	X	666	503	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	532	285	X
Total other cases	X	1,198	788	X
Total cases	5,118[h]	9,129	8,180	6,067
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	369[h]	1,381	1,366	384
Total other proceedings	369[h]	1,381	1,366	384

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	1,311
Per curiam	3,823
Voluntary dismissal (appeal)	1,256

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

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" category includes reinstated appeals and certified questions.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA CIRCUIT COURT[b]
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 273 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort[j]	X	9,629	7,728	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
All other negligence[j]	X	3,344	2,783	N/A
Medical malpractice[j]	X	408	207	N/A
Medical malpractice cases litigated in court[j]	X	99	51	N/A
Total	X	3,851	3,041	N/A
Unclassified tort:				
Negligence[j]	X	12,616	10,862	N/A
Contract:				
Contracts and indebtedness	X	28,324	26,638	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain	X	1,741	918	N/A
Landlord and tenant	X	158	160	N/A
Mortgage foreclosures[j]	X	8,332	8,185	N/A
Real property	X	9,672	9,151	N/A
Replevin--liens--foreclosures[j]	X	1,072	966	N/A
Total	X	20,975	19,380	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Dissolution and annulment	X	75,681	78,334	N/A
Support and custody[j]	X	9,663	6,885	N/A
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement Support Act[j]	X	7,677	6,439	N/A
Adoption[j]	X	2,968	2,384	N/A
Total	X	95,989	94,042	N/A
Probate:				
Probate[j]	X	30,423	34,185	N/A
Guardianship	X	4,048	2,192	N/A
Trusts[j]	X	1,013	643	N/A
Other probate[j]	X	1,292	1,237	N/A
Total	X	36,776	38,257	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health[j]	X	5,982	6,642	N/A
Baker Act and Myers Act[j]	X	4,909	5,100	N/A
Total	X	10,891	11,742	N/A
Administrative:				
Bond validation[j]	X	57	62	N/A
Tax litigation[j]	X	102	60	N/A
Total	X	159	122	N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaints[j]	X	4,702	3,904	N/A
Other petitions[j]	X	2,569	2,282	N/A
Other civil[j]	X	15,395	15,580	N/A
Total	X	22,666	21,766	N/A
Appeals	1,261	833	474[i]	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus[j]	X	420	343	N/A
Total civil	229,856	243,129	234,395[i]	N/A

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Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal categories	52,097	65,799	63,856	N/A
Appeals	145	367	31[i]	N/A
Total criminal	52,242	66,166	63,887[i]	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	X	38,613	37,790	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency[j]	X	13,308	11,398	N/A
Dependency change or modification[j]	X	921	876	N/A
Terminate dependency[j]	X	144	143	N/A
Total	X	14,373	12,417	N/A
Status offenses:				
Children in need of supervision[j]	X	9	61	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Violation of or modify probation[j]	X	1,459	1,372	N/A
Violation of or modify supervision[j]	X	78	83	N/A
Terminate probation[j]	X	2,180	2,163	N/A
Terminate supervision[j]	X	852	843	N/A
Other (January to June)	X	974	912	N/A
Other (July to December)	X	5,839	5,724	N/A
Total	X	11,382	11,097	N/A
Total juvenile	20,767	64,377	61,365	N/A
Grand total	302,865	373,672	359,647[i]	N/A

Jury trial[dk]

Civil	2,314
Criminal	3,564
Total	5,878

Civil dispositions

Final judgment/order	129,445
Dismissed/settled out of court	64,969

Criminal dispositions

Plea	31,422
Total convicted	34,131
Acquitted/dismissed	3,813

Time interval[n] (average weeks)

	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Filing to termination:			
Jury trial	61.9	27.6	---
Non-jury trial/hearing	23.6	28.7	6.5
No trial/hearing	46.6	20.2	5.4
Guilty plea	--	22.0	---
No plea	--	18.6	---

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Two different reporting systems were used during 1976, one between January and June and another between July and December. The first system counted supplemental filings and dispositions in addition to original filings and dispositions. The second system counted only original filings and dispositions.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[i]Data are not complete:
Appeals disposed are for January to June only. Appeals filed are for the entire year.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed and disposed include original and supplemental cases for January to June. Only original cases were counted for July to December.
Auto tort and all other negligence data were collected for January to June. Medical malpractice, medical malpractice litigated in court, and negligence data were collected for July to December.
Mortgage foreclosures, replevin--liens--foreclosures, adoption, bond violation, tax litigation, and habeas corpus data are for January to June only. Data for July to December are contained in the all-inclusive "other" category classified as **other civil.**
Support and custody case data were collected for January to June and URESA case data were collected for July to December.
Trusts and other probate are listed by category for January to June only. These cases are included in the probate category for July to December.
Mental health data were collected for January to June. Baker Act (relating to mental health) and Myers Act (relating to alcoholism) cases were collected for July to December.
Other complaints and other petitions data are for January to June. Other civil data are for July to December.
Dependency termination and change or modification cases were separated from other dependency cases for the January to June period only. These cases were counted as dependency for July to December.
Children in need of supervision, violation of or modify probation, violation of or modify supervision, terminate probation, and terminate supervision data are for January to June only. Data for July to December are contained in the all inclusive "other" category classified as **other juvenile.**

[k]Additional information:
End pending figures were not computed because the change in reporting systems made it inappropriate.
Non-jury trials were not collected for July to December. There were 17,874 civil and 648 criminal non-jury trials from January through June.

[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for January to June only.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report, 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished sources except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA COUNTY COURT[b]
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 counties, 164 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Summary procedure[j]	130,325	180,651	184,557	N/A
Other civil[j]	25,294	41,582	38,696	N/A
Total	155,619	222,233	223,253	N/A
Total civil	155,619	222,233	223,253	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	124,287	177,628	152,581	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Municipal ordinance	2,792	8,420	7,209	N/A
County ordinance	4,422	5,794	5,310	N/A
Total	7,214	14,214[j]	12,519[j]	N/A
Felony preliminary[j]	15,347	22,031[j]	20,803[j]	N/A
Total criminal	146,848	213,873	185,903	N/A
Grand total	302,467	436,106	409,156	N/A

Jury trial[dk]

Civil	62
Criminal	1,986
Total	2,048

Civil dispositions

Final judgment	105,221
Dismissal/settled out of court	113,454

Criminal dispositions

Misdemeanor and ordinance violations:	
Plea	91,133
Total conviction	98,606
Acquitted/dismissed	23,772
Felony preliminary[m]:	
Charge reduced	16,744
Dismissed	54
Bound over after hearing	840
Bound over hearing waived	2,067
Jurisdiction terminated	1,068

Time interval[n] (average weeks)

Filing to termination:	Civil	Criminal
Jury trial	53.3	15.4
Non-jury trial	16.6	13.5
No trial	29.8	9.2
Guilty pleas	—	7.5
No pleas	—	11.2

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-- = Not applicable.

[b]Particular court or recording system information:
Two different reporting systems were used during 1976, one for January to June and one for July to December. The first system counted supplemental filings and dispositions in addition to original filings and dispositions. The second system counted only original filings and dispositions.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed and disposed include original and supplemental cases for January to June. Only original cases were counted for July to December.
Summary procedure cases are those involving $0 to $1,500 in damages.
Other civil cases are those involving $1,500 to $2,500 and nonmonetary civil cases.
Felony preliminaries were counted only for January to June. These cases were no longer counted by the County Court after July 1, 1976.

[k]Additional information:
End pending figures were not computed because the change in reporting systems made it inappropriate.
Non-jury trials were not counted for July to December. For the period January to June, there were 16,460 civil non-jury trials and 4,153 criminal non-jury trials.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Felony preliminary dispositions are for January to June only.

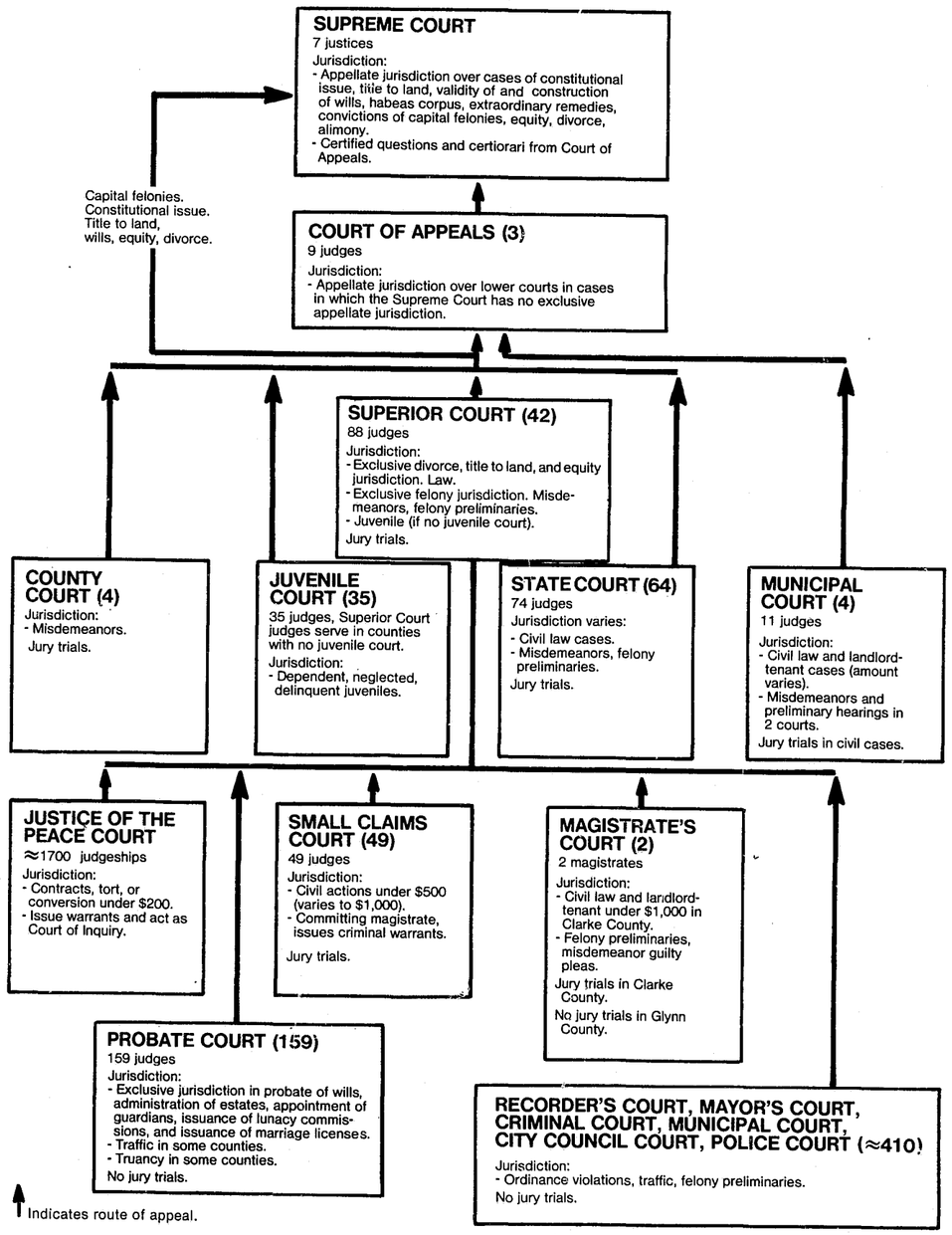
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for January to June only.

Source: State Court Administrator, Judicial System Statistical Report, 1976 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished sources except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Courts during 1976. These courts were phased out over a 3-year period and were eliminated as of January 3, 1977.

Georgia court system, 1976



GEORGIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending[j]	Filed	Disposed	End pending[j]
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	217	591	582	191[g]
Criminal	102	242	280	79[g]
Total appeals	319	833	862	270[g]
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari	58	348	316	90
Applications (habeas corpus)	27	161	144	42[g]
Applications for interlocutory appeal	1	91	82	9[g]
Total	86	600	542	141[g]
Total other cases	86	600	542	141[g]
Total cases	405	1,433	1,404	411[g]

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	801
Orders	257
Transfer	65
Withdrawal	43
Dismissed	12

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Pending case figures include appeals that had been docketed, but were not ready for decision (they were not yet argued or submitted), as well as appeals that were ready for decision. There were 154 civil and 71 criminal beginning pending appeals and 124 civil and 51 criminal end pening appeals that were docketed but not ready for decision.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	943	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	572	X	N/A
Agency appeals	N/A	76	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,530 (61)[ek]	1,591	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Application in interlocutory matter	0	224	163 (61)[e]	0
Total other cases	0	224	163 (61)[e]	0
Total cases	N/A	1,754 (61)[e]	1,754 (61)[e]	N/A

Manner of disposition	
Opinion	1,336

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	856
Reversed	242
Remanded	40
Dismissed with opinion	161
Affirmed in part	37
Withdrawn	255

Time interval (average days)[n]	Mean
Submission to decision	30-45 days

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

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Applications in interlocutory matters granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed and a filing is not counted for the appeal. The granted applications are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[k]Additional information:
Total appeals filed is not the sum of the filings for the reported case categories. The filings by cagetory each include some portion of the 61 granted applications for interlocutory matters. These 61 granted applications are not included in the total appeals filed.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
There is a constitutional provision that a case must be decided by the Court of Appeals either the first or second term after submission. There are three terms a year. This provision accounts for the low average time from submission to decision.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT[ci]
Court of general jurisdiction
42 circuits, 88 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending[i]	Filed	Disposed[i]	End pending[i]
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	X	48,902	45,080	X
Other civil:				
Civil general	X	38,231	30,454	X
Total civil	50,903[hj]	87,133	75,534	62,502
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	X	24,850	23,263	X
Misdemeanor	X	18,112	16,959	X
Total criminal	X	42,962	40,222	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	13,517	13,372	X
Grand total	69,535[hj]	143,612	129,128	84,019[j]

	Trial[d] Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Domestic relations	215	N/A	N/A
Other civil	1,379	N/A	N/A
Total	1,594	N/A	N/A
Criminal:			
Felony	2,076	780	2,856
Misdemeanor	330	458	788
Total	2,406	1,238	3,644
Traffic	33	111	144
Total	4,033	N/A	N/A

Civil dispositions[k]	
Judgment:	
Domestic relations	37,478
Other civil	15,850
Total	53,328
Dismissal:	
Domestic relations	7,387
Other civil	13,059
Total	20,446

Criminal dispositions[k]	
Pleas:	
Felony	15,494
Misdemeanor	7,334
Total	22,828
Bond:	
Misdemeanor	3,376
Dismissal:	
Felony	4,766
Misdemeanor	5,291
Total	10,057

Traffic dispositions	
Pleas	3,634
Bond	8,628
Dismissal	940

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without Juvenile Courts. These cases are included on the Juvenile Court statistical profile.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or accusation.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Beginning pending figure represents only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1975, that were not disposed prior to July 1, 1975.
End pending and disposed figures represent only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1976, that were disposed or still pending in 1976.
[k]Additional information:
Trial, judgment, and dismissal categories do not equal total dispositions for civil and criminal cases because specific types of dispositions for some cases were unknown.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

GEORGIA STATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
64 courts, 74 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	87,472	69,920	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	68,443	60,701	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	147,204	136,727	N/A
Grand total	N/A	303,119	267,348	N/A

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,022	N/A	N/A
Criminal	669	6,985	7,654
Traffic	211	11,132	11,343
Total	1,902	N/A	N/A

Civil dispositions[k]

Judgment	50,361
Dismissal	18,408

Criminal dispositions

Plea	31,977
Bond	8,278
Dismissal	12,792

Traffic dispositions

Plea	46,305
Bond	69,639
Dismissal	9,440

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or accusation.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[k]Additional information:
Since data specifying the type of disposition of civil cases were not complete, the number of civil jury trials, judgments, and dismissals does not equal the number of total civil dispositions.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

GEORGIA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
159 counties, 159 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Probate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,327	3,350	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	113,645	112,547	N/A
Grand total	N/A	116,972[i]	115,897[i]	N/A

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Criminal	0	42	42
Traffic	4	1,108	1,112
Total	4	1,150	1,154

Criminal dispositions

Plea	1,187
Bond	1,816
Dismissal	305

Traffic dispositions

Plea	31,398
Bond	72,536
Dismissal	7,501

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or accusation.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total filed and disposed figures do not include civil cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA JUVENILE COURT[ci]
Court of limited jurisdiction
35 courts, 35[c] judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile traffic	N/A	2,122	1,964	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	2,122	1,964	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	17,850	17,173	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Deprived	N/A	3,889	4,166	N/A
Status offenses:				
Unruly	N/A	6,237	6,076	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings	N/A	386	312	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	28,362	27,727	N/A
Grand total	N/A	30,484	29,691	N/A

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

[c]Judge information:
Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without a separate Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in the Juvenile Court totals.

[i]Data are not complete:
Data were not available for the Eastern, Rome, and Western Judicial Circuits.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed and disposed figures are cases in which formal petitions were filed and heard by Superior, State, or Juvenile Court judges.

Source: The Administrative Office of the Courts, Third Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for fiscal year 1976.

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts, 11 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

GEORGIA SMALL CLAIMS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
49 courts, 49 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for fiscal year 1976.

GEORGIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 magistrates
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate's Court for fiscal year 1976.

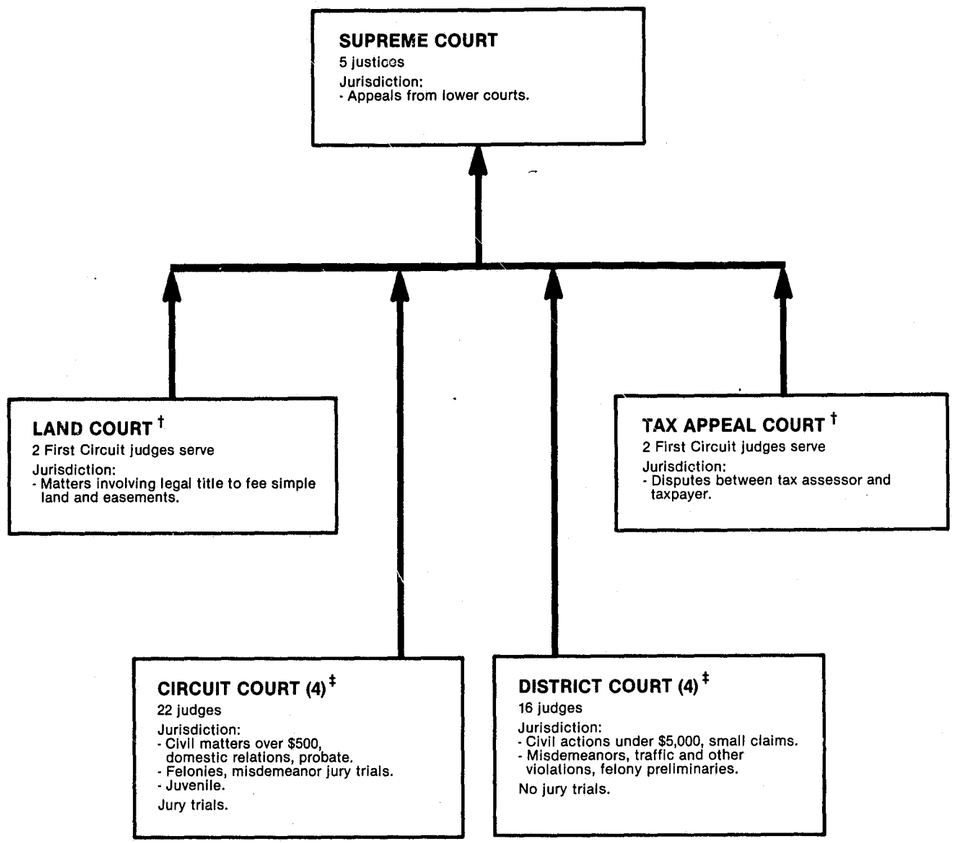
GEORGIA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈ 1700 judgeships
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1976.

GEORGIA RECORDER'S COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY COUNCIL COURT, POLICE COURT, CRIMINAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈410 courts
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, or Criminal Court for fiscal year 1976.

Hawaii court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

† The Land Court and Tax Appeal Court hear special cases, but are considered general jurisdiction courts for this report because circuit judges serve.

‡ The Circuit Court and District Court are both courts of record. District Courts hear high volume cases. Circuit Courts hear *all* jury trials. For our purposes, the Circuit Courts are considered courts of general jurisdiction since they handle felony cases.

HAWAII SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	143	150	97	196
Criminal	62	99	50	111
Other appeals	13	4	8	9
Total appeals	218	253	155	316
Other cases[1]:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	1	2	2	1
Prohibition	0	7	5	2
Other	2	3	4	1
Total	3	12	11	4
Requests to appeal	0	0	0	0
Total other cases	3	12	11	4
Total cases	221	265	166	320
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	2	15	15	2
Other matters:				
Motions	5	360	339	26
Total other proceedings	7	375	354	28

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	73[1]
Memorandum opinion	22[1]
Dismissal/withdrawal	65
Other	360

Disposition of cases[m]	
Affirmed (including reversed in part and modified and affirmed)	52
Reversed (including remands)	27
Motion	5
Petition for rehearing	1

Time periods (average months)

	Civil	Criminal[1]	Other[1]
Appeal filed to regular opinion filed	21.8	16.5	26.1
Appeal filed to memorandum opinion filed	17.8	16.1	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[1]Special source or revision in data:
Data were supplied by the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Data displayed are for those cases disposed of by opinion.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977) and; unpublished data provided by the clerk of court. Source of case data is included in the annual report. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data have been supplied during verification by the clerk of court.

HAWAII CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 circuits, 22 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	1,404	816	844	1,376
Non-auto tort	813	482	398	897
Contract	1,494	1,513	1,229	1,778
Property rights:				
Condemnation	135	68	70	133
Land[j]	9	0	0	9
Mechanics' and materialmon's lien	87	204	160	131
Total	231	272	230	273
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	2,494	5,507	5,409	2,592
Annulment	27	38	43	22
Separation and separate maintenance	101	116	125	92
Uniform reciprocal enforcement	340	734	691	383
Adoption	420	749	760	409
Paternity/parental proceedings	130	256	88	298
Miscellaneous family[j]	286	528	280	534
Adult's referrals	276	661	653	284
Supplemental proceedings	1,620	1,687	1,546	1,761
Total[j]	5,694	10,276	9,595	6,375
Probate:				
Regular probate	2,181	938	807	2,312
Small estate over $700	471	443	475	439
Small estate under $700	256	333	336	253
Guardianship proceedings	3,959	427	364	4,022
Total[j]	6,867	2,141	1,982	7,026
Other civil:				
Naturalization	94	187	98	183
Other civil action	1,599	1,239	858	1,980
Other special proceedings	308	270	157	421
Supplemental proceedings[j]	658	718	551	825
District Court transfers[j]	94	86	63	117
Total	2,753	2,500	1,727	3,526
Total civil	19,256	18,000	16,005	21,251
Criminal[d]:				
Felony[l]	1,329	1,551	1,258	1,622
Misdemeanor[l]	454	437	380	511
Other criminal:				
Criminal actions in Family Court	20	40	45	15
Total criminal	1,803	2,028	1,683	2,148
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile traffic	171	650	751	70
Total traffic	171	650	751	70
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Law violation	1,677	4,957	4,513	2,121
Dependency and neglect:				
Needing services	157	153	160	150
Status offenses:				
Needing protective supervision	446	1,227	1,212	461
Other juvenile:				
Other	65	155	125	95
Supplemental proceedings	433	871	855	449
Total	498	1,026	980	544
Total juvenile	2,778	7,363	6,865	3,276
Grand total	24,008	28,041	25,304	26,745

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	127	198	325
Criminal	229	83	312
Total	356	281	637

Criminal dispositions

Plea	653[l]
Dismissal	92
Nolle prosequi	486[l]

Civil dispositions

Contested hearing	1,221
Uncontested hearing	6,889
Dismissal	1,741
No service	52
No answer	600
No statement of readiness	68

Traffic (juvenile) dispositions

Contested hearing	8
Uncontested hearing	333

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Land cases handled by the Land Court are not included.
Miscellaneous family contains **mental health** cases.
Probate data include some **mental health** cases.
Supplemental proceedings in the **other civil** category include supplemental proceedings on **criminal** as well as **civil** cases.
District Court transfers are cases initiated in the District Court that demand a jury trial.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Data breakdown for **felony** and **misdemeanor** cases and for cases disposed by nolle prosequi or plea were obtained by letter from the administrative office of the courts.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

HAWAII LAND COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
2 first circuit judges serve
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Property rights	76	57	46	87
Total civil	76	57	46	87
Grand total	76	57	46	87

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for the Land Court are included with the general jurisdiction courts because circuit judges serve. The Circuit Court also handles some land cases.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII TAX APPEAL COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
2 first circuit judges serve
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative	47	41	58	30
Total civil	47	41	58	30
Grand total	47	41	58	30

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for the Tax Appeal Court are included with the general jurisdiction courts because circuit judges serve.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 16 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Tort	787	813	638	962
Contract:				
Assumpsit	3,333	8,597	8,170	3,760
Small claims	472	1,388	1,393	467
Property rights:				
Summary possession	570	644	547	667
Administrative:				
Nonpayment of taxes	275	59	82	252
Other civil	56	132	123	65
Total civil	5,493	11,633	10,953	6,173
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	X	X	15,671	X
Ordinance violations	399	25,070	24,881	588
Felony preliminary	X	X	738	X
Total criminal	4,101	42,088	41,290	4,899
Traffic:				
Parking	572	354,886	354,765	693
Other traffic violations:				
Moving arrest and citation	26,210	145,819	142,607	29,422
Nonmoving	14,678	48,612	47,968	15,322
Total	40,888	194,431	190,575	44,744
Total traffic	41,460	549,317	545,340	45,437
Grand total	51,054	603,038	597,583	56,509

Non-jury trial[d]
Civil 646

Criminal dispositions

Misdemeanor and ordinance violations:	
Nolle prosequi	1,934
Total conviction	9,569
Discharge/dismissal	4,904
Stricken	1,420
Bail forfeiture	22,331
Transfer for jury trial	394
Felony preliminary:	
Stricken or discharged	231
Committed to grand jury	312
Committed to Circuit Court	195

Civil dispositions

Discontinuance/dismissed	3,188
Default/confession	7,119

Traffic dispositions

Nolle prosequi	3,870
Total conviction	67,662
Discharge/dismissal	12,456
Stricken	49,986
Bail forfeiture	411,353
Transfer for jury trial	13

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the individual offense on the information or complaint.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Idaho court system, 1976

SUPREME COURT
5 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in claims against state (advisory opinions).
- Appeals from interim orders and final judgments in District Court.
- Appeals from administrative agencies.

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DISTRICT COURT (7)
25 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Original civil, personal injury and other tort, contracts, domestic relations, and habeas corpus.
- Original criminal, felony, post-conviction review.
- Appeals from magistrates and state agencies and boards.

Appeals de novo.
Jury trials.

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MAGISTRATES DIVISION OF DISTRICT COURT (7)
66 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil actions to $5,000, forcible entry and detainer; liens to $1,000 on real and personal property; probate and administration of decedent estates; and small claims to $500.
- Misdemeanors, felony preliminaries, arrest warrants; and searches and seizures.
- Juvenile.

Jury trials except in small claims.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

IDAHO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Auto negligence	11[f]	2	7	6
Other negligence	10	2	8	4
Tax appeals	8[f]	7	5	10
Domestic relations	18	11	13	16
YRA and CPA[jk]	2[f]	0	1	1
Environment/zoning	4	1	2	3
Other	134[f]	138	86	186
Total	187[f]	161	122	226
Criminal:				
Judgments	66[f]	68	53	81
Postconviction relief	8[f]	3	5	6
Other	7	11	4	14
Total	81	82	62	101
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation	20	43	28	35
Public utility commission	10	3	4	9
Total	30	46	32	44
Other:				
Habeas corpus appeals	14	6	12	8
Total appeals	312	295	228	379
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	0	2	1	1
Mandamus	1	10	7	4
Prohibition	2	8	8	2
Disciplinary	0	5	1	4
Other	0	12	4	8
Total	3	37	21	19
Requests to appeal	3	37	21	19
Total other cases				
Total cases	315	332	249	398
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	11	11	N/A
Other matters:				
Extension of time	N/A	426	418	N/A
Motion to dismiss	N/A	106	103	N/A
Other	N/A	280	262	N/A
Total	N/A	812	783	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	823	794	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written majority opinion	136

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes cases added and transferred.
YRA cases are juvenile delinquency cases filed under the Youth Rehabilitation Act. CPA cases involve dependent or neglected children petitions filed under the Child Protection Act.
[k]Additional information:
Juvenile cases are considered civil proceedings in Idaho.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 25 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury/property damage	1,076[fh]	934	778	1,232
Small claims	14[fh]	20	19	15
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	1,508[fh]	4,210	3,409	2,309
Support proceedings	556[fh]	785	682	659
Adoption	9[fh]	4	11	2
Total	2,073[fh]	4,999	4,102	2,970
Probate:				
Informal estate	57[fh]	16	63	10
Formal estate	8[fh]	7	10	5
Guardianship of minors	4[fh]	2	4	2
Total	69[fh]	25	77	17
Mental health:				
Guardianship of incapacitated	2[fh]	1	2	1
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions	3,627[fh]	3,386	3,172	3,841
All other special hearings	37[fh]	55	61	31
Total	3,664[fh]	3,441	3,223	3,872
Appeals:				
Civil appeal	92[fh]	118	86	124
Special proceeding appeal[j]	17[fh]	34	26	25
Total	109[fh]	152	112	149
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	28[fh]	147	113	62
Total civil	7,035[fh]	9,719	8,436	8,318
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony--drug	111[fh]	446	410	147
Felony--driving while intoxicated	44[fh]	174	148	70
Other felony	597[fh]	2,000	1,893	704
Total	752[fh]	2,620	2,451	921
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug	45[fh]	416	418	43
Other misdemeanor	41[fh]	278	288	31
Total	86[fh]	694	706	74
Appeals	42[fh]	65	49	58
Total criminal	880[fh]	3,379	3,206	1,053
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated	6[fh]	20	24	2
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	4[fh]	1	2	3
Total traffic	10[fh]	21	26	5
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other	2[fh]	0	1	1
Dependency and neglect:				
Child Protection Act	1[fh]	1	1	1
Total juvenile	3[fh]	1	2	2
Grand total	7,928[fh]	13,120	11,670	9,378

Trial[d]

Civil:	
Civil	3,138
Appeal	37
Total	3,175
Criminal:	
Felony	303
Misdemeanor	65
Appeals	10
Total	378
Traffic:	
Misdemeanor--DWI	3
Juvenile	1
Total	3,557

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A trial is counted when it has officially begun (the jury is sworn or there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence).
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Special proceeding appeals may include some juvenile appeals.
[h]Figures were computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO MAGISTRATES DIVISION[a] OF DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 66 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury/property damage	315[fh]	550	428	437
Small claims	1,740[fh]	10,130	9,670	2,200
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	2,112[fh]	4,049	4,496	1,665
Support proceedings	639[fh]	1,610	1,316	933
Adoption	207[fh]	974	941	240
Total	2,958[fh]	6,633	6,753	2,838
Probate:				
Informal estate	1,400[fh]	2,591	2,108	1,883
Formal estate	1,150[fh]	1,231	1,160	1,221
Guardianship of minors	141[fh]	197	150	188
Total	2,691[fh]	4,019	3,418	3,292
Mental health:				
Guardianship of incapacitated	159[fh]	201	165	195
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions	4,703[fh]	8,300	7,188	5,815
All other special hearings	176[fh]	685	597	264
Total	4,879[fh]	8,985	7,785	6,079
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	6[fh]	8	8	6
Total civil	12,748[fh]	30,526	28,227	15,047
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug	220[fh]	1,300	1,334	186
Other misdemeanor	3,072[fh]	20,945	20,189	3,828
Total	3,292[fh]	22,245	21,523	4,014
Felony preliminary:				
Felony--drug	71[fh]	679	668	82
Felony--driving while intoxicated	41[fh]	236	244	33
Other felony	1,079[fh]	3,951	3,719	1,311
Total	1,191[fh]	4,866	4,631	1,426
Total criminal	4,483[fh]	27,111	26,154	5,440
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated	1,080[fh]	6,614	6,521	1,173
Juvenile--driving while intoxicated	0[fh]	3	2	1
Total	1,080[fh]	6,617	6,523	1,174
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	3,598[fh]	177,336	177,130	3,804
Total traffic	4,678[fh]	183,953	183,653	4,978
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--drug	61[fh]	212	209	64
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other	1,475[fh]	7,278	6,813	1,940
Total	1,536[fh]	7,490	7,022	2,004
Dependency and neglect:				
Child Protection Act	305[fh]	436	489	252
Total juvenile	1,841[fh]	7,926	7,511	2,256
Grand total	23,750[fh]	249,516	245,545	27,721

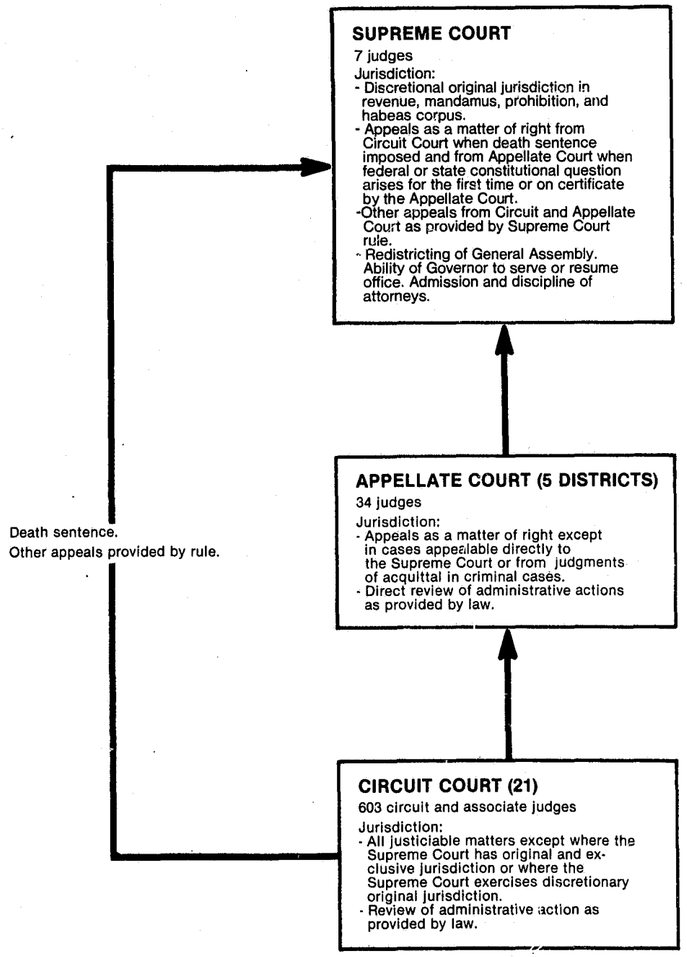
	Trial[d]
Civil	12,851
Criminal	
Misdemeanor	1,800
Felony preliminary	155
Total	1,955
Traffic:	
Traffic	3,684
Misdemeanor--DWI	648
Juvenile--DWI	1
Total	4,333
Juvenile	3,471
Total	22,610

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Magistrates Division is a division of the District Court and its data are included in the general jurisdiction summary tables.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted when it is officially begun (the jury is sworn or there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence).
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Illinois court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	59	(71)[e]	80	50
Action for motion in public interest case [rule 302(b)] allowed	23	(36)[e]	37	22
Statute held invalid	15	9	14	10
Certificate of importance	1	3	2	2
Total	98	12 (107)[e]	133	84
Criminal:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	36	(86)[e]	68	54
Action for motion in public interest case [rule 302 (b)] allowed	0	(6)[e]	3	3
Statute held invalid	7	16	12	11
Death penalty [rule 603]	1	0	0	1
Total	44	16 (92)[e]	83	69
Agency appeals:				
Industrial Commission[a]	39	41	46	34
Total appeals	181	69 (199)[e]	262	187
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil:				
Original action motions	0	45	32 (11)[e]	2
Original action motions allowed	4	(11)[e]	8	7
Miscellaneous	0	4	4	0
Total civil	4	49 (11)[e]	44 (11)[e]	9
Criminal:				
Original action motions	1	16	13 (2)[e]	2
Original action motions allowed	2	(2)[e]	3	1
Miscellaneous	0	11	11	0
Total criminal	3	27 (2)[e]	27 (2)[e]	3
Attorney disciplinary	5	11	10	6
Total	12	87 (13)[e]	81 (13)[e]	18
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition of leave to appeal	61	392	317 (71)[e]	65
Petition for public interest [rule 302(b)] motion	0	56	20 (36)[e]	0
Total civil	61	448	337 (107)[e]	65
Criminal:				
Petition for leave to appeal	86	388	307 (86)[e]	81
Petition for public interest [rule 302(b)] motion	0	6	0 (6)[e]	0
Total criminal	86	394	307 (92)[e]	81
Total	147	842	644 (199)[e]	146
Total other cases	159	929 (13)[e]	725 (212)[e]	164
Total cases	340	998 (212)[e]	987 (212)[e]	351
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for rehearing	N/A	N/A	76	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	76	N/A

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 236

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Appeals from administrative agencies will not be handled by the Supreme Court after January 1, 1979.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for leave to appeal, rule 302(b) motions, or original action motions are counted as requests to appeal or original proceedings filings; when denied, a disposition is counted; when granted, the case becomes an appeal or original proceeding, but a new filing is not counted. When the appeal or original proceeding is concluded, a disposition is counted. The granted petitions and motions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

Source: Unpublished statistical report provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court and by the administrative office of the Illinois courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 34 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,803[f]	1,858	1,678	1,983
Criminal	2,270	2,115	2,257	2,128
Total appeals	4,073[f]	3,973	3,935	4,111
Total cases	4,073[f]	3,973	3,935	4,111

Manner of disposition
Full opinion 1,952
By rule 23 order 1,008
Without opinion or rule 23 order 975

Disposition of appeals
Affirmed 1,895
Reversed 670
Affirmed in part 254
Dismissed 52
Modified 89

Time interval (months)

Number of cases

	Under 6 months	6 to 12 months	1 to 1½ years	1½ to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Over 3 years
Date of filing to date of disposition:						
Civil	406	457	533	190	77	15
Criminal	352	63	878	263	112	17
Date briefs filed to date of disposition:						
Civil	795	515	170	76	6	1
Criminal	1,288	563	152	65	1	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year: This difference in the pending figure is due to an adjustment during an inventory of cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 circuits, 603 circuit and associate judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Law $15,000 and under	61,400[h]	124,822	116,837	69,385
Law over $15,000	61,293[h]	33,718	28,053	66,958
Total	122,693[h]	158,540	144,890	136,343
Small claims	37,638[h]	185,811	184,161	39,288
Equity:				
Chancery	30,489[h]	20,650	16,802	34,337
Property rights:				
Eminent domain	1,441[h]	785	856	1,370
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	32,929[h]	69,634	65,359	37,204
Family	14,560[h]	20,807	16,499	18,868
Total	47,489[h]	90,441	81,858	56,072
Probate	N/A	33,533	29,003	N/A
Mental health	1,424[h]	8,515	8,466	1,473
Administrative:				
Tax	96,848[h]	128,906	104,080	121,674
Municipal corporations	421[h]	219	179	461
Total	97,269[h]	129,125	104,259	122,135
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous remedies	5,562[h]	5,846	5,170	6,238
Total civil	344,005[i]	633,246	575,465	397,256[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	19,278[h]	30,645	29,412	20,511
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanors[j]	N/A	420,388	342,097	N/A
Conservation violations	N/A	7,157	6,826	N/A
Total	N/A	427,545	348,923	N/A
Ordinance violations	N/A	61,922	58,886	N/A
Total criminal	19,278[i]	520,112	437,221	20,511[i]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	2,305,483	2,229,623	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	13,606[h]	25,731	26,529	12,808
Grand total	376,889[i]	3,484,572	3,268,838	430,575[i]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil (law)[m]	1,448	N/A	N/A
Criminal (felony)[m]	1,147	1,420	2,567
Total	2,595	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions (felony)[m]

Guilty plea	17,032
Trial conviction	1,577
Total convicted	18,609
Acquitted	990
Dismissed	13,996

Time interval (average months)

Date of filing to date of verdict:
Law--jury 30.7

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. Each defendant is counted for criminal trials and criminal dispositions.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending cases were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[i]Data are not complete:
Civil total pendings do not include pending cases for probate.
Criminal total pendings do not include pending cases for misdemeanor and ordinance violations.
Grand total pendings do not include pending cases for probate, misdemeanor, ordinance violations, and traffic.

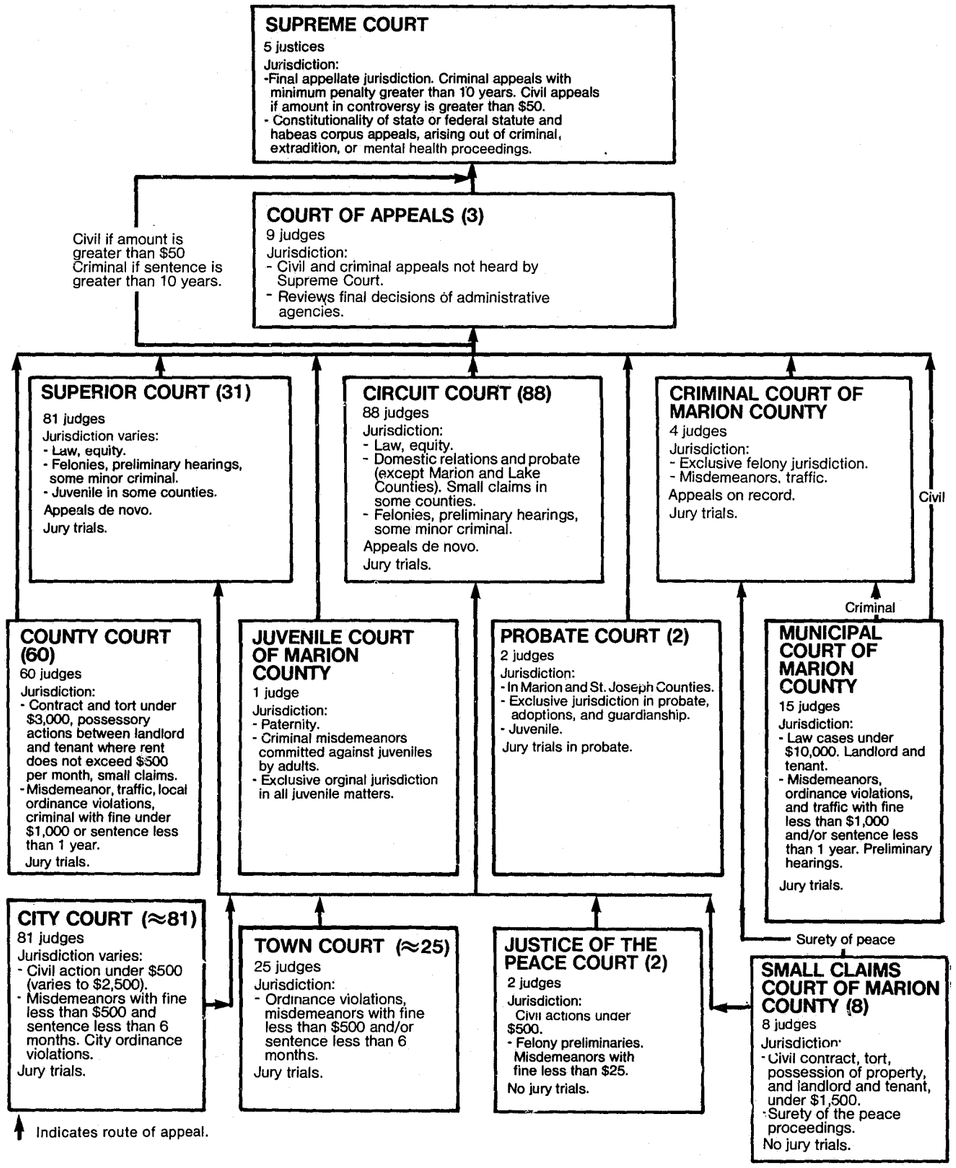
[j]Explanation of data in the category:
Filed includes cases that have been transferred in and transferred out of the court's jurisdiction. Cases transferred in are added to the original filings, while cases transferred out are subtracted. Postjudgment and posttermination matters are not included.
Misdemeanor cases include ordinance and conservation violations in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

[k]Additional information:
The end pending figures for the 1976 court year reflect an accurate inventory count for those counties reporting. There are incomplete pending data for all case categories except law, because some counties are delinquent in reporting their pending figures.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil jury trials are for law cases only.
Criminal trials and criminal dispositions are for felony cases only. Each defendant is counted for trials and disposition types.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Indiana court system, 1976



INDIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Direct appeals	X	X	137	X
Civil petitions to transfer after granted	X	X	7	X
Criminal petitions to transfer after granted	X	X	7	X
Total appeals	X	X	151	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions	X	X	11	X
Disciplinary cases	X	X	9	X
Writs	0	38	38	0
Total	X	X	58	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil petitions to transfer	0	151	151	0
Criminal petitions to transfer denied	X	X	70	X
Total	X	X	221	X
Total other cases	X	X	279	X
Total cases	80[h]	430	430	80
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for extension of time	N/A	N/A	464	N/A
Special judge matters	N/A	N/A	191	N/A
Hearing officers in disciplinary matters	N/A	N/A	21	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	676	N/A

Manner of disposition

Majority opinion	165[k]
Per curiam	6

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[k]Additional information:
There were 25 concurring opinions and 25 dissenting opinions.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	317	X	X
Criminal	X	417	X	X
Other appeals:				
Expedited cases	X	43	X	X
Total appeals	499	777	653	623
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	499	777	653	623
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss/affirm	20	170	147	43
Chief judge matters	--	2,894	2,894	--
Total	20	3,064	3,041	43
Total other proceedings	20	3,064	3,041	43

Manner of disposition

Opinion (majority)	639
Opinion (other)	97
Order	14

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed cases are "fully briefed cases" forwarded to the court by the clerk's office.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA SUPERIOR COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 counties, 81 judges; 88 circuits, 88 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims (County Court function)[k]	253	17,407	11,833	5,738[g]
Domestic relations:				
Dissolution	X	44,223	46,826	X
Redocketed dissolutions	X	21,782	19,931	X
Total	X	66,005	66,757	X
Probate:				
Probate/adoption	X	18,190	16,200	X
Guardianship	X	3,665	3,775	X
Total	X	21,855	19,975	X
Other civil:				
Civil	X	44,073	56,606	X
Redocketed civil	X	15,846	11,411	X
Plenary proceedings[k]	168	45	39	938[g]
Redocketed civil (County Court function)[k]	0	4,405	2,089	2,069[g]
Venued in	--	4,288	--	--
Total	X	68,657	70,145	X
Total civil	X	173,924	168,710	X
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal (County Court function)[k]	4,395	13,236	17,452	2,939[g]
Redocketed criminal (County Court function)[k]	93	5	72	97[g]
Total	4,488	13,241	17,524	3,036[g]
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	X	14,275	18,481	X
Redocketed criminal	X	1,647	1,288	X
Total	X	15,922	19,769	X
Felony preliminary:				
Other (County Court function)[jk]	186	2,001	927	8[g]
Other criminal:				
Other[j]	X	12,331	11,549	X
Total criminal	X	43,495	49,769	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonfelony traffic	X	74	322	X
Nonfelony traffic (County Court function)[k]	3,574	48,263	46,669	3,817[g]
Total traffic	X	48,337	46,991	X
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	X	12,981	13,331	X
Grand total	231,492	278,737	278,801	232,134[g]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	756	15,735	16,491
Criminal	846	5,571	6,417
Other[m]	332	83,726	84,058
Total	1,934	105,032	106,966

Civil dispositions

Settled	17,026
Default	18,307

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Plea	31,516
Traffic Violations Bureau	20,582

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as added up from the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" includes all matters adjudicated in the court that have not been specifically listed. These include probable cause hearings, petitions for writs of habeas corpus, commitment proceedings, waiver hearings, and informal juvenile hearings. It was determined from the data that many of these were probable cause cases when handled as a County Court function. The "other" category cases are listed as **other criminal** for the regular functions of the court.
[k]Additional information:
Cases in this category are considered a County Court function (cases usually handled in the County Courts) of the Superior Court and Circuit Court.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
"Other" trials include data for trials in **small claims, domestic relations, probate, traffic, juvenile,** and other cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CRIMINAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 4 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	351	1,948	2,348	173[g]
Redocketed criminal	5	113	75	35[g]
Venued in	—	333	—	—
Total	356	2,394	2,423	208[g]
Total criminal	356	2,394	2,423	208[g]
Grand total	356	2,394	2,423	208[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	366	167	533

Criminal dispositions

Plea	766
Dismissed	436

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as added up from the annual report.

Source: Division of State Court Administrator, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
60 courts, 60 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	X	40,758	28,980	X
Other civil:				
Plenary proceedings	X	3,697	1,780	X
Redocketed civil	X	7,496	3,956	X
Total	X	11,193	5,736	X
Total civil	X	51,951	34,716	X
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	X	31,582	23,281	X
Redocketed criminal	X	233	434	X
Total	X	31,815	23,715	X
Felony preliminary:				
Other[j]	X	4,352	3,829	X
Total criminal	X	36,167	27,544	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonfelony traffic	X	130,149	116,663	X
Total traffic	X	130,149	116,663	X
Grand total	2,385[k]	218,267	178,923	42,444[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	11	7,926	7,937
Criminal	81	3,944	4,025
Other[m]	63	10,398	10,461
Total	155	22,268	22,423

Civil dispositions

Settled	6,842
Default	12,658

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Plea	57,685
Traffic Violations Bureau	68,981

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figure is as added up from the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" category includes all matters adjudicated in the court that have not been specifically listed. These include probable cause hearings, petitions for writs of habeas corpus, commitment proceedings, and waiver hearings. It was determined from the data that many of these were probable cause cases in the County Courts.

[k]Additional information:
The beginning pending figure is low because a majority of the County Courts began handling operation on January 1, 1976.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
"Other" trials include data for trials in **small claims, traffic,** and **felony preliminary** cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

JUVENILE COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	6	42	25	23
Total criminal	6	42	25	23
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile	1,287	5,968	5,714	1,541
Other[j]	110	87	61	136
Total	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677
Total juvenile	1,397	6,055	5,775	1,677
Grand total	1,403	6,097	5,800	1,700

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	0	10	10
Juvenile	4	4,316	4,320
Total	4	4,326	4,330

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal cases are misdemeanors committed against juveniles by adults.
Other cases are informal juvenile hearings.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	396	408	368	435[g]
Probate:				
Probate/adoption	4,091	3,687	3,722	4,275[g]
Guardianship	4,771	822	641	4,838[g]
Total	8,862	4,509	4,363	9,113[g]
Other civil	1,283	1,827	1,028	1,864[g]
Total civil	10,541	6,744	5,759	11,412[g]
Grand total	10,541	6,744	5,759	11,412[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	3	3,677	3,680

Civil dispositions

Settled	133
Default	215

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as added up from the annual report.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 11 full-time and 4 part-time judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	5,616	8,249	10,058	3,800[g]
Redocketed civil	3,181	6,701	7,791	2,091[h]
Venued in	--	7	--	--
Total	8,797	14,957	17,849	5,891[g]
Total civil	8,797	14,957	17,849	5,891[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573[g]
Total criminal	13,918	35,595	32,129	23,573[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonfelony traffic	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996[g]
Total traffic	46,150	96,310	86,425	76,996[g]
Grand total	68,865	146,862	136,403	106,460[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	39	6,075	6,114
Criminal	100	11,946	12,046
Traffic	39	24,062	24,101
Total	178	42,083	42,261

Civil dispositions	
Settled	306
Default	5,906
Dismissed	4,017
Venued out	83
Other	1,423

Criminal and traffic dispositions	
Plea	59,399
Traffic Violations Bureau	8,361
Dismissed	12,865
Other	1,782

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1976 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
81 courts, 81 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the City Court for 1976.

INDIANA TOWN COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
25 courts, 25 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Town Court for 1976.

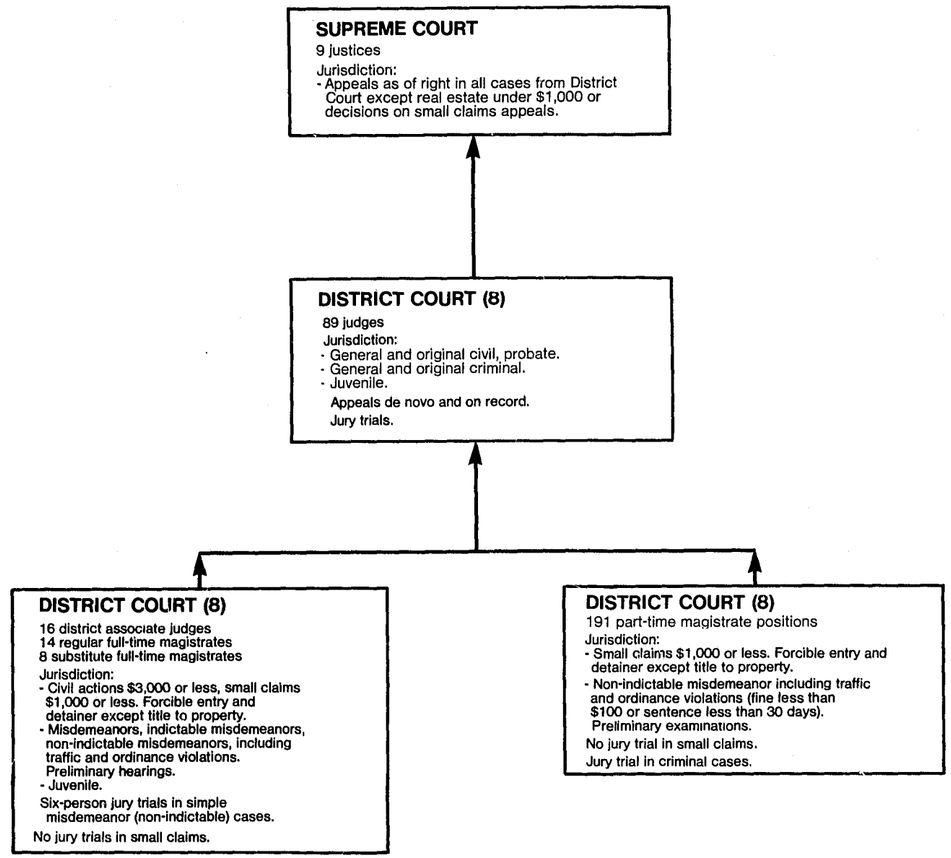
INDIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 8 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1976.

Iowa court system, 1976



IOWA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	662	547	625	756
Criminal[j]	337	408	446	322
Other:				
Disciplinary	(j)	(j)	8	(j)
Total appeals	999	955	1,079	1,078[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(j)	31	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal	(j)	190	(j)	(j)
Total other cases	(j)	221	(j)	(j)
Total cases	999	1,176	1,079	1,078[g]
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions and orders	--	2,281	2,281	--
Total other proceedings	--	2,281	2,281	--

Manner of disposition	
Signed written opinion	317
Per curiam	70
Affirmed without opinion	7

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	254
Reversed	87
Mixed	35
Dismissal or withdrawal	474
Transferred	69
Consolidated	28

Time interval (average months)

	Civil	Priority civil[n]	Criminal	All
Notice of appeal to readiness	8.6	8.6	9.5	9.1
Readiness to submission	17.8	2.1	2.0	7.0
Submission to filing of decision	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Notice of appeal to decision	28.8	12.6	13.3	18.1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals disposed and pending figures include direct civil appeals, **original proceedings**, and requests to appeal arising out of civil cases. Disciplinary cases are included in civil appeals under filed and pending.
Criminal appeals disposed and pending figures include both direct criminal appeals and **original proceedings** arising out of criminal cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Priority civil includes postconviction relief and contested child custody cases.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, Iowa Supreme Court Statistical Report For the Year 1977, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa); and Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1976 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1977). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

IOWA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
8 districts[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims:				
Small claims (associate judges and regular magistrates)	974	5,752	5,911	815
Small claims (substitute and part-time magistrates)	570[h]	12,220	12,265	525
Small claims (disposed by clerk)	X	X	46,037	X
Total[j]	12,982[f]	62,416	64,213	11,185
Probate:				
Estate[k]	N/A	18,594	16,950	N/A
Guardianship and conservatorship[k]	N/A	3,630	N/A	N/A
Trusteeship[k]	N/A	672	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	22,896	16,950[i]	N/A
Other civil:				
Regular civil (district judges)	X	39,719	37,242	X
Regular civil (associate judges, substitute and regular magistrates)	X	384	366	X
Total	34,164[f]	40,103	37,608	36,659
Total civil	47,146[i]	125,415	118,771[i]	47,844[i]

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	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Regular criminal[jk]	9,964[fj]	18,015	16,534	11,458[j]
Misdemeanor:				
Regular criminal[jk]	(j)	8,143	8,130	(j)
Nonindictable state[k]	X	X	44,762	X
Total	X	X	52,892	X
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary examination[j] (associate judges and regular magistrates)	1,650[f]	7,285	7,258	1,677
Preliminary examination (substitute and part-time magistrates)	1,059[fh]	12,695	12,332	1,422
Total	2,709	19,980	19,590	3,099
Ordinance violations:				
Nonindictable ordinance[k]	X	X	93,183	X
Total criminal[k]	X	X	182,199	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonindictable state[k]	X	X	147,127	X
Nonindictable ordinance[k]	X	X	138,583	X
Total	X	X	285,710	X
Total traffic	X	X	285,710	X
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile (district judges)	N/A	3,134	2,797	N/A
Juvenile (associate judges and regular magistrates)	N/A	2,538	3,832	N/A
Total	N/A	5,672	6,629	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,672	6,629	N/A
Grand total	133,424[i]	587,921	593,309[i]	123,047[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	384	14,857	15,241
Criminal	1,022	23,780	24,802
Traffic	160	8,506	8,666
Total	1,566	47,143	48,709

Age of pending cases 12/31/76

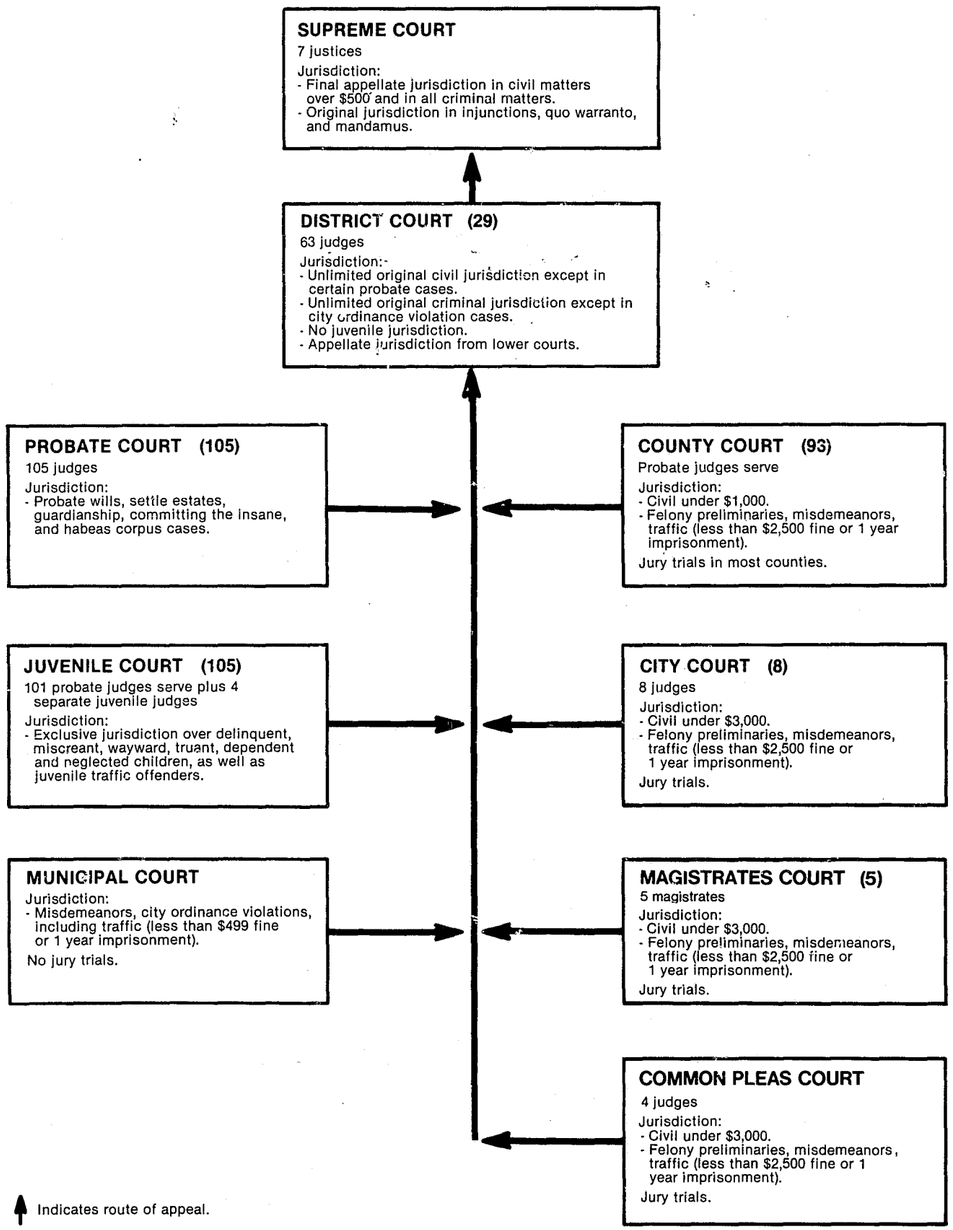
	Over 1 year	Under 1 year
Regular civil	16,564	20,095
Regular criminal	2,665	8,793

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Data include cases handled by 89 district and 16 district associate judges, 14 regular full-time, 8 substitute full-time, and 191 part-time magistrates.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial (contested) is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
The disparity between these figures is due to inventory corrections.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Probate, total civil, and grand total disposed figures do not include guardianship and conservatorship, or trusteeship.
Total civil pending does not include **probate** data.
Grand total pending does not include **probate** or **juvenile** data.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Small claims total includes cases handled by the clerk. The cases are not listed as filed or pending in the "by clerk" category because the cases are filed as regular cases and not as cases to be specifically disposed by the clerk.
Regular criminal cases handled by the district judges include felonies and appeals.
Felony pending is the total for all regular criminal categories (felony, appeal, indictable misdemeanor).
Misdemeanor (regular criminal) pending cases are included in the **felony** (regular criminal) data.
[k]Addtional information:
Estate, guardianship and conservatorship, trusteeship, and regular criminal (felony) are handled by district judges only.
Nonindictable state and nonindictable ordinance cases are handled by district associate judges, regular full-time, substitute full-time, and part-time magistrates.
In addition to the total criminal data, there were 238 search warrants and 30 miscellaneous actions handled by district associate and regular full-time magistrates, and 840 search warrants and 73 miscellaneous actions handled by substitute full-time and part-time magistrates.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Kansas court system, 1976



KANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	155[f]	254	186	223
Criminal	76[f]	152	118	110
Total appeals	231[f]	406	304	333
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	11	X
Mandamus	X	X	13	X
Disciplinary cases	X	X	10	X
Quo warranto	X	X	1	X
Error coram nobis	X	X	1	X
Total	8[f]	32	36	4
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	8[f]	32	36	4
Total cases	239[f]	438	340	337
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Application for intermediate relief (rules 5, 15, 16, and 17)	0[f]	42	42	0
Total other proceedings	0[f]	42	42	0

Manner of disposition	
Appeals terminated by opinion	276

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	190
Reversed	65
Reversed in part	16
Dismissed	33

Time intervals (average months)	Civil	Criminal
Notice of appeal to docketing	5.6	7.7
Docketing to readiness	4.4	4.1
Readiness to decision	7.1	4.8
Docketing to decision	11.6	8.8
Notice of appeal to decision	17.1	16.5
Docketing to submission	9.9	7.5
Age of pending cases from date of notice of appeal	10.4	13.9
Age of pending cases from date of docketing cases	4.8	4.1

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

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: December 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
29 districts, 63 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	1,497[f]	1,260	1,325	1,432
Non-auto tort	1,480[f]	1,533	1,332	1,681
Contract	3,734[f]	6,375	6,033	4,076
Property rights:				
Foreclosure	540[f]	1,012	1,027	525
Real property	612[f]	1,208	1,224	596
Total	1,152[f]	2,220	2,251	1,121
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	7,309[f]	18,545	18,817	7,037
Separate maintenance	352[f]	502	589	265
Annulment	111[f]	438	459	90
Reciprocal IN	392[f]	1,301	1,143	550
Reciprocal OUT	112[f]	1,210	1,203	119
Other domestic relations	191[f]	603	538	256
Total	8,467[f]	22,599	22,749	8,317
Other civil:				
Other regular civil	1,982[f]	3,412	2,928	2,466
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Extraordinary writs:				
K.S.A. 60-1507	28[f]	53	62	19
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus	262[f]	359	379	242
Total	290[f]	412	441	261
Total civil	18,602[f]	37,811	37,059	19,354
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Crime against person	388[f]	1,212	1,250	350
Crime against property	701[f]	3,163	3,088	776
Other felony	328[f]	1,139	1,089	378
Total	1,417	5,514	5,427	1,504
Misdemeanor	50[f]	146	144	52
Appeals:				
Driving while intoxicated	110[f]	315	303	122
Other traffic	142[f]	451	424	169
Other offenses	183[f]	600	569	214
Total	435[f]	1,366	1,296	505
Total criminal	1,902[f]	7,026	6,867	2,061
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	17[f]	88	67	38
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	29[f]	141	125	45
Total traffic	46[f]	229	192	83
Grand total	20,550[f]	45,066	44,118	21,498

Contested trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	389[l]	8,941[l]	9,330
Criminal and traffic	738	693	1,431
Total	1,127	9,634	10,761

Time interval (months)

Age of cases at disposition:	Contested civil	Contested criminal and traffic
Under 6 month	5,771	1,278
6 to 12 months	1,854	129
Over 12 months	1,705	24

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Pleas of guilty	3,838
Trial convictions	1,096
Acquitted	335
Dismissed[m]	1,790

Age of pending cases

Under 12 months	17,670
12 to 24 months	2,806
Over 24 months	1,022

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the filing of a petition or complaint. Appeals are filed in categories according to the nature of the case.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals are listed in categories according to the nature of the suit.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figure is as revised by the office of the judicial administrator.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Dismissed criminal dispositions include dismissals, other uncontested matters, and appeals from lower courts.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1976); and Office of Judicial Administrator, Statistical Report on the District Courts 1976 (Topeka, Kansas: 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the judicial administrator.

KANSAS CITY COURT, MAGISTRATES COURT, AND COMMON PLEAS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts, 17 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]				
Law:				
Civil	5,791[l]	27,935[h]	28,269	5,457
Total civil	5,791[l]	27,935[h]	28,269	5,457
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	X	X	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	X	X	X
Grand total	9,949[l]	113,977[h]	114,192	9,734

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1	2,761	2,762
Criminal and traffic	X	X	2,648
Total	X	X	5,410

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Pleas of guilty	73,877
Trial convicted	2,263
Trial acquitted	385
Dismissed	6,506
Bound over to District Court	2,892

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).
[h]Figure was computed:
Filed figure was computed from pending and disposed data.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1975 Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1975, 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 counties: probate judges serve
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	2,495[l]	7,274[h]	6,966	2,803
Total civil	2,495[l]	7,274[h]	6,966	2,803
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	X	X	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	X	X	X
Grand total	10,173[l]	190,127[h]	189,776	10,524

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,162	1	1,163
Criminal and traffic	X	X	3,112
Total	X	X	4,275

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Pleas of guilty	168,875
Trial convicted	2,830
Trial acquitted	282
Dismissed	9,224
Bound over to District Court	1,599

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).
[h]Figure was computed:
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[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1975 Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1975, 1976). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS PROBATE COURT AND JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
109 courts, 109 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d];				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,432	N/A
Probate:				
Estates	8,175[f]	5,747	5,287	8,635
Guardianship, conservatorship	8,412[f]	1,796	1,184	9,024
Trusts under supervision	N/A	N/A	1,954	N/A
Care and treatment proceedings	N/A	N/A	3,347	N/A
Determination of descent	N/A	N/A	2,680	N/A
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	1,234	N/A
Foreign transcripts	N/A	N/A	1,890	N/A
Total	16,587[fi]	7,543[i]	17,576	17,659[i]
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus hearings	N/A	N/A	20	N/A
Orders in absence of District Court judge	N/A	N/A	582	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	602	N/A
Total civil	16,587[fi]	7,543[i]	20,610	17,659[i]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	21,007	N/A
Grand total	16,587[fi]	7,543[i]	41,617	17,659[i]

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

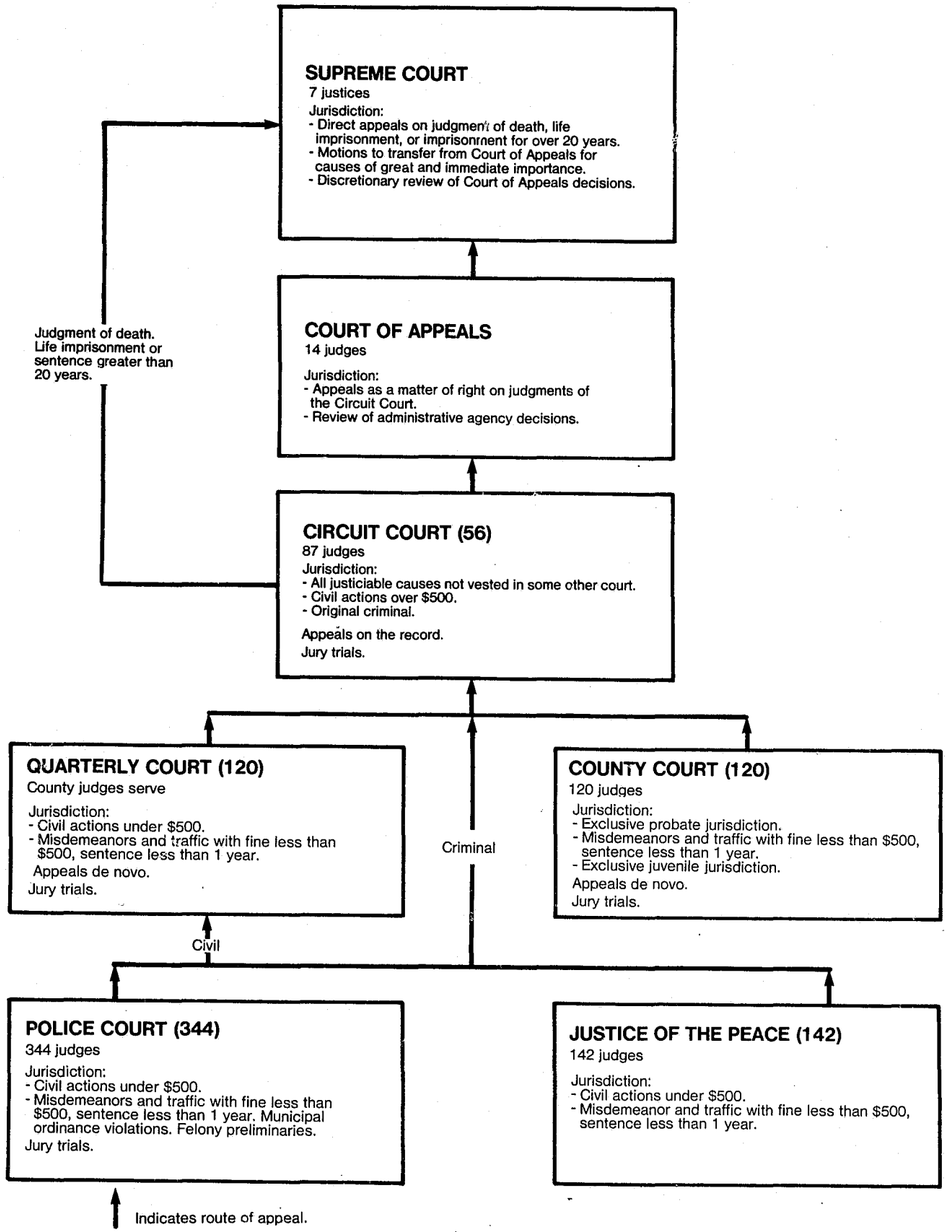
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[i]Data are not complete:
Probate, total civil, and grand total pending and filed figures include only estates and guardianship, conservatorship cases.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: December 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

Kentucky court system, 1976



KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	X	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions	N/A	X	X	N/A
Actions for injunctive relief	N/A	14	X	N/A
Total	N/A	X	X	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for appeal	N/A	11	X	N/A
Motion for transfer	N/A	7	X	N/A
Motion for discretionary review	N/A	3	X	N/A
Total	N/A	21	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	833	1,217[j]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	N/A	141	130	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	141	130	N/A

Manner of disposition	
Opinion	750
Order	314
Transfer	153

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total cases disposed include 153 cases transferred to the Court of Appeals.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS[k]
Intermediate appellate court
14 judges
July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976[k]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	0	X	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions	0	X	X	X
Actions for injunctive relief[a]	0	0[a]	0[a]	X
Total	0	X	X	X
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	0	X	X	X
Total cases	0[k]	615	71[k]	544[k]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	0	0	0	0
Total other proceedings	0	0	0	0

Manner of disposition	
Opinion	38
Order	33

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Jurisdiction regarding "actions for injunctive relief" was retained by the Supreme Court until February 1, 1977. The Court of Appeals obtained jurisdiction on that date.

[k]Additional information:
The Court of Appeals became operational in August 1976. Appeals were docketed beginning on July 1, 1976.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report.

KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
56 districts, 87 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	71,720[f]	59,497	55,110	76,104[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	8,208	11,013	11,589	9,094[g]
Extraordinary writs:				
Prisoner petitions	20	189	151	58
Total criminal	8,228[f]	11,202	11,740	9,152[g]
Grand total	79,948[f]	70,699	66,850	85,256[g]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is in general the number of informations or indictments. Counts were made for both the number of informations or indictments and the number of defendants, with more data being available for the information or indictment unit of count.
Estimates for those counties missing information or indictment data were taken to be the number of defendants.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Discrepancy for criminal cases results from estimation procedures used to arrive at some criminal figures.

[i]Data are not complete:
The following counties were not included in the state totals because their caseload reports were not received in time by the administrative office of the courts: Breathitt, Carroll, Casey, Johnson, Knott, Lincoln, Montgomery, Rockcastle, Scott, Whitley, and Woodford.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal cases include **felony, misdemeanor,** and civil and criminal appeal cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KENTUCKY COUNTY COURT, QUARTERLY COURT, POLICE COURT, AND JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
120 county courts, 120 judges; 120 quarterly courts, county judges serve;
344 police courts, 344 judges; 142 justice courts, 142 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[b]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	42,658	N/A	N/A
Probate	N/A	20,097	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	62,755	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violations:				
Criminal/city ordinance	N/A	185,275	N/A	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	23,081	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	209,356	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Serious traffic	N/A	73,425	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	353,021	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	426,446	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	426,446	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	26,043	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	724,600	N/A	N/A

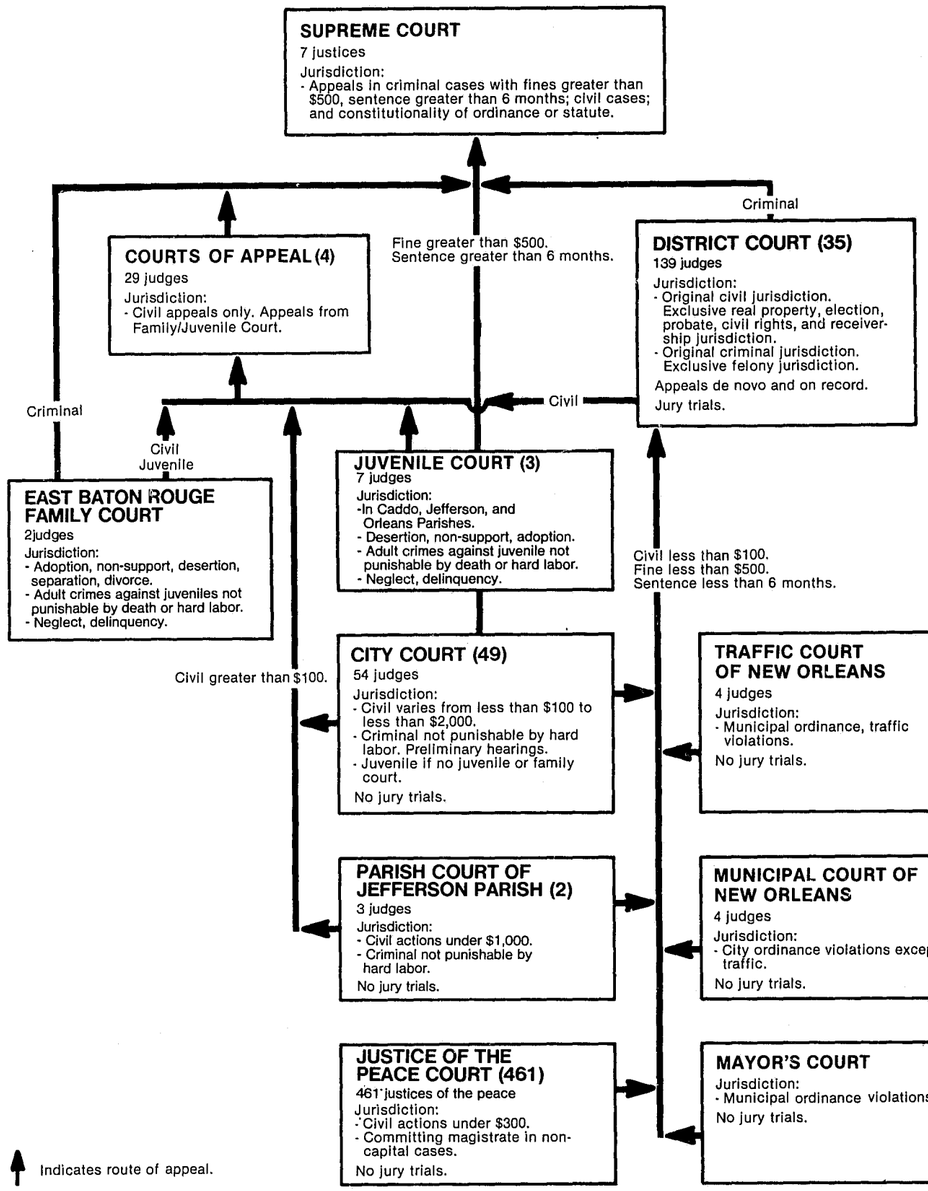
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Lower court data were not reported and not previously estimated in Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Bell, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Bullitt, Caldwell, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Casey, Clark, Clay, Crittenden, Cumberland, Davies, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Garrard, Graves, Grayson, Greenup, Hancock, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, McLean, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Menifee, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Owen, Perry, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Scott, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Union, Wayne, Webster, Whitley, Wolfe, and Woodford counties. The projected caseload for each case category was substituted for actually reported figures in these counties.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1976 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Louisiana court system, 1976



LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	8	7	N/A
Criminal	N/A	453	337	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	461	344	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Writs	N/A	1,278	1,233[k]	N/A
Disciplinary	N/A	22	8[j]	N/A
Other	N/A	1	1	N/A
Total	N/A	1,301	1,242	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	(k)	(k)	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,301	1,242	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,762	1,586	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	212	236	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	212	236	N/A

Manner of disposition

Opinion	513
Per curiam without opinion	61
Appeals dismissed	13

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

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Disciplinary case dispositions were assumed to be equal to the number of reported opinions rendered on disciplinary cases.

[k]Additional information:
Of the 1,233 writs disposed, 145 were reported as opinions written after the granting of the writ and argument of the case.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana); and Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Annual Statistical Resume (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the clerk of court. Unpublished data were obtained through telephone calls to the office of the clerk.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL[a]
Intermediate appellate court
4 circuits, 29 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	1,947	1,802	X
Total appeals	X	1,947	1,802	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Writs	X	242	229[h]	X
Requests to appeal	X			X
Total other cases	X	242	229	X
Total cases	760[f,h]	2,189	2,031	918
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	896	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	896	N/A

Manner of disposition

Judgments rendered	1,627
Cases dismissed	175

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Court hears civil appeals only.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

[h]Figure was computed:
The writs disposed figure was computed by adding writs refused and writs granted.
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURT[i], FAMILY COURT, AND JUVENILE COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
35 districts, 139[c] judges; 1 court, 2 judges; 3 courts, 7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	N/A	8,616	N/A	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort	N/A	5,280	N/A	N/A
Contract	N/A	26,779	N/A	N/A
Property rights	N/A	1,758	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Domestic	N/A	26,605	N/A	N/A
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	N/A	4,307	N/A	N/A
Succession	N/A	9,442	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	13,749	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	15,559	N/A	N/A
Appeals	N/A	65	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	100,868[k]	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal categories	N/A	14,721	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	N/A	37,576	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	52,297	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	5,501	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need	N/A	854	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile	N/A	3,671	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	10,406[k]	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	163,571	N/A	N/A

Filing to disposition:	Cases tried	Time interval (median days): Cases set for trial but not tried	Cases disposed without being set for trial	Total for all cases
Civil	52	85	37	40
Criminal:				
Felony	114	97	66	84
Misdemeanor	65	53	20	26

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

[c]Judge information:
Nine of the 139 District Court judges are in the 5 parishes that submitted no reports.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[i]Data are not complete:
Of the 64 parishes, no data were submitted for St. Mary, Ascension, Assumption, Plaquemines, and Terrebonne Parishes.
[k]Additional information:
Total civil and total juvenile filings as reported do not equal the sum of the filings by category.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA CITY COURT[i] AND PARISH COURT[i], NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL AND TRAFFIC COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
53 courts, 65 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	59,537	35,081	N/A
Total civil	N/A	59,537	35,081	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	21,027	20,736	N/A
Ordinance violations	N/A	91,131	72,256	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	112,158	92,992	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
State cases	N/A	126,205	121,172	N/A
Ordinance cases	N/A	254,839	209,504	N/A
State cases--juvenile	N/A	4,175	3,672	N/A
Ordinance cases--juvenile	N/A	2,764	1,114	N/A
Total	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A
Total other traffic	N/A	387,983	335,462	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	4,569	3,951	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect	N/A	299	304	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings	N/A	207	154	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,075	4,409	N/A
Grand total	N/A	564,753	467,944	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data were not available for Oakdale and Plaquemines.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

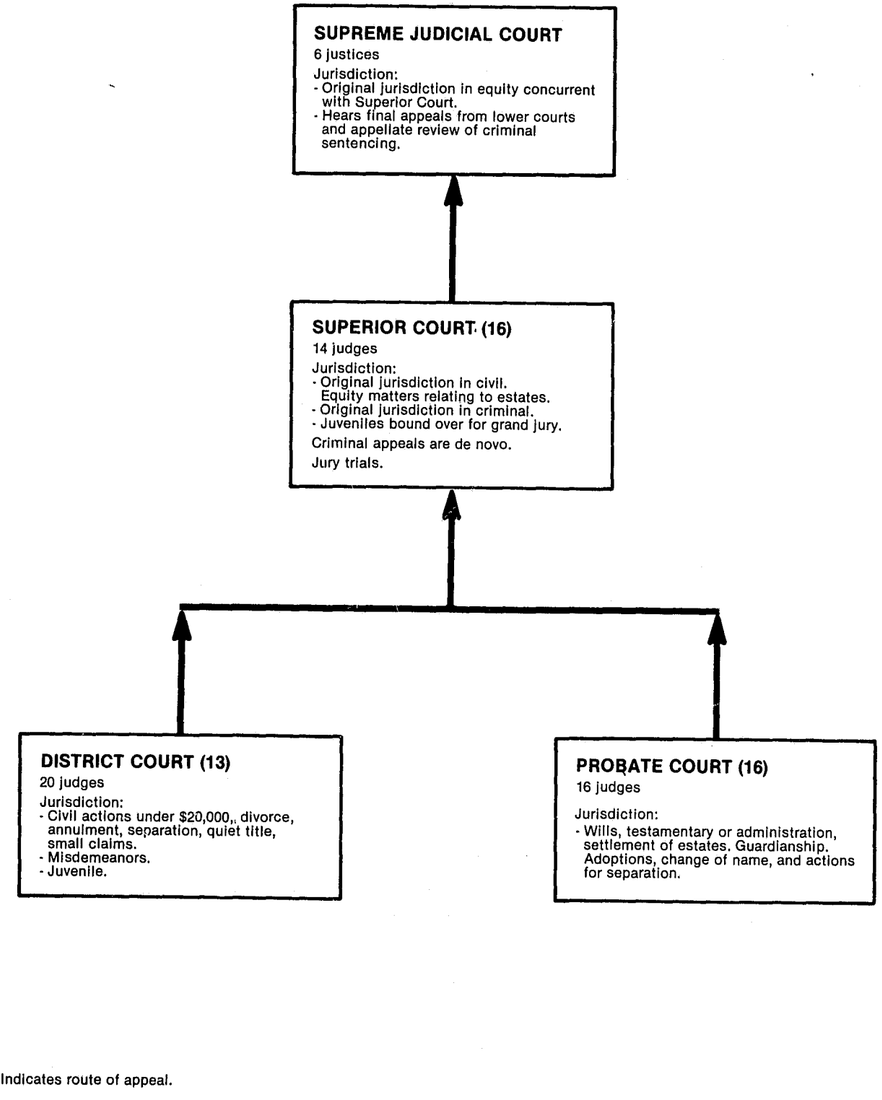
LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
461 courts, 461 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

LOUISIANA MAYOR'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayor's Court for 1976.

Maine court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
6[c] justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	119	145	121	143
Criminal	127	124	115	136
Total appeals	246	269	236	279
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Solemn occasion opinions[j]	0	2	2	0
Requests to appeal:				
Requests for certificate of probable cause[j]	0	6	6	0
Sentence review:				
Appeals in the appellate division	33	57	55	35
Total other cases	33	65	63	35
Total cases	279	334	299	314

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	155	Sustained	34
Per curiam opinions	11	Denied	113
Solemn occasion opinions	2	Remanded	19
		Dismissed	68

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[c]Judge information:
One "active retired" justice serves in addition to the six justices.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Solemn occasion opinions are requests from the legislature or governor for advisory opinions.
A request for a certificate of probable cause can be filed after denial of a petition for postconviction relief, and if granted, results in a regular appeal.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the clerk of the court.

MAINE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
16 counties, 14 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	8,188[h]	5,851	5,024	9,015[h]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments	X	X	2,675	X
Transfers	X	X	3,664	X
Total	3,844[h]	6,533	6,339	4,038[h]
Total criminal	3,844[h]	6,533	6,339	4,038[h]
Grand total	12,032[h]	12,384	11,363	13,053[h]

Trial[d]		Time intervals (average days)	
Civil	477	**Civil:**	
Criminal	604	Pretrial memo to pretrial conference	101.3
Total	1,081	Pretrial conference to disposition for all cases disposed	140.0
		Pretrial conference to disposition for cases disposed by trail	138.0
		Criminal:	
		Days to disposition for indictment	76.2
		Days to disposition for transfer	79.4

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted by the state when it has officially begun.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was calculated from data available for 1975.
End pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and beginning pending data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977); and "Summary of clerk's monthly report to the chief justice for the year ending December 31, 1974" (unpublished). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
13 courts, 20 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending[k]	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Disclosure	N/A	5,951	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	12,449	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	18,400	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	12,511	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	N/A	7,323	N/A	N/A
Reciprocal	N/A	41	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	7,364	N/A	N/A
Mental health	N/A	418	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	38,693	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	4,517	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	117,845	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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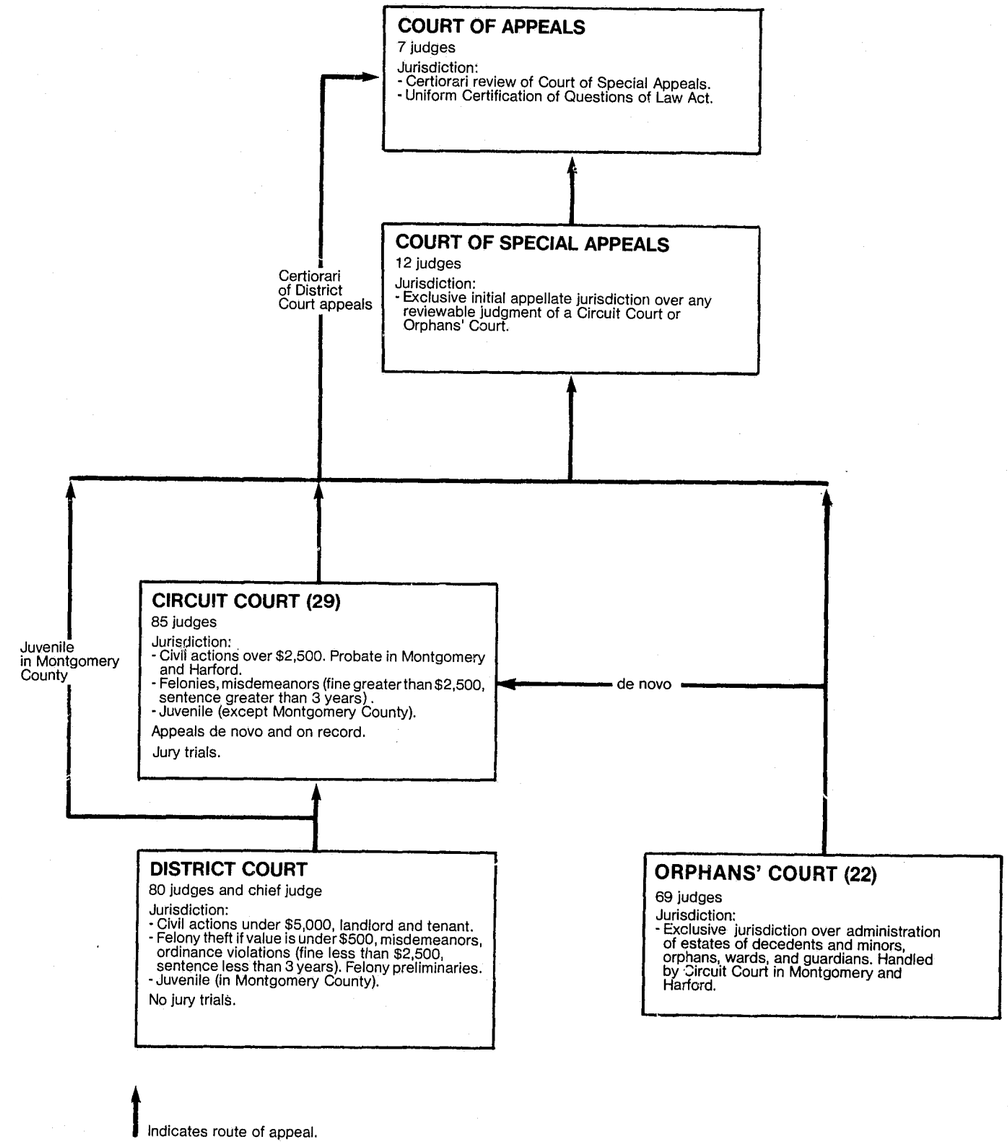
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[k]Additional information:
Data for pending and disposed categories cannot be accurately reported by the District Courts at this time. A new reporting system is being developed and data for the beginning pending, disposed, and end pending categories should be available at a later date.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 16 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

Maryland court system, 1976



MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
7 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	21[l]	134[h]	149[h]	6
Criminal	4[l]	41[h]	37[h]	8
Total appeals	25	175	186	14
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	0	18	18	0
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari:				
Civil	0	230	230	0
Criminal	0	234	234	0
Total	0	464	464	0
Total other cases	0	482	482	0
Total cases	25	657	668	14
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Bar examination review	0	32	32	0
Bar admittance review	0	45	45	0
Total	0	77	77	0
Total other proceedings	0	77	77	0

Manner of disposition

Reported written opinion	125
Unreported written opinion	3
Per curiam	7

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	69
Reversed	55
Dismissed	19
Remanded	5
Transferred out	25
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	5
Modified and affirmed	6

Time interval (average months)

Disposition in lower court to docketing	6.2
Docketing to argument	2.2
Argument to decision	1.1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[h]Figure was computed:
Civil and criminal appeal filings and dispositions were computed from available data.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Civil and criminal appeal beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1974-75 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
12 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	X	368	X	X
Equity	X	254	X	X
Total	76[l]	622	607[h]	91
Criminal	111[l]	762	727[h]	146
Total appeals	187	1,384	1,334	237
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Application for leave to appeal:				
Postconviction	0	122	122	0
Defective delinquent	0	35	35	0
Total	0	157	157	0
Total other cases	0	157	157	0
Total cases	187	1,541	1,491	237

Manner of disposition

Reported written opinion	305
Unreported written opinion	633
Per curiam	632

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	702
Reversed	138
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	45
Remanded	19
Modified and affirmed	9
Transferred	73
Dismissed	347

Time interval (average months)

Disposition in lower court to docketing	2.2
Docketing to argument	4.2
Argument to decision	1.2

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

[h]Figure was computed:
Civil and criminal appeal dispositions were computed from available data.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Civil and criminal appeal beginning pending figures were obtained from the 1974-75 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
29 courts, 85 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Confessed judgments	N/A	1,354	1,369	N/A
Other law	N/A	1,512	1,806	N/A
Total	N/A	2,866	3,175	N/A
Auto tort	N/A	5,914	6,811	N/A
Non-auto tort	N/A	2,282	3,025	N/A
Contract	N/A	4,615	4,250	N/A
Property rights:				
Condemnation	N/A	418	429	N/A
Foreclosure	N/A	2,063	1,683	N/A
Total	N/A	2,481	2,112	N/A
Equity:				
Other equity	N/A	8,231	6,258	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Divorce, nullity, maintenance	N/A	24,015	19,749	N/A
Adoption	N/A	1,802	1,685	N/A
Paternity	N/A	6,784	4,664	N/A
Total	N/A	32,601	26,098	N/A
Probate:				
Petition for guardianship	N/A	539	545	N/A
Administrative:				
Administrative agency appeals	N/A	1,333	1,032	N/A
Appeals:				
District Court	N/A	768	677	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	528	481	N/A
Total civil	N/A	62,158	54,464	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Desertion and nonsupport	N/A	2,703	1,955	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	25,705	25,803	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles	N/A	111	98	N/A
Total	N/A	28,519	27,856	N/A
Appeals:				
Motor vehicle	N/A	2,065	1,950	N/A
Criminal	N/A	2,742	2,784	N/A
Review of sentences	N/A	478	483	N/A
Total	N/A	5,285	5,217	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction	N/A	529	418	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	34,333	33,491	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	22,276	24,740	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision	N/A	2,909	3,011	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	25,185	27,751	N/A
Grand total	N/A	121,676	115,[illegible]	N/A

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,206	16,580	17,786
Criminal	1,970	15,209	17,179
Total	3,176	31,789	34,965

Time interval (average days)

Filing to trial or hearing:	
Law	534
Equity	192
Criminal	110
Juvenile	60

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
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The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
12 districts, 80 judges and chief judge
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Contract and tort cases	N/A	89,781	N/A	N/A
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	234,247	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	8,784	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	332,812	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	110,576	N/A	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles	N/A	30	25	N/A
Total	N/A	110,606	25[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	110,606	25[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	677,673	N/A	N/A
Juvenile[k]:				
Delinquency	N/A	1,980	1,526	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision	N/A	1,067	968	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	3,047	2,494	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,124,138	2,519[i]	N/A

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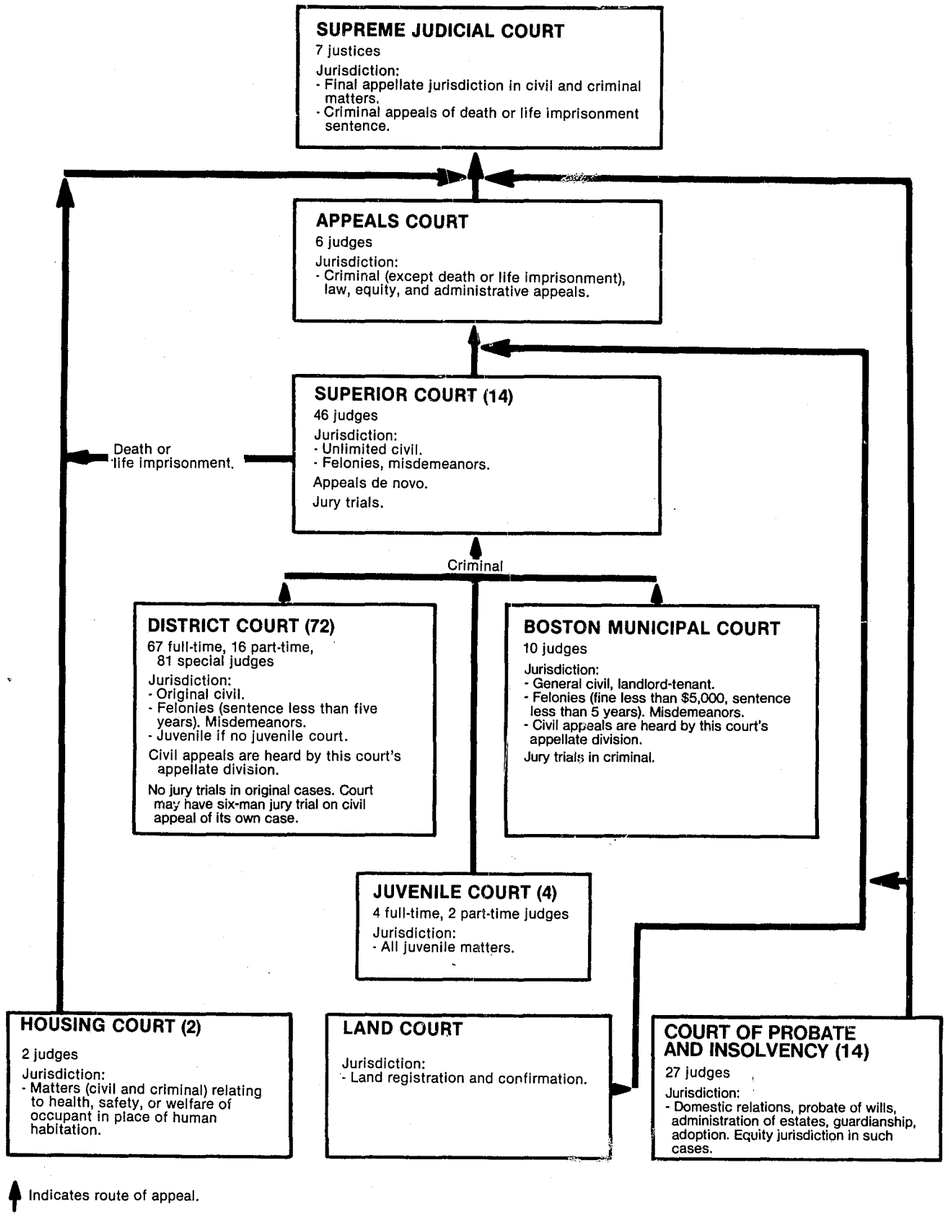
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Misdemeanor and total criminal disposed do not include dispositions of cases that Maryland calls "criminal."
Grand total disposed does not include **civil**, or **traffic** dispositions, or dispositions of cases that Maryland calls "criminal."
[k]Additional information:
Juvenile cases are handled by the District Court in Montgomery County only. **Juvenile** cases are handled by the Circuit Court in all other counties and in Baltimore City.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND ORPHANS' COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
22 counties, 69 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Orphans' Court for fiscal year 1976.

Massachusetts court system, 1976



MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Full court appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X	204[h]	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X	93	N/A
Cases dismissed	—	—	15	—
Total full court appeals	N/A	366	312	N/A
Single justice appeals[a]:				
Civil (appeals from Appellate Tax Board)	N/A	34	34	N/A
Criminal	N/A	155	155	N/A
Total single justice appeals	N/A	189	189	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	555	501	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Single justice original proceedings[a]	N/A	108	108	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	108	108	N/A
Total cases	N/A	663[j]	609[j]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Single justice matters[a]:				
Other civil	N/A	301	301	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	113	113	N/A
Total	N/A	414	414	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	414	414	N/A

Manner of disposition
(Full court appeals)

Written opinion	255
Rescript opinion	42

Disposition of full court appeals

Affirmed	168
Reversed	76
Remanded	1
Modified and affirmed	9
No decision in lower court	36
Dismissed	21

Time interval (average days)

Entry to consideration	139.5
Consideration to decision	90.7
Entry to decision	230.2

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— = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justices sit (on a rotational basis) in "single justice sessions." An unknown number of these cases are referred to the full court for final disposition and may be double counted.

[h]Figure was computed:
Civil appeals disposed was computed by subtracting the number of criminal cases from the total number of cases decided by opinion.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total appeals filed and disposed contain both full court and single justice session cases. As explained in footnote a, there may be some double counting in this total.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Source of case (by county) data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS APPEALS COURT
Intermediate appellate court
6 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X	240	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X	62	N/A
Unspecified cases dismissed without a decision on the merits	--	--	217	--
Total appeals[k]	N/A	605	519	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	605	519	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for interlocutory relief	N/A	2,268	2,268	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	2,268	2,268	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals		Time interval (average days)	
Full opinion	152	Affirmed	199	Entry to consideration	245.3
Rescript opinions	134	Reversed	77	Consideration to decision	111.7
		Modified and affirmed	10	Entry to decision	357.0
		Dismissed	207		
		No decision in lower court	2		

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-- = Not applicable.

[k]Additional information:
There were in addition 214 cases entered directly into Appeals Court but not considered by the court. Of these, 155 were transferred "quo sponte" to the Supreme Judicial Court, and 59 applications for direct appellate review were allowed.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 courts, 46 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Other civil:				
Jury cases	52,972	15,139	20,599	47,512
Non-jury cases	40,319	15,946	12,762	43,503
Total	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015
Total civil	93,291	31,085	33,361	91,015
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Indictment[j]	21,935	19,016	17,057	23,894
Appeals:				
Appeals	20,781	17,782	16,218	22,345
Sentence review	431	710	529	612[j]
Total	21,212	18,492	16,747	22,957
Total criminal	43,147	37,508	33,804	46,851
Grand total	136,438	68,593	67,165	137,866

Trial[d]		Age of pending cases (months)	
Felony	2,013	Civil jury cases:	
Criminal appeals	1,425	Under 12 months	12,053
Total criminal	3,438	Over 12 months	30,914

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Indictments consist mostly of felonies (sentence 2 1/2 years or more) although some serious misdemeanors may be included as indictments.
The 612 sentence review cases shown as pending on June 30, 1976, include 323 cases that have, at the request of the appellants, been removed from the hearing list until the appellant moves to restore thereto.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
72 courts; 67 full-time, 16 part-time, and 81 special judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil complaints	N/A	80,523	N/A	N/A
Supplementary process	N/A	33,920	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	114,443	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	116,737	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Neglect of family, nonsupport	N/A	3,271	N/A	N/A
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act	N/A	3,097	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	6,368	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments of mentally ill	N/A	1,899	N/A	N/A
Administrative:				
Petitions for compensation of victims of violent crimes	N/A	333	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Appellate Division	N/A	105	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	239,885	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal complaints (except motor vehicle)[j]	N/A	187,051	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Criminal appeals	N/A	15,660	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	202,711	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating under influence of intoxicating liquor	N/A	17,735	N/A	N/A
Operating under influence of drugs	N/A	259	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	17,994	N/A	N/A
Parking:				
Criminal parking	N/A	560,052	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Operating so as to endanger	N/A	12,258	N/A	N/A
All other motor vehicle complaints	N/A	475,651	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	487,909	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	1,065,955	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Juvenile drug complaints	N/A	1,193	N/A	N/A
All other juvenile complaints	N/A	33,540	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	34,733	N/A	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected children	N/A	775	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision petitions	N/A	2,044	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	37,552	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,546,103	N/A	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]		Time interval (average months)
Civil	12,351	Hearing to rendering an opinion on appeals ... 5.5

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal complaints include some felony cases. A maximum 5-year sentence may be given in these felony cases.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT, MASSACHUSETTS
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 10 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil business	N/A	26,598	N/A	N/A
Transferred from Superior Court	N/A	630	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	27,228	N/A	N/A
Small claims:				
Small claims	N/A	2,073	N/A	N/A
Supplementary process	N/A	1,550	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,623	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Reciprocal support	N/A	190	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Appellate Division	N/A	38	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	31,079	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Domestic relations	N/A	110	N/A	N/A
Other criminal cases[j]	N/A	9,799	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A
Total criminal[k]	N/A	9,909	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	401,068	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations[k]	N/A	13,191	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	414,259	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	455,247	N/A	N/A

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other criminal cases" include the more serious offenses. Some felonies with a fine less than $5,000 and/or sentence less than 5 years are included.
[k]Additional information:
Of the 23,100 other criminal cases and other traffic violations complaints filed in fiscal year 1975-76, 15,674 were disposed. Data were not available for cases filed prior to but disposed after July 1, 1975.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts[b], 2 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	2,004	N/A	N/A
Property rights:				
Civil	N/A	1,684	N/A	N/A
Summary process	N/A	3,802	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,486	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	7,490	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	5,198	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	12,688	N/A	N/A

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The two courts are in Boston and Hampden.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Property rights:				
Land registration	1,840[h]	340	318	1,862
Subsequent petitions	88[h]	1,581	1,560	109
Land confirmation	N/A	50	40	N/A
Tax liens	2,779[h]	1,292	1,015	3,056
Equity and miscellaneous	4,195[h]	4,436	2,602	6,029
Total	8,902[i]	7,699	5,535	11,056[i]
Total civil	8,902[i]	7,699	5,535	11,056[i]
Grand total	8,902[i]	7,699	5,535	11,056[i]

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Property rights, total civil, and grand total pending figures do not include land confirmation cases.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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MASSACHUSETTS COURT OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts, 27 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	N/A	23,483	N/A	N/A
Separate support and maintenance	N/A	4,966	N/A	N/A
Desertions and living apart	N/A	71	N/A	N/A
Custody of minors	N/A	303	N/A	N/A
Adoptions	N/A	3,296	N/A	N/A
Irrevocable breakdown 208 §§1A and 1B	N/A	1,203	N/A	N/A
Contempt petitions	N/A	6,193	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	39,515	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Wills	N/A	14,158	N/A	N/A
Administrations	N/A	11,879	N/A	N/A
Trusteeships	N/A	1,078	N/A	N/A
Guardianships (minor)	N/A	1,417	N/A	N/A
Guardianships (mentally ill)	N/A	1,018	N/A	N/A
Accounts and distributions	N/A	26,590	N/A	N/A
Partitions	N/A	310	N/A	N/A
Real estate sales	N/A	3,938	N/A	N/A
Equitable relief	N/A	1,459	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	61,847	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	101,362	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	101,362	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.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[k]Additional information:
Complete disposition data were not available. The number of petitions or complaints allowed or dismissed was, however, given for some categories.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts, 4 full-time and 2 part-time judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

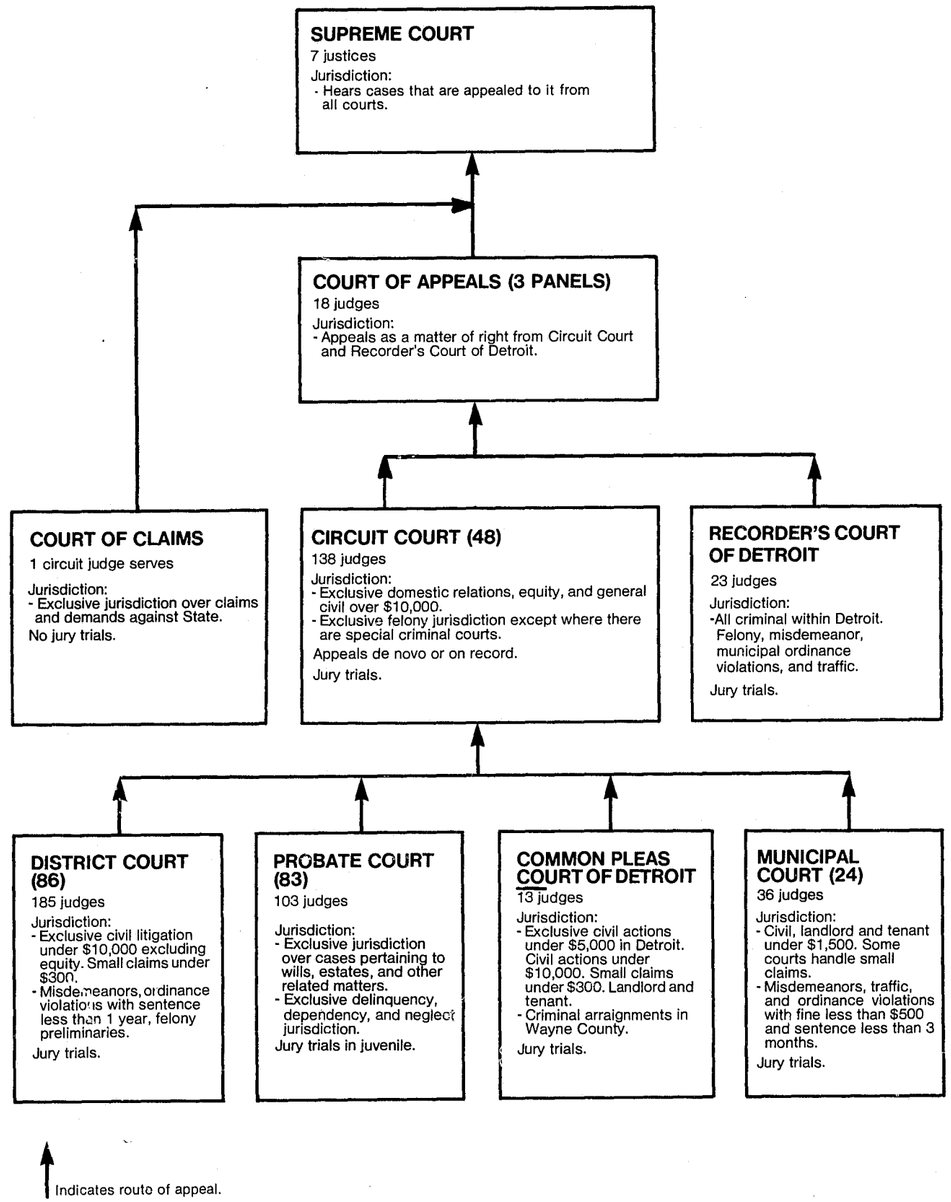
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adults	N/A	51	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	51	N/A	N/A
Juvenile[d]:				
Delinquency:				
Juvenile criminal	N/A	208	N/A	N/A
Delinquent	N/A	10,385	N/A	N/A
Appellate--delinquency	N/A	5	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	10,598	N/A	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Child in need of care and protection	N/A	294	N/A	N/A
Appellate--care and protection	N/A	10	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	304	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	1,012	N/A	N/A
Appellate--child in need of supervision	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,013	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	11,915	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	11,966	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.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal and juvenile case unit of count is the number of complaints.

Source: Executive Secretary, 20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Michigan court system, 1976



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	143	70[j]	87	126
Total appeals[k]	143	70[j]	87	126
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Requests to appeal:				
Applications	253	975	834	394
Total other cases	253	975	834	394
Total cases	396	1,045	921	520

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	159
Order without opinion	72

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals filed are the number granted (70) from the total 1,045 cases filed in 1976. The denied appeals appear as requests to appeal.

[k]Additional information:
Court indicates that "approximately 99 percent of all appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court are discretionary. Appeals of right exist only for certain State Bar Grievance Board cases and for judicial disciplinary cases. The few appeals of right are accounted for in this report as if they were applications for discretionary appeals."
There is approximately one case per month, on an average, that is handled as an original proceeding, according to the information obtained from the clerk's office.

Source: Unpublished document entitled "Status Report, Part I: Number of Cases in Each Stage," provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court. Document gives calendar year data for 1974, 1975, and 1976. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 panels, 18 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,139	1,096	1,001	1,234
Criminal	2,396	1,911	2,208	2,099
Total appeals	3,535	3,007	3,209	3,333
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	3	11	10	4
Mandamus	9	83	74	18
Superintending control	18	118	105	31
Total	30	212	189	53
Requests to appeal:				
Civil application	159	666	558	267
Civil application (delayed)	61	61	50	72
Criminal application	80	229	228	81
Criminal application (delayed)	262	369	350	281
Total	562	1,325	1,186	701
Total other cases	592	1,537	1,375	754
Total cases	4,127	4,544	4,584	4,087
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions for rehearing	--	180	180	--
Motions for rehearing of opinion	--	173	173	--
Total	--	353	353	--
Other matters:				
Motion to dismiss or affirm	--	768	768	--
Miscellaneous motions	--	4,550	4,550	--
Guilty plea submission on merit	--	192	192	--
Total	--	5,510	5,510	--
Total other proceedings	--	5,863	5,863	--

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Michigan Court of Appeals (continued)

Manner of disposition[m]

Written opinion	598
Per curiam	884
Memorandum	471
Dismissal/withdrawal	748
Transfer	3
Order	1,880

Disposition of cases[m]

Affirmed	3,125
Reversed	581
Partially affirmed	61
Remanded	66
Dismissed	751

Time interval (months, days)

	Average	Median
Time until appeals are at issue:		
Civil	7 months 11 days	6 months 23 days
Criminal	8 months 21 days	8 months 1 day
Hearing to filing of opinion:		
Civil	2 months 18 days	2 months 4 days
Criminal	2 months 4 days	1 month 17 days
Filing to disposition by court order:		
Civil application	2 months 16 days	2 months 11 days
Criminal application	2 months 18 days	2 months 7 days
Original proceeding	2 months 6 days	2 months 2 days

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Manner of disposition categories can be broken down by case type (appeals, original proceedings, and applications).
Disposition of case categories cannot be broken down by case type (appeals, original proceedings, and applications).

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Report contains calendar year data for Court of Appeals. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the state court administrative office.

MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
48 circuits, 138 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	20,847[f]	10,472	10,147	21,172
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	46,613[f]	60,591	59,529	47,675
Other civil:				
Other general civil	38,478[f]	55,302	49,791	43,989
Appeals	430[f]	559	481	508
Total civil	106,368[f]	126,924	119,948	113,344
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal[j]	10,811[f]	25,821	24,962	11,670
Appeals	548[f]	605	613	540
Total criminal	11,359[f]	26,426	25,575	12,210
Grand total	117,727[f]	153,350	145,523	125,554

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,224	1,792	3,016
Criminal	1,806	706	2,512
Total	3,030	2,498	5,528

Time interval (average months)

	Jury			Non-jury		
	Filing to issue	Issue to trial	Filing to trial[n]	Filing to issue	Issue to trial	Filing to trial[n]
Civil:						
Auto tort	2.7	23.7	24.3	4.2	18.4	19.9
Other general civil	2.9	21.3	22.2	2.6	8.4	9.6
Divorce (hearings)	NH	NH	NH	3.6	8.6	11.9
Criminal	--	--	7.0	--	--	5.9

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
NH = This classification is not handled in this court.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of court:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal includes some high misdemeanors that are punishable by more than 1 year in prison.

[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
The average time intervals under filing to issue and issue to trial do not sum to the average time from filing to trial because of incomplete data.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT OF CLAIMS[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 circuit judge serves
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative:				
Cases	301[f]	441	356	386
Appeals[d]	0	546	145	401
Total	301[f]	987	501	787
Total civil	301	987	501	787
Grand total	301[f]	987	501	787

Civil dispositions

Settled	13
Consent judgment	204
Dismissed on motion	62
Stipulation	49
Judgment for plaintiff	8
Judgment for defendant	8
Voluntary dismissal	4

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since circuit judges serve. Effective January 1, 1979, the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims will be assigned to the 30th Judicial Circuit.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals are appeals under the Vietnam Era Bonus Section Act.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RECORDER'S COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 23 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony Division[j]	4,592	13,005	10,959	6,4178
Felony and high misdemeanor--Traffic and Ordinance Division[a]	129	45	55	119
Total	4,721	13,050	11,014	6,5368
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor Division	N/A	8,240	6,870	N/A
Ordinance violations				
Arrest[a]	N/A	9,911	N/A	N/A
Pedestrian[a]	N/A	5,347	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous[a]	N/A	19,789	N/A	N/A
City inspector cases[a]	N/A	40,131	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	75,178	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	4,721[i]	96,468	17,884[i]	6,536[i]
Traffic:				
Parking[a]	N/A	617,951	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
State misdemeanor cases[a]	2,563	7,045	6,439	3,169
Accident[a]	N/A	8,409	N/A	N/A
Moving[a]	N/A	148,850	N/A	N/A
Total	2,563[i]	164,304	6,439[i]	3,169[i]
Total traffic	2,563[i]	782,255	6,439[i]	3,169[i]
Grand Total	7,284[i]	878,723	24,323[i]	9,705[i]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Felony Division	868	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor Division	32	2,919	2,951
Total criminal	900	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions

	Felony Division	Misdemeanor Division
Guilty plea	5,894	3,919
Trial conviction	488	815
Acquitted	314	167
Dismissed	3,603	1,969

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Traffic and Ordinance Division handles all cases arising under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Law and all other state laws relating to traffic. The case categories handled are felony and high misdemeanors, state misdemeanor cases, arrest, pedestrian, miscellaneous, city inspector cases, parking, accident, and moving.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the warrant.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn. A guilty plea is counted as a criminal trial.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Pending data for total criminal do not include Misdemeanor Division and **ordinance violation** cases.
Disposed data for total criminal do not include **ordinance violation** cases.
Pending data for grand total do not include **misdemeanor, ordinance violations, parking,** accident, and moving cases.
Disposed data for grand total do not include **ordinance violations, parking,** accident, and moving cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Felony includes a few high misdemeanors as well as felonies.

Source: Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan, 1976 Annual Report (Detroit, Michigan). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the state court administrative office.

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 13 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Regular:				
Principal	X	53,917	56,685	X
Garnishment	X	83,603	76,513	X
Total	X	137,520	133,198	X
Small claims:				
Principal	X	1,997	1,951	X
Garnishment	X	468	452	X
Total	X	2,465	2,403	X
Property rights:				
Rent cases	N/A	30,641	X	N/A
Land contract	N/A	912	X	N/A
Jury cases	N/A	35	X	N/A
Total	N/A	31,588	29,576	N/A
Total civil	18,612[i]	171,573	165,177	25,691[i]
Grand total	18,612[i]	171,573	165,177	25,691[i]

	Trial[d]		
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil Division[a]	383	9,936	10,319
Landlord--tenant Division[a]	103	5,542	5,645
Total	486	15,478	15,964

Civil dispositions

Default cases and judgments:	
Civil Division[a]	48,429
Landlord--tenant Division[a]	23,931
Total	72,360

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Law and **small claims** cases are handled by the Civil Division.
Property rights cases are handled by the Landlord-tenant Division.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total pending figures do not include data for property rights cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
86 courts, 185 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	38,810	95,906	93,133	41,583
Small claims	9,642	42,752	42,940	9,454
Property rights:				
Landlord summary	3,313	34,088	33,035	4,366
Total civil	51,765	172,746	169,108	55,403
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Non-traffic[j]	67,246	231,787	228,547	70,486
Total criminal	67,246	231,787	228,547	70,486
Traffic:				
Total traffic	191,874	1,291,319	1,277,551	205,642
Grand total	310,885	1,695,852	1,675,206	331,531

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Trial
Civil	773	29,761	30,534
Criminal	2,399	23,325	25,724
Traffic	2,598	61,840	64,438
Total	5,770	114,926	120,696

Criminal dispositions
Traffic bureau 17,082

Traffic dispositions
Traffic bureau 644,061

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Non-traffic cases include **misdemeanors, ordinance violations,** and preliminary hearings.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
24 courts, 36 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	1,999	13,005	12,646	2,358
Small claims	4	441	434	11
Property rights:				
Landlord summary	494	3,144	2,969	669
Total civil	2,497	16,590	16,049	3,038
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Non-traffic[j]	23,953	40,689	39,253	25,389
Total criminal	23,953	40,689	39,253	25,389
Traffic:				
Total traffic	88,452	188,679	142,277	134,854
Grand total[i]	114,902	245,958	197,579	163,281

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	3	2,279	2,282
Criminal	69	5,766	5,835
Traffic	105	14,828	14,933
Total	177	22,873	23,050

Criminal dispositions
Traffic bureau 18,618

Traffic dispositions
Traffic bureau 99,457

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were reported for the courts in Grosse Pointe and Wyoming.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Non-traffic cases include **misdemeanors** and **ordinance violations.**

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
83 courts, 103 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	5,503	5,190	N/A
Marriages	N/A	4,530	4,532	N/A
Miscellaneous[j]	60[h]	10,075	9,963	172
Total	60[hi]	20,108	19,685	172[i]
Probate:				
Decedents estates	180,721[h]	30,963	34,270	177,414
Guardianships	103,392[h]	9,892	8,455	104,829
Total	284,113[h]	40,855	42,725	282,243
Mental health				
Mental commitments and restorations	2,450[h]	6,748	3,679	5,519
Total civil	286,623[hi]	67,711	66,089	287,934[i]
Juvenile:				
Delinquency[j]	N/A	21,074	18,156	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglect/abuse	N/A	4,549	4,779	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	25,623	22,935	N/A
Grand total	286,623[hi]	93,334	89,024	287,934[i]

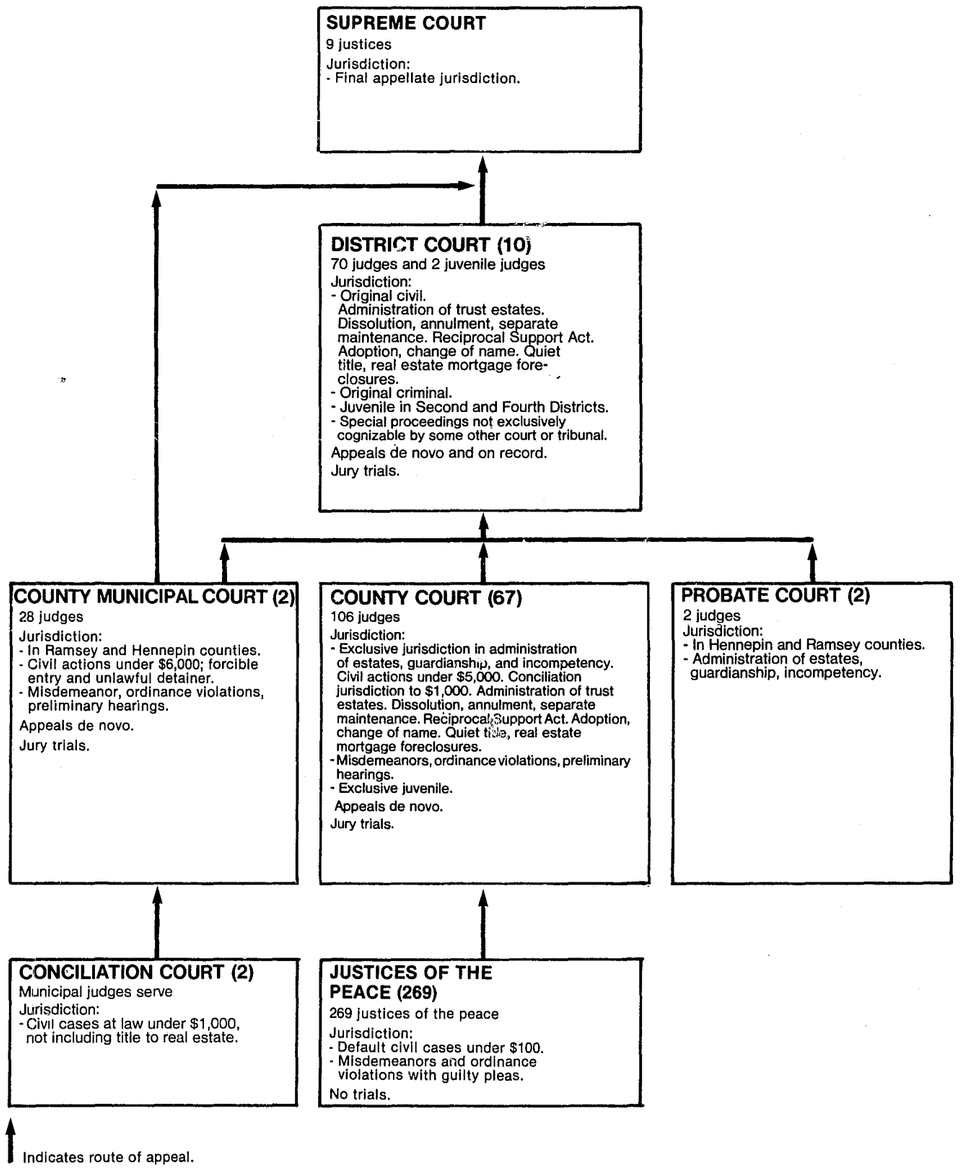
Time interval (average months)
Age of probate cases:
Trusts 59.9
Guardians 45.1
Testate 18.5
Intestate 20.6

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure for 1976 was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total **domestic relations,** total civil, and grand total pending figures do not include adoption or marriage cases. The grand total pending figure also does not include **juvenile** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous includes condemnation, paternity, name change, and other.
Delinquency includes **status offenses** and **delinquency** cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1975-76 (Lansing, Michigan: 1976). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Minnesota court system, 1976



MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X	279	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X	115	N/A
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation	N/A	X	49[1]	N/A
Tax court	N/A	X	8[1]	N/A
Department employment service	N/A	X	8[1]	N/A
Total	N/A	X	65	N/A
Other	N/A	X	2[1]	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	X	461	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Mandamus, prohibition	N/A	X	3[1]	N/A
Disciplinary	N/A	X	2[1]	N/A
Special matters	N/A	X	367	N/A
Total	N/A	X	372	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	(j)	(j)	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	X	372	N/A
Total cases	N/A	911	833	N/A

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 450

Time interval (average months)
Filing notice of appeal to hearing 10.9
Hearing to issuance of opinion 4.0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[1]Explanation of data included in the category:
These cases are included in the special matters count except where considered by the court en banc.
[1]Special source or revision in data:
Disposition figure was provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota); and address of Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran, "The State of the Judiciary, 1977." Statistics are from the annual report and the address except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
10 districts, 70 judges and 2 juvenile judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Other civil:				
Jury demand cases	5,138	7,858	7,514	5,478[g]
Court cases	3,123	13,785	13,720	3,188[g]
Total	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666[g]
Total civil	8,261	21,643	21,234	8,666[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal[j]	1,763	8,919	8,634	2,043[g]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	10,024[i]	30,562[i]	29,868[i]	10,709[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,015	9,066	10,081
Criminal	472	197	669
Total	1,487	9,263	10,750

Criminal dispositions

Guilty pleas	5,715
Dismissed	2,250

Civil dispositions[m]

	Jury	Court
Settled during trial	987	746
Settled, stricken, or dismissed	5,512	3,908

Age of pending cases

	Civil jury	Civil court	Criminal
12 months or less	4,413	2,804	1,870
12+ to 24 months	878	234	66
24+ to 36 months	33	15	11
36+ to 48 months	15	9	5
Over 48 months	2	0	3

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is counted as a disposition on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for jury cases.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. The reporting instructions ask that the criminal unit of count be the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total figures do not include juvenile.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total criminal includes felony, misdemeanor, and appeal cases as criminal cases.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil disposition figures represent data from 1,013 monthly reports out of a possible 1,056 monthly reports.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

MINNESOTA CONCILIATION COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts; municipal judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims:				
Conciliation Court	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834
Total civil	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834
Grand total	4,346	37,934	39,446	2,834

Non-jury trial[d]

Civil	8,775

Civil dispositions

Dismissed	30,671

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 districts, 106 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	3,262	8,585	8,064	3,785[g]
Small Claims:				
Conciliation Court	4,527	42,288	41,983	4,834[g]
Domestic relations:				
Divorce, annulment, separate maintenance	X	X	7,398	X
Reciprocal enforcement of support	X	X	3,081	X
Commitments[j]	X	X	886	X
Other family civil	X	X	1,753	X
Total	6,835	14,061	13,118	7,841[g]
Probate:				
Decedent estate	17,144	6,491	7,208	16,427
Guardianship	X	X	1,394	X
Trust estate	X	X	28	X
Incompetency[j]	X	X	727	X
Other probate	X	X	167	X
Total	28,007	9,281	9,524	27,800[g]
Total civil	42,631	74,215	72,689	44,260[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Other criminal	8,834	33,933	32,149	10,844[g]
Ordinance violations:				
Justice of the peace	875	5,086	4,924	1,166[g]
Total criminal	9,709	39,019	37,073	12,010[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	10,688	123,116	120,188	14,580[g]
Traffic Violation Bureau	40,382	229,933	211,857	58,982[g]
Juvenile	X	X	21,958	X
Total	X	X	354,003	X
Total traffic	X	X	354,003	X
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	X	X	11,462	X
Dependency and neglect	X	X	1,260	X
Other juvenile:				
Other	X	X	1,015	X
Other family criminal[j]	X	X	431	X
Total	X	X	1,446	X
Total juvenile	X	X	14,168	X
Grand total	110,045	503,706	477,933	138,066[g]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	153	21,740	21,893
Criminal (misdemeanor)	227	2,147	2,374
Traffic	424	6,562	6,986
Total	806	30,449	31,253

Criminal (misdemeanor) dispositions

Guilty plea	18,852
At preliminary hearing	3,770
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default	7,153

Civil dispositions

Settled	5,364
Contested (domestic relations)	2,573
Default	7,462

Traffic dispositions

Guilty pleas	98,634
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default	14,568
Traffic Violation Bureau	211,857

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is counted as a disposition on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for jury cases.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. The reporting instructions ask that the criminal unit of count be the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Commitments, incompetency, and other family criminal are included with **domestic relations**, **probate**, and **juvenile** cases, respectively, because their pending and filed figures could not be separated from other cases within each of these categories.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-1977 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 28 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Court	449	1,694	1,721	422
Jury	492	1,078	1,068	502
Total	941	2,772	2,789	924
Property rights:				
Unlawful detainers	125	10,357	10,419	63
Total civil	1,066	13,129	13,208	987
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Other violations[j]	3,948	26,494	25,200	5,242
Total criminal	3,948	26,494	25,200	5,242
Traffic:				
Total traffic	5,014	72,648	70,653	7,009
Grand total	10,028	112,271	109,061	13,238

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil	307	464	771
Criminal	214	722	936
Traffic	171	2,468	2,639
Total	692	3,654	4,346

Civil dispositions	Jury	Court
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default	761	1,257

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	11,565
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default	12,699

Traffic dispositions	
Guilty plea	40,378
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default	27,636

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
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The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. The reporting instructions ask that the criminal unit of count be the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other violations" include misdemeanor, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules and regulations of any subdivision of government, including the Metropolitan Airport Commission.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77 (St. Paul, Minnesota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

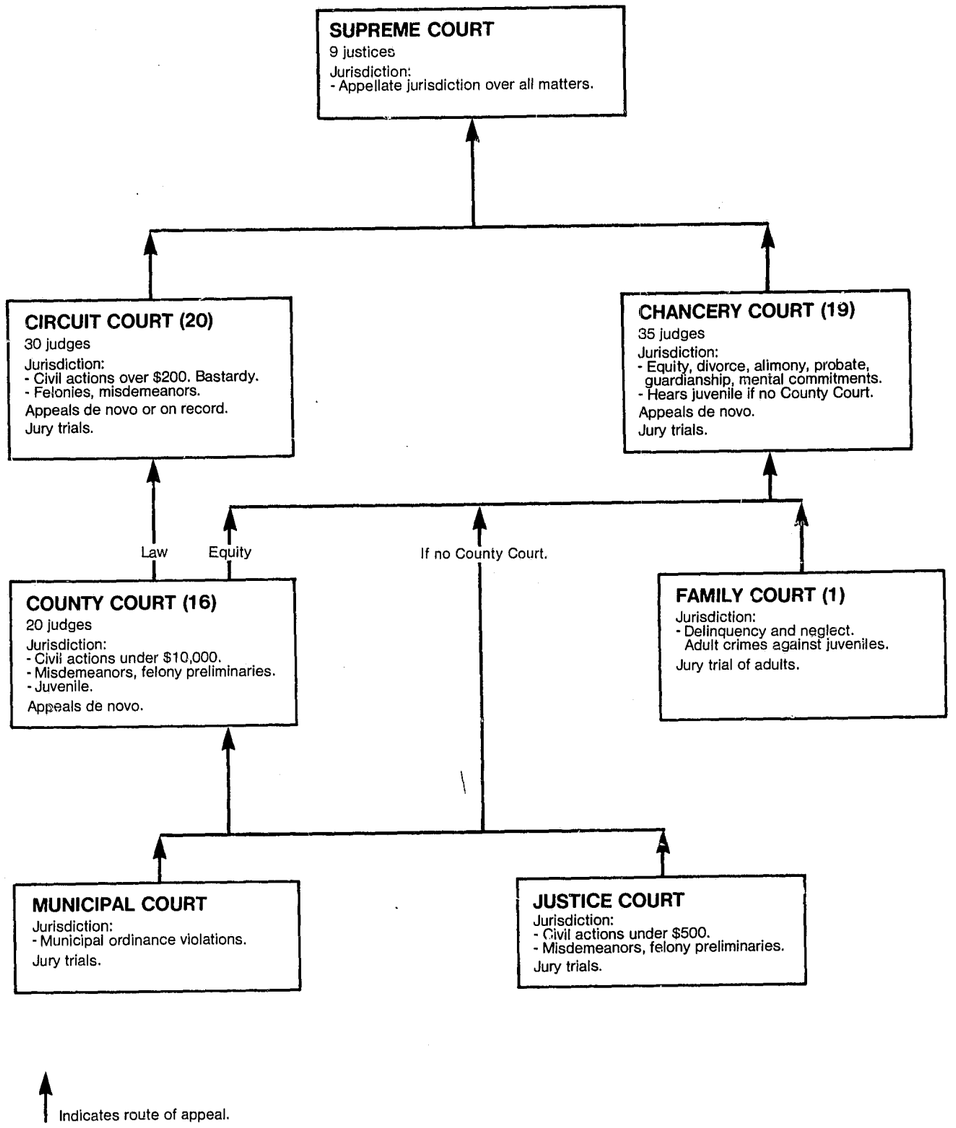
MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

MINNESOTA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
269 courts, 269 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justices of the Peace for 1976.

Mississippi court system, 1976



MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	507	328	X
Criminal	X	273	163	X
Unspecified cases (dismissed)	X	(k)	171	X
Total appeals	607	780	662	725[h]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Other petitions	3	156[h]	157	2
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	3	156	157	2
Total cases	610	936	819	727
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	7	127[h]	123	11
Other matters:				
Motions	6	505[h]	492	19
Total other proceedings	13	632	615	30

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals		Time interval (average days)	
Written opinion	367	Affirmed	325	Record filed to submitted	347
Per curiam	439[m]	Reversed	141	Submitted to decision	33
		Affirmed in part, reversed in part	20	Record filed to decision	379
		Affirmed on condition of remittitur or additur	5	Judgment in lower court to decision	552
		Dismissed	171		

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

[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed data.
The filing figures were computed from disposed and end pending data.
[k]Additional information:
Cases disposed by dismissal are included in the civil and criminal appeals filings, but a civil/criminal breakdown for cases dismissed is not available.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Number of per curiam opinions are for cases on the merits, petitions for rehearing, and other petitions. There were, in addition, 486 per curiam decisions on motions (only 8 motions had written opinions).

Source: Executive Assistant, Supreme Court, 10th Annual Statistical Report 1975; 11th Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jackson, Mississippi). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuit districts, 30 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Dollar declaration[k]	N/A	10,599	N/A	N/A
Property rights:				
Eminent domain	N/A	75	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	1,612	N/A	N/A
Appeals	N/A	349	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	12,635	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Indictments	N/A	6,598	N/A	N/A
Other criminal[j]	N/A	843	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	7,441	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	20,076	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Other criminal includes criminal appeals and other unclassified criminal cases.
[k]Additional information:
The jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace Courts was increased in December 1975 to a $500 limit for civil actions. This increased ceiling may be the cause for the reduction from 1975 in the number of dollar declaration filings in the Circuit Court.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the judicial council. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
19 chancery districts, 35 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Equity:				
General equity	N/A	2,072	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Domestic[j]	N/A	19,487	N/A	N/A
URESA	N/A	1,538	N/A	N/A
Minor's matters[j]	N/A	3,082	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	24,107	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Probate and guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	6,789	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments[j]	N/A	3,599	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	3,015	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	39,582	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	39,582[i]	N/A	N/A

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Chancery Court handles juvenile cases in 66 of the state's 82 counties. No juvenile data were available.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
The grand total filed figure does not include juvenile cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Domestic cases are divorce, support, separate maintenance, and other marital matters.
Minor's matters are adoptions, removal of disability, and other matters relating to the handling of minors other than by parents or guardians.
Commitments are cases for commitment because of lunacy, alcohol, or drugs.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the judicial council. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 20 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1976.

MISSISSIPPI FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Family Court for 1976.

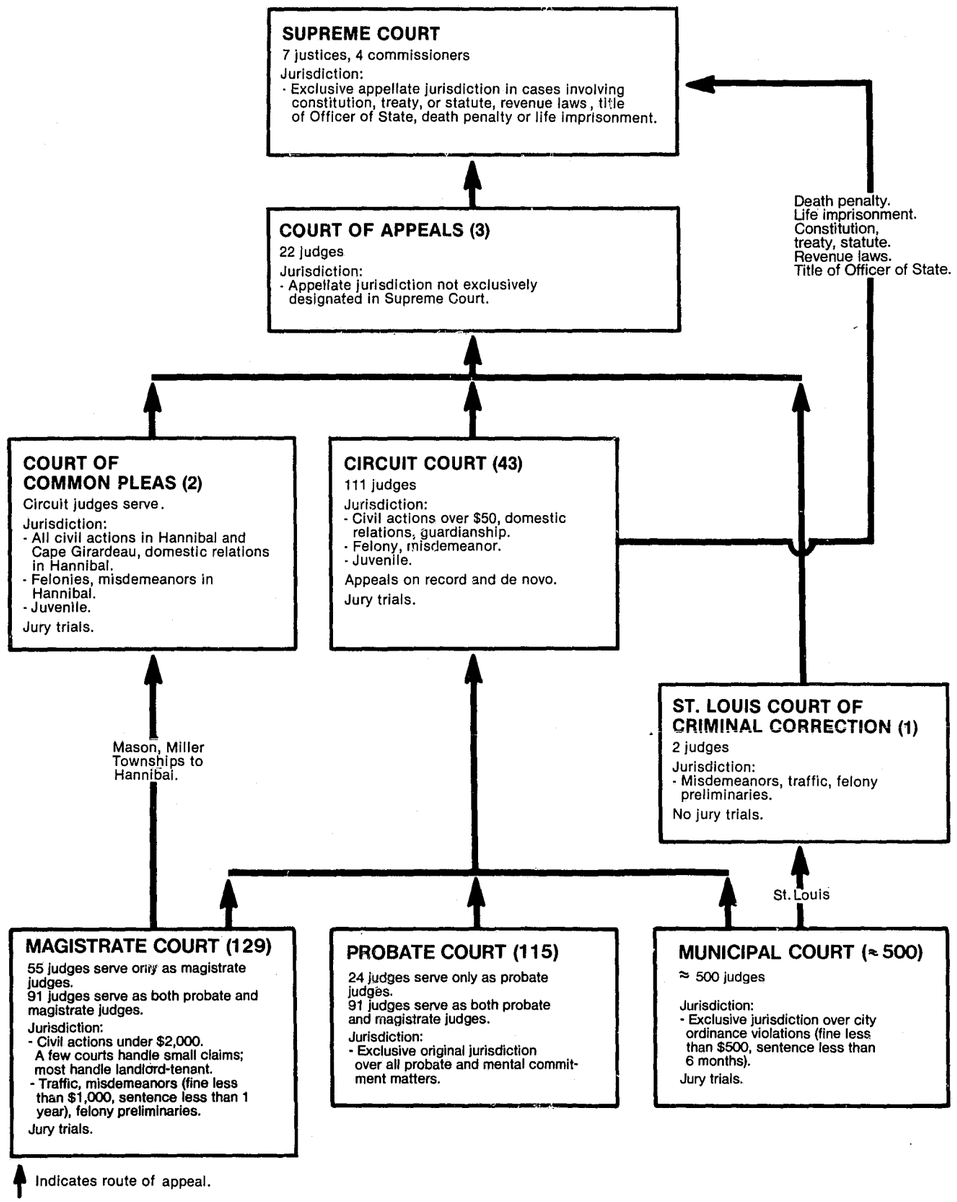
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

MISSISSIPPI JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justice of the Peace for 1976.

Missouri court system, 1976



MISSOURI SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices, 4 commissioners
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	X	180	X
Criminal	X	X	35	X
Total appeals	116	170	215	71
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	85	X
Mandamus	X	X	46	X
Prohibition	X	X	41	X
Quo warranto	X	X	2	X
Other writs	X	X	37	X
Application to transfer	X	X	223	X
Total	49	409	434	24
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	49	409	434	24
Total cases	165	579	649	95
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	10	51	56	5
Other matters:				
Motion activity	17	540	545	12
Total other proceedings	27	591	601	17

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 150
Dismissal 37

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

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 22 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,117	1,206	1,021	1,309[§]
Criminal	698	599	596	694[§]
Total appeals	1,815	1,805	1,617	2,003
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	128	X	X
Mandamus	X	116	X	X
Prohibition	X	129	X	X
Certiorari	X	2	X	X
Quo warranto	X	1	X	X
Total	21	376	367	30
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	21	376	367	30
Total cases	1,836	2,181	1,984	2,033

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 898
Dismissal 708

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

§Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT AND COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of general jurisdiction
43 circuits, 111 judges[c]; 2 courts, circuit judges serve
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury	X	X	6,865	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	X	36,202	X
Modify divorce decrees	X	X	2,912	X
Total	X	X	39,114	X
Other civil	X	X	27,461	X
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Extraordinary writs:				
Proceeding under rule 27.26	X	X	406	X
Total civil[j]	63,023[f]	74,474	73,846	63,651
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	X	X	13,957	X
Misdemeanor	X	X	4,007	X
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	10,171[f]	18,080	17,964[j]	10,287
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	10,530[f]	16,929	18,443	9,016
Grand total	83,724[f]	109,483	110,253	82,954

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	X	X	10,919
Criminal	1,061	1,178	2,239
Total	X	X	13,158

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	10,807
Dismissed	2,734
Nolle prosequi	2,184

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

[c]Judge information:
Circuit judges serve in the Court of Common Pleas.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments. A filing may involve multiple defendants.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total civil category includes appeals. Appeals are counted in civil categories according to the subject matter of the case appealed.
Total criminal dispositions include 1,293 appeals or changes in venue and 2,017 appeals from Municipal Courts that could not be separated from the felony and misdemeanor data.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ST. LOUIS COURT OF CRIMINAL CORRECTION, MISSOURI
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 2 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor[j]	X	14,691	4,676	X
Felony preliminary	X	5,113	3,067	X
Other criminal:				
Search warrant applications	X	57	35	X
Fugitive warrants	X	49	N/A	X
Restoration of driving privileges	X	73	N/A	X
Total	X	179	35[i]	X
Appeals:				
City appeals	X	144	N/A	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs of habeas corpus	X	7	8	X
Total criminal	11,340	20,330[k]	9,494[ik]	22,176
Grand total	11,340	20,330[k]	9,494[ik]	22,176

Non-jury trial[d]
Criminal 33

Criminal dispositions

Misdemeanor:	
Guilty pleas	3,859
Trial conviction	29
Acquitted	4
Nolle prosequi, abated, bond forfeited, or dismissed	751
Felony preliminary:	
Defendants held for trial	1,582
Defendants released	429
Nolle prosequi, abated, or transferred	1,056

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. A filing may involve multiple defendants.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion.
[i]Data are not complete:
Other criminal, total criminal, and grand total disposed do not include dispositions of fugitive warrants and restoration of driving priviledges cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Misdemeanor includes 11,512 license cases.
[k]Additional information:
Categories do not sum to the total. All figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report 1976 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI MAGISTRATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts: 55 judges serve only as magistrates;
91 judges serve as both probate and magistrate judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate Court for fiscal year 1976.

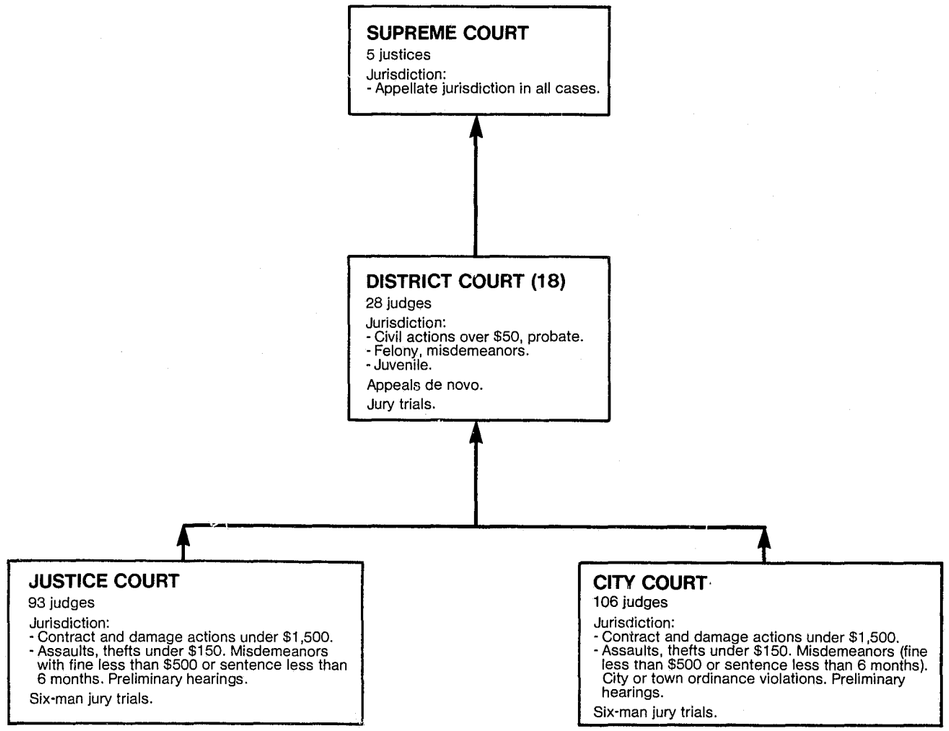
MISSOURI PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
115 courts: 24 judges serve only as probate judges;
91 judges serve as both probate and magistrate judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for fiscal year 1976.

MISSOURI MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
500 courts, ≈ 500 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976.

Montana court system, 1976



MONTANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	247	N/A	N/A
Criminal	N/A	44	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	291	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	N/A	118	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	118	N/A	N/A
Total cases	N/A	409	N/A	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.

Source: Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary (Helena, Montana: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
18 districts, 28 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Probate	N/A	3,570	1,094	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	15,098	9,893	N/A
Total civil	N/A	18,668	10,987	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	2,122	1,726	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	2,122	1,726	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	1,793	1,414	N/A
Grand total	N/A	22,583[i]	14,127	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or complaints.

[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total filings exclude 800 "other" cases filed in this year but not detailed in case distributions table.

Source: Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary (Helena, Montana: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

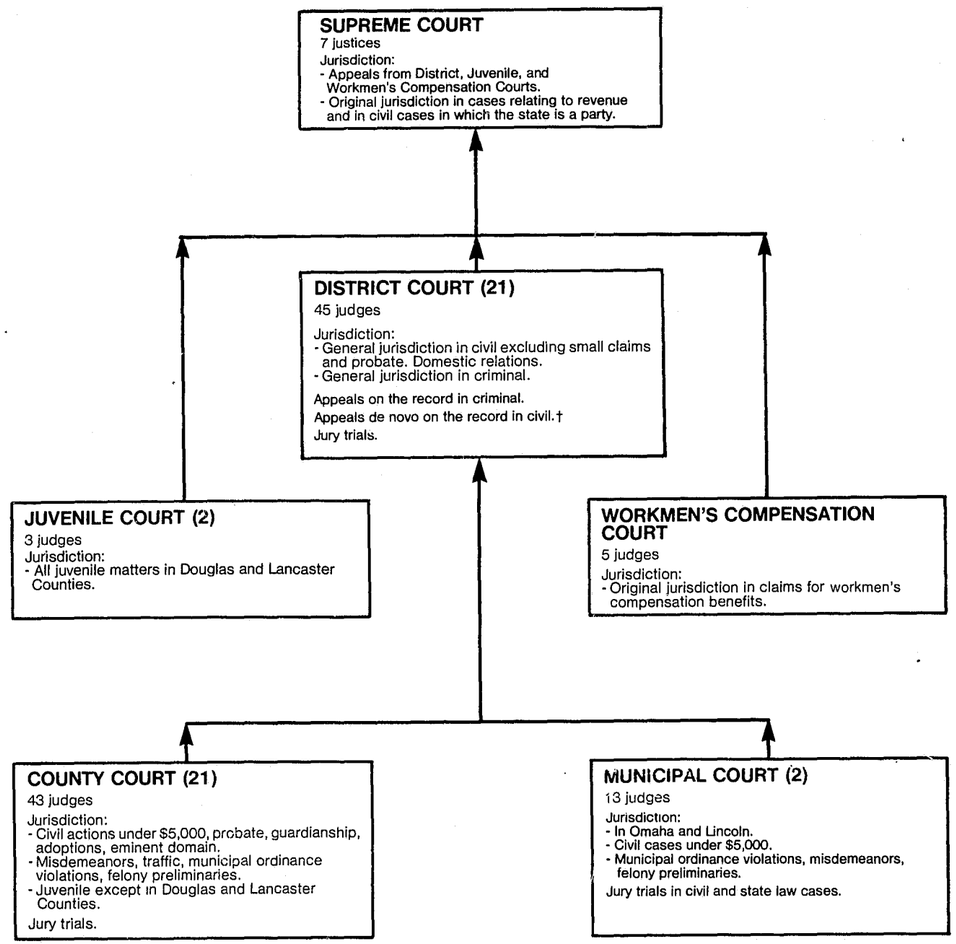
MONTANA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for fiscal year 1976.

MONTANA CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
106 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Court for fiscal year 1976.

Nebraska court system, 1976



† In Nebraska, "de novo on the record" means that the court may make an independent determination of the facts.

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	205[1]	364[1]	325[1]	244[1]
Criminal	183[1]	352[1]	309[1]	226[1]
Total appeals	388[1]	716	634	470[1]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	X	X	X	X
Requests to appeal[i]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	X	X	X	X
Total cases	388[1,1]	716[1]	634[1]	470[1,1]

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 393

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[1]Data are not complete:
Requests to appeal are not counted statistically by the Supreme Court; the figures presented for appeals are cases docketed. There are a number of cases that the court refuses to hear. These discretionary cases, when leave to docket is denied, could be considered processed by the court, but are not docketed nor reported statistically.
[1]Special source or revision in data:
These figures are from an unpublished source supplied by the Supreme Court clerk.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the Supreme Court clerk.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 districts, 45 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	2,240[1]	10,874	10,193	2,921[1]
Other civil	2,980[1]	6,358	6,057	3,281[1]
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil[j]	5,220[1]	17,232	16,250	6,202[1]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal[j]	777[1]	4,416	4,431	762[1]
Appeals	118[j,1]	2,799[j]	2,392[j]	525[j,1]
Total criminal	895[1]	7,215	6,823	1,287[1]
Grand total	6,115[1]	24,447	23,073	7,489[1]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include the number of reopened cases placed before the District Court.
Appeals that are listed as criminal appeals include both civil and criminal appeals. Statement in the annual report indicates that more than half were criminal appeals.
Criminal cases may include a few misdemeanor cases.
[1]Special source or revision in data:
Pending data were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEBRASKA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 districts, 43 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	7,027[1]	7,235	6,435	7,827[1]
Small claims	1,153[1]	8,182	7,802	1,533[1]
Property rights:				
Eminent domain	82[1]	144	156	70[1]
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	222[1]	1,347	1,336	233[1]
Probate:				
Probate and inheritance tax	11,657[1]	8,940	9,011	11,586[1]
Guardianship and conservatorship	9,353[1]	2,119	1,777	9,695[1]
Total	21,010[1]	11,059	10,788	21,281[1]
Total civil	29,494[1]	27,967	26,517	30,944[1]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor statute	10,756[1]	32,353	30,931	12,1998[1]
Ordinance violations:				
Ordinance non-traffic	1,291[1]	8,277	8,211	1,3578[1]
Felony preliminary:				
Felony	4,171[1]	4,328	3,998	4,5028[1]
Total criminal	16,218[1]	44,958	43,140	18,0588[1]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Statute traffic	7,632[1]	120,032	118,877	8,7658[1]
Ordinance traffic	2,390[1]	31,577	31,130	2,8378[1]
Total	10,022[1]	151,609	150,007	11,6028[1]
Total traffic	10,022[1]	151,609	150,007	11,6028[1]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	1,127[1]	3,184	3,256	1,0888[1]
Grand total	56,861[1]	227,718	222,920	61,6928[1]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. Two defendants charged on a single complaint count as one case, unless cases are separated for trial. One defendant with two charges on a single complaint is one case, unless the charges are tried separately.
[8]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported.
[1]Special source or revision in data:
Pending figures were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
2[b] courts, 13 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil/small claims	N/A	15,081	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	15,081	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	121,628	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Municipal Courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving violations of local ordinances.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The two Municipal Courts are in Omaha and Lincoln.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2[b] courts, 3 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	2,070	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	2,070	N/A	N/A

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
There are two separate Juvenile Courts in Nebraska, located in Douglas County and Lancaster County.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

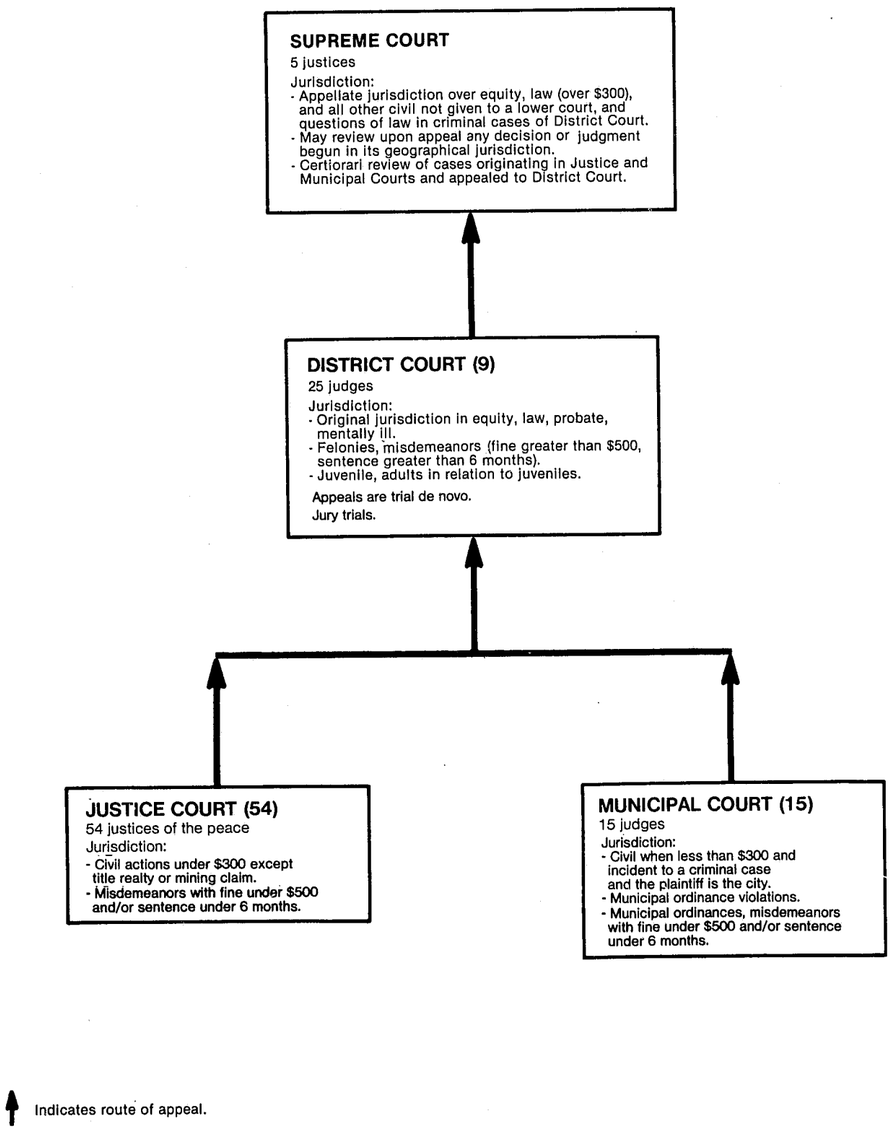
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative:				
Disputed claims	N/A	762	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	762	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	762	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[k]Additional information:
There were 820 original and settlement hearings and 151 rehearings held and settled. The number of cases disposed unknown.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1976 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Nevada court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

NEVADA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	249	X	X
Criminal	X	358	X	X
Reinstated	X	20	X	X
Total appeals	X	627	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	13	X	X
Mandamus	X	44	X	X
Prohibition	X	22	X	X
Quo warranto	X	0	X	X
Exceptions	X	11	X	X
Bar [1]	X	23	X	X
Motions [2]	X	59	X	X
Total	X	172	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	7	X	X
Total other cases	X	179	X	X
Total cases	256	806	803	259
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	98	83	15
Total other proceedings	0	98	83	15

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	252
Per curiam	169
Dismissed by order	535

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	162
Reversed	66
Partially affirmed	10
Other	14

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

Source: Chief Justice, Supreme Court, "Nevada State of the Judiciary Message 1975-76," in Inter Alia, 42:2 (April, 1977); and unpublished data. Statistics are from the "State of the Judiciary" message and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEVADA DISTRICT COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
9[c] districts, 25[c] judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil actions	N/A	9,476	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Divorces	N/A	9,970	N/A	N/A
Adoptions	N/A	524	N/A	N/A
Reciprocal	N/A	2,560	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	13,054	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Probate	N/A	1,146	N/A	N/A
Guardianship[j]	N/A	101	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,247	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental illness and inebriates	N/A	390	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous matters	N/A	939	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	25,106	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	4,633	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	4,633	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	2,343	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	32,082	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.

[c]Judge information:
The second district has 7 judges and the eighth district has 11 judges. Data were available only for these two districts. There are a total of 25 judges in the 9 districts statewide.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data were availale for two districts only: the second district (Washoe County) and the eighth district (Clark County). These two counties contain 81 percent of the state population.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Guardianship data by category were available only for Washoe County. Guardianship cases for Clark County are included with the probate cases.
[k]Additional information:
Disposition data were not available for Clark County. The number of matters heard and the number of trials were available only for Washoe County. These data are not displayed because filing figures are for Clark and Washoe Counties.

Source: Unpublished data from the two districts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

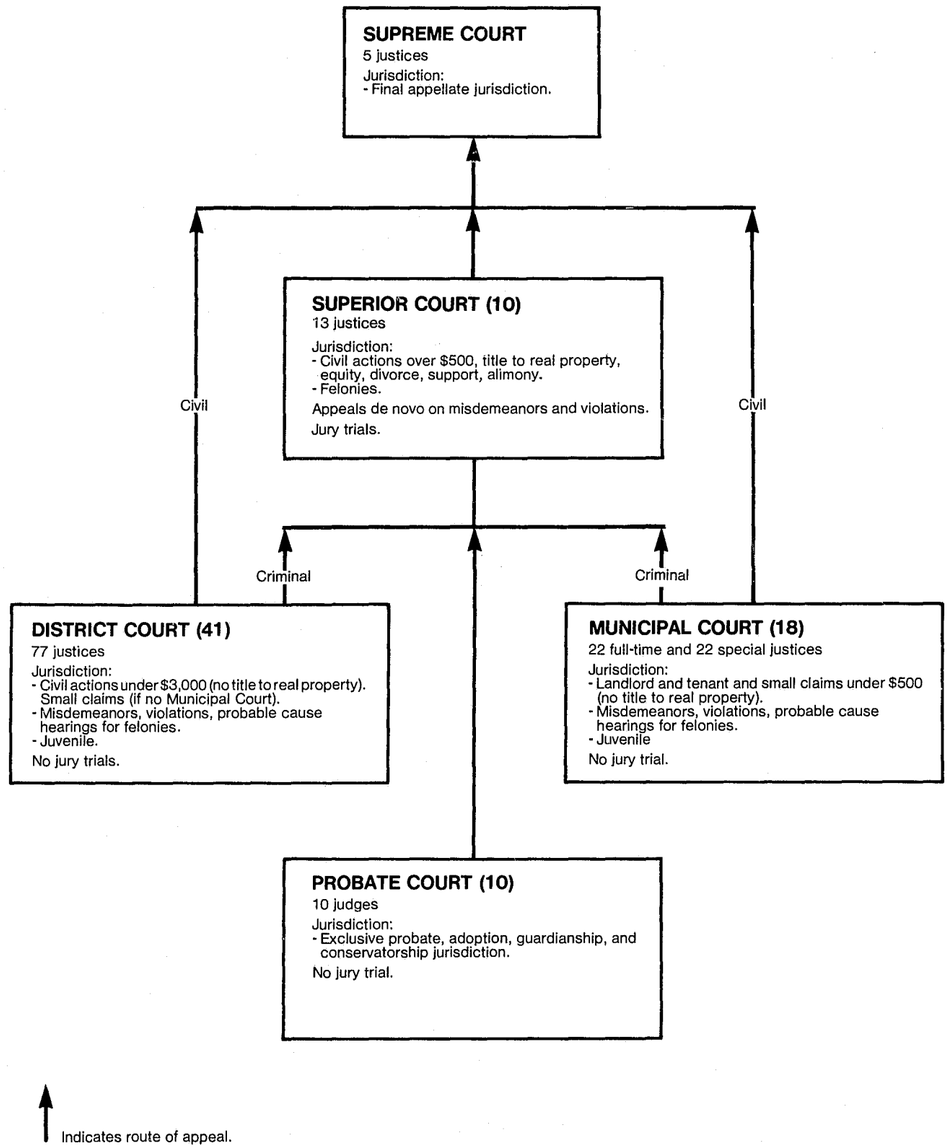
NEVADA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1976.

NEVADA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts, 15 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

New Hampshire court system, 1976



NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil and criminal	X	210	X	X
Agency appeals	X	28	X	X
Total appeals	X	238	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original cases filed	X	28	X	X
Advisory opinions	X	5	X	X
Certification of questions	X	2	X	X
Total	X	35	X	X
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	X	35	X	X
Total cases	249	273	320	202

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

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
10 courts, 13 justices
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Actions at law	9,702	5,685	5,390[h]	9,997
Equity:				
Equitable actions and petitions	2,667	2,438	2,051[h]	3,054
Domestic relations:				
Marital cases	6,002	9,610	9,186[h]	6,426
Appeals:				
Probate appeals	40	25	17[h]	48
Total civil	18,361[k]	17,758	16,494[k]	19,675[g,k]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments	2,172	2,909	2,240	2,841
Informations	30	447	434	43
Complaints	337	677	566	448
Total	2,539	4,033	3,240[h]	3,332
Appeals	1,922	2,398	2,476[h]	1,844
Total criminal	4,461	6,431	5,771[k]	5,118[g,k]
Grand total	22,872[k]	24,189	22,268[k]	24,793[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	202	2,138[m]	2,340
Criminal	379	165	544
Total	581	2,303	2,884

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea or nolo contendere	2,785
Nolle prosse	1,241

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.
A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the biennial report.
[h]Figures were calculated:
Dispositions were calculated by category from available filing and pending data.
[k]Additional information:
Disposition figures that were calculated do not sum to the total given in the biennial report. Total dispositions given in the report are displayed for total civil and total criminal dispositions.
Pending figures by category in the biennial report do not sum to the total given in the biennial report. Figures are as they appear in the biennial report.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil non-jury trials include law cases tried by the court, contested marital cases, and other equity cases heard as non-jury civil trials.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
41 courts, 77 justices
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Person or property damage	X	X	792	X
Contract:				
Contracts, notes, etc.	X	X	3,794	X
Small claims	772	17,610	16,401	2,001[g]
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	42	1,393	1,394	42[g]
Other civil:				
Appealed to Superior Court	X	X	91	X
Appealed to Supreme Court	X	X	6	X
Total	X	X	97	X
Total civil	1,783	23,370	22,478	3,227[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	25,931	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Class A felonies	N/A	N/A	569	N/A
Class B felonies	N/A	N/A	2,351	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,920	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	28,851	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Violations of city or town	N/A	N/A	23,607	N/A
Violations of state	N/A	N/A	85,558	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	109,165	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	109,165	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	N/A	4,377	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected	N/A	N/A	427	N/A
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision	N/A	N/A	464	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	5,268	N/A
Grand total	1,783[i]	23,370[i]	165,762	3,227[i]

Non-jury trial[d]	Civil dispositions		Criminal and traffic dispositions	
Civil 3,679	Default judgment	10,524	Not guilty	2,576
	Settled	5,797	Nolle prosse	7,270
	Withdrawn or dismissed	2,175		

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.
A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the biennial report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total filing and pending data are for civil cases only. Disposition data are for all case categories.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
10 courts, 10 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	7,7	N/A	N/A
Change of name	N/A	406	N/A	N/A
Commitment to Laconia State School	N/A	20	N/A	N/A
Marriage waivers granted	N/A	1,729	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,932	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Guardians appointed	N/A	381	N/A	N/A
Will allowed	N/A	2,618	N/A	N/A
Administrations allowed	N/A	1,407	N/A	N/A
Voluntary administrations	N/A	659	N/A	N/A
Inheritance tax	N/A	22	N/A	N/A
Successor custodian	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Death certificate	N/A	100	N/A	N/A
Will authenticity	N/A	173	N/A	N/A
Trustees appointed	N/A	154	N/A	N/A
Inquisitions	N/A	169	N/A	N/A
Accounts allowed	N/A	6,254	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	11,941	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Conservators appointed	N/A	182	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	15,055	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	15,055	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
18 courts, 22 full-time and 22 special justices
August 1, 1975 to July 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	23	549	546	27[g]
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	0	10	10	0
Total civil	23	559	556	27[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanors	N/A	N/A	1,497	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Class A felonies	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Class B felonies	N/A	N/A	70	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	79	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	1,576	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Violations of city or town	N/A	N/A	765	N/A
Violations of state	N/A	N/A	5,554	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	6,319	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	6,319	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	N/A	196	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Neglected children	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision	N/A	N/A	25	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	230	N/A
Grand total	23[i]	559[i]	8,681	27[i]

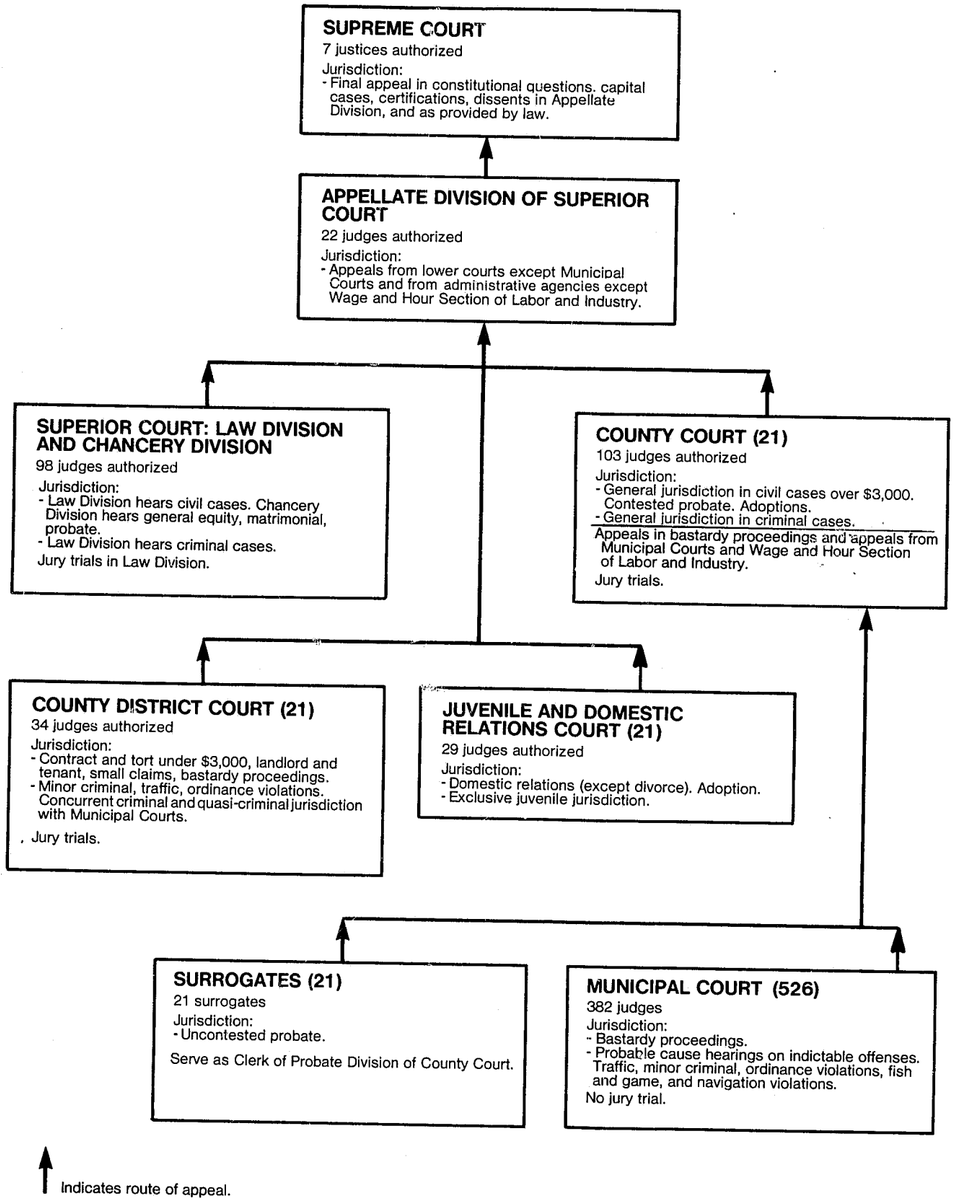
Non-jury trial[d]	Civil dispositions	Criminal and traffic dispositions
Civil 131	Default judgment 224	Not guilty 125
	Settled 163	Nolle prosse 328
	Withdrawn or dismissed 38	

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.
A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the biennial report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total filing and pending data are for **civil** cases only. Disposition data are for all case categories.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1974-July 31, 1975, and August 1, 1975-July 31, 1976 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1976). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

New Jersey court system, August 31, 1976



NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices authorized
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Notice of appeal filed	--	77	--	--
Certifications on petitions granted	--	113	--	--
Certifications on motion	--	16	--	--
Appeals by leave granted	--	26	--	--
Appeals removed from calendar[j]	--	--	187	195
Total appeals	150	232	187	195
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	40	95	93	42
Requests to appeal[j]:				
Petitions for certification	253	837	705	385
Total other cases	293	932	798	427
Total cases	443[i]	1,164[i]	985[i]	622[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Other matters:				
Motions and other petitions[j]	188	1,058	1,144	102
Total other proceedings	188	1,058	1,144	102

Manner of disposition[m]

Written opinion	137
Per curiam	30

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	63
Reversed	19
Modified	6
Reversed and remanded	15
Affirmed and reversed in part	2
Remanded	2
Dismissed	1

Time intervals (months/days)

	Mean	Median
Judgment below to notice of appeal or granting of certification	3/19	3/4
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to perfection	2/18	1/17
Perfection to argument	3/28	3/13
Argument to decision	4/17	3/17
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to decision	10/28	9/15
Perfection to decision	8/15	7/23

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases do not include motions for leave to appeal because these data could not be separated from the motions and other petitions listed as other matters.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Appeals removed from calendar" include 43 cases dismissed before argument, 15 cases remanded, 18 cases decided without oral argument, and 3 cases consolidated with certification.
"Motions and other petitions" disposed include at least 72 motions for leave to appeal and 23 motions for rehearing. Since the number of these motions filed or pending was unknown, the disposed motions were not added to the requests to appeal or rehearing requests categories.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
The 137 written opinions and 30 per curiam opinions disposed of 108 appeals and 16 disciplinary matters.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Source of case data is available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION OF SUPERIOR COURT
Intermediate appellate Court
21 judges
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	3,157[h]	X	X
Criminal	X	1,662	X	X
Total appeals	4,266	4,819[k]	4,349[k]	4,736
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases				
Total cases	4,266[i]	4,819[ki]	4,349[ki]	4,736[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions[j]	132[f]	3,149	3,011[k]	270
Total other proceedings	132[f]	3,149	3,011[k]	270

Manner of disposition

Published opinions[m]	350
Per curiam[m]	2,777
Dismissal/withdrawal	1,224
Transfers[m]	16

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	2,308
Reversed	439
Remanded	31
Certifications	16
Modified	331
Dismissed	2,241

Time interval (months/days)

	Mean	Median
Date of appeal to perfected	7/11	6/13
Perfected to argued or submitted	4/21	4/9
Argued or submitted to decided	0/27	0/15
Date of appeal to decided	12/29	12/20
Judgment below to notice of appeal	1/17	1/12

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

[c]Judge information:
There are 22 judges authorized in this court, but 1 judge serves as the acting administrative director of the courts.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Civil appeals filed were computed by subtracting the number of criminal appeals filed from the number of total appeals filed.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases data do not include requests to appeal data because these data could not be separated from the motions and petitions listed as other matters.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Motions and petitions" filed include 841 motions for leave to appeal and 102 motions for rehearing. These filed motions were not listed under the categories of requests to appeal or rehearing requests because the number of these motions disposed and pending was unknown.
[k]Additional information:
Total appeals filed and disposed include 16 certifications by the Supreme Court before calendaring by the Appellate Division.
Total other proceedings disposed includes 114 withdrawn motions.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Published opinions and per curiam opinions are both written opinions.
Transfers are cases transferred to the Supreme Court by certification.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Source of case data is available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT (LAW DIVISION and CHANCERY DIVISION) and COUNTY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 counties, 201 judges authorized
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other--Law Division	22,381[f]	21,070	17,218	26,233
Auto tort	18,473[f]	15,896	13,541	20,828
Equity	2,657[f]	3,936	3,910	2,683
Domestic relations[k]:				
Matrimonial	5,764[f]	23,391	22,205	6,950
Probate (County Court):				
Wills and administration	X	176	X	X
Accounting	X	194	X	X
Adoptions	X	31	X	X
Other probate matters	X	183	X	X
Total	168[f]	584	519	233
Total civil	49,443[f]	64,877	57,393	56,927
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Indictments and accusations	26,571[f]	27,663	25,495	28,739
Appeals (County Court)	797[f]	3,790	3,730	857
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction relief	68[f]	227	241	54
Total criminal	27,436[f]	31,680	29,466	29,650
Grand total	76,879[f]	96,557	86,859	86,577

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	2,699	10,714	13,413
Criminal	2,895	695	3,590
Total	5,594	11,409	17,003

Civil dispositions

	Law	Equity	Domestic relations
Settled	X	1,691	29
Dismissed or discontinued	X	815	355
Total	25,405	2,506	384

Criminal dispositions

Guilty or nonvult pleas	15,329
Trial conviction	1,809
Acquitted	1,355
Dismissed	6,827
Conditional discharge	175
Petition summarily disposed	58
No relief granted	164
Some relief granted	19

Time interval[n] (month/days)

	Jury Mean	Jury Median	Non-jury Mean	Non-jury Median	All trial cases Mean	All trial cases Median
Civil:						
Complaint to answer	2/28	1/25	2/ 7	1/16	2/22	1/23
Answer to pretrial	12/ 0	10/18	10/27	9/ 0	11/12	9/19
Pretrial to trial	8/28	6/17	7/10	5/23	8/ 2	6/13
Complaint to trial	21/29	20/23	19/25	17/21	21/10	20/ 7

	Defendants for whom trials commenced: Indictment or accusation to first plea Mean	Indictment or accusation to first plea Median	Not guilty plea to trial or guilty plea Mean	Not guilty plea to trial or guilty plea Median	Defendants who retracted a plea of not guilty: Indictment or accusation to first plea Mean	Indictment or accusation to first plea Median	Not guilty plea to retraction Mean	Not guilty plea to retraction Median
Criminal:								
Murder	0/26	0/25	4/19	3/26	0/10	0/ 7	4/18	4/10
Other	1/14	0/21	7/16	5/22	1/27	0/24	5/23	4/ 8

Age of pending cases[n] (months)

	Law	Auto tort	Equity	Domestic relations	Probate	Criminal
Under 6 months	6,344	4,246	1,099	2,709	171	9,962
6+ to 12 months	7,741	6,264	988	2,562	38	3,468
12+ to 18 months	6,067	5,144	326	1,134	24	1,374
18+ to 24 months	3,408	2,975	107	328	--	451
24+ to 36 months	1,846	1,653	72	134	--	383
Over 36 months	187	148	10	40	--	223

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the first juror is drawn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
This is because of recounts by the counties resulting from their periodic physical inventories and the discovery of other reporting errors by the counties during the course of the year.
[k]Additional information:
Domestic relations matters are also handled in the juvenile and domestic relations courts; they are not included here.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include uncontested matrimonial cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for cases in which trials commenced in the Law Division of the Superior Court and County Court during October 1975.
Age of pending data reflect active cases only.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 courts, 34 judges authorized
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	4,700	14,562	14,957	4,305
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort	1,447	4,469	4,398	1,518
Contract	30,229	156,275	155,550	30,954
Small claims[j]	4,529	37,132	36,059	5,602
Property rights:				
Tenancy	3,475	81,479	82,213	2,741
Total civil	44,380	293,917	293,177	45,120
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	N/A	2,176	2,320	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	2,176	2,320	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking cases	N/A	41,940	30,262	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic cases	N/A	38,833	32,455	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	80,773	62,717	N/A
Grand total	44,380[i]	376,866	358,214	45,120[i]

Tried[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	716	53,039	53,755
Criminal	--	379	379
Total	716	53,418	54,134

Civil dispositions

Judgments by default	122,471
Settled, dismissed, or discontinued	27,523
Before trial date	25,869
On trial date	60,184
Placed on inactive list or transferred	3,375

Age of pending cases (months)

Civil:	Jury	Non-jury
Under 6 months	1,650	37,434
6+ to 12 months	807	4,281
12+ to 18 months	204	545
18+ to 24 months	37	68
Over 24 months	42	52

Criminal dispositions

Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	330
Violations Bureau	17
Dismissed after conditional discharge or pretrial intervention	49
Other dismissals and acquittals	443
Referred to other court	30
Referred to county prosecutor	1,072

Time interval[h] (months/days)

	Jury		Non-jury		All trial cases	
Civil:	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Complaint to answer	2/11	11/5	2/3	0/27	2/4	27
Answer to pretrial	No pretrial		2/12	2/12	2/12	12
Pretrial to trial	No pretrial		0/12	0/12	0/12	12
Complaint to trial	10/11	7/10	7/25	7/23	8/4	27

Traffic dispositions

Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	5,764
Violations Bureau	55,092
Dismissals and acquittals	1,860
Referred to other court	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.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the first juror is drawn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include criminal or traffic cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes all complaints filed or transferred from other courts or counties and inactive complaints restored to calendar.
Small claims include auto small claims cases and other small claims.
Criminal case complaints include indictable offenses referred to county prosecutors for indictment as well as minor criminal, disorderly persons, ordinance, fish and game, navigation, etc.
[h]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for all civil cases in which trials commenced during October 1975, except small claims and tenancy.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977) and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1975-August 31, 1976 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 courts, 29 judges authorized
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations and reciprocal support	4,069[f]	61,874	61,439	4,504
Total civil	4,069[f]	61,874	61,439	4,504
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	10,925[f]	75,862	74,752	12,035
Status offenses:				
Juvenile in need of supervision (JINS)	677	8,622	8,524	775
Total juvenile	11,602[f]	84,484	83,276	12,810
Grand total	15,671[f]	146,358	144,715	17,314

Age of pending cases (months)

	Domestic relations	Delinquency	Status offenses
Under 1 month	2,061	4,093	260
1 to 3 months	2,014	5,630	348
Over 3 months	429	2,312	167
3+ to 6 months	(k)	1,787	121
Over 6 months	(k)	525	46

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
This is because of recounts by the counties resulting from their periodic physical inventories and the discovery of other reporting errors by the counties during the course of the year.
[k]Additional information:
The domestic relations cases pending 3+ to 6 months and over 6 months are included in the over 3 months category.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
526 courts, 382 judges
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	N/A	329,425[j]	294,746	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	329,425[j]	294,746	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking cases	N/A	2,406,900	1,828,413	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic cases	N/A	1,007,724	945,661	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,414,624	2,774,074	N/A
Grand total	N/A	3,744,049	3,068,820	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]

Criminal	5,385

Criminal dispositions

Convictons and guilty pleas in open court	109,440
Violations Bureau	19,117
Dismissal after conditional discharge and pretrial intervention	9,535
Other dismissals and acquittals	81,142
Referred to other court	4,265
Referred to county prosecutor	65,862

Traffic dispositions

Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	350,893
Violations Bureau	2,312,272
Dismissals and acquittals	110,223
Referred to other court	686

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

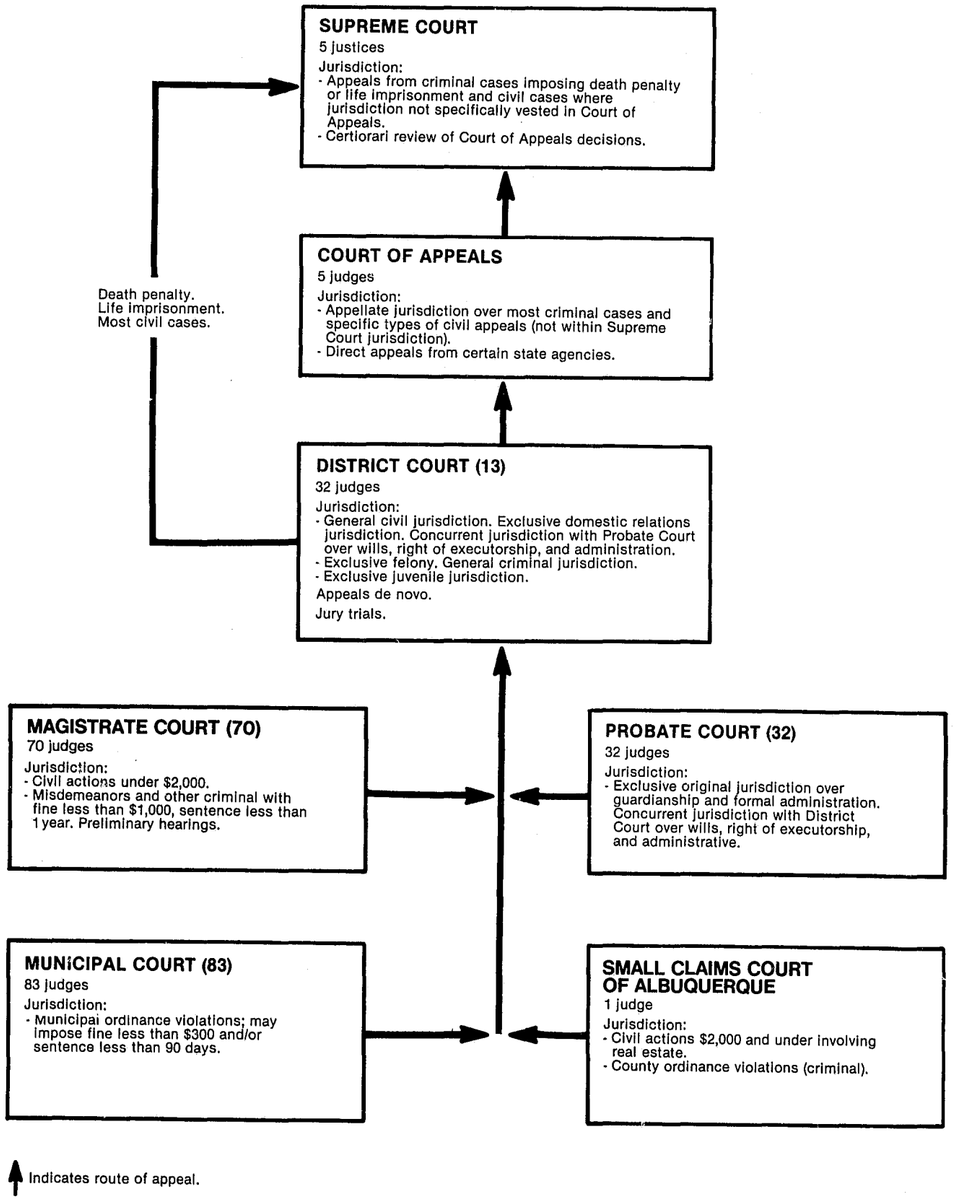
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal case complaints include indictable offenses referred to county prosecutors for indictment as well as minor criminal, disorderly persons, ordinance, fish and game, navigation, etc.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1975-76 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977) and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1975-August 31, 1976 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1977). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY SURROGATES
21 counties, 21 surrogates
September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976

No data were supplied for the surrogates because they handle only uncontested probate matters and serve as the clerks of the probate divisions of County Courts.

New Mexico court system, 1976



NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	206	X	X
Criminal	X	7	X	X
Total appeals	X	213	288	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	94[j]	94	X
Mandamus	X	21	20	X
Prohibition	X	27	25	X
Standards commission	X	1	1	X
Superintending control	X	3	3	X
Disciplinary	X	11	12	X
Other	X	4	5	X
Total	X	161	160	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	184	155	X
Total other cases	X	345	315	X
Total cases	168	558	603	123
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Rule 37 motions[j]	0	415	415	0
Rule 34 motions	0	23	23	0
Total other proceedings	0	438	438	0

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	211
Per curiam	1
Dismissal/withdrawal	53
Transfer	7

Disposition of appeals[m]	
Affirmed	122
Reversed	71
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	12
Remanded	2
Modified opinion	1

Time interval (average days)

Docketing to issue	144.7
Issue to submission	93.6
Submission to opinion or decision	53.9
Docketing to mandate	249.0

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

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Habeas corpus filed includes 6 original habeas corpus cases and 88 cases from habeas corpus dockets.
Rule 37 motions are prosecutors' motions for extension of time in District Court.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
The disposition of appeals types are the results of opinions.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1976 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
5 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	174	X	X
Criminal	X	220	X	X
Agency appeals	X	48	X	X
Other appeals:				
Reinstated cases	X	4	X	X
Total appeals	249	446	550	145
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases[k]	249	446	550	145
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	79	79	0
Other matters:				
Motions	0	518	518	0
Total other proceedings	0	597	597	0

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	141
Memorandum	287
Transfer	10
By order	111
Certification	1

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	278
Reversed	108
Dismissed	11
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	31

Time interval (average days)

	Notice of appeal to answer brief filed	Answer brief filed to decision	Decision to mandate
Criminal and children's	167.03	74.67	26.54
Torts	158.65	114.66	31.84
Administrative appeals	102.48	131.50	29.68
Workmen's compensation	147.22	109.84	26.37
Criminal (Bernalillo County)	153.59	58.97	26.86
New appellate rules:			
Criminal and children's	101.53	38.88	25.74
Criminal (Bernalillo County)	104.94	41.17	26.55

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[k]Additional information:
Cases involving certiorari to the New Mexico Supreme Court were omitted from total cases filed to avoid double counting. There were 187 of those cases dealt with in 1976 with 8 cases pending at the end of 1976.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1976 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
13 districts, 32 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	17,305	33,990	32,765	18,530
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229
Total criminal	2,096	4,706	4,573	2,229
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	2,848	5,259	4,828	3,279
Grand total	22,249	43,955	42,166	24,038

Jury trial[d]
Criminal 352

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

Source: Judicial department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1976 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEW MEXICO MAGISTRATE COURT[b]
Court of limited jurisdiction
71 courts, 70 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning[k] pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End[k] pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	13,645	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	13,645	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	14,942	N/A	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Felony	N/A	8,745	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	23,687	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	62,231	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	99,563	N/A	N/A

Jury trial[d]
Civil 35
Criminal and traffic 116
Total 151

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Data for this court are displayed in the annual report by workload activity. Through on-site visits and sampling techniques, weights for the workload involved with each case have been established.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

[k]Additional information:
Magistrate Courts report only cases filed. Pending and disposed records are not maintained.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts.

NEW MEXICO PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
32 courts, 32 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

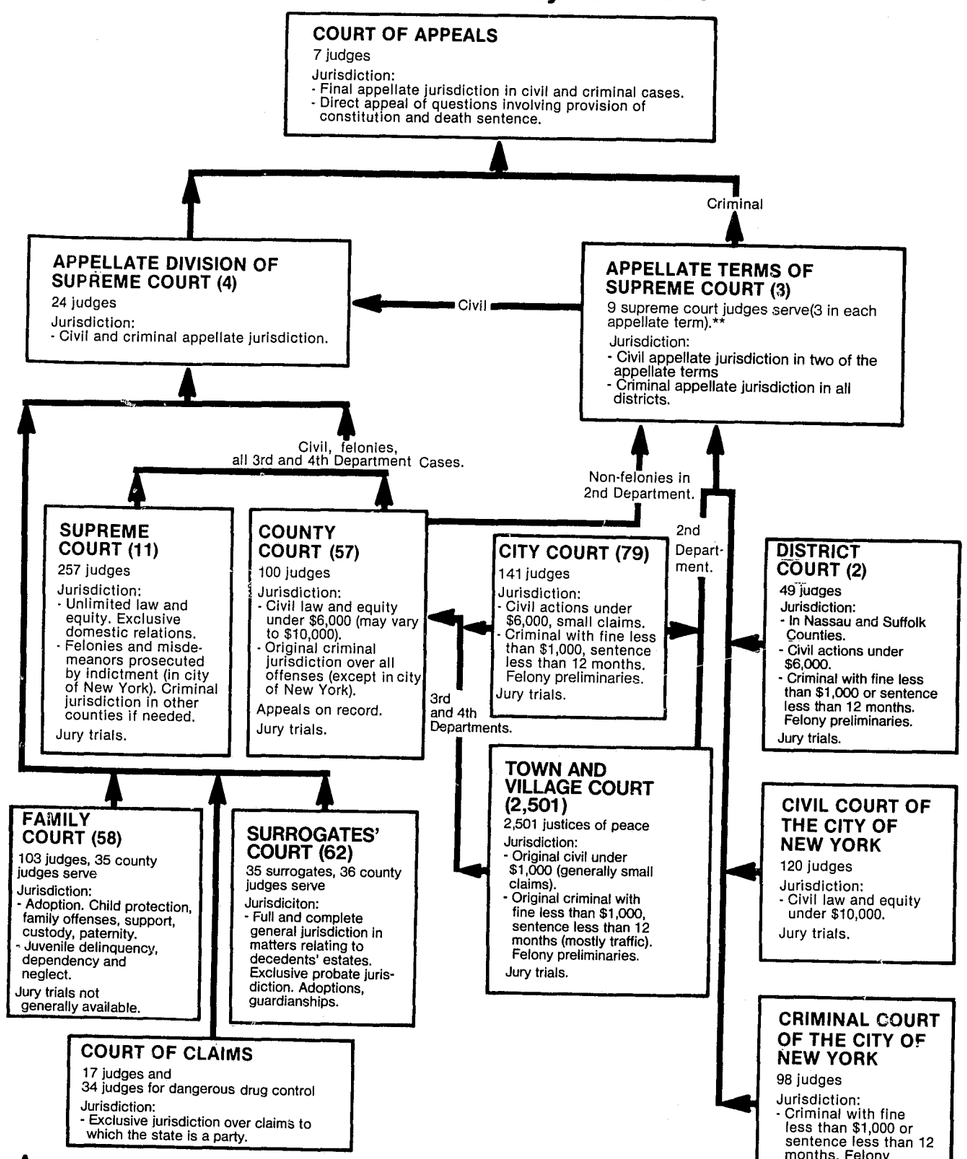
NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
83 courts, 83 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1976.

New York court system 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

* Included are the city courts, justice courts, police courts, and recorder's courts.

** Fifty retired justices of the Supreme Court were certified to continue to serve. Of these, 12 were temporarily designated to the Appellate Term.

NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X	474	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X (84)[e]	166	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	595 (84)[e]	640	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Application for leave to appeal (criminal)	N/A	N/A	1,029 (84)[e]	N/A
Motions[j]	N/A	N/A	1,233	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,262 (84)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	2,262 (84)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	595[i] (84)[e]	2,902 (84)[e]	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	353	Affirmed	414
Per curiam	34	Reversed	165
Memorandum	205	Modification	46
		Dismissal	14
		Other	1

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

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Eighty-four applications for leave to appeal criminal convictions were granted by the court.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases filed do not include requests to appeal.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Motions include motions to appeal in civil cases and an unknown number of procedural motions.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT
Intermediate appellate court
4 divisions, 24 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	7,362[j]	7,458[j]	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary proceedings	N/A	N/A (j)	102[j]	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	N/A (j)	102[j]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	7,362[i]	7,560	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions decided	--	--	14,967	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	14,967	--

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Full opinion	421	Affirmed	4,730
Per curiam	48	Reversal not including new trials	1,031
Memorandum	5,107	Modifications	687
		Dismissals	431
		New trials	188

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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.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases filed do not include all **original proceedings**.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
An unknown number of **original proceedings** are included in total filings and dispositions of appeals.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK APPELLATE TERMS OF THE SUPREME COURT
Intermediate appellate court
3 terms, 9 supreme court judges serve[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	2,115	1,507	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions heard or submitted	--	--	2,447	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	2,447	--

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Opinions filed	16	Affirmed	509
Per curiam	600	Reversed	294
Memoranda written, not filed	334	Dismissed/discontinued/withdrawn/remanded	551
		Modified	142

Note: Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court hear civil and criminal appeals from the first and second departments. County Courts sitting as appellate courts for the third and fourth departments hear some equivalent criminal appeals; however, data regarding the volume of such cases are not available. For certain criminal cases New York has three intermediate appellate courts when County Courts sitting as appellate courts are counted.

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
During 1976, there were three appellate terms sitting with three judges in each term; hence the total of nine judges for 1976.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of court administration.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
11 districts, 257 judges; 57 counties, 100 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	X	22,574	23,202	X
Non-auto tort:				
Medical malpractice	X	1,428	1,065	X
Other tort	X	12,562	10,512	X
Total	X	13,990	11,577	X
Contract	X	10,350	9,505	X
Property rights:				
Condemnations	X	224	336	X
Domestic relations:				
Matrimonial	7,173[f]	57,991	58,681	6,671[g]
Administrative:				
Tax certiorari	X	5,165	3,991	X
Other civil	X	3,805	5,995	X
Total civil	66,709[fi]	114,099	113,287	66,809[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments--New York City	N/A	16,499	19,812	N/A
Indictments--outside New York City	N/A	15,160	17,850	N/A
Total	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A
Total criminal[k]	N/A	31,659	37,662	N/A
Grand total	66,709[fi]	145,758	150,949	66,809[gi]

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	Trial[d] Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	2,067	57,109	59,176
Criminal:			
New York City	X	X	1,892
Outside New York City	X	X	1,198
Total	X	X	3,090
Total	X	X	62,266

Civil dispositions	
Settled or discontinued	37,562
Default or consent judgment	851
Dismissed	1,002
Transferred, consolidated, or referred to referee or arbitrator	6,463
Marked off calendar	7,807

Criminal dispositions	
Pleas of guilty	26,006
Trial conviction	2,175
Acquittal	1,041
Dismissal	8,440

Time interval (average months)	
Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition:	
Nonmatrimonial cases:	
Supreme Court	13

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
This difference is because of adjustments made by the court.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figure does not include criminal cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes new actions, restorations, and transfers into these courts from other courts, plus or minus transfers within the courts.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 120 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Tort	X	46,546	47,301	X
Contract:				
Commercial	X	23,638	22,789	X
Property rights:				
Housing part actions	180	1,575	1,444	311
Housing part (summary proceeding)	X	75,238	73,822	X
Total	X	76,813	75,266	X
Other civil:				
Nonhousing part actions	X	4,491	4,509	X
Total civil	20,353	151,488	149,865	22,589[g]
Grand total[i]	20,353	151,488	149,865	22,589[g]

	Trial[d] Jury	Trial[d] Non-Jury	Total
Civil	921	11,313	12,234

Civil dispositions	
Settled, discontinued, dismissed	102,603
Default judgment (inquest)	24,685
Dismissed during trial	417
Consent judgment	70
Marked off calendar	8,100

Time interval (average months)	
Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition[n]	3

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data do not include arbitration cases for which data are available only in Bronx County.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are for only tort, commercial, and housing part actions.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 98 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	9,421[h]	226,160	220,734	14,847
Grand total	9,421[h]	226,160	220,734	14,847

Trial[d]		Criminal dispositions	
Criminal	864	Pleas of guilty	99,727
		Trial conviction	407
		Acquittal	615
		Referrals to grand jury	17,316
		Dismissals	91,650

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
58 courts; 103 judges and 35 county judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending[g]
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions	976	4,097	4,067	1,028[g]
Supreme Court referral	109	1,414	1,524	400[g]
Custody of minors	1,609	8,483	7,753	1,523[g]
Foster care review	2,078	6,037	7,237	710[g]
Foster care placement	1,231	6,782	7,342	621[g]
Physically handicapped	1,015	4,189	4,716	254[g]
Family offense	3,564	23,568	25,711	2,255[g]
Paternity	5,694	19,699	23,213	4,540[g]
Support	8,856	45,713	55,749	7,280[g]
Uniform support of dependents	4,094	23,071	24,197	2,973[g]
Consent to marry	15	393	413	9[g]
Other	242	2,920	10,507	58[g]
Supplementary	17,697	96,129	88,633	11,241[g]
Total	47,180	242,475	261,062	32,892[g]
Probate:				
Guardianship	226	924	815	389[g]
Mental health:				
Mental defective	0	17	30	0[g]
Total civil	47,406	243,416	261,907	33,281[g]
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	5,923	27,324	32,632	6,616[g]
Dependency and neglect:				
Permanent neglect	527	1,012	1,050	497[g]
Child protective--neglect	2,274	7,019	11,271	2,418[g]
Child protective--abuse	824	1,327	681	477[g]
Total	3,625	9,358	13,002	3,392[g]
Status offenses:				
Person in need of supervision	1,848	12,190	15,540	2,049[g]
Total juvenile	11,396	48,872	61,174	12,057[g]
Grand total	58,802	292,288	323,081	45,338[g]

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	Time interval (days)[k]								
Juvenile child protective proceedings involving child abuse:	0-7 days	8-14 days	15-21 days	22-30 days	31-90 days	91-180 days	181-365 days	366-730 days	Over 730 days
Filing of petition to initial fact-finding hearing:									
Boys	98	19	9	16	70	66	46	14	6
Girls	121	40	19	27	117	80	61	12	6
Initial fact-finding hearing to disposition hearing:									
Boys	101	4	5	2	76	83	57	11	5
Girls	149	12	2	11	117	93	74	23	2

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[k]Additional information:
There were cases involving 72 boys and 111 girls in which no initial fact-finding hearing was held.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK SURROGATES' COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
62 courts; 35 surrogates and 36 county judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions	N/A	N/A	3,658	N/A
Probate:				
Wills	N/A	41,958	40,883	N/A
Administrative	N/A	N/A	21,578	N/A
Accountings	N/A	11,393	7,944	N/A
Guardianship	N/A	N/A	5,824	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	3,852	N/A
Total	N/A	53,351	80,081	N/A
Total civil	N/A	53,351[i]	83,739	N/A
Grand total	N/A	53,351[i]	83,739	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil filed and grand total filed include only wills and accountings. Dispositions contain data for all categories.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK COURT OF CLAIMS
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 17[c] judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative	3,590	1,014	872	3,732
Total civil	3,590	1,014	872	3,732
Grand total	3,590	1,014	872	3,732

Civil dispositions
Awards 249
Dismissed 623

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[c]Judge information:
In addition to the 17 Court of Claims judges, 34 judges were appointed pursuant to Chapter 603, Laws of 1973, Emergency Dangerous Drug Control Program.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK DISTRICT COURT AND CITY COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 counties: 2 courts, 49 judges; 61 cities: 79 courts, 141 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	122,897	125,243	N/A
Total civil[i]	N/A	122,897	125,243	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	47,943	N/A
Ordinance violations	N/A	N/A	20,736	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	N/A	13,740	N/A
Other criminal:				
Quasi-criminal offenses	N/A	N/A	28,035	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	110,454	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
All motor vehicle offenses	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	927,376	N/A
Grand total	N/A	122,897[i]	1,163,073	N/A

Trial[d]

Criminal:	
Misdemeanor	1,016
Ordinance violations	433
Total	1,449
Traffic	13,120
Total	14,569

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violations	Felony preliminary	Total
Plea	19,426	14,489	--	33,915
Dismissed	27,501	5,814	7,080	40,395
Waiver	--	--	3,331	3,331
Hearing	--	--	3,329	3,329

Traffic dispositions
Plea 748,017
Dismissed 166,239

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-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to decision or verdict.

[i]Data are not complete:
Reports were not received from Glen Falls and Saratoga Springs. Incomplete data were received from Olean City Court in the Eighth District, and from Oneida Justice Court in the Sixth District.
Total civil figures do not include cases disposed by arbitration in Binghamton (Broome County), Schenectady (Schenectady County), and Rochester (Monroe County).
Grand total filed figures include only civil cases. Disposed figures include civil, criminal, and traffic cases.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 22nd Annual Report 1977 (New York, New York: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK TOWN AND VILLAGE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2,501 courts, 2,501 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

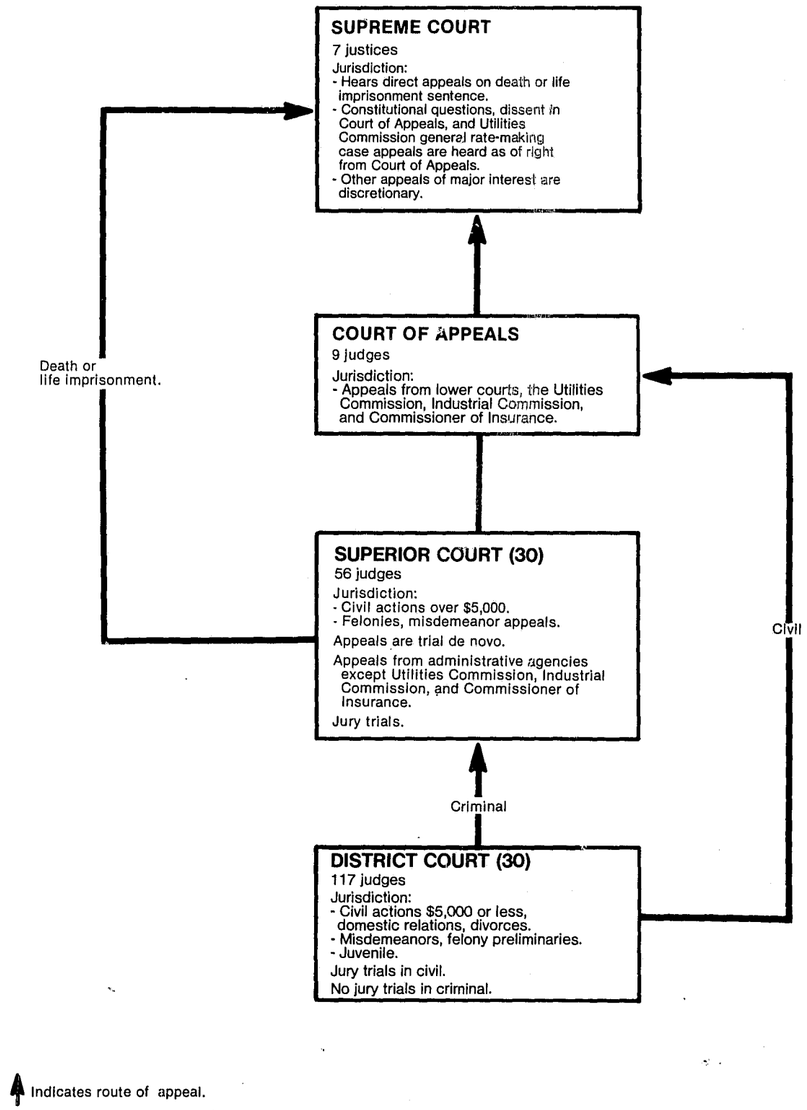
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Private litigants and penalty actions	N/A	N/A	54,516	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	54,516	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Penal law and indictable offenses	N/A	N/A	93,415	N/A
Other criminal:	N/A	N/A	14,431	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	107,846	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Vehicle and traffic	N/A	N/A	706,565	N/A
Town and village ordinances and vehicle and traffic law				
Title VII	N/A	N/A	952,745	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	1,659,310	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	1,821,672	N/A

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of the note of issue.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

North Carolina court system, 1976



NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
February 4, 1976 to February 2, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	41[j]	165[j]	158	48[j]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Petition for discretionary review	N/A	381	334	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	381	334	N/A
Total cases	41[i,j]	546	492	48[i,j]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Other matters:				
Motions[j]	--	2	359	--
Total other proceedings	--	2	359	--

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 142
Dismissed or withdrawn 16

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases pending does not include requests to appeal.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total appeals and total cases pending figures are the number of advisory cases docketed in the spring term plus the number of cases carried forward to the spring term.
Total appeals filed is the number of cases docketed minus the advisory cases docketed and cases carried forward to the spring term of 1976.
Motions consist of petitions acted on, other than petitions for certiorari to review a decision of the Court of Appeals, plus other motions acted on.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1976; Fall Term 1976 (Raleigh, North Carolina). Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X	457[j]	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X	487	N/A
Unspecified	N/A	X	55	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,027	999	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	1,027	999	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions	0	1,081	1,081	0
Total other proceedings	0	1,081	1,081	0

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	944[m]
Disposed without written opinion and cases consolidated with another case on one written opinion	55

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

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals disposed figure includes appeals from the Insurance Commission, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission, as well as civil appeals.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Of 944 written opinions filed, 487 were in criminal cases and 457 were in civil cases. One opinion may dispose of more than one case.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Court of Appeals.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT[k]
Court of general jurisdiction
30 districts, 56 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	13,269[f]	10,774	9,391	14,652
Total civil[k]	13,269[f]	10,774	9,391	14,652
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:	X	29,010	X	X
Appeals:				
Misdemeanor trial de novo	X	23,537	X	X
Total criminal	15,282[f]	52,547	49,398	18,431
Grand total[k]	28,551[f]	63,321	58,789	33,083

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	602	3,842	4,444
Criminal	3,899	N/A	N/A
Total	4,501	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions

Pleas	24,420

Age of pending cases

	Civil	Felony	Misdemeanor	Estates[k]	Special proceedings[k]
Under 30 days	756	1,697	1,263	1,754	1,165
30 to 60 days	(n)	1,650	1,490	(n)	(n)
61 to 90 days	(n)	1,312	1,193	(n)	(n)
30 to 90 days	1,707	2,962	2,683	3,603	2,034
91 to 180 days	1,985	2,075	1,490	4,779	2,208
181 days to 1 year	3,332	1,921	1,403	7,618	2,851
1+ to 2 years	3,831	1,359	681	6,304	3,209
Over 2 years	3,042	587	310	19,572	8,866

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. Cases are counted according to what the courts have in fact treated as cases.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[k]Additional information:
Total civil and grand total figures do not include estates and special proceedings, which are handled by the clerk of the Superior Court. There were 27,582 estates filed, 26,425 disposed, and 43,630 end pending; and 28,254 special proceedings filed, 29,468 disposed, and 20,333 end pending.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Civil, estates, and special proceedings data for 30-60 days and 61-90 days are included in the total figure listed as 30-90 days.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
30 districts, 117 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other civil	X	44,015	X	31,479[1]
Small claims	X	144,846	X	15,341[1]
Domestic relations	X	35,949	X	17,831[1]
Total civil	52,049	224,810	212,208	64,651
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal	X	366,335	X	40,410[1]
Total criminal	X	366,335	X	40,410
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	678,855	X	72,698[1]
Juvenile[d]:				
Delinquency:				
Capital	N/A	25	X	N/A
Other felony	N/A	3,669	X	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	7,052	X	N/A
Probation violation	N/A	2,495	X	N/A
Total	N/A	13,241	12,954	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependent	N/A	2,333	2,641	N/A
Neglected	N/A	2,358	2,660	N/A
Total	N/A	4,691	5,301	N/A
Status offenses:				
Truancy	N/A	1,463	X	N/A
Other undisciplined	N/A	3,362	X	N/A
Total	N/A	4,825	4,651	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	22,757	22,906	N/A
Grand total	157,368[1]	1,292,757	1,272,515	177,759[1]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	By magistrate	Total
Civil	609	44,389	135,918	180,916
Criminal and traffic	NH	92,236	NH	92,236
Total	609	136,625	135,918	273,152

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Plea	269,642
Waiver (traffic only)	444,513
Preliminary hearing	26,348

Age of pending cases

	Civil pending before magistrate	Civil appealed from magistrate	Child support	Domestic relations	Other civil	Motor vehicle	Other criminal
Under 30 days	5,630	90	277	1,703	2,408	33,472	14,724
30 to 60 days	1,591	129	177	1,787	2,740	13,396	7,432
61 to 90 days	996	115	149	1,075	1,706	6,245	4,255
91 to 180 days	1,297	248	259	2,063	3,810	6,494	4,239
181 days to 1 year	1,342	387	335	2,937	6,284	4,249	3,371
1+ to 2 years	2,149	337	1	3,067	6,658	4,253	2,726
Over 2 years	1,051	81	0	4,034	7,854	5,328	4,112

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NH = This classification is not handled by this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

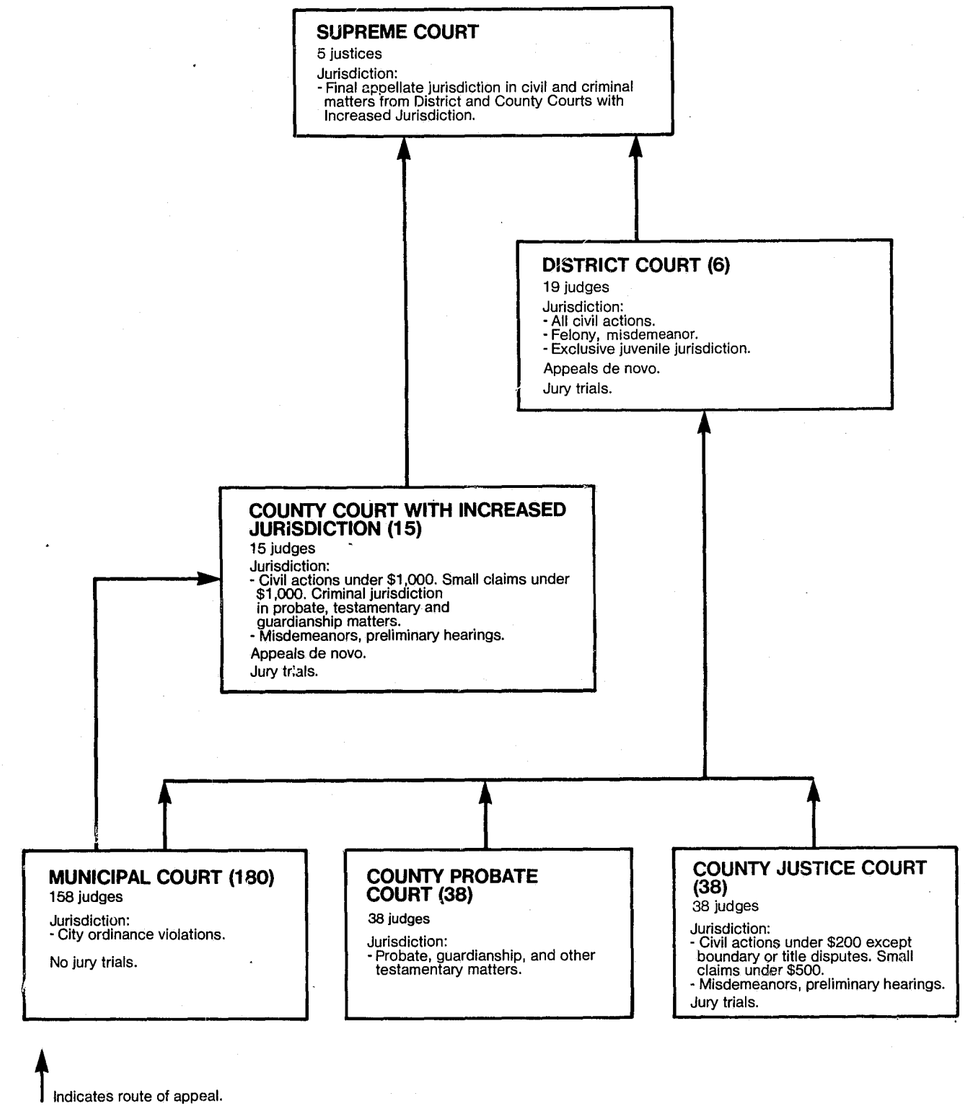
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. Cases are counted according to what the courts have in fact treated as cases.
A juvenile filing is an allegation contained in a juvenile petition. Juvenile dispositions are the number of adjudicatory hearings on juvenile petitions.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[1]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include juvenile cases. Grand total filed and disposed include all categories.

[1]Special source or revision in data:
End pending figures for case categories were obtained from the 1977 annual report.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1976 and North Carolina Courts, 1977 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977, 1978). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

North Dakota court system, 1976



NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[d]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2[f]	97	91	8
Criminal	0	35	35	0
Total appeals	2[f]	132	126	8
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition	0	9	9	0
Disciplinary	0	3	3	0
Certified questions	0	3	3	0
Total	0	15	15	0
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	0	3	3	0
Total other cases	0	18	18	0
Total cases	2[f]	150	144	8
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	3[f]	31	27	7
Total other proceedings	3[f]	31	27	7

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	122
Per curiam	0
By order	26

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	60
Reversed	27
Modified	1
Dismissed	22
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified in part	5

Age of pending cases	Civil	Criminal
Under 6 months	8	0
6+ to 12 months	0	0
12+ to 18 months	0	0
Over 18 months	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A filing in North Dakota is not reported (for statistical purposes) until the case has been argued before the court; therefore, figures reported are lower than actual court workload.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
6 districts, 19 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Actions on debt	X	2,092	1,887	X
Unclassified tort:				
Damages	X	846	844	X
Property rights:				
Real estate matter	X	496	450	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	2,395	2,247	X
Reciprocal support	X	736	432	X
Adoption	X	487	459	X
Total	X	3,618	3,138	X
Probate:				
Trusts	X	13	13	X
Administrative:				
Appeal administrative hearing	X	75	53	X
Other civil	X	331	287	X
Appeals:				
Appeal other	X	65	46	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Special remedy	X	94	66	X
Total civil	3,908[f]	7,630	6,784	3,752[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony A	X	30	33	X
Felony B	X	167	133	X
Felony C	X	655	615	X
Total	X	852	781	X
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor A	X	40	60	X
Misdemeanor B	X	10	9	X
Total	X	50	69	X
Other criminal	X	33	52	X
Appeals	X	97	73	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Special remedy	X	19	14	X
Total criminal	X	1,051	989	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Infractions	X	3	5	X
Total traffic	X	3	5	X
Juvenile[d]:				
Delinquency	X	499	460	X
Dependency and neglect:				
Deprived child	X	136	110	X
Termination of parental rights	X	153	156	X
Total	X	289	266	X
Status offenses:				
Unruly	X	173	163	X
Other juvenile:				
Other juvenile	X	22	17	X
Special proceedings	X	18	16	X
Total	X	40	33	X
Total juvenile	X	1,001	922	186[l]
Grand total	3,421[l]	9,685	8,700	4,272[8][l]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal and traffic	42	297	339

Age of pending cases	
Civil over 18 months	160
Criminal and **traffic** over 120 days	75
Juvenile over 120 days	0

Criminal and traffic dispositions	
Guilty plea	424
Trial conviction	326
Acquittal	13
Dismissal	223
Uniform Postconviction Procedures Act	2
Change of venue	6

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information or indictment.
The juvenile case unit of count is the number of proceedings.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted when contested.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Total juvenile end pending figure was obtained by telephone from the office of the state court administrator.
Grand total pending figures were obtained from the judicial master program.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota); and North Dakota Supreme Court, The North Dakota Judicial Master Program for the FY 1977-1979 Biennium (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report and master program except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY COURT WITH INCREASED JURISDICTION[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 counties, 15 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	2,736[i]	2,647[i]	N/A
Small claims	N/A	1,190	1,080	N/A
Probate:				
Probate	N/A	1,530[i]	939[i]	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	147[i]	144[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	1,677[i]	1,083	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings held	N/A	N/A[i]	747[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	5,603[i]	5,557[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	9,939[i]	8,616[i]	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	961[i]	821[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	10,900[i]	9,437[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	30,826	N/A
Grand total	N/A	16,503[i]	45,820[i]	N/A

Traffic dispositions

Convictions	30,031
Acquittal	776
Dismissal	19

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Filed and disposed figures for felony preliminary, misdemeanor, and civil cases in Stark County and for probate, guardianship/conservatorship, and mental health cases in Morton County are for a 6-month period only.
Total civil filed does not include mental health hearings.
Grand total filed does not include mental health hearings or traffic cases.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
180 courts, 158 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Criminal traffic	N/A	N/A	3,067	N/A
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	39,122	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	42,189	N/A

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

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
38 counties, 38 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Probate:				
Probate	N/A	1,232	968	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	110	115	N/A
Total	N/A	1,342	1,083	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings	N/A	N/A	179	N/A
Total civil	N/A	1,342[i]	1,262	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,342[i]	1,262	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total filed figures do not include mental health hearings. Mental health hearings are included in the disposed figures.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
38 counties, 38 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	163	167	N/A
Small claims	N/A	270	248	N/A
Total civil	N/A	433	415	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	4,498	4,028	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	289	228	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	4,787	4,256	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	15,605	N/A
Grand total	N/A	5,220[i]	20,276[i]	N/A

Traffic dispositions

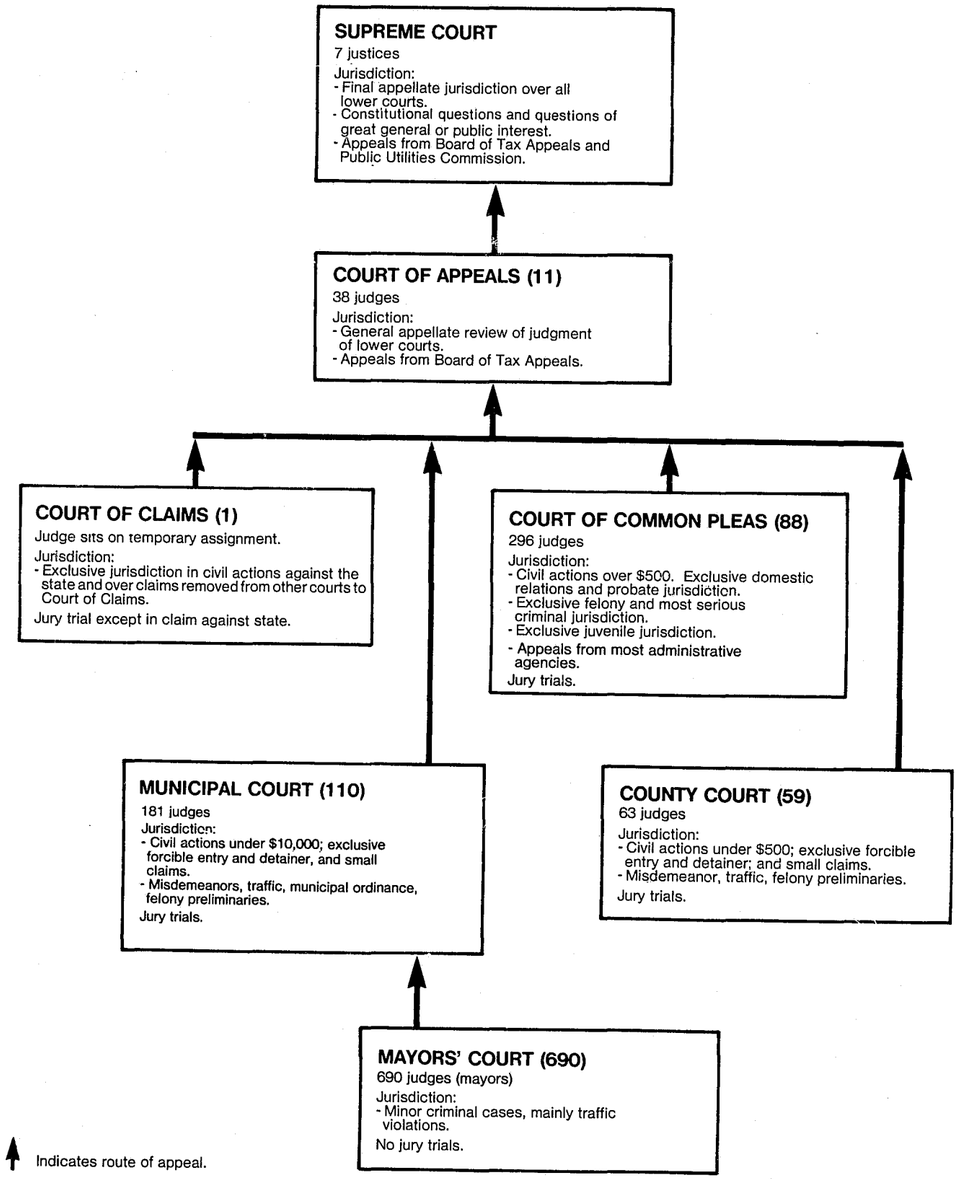
Convictions	15,147
Acquittals	429
Dismissals	29

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Filed and disposed figure for Bottineau, Golden Valley, McKenzie, and Renville Counties represent only 6 months of data.
Grand total filing figure does not include traffic cases. Traffic cases are included in the disposed figure.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Ohio court system, 1976



OHIO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	N/A	143 (75)[e]	263	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	143 (75)[e]	263	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Habeas corpus	N/A	14	11	N/A
Other original actions	N/A	109	93	N/A
Disciplinary	N/A	20	26	N/A
Total	N/A	143	130	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for leave to appeal	N/A	465	431	N/A
Motion to certify	N/A	653	625	N/A
Total	N/A	1,118	981[k] (75)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,261	1,111 (75)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,404 (75)[e]	1,374 (75)[e]	N/A

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

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Motions to certify and motions for leave to appeal that have been granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These granted motions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[k]Additional information:
Total disposed figure for **requests to appeal** is not the sum of the category values since the 75 granted motions are within the 2 categories.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
11 districts, 38 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,354	3,858	3,110	2,481[f]
Criminal	1,059	2,732	2,464	1,847[f]
Total appeals	2,413[f]	6,590	5,574	4,328[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Miscellaneous[j]	77	614	741	263[g]
Total other cases	77	614	741	263[g]
Total cases	2,490	7,204	6,315	4,591[g]

Manner of disposition
Full opinion 2,319
Per curiam 1,735
Dismissal 2,261

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous cases include habeas corpus, original actions, administrative appeals, and appeals from the Court of Claims.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of general jurisdiction
88 counties, 296 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury	22,924[f]	18,678	18,934	22,668
Wrongful death	N/A	746	627	N/A
Total	22,924[fi]	19,424	19,561	22,668[i]
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	29,994[f]	82,398	86,821	25,571
Adoptions	N/A	7,586	7,214	N/A
Birth records	N/A	4,538	4,528	N/A
Name change	N/A	2,897	2,878	N/A
Total	29,994[fi]	97,419	101,441	25,571[i]
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	55,307[f]	62,378	68,916	45,171[g]
Guardianship and testamentary trusts	22,256[f]	7,890	6,968	21,787[g]
Probate civil actions	3,740[f]	5,900	6,097	3,318[g]
Minor's settlement	N/A	1,757	1,697	N/A
Total	81,303[fi]	77,925	83,678	70,276[gi]
Mental health:				
Mental illness and retardation	N/A	6,340	7,232	N/A
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	1,099[f]	1,069	873	1,295
Appropriations	748[f]	804	980	572
Total	1,847[f]	1,873	1,853	1,867
Other civil:				
All other	31,916[f]	41,588	42,506	30,998
Total civil	167,984[fi]	244,569	256,271	151,380[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	6,487[f]	30,527	30,312	6,702
Total criminal	6,487[f]	30,527	30,312	6,702
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	19,226[f]	189,342	190,321	18,247
Grand total	193,697[fi]	464,438	476,904	176,329[i]

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	1,630	11,412	13,042
Criminal	2,049	2,350	4,399
Juvenile	NH	14,534	14,534
Total	3,679	28,296	31,975

Civil dispositions

Default	11,480
Dismissed with prejudice	17,856
Dismissed without prejudice	9,629
Transfers	3,345
Dismissed (domestic relations)	23,064
Uncontested (domestic relations)	53,365
Contested (domestic relations)	10,392

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	16,550
Dismissed with prejudice	348
Nolle prosse	3,783
Transfer	1,201
Dismissed without prejudice	3,783

Age of pending cases

	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Personal injury	N/A	N/A	2,625
Workmen's compensation	N/A	429	N/A
Appropriations	245	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	10,306	N/A
Criminal	159	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.
NH = This classification is not handled by this court.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1976 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Pending data were not reported for all civil categories. Only those reported are included in the total.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials include only trials for personal injury, administrative, and other civil cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
59 courts, 63 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury and property damage	168	324	378	116[g]
Contract	1,380	4,125	4,354	1,147[g]
Small claims	1,635	12,419	12,600	1,565[g]
Property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer	331	1,924	1,681	570[g]
Other civil	972	2,082	2,155	902[g]
Total civil	4,486	20,874	21,168	4,300[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor	3,089	21,363	21,796	2,630[g]
Felony preliminary	510	3,997	3,812	709[g]
Total criminal	3,599	25,360	25,608	3,339[g]
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated	1,986	10,635	10,143	2,460[g]
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	4,156	144,054	143,374	4,804[g]
Total traffic	6,142	154,689	153,517	7,264[g]
Grand total	14,227	200,923	200,293	14,903[g]

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	7	892	899
Criminal	76	2,055	2,131
Traffic	150	3,078	3,228
Total	233	6,025	6,258

Civil dispositions

Pretrial	49
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,054
Other dismissals	4,258
Transfer	1,355

Traffic dispositions

Plea	62,989
Pretrial	836
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,001
Other dismissals	1,583
Transfer	49
Violations Bureau	68,992
Unavailability of accused	14,839

Criminal dispositions

Plea	10,358
Pretrial	423
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,775
Other dismissals	3,105
Transfer	97
Violations Bureau	3,039
Preliminary hearing, boundover	1,981
Waiver of preliminary hearing, boundover	581
Unavailability of accused	2,118

Age of pending cases

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Personal injury and property damage	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Contracts, forcible entry and detainer, and other civil	N/A	N/A	220	(n)
Small claims	N/A	99	(n)	(n)
Misdemeanor	N/A	300	(n)	(n)
Felony preliminary	133	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic	N/A	948	(n)	(n)

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn. Hearings by administrative judges and referees are not included as non-jury trials.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include reactivated cases as well as original filings.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include 8,739 hearings by judge in small claims cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Contracts, forcible entry and detainer, and other civil cases pending over 24 months are included with those pending over 12 months.
Small claims, misdemeanor, and traffic cases pending over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 6 months.
Felony preliminary cases pending over 6 months, over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 1 month.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
110 courts, 181 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury and property damage	11,182	15,780	19,266	8,781[s]
Contract	56,126	158,737	168,883	51,951[s]
Small claims	10,013	72,418	72,168	11,194[s]
Property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer	11,504	43,554	44,698	11,753[s]
Other civil	11,435	17,465	20,098	9,093[s]
Total civil	100,260	307,954	325,113	92,772[s]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor	25,085	226,499	228,677	32,148[s]
Felony preliminary	4,642	38,534	39,744	4,609
Total criminal	29,727	265,033	268,421	36,757[s]
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated	7,811	48,660	49,495	8,032[s]
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	32,148	1,136,517	1,135,412	40,522[s]
Total traffic	39,959	1,185,177	1,184,907	48,554[s]
Grand total	169,946	1,758,164	1,778,441	178,083[s]

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	361	8,771	9,132
Criminal	931	16,067	16,998
Traffic	848	19,019	19,867
Total	2,140	43,857	45,997

Civil dispositions

Pretrial	5,648
Dismissed for want of prosecution	23,490
Other dismissals	79,952
Transfer	2,733

Criminal dispositions

Plea	123,373
Pretrial	6,754
Dismissed for want of prosecution	11,103
Other dismissals	46,510
Transfer	1,028
Violations Bureau	13,668
Preliminary hearing boundover	13,820
Waiver of preliminary hearing, boundover	10,831
Unavailability of accused	24,336

Traffic dispositions

Plea	462,320
Pretrial	4,721
Dismissed for want of prosecution	5,112
Other dismissals	36,653
Transfer	973
Violations Bureau	551,704
Unavailability of accused	103,557

Age of pending cases

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Personal injury and property damage	N/A	N/A	N/A	378
Contract, forcible entry and detainer, and other **civil**	N/A	N/A	5,362	(n)
Small claims	N/A	1,048	(n)	(n)
Misdemeanor	N/A	496	(n)	(n)
Felony preliminary	419	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic	N/A	644	(n)	(n)

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn. Hearings by administrative judges and referees are not included as non-jury trials.
[s]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include reactivated cases as well as original filings.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include 17,012 hearings by judge in **small claims** cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Contract, forcible entry and detainer, and other **civil** cases pending over 24 months are included with those pending over 12 months.
Small claims, **misdemeanor**, and **traffic** cases pending over 12 months and over 24 months are included with those pending over 6 months.
Felony preliminary cases pending over 6 months, over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 1 month.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF CLAIMS[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court; 1 judge sits on temporary assignment
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative:				
Administrative	77	231	88	220
Judicial	228	294	244	278
Victims of crimes[a]	--	5	0	5
Total	305	530	332	503
Total civil	305	530	332	503
Grand total	305	530	332	503

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	0	42	42

Civil dispositions

Settlement	31
Administrative determination	82
Dismissal	177

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

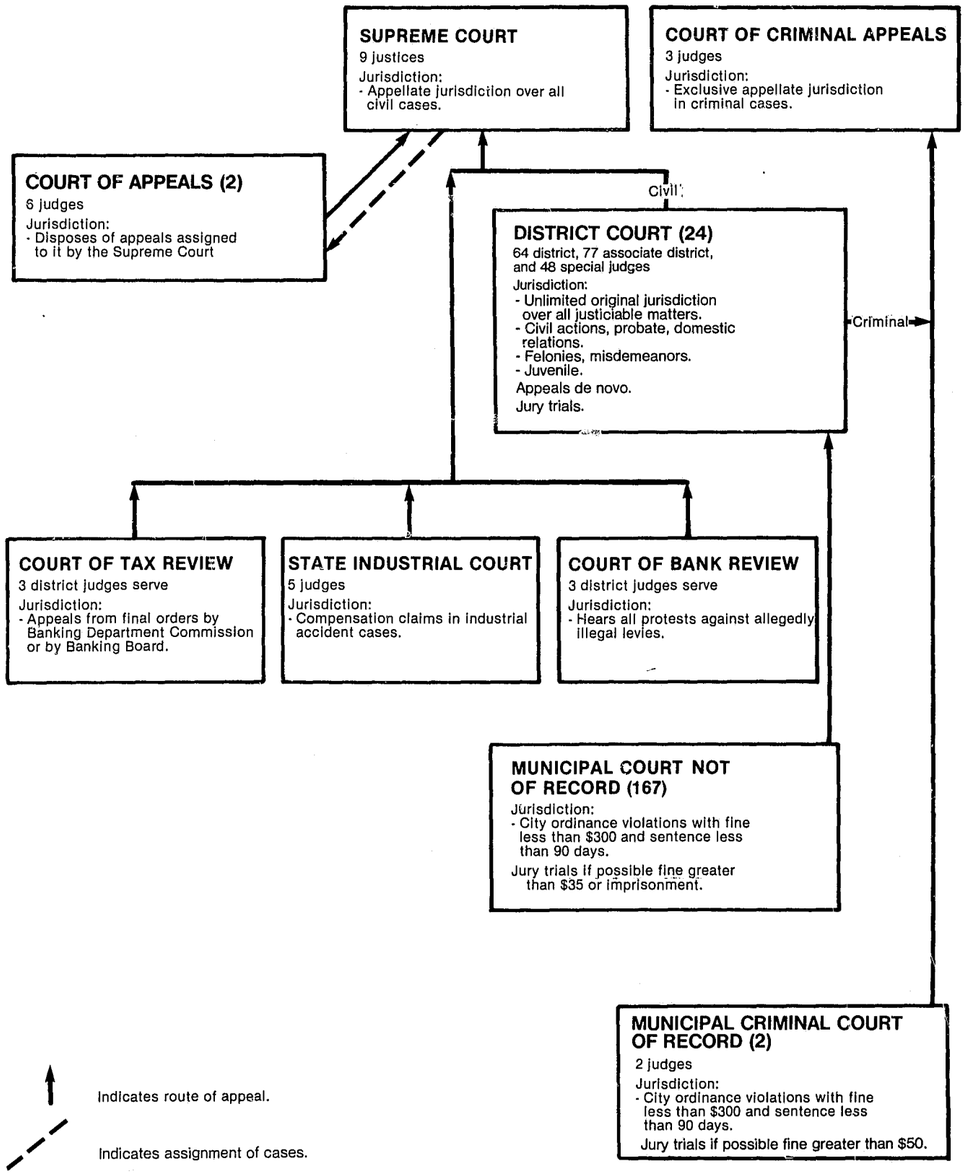
[a]Court jurisdiction:
All cases where the amount of the claim exceeds $1,000 must be determined by a judge. Where the amount of the claim is between $100.01 and $999.99, the claim is determined by a judge unless a waiver is filed. All claims from $0.00 to $100.00 and all claims between $100.01 and $999.99 where the right to trial has been waived are administratively determined by the clerk or deputy clerk of the Court of Claims.
Jurisdiction over victims of crime cases was given to the court as of December 28, 1976.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1976 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO MAYORS' COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
690 courts, 690 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayors' Court for 1976.

Oklahoma court system, 1976



OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	X	714	578	X
Total appeals	X	714	578	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	X	134	130	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	171	200	X
Total other cases[j]	X	305	330	X
Total cases[j]	1,182	1,019	908	1,3108

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals are originally filed in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court then assigns some of these cases to the Court of Appeals for disposition. Therefore, cases assigned, disposed, and pending in the Court of Appeals have been deducted from the Supreme Court's appeals category and utilized as caseload figures for the Court of Appeals.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Court of last resort
3 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	524	382	X
Postconviction	X	143	146	X
Total appeals	X	667	528	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	X	312	359	X
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	X	312	359	X
Total cases	244	979	887	336

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	370	Affirmed	291
By order	517	Affirming denial	101
		Reversed	58
		Dismissed	51
		Modified and affirmed	23

[b]Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Court of Criminal Appeals has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases. It is the court of last resort for criminal cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
2 divisions, 6 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[a]	92[h]	418	347	163[h]
Total appeals	92[h]	418	347	163[h]
Total cases	92[h]	418	347	163[h]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Cases are assigned to the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals hears only civil cases assigned to it and has no original jurisdiction.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed on the assumption that there were no pending cases in the Court of Appeals prior to 1971, when the court officially originated.
End pending figure was computed from filings, dispositions, and beginning pending.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
24 districts; 64 district, 77 associate, and 48 special judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	4,473[f]	4,398	3,726	5,145
Non-auto tort	2,553[f]	3,264	2,660	3,157
Contract	19,658[f]	19,820	14,909	24,569
Small claims:				
Possession of personal property	1,327[f]	1,851	1,771	1,407
Possession of real property	1,869[f]	5,100	5,248	1,721
Small claims	53,777[f]	56,844	55,365	55,256
Total	56,973[f]	63,795	62,384	58,384
Property rights:				
Lien or mortgage foreclosure	2,942[f]	3,165	2,873	3,234
Real property	2,569[f]	4,513	4,065	3,017
Total	5,511[f]	7,678	6,938	6,251
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	16,279[f]	30,757	28,350	18,686
Separate maintenance	556[f]	501	383	674
Annulment	124[f]	332	282	174
Reciprocal support--IN	1,377[f]	2,285	1,030	2,632
Reciprocal support--OUT	860[f]	855	597	1,118
Paternity proceedings	213[f]	161	148	226
Adoption	840[f]	2,600	2,518	922
Total	20,249[f]	37,491	33,308	24,432
Probate:				
Administration of estates and probate proper	11,858[f]	8,832	8,095	12,595
Determination of death of joint or life tenant	570[f]	2,982	3,073	479
Guardianship and conservatorship	3,163[f]	1,517	1,359	3,321
Other probate	125[f]	348	357	116
Total	15,716[f]	13,679	12,884	16,511
Mental health	800[f]	2,810	2,661	949
Administrative:				
Appeals from administrative tribunals	469[f]	716	571	614
Other civil	6,850[f]	5,557	5,016	7,391
Extraordinary writs:				
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus, habeas corpus	1,165[f]	1,354	1,074	1,445
Total civil	134,417[f]	160,562	146,131	148,848
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Crime against person	3,038[f]	4,343	4,236	3,145
Crime against property	8,971[f]	9,645	8,922	9,694
Other felony	5,462[f]	6,191	6,207	5,446
Total	17,471[f]	20,179	19,365	18,285
Misdemeanor:				
Other misdemeanor	14,430[f]	33,697	32,630	15,497
Appeals	1,249[f]	1,346	1,405	1,190
Extraordinary writs:				
Felony postconviction appeals	N/A	359	317	N/A
Total criminal[i]	33,150[fi]	55,581	53,717	34,972[i]

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Oklahoma District Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	4,490[f]	9,492	8,733	5,249
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	40,343[f]	169,107	173,984	35,466
Total traffic	44,833[f]	178,599	182,717	40,715
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	1,736[f]	4,698	3,482	2,952
Dependency and neglect	810[f]	1,869	1,574	1,105
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	1,365[f]	1,705	1,747	1,323
Total juvenile	3,911[f]	8,272	6,803	5,380
Grand total[i]	216,311[fi]	403,014	389,368	229,915[i]

Civil dispositions

On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss[m]	5,281
Pretrial[m]	1,813
Without contest	87,322
Dismissal[m]	6,132
Decree or approved settlement[m]	18,385
Order or settlement[m]	522

Trial or contest[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,203	22,441	23,644
Criminal and traffic	1,395	17,579	18,974
Juvenile	38	4,286	4,324
Total	2,636	44,306	46,942

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Guilty plea	171,009
Dismissal by state	19,077
On demurrer, motion to quash, or dismissal by court	23,414
Bond forfeitures	21,233

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A trial or contest is counted if tried to completion.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total pending figures do not include pending figures for felony postconviction appeals. This category is included in the filing and disposition totals.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss, and pretrial are dispositions for auto tort, non-auto tort, property rights, contract, administrative, extraordinary writs, and other civil cases only.
Dismissal, decree or approved settlement, and order or settlement are dispositions for domestic relations cases only.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA STATE INDUSTRIAL COURT[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction[a]
1 court, 5 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative	N/A	N/A	10,712	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	10,712	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	10,712	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.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The special jurisdiction is limited to injuries to an employee arising out of his employment.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing claim.
[k]Additional information:
After July 1, 1978, the name for this court will be the Worker's Compensation Court.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF BANK REVIEW
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 district judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative	7	9	8	8
Total civil	7	9	8	8
Grand total	7	9	8	8

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF TAX REVIEW
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 district judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative	0	0	0	0
Total civil	0	0	0	0
Grand total	0	0	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1976 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary. The report indicates that no new tax review cases were handled in 1976.

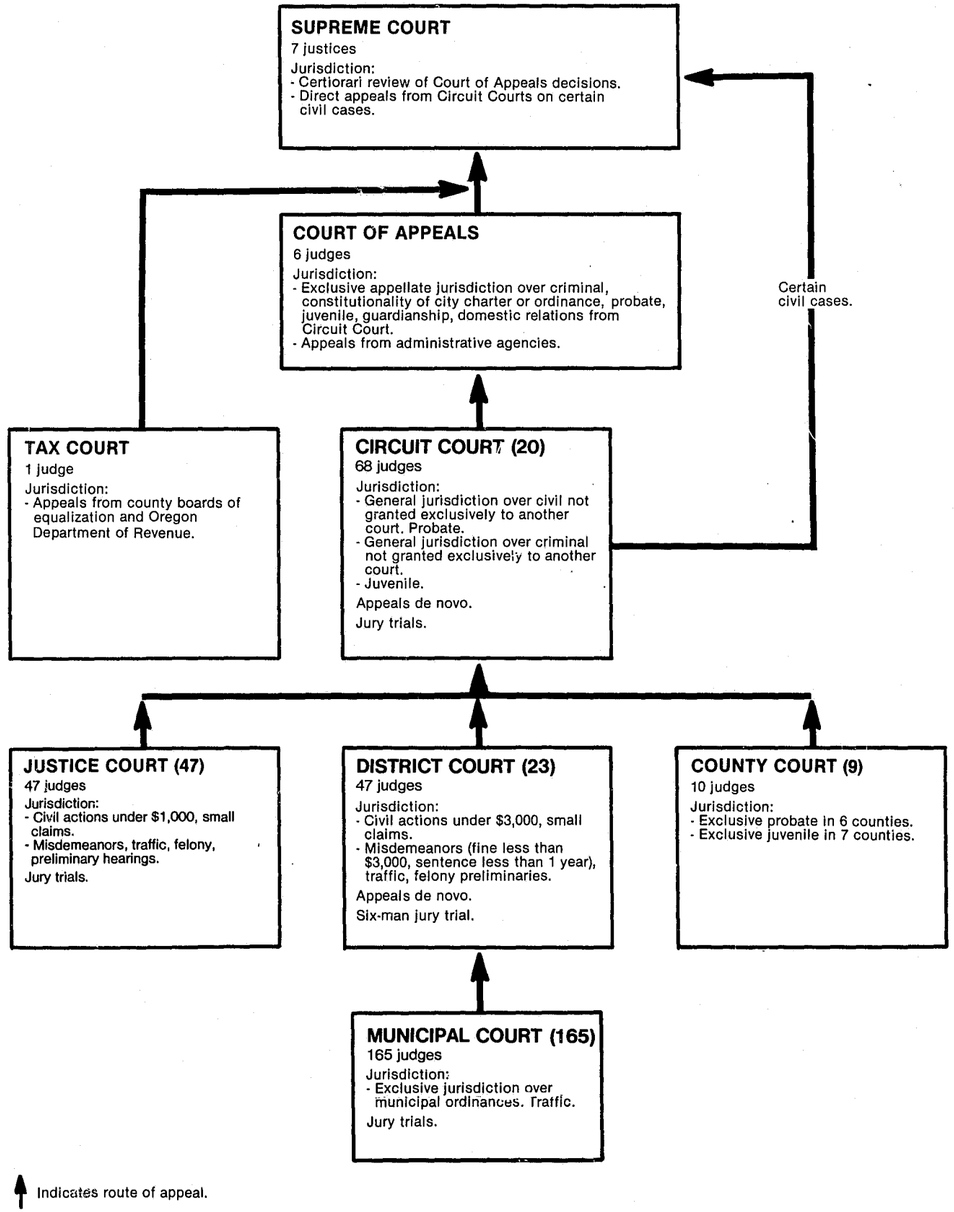
OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Criminal Court of Record for 1976.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL COURT NOT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
167 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court Not of Record for 1976.

Oregon court system, 1976



OREGON SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeals from Circuit Court	X	424	X	X
Court of Appeals review allowed	X	(43)[e]	X	X
Tax Court appeals	X	16	X	X
Total appeals	X	440 (43)[e]	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings	X	45	X	X
Bar matters	X	21	X	X
Total	X	66	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	X	127	X	X
Criminal	X	238	X	X
Workmen's compensation	X	22	X	X
Habeas corpus and postconviction	X	11	X	X
Judicial review	X	69	X	X
Total	X	467	413 (43)[e]	X
Total other cases	X	533	X	X
Total cases	335	973 (43)[e]	911 (43)[e]	397
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	1	54	52	3
Total other proceedings	1	54	52	3

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	305
Dismissal or without opinion	193

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	146
Reversed	108
Modified	23
Dismissed with opinion	4
Miscellaneous[m]	24

Time interval (average days)

Notice of appeal to date case at issue	166
Date case at issue to final decision	110
Notice of appeal to final decision	276

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

[c]Judge information:
There were 7.58 full-time equivalent judges for 1976.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for review granted are not counted as dispositions until the appeal is disposed (the filing of the resulting appeal is not counted). These granted petitions are numbers appearing in parentheses.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Miscellaneous appeal dispositions include cases of mandamus, other original proceedings, and bar proceedings.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

OREGON COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
6 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals				
Civil	X	421	X	X
Criminal	X	735	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation	X	104	X	X
Administrative agency review	X			
Total	X	176	X	X
Other appeals:		280	X	X
Parole Board review	X	21	X	X
Postconvictions and habeas corpus	X	30	X	X
Corrections disciplinary review		360	X	X
Total	X	411	X	X
Total appeals	669	1,847	1,786	730
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	0	0	0	0
Total other cases	0	0	0	0
Total cases	669	1,847	1,786	730

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	630
Bench decisions	553
Memorandum	52
Dismissal/transferred	483
Consolidation	68

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	974
Reversed	187
Modified	47
Dismissed on merits	18

Time interval (average days)

Notice of appeal to date case at issue	126
Date case at issue to final decision	43
Notice of appeal to final decision	169

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

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 68 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law	X	X	X	X
Equity	X	X	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Dissolution	X	22,817	20,837	X
Adoption	N/A	2,263	N/A	N/A
Total[i]	X	25,080	20,837[i]	X
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	6,327[l]	4,645	4,532[h]	6,440
Guardianship and conservatorship	7,760[f]	1,599	1,646	7,713
Total	14,087	6,244	6,178	14,153
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	4,707	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	39,055[fi]	55,618	45,533[i]	42,170[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	4,974[h]	14,485	14,909	4,550
Total criminal	4,974[h]	14,485	14,909	4,550
Juvenile[d]:				
Total juvenile	N/A	13,470	N/A	N/A
Grand total	44,029[i]	83,573	60,442[i]	46,720[i]

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	1,158	3,732	4,890
Criminal	1,059	577	1,636
Total	2,217	4,309	6,526

Time interval (average months)

Age of cases tried:
- Civil from date of filing:
  - Law and equity 11.3
  - Dissolution 7.7
  - All civil 10.3
- Criminal from date of arraignment 3.13

Age of pending cases

	Civil[n]	Decedents' estates	**Criminal**
Under 6 months	15,166	N/A	3,733
6+ to 12 months	7,683	N/A	512
12+ to 24 months	4,462	N/A	208
Over 24 months	706	N/A	97
Over 36 months	N/A	557	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
A juvenile case is counted with the filing of a petition.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
The beginning pending figure was corrected by the state court administrator's office during verification of the data.

[h]Figure was computed:
Disposed figure for decedents' estates was computed from filing and pending data.
Beginning pending figure for criminal and total criminal was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[i]Data are not compete:
Domestic relations disposition and pending figures do not include adoption cases. Filings include all categories.
Total civil pending and disposition figures do not include adoption or mental competency cases. Filings include all categories.
Grand total disposition and pending figures do not include adoption, mental competency, or juvenile cases. Filings include all categories.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figure for decedents' estate was taken from Oregon's 1975 annual report.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include probate matters.

[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Civil age of pending data include only law, equity, and dissolution cases.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 22nd, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

OREGON TAX COURT
Court of general jurisdiction[a]
1 judge
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Administrative:				
Regular Division	61	120	95	86
Small Claims Division	122	61	80	103
Total	183	181	175	189
Total civil	183	181	175	189
Grand total	183	181	175	189

Civil dispositions[m]	Time interval (median months)
On the merits 45	Age of cases terminated:
Dismissed or settled 50	Regular Division 6.5
	Small Claims Division 6.0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data from the Oregon Tax Court are included in the general jurisdiction charts because ORS 305.405 designates the Tax Court as one of general jurisdiction within the substantive areas defined by ORS 305.410.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil disposition type data include only those cases from the Regular Division.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
23 counties, 47 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	11,435	22,260	24,046	9,649
Small claims	9,439	36,466	36,494	9,411
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	30	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	172	82	126	128
Guardianship/conservatorship	266	41	85	222
Total	438	123	211	350
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	41	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	21,312[i]	58,920	60,751[i]	19,410[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:	X	31,683	29,302	X
Felony preliminary	X	8,086	7,977	X
Total criminal	X	39,769	37,279	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	454,790	440,585	X
Grand total[i]	83,305[i]	553,479	538,615[i]	98,098[i]

Age of pending cases

	Law	**Small claims**	Decedents' estates	**Criminal and traffic**
Under 6 months	5,357	6,679	N/A	66,469
6+ to 12 months	2,656	1,922	N/A	8,403
Over 12 months	1,436	810	N/A	3,816
Over 36 months	N/A	N/A	14	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total pending and disposition figures do not include adoption or mental competency cases. Filings include data for all reported categories.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON JUSTICE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
47 courts[i], 47 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	144[h]	534	504	174
Small claims	490[h]	2,362	1,953	899
Total civil	634[h]	2,896	2,457	1,073
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Offenses	793[h]	4,936	4,942	787
Total criminal	793[h]	4,936	4,942	787
Traffic:				
Total traffic	7,276[h]	89,564	87,480	9,360
Grand total[i]	8,703[h]	97,396	94,879	11,220

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
[h]Figures were computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Only 26 justice courts, out of a total of 47 courts, reported data for 1976.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
165 courts[i], 165 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violations:				
Other cases	3,433[h]	14,070	13,334	4,169
Total criminal	3,433[h]	14,070	13,334	4,169
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Major traffic offenses	4,518[h]	10,633	10,862	4,289
Minor traffic offenses	18,626[h]	111,006	106,488	23,144
Total	23,144[h]	121,639	117,350	27,433
Total traffic	23,144[h]	121,639	117,350	27,433
Grand total[i]	26,577[h]	135,709	130,684	31,602

Trial[d]	
Criminal	2,270
Traffic:	
Major traffic offense	3,412
Minor traffic offenses	10,315
Total	13,727
Total	15,997

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Only 73 Municipal Courts, out of a total of 165 courts, reported data for 1976.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
9 counties, 10 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	42	N/A	N/A
Probate:				
Decedents' estates	258[l]	122	131[h]	249
Guardianship and conservatorship	157	36	22	171
Total	415	158	153	420
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	14	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	415[i]	214	153[i]	420[i]
Juvenile[d]:				
Total juvenile	N/A	242	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	415[i]	456	153[i]	420[i]

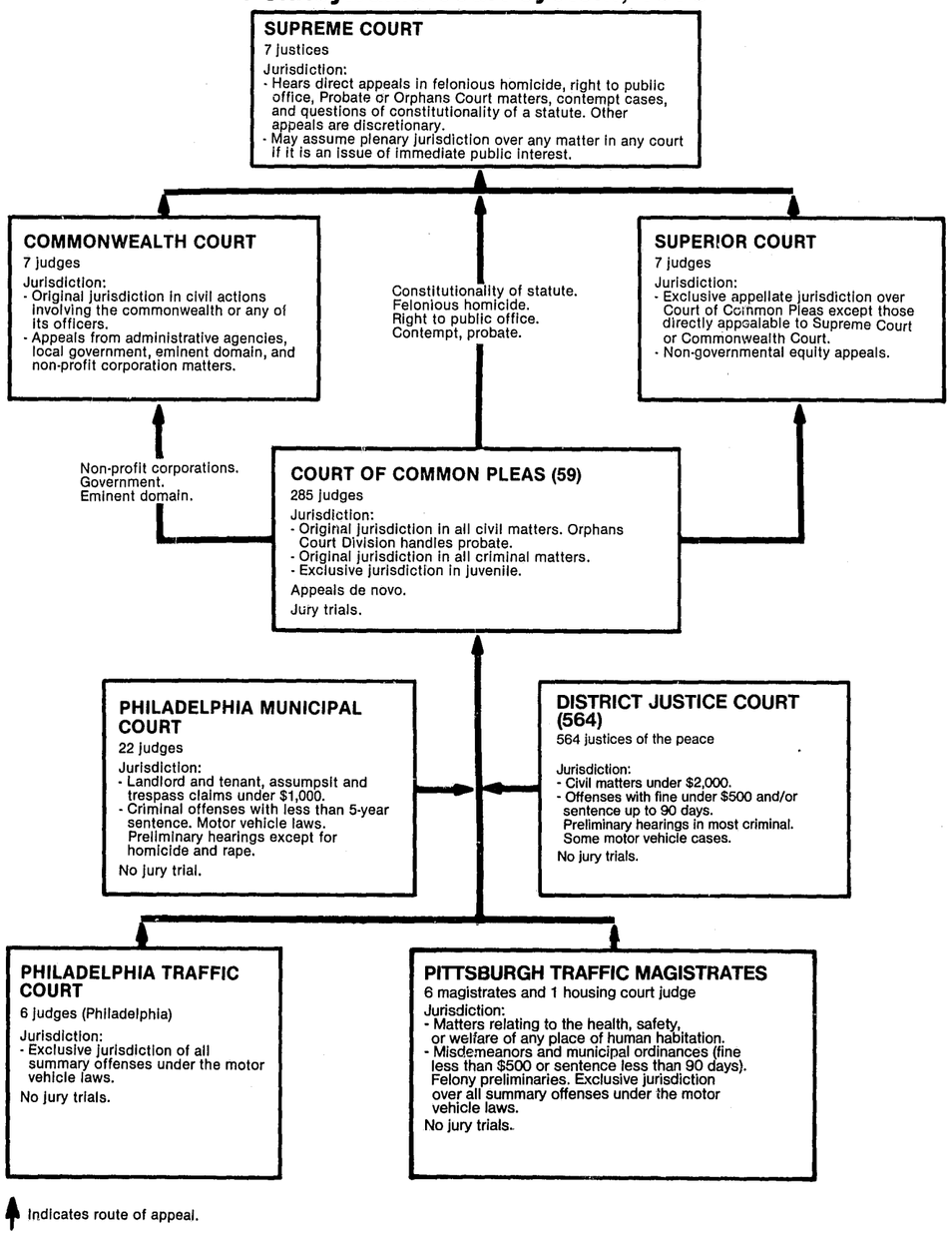
Age of pending cases	
	Over 36 months
Decedents' estates	75

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A juvenile case is counted with the filing of a petition.
[h]Figure was computed:
Decedents' estates disposed figure was computed from filing and pending figures.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil pending and disposition figures do not include data for adoption and mental competency cases. Filings include data for all categories.
Grand total pending and disposition figures do not include data for adoption, mental competency, or juvenile case. Filings include data for all categories.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figure for decedents' estates was obtained from Oregon's 1975 annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 22nd, 23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975, 1976 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Pennsylvania court system, 1976



PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:	N/A	830	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	830	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for allocatur	N/A	906	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	906	N/A	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,736	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	1,195	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	1,195	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 583

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Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT
Intermediate appellate court
7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	3,631	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	6,223	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	6,223	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 1,596

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Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT[a]
Intermediate appellate court
7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeals from Court of Common Pleas	N/A	668	X	N/A
Transfers from other courts	N/A	34	X	N/A
Agency appeals	N/A	1,429	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	2,131	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	305	X	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	305	X	N/A
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	2,436	2,069	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinion 760
Withdrawal, discontinued, and by order of court 205

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Commonwealth Court handles only cases involving officials or offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of general jurisdiction
59 courts, 285 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	6,909	51,496	51,551	6,854
Divorce	15,630	39,339	38,878	16,091
Custody	582	3,831	3,751	662
Adoption	856	6,760	6,770	846
Total	23,977	101,426	100,950	24,453
Probate:				
Orphan court's audits	1,719	20,075	20,118	1,676
Mental health	306	6,628	6,706	228
Other civil:				
Civil[j]	20,279	21,127	20,652	17,178[g]
Arbitration	15,272	29,544	28,634	16,182
Total	35,551	50,671	49,286	33,360[g]
Total civil	61,553	178,800	177,060	59,717[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	27,238	68,227	66,408	23,038[g]
Appeals:				
Miscellaneous[j]	1,479	7,105	7,097	1,487
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction appeals	407	970	838	539
Total criminal	29,124	76,302	74,343	25,064[g]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	5,920	37,084	38,145	4,859
Grand total	96,597	292,186	289,548	89,640[g]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	1,952	3,807	5,759
Criminal	3,272	7,071	10,343
Total	5,224	10,878	16,102

Civil dispositions	
Settlement	9,156
Hearing settled	1,515
Stricken	1,007
Transferred to arbitration	1,482
Other	1,733

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty pleas	29,811
Nolle prossed	10,090
ARD (rehabilitation program)	10,834
Rule 1100	784

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data in the category:
Civil under **other civil** includes trespass, assumpsit, equity, and miscellaneous civil cases that are counted when the case is placed at issue as ready for trial.
Criminal under **felony/misdemeanor** includes felonies, misdemeanors, and trial de novo for appeal.
Miscellaneous appeals include criminal appeals from District Justice Courts and other miscellaneous court actions.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trial data include only those cases in the **other civil** category.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 22 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	6,041	32,334	32,936	5,439
Property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	990	14,243	14,218	1,015
Other civil:				
Code enforcement	3,539	22,642	22,824	3,357
Total civil	10,570	69,219	69,978	9,811
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	4,258	31,970	32,237	3,6938
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearings	950	11,934	12,127	757
Total criminal	5,208	43,904	44,364	4,4508
Grand total	15,778	113,123	114,342	14,2618

Non-jury trial[d]	
Criminal[m]	6,342

Criminal dispositions[m]	
Guilty pleas	1,965
Nolle prossed	12,755
ARD (rehabilitation program)	11,086

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision). There are no jury trials in this court.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Criminal trials and criminal disposition types are only for **misdemeanor** cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report and 1977 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
564 courts, 564 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil complaints	N/A	151,672	142,612	N/A
Total civil	N/A	151,672	142,612	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic citations	N/A	214,570	205,475	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Misdemeanor/felony complaints[j]	N/A	102,041	103,792	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary complaints	N/A	121,708	108,723	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	438,319	417,990	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,105,175	1,098,190	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,695,166	1,658,792	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]	
Civil	34,241
Criminal	194,815
Total	229,056

Civil dispositions	
Settled	33,004
Default judgment	62,707
Withdrawn	2,978

Criminal dispositions	
Ordinance violations and other criminal:	
Guilty plea	193,812
Acquitted	39,557
Trial conviction	28,012
Substantive defective	2,380
Withdrawn	42,513
Felony preliminary:	
Dismissed	24,442
Bound over	35,852
Preliminary hearing waived	18,551

Traffic dispositions	
Guilty plea	878,696
Acquitted	90,853
Trial conviction	36,393
Substantive defective	8,440
Withdrawn	48,277

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

[d]Case definitions or unit of count.
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Misdemeanor/felony complaints include **misdemeanor** and **felony preliminary** cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 6 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic[d]:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,653,121	965,274	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,653,121	965,274	N/A

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

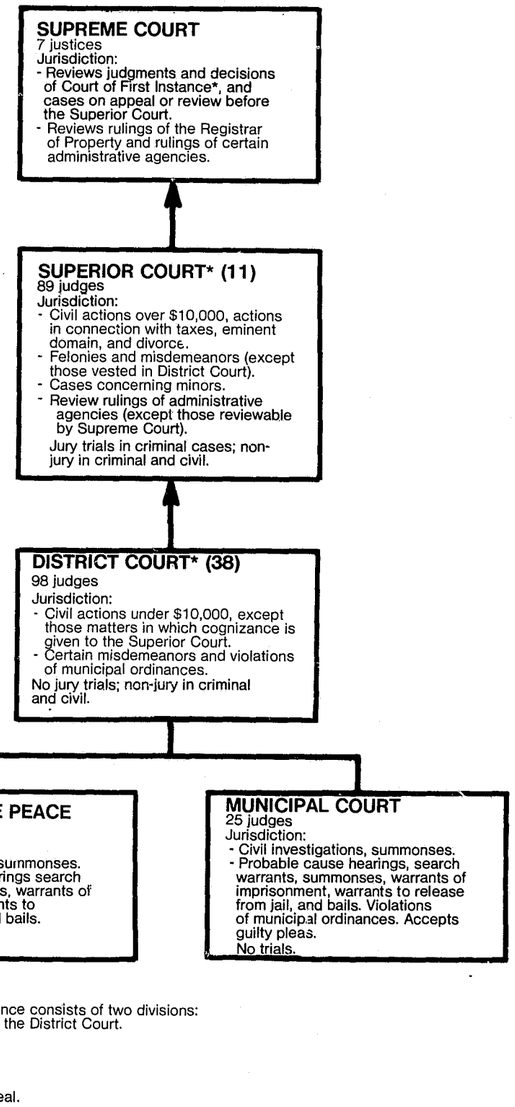
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The traffic case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1976 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PITTSBURGH TRAFFIC MAGISTRATES, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court; 6 magistrates and 1 Housing Court judge serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the Pittsburgh Traffic Magistrates for 1976.

Puerto Rico court system, 1976



* The Court of First Instance consists of two divisions: the Superior Court and the District Court.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

PUERTO RICO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	14	40	37	17
Criminal	5	186	36	155
Agency appeals:				
Industrial Commission	7	40	40	7
Governmental	4	9	11	2
Labor Relations Board	4	11	10	5
Board of Electors	3	13	15	1
Total	18	73	76	15
Other appeals:				
Dissolution of corporation	5	0	0	5
Total appeals	42	299	149	192
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	0	15	13	2
Mandamus	1	17	17	1
Quo warranto	4	0	0	4
Writ of prohibition	0	2	2	0
Certifications	0	2	2	0
Professional conduct	9	12	7	14
Bringing of charge	2	0	2	0
Total	16	48	43	21
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	69	423	419	73
Certiorari rule 15.1 (a)	7	8	15	0
Civil reviews	235	426	497	164
Total	311	857	931	237
Total other cases	327	905	974	258
Total cases	369	1,204	1,123	450

Manner of disposition		Disposition of cases	
Opinion	78	Affirmed	61
Per curiam	41	Reversed	200
Without opinion	1,004	Modified	93
		Dismissed	52
		Writ denied	648

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by NCSP.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include new filings and restored cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
11 districts, 89 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Debt collections	3,687	2,220	3,107	2,800
Wages	358	116	163	311
Total	4,045	2,336	3,270	3,111
Unclassified tort:				
Torts	9,801	3,755	5,230	8,326
Contract:				
Contract executions	28	20	25	23
Contract ratification	3	1	3	1
Note cancellation	129	157	159	127
Specific performance to contract	207	93	129	171
Contract cancellations	91	38	62	67
Action of nullification	162	64	88	138
Affidavits revision	1	0	1	0
Total	621	373	467	527
Property rights:				
Property	4,419	4,632	4,735	4,316
Transfer of farm title	3	2	2	3
Claim of rights	170	496	359	307
Expropriation	3,802	8,483	8,523	3,762
Total	8,394	13,613	13,619	8,388
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	13,581	19,707	23,114	10,174
Other domestic relations	5,684	5,768	6,481	4,971
Total	19,265	25,475	29,595	15,145
Administrative:				
Taxes	225	181	158	248
Dissolution of corporation or firm	26	8	15	19
Total	251	189	173	267
Other civil:				
Other special proceedings[j]	3,210	830	960	3,080
License to bear arms	3,733	29,385	28,979	4,139
Disability	48	48	65	31
Other actions[j]	2,253	1,030	1,281	2,002
Total	9,244	31,293	31,285	9,252
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Extraordinary writs	1,615	1,442	1,852	1,205
Total civil	53,236	78,476	85,491	46,221

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Criminal[d]				
Felony	14,148	15,077	14,361	14,8698
Misdemeanor	11,653	10,394	13,487	8,5558
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearing	463	860	904	419
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	26,264	26,331	28,752	23,843
Juvenile[d]:				
Delinquency:				
Charges	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859
Total juvenile	2,474	6,215	5,830	2,859
Grand total	81,974	111,022	120,073	72,923

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-Jury	Total
Civil[m]	---	6,099	6,099
Criminal	627	5,371	5,998
Total	627	11,470	12,097

Civil dispositions

Settled	4,296
Dismissed	23,958
Transferred	1,924
Uncontested	41,273

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	10,306
Trial conviction	2,467
Total conviction	12,773
Acquitted	3,531
Dismissed	9,066
Transferred	2,213
Probable cause found	300
No probable cause found	367

Time interval (months)

	Cases disposed in less than 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 to 18 months	18 to 24 months	24 months and over
Civil	45,559	2,103	350	115	120	42	83

	less than 1 month	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 4 months	4 to 5 months	5 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	12 to 18 months	18 months and over
Criminal	402	475	695	678	651	503	1,116	645	493	340

	less than 1 month	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 4 months	4 to 5 months	5 to 6 months	6 to 7 months	7 to 10 months	10 to 13 months	13 to 19 months	19 to 25 months	25 months and over
Juvenile	211	1,420	1,023	441	204	111	60	63	32	27	20	45

Age of pending cases

	6 months and under	6 months to 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 6 years	6 to 7 years	7 years and over
Civil	17,986	7,740	7,620	4,813	2,744	2,055	1,157	805	1,301
Criminal	8,859	3,394	4,710	2,374	1,389	1,038	663	372	625

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

--- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
The juvenile case unit of count is the number of charges filed.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include original filings, transfers, and reopened cases.
Appeals are included according to the case type. The number of appeals filed in each category was given, but the number of dispositions and pendings could not be separated.
There were 147 civil appeals and 480 criminal appeals filed.
Other special proceedings include declaration of heir, confiscation, permission of law, and recovery.
Other actions include declaration of private title, nullity of fraudulent trespass, and supplementary orders issued to impugn the document.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil non-jury trials are the number of contested cases concluded.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
38 courts, 98 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Debt collections	18,721	33,426	34,601	17,546
Wages	531	968	879	620
Total	19,252	34,394	35,480	18,166
Unclassified tort:				
Torts	1,946	2,035	2,056	1,925
Property rights:				
Property	370	561	569	362
Domestic relations:				
Family relations	482	2,869	2,586	765
Administrative:				
Taxes	8	11	12	7
Other civil:				
Special proceedings	1,343	5,561	5,305	1,599
Other	814	1,266	1,252	828
Total	2,157	6,827	6,557	2,427
Total civil	24,215	46,697	47,260	23,652
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	11,728	46,170	44,007	13,891
Ordinance violations:				
Infractions of municipal ordinances except traffic	263	840	895	208
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearing	6,621	20,906	20,554	6,973
Total criminal	18,612	67,916	65,456	21,072
Traffic:				
Total traffic	21,755	234,719	231,112	25,362
Grand total	64,582	349,332	343,828	70,086

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	--	2,311	2,311

Civil dispositions

Settled	1,438
Dismissed	24,708
Transferred	1,217

Criminal dispositions

Misdemeanor, ordinance violations:	
Guilty plea	15,208
Trial conviction	3,300
Total conviction	18,508
Acquitted	8,253
Dismissed	17,219
Transferred	922
Preliminary hearing:	
Probable cause found	11,097
Acquitted	3,219
Nolle prosequi	2,987
Transferred to Superior Court	530
Dismissed	1,333

Traffic dispositions

Guilty plea	169,787
Trial conviction	2,727
Total conviction	172,514
Acquitted	6,991
Dismissed	20,319
Transferred	31,288

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include original filings, transfers, and reopened cases.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil non-jury trials are the number of contested civil cases concluded by trial.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
25 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	6,166	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony preliminary:				
Probable cause	N/A	N/A	67,267[j]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	67,267	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	73,433	N/A

Criminal dispositions

No probable cause	17,666
Referred to Superior Court	12,818
Referred to District Court	36,783

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Probable cause dispositions are determinations for both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
25 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	1,191	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony preliminary:				
Probable cause	N/A	N/A	9,169[j]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	9,169	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	10,360	N/A

Criminal dispositions

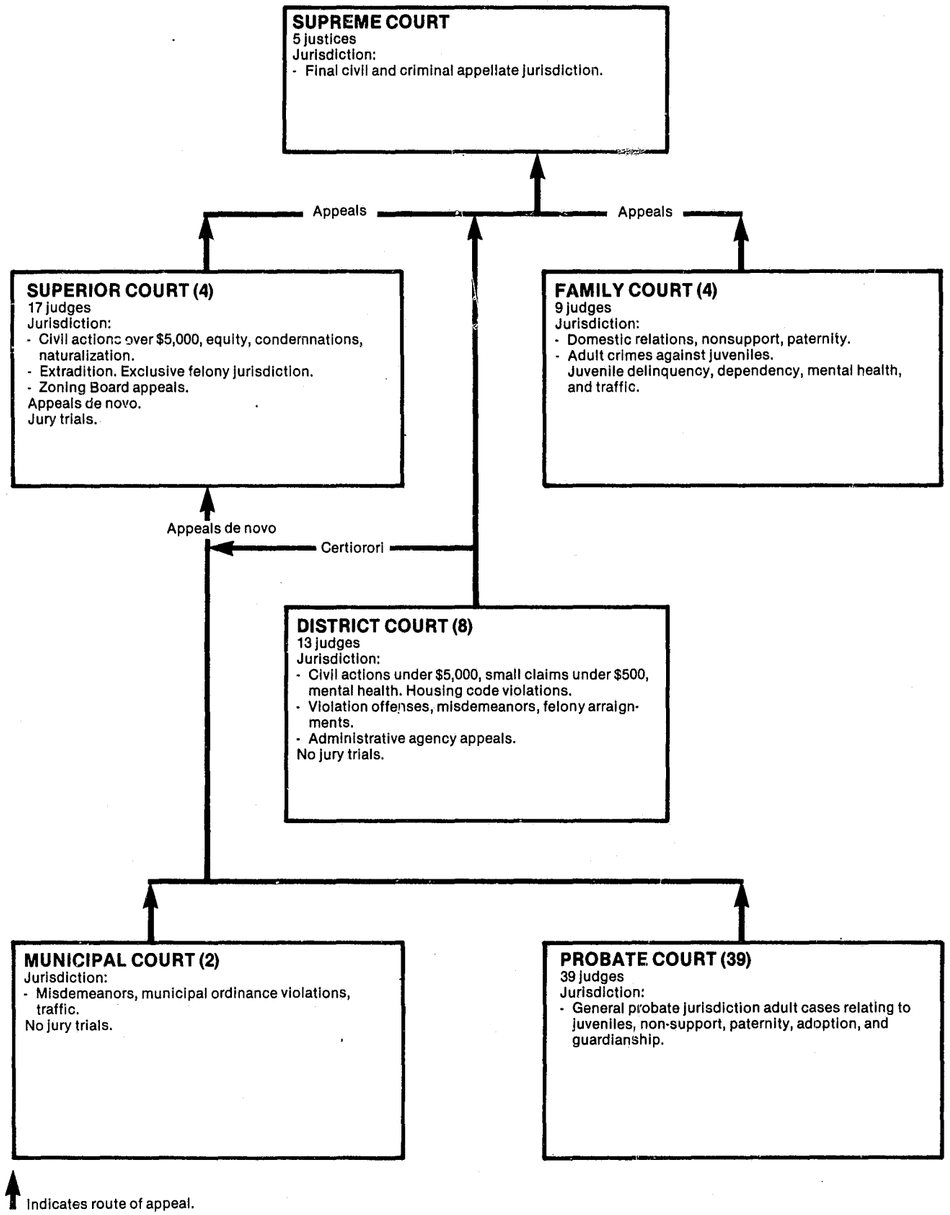
No probable cause	2,779
Referred to Superior Court	1,263
Referred to District Court	5,127

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Probable cause dispositions are determinations for both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration Annual Report 1975-1976 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1977). Translation assistance was provided by the office of court administration. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Rhode Island court system, 1976



RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
October 1, 1975 to September 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil	X	146	X	X
Family Court	X	35	X	X
Total	X	181	X	X
Criminal	X	61	X	X
Agency appeals:				
Workmen's compensation	X	16	X	X
Total appeals	X	258	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	31	X	X
Bar disciplinary	X	3	X	X
Miscellaneous petitions	X	14	X	X
Total	X	48	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	105	X	X
Total other cases	X	153	X	X
Total cases	355	411	319	447
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Arbitrator appointments	0	10	10	0
Petitions on bar exams	0	1	1	0
Total	0	11	11	0
Total other proceedings	0	11	11	0

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 153
Dismissal/withdrawal 82
Order of court 4
Rule 16(g) granted 12

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

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the court administrator.

RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 counties, 17 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	5,799	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	882	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	6,681	N/A	N/A
Appeals:				
Probate appeals	N/A	52	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	6,733	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Indictments	N/A	2,159	N/A	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	708[h]	N/A	N/A
Appeals	N/A	410[l]	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,277	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	10,010	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.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.

[h]Figure was computed:
Misdemeanor filing figure was obtained by subtracting the number of appeals of District Court cases from the total number of cases transferred to the Superior Court from the District Court. These misdemeanor cases are transferred to the Superior Court for jury trial.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Criminal appeals filing figure was obtained from District Court data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 divisions, 13 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	19,964	15,431[j]	N/A
Small claims	N/A	9,062	6,319[j]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	29,026	21,750[j]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor[i]	N/A	22,365	22,081	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	6,392	6,108	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	28,757	28,189	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)
Grand total[i]	N/A	57,783[i]	49,939[i,j]	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]		Criminal (felony preliminary) dispositions	
Civil	2,947	Probable cause found	2,825
Criminal	9,420	No probable cause	765
Total	12,367	Dismissal	2,300
		At arraignment	218

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Criminal trials include changed pleas.

[i]Data are not complete:
Misdemeanor and grand total figures do not include motor vehicle violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation.
Traffic (motor vehicle) violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation are not included.
Traffic cases not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division are displayed as misdemeanors.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil law disposition figure was assumed to be the sum of trials and judgments after default.
Small claims disposed were assumed to be the sum of small claims hearings, defaults, and settlements.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the court administrator.

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 counties, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Absolute divorce	N/A	4,396	2,545	N/A
Bed and board	N/A	331	39	N/A
Other dispositions of above	N/A	--	221	N/A
Adoptions	N/A	348	N/A	N/A
Nonsupport of minor children	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Bastardy	N/A	7	N/A	N/A
Paternity	N/A	14	N/A	N/A
Change of name	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	13	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,115	2,805[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	5,115	2,805[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Neglect of children	N/A	4	N/A	N/A
Neglect to send children to school	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Contributing to delinquency of a minor	N/A	3	N/A	N/A
Battered children (by father)	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	12	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	12	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile	N/A	697	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	697	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Wayward/delinquent	N/A	4,993	N/A	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency and neglect	N/A	269	N/A	N/A
Diverted to Youth Diversionary Unit	N/A	908	N/A	N/A
Battered/abused children	N/A	71	N/A	N/A
Termination of parental rights	N/A	111	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,348	N/A	N/A
Other Juvenile:				
Child marriages	N/A	69	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	26	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	95	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	6,436	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	12,260	2,805[i]	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total **domestic relations**, total civil, and grand total disposed figures do not include all the reported case categories. Dispositions were reported for absolute divorce and bed and board only.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1976 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

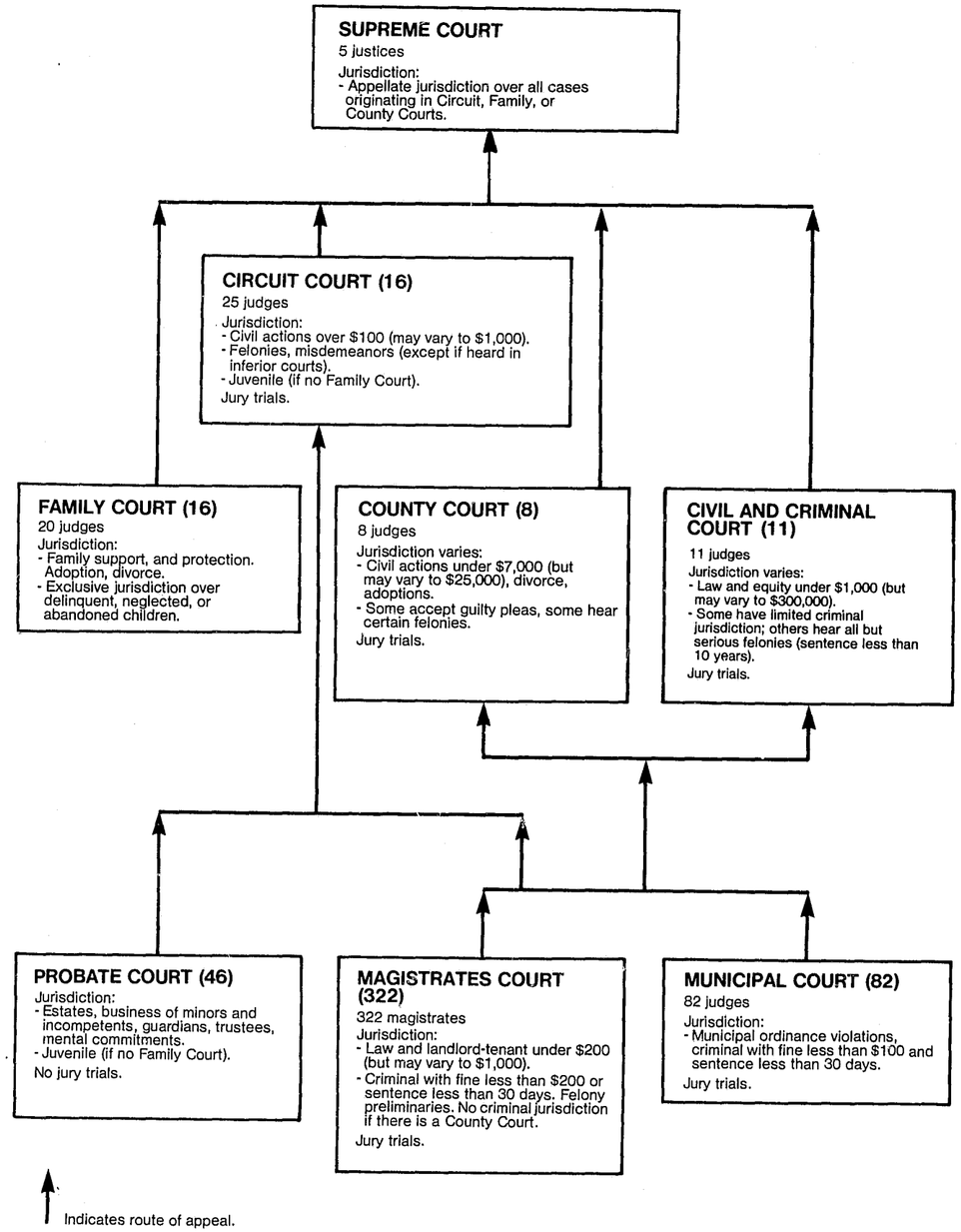
RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Courts for 1976. The Municipal Courts are local courts operated independently by two cities.

RHODE ISLAND PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
39 courts, 39 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976. The Probate Court function is handled by independent probate judges chosen and paid by each of the 39 cities and towns.

South Carolina court system, 1976



SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	98	226	178	146
Criminal[j]:				
Criminal	22	162	143	41
Postconviction	2	15	13	4
Total	24	177	156	45
Total appeals	122	403	334	191
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original proceedings	0	3	3	0
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary	0	10	8	2
Total	0	13	11	2
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	0	13	11	2
Total cases	122	416	345	193
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	31	31	0
Total other proceedings	0	31	31	0

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	149	Affirmed	223
Per curiam	51	Reversed	18
Memorandum	126	Reversed and remanded	38
Dismissal/withdrawal	19	Affirmed and remanded	13
		Remanded	1
		Other	52

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals include regular and Rule 29 appeals.
Criminal appeals include regular and "no merit" appeals.
Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
16 circuits, 25 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	22,215	25,377	32,214	15,7968
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,4158
Total criminal[j]	11,128	28,548	27,193	12,4158
Grand total[j]	33,343	53,925	59,407	28,2118

Trial[d]		Civil dispositions	
Civil	795	Settlement	1,916
		Voluntary dismissal	5,922
		Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit	1,358
		Default	4,870
		Transfer	465
		Final order	7,051

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.
[8]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal data for felony/misdemeanor, total criminal, and grand total include the criminal cases handled in the County Court and Civil and Criminal Court.
Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina court administration office and South Carolina office of the attorney general.
Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COURT AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 8 judges; 11 courts, 11 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	15,183	23,065	22,871	14,406[g]
Criminal[f]:				
Total criminal	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Grand total	15,183	23,065	22,871	14,406[g]

Trial[d]		Civil dispositions	
Civil	587	Settlement	1,287
		Voluntary dismissal	2,931
		Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit	1,086
		Default	7,778
		Transfer	296
		Final order	5,324

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.
[k]Additional information:
Pending, filed, and disposed figures for total criminal are included in the criminal section of the Circuit Court data chart.
Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina court administration office. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 20 judges[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	X	7,348	X
Legal separation	X	X	916	X
Annulment	X	X	156	X
Custody	X	X	3,083	X
Support	X	X	7,678	X
Adoption	X	X	1,134	X
All other categories	X	X	4,466	X
Total	9,850	28,303	24,781	14,078[g]
Total civil	9,850	28,303	24,781	14,078[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Juvenile	X	X	1,436	X
Total traffic	X	X	1,436	X
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Delinquency	X	X	3,132	X
Felony	X	X	2,871	X
Misdemeanor	X	X	2,987	X
Drug law	X	X	592	X
Total	X	X	9,582	X
Other juvenile:				
Mental commitment	X	X	25	X
Habeas corpus	X	X	22	X
Other	X	X	1,072	X
Total	X	X	1,119	X
Total juvenile	X	X	10,701	X
Grand total	11,979	42,245	36,918	17,572[g]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
[c]Judge information:
Five judge positions were found to be unconstitutional, but were later reinstated.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.
Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina court administration office. Statistics were from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
322 courts, 322 magistrates
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	94,758	87,272	N/A
Total civil	N/A	94,758	87,272	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	52,283	X	N/A
Felony preliminary:				
Preliminary hearings	N/A	18,263	18,367	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	70,546	X	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	N/A	10,419	X	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Other	N/A	375,343	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	385,762	X	N/A
Grand total	N/A	551,066	541,985	N/A

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	91	87,181	87,272
Criminal and traffic	2,565	433,781	436,346
Total	2,656	520,962	523,618

Criminal (felony preliminary) dispositions	
Preliminary hearing:	
Bound over	12,397
Discharged	5,970

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
A trial is counted if the case is concluded by jury, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed. All cases not concluded by jury trial are considered non-jury trials.
Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina court administration office. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

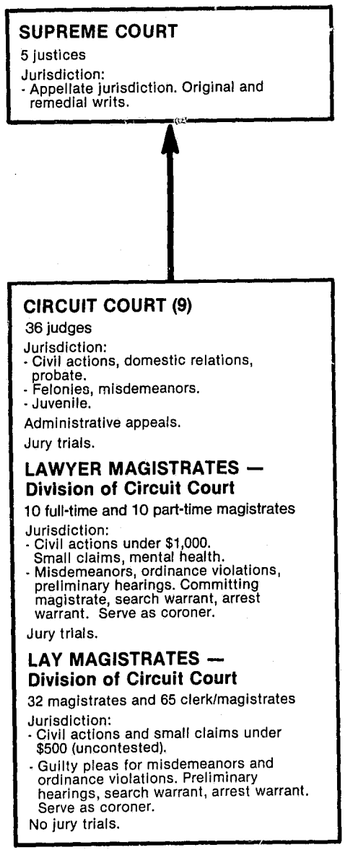
SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
46 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

South Dakota court system, 1976



Indicates route of appeal.

SOUTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	234[f,h]	255 (4)[e]	223	270
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	X	1	N/A
Mandamus	N/A	X	2	N/A
Prohibition	N/A	X	5	N/A
Bail	N/A	X	5	N/A
Writs	N/A	X	1	N/A
Certificate of probable cause	N/A	X	1	N/A
Execution stay	N/A	X	2	N/A
Attorney suspension	N/A	1	1	N/A
Total	N/A	15	18	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Petition for allowance of appeal	N/A	24	18 (4)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	39	36 (4)[e]	N/A
Total cases	234[f,i]	294 (4)[e]	259 (4)[e]	270[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	2[h]	23	22	3
Total other proceedings	2[h]	23	22	3

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals	
Opinion .... 152[m]	Remanded	1
	Orders dismissing appeals	70

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for allowance of appeal granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases pending do not include **original proceedings** and **requests to appeal.**
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
There were 152 cases disposed by 131 opinions.

Source: Clerk, Supreme Court, monthly "Business of the Court" statistical reports (unpublished). Calendar year totals were computed from monthly reports. Statistics are from the monthly reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH DAKOTA CIRCUIT COURT[1]
Court of general jurisdiction
9 circuits, 36 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil judgement	N/A	N/A	4,565	N/A
Small claims	N/A	N/A	9,296	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	N/A	N/A	2,405	N/A
Adoption	N/A	N/A	507	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,912	N/A
Probate:				
Contested probate	N/A	N/A	47	N/A
Mental health	N/A	N/A	619	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	17,439	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	N/A	N/A	2,556	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	10,722	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	13,278	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	N/A	3,465	3,337	N/A
Dependency and neglect	N/A	86	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	659	635	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	4,210	3,972[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	4,210[i]	34,689[i]	N/A

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	111	489	600
Criminal	281	633	914
Total	392	1,122	1,514

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	8,623
Trial conviction	726
Acquitted	188
Dismissal	1,828
At preliminary hearing	1,913

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

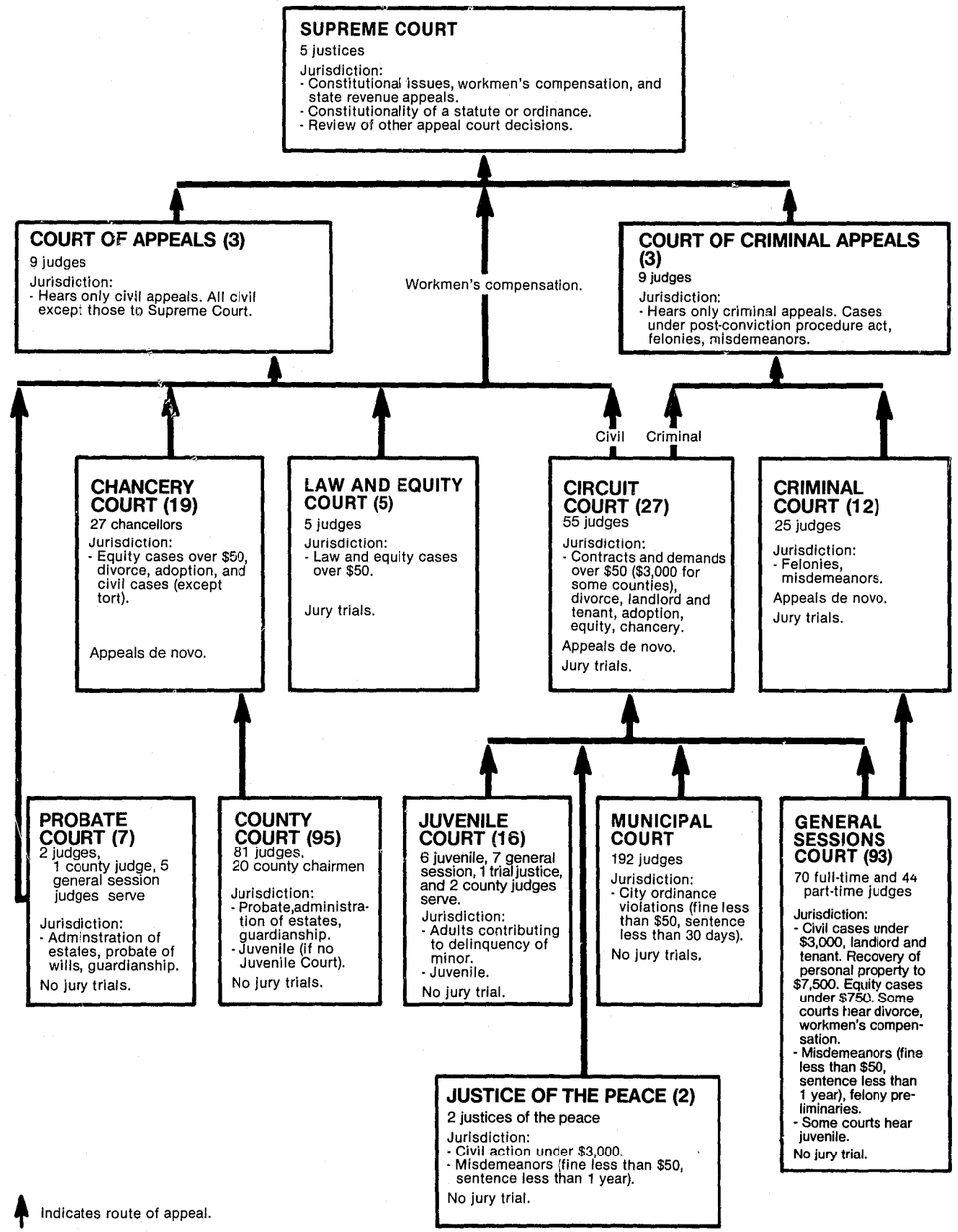
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[i]Data are not complete:
Circuit Court figures do not include data for the Lay Magistrates or Lawyer Magistrates Division of the Circuit Court.
Total juvenile and grand total disposition figures do not include dependency and neglect dispositions.
Grand total filed figure includes juvenile filings only.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trial data include only trials in civil judgment cases.

Source: Court Administrator's Office, "Combined 1975-1976 Judicial Annual Report" (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Tennessee court system, 1976



TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	N/A	104 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Equity	N/A	128 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	232 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	14 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	246 (81)[e]	308	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari:				
Civil	N/A	258	N/A (X)[e]	N/A
Criminal	N/A	393	N/A (X)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	651	N/A (81)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	651	N/A (81)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	897 (81)[e]	308 (81)[ei]	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Opinion	244	Dismissed	20
Transferred	33	Remanded	11

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for certiorari granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases disposed do not include requests to appeal.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	N/A	368	X	N/A
Equity	N/A	323	X	N/A
Probate	N/A	3	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	694	688	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	694	688	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Opinion	595	Dismissed	71
Transferred	18	Remanded	8

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
This court has civil jurisdiction only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal	N/A	636	730	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	636	730	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	636	730	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Opinion	704	Dismissed	25
Transferred	1		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
This court has criminal jurisdiction only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CIRCUIT COURT AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
27 circuits, 55 judges[c]; 12 circuits, 25 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	X	6,656	6,308	X
Non-auto tort	X	4,969	5,465	X
Property rights:				
Condemnations	X	537	891	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	18,550	19,754	X
Petitions	X	7,403	5,938	X
Adoptions	X	818	774	X
Total	X	26,771	26,466	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	X	2,512	2,505	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	5,912	5,686	X
Total civil	29,642[fh]	47,357	47,321	29,678
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	13,183[fh]	22,001	22,894	12,290
Misdemeanor	3,760[fh]	7,608	7,404	3,964
Total criminal	16,943[fh]	29,609	30,298	16,254
Grand total	46,585[fh]	76,966	77,619	45,932

Jury trial[d]	
Civil	2,532

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

[c]Judge information:
The circuit judges also hear chancery cases in the 11 counties with no Chancery Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statiscics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE LAW AND EQUITY COURT[b]
Court of general jurisdiction
5 courts, 5 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	X	343	341	X
Non-auto tort	X	195	189	X
Contract	X	177	144	X
Property rights:				
Partitions	X	181	180	X
Land	X	44	51	X
Condemnations	X	34	26	X
Total	X	259	257	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	2,120	2,159	X
Petitions	X	635	599	X
Adoptions	X	191	171	X
Total	X	2,946	2,929	X
Probate:				
Conservatorship and probate	X	170	135	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	X	238	223	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	519	323	X
Total civil	3,128[f,h]	4,847	4,541	3,434
Grand total	3,128[f,h]	4,847	4,541	3,434

Jury trial[d]
Civil 96

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

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Data for separate Equity Courts in Dyer and Gibson Counties are included.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CHANCERY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
19 chancery divisions, 27 chancellors[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Contract	X	3,266	3,762	X
Property rights:				
Land cases	X	1,092	858	X
Partitions	X	517	475	X
Total	X	1,609	1,333	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	14,056	13,262	X
Petitions	X	2,622	2,666	X
Adoptions	X	1,362	1,421	X
Total	X	18,040	17,349	X
Probate:				
Conservatorship and probate	X	1,306	1,186	X
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	X	1,972	1,913	X
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	4,805	4,748	X
Total civil	17,110[f,h]	30,998	30,291	17,817
Grand total	17,110[f,h]	30,998	30,291	17,817

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

[c]Judge information:
Circuit judges hear chancery cases in 11 counties with no Chancery Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1976 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
7 courts; 2 judges, 1 county judge, and 5 general sessions judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
95 counties; 81 judges, and 20 county chairmen
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts; 6 juvenile judges, 7 generals session judges, 1 trial justice, and 2 county judges serve
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Juvenile Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 counties; 70 full-time and 44 part-time judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the General Sessions Court for 1976.

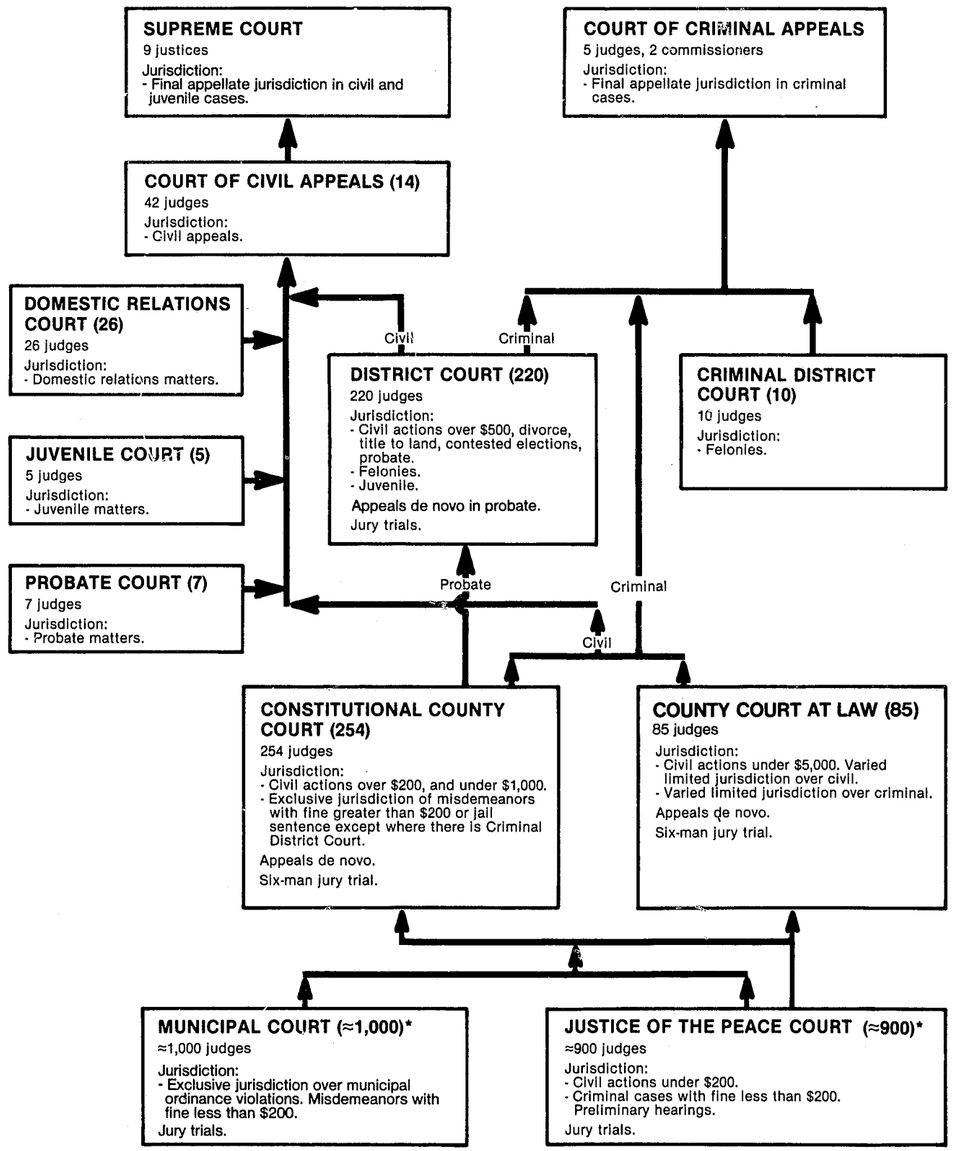
TENNESSEE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 justices of peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1976.

TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
192 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

Texas court system, 1976



*Some Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts may appeal to the District Court.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	26	111	107	30
Total appeals	26	111	107	30
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	0	11	11	0
Mandamus (civil)	2	86	84	4
Mandamus (criminal)	30	171	152	49
Total	32	268	247	53
Requests to appeal:				
Writ of error	96	693	667	122
Total other cases	128	961	914	175
Total cases	154	1,072	1,021	205
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests[j]	18	298	302	14
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous motions	--	36	36	--
Total other proceedings	18	334	338	14

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	108[m]
Per curiam	7

Disposition of appeals	
Affirmed	24
Affirmed judgment of trial court	16
Reversed	15
Reversed and remanded	24
Dismissed	12

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases only.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Rehearing requests include motions for rehearing of causes, motions for rehearing of applications for writs of error, and motions for rehearing of motions for leave to file petition.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Court of last resort
5 judges, 2 commissioners
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal	696	2,458	X	X
Reinstated criminal	--	88	X	X
Total	696	2,546	2,167	1,075
Total appeals	696	2,546	2,167	1,075
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	27	1,156	1,092	91[b]
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	27	1,156	1,092	91
Total cases	723	3,702	3,259	1,166
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	299	299	0
Total other proceedings	0	299	299	0

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	558[m]	Affirmed	1,646
Per curiam	1,619	Reformed and affirmed	43
		Dismissed	171
		Reversed and remanded	109
		Reversed	26
		Remanded	8
		Abated	121

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

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for criminal cases only.
[b]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data. There were 64 of the 91 habeas corpus petitions under consideration at year end.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
14 divisions, 42 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]
Total appeals	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	847	1,824	1,717	978[g]

Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals	
Written opinion	1,480[m]	Affirmed	751
Per curiam	82	Reversed and rendered	139
		Reversed and remanded	257
		Modified and affirmed	41
		Partially affirmed	79
		Dismissed	277

Time interval (average months)	
Filing to disposition	5.5

Age of pending cases	
Under 6 months	782
6+ to 12 months	179
Over 12 months	17

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case may or may not be handled by the court.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Courts of Civil Appeals have civil jurisdiction only.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report. There were 24 rehearings reported by the office of the court administrator as being granted and counted as new cases.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Written opinions include dissents and concurrences.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COURT, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT,
DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT, AND JUVENILE COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
261 courts, 261 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury	26,151	17,540	15,220	28,471
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	72,201	118,017	114,631	75,587
Annulment	798	1,667	1,608	857
Nonadversary[j]	9,356	18,863	18,412	9,807
Total	82,355	138,547	134,651	86,251
Administrative:				
Workmen's compensation	6,049	7,719	6,108	7,660
Tax	55,502	22,822	19,432	58,892
Total	61,551	30,541	25,540	66,552
Other civil	99,268	81,381	70,921	109,728
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	817	4,592	4,223	1,186
Total civil	270,142	272,601	250,555	292,188
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal categories	57,284	64,701	66,057	55,928
Misdemeanor	4,995	6,053	5,573	5,475
Other criminal:				
Contempt, extradition	466	1,090	864	692
Bond forfeitures	5,573	5,162	3,818	6,917
Total	6,039	6,252	4,682	7,609
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction habeas corpus	494	1,311	1,056	747
Total criminal	68,812	78,317	77,370	69,759
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	X	8,280	X	X
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	X	1,022	X	X
Other juvenile	X	1,729	X	X
Total juvenile	5,328	11,031	11,411	4,948
Grand total	344,282	361,949	339,336	366,895

	Trial[d]			
	Jury	Non-jury	Directed verdict[j]	Total
Civil	3,473	125,997	615	130,085
Criminal	3,363	40,354	37	43,754
Juvenile	147	6,295	91	6,533
Total	6,983	172,646	743	180,372

Civil dispositions	
Default judgment	15,079
Agreed judgment	19,826
Complete summary judgment	2,091
Dismissed for want of prosecution	37,249
Dismissed by plaintiff	35,900

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	39,970
Total convictions[j]	49,001
Acquittal	784
Transfer	1,425
Dismissal	26,897

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Guilty pleas are counted as trials.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filings include new cases filed and other cases reaching docket.
Domestic relations "nonadversary" category includes adoptions, change of name, occupational drivers' licenses, dependent and neglected children decisions, and removal of disability of minority.
Directed verdict cases are counted as jury trials on the charts in Part I of this report.
Total convictions include **felony** convictions and lesser offense convictions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COUNTY COURT AT LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT, AND PROBATE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
85 courts, 85 judges; 254 courts, 254 judges; 7 courts, 7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other civil	57,863	41,756	40,960	58,659
Auto tort:				
Auto damage	13,441	8,884	8,154	14,171
Contract:				
Suit on debt	38,073	25,112	23,326	39,859
Property rights:				
Condemnation	1,978	359	499	1,838
Probate	N/A	54,925	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	111,355[i]	131,036	72,939[i]	114,527[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Worthless checks	64,285	30,687	27,228	67,797
Marijuana	10,039	23,629	21,300	12,368
Other criminal	82,435	75,325	96,988	99,501
Total[j]	156,759	129,641[j]	145,516	179,666
Appeals	(j)	38,782[j]	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	156,759	168,423	145,516	179,666
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	42,399	69,222	66,698	44,923
Total traffic	42,399	69,222	66,698	44,923
Juvenile:				
Delinquency	X	1,131	X	X
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	X	165	X	X
Total juvenile	1,090	1,296	1,262	1,124
Grand total[i]	311,603[i]	369,977	286,415[i]	340,240[i]

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,040	2,740	3,780
Criminal	1,137	1,866	3,003
Traffic	590	643	1,233
Total	2,767	5,249	8,016

Civil dispositions

Dismissal	31,605
Default or agreed judgments	35,500

Criminal dispositions

Guilty/nolo contendere plea	64,059
Trial convictions	1,676
Acquittal	1,218
Dismissal	67,076

Traffic dispositions

Plea of guilty/nolo contendere	54,602
Trial convictions	855
Acquittal	487
Dismissal	9,503

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or complaint.
A trial is counted if it is tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
In the calendar year 1976, clerks in 242 counties reported data for all 12 months, 3 others reported fewer than 12 months' activities, and 9 submitted no reports at all. On a statewide basis 2,923 reports were received out of a possible 3,048 for the 12-month period.
Total civil and grand total disposition and pending figures do not include probate cases. Filings are for all categories.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Misdemeanor totals include appeal dispositions and pending cases. Appeal filings are separated from the misdemeanor cases.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈ 1,000 courts, ≈1,000 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A
Total criminal[k]	N/A	435,360	360,950	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	2,401,179	1,178,152	N/A
Other traffic violations	N/A	2,121,974	2,068,481	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	4,523,153	3,246,633	N/A
Grand total	N/A	4,958,513	3,607,583	N/A

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Criminal	550	60,735	61,285
Traffic	1,851	188,752	190,603
Total	2,401	249,487	251,888

Criminal dispositions

Trial convictions	43,205
Acquittal	18,080
Dismissal	40,156
Bond forfeitures	79,058
Payments of fine	180,451

Traffic dispositions

Trial convictions	130,051
Acquittal	60,552
Dismissal	304,548
Bond forfeitures	243,640
Payments of fine	1,329,690

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the complaint.
A trial is counted if it is tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data reported here represent 2,064 Municipal Court reports out of a possible 2,568.
[k]Additional information:
There were 3,369 felony complaints accepted and 60 examining trials conducted.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈ 900 courts, ≈ 900 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[i]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	153,537	123,282	N/A
Total civil	N/A	153,537	123,282	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	245,010	159,483	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	918,076	825,442	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,316,623	1,108,207	N/A

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	529	39,819	40,348
Criminal	523	28,819	29,342
Traffic	2,154	81,612	83,766
Total	3,206	150,250	153,456

Civil dispositions

Settlement	49,554
Dismissal	33,380

Criminal dispositions

Trial convictions	26,653
Acquittal	2,689
Dismissal	26,377
Bond forfeitures	3,272
Payments of fine	100,492

Traffic dispositions

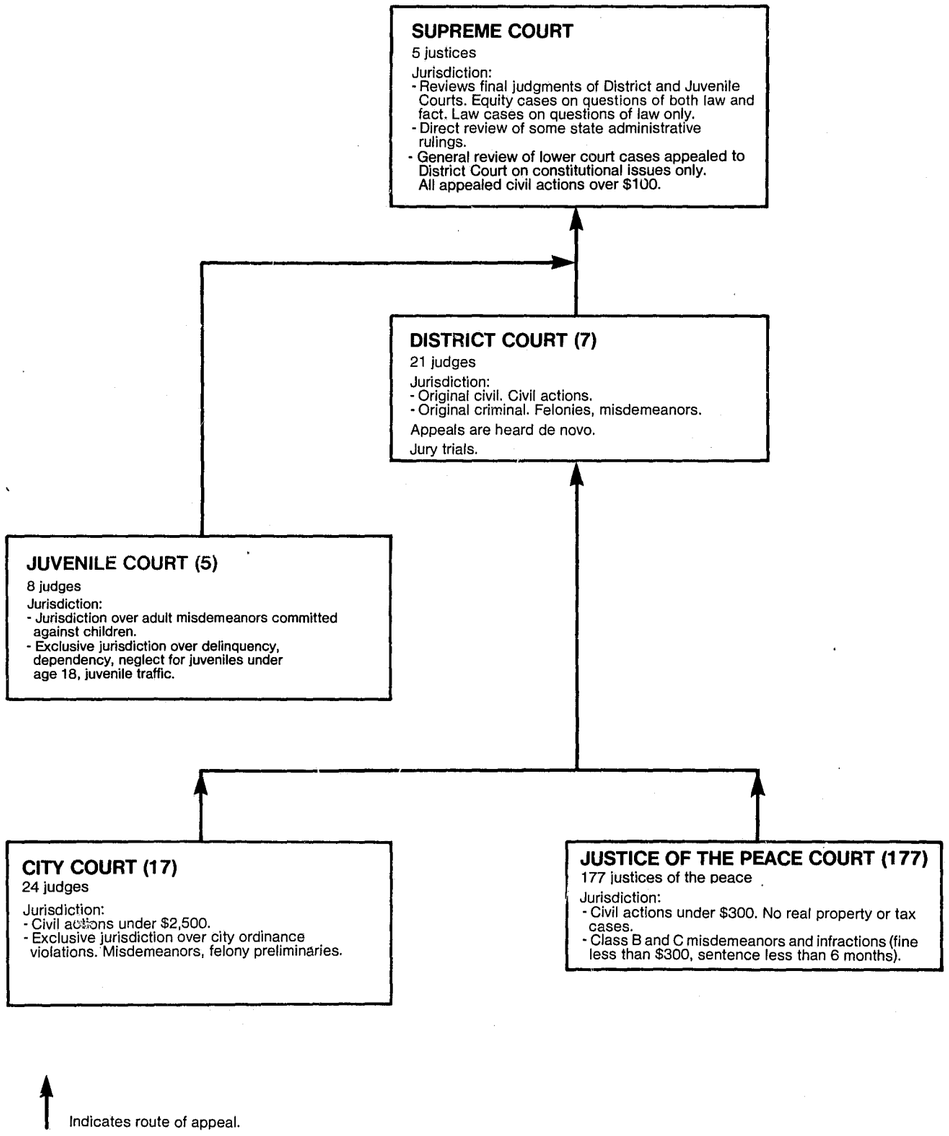
Trial convictions	79,183
Acquittal	4,583
Dismissal	30,093
Bond forfeitures	12,187
Payments of fine	699,396

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the complaint.
A trial is counted if it is tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data reported here represent 7,501 Justice of the Peace Court reports out of a possible 10,884.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 48th Annual Report 1976 (Austin, Texas: May, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Utah court system, 1976



UTAH SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:	N/A	327	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	111	X	N/A
Other appeals:				
Miscellaneous[J]	N/A	118	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	556	274[I]	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	556	274[I]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Law and motions	--	213	213	--
Total other proceedings	--	213	213	--

Manner of disposition

Opinion	181
Dismissal	93

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

[I]Data are not complete:
Total appeals and total cases disposed include only those cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous cases include appeals from interlocutory orders, juvenile matters, and writs of review.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the National Center for State Courts' Western Regional Office (from a current study it is conducting for the Utah Supreme Court). Statistics are from these unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 21 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Unclassified tort:				
Personal injury	X	809	X	X
Property rights:				
Eminent domain	X	106	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Divorce	X	8,815	X	X
Probate	1,887[f]	3,226	2,848	2,265
Mental health	X	648	750	X
Other civil:				
Complaints[j]	X	11,466	X	X
Appeals	X	113	84	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs	X	350	X	X
Total civil	15,678[f]	25,533	22,638	18,573
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	X	2,520	2,120	X
Appeals	X	548	374	X
Total criminal	287[f]	3,068	2,494	861
Grand total	15,965[f]	28,601	25,132	19,434

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	253	1,781	2,034
Criminal	340	146	486
Total	593	1,927	2,520

Civil dispositions	
Clerk judgment	834
Summary judgment	1,122
Defaults	8,383
Dismissed	6,490

Criminal dispositions	
Pleas of guilty	1,268
Dismissed	367

	Time interval (months)				
	0 to 2 months	3 to 5 months	6 to 11 months	12 to 17 months	18 months and over
Civil:					
Complaint to trial:					
Jury	3	20	70	81	91
Non-jury	149	467	536	289	273
Request to trial:					
Jury	13	52	119	54	13
Non-jury	410	617	436	130	48

	0 to 1 months	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 4 months	4 months and over
Criminal:					
Complaint to trial:					
Jury	14	75	86	69	102
Non-jury	20	34	48	32	43
Bound-over to trial:					
Jury	55	114	88	50	40
Non-jury	38	59	34	24	16

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Complaints **(other civil)** include filings not set forth in other categories, e.g., Uniform Enforcement of Support Act.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
5 districts, 8 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult referrals	N/A	238	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	238	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--juvenile	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	13,658	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Delinquency:				
Criminal	N/A	14,200	17,550	N/A
Dependency and neglect:				
Dependency, neglect	N/A	1,622	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Children in need of supervision	N/A	6,660	7,847	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	22,482	25,397[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	36,378	25,397[i]	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total juvenile and grand total disposed figures do not include data from adult referrals, **dependency and neglect**, and **traffic** cases.
Disposition data are for only **delinquency** and **status offense** cases. Filings include all categories.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures are the number of referrals.
Disposed figures include intake action dispositions and judicial action dispositions of the referrals.

Source: Administrative Office of Juvenile Court, Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
17 courts, 24 judges
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	7,220	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Complaints	N/A	16,444	X	N/A
New trials	N/A	41	X	N/A
Total	N/A	16,485	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	23,705	20,384	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
State	N/A	8,320[j]	X	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
City	N/A	15,353	X	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	(j)	5,038	N/A
Other criminal:				
New trials	N/A	9	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	23,682	24,190	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	323,779	X	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving	N/A	118,211	X	N/A
Nonmoving	N/A	23,914	X	N/A
Total	N/A	142,125	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	465,904	425,682	N/A
Grand total	N/A	513,291	470,256	N/A

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	33	2,304	2,337
Criminal	137	3,445	3,582
Traffic	250	6,158	6,408
Total	420	11,907	12,327

Civil dispositions

Defaults	7,369
Summary judgments	536
Clerk	5,339
Dismissed	4,803

	Time interval (months/days)				
	0 to 2 months	3 to 4 months	5 to 6 months	7 to 8 months	9 months and over
Civil:					
Complaint to trial:					
Jury	0	1	3	1	20
Non-jury	850	129	295	206	719
Request to trial:					
Jury	1	2	0	1	1
Non-jury	383	277	45	10	6
	0 to 30 days	31 to 45 days	46 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 days and over
Criminal:					
Age at disposition:					
Jury	27	26	40	34	17
Non-jury	874	1,908	419	120	84
Felony preliminary	1,165	3,219	606	18	30
Traffic:					
Age at disposition:					
Jury	50	54	83	33	39
Non-jury	2,354	2,726	672	184	179

Criminal dispositions

Guilty pleas	8,280
Bail forfeitures	3,834
Bound over	2,308
Dismissal	6,186

Traffic dispositions

Guilty pleas	43,509
Bail forfeitures	369,585
Dismissal	6,180

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

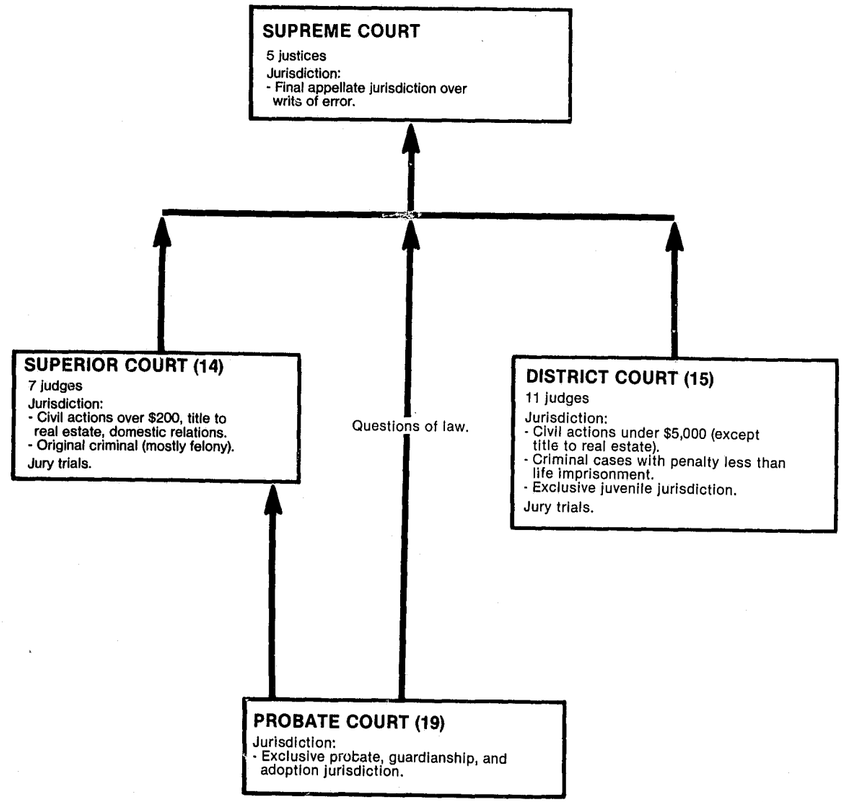
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
State case filings include felony preliminary hearings and state misdemeanors.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
177 courts, 177 justices of the peace
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1976.

Vermont court system, 1976



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	283	265	X
Criminal	X	51	56	X
Other appeals:				
Small claims	X	0	4	X
Traffic	X	0	4	X
Juvenile	X	5	5	X
Postconviction	X	2	3	X
Habeas corpus	X	2	4	X
Bail	X	8	5	X
Total	X	17	25	X
Total appeals	286	351	346	291
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	1	1	X
Disciplinary	X	2	3	X
Extraordinary relief	X	11	9	X
Other	X	1	1	X
Total	1	15	14	2
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	1	15	14	2
Total cases	287	366	360	293
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions requesting reargument	3	12	15	0
Total other proceedings	3	12	15	0

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	121
Per curiam	23
By court order	103
Stipulation by parties	113

Disposition of appeals[m]	
Affirmed	65
Reversed	13
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	5
Dismissed	7
Reversed and remanded	38
Dismissed and remanded	2
Remanded	2
Affirmed and remanded	1
Vacated in part and remanded	2
Certified questions answered	5
Vacated and judgment made by court	1

Age of pending cases

	Appeals	Original proceedings
Under 6 months	139	2
6+ to 12 months	94	0
12+ to 18 months	42	0
18+ to 24 months	11	0
24+ to 30 months	4	0
30+ to 36 months	1	0

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

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
The disposition types for appeals are for cases closed by written opinion.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the administrative office of the courts.

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 7 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	3,881	3,537	3,258	4,160
Domestic relations:				
Matrimonial	2,402	2,798	2,717	2,483
Appeals:				
Miscellaneous[j]	496	332	342	486
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	- 5	24	18	11
Total civil	6,784	6,691	6,335	7,140
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	11	37	26	22
Misdemeanor	0	4	4	0
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Extraordinary writs:				
Postconviction remedies	8	18	23	3
Total criminal	19	59	53	25
Grand total	6,803	6,750	6,388	7,165

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	83	570	653
Criminal	8	1	9
Total	91	571	662

Civil dispositions[m]	
Default judgment	514
Consent judgment	386
Summary judgment	11
Dismissed	2,036

Criminal dispositions	
Plea	5
Dismissed	8
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Age of pending cases

	Civil	Matrimonial	Miscellaneous	Criminal(felony)
Under 3 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	4
3+ to 6 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	15
6+ to 12 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	3
Under 12 months	2,311	1,929	241	22
12+ to 24 months	1,334	477	157	0
24+ to 36 months	403	72	43	0
Over 36 months	112	5	45	0

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the NCSP.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous cases include both civil and criminal appeals as well as some habeas corpus and postconviction remedies.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials and civil dispositions include data only for law and appeal cases. They do not include data for matrimonial or habeas corpus cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
The data for civil, matrimonial, and miscellaneous cases under 3 months, 3+ to 6 months, and 6+ to 12 months in age are included in the total listed as under 12 months.
Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
15 circuits, 11 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	4,377	2,964	3,518	3,823
Small claims	9,256	8,896	13,308	4,844
Domestic relations:				
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act cases	1,561	637	466	1,732
Mental health:				
Mentally ill commitments	19	371	341	49
Total civil	15,213	12,868	17,633	10,448
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	1,001[f]	2,304	2,219	1,086
Misdemeanor	3,547[f]	14,624	14,581	3,590
Total criminal	4,548[f]	16,928	16,800	4,676
Traffic:				
Total traffic	2,396	37,091	37,006	2,481
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	255	1,020	1,103	172
Grand total	22,412[f]	67,907	72,542	17,777

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Vermont District Court (continued)

	Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	3	1,005	1,008
Criminal	130	87	217
Traffic	16	371	387
Total	149	1,463	1,612

Age of pending cases

	Civil(law)	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic
Under 3 months	(n)	427	1,568	(n)
3+ to 6 months	(n)	270	671	(n)
Under 6 months	(n)	697	2,239	1,454
6+ to 12 months	(n)	217	668	611
Under 12 months	2,004	914	2,907	2,065
12+ to 24 months	935	123	563	338
24+ to 36 months	538	39	99	60
Over 36 months	346	10	21	18

Civil dispositions[m]

Law:	
Voluntary dismissal	1,387
Default judgment	1,571
Dismissed by judge	395
Small claims:	
Settled/discontinued/ dismissed/summary judgment	12,453

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	12,039
Dismissed	1,394
Transferred	63
Nolle prosequi	3,087

Traffic dispositions

Plea	32,534
Nolle prosequi	772
Dismissal	607
Referred to Department of Motor Vehicles[m] (noncompliance)	2,706

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Referral to Department of Motor Vehicles was used the last quarter of the year only.
Civil trials and civil dispositions include data only for law and small claims cases.
[n]Time intervals or age of pending data:
Civil age of pending cases under 3 months, 3+ to 6 months, under 6 months, and 6+ to 12 months are listed as under 12 months.
Traffic age of pending cases under 3 months and 3+ to 6 months are listed as under 6 months.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
19 circuits
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions	132	492	504	120
Change of name	12	162	155	19
Vital records	95	447	437	105
Pre-marriage matters	0	619	619	0
Total	239	1,720	1,715	244
Probate:				
Decedent estates and testamentary trusts	4,382	2,071	2,020	4,5438
Gifts to minors	2	9	11	0
Guardianship	2,998	715	414	3,4418
Cemeteries	0	1	1	0
Total	7,382	2,796	2,446	7,9848
Mental health:				
Alcohol and drug commitments	0	7	5	2
Total civil	7,621	4,523	4,166	8,2308
Grand total	7,621	4,523	4,166	8,2308

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[s]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
This difference is because pending figures do not include cases commenced prior to January 1, 1970, for these categories. Numbers are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Virginia court system, 1976

SUPREME COURT
7 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Final appellate jurisdiction.
- Judicial censure, retirement, and removal.

CIRCUIT COURT (30)
104 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil actions over $500. Cases in which the state is a party (in city of Richmond).
- Criminal cases for which person can be sentenced to the state penitentiary.

Appeals de novo.
Jury trials.

DISTRICT COURT (31)
151.8 full-time equivalent judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil actions under $5,000.
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations, traffic, felony preliminaries.

No jury trials.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Petitions to appeal granted:				
Civil	X	(124)[e]	X	X
Criminal	X	(81)[e]	X	X
Other:				
Habeas corpus	X	(1)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	103[f]	(206)[e]	220	112[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Writs:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	139	X
Mandamus	X	X	29	X
Prohibition	X	X	6	X
Total	34	X	174	61
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions to appeal:				
Withdrawn	X	X	39	X
Civil	136	X	316 (124)[e]	197
Criminal	220	X	790 (81)[e]	210
Habeas corpus	8	X	35 (1)[e]	11
Total	364	X	1,180 (206)[e]	418[g]
Total other cases	398[f]	1,672	1,354 (206)[e]	479[g]
Total cases	501[f]	1,672 (206)[e]	1,574 (206)[e]	591[g]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	61	64	N/A
Other matters:				
Orders to show cause or respond	---	---	160	---
Total other proceedings	N/A	61	224	N/A

Manner of disposition	
Written opinion	172
By order	48
Withdrawn	39

Disposition of cases	
Affirmed	96
Reversed and remanded	76
Petition refused	1,141

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

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions to appeal granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. The number of granted petitions to appeal appear in parentheses.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
30 circuits, 104 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law	30,386[fh]	26,584	24,909	32,061
Equity	52,393[fh]	37,392	38,165	51,620
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil[j]	82,779[fh]	63,976	63,074	83,681
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	7,737[fh]	23,772	23,252	8,257
Misdemeanor	4,437[fh]	19,071	18,998	4,510
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal[j]	12,174[fh]	42,843	42,250	12,767
Grand total	94,953[fh]	106,819	105,324	96,448

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	2,132[m]	N/A	N/A
Criminal:			
Felony	1,876	22,026	23,902
Misdemeanor	725	17,001	17,726
Total	2,601	39,027	41,628
Total	4,733	N/A	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A nonjury trial is counted when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Criminal nonjury trials include cases disposed after a guilty plea is entered.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court yer does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending figures.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total civil and total criminal data include appeals cases.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil jury trials include only data for law cases.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
31 districts, 151.8 full-time equivalent judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

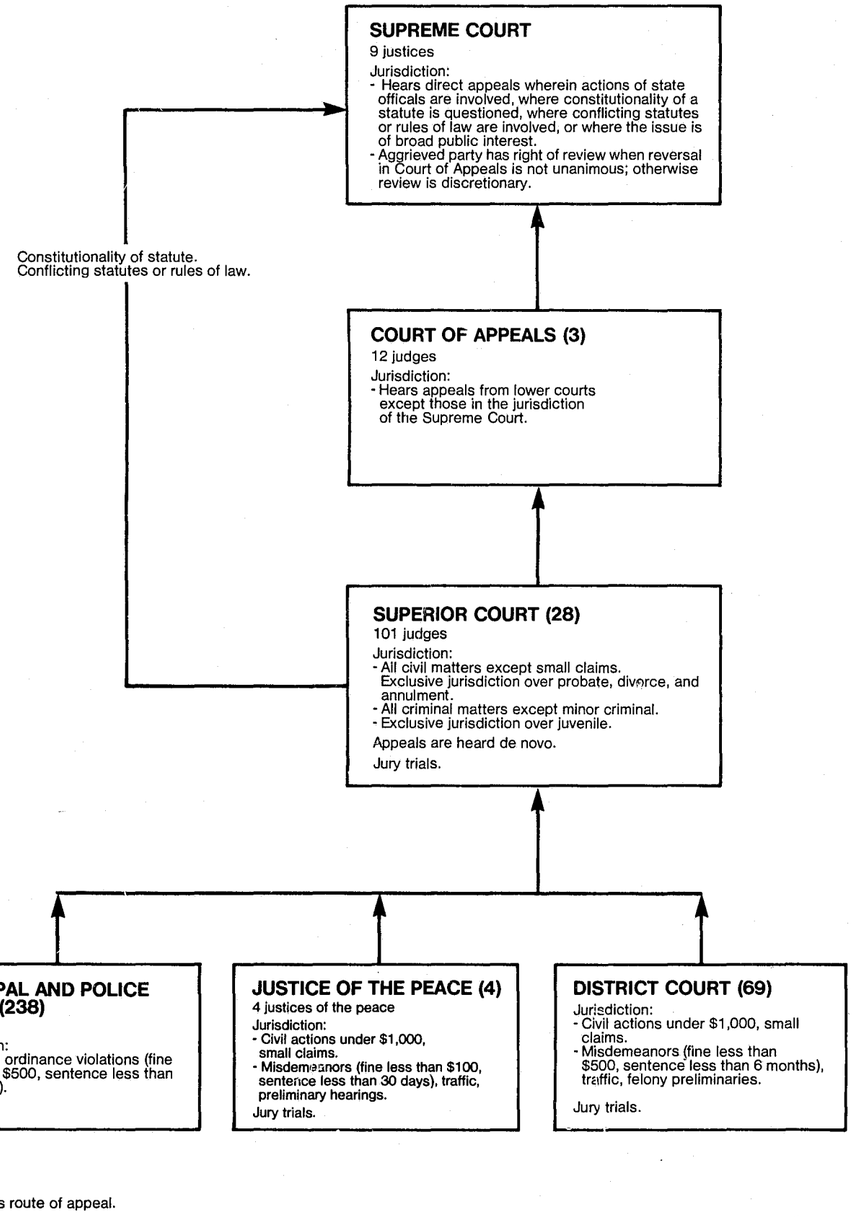
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	N/A	51,531	47,319	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	349,394	345,055	N/A
Total civil	N/A	400,925	392,374	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal	N/A	264,557	260,163	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	264,557	260,163	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	820,859	802,955	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	111,675	103,414	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,598,016	1,558,906	N/A

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Washington court system, 1976



WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	123[f1]	154	123	154[1]
Criminal	26[f1]	46	28	44[1]
Total appeals	149	200	151	198
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Personal restraint	6	32	32[1]	6[1]
Disciplinary proceedings	4	5	6	3
Total	10	37	38	9
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	32	107	97	42
Criminal	25[f1]	125	90	60[1]
Total	57	232	187	102
Motions for discretionary review	25[f1]	120	119[1]	26[1]
Total	82[f1]	352	306[1]	128[1]
Total other cases	92	389	344	137
Total cases	241	589	495	335

Manner of disposition		Time interval (months)	Median	Mean
Written opinion	156	Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected	3.5	4.1
Order	232	Date perfected to date argued	2.5	4.0
Transfer	43	Date argued to filing of opinion	6.0	5.0
Dismissed	61	Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed	12.0	13.1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year: Figures were revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

[1]Special source or revision in data:
Pending appeals and criminal petitions for review are as revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.
Personal restraint and motions for discretionary review dispositions and end pending figures were provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 12 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,110[f1]	1,017	974	1,153
Criminal	603[f1]	495	410	688
Total appeals	1,713[f1]	1,512	1,384	1,841
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Personal restraint petitions[j]	29[f1]	130	138	21
Requests to appeal:				
Motions for discretionary review	66[f1]	135	148	53
Total other cases	95[f1]	265	286	74
Total cases	1,808[f1]	1,777	1,670	1,915

Manner of disposition	
Published written opinion	279
Other written opinion	351
Transfer	180
By order	860

Time interval (months)	Mean				Median		
	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	All	Div. I	Div. II	Div.III
Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected	5.9	7.0	6.3	6.3	5.0	6.7	6.5
Date perfected to date argued	8.3	11.1	6.8	8.7	5.0	10.6	7.0
Date argued to filing of opinion	2.4	2.0	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.8	3.0
Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed	16.6	20.1	15.9	17.4	12.0	19.1	16.5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1976 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1975 court year.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Personal restraint petitions include habeas corpus, writs and motions, and CrR 7.7 cases.
[1]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figures are as revised by the office of the administrator for the courts.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the administrator for the courts.

WASHINGTON SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
28 courts, 101 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Auto tort	N/A	3,567	X	N/A
Non-auto tort:				
Other tort	N/A	3,182	X	N/A
Contract:				
Commercial	N/A	18,141	X	N/A
Property rights:				
Property rights	N/A	3,388	X	N/A
Condemnations	N/A	141	X	N/A
Total	N/A	3,529	X	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Dissolutions	N/A	32,539	X	N/A
Other domestic relations	N/A	6,069	X	N/A
Total	N/A	38,608	X	N/A
Probate	N/A	16,329	12,450	N/A
Mental health	N/A	2,679	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	6,626	X	N/A
Appeals	N/A	520	X	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs and injunctions	N/A	1,144	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	94,325	79,911[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Crime against person[j]	N/A	2,265[l]	X	N/A
Crime against property[j]	N/A	4,586[l]	X	N/A
Liquor/narcotics	N/A	1,923[l]	X	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	2,117[l]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	10,891[l]	X	N/A
Appeals	N/A	3,162[l]	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	14,053	14,374	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	13,433	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	121,811	91,113[i]	N/A

	Trial[d] Jury	Trial[d] Non-jury	Total
Civil	993	6,669	7,662
Criminal	1,752	817	2,569
Total	2,745	7,486	10,231

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil disposition figure does not include mental health cases.
Grand total disposition figure does not include mental health or juvenile cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Crime against person category includes homicide, assault, sex offenses, and robbery.
Crime against property category includes burglary, larceny, and forgery.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figures are as revised by the office of the administrator for the courts.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL AND POLICE COURT[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
238 courts, 238 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Criminal	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	39,112	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	222,131	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	261,243	N/A	N/A

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	—	X	X
Traffic	193	X	X
Total	193	26,432	26,625

Criminal and traffic dispositions
Bail forfeitures 139,090

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
— = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[k]Additional information:
Municipal and Police Court figures do not include those Municipal Court cases (**municipal ordinances/traffic** violations) that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT COURT AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
69 district courts, 4 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	46,750	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	20,911	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	67,661	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	63,869	N/A	N/A
Felony preliminary	N/A	9,083	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	72,952	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	524,379	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	664,992	N/A	N/A

	Trial[d] Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	33	5,030	5,063
Criminal, District Court workload	208	9,003	9,211
Traffic, District Court workload	724	30,358	31,082
Criminal and traffic, Municipal Court workload[k]	197	18,264	18,461
Total	1,162	62,655	63,817

Criminal dispositions
Bail forfeitures at preliminary hearings ... 13,613

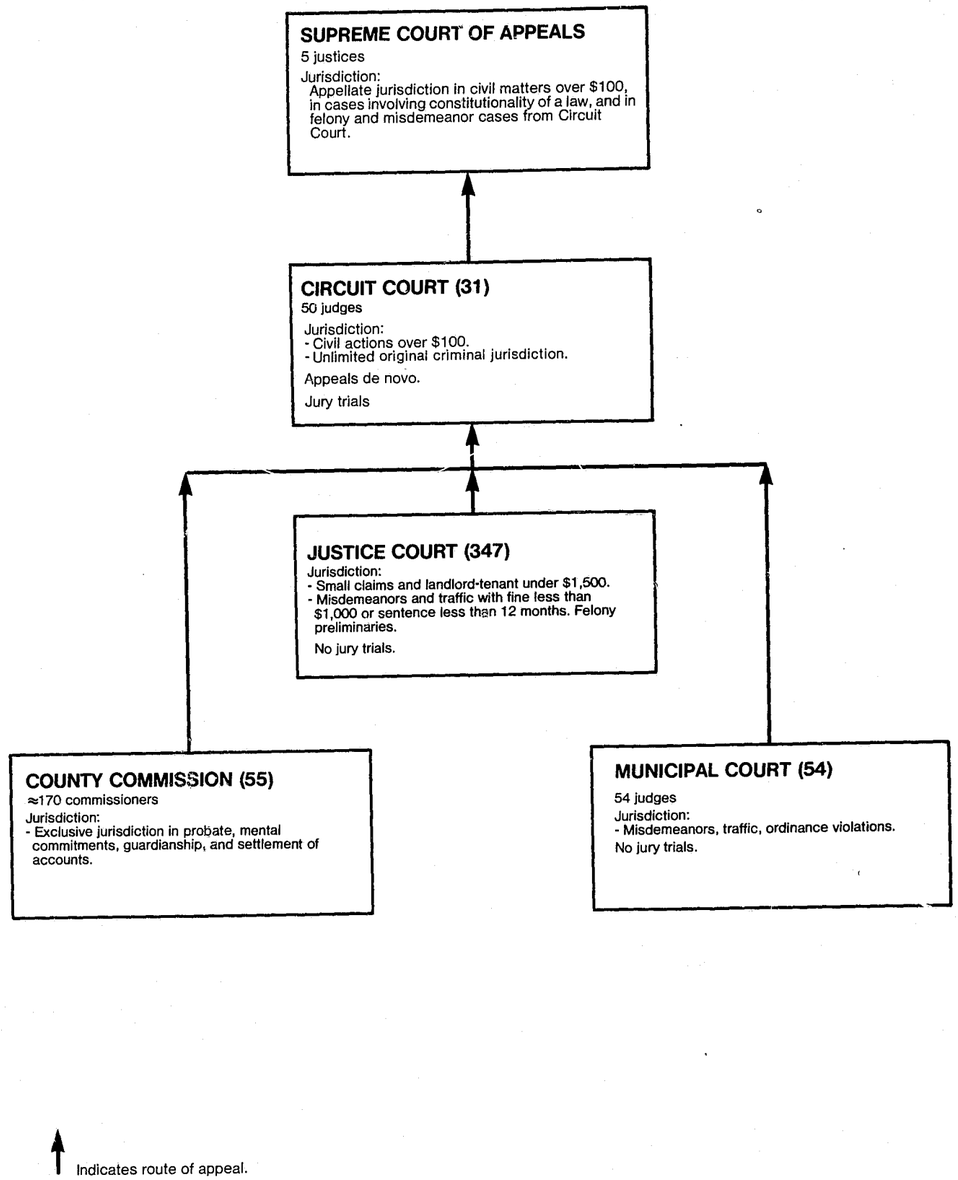
Traffic dispositions
Bail forfeitures 319,147

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[k]Additional information:
District Court and Justices of the Peace data include Municipal Court cases that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 20th Annual Report 1976 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the administrator for the courts.

West Virginia court system, 1976



WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	15	149	130	34
Criminal	7	137	103	41
Other	2	73	67	8
Total appeals	24	359	300	83
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	10	415	403	22
Mandamus	0	52	47	5
Prohibition	0	32	32	0
Discipline	0	1	1	0
Other	0	19	19	0
Total	10	519	502	27
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	10	519	502	27
Total cases	34	878	802	110
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	2	5	7	0
Total other proceedings	2	5	7	0

Manner of disposition
Written and per curiam opinion 98
Dismissal/withdrawal 11

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 circuits, 50 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	X	X	N/A
Criminal:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	X	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	53,697[1]	45,106[1]	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 but were not available by category.

[1]Data are not complete:
Grand total filed and disposed figures do not include juvenile cases.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY COMMISSION
Court of limited jurisdiction
55 courts, ≈170 commissioners
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled by the County Commission for 1976.

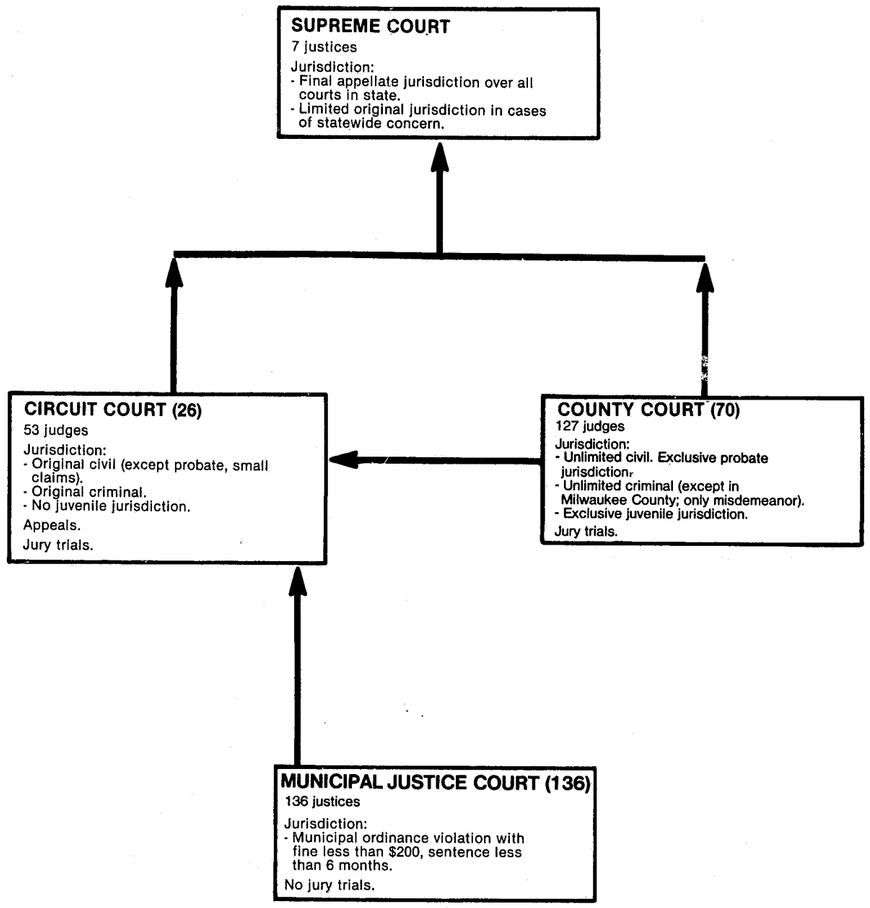
WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

WEST VIRGINIA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
347 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1976.

Wisconsin court system, 1976



WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	485[f]	511	521	478[g]
Criminal	109[f]	171	128	152
Total appeals	594[f]	682	649	630[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	--	48	48	--
Mandamus	--	25	25	--
Prohibition	--	2	2	--
Original actions	1[f]	16	14	3
Disciplinary	3[f]	11	8	6
Original jurisdiction	--	54	54	--
Miscellaneous	--	21	21	--
Total	4[f]	177	172	9
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	--	5	5	--
No merit cases	N/A	75	75	N/A
Total	N/A	80	80	N/A
Total other cases	4[fi]	257	252	9[i]
Total cases	598[fi]	939	901	639[gi]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motion for rehearing	--	54	54	--
Motion for reconsideration	--	6	6	--
Total	--	60	60	--
Other matters:				
Motions	--	249	249	--
Orders to show cause	--	87	87	--
Foreign bar admissions	--	18	18	--
Total	--	354	354	--
Total other proceedings	--	414	414	--

Manner of disposition

Published written opinion	294
Published per curiam	17
Unpublished per curiam	184
Terminated without opinion	244

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	274
Reversed	83
Dismissed	233
Affirmed/reversed	28
Affirmed/dismissed	1
Affirmed/modified	18
Vacated	12

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

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year:
The disparity between these figures is due to an administrative change in docketing of new filings.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
The disparity between these figures is due to double counting three cases that were dismissed during the 1975 term, but later reinstated. They were counted twice, once in the disposition column and once in the end pending column.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases pending do not include requests to appeal.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Statistics 1976 (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
26 circuits, 53 judges; 70 counties, 127 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending[f,h]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Money judgment:				
Circuit Court	X	8,014	7,325	X
County Court	X	21,868	10,949	X
Total	7,634[f,h]	29,882	18,274	19,242
Unclassified torts:				
Personal injury:				
Circuit Court	X	5,073	4,775	X
County Court	X	1,958	1,758	X
Total	8,582[f,h]	7,031	6,533	9,080
Property damage:				
Circuit Court	X	612	569	X
County Court	X	638	602	X
Total	1,797	1,250	1,171	1,876
Total	10,379[f,h]	8,281	7,704	10,956
Small claims:				
Circuit Court	X	163	150	X
County Court	X	110,230	110,800	X
Total	15,906[f,h]	110,393	110,950	15,349
Domestic relations:				
Divorce:				
Circuit Court	X	6,107	6,899	X
County Court	X	14,237	12,938	X
Total	20,440	20,344	19,837	20,947
Legal separation:				
Circuit Court	X	160	199	X
County Court	X	344	190	X
Total	1,326	504	389	1,441
Annulment:				
Circuit Court	X	110	136	X
County Court	X	244	255	X
Total	501	354	391	464
Reciprocal support:				
Circuit Court	X	687	479	X
County Court	X	2,211	1,655	X
Total	2,380	2,898	2,134	3,144
Paternity:				
Circuit Court	X	45	65	X
County Court	X	3,577	2,884	X
Total	2,244	3,622	2,949	2,917
Petitions to remarry:				
Circuit Court	X	491	516	X
County Court	X	1,152	1,081	X
Total	359	1,643	1,597	405
Other family:				
Circuit Court	X	96	55	X
County Court	X	636	507	X
Total	638	732	562	808
Adoption[k]	N/A	N/A	2,304	N/A
Public assistance[k]	N/A	N/A	832	N/A
Total	27,888[f,h,i]	30,097[i]	30,995	30,126[i]
Probate:				
Estates[k]	16,969	13,090	13,074	16,985
Guardianship[k]	N/A	N/A	2,264	N/A
Trusts[k]	N/A	N/A	832	N/A
Other probate[k]	N/A	N/A	25,656	N/A
Total	16,969[f,h,i]	13,090[i]	41,826	16,985[i]
Mental health:				
Commitments[k]	N/A	N/A	2,845	N/A
Other civil:				
Circuit Court	X	5,171	4,585	X
County Court	X	10,753	10,780	X
Total	9,396[f,h]	15,924	15,365	9,955
Appeals:				
Circuit Court	X	570	464	X
County Court	X	43	93	X
Total	543[f,h]	613	557	599
Total civil:				
Circuit Court	X	27,299	26,217	X
County Court	X	180,981	202,299	X
Total	88,715[f,h,i]	208,280[i]	228,516	103,212[i]

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Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Circuit Court	X	5,880	5,972	X
County Court	X	8,953	6,795	X
Total	5,324[f,h]	14,833	12,767	7,390
Misdemeanor:				
Circuit Court	X	108	251	X
County Court	X	44,654	46,658	X
Total	16,154[f,h]	44,762	46,909	14,007
Other criminal:				
Forfeitures:				
Circuit Court	X	38	73	X
County Court	X	18,208	18,416	X
Total	2,586	18,246	18,489	2,343
Special proceeding:				
Circuit Court	X	78	43	X
County Court	X	484	517	X
Total	440	562	560	442
Total	3,026[f,h]	18,808	19,049	2,785
Total criminal:				
Circuit Court	X	6,104	6,339	X
County Court	X	72,299	72,386	X
Total	24,504[f,h]	78,403	78,725	24,182
Traffic:				
Circuit Court	X	258	792	X
County Court	X	395,534	392,637	X
Total traffic	35,770[f,h]	395,792	393,429	38,133
Juvenile[d]:				
Total juvenile[k]	N/A	N/A	22,561	N/A
Grand total:				
Circuit Court	X	33,661	33,348	X
County Court	X	648,814	689,883	X
Total	148,989[f,h,i]	682,475[i]	723,231	165,527[i]

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A juvenile disposition is counted with the disposition of a formal petition.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1976 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1975 court year.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures for 1976 were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.

[i]Data are not complete:
Domestic relations filed and pending figures do not include data for adoptions.
Probate filed and pending figures do not include data for guardianship, trusts, and other probate.
Total civil and grand total filing and pending figures do not include data for adoption, public assistance, guardianship, trust, or other probate. In addition, the grand total filing and pending figures do not include **juvenile** data. These cases are included in the disposition totals.

[k]Additional information:
All **probate, mental health,** adoption, public assistance, and **juvenile** cases are handled in the County Courts only.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Statistics 1976 (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
136 courts, 136 justices[c]
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violations:				
Other ordinance violations	N/A	N/A	25,044	N/A
Other criminal:				
Other cases	N/A	N/A	1,575	N/A
Total criminal[k]	N/A	N/A	26,619	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	N/A	69,676	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic	N/A	N/A	79,694	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	149,370	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	175,989	N/A

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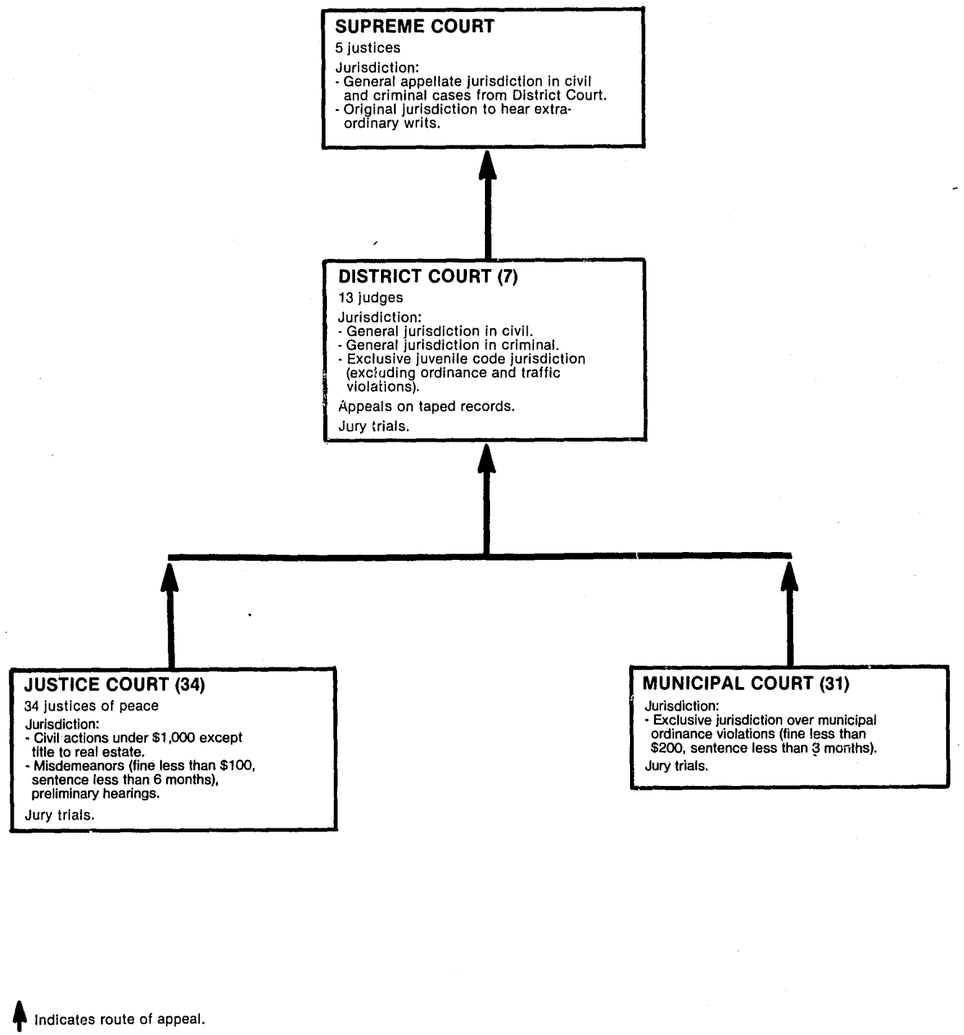
[c]Judge information:
There were 136 municipal justices reporting statistics in 1976 as opposed to 154 reporting data in 1975. The municipal justice spends an average of 2 1/2 hours on the bench and another 3 hours on related court work each week.

[d]Case definition or unit of court:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

[k]Additional information:
In addition to criminal matters, there were 15,249 warrants issued.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Statistics 1976 (Madison, Wisconsin). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Wyoming court system, 1976



WYOMING SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
School districts	X	3	3	X
County government	X	2	4	X
Municipalities	X	9	3	X
State agency	X	12	6	X
Probate	X	2	1	X
Workmen's compensation	X	1	3	X
Parental rights	X	0	1	X
Divorce	X	7	5	X
Reserve questions	X	1	1	X
Other civil	X	44	70	X
Juvenile	X	1	0	X
Total	80	82	97	65
Criminal	36	46[j]	28[j]	54
Total appeals	116	128	125	119
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:	14	10	9	15
Total other cases	14	10	9	15
Total cases	130	138	134	134

Manner of disposition		Time interval (average months)	
Opinion	75[k]	Filing the appeal to decision	9.9
Order	41		

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

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal appeals filed include one bill of exception.
Criminal appeals disposed include six on reserved questions and one bill of exception.
[k]Additional information:
The 75 opinions disposed of 93 cases.

Source: Unpublished data from the clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from this unpublished source except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 13 judges
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

	Beginning pending[i]	Filed	Disposed[i]	End pending[i]
Civil[d]:				
Probate	X	X	2,132	X
Other civil	X	X	5,123	X
Total civil	2,789	7,981	7,255	3,515
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	704	1,329	1,346	687
Total criminal	704	1,329	1,346	687
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Grand total	3,493	9,310	8,601	4,202

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	60	1,748	1,808
Criminal	79	273	352
Total	139	2,021	2,160

Civil dispositions		Criminal dispositions	
Default	3,148	Guilty plea	531
Dismissal	2,233	Dismissal	404

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

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations.
The trial definition is not consistent statewide.
[i]Data are not complete:
Pending cases and disposed cases do not include cases filed before 1974.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
There were 815 dispositions of juvenile cases; however, juvenile case filings could not be separated from civil and criminal filings. The juvenile filings and dispositions are therefore included in the figures for civil and criminal cases.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the office of court coordinator. Statistics are from the unpublished source except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
34 courts, 34 justices of the peace
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1976.

WYOMING MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
31 courts
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1976.

Appendices

Appendix A: Sources of 1976 state court caseload statistics

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Alabama	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of Courts	Not Available
Alaska	**Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976"		**Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1976"	**Alaska Court System, 1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Arizona	**The Arizona Courts Summary Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**The Arizona Courts Summary Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**The Arizona Courts Summary Report; The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**The Arizona Courts Summary Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Arkansas	**Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics** (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, who is also the State Court Administrator)	---	**Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics** (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	**Eleventh Annual Report, 1976 Judicial Statistics** (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)
California	**1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator** (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	**1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator** (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	**1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator** (Administrative Office of the California Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	**1977 Annual Report of the Judicial Council and State Court Administrator** (Administrative Office of the California Courts)
Colorado	**Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1975-76** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1975-76** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1975-76** (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Connecticut	**Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium** (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	---	**Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium** (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary	**Report of the Judicial Department 1974-76 Biennium** (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)
Delaware	**1976-1977 Report of the Delaware Judiciary** (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	---	**1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary** (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	**1976 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary** (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)
District of Columbia	**1976 Annual Report** (Joint Committee and Executive Officer)	---	**1976 Annual Report** (Joint Committee and Executive Officer)	---
Florida	**Judicial System Statistical Report 1976** (State Court Administrator)	**Judicial System Statistical Report 1976** (State Court Administrator)	**Judicial System Statistical Report 1976** and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	**Judicial System Statistical Report 1976** and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Georgia	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals	**Third Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	**Third Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Hawaii	**State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of court	---	**State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Director of the Courts) and letter from the Office of the Administrative Director	**State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Director of the Courts)

--- indicates that the state has no court at this level.

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SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Idaho	**Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	----------	**Idaho Courts 1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Courts	----------
Illinois	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court and by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts	**1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois** (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	**1976 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois** (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	----------
Indiana	**1976 Indiana Judicial Report** (Division of State Court Administration)	**1976 Indiana Judicial Report** (Division of State Court Administration)	**1976 Indiana Judicial Report** (Division of State Court Administration)	**1976 Indiana Judicial Report** (Division of State Court Administration)
Iowa	**Iowa Supreme Court Statistical Report For the Year 1977** (Clerk of the Supreme Court) and **1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary** (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	----------	**1976 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary** (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	----------
Kansas	**Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report** (Judicial Council)	----------	**Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report** (Judicial Council) and **Statistical Report on the District Courts 1976** (Office of Judicial Administrator)	**Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1975, 49th Annual Report; 1976, 50th Annual Report** (Judicial Council)
Kentucky	**Annual Report, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Louisiana	**Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data** (Judicial Administrator, who is the State Court Administrator) and **Annual Statistical Resume** (Office of the clerk, Supreme Court of Louisiana) and unpublished data from a phone call	**Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data** (Judicial Administrator)	**Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data** (Judicial Administrator)	**Judicial Council Annual Report with 1976 Statistics and Related Data** (Judicial Administrator)
Maine	**Annual Report 1977** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	----------	**Annual Report 1977** (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data entitled "Summary of clerks monthly report to the chief justice for the year ending Dec. 31, 1974"	**Annual Report 1977** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Maryland	**Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1974-75, 1975-76** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Massachusetts	**20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76** (Executive Secretary)	**20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76** (Executive Secretary)	**20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76** (Executive Secretary)	**20th Annual Report to the Supreme Judicial Court 1975-76** (Executive Secretary)
Michigan	Unpublished document titled: "Status Report, Part I: Number of Cases in Each State," provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	**Annual Report 1976-77** (State Court Administrator)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (State Court Administrator) and **1976 Annual Report** (Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (State Court Administrator)
Minnesota	**Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77** (Office of the State Court Administrator) and **The State of the Judiciary 1977** (Address of Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran)	----------	**Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Minnesota State Court Report 1976-77** (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Mississippi	**10th and 11th Annual Statistical Report 1975, 1976** (Executive Assistant; Supreme Court)	----------	Unpublished data provided by the Judicial Council	Not available

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SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Missouri	**Annual Statistical Report 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**Annual Statistical Report 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Montana	**The State of the Judiciary (1977)** (Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court)	----------	**The State of the Judiciary (1977)** (Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court)	Not available
Nebraska	**The Courts of Nebraska 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	----------	**The Courts of Nebraska 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the office of the State Court Administrator	**The Courts of Nebraska 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the office of the State Court Administrator
Nevada	**Nevada State of the Judiciary Message 1975-1976** (Chief Justice Supreme Court) in **Inter Alia** (April 1977) and unpublished data from clerk of Supreme Court	----------	Unpublished data from the two districts	Not available
New Hampshire	**The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire** (Chairman, Judicial Council)	----------	**The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire** (Chairman, Judicial Council)	**The Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire** (Chairman, Judicial Council)
New Jersey	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Annual Report 1975-76** and **Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, Sept. 1, 1975 to Aug. 31, 1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts)
New Mexico	**Annual Report 1976** (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	**Annual Report 1976** (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	**Annual Report 1976** (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
New York	**22nd Annual Report 1977** (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, of which the Court Administrator is Secretary)	**22nd Annual Report 1977** (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference) and unpublished data supplied by Office of Court Administration	**22nd Annual Report 1977** (Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference)	**22nd Annual Report 1977** and **23rd Annual Report 1978** (Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference)
North Carolina	Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1976; Fall Term 1976 (unpublished) from clerk of Supreme Court	**North Carolina Courts 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data from clerk of Court of Appeals	**North Carolina Courts 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**North Carolina Courts 1976** and **1977** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
North Dakota	**Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976** (North Dakota Judicial Council, of which the State Court Administrator is Executive Secretary) and unpublished data from clerk of court	----------	**Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976** and **The North Dakota Judicial Master Program for the FY 1977-79 Biennium** (North Dakota Judicial Council)	**Annual Report, Calendar Year 1976** (North Dakota Judicial Council)
Ohio	**Ohio Courts Summary 1976** (Office of the Administrative Director)	**Ohio Courts Summary 1976** (Office of the Administrative Director)	**Ohio Courts Summary 1976** (Office of the Administrative Director)	**Ohio Courts Summary 1976** (Office of the Administrative Director)
Oklahoma	**Report on the Judiciary 1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Report on the Judiciary 1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Report on the Judiciary 1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts)	**Report on the Judiciary 1976** (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Oregon	**23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**23rd Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**22nd and 23rd Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975 and 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)	**22nd and 23rd Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1975 and 1976** (Office of the State Court Administrator)

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SOURCES OF 1976 STATE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS (continued)

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Pennsylvania	**1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	**1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	**1976 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	**1976 Annual Report** and **1977 Annual Report** (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)
Puerto Rico	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Office of Court Administration)	----------	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Office of Court Administration)	**Annual Report 1975-76** (Office of Court Administration)
Rhode Island	**Report on the Judiciary, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	----------	**Report on the Judiciary, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)	**Report on the Judiciary, 1976** (Administrative Office of the Courts)
South Carolina	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	----------	Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office and South Carolina Office of the Attorney General	Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office
South Dakota	"Business of the Court" (unpublished) from clerk of Supreme Court	----------	"Combined 1975-76 Judicial Annual Report" (unpublished) from Court Administrator's Office	----------
Tennessee	**1976 Annual Report** (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	**1976 Annual Report** (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	**1976 Annual Report** (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	Not available
Texas	**48th Annual Report 1976** (Texas Judicial Council, of which the State Court Administrator is Executive Director)	**48th Annual Report 1976** (Texas Judicial Council)	**48th Annual Report 1976** (Texas Judicial Council)	**48th Annual Report 1976** (Texas Judicial Council)
Utah	Unpublished data from clerk of Supreme Court and NCSC Western Regional Office	----------	**Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976** (Utah Judicial Council)	**Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1976** (Administrative Office of Juvenile Court) and **Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1975-June 1976** (Utah Judicial Council)
Vermont	**Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976** (Office of the Court Administrator)	----------	**Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976** (Office of the Court Administrator)	**Judicial Statistics for Year Ending December 31, 1976** (Office of the Court Administrator)
Virginia	**State of the Judiciary Report 1976** (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	----------	**State of the Judiciary Report 1976** (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	**State of the Judiciary Report 1976** (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)
Washington	**20th Annual Report 1976** (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	**20th Annual Report 1976** (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	**20th Annual Report 1976** (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	**20th Annual Report 1976** (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)
West Virginia	Unpublished data provided by Administrative Office of the Courts	----------	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Not Available
Wisconsin	**Judicial Statistics 1976** (Administrator of the Courts)	----------	**Judicial Statistics 1976** (Administrator of the Courts)	**Judicial Statistics 1976** (Administrator of the Courts)
Wyoming	Unpublished data from the clerk of the Supreme Court	----------	Unpublished data provided by the Office of the Court Coordinator	Not available

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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 and trial court caseflow. Through this procedure, estimates were arrived at for totals in those states with missing data for beginning pendings, filings, dispositions, or end pendings in either the court of last resort or the intermediate appellate court, and for filings and dispositions for state trial court totals (**civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** cases). These estimates are, however, made from data that has neither been verified nor tested for reliability.

The procedure followed for developing caseload estimates for the appellate and trial courts involved three essential steps. The first step was to determine a set of independent variables to be used. Next, the relationship between these variables and the dependent variables was examined. The final and more time-consuming step was the development of a meaningful estimation equation.

Several independent variables were selected for use in the development of the estimation equation, because of their possible relationship to the caseload in the appellate or trial courts. Many of these were population variables, because population has long been considered a good indicator of caseload. The variables initially considered included the number of judges in the court, the population of the state, the population in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the population in other cities, the population in rural areas, the number of intermediate appellate courts, the number of courts of last resort, the population per square mile, the percent change in state population from 1970 to 1975, the percent change in state population from 1974 to 1975, the per capita income, the prison population, the Uniform Crime Report crime rates, the number of motor vehicle registrations, the total state general expenditures, the total general judicial expenditures, and other population and economic variables.

The data for each state were put in machine-readable form to allow use of the Statistical Analysis System (SAS), release 76.6D, at the College of William and Mary Computer Center. The cards for each state contained data on each of the independent variables listed above as well as the dependent variables, which were the number of beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending cases for the courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts and the state total filings and dispositions for trial courts. In the states with two courts of last resort, Oklahoma and Texas, the sum of the data from the two courts was used. Similarly, in states with two intermediate appellate courts, the sum of the data from the two courts was used. The data for all trial courts in a state were summed to give a filing and disposition total separately for **civil**, **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** cases.

The second step in the development of the estimation equations was to plot each of the independent variables against each of the dependent variables. This was done with the use of the SCATTER (two variable plots) sub-program in SAS. These plots were visually examined for determination of the non-linear relationships which existed between the

independent and dependent variables. This examination resulted in transformations of several of the independent variables to produce linearity with the dependent variable.

The mathematical functions used for the transformations were natural logarithm, square root, square of the variable, inverse of the variable, and exponential function. In addition, two or more variables were combined by multiplication or division to produce new variables that more closely predicted the dependent variables.

Data on all independent variables were not available for Puerto Rico. Because of this situation, only the data for the fifty states and the District of Columbia were used in development of the estimation equations.

The final step was the development of the estimation equations. This was accomplished by the use of the SYSREG (least squares regression) and STEPWISE (stepwise regression) sub-programs in SAS. The stepwise regression procedure was used to allow entry of the variables one at a time into the regression equation. The output from this procedure gave the R^2 value (the percent of variation in the dependent variable that was explained by the variation of the variables in the regression equation), the F-ratio for the regression equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the entire regression equation), the F-ratio for each variable in the equation (the ratio that indicates the statistical significance of the individual variables in the equation), and the values of the coefficients for the independent variables in the regression equation. In addition, the residual for each case was given. Plots of the residuals against the independent variables and the predicted values for the dependent variables were generated by the PLOT sub-program. All this output was used to select the best estimation equations possible, given the set of independent variables.

Several equations were developed for each of the dependent variables. The different equations were obtained by the stepwise regression procedure because the tolerance level (the percent of variation in the independent variable not explained by the variation of the independent variables already in the regression equation) and the F-ratio level (the F-ratio that would be associated with the variable if it were entered next into the equation) were changed to create more or less stringent conditions for inclusion of variables in the equation. The various equations were developed so that each equation could be examined for satisfaction of the assumptions for using the regression procedure.

For each of the estimation equations, the residuals and the residual plots were examined. The residual plots were checked for correlation of the residuals with the dependent variable, for correlation between the residuals and the predicted values for the dependent variables, and for correlation between the residuals and the independent variables. Variable transformations were used to stabilize the variance of the residuals. Those estimation equations with relatively little correlation between the residuals and the dependent variable, the predicted values of the dependent variable, and the independent variables were selected for further consideration.

For those equations selected because of low correlation of the residuals with the dependent, predicted dependent, and independent variables, the R^2 statistic and F-ratio for the equation and the individual variables were examined. This procedure then led to the selection of the estimation equations for use in estimating values for those states having missing data.

Because of the size of error of the equations, 95% confidence intervals were generated, using the GLM (generalized linear models) subprogram of SAS, for each of the estimated values. The sum of these confidence interval values and the reported values are shown in Tables 1 and 16. In 95 out of 100 times, the 95% confidence interval would be expected to include the true value for a particular court data element (beginning pending, filed, disposed, end pending).

The simplified estimation equation for each dependent variable is given below along with the R^2 statistic and the F-ratio values for each equation. First, a few codes for the variables are listed on the following page for ease in reading the equations.

BPCOLR--Beginning pendings for courts of last resort.

FCOLR--Filings for courts of last resort.

DCOLR--Dispositions for courts of last resort.

EPCOLR--End pendings for courts of last resort.

BPIAC--Beginning pendings for intermediate appellate courts.

FIAC--Filings for intermediate appellate courts.

DIAC--Dispositions for intermediate appellate courts.

EPIAC--End pendings for intermediate appellate courts.

FCIVIL--State total **civil** filings in trial courts.

DCIVIL--State total **civil** dispositions in trial courts.

FCRIM--State total **criminal** filings in trial courts.

DCRIM--State total **criminal** dispositions in trial courts.

FTRAF--State total **traffic** filings in trial courts.

DTRAF--State total **traffic** dispositions in trial courts.

FJUV--State total **juvenile** filings in trial courts.

DJUV--State total **juvenile** dispositions in trial courts.

JUDGE--The number of judges in the court(s) of last resort for each state, 1976.

POPULATION--The estimates for state population on July 1, 1976.*

NOCOLR--The number of courts of last resort for each state.

TOTEXP--State total general expenditures in thousands, 1976.***

AGE14TO17--State total population in age 14 to 17 group, 1976.*

MVREGIS--State total 1976 motor vehicle registrations in thousands.*

SMSA--State total population in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 1976.**

TOTJUD--State total general judicial expenditures in thousands, 1976.***

METROPOP--State total metropolitan population, 1975.*

* Source of the population estimates, metropolitan population, population aged 14 to 17, motor vehicle registrations, percent change in population, and population per square mile is the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1976, 97th edition (Washington, D.C., 1976).

** Source of the SMSA population estimates is U.S. Department of Justice, Uniform Crime Reports for the United States (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975).

*** Source of the state general and judicial expenditures is the U.S. Department of Justice, LEAA, Bureau of Census, Expenditure and Employment Data for the Criminal Justice System: 1976 (Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

Courts of last resort

Beginning pendings

The estimation equation for beginning pendings in the courts of last resort is:

$$BPCOLR = EPCOLR + DCOLR - FCOLR$$

Filings

The simplified estimation equation for filings in the courts of last resort is:

$$FCOLR = -724.8 + 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times JUDGE \times POPULATION + 1088.1 \times NOCOLR$$

with $R^2 = .81$ and

$$F_{2,45}\text{-ratio} = 95.5, \quad p < .0001$$

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for dispositions in the courts of last resort is:

$$DCOLR = 8.1 + 0.94 \times FCOLR$$

with $R^2 = .98$ and

$$F_{1,42}\text{-ratio} = 2,718.4, \quad p < .0001$$

End Pendings

The simplified estimation equation for end pendings in the courts of last resort is:

$$EPCOLR = -881.3 + 0.44 \times FCOLR + 938.8 \times NOCOLR - 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \times \exp(JUDGE)$$

with $R^2 = .71$ and

$$F_{3,34}\text{-ratio} = 27.8, \quad p < .0001$$

Intermediate appellate courts

Beginning pendings

The estimation equation for beginning pendings in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$BPIAC = EPIAC + DIAC - FIAC$$

Filings

No estimation equation was necessary for filings in the intermediate appellate courts because all these courts reported filings.

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for dispositions in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$DIAC = .90 \times FIAC$$

with $R^2 = .99$ and

$F_{1,21}$-ratio = 2,338.5, $p < .0001$

End pendings

The simplified estimation equation for end pendings in the intermediate appellate courts is:

$$EPIAC = 0.17 \times (FIAC)^{1.2}$$

with $R^2 = .84$ and

$F_{1,16}$-ratio = 84.8, $p < .0001$

Trial Court **Civil**

Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **civil** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FCIVIL = -821.8 + 6.4 \times 10^{-2} \times TOTEXP$$

with $R^2 = .94$ and

$F_{1,27}$-ratio = 436.6, $p < .0001$

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **civil** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DCIVIL = 0.94 \times FCIVIL$$

with $R^2 = .99$ and

$F_{1,19}$-ratio = 3,004.8, $p < .0001$

Trial Court **Criminal**

Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **criminal** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FCRIM = 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \times (POPULATION)^{1.07}$$

with $R^2 = .90$ and

$F_{1,18}$-ratio = 156.5, $p < .0001$

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **criminal** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DCRIM = 225{,}101 - 2 \times AGE14TO17 - 39{,}734 \times \ln(MVREGIS) + 185 \times MVREGIS + 163 \times 10^{-3} \times POPULATION$$

with $R^2 = .97$ and

$F_{4,13}$-ratio = 109.7, $p < .0001$

Note to explain ln(MVREGIS): The function ln used in this equation is the natural logarithmic function to the base e. The value of ln(MVREGIS) is the power (exponent) of e which will yield MVREGIS.

Trial Court **Traffic**

Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **traffic** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FTRAF = 373{,}015 + 3.5 \times 10^{-8} \times (SMSA)^2$$

with $R^2 = .96$ and

$F_{1,18}$-ratio = 384.2, $p < .0001$

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **traffic** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DTRAF = -814{,}279 + 0.62 \times FTRAF + 73{,}765 \times \ln(FTRAF) + 4.5 \times 10^{-5} \times (TOTJUD)^2$$

with $R^2 = .99$ and

$F_{3,8}$-ratio = 2,514.3, $p < .0001$

Note to explain ln(FTRAF): The function ln used in this equation is the natural logarithmic function to the base e. The value of ln(FTRAF) is the power (exponent) of e which will yield FTRAF.

Trial Court **Juvenile**

Filings

The simplified estimation equation for total **juvenile** filings in the trial courts is:

$$FJUV = 4 \times (METROPOP)^{.57}$$

with $R^2 = .68$ and

$F_{1,38}$-ratio = 81.3, $p < .0001$

Dispositions

The simplified estimation equation for total **juvenile** dispositions in the trial courts is:

$$DJUV = 490 + 0.98 \times FJUV$$

with $R^2 = .99$ and

$F_{1,28}$-ratio = 5,137.7, $p < .0001$

Appendix C: Cases handled in state trial courts, 1976

State Names and Court Titles	CIVIL															CRIMINAL							JUVENILE				TRAFFIC	TRIAL			
	Law	Auto Tort	Non-Auto Tort	Unclassified Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Property Rights	Equity	Domestic Relations	Probate	Mental Health	Administrative	Other Civil	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance Violations	Felony Preliminary	Other Criminal	Appeals	Extraordinary Writs	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Status Offenses	Other Juvenile		Civil Jury	Civil Non-Jury	Criminal Jury	Criminal Non-jury
Alabama																															
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X						X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X		X				X	X	X		X		X		X
Juvenile Court																							X	X	X						
Probate Court										X	X												X	X	X						
Family Court of Jefferson County									X														X	X	X						
Municipal Court																	X	X									X				
County Justice Court, Morgan County	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X				X										X				
Alaska																															
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X
Magistrates Court						X							X				X	X	X	X							X		X		X
Arizona																															
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Justices of the Peace		X	X	X	X	X	X						X				X		X								X	X	X	X	X
City Magistrates																	X	X									X			X	
Arkansas																															
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						X	X	X	X
Chancery and Probate Court					X		X	X	X	X	X				X																
Court of Common Pleas					X	X																						X	X		

County Court									X						X								X	X	X	X							
Municipal Court					X	X											X	X	X								X				X	
City Court					X	X											X	X									X	X	X		X	
Police Court																	X	X									X			X		
Justice of the Peace Court					X	X											X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X	
California																																	
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Justice Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X					X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X		
Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X					X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X		
Colorado																																	
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Denver Probate Court					X		X			X	X																		X	X				
Denver Juvenile Court											X												X	X	X	X							
Denver Superior Court		X	X	X	X								X							X			X	X	X			X	X				
Water Court							X					X																	X				
County Court		X	X	X	X	X							X				X	X	X		X						X	X	X	X	X		
Municipal Court																	X	X									X			X	X		
Connecticut																																	
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X		
Court of Common Pleas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X		X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X		
Probate Court	X						X		X	X	X		X																X				
Juvenile Court																							X	X	X	X			X				
Delaware																																	
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X						X	X	X	X		
Court Of Chancery	X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X																				
Court of Common Pleas	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X			X										X	X	X	
Family Court									X				X										X	X	X	X	X						
Municipal Court of Wilmington																	X	X	X								X				X		
Alderman's Court						X											X	X		X							X				X		
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X	X	X	X							X	X	X		X		
District of Columbia																																	
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		

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State Names and Court Titles	CIVIL															CRIMINAL							JUVENILE				TRAFFIC	TRIAL			
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Florida																															
Circuit Court		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
County Court	X					X											X	X	X									X	X	X	X
Municipal Court																		X									X				
Georgia																															
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X							X	X	X	X	X	X
State Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X		X								X	X	X	X	X
Probate Court										X	X	X					X										X		X		X
Juvenile Court																							X	X	X	X	X				
County Court																	X													X	X
Municipal Court	X		X	X	X	X							X				X		X								X	X	X		X
Small Claims Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X															X	X		
Magistrate's Court																	X	X	X										X		
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X																X		
Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, and Criminal Court																		X	X								X		X		X
Hawaii																															
Circuit Court		X	X		X		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Land Court							X																								

Tax Appeal Court											X																						
District Court				X	X	X	X				X	X				X	X	X									X		X		X	
Idaho																																	
District Court	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Magistrates Division	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois																																	
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indiana																																	
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Criminal Court of Marion County																X	X		X	X	X	X									X	X	
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X					X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	
Juvenile Court of Marion County																	X							X	X	X	X						
Probate Court	X								X			X																X	X				
Municipal Court of Marion County	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X					X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	
City Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X					X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	
Town Court																	X	X										X			X	X	
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X					X	X										X		X		X	
Small Claims Court of Marion County						X																							X				
Iowa																																	
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas																																	
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X
City Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X		X		X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X
Magistrate Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X									X		X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X
Common Pleas Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X									X		X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X									X		X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X
Probate Court									X	X	X			X																			
Juvenile Court																								X	X	X	X						
Municipal Court																		X															

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Kentucky																														
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X				X	X					X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X		X			X							X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Quarterly Court	X	X	X	X	X		X			X				X			X		X								X	X	X	X
Police Court	X	X	X	X	X		X			X							X	X	X								X	X	X	X
Justice Court	X	X	X	X	X		X			X							X										X		X	
Louisiana																														
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Family Court									X														X	X	X	X					
Juvenile Court																							X	X	X	X					
City Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Parish Court	X	X	X	X	X								X					X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X		X
New Orleans Municipal Court																	X	X													X
New Orleans Traffic Court																											X				
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X																							X			
Mayor's Court																		X													X
Maine																														
Superior Court		X	X		X		X	X	X					X		X					X						X	X	X	X
District Court	X				X	X	X	X	X		X						X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Probate Court										X																					

Maryland																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X			X		X
Orphans' Court										X																						
Massachusetts																																
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X								X	X	X	X
Boston Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X			X	X	X											X	X	X
Housing Court	X					X	X	X							X		X	X	X			X							X	X	X	X
Land Court							X	X				X		X																X		
Court of Probate and Insolvency							X	X	X	X	X			X																X		
Juvenile Court																	X						X	X	X	X				X	X	
Michigan																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X							X	X	X	X
Court of Claims	X							X				X																		X		
Recorder's Court of Detroit																X	X	X	X	X							X					
Common Pleas Court of Detroit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X																X	X		
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X	X	X								X		X	X	X	X
Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X	X	X								X		X	X	X	X
Probate Court	X						X	X	X	X	X		X										X	X	X	X						
Minnesota																																
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Conciliation Court						X																										
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
County Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	X			X	X	X	X							X		X	X	X	X
Probate Court										X	X																					
Justices of the Peace Court						X											X	X														
Mississippi																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X					X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X							X	X	X	X
Chancery Court					X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X			X	X		
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Family Court																	X						X	X	X	X					X	X
Municipal Court																	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X				X	X
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X		X	X							X		X	X	X	X

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Missouri																															
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Court of Common Pleas	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction																	X		X	X	X	X									X
Magistrate Court	X	X	X	X	X	X							X				X		X								X				
Probate Court										X	X																				
Municipal Court																		X													
Montana																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Justice Court		X	X	X	X	X	X										X	X	X	X							X	X	X		
City Court																	X			X											
Nebraska																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X						X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X				X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X				X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X
Juvenile Court																							X	X	X	X					
Workmen's Compensation Court												X																	X		
Nevada																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Justice Court						X											X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court																	X	X		X							X		X		X

New Hampshire																																
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X		X	X							X	X	X	X
District Court		X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X					X		X				X	X	X		X			X	X
Probate Court									X	X	X							X														
Municipal Court,					X	X	X				X							X		X				X	X	X		X			X	
New Jersey																																
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X		X	X		X							X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X					X	X		X	X			X	X		X	X	X								X	X	X	X
County District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X	X		X	X	X								X	X	X	X
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court									X															X	X	X	X						X
Municipal Court																	X	X										X					
Surrogates										X																							
New Mexico																																
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Magistrate Court	X	X	X	X	X	X											X		X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Probate Court										X																							
Municipal Court																		X															
Small Claims Court of Albuquerque						X												X															
New York																																
Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X					X							X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X				X								X	X	X	X
Civil Court of the City of New York	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X																	X			
Criminal Court of the City of New York																	X		X			X									X	X
Family Court	X							X	X	X		X		X									X	X	X	X							
Surrogates' Court	X						X	X	X	X		X																	X				
Court of Claims	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X																					
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X			X	X	X								X	X		X	X	X	X
City Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X			X	X	X								X	X		X	X	X	X
Town and Village Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X			X	X	X								X	X		X	X	X	X
North Carolina																																
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X		X		X				X	X								X	X	X	
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X				X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X

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North Dakota																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			X			X		X								X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court																											X				X
County Probate Court	X									X	X																				
County Justice Court	X				X	X											X		X								X	X	X	X	X
Ohio																															
Court of Common Pleas	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X				X	X	X		X						X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X				X	X	X		X						X	X	X	X	X
Court of Claims			X	X	X		X				X																	X	X		
Mayors' Court																		X									X				
Oklahoma																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
State Industrial Court												X	X																		
Court of Bank Review												X																			
Court of Tax Review												X																			
Municipal Criminal Court of Record																		X									X			X	X
Municipal Court Not of Record																		X									X			X	X
Oregon																															
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

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Tennessee																															
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						X	X	X	X
Criminal Court												X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X						X	X	X	X
Law and Equity Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													X	X		
Chancery Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													X	X		
Probate Court										X																			X		
County Court							X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X			X		
Juvenile Court									X														X	X	X	X					
General Sessions Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		X										X		X
Justice of the Peace Court	X																X														
Municipal Court																	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X				X
Texas																															
District Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Criminal District Court																X	X		X	X		X								X	X
Domestic Relations Court									X						X								X	X	X	X		X	X		
Juvenile Court															X								X	X	X	X					
County Court at Law	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Constitutional County Court	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Probate Court										X	X																	X	X		
Municipal Court																	X	X	X								X			X	X
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X		X		X		X									X	X	X	X

Utah																																
District Court		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X							X	X	X	X
Juvenile Court																	X	X					X	X	X	X	X			X	X
City Court		X	X		X	X						X					X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X
Justice of the Peace Court		X	X			X											X	X									X	X	X	X	X
Vermont																																
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X						X	X	X	X
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Probate Court									X	X	X																					
Virginia																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X							X	X	X	X
District Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X				X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X			X		X
Washington																																
Superior Court		X	X		X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X					X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Municipal and Police Court																		X									X					X
District Court	X					X							X				X		X								X		X	X	X	X
Justices of the Peace						X							X				X										X		X	X	X	X
West Virginia																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
County Commission							X			X		X						X	X													
Municipal Court																	X	X														
Justice Court						X	X										X		X								X	X	X	X	X	
Wisconsin																																
Circuit Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Justice Court																		X		X							X					
Wyoming																																
District Court		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Justice Court		X	X	X	X	X	X										X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court																	X	X		X							X			X	X	

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- ☐ Other (please specify)_____
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4. Which parts of the report, if any, were difficult to understand or use? How could they be improved?

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