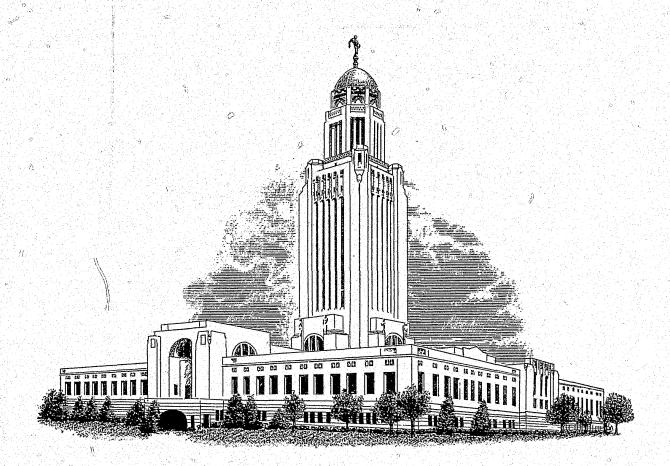
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#### INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth annual report on the courts of Nebraska, prepared by the Office of the State Court Administrator. We continue to hope that it will provide a valuable resource document on the structure and operation of the courts, as well as providing valuable statistical information on the cases handled by them.

As a preface to this report, I particularly want to note the achievements of Paul W. White, who retired Sept. 17, 1978, after almost 15 years as Chief Justice and 30 years as a judge.

Chief Justice White presided with dedication and skill over major changes in the Nebraska Judicial System and its administration. The job of Chief Justice grew significantly in duties and responsibilities during his tenure. The added duties and responsibilities often were not ones he had sought. Indeed, he sometimes said, "This is not the job I ran for in 1962." But, he willingly accepted those duties and responsibilities and provided the leadership that was essential to successfully meet the challenges of a growing and changing judicial system.

JAMES E. DUNLEVEY
State Court Administrator

#### CONSTITUTION ESTABLISHES JUDICIAL SYSTEM

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Nebraska's Constitution vests the judicial power of the state in a Supreme Court, District Courts, County Courts, and such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be created by law. In addition to the courts created by the Constitution, the Legislature has provided for three other types of courts -- Municipal Courts in Lincoln and Omaha, Separate Juvenile Courts in several counties, and a Workmen's Compensation Court.

Since 1970, major changes have occurred in the Nebraska Judicial System. Amendments to the judicial article of the Constitution in 1970 gave the Supreme Court general administrative authority over all the courts, permitted the appointment of a state court administrator, removed the constitutional basis for justices of the peace, and permitted the unification of courts of limited jurisdiction.

The Legislature reacted promptly to those constitutional changes, enating legislation in 1972, which abolished the justice of the peace, and local police magistrate courts, merging their functions into a reorganized County Court System, effective Jan. 4, 1973. The Supreme Court established the Office of the State Court Administrator on July 1, 1972, to implement the new County Court System and to assist in the added administrative responsibilities vested in the Court by the 1970 constitutional amendments.

The merit system (sometimes called the Missouri Plan), is used for the selection and retention of all judges. When a vacancy occurs, a bipartisan judicial nominating commission, consisting of eight members (four lawyers and four non-lawyers), with a Judge of the Supreme Court as nonvoting chairman, conducts a hearing and submits the names of two or more qualified applicants to the Governor, who makes the appointment to fill the vacancy. The new judge runs for retention in office at the first general election occurring more than three years after his/her appointment. Thereafter, terms are six years. The merit system was adopted by constitutional amendment in 1962, and is required for judges of the Supreme and District Courts. Subsequently, it was extended to all other judges by legislative action.

Judges may retire at age 65, and must retire upon reaching age 72. Earlier retirement for disability may be approved by the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, which also has the responsibility of investigating complaints against judges. The Commission may recommend to the Supreme Court that a judge be removed for willful misconduct in office, willful disregard of or failure to perform his/her duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or disbarment as a member of the legal profession. The Commission consists of seven judges, two members of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and two non-lawyers.

#### THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has experienced a steady growth in responsibilities -- both judicial and administrative -- during the past 10 years.

While the Constitution provides original jurisdiction for the court in certain cases, primarily where the state is a party, the Court's basic responsibility is appellate -- as Nebraska's court of last resort. The Constitution guarantees the right to appeal to the Supreme Court in all felony and civil cases, and legislation permits appeal to the highest court in virtually every other type of litigation. Appeals come directly to the Supreme Court from the District Courts, the Separate Juvenile Courts, the Workmen's Compensation Court, and certain regulatory agencies such as the Public Service Commission.

The Court consists of a Chief Justice and six judges. The Court may sit in two five-member divisions, with the addition of District Court judges or retired judges, when necessary, for the prompt determination of cases. Divisions may decide all cases except those involving homicide or the constitutionality of a state statute, and decisions of a division may be reviewed by the full Court. In recent years, the increasing caseload has required the Court to sit in division frequently.

The Court is responsible for the regulation of the practice of law in Nebraska. An increase in annual dues and a special assessment to support the investigating and discipline process, and the continuation of the client security fund were approved by the Court at the request of the Nebraska State Bar Association. The Court also approved an amendment to the Code of Professional Responsibility, which allows attorneys to advertise to a limited extent.

Since 1920, the Supreme Court has had the constitutional authority to "promulgate rules of practice and procedure for all courts, uniform as to each class of courts, and not in conflict with laws governing such matters." Until recent years, however, exercise of the rule-making authority had been limited, although the Court had appointed committees to develop pattern jury instructions and new rules of evidence, the latter being adopted by the 1975 Legislature.

The constitutional amendment of 1970, giving the Supreme Court general administrative authority over all courts, coupled with the previously established authority to promulgate uniform rules of practice and procedure, has led to increased exercise of that authority by the Court, often at the invitation of the Legislature. The Court has prescribed forms for use in Small Claims Courts and for dissolution of marriage cases in the District Courts, and has adopted rules establishing a uniform waiver system in traffic cases, as well as a uniform traffic citation and complaint.

#### CASELOAD CONTINUES TO INCREASE

While the Supreme Court's administrative responsibilities were increasing, so, too, was its caseload. Proposed constitutional amendments to increase the number of judges from seven to nine were defeated in 1976, 1977 and 1978 legislative sessions.

With the appointment of a new chief justice in 1978 came efforts to reduce the backlog in other ways. In 1979, the Court began sitting regularly in two five-member divisions. The Court is considering implementation of an expanded summary docket in which certain cases would be decided without oral argument and in unpublished memorandum opinions.

In addition, in March, 1979, the Court began a six-month experimental program of appellate settlement conferences, a voluntary procedure under which the attorneys in a case agree to appear before a retired Supreme Court judge in an attempt to settle the case or at least narrow the issues before it reaches the full Court.

In a 10-year period, the Court's caseload has more than doubled. Filings increased in 1977-78, but still did not match the peak load of 1974-75. While the number of cases disposed by opinions was down significantly, the total number disposed increased slightly.

#### SUPREME COURT FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

	Cases Docketed	Cases Disposed By Opinions	Total Disposed
1967-68	321	223	341
1968-69	322	243	316
1969-70	362	238	316
1970-71	474	279	407
1971-72	446	337	478
1972-73	546	324	520
1973-74	484	340	471
1974-75	571	368	545
1975-76	716	393	634
1976-77	607	406	608
1977-78	658	342	619

NOTE: Figures cover periods of September 1 - August 31

#### THE DISTRICT COURTS

The District Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, but also functions as an intermediate appellate court, deciding appeals from the County and Municipal Courts and from various administrative agencies. There are 45 judges of the District Court, which is organized into 21 judicial districts and operates in all 93 counties.

The District Courts try all felony cases and some misdemeanor cases, but most misdemeanors are tried in the County and Municipal Courts. All civil cases involving more than \$5,000 are tried by the District Courts, as well as some cases involving lesser amounts.

More than 44 per cent of District Court filings are domestic relations cases. In addition to the new filings, reopened cases resulting from legislation requiring court clerks to audit all cases where child support is involved make domestic relations cases more than half of the total volume in District Court.

Criminal and traffic appeals from the County and Municipal Courts, which account for more than half the appellate volume, are decided by a judge of the District Court solely on the record. In most civil appeals the District Court decision is de novo on the record from the lower court, but the judge may admit additional evidence if he determines that it is reasonably necessary to do so. Appeals in probate and small claims cases are tried de novo by the District Court.

New filings in the District Court increased nearly two per cent in 1978, after a less than one per cent increase in 1977. Domestic relations filings increased more than eight per cent, criminal filings showed no change, civil filings increased more than 11 per cent, and appeals from county courts were down nearly 20 per cent.

The number of cases which had to be reopened for further processing continued its substantial increase -- up 36 per cent from 1977 after a 25 per cent increase from 1976.

#### THE COUNTY COURTS

Nebraska's County Courts now have completed six years of operation under the reorganized County Court System.

Before reorganization enacted by the 1972 Legislature and implemented on Jan. 4, 1973, each of Nebraska's 93 counties had a county judge, the majority of whom had no legal training. In addition, there were several hundred justices of the peace and local magistrates, almost none of whom had legal training.

The reorganized system abolished the justice of the peace and police magistrate courts and merged their functions into the County Court System. County Court jurisdiction was increased and qualifications were established for judges and other court personnel.

The County Court System is organized in 21 judicial districts, coinciding with the district courts. Each county has a County Court, and in some counties divisions operate at locations other than the county seat, although only in Norfolk (Madison County) is the division permanently staffed. The districts range in size from one to nine counties, with one to three judges for each district. The 43 County Court judges are all lawyers, as required by law. In addition, at least one associate judge has been appointed in each county, who, in most cases, also serves as clerk of the County Court. The associate judge is primarily responsible for clerical and administrative, rather than judicial, matters. Most are not lawyers, but they are required to attend annual training institutes under the direction of the Supreme Court.

Additional associate judges may be appointed by the County Court judges for the district when required by the volume of cases. Salaries of associate judges are set by the appointing judges, subject to a statutory maximum of three-fourths of the salary of a County Court judge and subject to approval by the Supreme Court.

The County Courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in all probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption and eminent domain cases. They have concurrent jurisdiction with the District Courts in misdemeanor cases arising under state law, but virtually all misdemeanor cases are tried in the County Courts. The jurisdictional limit of the County Courts in civil cases is \$5,000. While this is exercised concurrently with the District Courts, the majority of cases involving less than \$5,000 are filed in the County Courts.

Except in Nebraska's two largest cities -- Omaha and Lincoln -- the County Courts also have exclusive original jurisdiction in cases involving municipal ordinances. Except in those cities and in Sarpy County, the County Courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in juvenile matters.

Except in Omaha, all preliminary hearings in felony cases are held in County Courts. In Omaha, the Municipal Court conducts most of the preliminary hearings, but there has been a steady increase in the number conducted by the County Court. Since Nebraska rarely uses grand jury indictments, the preliminary hearing is used to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, and that the accused committed it.

County Court filings have increased steadily in the six years since the court system was reorganized, totaling 282,933 in 1978. This represented a more than 10 per cent increase over 1977, almost 27,000 more filings.

Traffic cases accounted for more than 71 per cent of the 1978 total. There was little change in most other categories on a statewide basis, although felonies were down slightly and small claims filings increased four per cent to more than 10,000.

In May through October, 1978, more than 25,000 cases were filed each month. In previous years, in only one month were more than 25,000 cases filed.

Lincoln County again 1ed the state in the number of cases filed with a record 26,389. Sarpy County had 15,697 filings, a 25 per cent increase. Cass, Douglas, Hall and Scotts Bluff Counties had more than 10,000 filings. Although Arthur County had only 57 filings, this was more than double its previous year's volume of 25.

Detailed tables of County Court case activity may be found in Appendix A.

#### THE MUNICIPAL COURTS

Nebraska's two largest cities -- Omaha and Lincoln -- are the only ones maintaining Municipal Courts since the reorganization of courts of limited jurisdiction in 1973.

While the two Municipal Courts are financed entirely by the respective cities, they are subject to the administrative authority of the Supreme Court, their judges' salaries are set by state law, and the judges are selected and retained under the merit plan.

The Municipal Courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the County Courts in civil cases, including small claims, and in criminal cases arising under state law. They have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving the violation of Omaha and Lincoln ordinances. County Court rules of procedure apply to the Municipal Courts.

Lincoln Municipal Court filings increased more than 23 per cent in 1978, while the Omaha increase was more than eight per cent.

# MUNICIPAL COURT FILINGS 1978

	Lincoln	Omaha
Traffic/Criminal	40,301	76,782
Civil/Small Claims	3,920	14,347
TOTAL	44,221	91,129

#### THE SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS

Caseloads in Nebraska's three Separate Juvenile Courts decreased in 1978. Nebraska's three largest counties -- Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy -- are the only ones to have Separate Juvenile Courts. The court in Sarpy County completed its first full year in 1978 with 472 petitions filed, 44 less than in its first 11 months of operations in 1977. Douglas County saw a 15 per cent reduction in juvenile petitions filed, from 1,079 in 1977 to 914 in 1978. In Lancaster County, 341 petitions were filed in 1978 compared with 387 in 1977.

Nebraska law now permits Separate Juvenile Courts to be established in any county of more than 30,000 population, with the approval of the voters.

The Separate Juvenile Courts have the same jurisdiction and employ the same procedures as the County Courts sitting as Juvenile Courts in other counties, except that appeals from the Separate Juvenile Courts go directly to the Supreme Court. Douglas County has two judges, Lancaster and Sarpy, one each. The judges are selected and retained under the merit plan.

#### THE COMPENSATION COURT

The Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Court has authority to administer and enforce all provisions of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Act, which includes original jurisdiction of all claims for workmen's compensation benefits resulting from occupational injuries or illnesses. All industrial accidents are required to be reported to this court.

The court consists of five judges, one of whom is elected by them as presiding judge. Compensation Court judges have statewide jurisdiction and travel to all parts of the state to hold hearings in county seats.

All disputed claims for workmen's compensation are submitted to the Compensation Court for finding, award, order or judgment. One judge of the court hears all disputed cases in the first instance, and all cases which are appealed are heard before three judges sitting en banc. Appeals from the judgment of the Compensation Court after a rehearing go directly to the Supreme Court.

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT CASES

#### TWO-YEAR COMPARISON

	July 1, 1976 to	July 1, 1977 to
	June 30, 1977	June 30, 1978
Original & Settlement Hearing	869	855
Rehearings Heard & Settled	136	144
Disputed Claims Filed	803	796
Cases Appealed to Supreme Court	12	13

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Creation of the Office of State Court Administrator was authorized by Nebraska voters in 1970 when they approved amendments revising the judicial article of the Constitution. Among the revisions was the adoption of the following provision:

"In accordance with rules established by the Supreme Court and not in conflict with other provisions of this Constitution and laws governing such matters, general administrative authority over all courts in this state shall be vested in the Supreme Court and shall be exercised by the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall be the executive head of the courts and may appoint an administrative director thereof."

When the 1972 Legislature adopted Legislative Bill 1032, establishing the new County Court System and giving the Supreme Court responsibility for its implementation, Chief Justice Paul W. White appointed James E. Dunlevey as Nebraska's first State Court Administrator, effective July 1, 1972.

During the first year of operation, the Court Administrator's Office concentrated almost exclusively on implementation of the county court reorganization. With the new County Court System in operation, the office turned to projects assisting the courts in case processing and records management, and the development of a statistical reporting system for both the County and District Courts. A uniform accounting system has been implemented for all County Courts, along with improved in-service training programs for court personnel, particularly court stenographers in the County Court System.

Ongoing responsibilities of the office include development, presentation and management of the budget for the courts; review of all legislation for impact on the courts; providing information to the public and cooperating with the Nebraska State Bar Association and Nebraska Continuing Legal Education, Inc., in development and presentation of judicial education programs; and assisting in development of improved court facilities throughout the state.

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Major administrative office projects during 1978 included a Procedures Manual for Associate Judges and Court Clerks, a Bench Book for County Judges, replacement of recording equipment in several County Court districts, and the development of a system of disposition reporting.

The procedures manual is designed to inform associate judges and clerks about administrative procedures in the courts. A committee of associate judges held several meetings during the year and was responsible for writing most of the manual. Three-fourths of the manual was completed for presentation at the May, 1979, meeting of the Associate Judges' Association. Goal for completion of the entire procedures manual is Spring, 1980.

The Bench Book is designed as a reference for county judges on judicial matters arising in the courtroom. A committee of county judges, who are writing sections of the book, met several times during 1978 to plan the book and edit portions completed. Major sections of the book were completed for the May, 1979, County Judges' meeting.

A law, passed by the Nebraska Legislature, effective April, 1978, requires that courts report final criminal dispositions back to local arresting authorities and, in some cases, the Nebraska State Patrol. Forms to serve those purposes were designed in 1978 with the help of a committee of associate judges and clerks of the District Court. The forms were ready for implementation during the Summer of 1979.

Reel-to-reel tape recorders in 10 County Court districts were replaced with cassette recorders specifically designed for courtroom use. Replacement of the old equipment, in all districts, is a continuing project of the Court Administrator's Office.

#### STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE STAFF

James E. Dunlevey State Court Administrator

Joseph C. Steele Deputy Administrator

Donald C. Patton Assistant Administrator

Kenneth A. Wade Assistant Administrator

Mark L. Wagner Regional Administrator

Mary Kuszelewicz Administrative Assistant

Carol Nellis Account Clerk

Mari Matulka Secretary

Laura J. Partsch Law Clerk

#### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Financing of Nebraska's courts is a mixed state and local responsibility. This makes it difficult to determine exact expenditures for the operation of all of the courts of the state. The Court Administrator's Office has sought information from individual courts and has reviewed county budgets on file in the Office of the State Auditor. From this effort, it is obvious that counties employ a variety of budgeting methods. Some appear to include capital expenditures within the operating budgets of the clerks of the District Court. Others appear to include the cost of court-appointed counsel within these budgets. Still others appear to include probation expenses within County Court budgets. But not all counties do one or more of these things. And it is sometimes difficult to identify the items that are included.

The Supreme Court and the Workmen's Compensation Court are entirely state-financed. The County Court System is approximately 90 per cent state-financed, the state paying all personnel costs, including travel, and expenses associated with tape recording equipment. Counties are responsible for providing office supplies, equipment and facilities.

Salaries and expenses of the District Court judges and Separate Juvenile Court judges and their court reporters are paid by the state. Counties are responsible for other operating costs of the District and Separate Juvenile Courts, including clerical personnel.

The Omaha and Lincoln Municipal Courts are financed entirely by the respective cities.

Operation of the statewide probation system is the statutory responsibility of the Nebraska District Court Judges Association. The system serves both the District and County Courts, but in some counties additional juvenile probation officers have been appointed by the County Courts and are paid by the counties. Probation staffs of the Separate Juvenile Courts in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy Counties are paid by the counties.

For fiscal 1978 (July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978), slightly more than \$16 million was expended for operation of the courts, funded in whole or in part by the state.

#### FISCAL 1978 EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Federa1 Funds	Local Funds
Supreme Court	\$ 962,540	\$ 64,761	
County Courts .	3,738,660		\$ 879,801
District & Separate			
Juvenile Courts	2,912,974	9,189	5,091,332
Workmen's Comp. Crt.	451,171	32,084	
Probation System	1,417,039	51,001	427,075
TOTAL	\$9,482,384	\$157,035	\$6,398,208

Total State General Fund Expenditures in fiscal 1978 were \$478,688,794. State expenditures for the courts were 1.995 per cent of that total.

Appropriations for fiscal 1979 (July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979), are:

	General Fund	Federal Local Funds Funds
Supreme Court County Courts	\$ 1,123,658 4,034,357	\$ 94,736 \$1,143,709
District & Separate Juvenile Courts Workmen's Comp. Crt.	3,005,733 438,171	30,000 6,264,983 35,475
Probation System	1,593,363	402,246
TOTAL	\$10,195,282	\$170,211 \$7,810,938

Fees and costs collected by the Supreme Court, the County Courts, and the Workmen's Compensation Court are deposited in the State General Fund. Counties receive fees and costs collected by the District Courts, and the Cities of Lincoln and Omaha retain the fees and costs from the Municipal Courts.

Nebraska's Constitution prescribes the distribution of fines collected by the courts, with most of the money being distributed to school districts. Fines resulting from truck overload violations are split between the state highway fund (75 per cent) and the general fund of the county in which the violation occurs (25 per cent).

The courts collect a one-dollar fee in each civil and criminal case for the judges retirement fund, and fee based on the vaule of the estate in probate cases. In all criminal and traffic cases in which there is a conviction, the courts collect a one-dollar fee for the Law Enforcement Improvement Fund, which supports the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The following table summarizes the distribution of court-generated revenue for calendar 1978:

	To State Funds	To Local Funds	Total Distributed
County Courts			
Overload Fines	\$ 683,119	\$ 227,706	\$ 910,825
Other Fines		4,808,274	4,808,274
Liquidated Damages	17,904		17,904
Fees & Costs	2,211,595		2,211,595
Law Enforcement Improvement			
Fund	226,368		226,368
Judges Retirement Fund	297,938		297,938
Misc. Local Fees		201,648	201,648
County Court Total	3,436,924	$5,\overline{237,628}$	$8,\overline{674,552}$
District Courts			
Fees & Fines (estimated)		950,000	950,000
Law Enforcement Improvement			
Fund (estimated)	5,000		5,000
Judges Retirement Fund	2,700		
(estimated)	22,000		22,000
District Court Total	$\frac{27,000}{27,000}$	950,000	27,000
Workmen's Compensation Court		200,000	_,,,,,,,
Assessments (estimated)	138,723		138,723
Supreme Court			
Fees & Costs (fiscal '78)	15,025		15,025
Library Sales (fiscal '78)	111,139		111,139
Supreme Court Total	126,164	200 Die um aus aus eur ein	126,164
TOTAL ALL COLDEC	\$3,728,811	\$6,187,628	\$9,916,439
TOTAL ALL COURTS	Ψυ, / Δυ, ΟΙΙ	φυρ το / ο το	φυ ο ΣΕΟ ο Ψυσ

<sup>\*</sup>In addition, inheritance tax assessments are made by the County Courts. These funds are payable directly to the counties. Total assessments for 1978 were \$7,031,842.

#### COURT STUDY CONTINUING

In 1978, a special committee of the Nebraska State Bar Association (NSBA) continued its work on court organization and administration. The committee, chaired by Thomas W. Tye of Kearney, introduced several recommendations to the 1979 Legislature.

The recommendations were first submitted to the NSBA House of Delegates in October, 1977. Recommendations approved by the House of Delegates were drafted into legislation and reviewed again by the House of Delegates in November, 1978.

The Legislature passed two of the Tye Committee recommendations: (1) a bill to set the qualifications for Nebraska judges at the minimum age of 30 with practice requirements of five years; and (2) a bill permitting retired judges to sit in courts of the same jurisdictions as the courts on which they previously served to relieve or prevent congested dockets.

Committee proposals for major changes in the role of associate county judges were not presented to the Legislature. The committee proposed that all associate judges be lawyers, eliminating the requirement for an associate judge in each county. The Supreme Court felt that the proposals presented some practical problems, and encouraged consideration of alternatives.

#### JUDICIAL SALARY INCREASE

Judicial salaries increased Jan. 1, 1979, as a result of action by the 1978 Legislature.

	1978 Salaries	Salaries Effective 1979
Supreme Court	\$39,750	\$43,000
District and Separate Juvenile Courts (Judges in Douglas and Lancaster Counties receive		
supplements of \$1,500.)	36,500	39,500
County Courts in districts with more than 100,000 population	30,740	34,450
County Courts in districts with less than 100,000 population	25,440	28,500
Workmen's Compensation Court	34,250	37,050
Municipal Courts	33,000	35,700

#### RETIREMENTS BRING CHANGE

Norman Krivosha was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court on Dec. 22, 1978. He replaced Paul W. White, who retired Sept. 17, after a judicial career of more than 30 years. White was an acting judge of the Lincoln Municipal Court, became a Lancaster District Court judge in 1953, and was elected Chief Justice in 1962.

He is the last Nebraska chief justice to be elected on a statewide ballot. On the same day White was elected in 1962, Nebraska voters amended the Constitution to provide for merit selection.

Before becoming the first Nebraska chief justice appointed by the governor under the merit selection plan, Krivosha was a trial attorney in Lincoln. He was selected from eight nominees.

Also retiring from the Supreme Court in 1979 was Justice Henry A. Spencer, who served 18 years on the Court. He also served as a judge of the Lancaster County Court starting in 1945, and of the Lancaster County District Court. District Judge William C. Hastings was appointed to succeed Justice Spencer.

With Chief Justice White's 30 years on the bench and Spencer's 34, judicial retirements, resignations and deaths removed a combined total of 159 years of service from the bench.

#### Those retiring were:

Supreme Court		Foul W. White 30 years Harry Spencer 34 years
District Court		Donald H. Weaver 17 years Patrick W. Lynch 25 years
County Court	Hon.	Cecil Orton 5 years George Bigelow 14 years C.S. Marchek 6 years

District Judge John Murphy of Omaha, resigned after 17 years' experience to become general counsel for Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Omaha.

County Judge Laurice Margheim of Alliance, resigned to return to private practice. He had been on the bench five years.

County Judge Joseph Martin of Grand Island, was appointed to fill the seat of District Court Judge Donald Weaver, who retired.

District Court Judge Eugene McFadden and his court reporter, Dale Thies, were killed in a car-train collision, Jan. 26, 1979, near Norfolk. McFadden had been District Court judge for two years following four years as a County Court judge in the ninth district. Theis had been a court reporter for 15 years.

Richard L. Mowers retired Sept. 1, 1978, after 35 years as a court reporter for seven different judges.

The following listing of judges is current as of August 1, 1979. Askerisks indicate judges taking office since May 1, 1978.

#### NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT JUDGES

\*Honorable Norman M. Krivosha, Chief Justice

\*Honorable William C. Hastings Honorable Leslie Boslaugh Honorable Hale McCown Honorable Lawrence M. Clinton Honorable Donald Brodkey Honorable C. Thomas White

### NEBRASKA DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

District		
1	Honorable William F. Colwell	Pawnee City
2	Honorable Raymond J. Case Honorable Ronald E. Reagan Honorable George H. Stanley	Plattsmouth Papillion Nebraska City
3	Honorable William D. Blue *Honorable Donald Endacott Honorable Dale Fahrnbruch Honorable Herbert A. Ronin Honorable Samuel Van Pelt	Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln
4	Honorable James A. Buckley Honorable John C. Burke Honorable Samuel P. Caniglia *Honorable D. Nick Caporale Honorable John E. Clark Honorable Jerry M. Gitnick Honorable John T. Grant Honorable Donald J. Hamilton Honorable Paul J. Hickman *Honorable Keith Howard Honorable James Murphy Honorable Theodore L. Richling	Omaha
5	Honorable Bryce Bartu Honorable William H. Norton	Seward Osceola
6	Honorable Mark J. Fuhrman Honorable Walter G. Huber	Fremont Blair
7	Honorable Orville L. Coady	Hebron
8	Honorable Francis J. Kneifl	Dakota City
<b>9</b>	*Honorable Richard P. Garden Honorable Merritt C. Warren	Norfolk Creighton
10	Honorable Bernard Sprague Honorable Fred R. Irons	Red Cloud Hastings
11	Honorable Lloyd W. Kelly, Jr. Honorable Joseph Martin	Grand Island Grand Island

District		
12	Honorable DeWayne Wolf	Kearney
13	Honorable Hugh Stuart Honorable Keith Windrum	North Platte Gothenburg
14	Honorable Jack Hendrix	Trenton
15	Honorable Henry Reimer	O'Neill
16	Honorable Robert R. Moran	Alliance
17	Honorable Robert O. Hippe Honorable Alfred Kortum	Gering Gering
18	Honorable William B. Rist	Beatrice
19	Honorable John D. Knapp	Kimball
20	Honorable James R. Kelly	Broken Bow
21	Honorable John C. Whitehead	Columbus

NOTE: Current as of August 1, 1979

#### NEBRASKA COUNTY COURT JUDGES

<u>District</u>		
1	Honorable Albert Maust	Falls City
2	Honorable Eugene T. Atkinson Honorable Jeffrey L. Campbell Honorable Albert Walsh	Papillion Papillion Papillion
3	Honorable Jeffre P. Cheuvront Honorable Robert R. Camp	Lincoln Lincoln
4	Honorable Samuel Cooper Honorable Robert C. McGowan	Omaha Omaha
5	Honorable Robert T. Cattle, Jr. Honorable Myrl D. Edstrom Honorable Curtis H. Evans	Seward Wahoo York
6	Honorable Daniel Beckwith Honorable Chester N. Sutton	Fremont Blair
<b>7</b>	Honorable Ray L. Cellar Honorable Clarence C. Kunc	Geneva Wilber
	Honorable David W. Curtiss *Honorable Neil R. McCluhan	Hartington Dakota City
9	Honorable James Duggan Honorable Stephen Finn *Honorable Philip Riley	Norfolk Neligh Creighton
10	Honorable Harry C. Haverly Honorable Jack R. Ott	Hastings Alma
11	*Honorable Richard L. DeBacker	Grand Island
12	Honorable John Icenogle	Kearney
13	*Honorable Lloyd G. Kaufman Honorable Earl E. Morgan Honorable Richard P. Myers	Lexington North Platte Ogallala

District			
14		Cloyd Clark, Jr. B. Bert Leffler	McCook Grant
15		C. Norman Gonderinger August F. Schuman	O'Neill Ainsworth
16		Glen A. Fiebig Charles F. Fisher	Alliance Chadron
17		G. Glenn Camerer James L. Macken	Gering Gering
18	Honorable	Paul Korslund	Beatrice
19		Thomas H. Dorwart Kenneth C. Fritzler	Sidney Kimball
20		Roy E. Blixt Keith J. Kovanda	Ord Broken Bow
21	Honorable	Gary F. Hatfield Gerald E. Rouse Lyle Winkle	Central City Columbus Columbus

NOTE: Current as of August 1, 1979

#### NEBRASKA JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Honorable Wilfred W. Nuernberger Lincoln

Honorable Colleen R. Buckley Omaha Honorable Joseph W. Moylan Omaha

Honorable William D. Staley Papillion

### NEBRASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT JUDGES

Honorable Mark A. Buchholz

Honorable James P. Monen

Honorable Ben Novicoff

Honorable Theodore W. Vrana

Lincoln

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Honorable Paul E. LeClair Omaha

#### NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

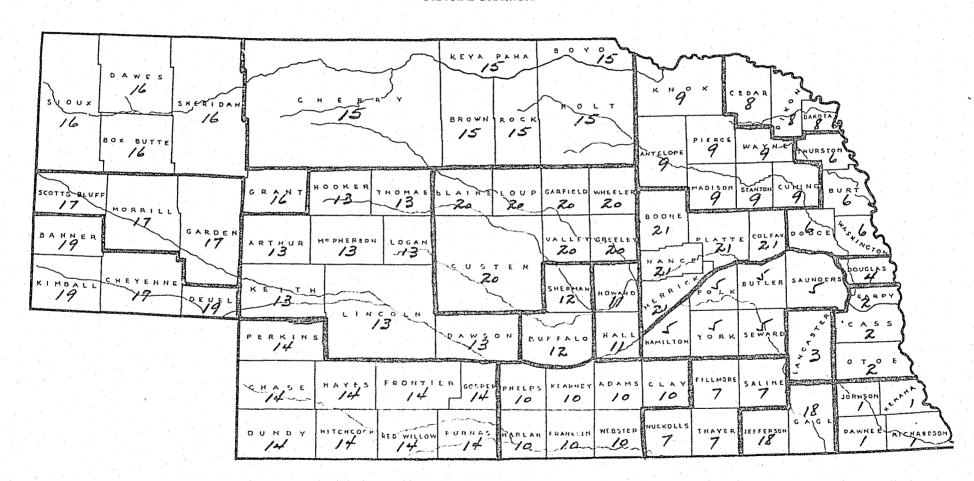
Honorable Neal H. Dusenberry
Honorable Janice L. Gradwohl
Honorable Donald R. Grant
Honorable Thomas J. McManus
Lincoln
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Honorable Theodore L. Carlson Omaha Honorable Walter H. Cropper Omaha Honorable Francis A. McLane Omaha Honorable Fred J. Montag Omaha Honorable Elizabeth D. Pittman Omaha Honorable William F. Ryan Omaha Honorable Joseph Troia Omaha Honorable Robert C. Vondrasek Omaha Honorable A.Q. Wolf Omaha

NOTE: Current as of August 1, 1979

## NEBRASKA JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

District	No. of Counties	Population 1970	Area Sq. Mi.	Law Trained Assoc.	County Court Judges	District Court Judges	Municipal Court Judges	Juvenile Court Judges
1.	4	31,469	1,760	<u>-</u>	1	1		
2	3	98,541	1,413	<u></u>	3	3		1
3	1	167,942	845	<u>-</u> -	2	5	4	1
4	1	389,455	335	<u></u>	2	12	9	2
5	6	69,959	3,458	1	3	2	<u></u> -	
6	4	64,281	1,785	1	2	2	<del></del>	
7	4	36,129	2,308	·	2	1		
8	3	32,782	1,472		2	1		
9	7	84,757	4,550	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	3	2		
10	7, 7,	69,398	3,877	1	2	2		<del></del>
11	2	49,658	1,101	1	1	2		<del></del>
12	2	35,947	1,519	1	1	1		
13	8	61,675	8,097	1	3	2		
14	9	41,307	6,953	1	2			and the second s
15	6	31,123	11,904		2	1	- <del></del>	
16	5	30,193	7,743	1	2	1	<b></b>	
17	3	45,174	3,806	<del></del>	2	2		
18	2	36,155	1,435		1	1	<b>ans ins</b>	
19	4	20,538	3,313		2		. <del></del>	
20	7	29,034	6,126		2	1		
21	5	58,125	2,675		3	1		$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$



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#### THE PROCESS OF APPEAL

#### SUPREME COURT Chief Justice & 6 Judges

Highest Appellate Court; may exercise original jurisdiction in certain cases, primarily where state is a party.

## SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS

Douglas (2 judges), Lancaster (1 judge), and Sarpy (1 judge) counties.

# DISTRICT COURT 45 judges serving 21 districts covering 93 counties

Trial court of general jurisdiction; tries all felony cases, civil cases involving more than \$5000 & all domestic relations cases. Hears & determines appeals from county & municipal courts.

#### WORKMEN'S COMP. COURT 5 judges

Judges hear cases throughout state.

# COUNTY COURTS 43 judges serving 21 districts covering 93 counties

Jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases, including
traffic and municipal
ordinance violations;
preliminary hearings in
felony cases; civil cases
involving less than \$5000;
small claims; probate,
guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, eminent
domain; juvenile courts
except in Douglas,
Lancaster, and Sarpy
counties.

#### MUNICIPAL COURTS Omaha (9 judges) & Lincoln (4 judges)

Jurisdiction over all municipal ordinance violations. Concurrent jurisdiction with county courts in state misdemeanor and civil cases, including small claims.

# STATISTICAL APPENDIX

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COURTS

### DISTRICT COURT 1978 CASE ACTIVITY

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
1st Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	25	35	1	35	26
	68	56	24	94	54
	30	38	5	43	30
	71	91	18	111	69
	194	220	48	283	179
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	202 103 931 1,246	206 198 1,010 1,414	27 24 594 645	281 194 1,630 2,105	154 141 905 1,200
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	667 667	3,424 3,424	661 661	3,992 3,992	760 760
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	5,446	7,890	1,295	9,134	5,497
	5,446	7,890	1,295	9,134	5,497
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	53	82	9	74	70
	48	74	0	87	35
	60	33	7	56	44
	141	238	40	233	186
	103	133	39	188	87
	127	188	77	292	100
	532	748	172	930	522
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	45	91	0	91	45
	267	500	176	623	320
	86	112	17	149	66
	96	151	2	142	107
	494	854	195	1,005	538
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	33	57	5	49	46
	26	43	6	46	29
	73	96	6	99	76
	41	47	11	62	37
	173	243	28	256	188
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	37 182 20 239	58 300 32 390	0 109 17 126	66 445 47 558	29 146 22 197

Out Tulfinian District	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	18 18 20 151 28 29 28 292	48 52 65 340 55 34 51 645	19 25 5 79 10 29 7 174	62 66 64 381 59 64 62 758	23 29 26 189 34 28 24 353
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	187 72 46 39 48 157 137 686	350 81 27 42 67 117 48 727	30 11 3 4 14 0 1 63	291 82 47 35 63 117 59	276 82 29 50 61 157 127 782
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	353 36 389	820 27 847	347 9 356	943 37 980	577 35 612
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	238 56 294	417 36 453	62 0 62	528 65 593	189 27 216
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	1 248 3 110 402 3 1 5 773	0 276 6 153 596 23 10 14 1,078	0 94 0 77 222 0 0 0 393	1 416 6 236 768 9 10 7	0 202 3 104 452 17 1 12 791
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	31 15 16 39 18 5 21 6 102 253	56 22 32 72 25 18 41 24 187 477	15 4 1 8 3 2 3 1 55 92	71 24 42 80 37 16 46 12 253 581	31 17 7 39 9 9 19 19 19 211

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	22	13	0	21	14
	55	67	1	65	58
	51	85	7	93	50
	102	145	79	201	125
	5	12	2	10	9
	23	26	1	23	27
	258	348	90	413	283
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	67	187	32	203	83
	55	156	16	180	47
	29	10	2	30	11
	85	113	26	151	73
	17	9	0	19	7
	253	475	76	583	221
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	37	27	1	37	28
	64	61	5	64	66
	530	776	223	940	589
	631	864	229	1,041	683
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	116	251	60	290	137
	65	92	0	125	32
	181	343	60	415	169
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	17	11	0	13	15
	78	162	59	206	93
	22	24	0	28	18
	51	80	21	84	68
	168	277	80	331	194
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	4 156 16 26 11 25 8 246	5 133 19 25 14 38 13 247	4 15 1 0 0 0 0 0 20	6 145 12 20 9 45 11 248	7 159 24 31 16 18 10 265
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	58	58	25	77	64
	48	63	4	67	48
	75	89	62	166	60
	26	23	15	41	23
	227	260	38	310	215
	434	493	144	661	410
STATE TOTAL	13,849	22,457	5,009	27,014	14,301

#### CRIMINAL & DOMESTIC RELATIONS 1978 DISTRICT COURT

Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	<u>filed</u>	CRIMINA reopened	L <u>disposed</u>		MESTIC RE	LATIONS disposed
lst Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	7 6 3 8 24	1 4 1 2 8	8 12 10 11 41	9 30 13 45 97	0 20 3 16 39	11 50 9 63 133
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	29 46 107 182	0 6 49 55	25 30 188 243	79 71 663 813	25 16 510 551	145 101 1,117 1,363
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	627 627	68 68	757 757	1,445 1,445	498 498	2,019 2,019
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	1,212 1,212	2 2	1,301 1,301	3,612 3,612	1,272 1,272	5,186 5,186
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	20 14 4 62 27 40 167	4 0 0 8 3 7 22	19 18 6 52 41 48 184	15 35 11 65 58 82 266	5 0 4 12 20 56 97	20 29 19 79 80 157 384
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	9 39 6 21 75	0 4 4 0 8	10 47 6 25 88	44 293 63 69 469	0 169 13 0 182	44 448 105 76 673
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	3 6 12 3 24	0 0 0 1 1	1 3 18 8 30	24 24 56 23 127	5 3 6 9 23	31 26 57 29 143
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	6 29 1 36	0 33 3 36	9 94 4 107	26 168 16 210	0 62 12 74	24 238 25 287

	<u>filed</u>	CRIMINA reopened	L disposed	D filed	OMESTIC RI reopened	
9th Judicial District Antelope Curing Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0	0	20	12	30
	9	0	7	15	25	33
	9	2	10	28	0	26
	19	4	30	188	65	232
	4	0	2	25	10	35
	2	1	5	12	25	39
	1	1	4	34	4	36
	44	8	58	322	141	431
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	70	2	66	182	23	160
	7	0	6	43	10	52
	3	0	10	6	3	14
	3	0	0	12	0	15
	17	3	14	22	11	27
	11	0	24	62	0	60
	8	0	8	15	1	11
	119	5	128	342	48	339
llth Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	136 0 136	38 4 42	152 2 154	316 15 331	269 5 274	537 23 560
12th Judicial Distric <sup>+</sup> Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TUTAL	45	12	74	205	43	268
	5	0	17	16	0	30
	50	12	91	221	43	298
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	0 45 0 29 96 2 0 0	0 33 0 17 21 0 0 0	0 73 0 56 89 2 0 0	0 93 3 67 223 0 5 5 396	0 49 0 50 161 0 0 0 260	0 185 3 104 382 1 5 3 683
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	3	0	4	23	4	20
	3	1	3	12	3	10
	6	0	4	5	1	10
	4	0	4	30	7	37
	0	0	0	6	3	12
	0	0	0	7	0	3
	5	1	7	13	2	16
	5	0	2	6	1	6
	29	6	50	104	44	144
	55	3	74	206	65	258

	<u>filed</u>	CRIMINA reopened	L disposed		MESTIC RE	LATIONS disposed
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	1 13 17 10 1 0 42	0 1 0 7 0 0 0 8	1 15 14 14 0 0 44	5 29 39 59 3 7 142	0 0 6 43 2 1 52	11 19 40 89 4 9
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	58	9	59	58	23	84
	32	12	41	67	4	95
	2	0	1	7	2	6
	37	3	52	36	19	59
	0	0	0	3	0	11
	129	24	153	171	48	255
17th Judicial District Garden Morril1 Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	3	0	3	14	1	12
	14	0	12	19	2	30
	122	12	116	367	197	525
	139	12	131	400	200	567
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	44	5	49	133	53	177
	18	0	24	50	0	68
	62	5	73	183	53	245
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0	1	1	0	2
	54	18	64	73	34	108
	5	0	6	13	0	10
	15	2	24	34	14	39
	74	20	95	121	48	159
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	0 15 3 2 0 4 0 24	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 13 1 3 0 8 0 25	2 56 10 5 5 15 1 94	2 15 1 0 0 0 0 0	4 62 8 4 4 14 2 98
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	8	5	9	21	16	25
	14	0	10	24	3	24
	10	6	12	34	37	83
	4	0	7	5	11	13
	48	15	56	111	14	126
	84	26	94	195	81	271
STATE TOTAL	3,477	441	4,091	10,163	4,067	14,524

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1978
DISTRICT COURT
Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	<u>filed</u>	OTHER CIV	TL disposed	filed	APPEAL reopened	disposed
lst Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	19 15 22 37 93	0 0 1 0 1	16 26 24 36 102	0 5 0 1 6	0 0 0 0	0 6 0 1 7
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	86 47 214 347	2 2 32 36	95 54 307 456	12 34 26 72	0 0 3 3	16 9 18 43
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	794 794	87 87	834 834	558 558	8 8	382 382
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	2,140 2,140	0	2,162 2,162	926 926	0	485 485
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	27 22 15 64 39 49 216	0 0 3 17 11 12 43	18 31 30 73 47 69 268	20 3 3 47 9 17 99	0 0 0 3 5 2 10	17 9 1 29 20 18 94
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	38 141 31 50 260	0 3 0 2 5	36 109 31 30 206	0 27 12 11 50	0 0 0 0	1 19 7 11 38
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	28 13 25 19 85	0 3 0 1 4	15 17 23 23 78	2 0 3 2 7	0 0 0 0	2 0 1 2 5
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	26 88 8 122	0 11 1 12	33 94 10 137	0 15 7 22	0 3 1 4	0 19 8 27

	filed	OTHER CIV	TL disposed	filed	APPEAL reopened	disposed
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	27 23 27 108 25 20 13 243	7 0 3 10 0 3 2 25	32 24 27 108 21 20 18 250	1 5 1 25 1 0 3 36	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 2 1 11 0 0 4 19
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	98 27 18 27 21 42 25 258	5 1 0 4 0 0 0 0	65 19 23 20 18 31 40 216	0 4 0 0 2 2 2 0 8	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 5 0 0 4 2 0 11
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	284 12 296	40 0 40	229 12 241	84 0 84	0 0 0	25 0 25
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	137 15 152	7 0 7	158 18 176	30 0 30	0 0 0	28 0 28
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	0 86 3 57 232 20 5 9 412	0 9 0 10 34 0 0 0 53	1 97 3 76 239 6 5 4	0 52 0 0 45 1 0 0 98	0 3 0 0 6 0 0 0	0 61 0 0 58 0 0 0
14th Judicial District Chase Dumdy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	30 7 16 35 19 11 19 13 48 198	11 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 4 18	47 11 22 38 25 13 21 4 53 234	0 0 5 3 0 0 4 0 6	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 6 1 0 0 2 0 6 15

Civil & Appeals 1978 District Court Cases filed, reopened, disposed

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15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	7 25 28 76 7 19 162	0 0 1 28 0 0 29	9 31 39 94 6 14 193	0 0 1 0 1 0 2	0 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 4 0 0 0 4
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICI TOTAL	63 53 1 25 5 147	0 0 0 2 0 2	52 37 23 20 6 138	8 4 0 15 1 28	0 0 0 2 0 2	8 7 0 20 2 37
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	10 25 249 284	0 3 13 16	21 18 256 295	0 .3 .38 41	0 0 1 1	1 4 43 48
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	60 21 81	0 0 0	53 31 84	14 3 17	2 0 2	11 2 13
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	8 28 6 25 67	0 7 0 5 12	10 29 12 18 69	2 7 0 6 15	0 0 0 0	0 5 0 3 8
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	3 54 6 13 9 19 12	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 58 3 6 5 23 9 105	0 8 0 5 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 12 0 7 0 0 0 0 20
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	22 21 25 9 70 147	3 1 9 3 5 21	38 29 39 13 85 204	7 4 20 5 31 67	1 0 10 1 2 14	5 4 32 8 43 92
STATE TOTAL	6,620	422	6,879	2,197	56	1,520

#### DISTRICT COURT TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
1st Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	30	25	36	30	35
	61	60	75	93	56
	2	28	19	24	38
	102	90	102	92	91
	195	203	232	239	220
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	191 136 847 1,174	183 145 929 1,257	243 131 944 1,318	242 129 1,029 1,397	206 198 1,010 1,414
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	2,938	3,438	3,229	3,553	3,424
	2,938	3,438	3,229	3,553	3,424
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	7,385	8,486	7,906	7,520	7,890
	7,385	8,486	7,906	7,520	7,890
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	63	61	56	63	82
	77	66	66	51	74
	42	31	56	44	33
	214	188	224	164	238
	96	110	135	103	133
	180	145	172	153	188
	672	601	709	578	748
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	66	86	68	84	91
	413	449	460	557	500
	72	76	112	123	112
	153	162	143	175	151
	704	773	783	939	854
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	65	77	46	45	57
	55	56	81	45	43
	67	73	71	105	96
	47	54	49	45	47
	234	260	247	240	243
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	50 261 36 347	32 223 30 285	47 293 31 371	53 309 44 406	58 300 32 390

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	58	55	59	73	48
	41	62	49	21	52
	64	67	73	62	65
	279	312	317	371	340
	39	38	43	58	55
	32	54	46	33	34
	38	45	57	47	51
	551	633	644	665	645
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	249	263	311	341	350
	6	53	74	67	81
	20	28	30	33	27
	42	43	33	37	42
	48	49	57	54	62
	117	94	143	114	117
	38	51	68	41	48
	520	581	716	687	727
llth Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	615 33 648	728 51 779	751 40 791	630 38 668	820 27 847
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	360	377	439	402	417
	25	41	36	44	36
	385	418	475	446	453
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	4	3	2	2	0
	208	251	251	308	276
	9	4	5	3	6
	200	156	147	184	153
	426	549	526	587	596
	5	9	5	7	23
	1	0	0	3	10
	5	20	10	2	14
	858	992	946	1,096	1,078
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	59	49	55	94	56
	22	13	26	15	22
	15	6	26	23	32
	50	46	65	58	72
	16	14	22	39	25
	9	8	10	10	18
	29	25	34	38	41
	25	28	36	41	24
	140	158	151	162	187
	365	347	425	480	477

	1974	<u>1975</u>	1976	1977	1978
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	16	5	23	23	13
	45	46	59	70	67
	81	78	69	70	85
	96	102	128	102	145
	14	15	8	9	12
	1	19	20	11	26
	253	265	307	285	348
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	162	174	169	173	187
	99	102	110	123	156
	10	11	7	30	10
	90	146	104	108	113
	15	13	12	11	9
	376	446	402	445	475
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	26	37	45	27	37
	71	53	54	72	64
	710	625	721	809	940
	807	715	820	908	864
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	215 82 297	216 101 317	232 75 307	233 115 348	251 92 343
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	12	7	4	9	11
	159	161	156	153	162
	32	34	31	24	24
	74	82	73	104	80
	277	284	264	290	277
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	6	0	4	7	5
	138	134	117	123	133
	21	17	21	16	19
	20	14	15	15	25
	6	5	13	12	14
	38	24	51	28	38
	15	3	1	6	13
	244	201	222	207	247
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	46 57 98 28 276 505	56 83 103 43 306 591 21,872	60 58 115 34 302 569 21,683	70 76 104 37 344 631 22,028	58 63 89 23 260 493
YEARLY TOTAL	,,,,,,,,	,		,	er alternative er i tra

#### COUNTY COURT 1978 CASE ACTIVITY

7.4 Tulinia 7 Dinamina	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
1st Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	142 378 143 321 984	548 1,381 500 1,779 4,208	573 1,400 440 1,761 4,174	117 359 203 339 1,018
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	395 455 1,237 2,087	12,273 2,929 15,679 30,881	12,344 2,687 15,172 30,203	324 697 1,744 2,765
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	9,964 9,964	4,940 4,940	4,014 4,014	10,890 10,890
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	12,528 12,528	12,754 12,754	12,057 12,057	13,225 13,225
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	346 276 340 871 668 1,274 3,775	2,570 2,549 626 4,062 6,287 4,489 20,583	2,683 2,456 634 3,926 6,025 4,431 20,155	233 369 332 1,007 930 1,332 4,203
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	272 1,592 460 855 3,179	1,634 9,159 1,639 3,148 15,580	1,586 9,159 1,609 2,798 15,152	320 1,592 490 1,205 3,607
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	208 119 480 365 1,172	1,829 1,461 2,970 3,951 10,211	1,721 1,454 2,857 3,954 9,986	316 126 593 362 1,397
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	370 985 85 1,440	1,959 4,663 796 7,418	1,948 4,414 765 7,127	381 1,234 116 1,731

### County Court 1978 Case Activity

9th Judicial District	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	235 364 167 2,036 374 269 200 3,645	1,368 3,700 1,341 5,786 1,380 1,155 2,028 16,758	1,378 3,787 1,357 6,309 1,463 1,174 1,976 17,444	225 277 151 1,513 291 250 252 2,959
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	1,462 248 42 240 200 409 181 2,782	6,334 2,239 1,096 1,259 1,927 2,975 1,307 17,137	6,439 2,276 1,065 1,228 1,906 3,122 1,316 17,352	1,357 211 73 271 221 262 172 2,567
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	3,637 270 3,907	12,478 1,460 13,938	11,451 1,497 12,948	4,664 233 4,897
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	1,631 145 1,776	8,079 789 8,868	8,364 752 9,116	1,346 182 1,528
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	0 301 75 490 1,302 19 7 25 2,219	57 8,129 604 5,362 26,389 465 100 623 41,729	57 8,070 612 5,337 26,449 461 100 604 41,690	0 360 67 515 1,242 23 7 44 2,258
14th Judicia Pistrict Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	54 121 109 265 44 34 99 95 472 1,293	515 263 571 904 612 72 788 481 3,347 7,553	492 249 617 871 627 77 829 461 3,415 7,638	77 135 63 298 29 29 58 115 404 1,208

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	90	322	328	84
	198	1,039	1,046	191
	503	2,389	2,370	522
	732	2,831	2,939	624
	60	203	211	52
	66	941	920	87
	1,649	7,725	7,814	1,560
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	459	3,786	3,045	1,200
	959	2,939	2,869	1,029
	58	416	392	82
	979	3,819	3,975	823
	40	404	341	103
	2,495	11,364	10,622	3,237
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	107	1,147	1,154	100
	417	3,382	3,432	367
	2,691	11,705	10,698	3,698
	3,215	16,234	15,284	4,165
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	1,061 227 1,288	4,688 1,462 6,150	4,626 1,496 6,122	1,123 193 1,316
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	69	402	405	66
	463	3,462	3,204	721
	491	2,455	2,720	226
	593	2,020	1,909	704
	1,616	8,339	8,238	1,717
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	2	107	102	7
	208	2,579	2,515	272
	53	267	258	62
	63	629	649	43
	14	181	177	18
	46	729	720	55
	21	175	165	31
	407	4,667	4,586	488
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	358	1,077	1,143	292
	645	2,703	2,669	679
	644	2,579	2,603	620
	60	901	898	63
	1,732	8,636	7,875	2,493
	3,439	15,896	15,188	4,147
STATE TOTAL	64,860	282,933	276,910	70,883

## 1978 COUNTY COURT FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	STA	MEANOR TUTE	NON-T	NANCE RAFFIC	JUVE	
1st Judicial District	filed	disposed	<u>filed</u>	disposed	<u>filed</u>	disposed
Johnson Nemaha Pawnee	106 243 109	104 270 68	13 66 0	14 60 0	1 10 7	0 8 7
Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	198 650	210 652	51 130	53 127	38 56	36 51
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe	243 172	253 161	116 113	114 109	83 61	86 63
Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	2,000 2,415	1,783 2,197	53 282	51 274	0 144	0 149
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	1,946 1,946	1,503 1,503	0	0	0	0
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	2,732 2,732	2,557 2,557	11 11	20 20	0	0 0
5th Judicial District Butler	134	167	3	4	16	16
Hamilton Polk Saunders	102 117 577	98 113 614	20 5 19	19 4 27 29	21 27 45 73	23 28 21 73
Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	244 772 1,946	206 692 1,890	26 90 163	74 157	36 268	81 242
6th Judicial District Burt	144	150	6	6	12	12
Dodge Thurston	2,163 587 407	2,314 568 314	642 0 145	673 0 86	196 10 37	187 6 33
Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	3,301	3,346	793	765	255	238
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls	151 32	115 33	2 5	0	55 12	55 11
Saline Thayer	417 71	366 67	138 2	149 2	53 19	57 21
DISTRICT TOTAL	671	581	147	157	139	144
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota	480 491	493 508	0 346	0 336	15 26	14 30
Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	48 1,019	45 1,046	34 380	35 371	8 49	9 53

	MISDEN STAT	ÆANOR TUTE		NANCE RAFFIC	JUVE	NILE
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming	173 130	164 143	14 7	13 7	6 25	5 20
Knox Madison Pierce	137 272 233	141 494 259	0 572 1	0 667 1	12 63 13	13 87 12
Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	86 182 1,213	112 179 1,492	0 64 658	0 65 573	16 9 144	27 5 169
10th Judicial District Adams	070	949	747	416	00	3.27
Clay Franklin	878 337 165	869 336 163	343 1 0	416 1 0	90 42 12	127 34 14
Harlan Kearney	281 140 480	275 139	1 33 100	2 34 104	1 20	6 19 49
Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	94 2,375	500 104 2,386	0 478	104 0 557	50 25 240	19 268
llth Judicial District Hall	990	939	767	795	286	250
Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	68 1,058	76 1,015	3 770	7 7 802	15 301	36 286
12th Judicial District Buffalo	572	667	299	383	120	114
Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	196 768	190 857	16 315	15 398	11 131	7 121
13th Judicial District Arthur	8	8	0	0	1	7
Dawson Hooker	669 27	622 34	229 0	228 0	76 0	77 0
Keith Lincoln	549 625	620 624	13 654	13 645	23 165	19 177
Logan McPherson Thomas	4 5 17	1 5 18	0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,904	1,932	896	886	265	274
14th Judicial District Chase	43	46	7	7	15	16
Dundy Frontier	21 139	22 149	0	0	1 3	$\frac{1}{3}$ .
Furnas Gosper	85 81	76 81	0	0	16 3	15 3
Hayes Hitchcock Perkins	2 151 43	4 161 36	9	0 9 9	0 4 3	0 5 2
Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	585 1,150	623 1,198	79 104	71 96	47 92	52 97

	MISDEN STAT filed	MEANOR TUTE disposed		NANCE RAFFIC disposed	JUVE filed	NILE disposed
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	54	48	0	0	1	1
	163	134	4	3	5	6
	432	348	4	22	4	1
	634	776	53	43	15	17
	53	55	0	0	1	3
	53	51	1	0	3	2
	1,389	1,412	62	0	29	30
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	657	467	321	285	41	26
	313	232	93	104	30	28
	27	26	0	0	0	0
	1,156	1,336	0	0	41	62
	5	8	3	3	0	0
	2,158	2,069	417	392	112	116
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	107	110	13	13	1	1
	272	275	10	10	18	21
	1,070	1,024	666	703	279	275
	1,449	1,409	689	726	298	297
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	534	486	619	586	50	46
	240	262	8	7	15	21
	774	748	627	593	65	67
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	2	2	0	3	0	0
	306	289	92	87	35	39
	42	30	3	3	13	15
	56	57	63	52	14	14
	406	378	158	145	62	68
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
	256	241	23	25	24	27
	41	38	1	0	8	8
	36	38	0	1	23	22
	26	24	2	2	1	1
	65	59	4	4	18	19
	42	36	0	0	0	0
	466	436	30	32	74	77
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL STATE TOTAL	60 388 218 58 2,203 2,927	116 351 254 61 1,985 2,767	11 28 0 0 1,155 1,194 8,304	14 28 0 0 1,012 1,054	14 35 14 4 159 226 2,950	13 43 15 4 187 262 3,009
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		TUTE FFIC disposed		NANCE FFIC disposed	FELO (Prelim. filed	NY Hearing) disposed
lst Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	172 567 285 753 1,777	177 569 266 715 1,727	105 252 0 483 840	100 263 0 488 851	13 31 15 11 70	18 33 10 13 74
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	10,785 1,636 11,878 24,299	10,898 1,509 11,617 24,024	444 456 22 922	419 482 22 923	72 72 244 388	60 65 231 356
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0	0	0 0	1,020 1,020	863 863
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	7,110 7,110	6,779 6,779	453 453	406 406	183 183	241 241
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	2,136 1,869 284 2,682 4,905 2,482 14,358	2,133 1,840 276 2,600 4,759 2,503 14,111	85 249 6 312 682 532 1,866	107 232 6 292 636 563 1,836	19 25 7 46 33 70 200	23 17 8 42 29 61 180
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	1,194 855 837 1,556 4,442	1,168 773 794 1,497 4,232	14 4,160 0 587 4,761	14 4,167 0 538 4,719	14 208 30 29 281	16 132 31 33 212
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	1,361 1,041 1,149 3,657 7,208	1,311 1,028 1,147 3,653 7,139	2 174 847 2 1,025	174 853 2 1,031	12 26 23 18 79	13 21 25 25 84
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	1,239 1,111 396 2,746	1,244 1,015 393 2,652	0 2,152 108 2,260	0 2,036 105 2,141	6 57 0 63	7 67 0 74

		TUTE FFIC disposed		NANCE FFIC disposed	FELO (Prelim. filed	NY Hearing) disposed
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	879 3,193 917 1,454 869 937 932 9,181	869 3,267 912 1,492 913 931 921 9,305	5 54 0 2,503 15 0 561 3,138	9 56 0 2,534 17 0 542 3,158	14 22 11 24 5 1 2 79	15 24 13 55 6 4 2 119
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	3,780	3,516	375	375	56	64
	1,615	1,634	0	0	21	23
	768	751	0	0	5	5
	777	773	1	1	32	32
	1,323	1,302	190	192	36	25
	1,679	1,666	296	306	15	22
	1,066	1,073	0	0	14	10
	11,008	10,715	862	874	179	179
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	4,692 1,176 5,868	4,496 1,181 5,677	4,071 11 4,082	3,773 12 3,785	247 9 256	208 21 229
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	2,915	3,017	2,704	2,701	141	190
	373	356	9	11	10	9
	3,288	3,373	2,713	2,712	151	199
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	37	37	0	0	0	0
	5,101	5,007	1,263	1,296	71	72
	549	555	0	0	0	0
	4,257	4,199	107	104	68	79
	20,031	20,230	3,245	3,234	107	104
	449	445	0	0	4	4
	85	86	0	0	0	0
	563	545	0	0	2	2
	31,412	31,104	4,615	4,634	252	261
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	253	251	19	19	12	10
	147	145	0	0	9	11
	335	379	0	0	7	7
	505	492	1	1	9	7
	471	474	0	0	3	4
	49	54	0	0	0	0
	381	399	109	111	21	31
	274	270	19	19	11	10
	2,063	2,075	3	5	55	67
	4,478	4,539	151	155	127	147

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15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	180	180	11	11	5	7
	570	585	82	82	24	29
	1,693	1,786	4	12	53	32
	1,486	1,454	270	304	27	35
	119	131	0	0	6	5
	801	791	0	0	4	2
	4,849	4,927	367	409	119	110
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	1,246	1,066	1,143	887	72	61
	1,838	1,816	355	372	31	22
	357	340	0	0	3	3
	2,362	2,283	0	0	44	55
	345	297	0	0	8	0
	6,148	5,802	1,498	1,259	158	149
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	897	916	16	16	0	0
	2,873	2,907	56	56	18	21
	4,094	4,118	3,976	3,491	273	210
	7,864	7,941	4,048	3,563	291	231
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	1,260 590 1,850	1,201 559 1,760	1,491 279 1,770	1,532 279 1,811	56 14 70	53 19 72
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	371	368	0	0	2	2
	2,474	2,198	171	173	67	69
	2,285	2,522	18	18	6	40
	1,542	1,436	116	125	19	21
	6,672	6,524	305	316	94	132
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	99	96	0	0	1	1
	1,741	1,695	112	107	49	45
	128	122	0	1	7	3
	362	384	31	28	15	12
	122	122	0	0	4	4
	402	404	66	66	7	7
	114	113	0	0	0	0
	2,968	2,936	209	202	83	72
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	732	752	90	88	10	10
	1,553	1,553	385	390	21	22
	2,064	2,021	5	5	23	21
	734	731	0	0	1	2
	1,768	1,637	2,557	2,177	51	52
	6,851	6,694	3,037	2,660	106	107
STATE TOTAL	164,377	161,961	38,922	37,445	4,249	4,091

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		IANSHIP VATORSHIP disposed	AD <u>filed</u>	OPTION disposed		NENT MAIN disposed
lst Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	6 9 5 25 45	7 10 4 26 47	4 4 0 6 14	4 4 0 5 13	0 1 0 1 2	0 1 1 1 3
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	51 16 115 182	51 10 113 174	20 9 118 147	23 10 121 154	2 5 7 14	1 2 3 6
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	135 135	135 135	121 121	121 121	25 25	27 27
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	347 347	206 206	305 305	316 316	16 16	17 17
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	8 11 8 14 22 10 73	8 15 20 2 2 26 10 81	4 8 6 20 11 14 63	3 7 6 14 10 11 51	0 0 0 2 0 0 2	0 0 0 1 0 0
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	3 31 11 21 66	3 37 7 21 68	4 37 5 10 56	4 37 5 12 58	15 1 5 1 22	15 1 5 1 22
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	11 7 12 15 45	11 6 6 15 38	7 3 11 3 24	9 1 12 3 25	0 0 5 1 6	0 0 5 1 6
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	14 7 12 33	13 13 9 35	5 6 7 18	5 7 7 19	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0

		IANSHIP VATORSHIP disposed	ADX filed	OPTION disposed		INENT MAIN disposed
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	13 27 25 60 12 13 22 172	12 29 26 95 12 1 20 195	13 6 4 34 15 0 8	11 5 6 37 15 0 8 82	1 0 0 8 2 0 0	2 0 0 7 2 0 1 12
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	23 18 5 2 10 16 1 75	23 17 7 2 11 16 7 83	20 5 4 6 8 10 7 60	22 5 4 7 8 9 7 62	4 2 0 0 1 0 0 7	4 2 1 0 1 1 0 9
llth Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	64 7 71	50 6 56	52 5 57	43 5 48	11 5 16	11 5 16
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	44 16 60	27 15 42	38 1 39	30 1 31	12 0 12	12 0 12
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	0 48 7 6 6 61 0 1 0	0 46 7 6 8 0 0 0	0 16 0 17 30 0 0 3 66	0 18 0 16 31 0 0 3 68	0 0 0 3 8 0 0 1 1	0 0 0 3 7 0 0 0
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	6 7 1 8 5 0 7 8 14 56	4 6 1 9 2 0 6 8 14 50	4 2 4 6 2 1 2 1 9 31	4 2 2 5 2 1 2 0 8 26	0 2 3 0 6 0 0 0 7 18	1 2 3 0 6 0 0 0 7 19

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15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	10 8 12 15 0 4	11 6 2 15 0 6 40	1 2 0 12 0 2 17	1 1 0 9 0 2 13	0 0 0 0 4 0 1 5	0 0 0 4 0 1 5
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	9 14 5 7 4 39	4 19 5 7 6 41	5 4 1 8 1	5 3 1 8 1 18	0 1 0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0 0 0
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	9 8 49 66	4 8 0 12	0 2 41 43	0 2 42 44	0 0 6 6	0 0 0
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	45 8 53	45 10 55	12 10 22	14 10 24	0 2 2	0 0 0
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	1 14 5 9 29	5 16 5 4 30	1 12 8 5 26	0 10 8 7 25	1 3 0 3 7	1 4 1 3 9
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	0 27 4 67 0 10 0	0 28 6 69 1 10 0	0 8 1 5 0 3 0 17	0 8 1 4 0 3 0 16	0 6 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 6 0 0 0 0 0
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	13 10 13 7 23 66	13 9 22 7 25 76	5 10 7 5 22 49	3 10 10 6 22 51	0 0 0 0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0 0 1 1
STATE TOTAL	1,893	1,645	1,274	1,265	191	182

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lst Judicial District	CIV <u>filed</u>	VIL disposed	SMALL filed	CLAIMS disposed	PROF INHF filed	BATE & R. TAX disposed
Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	21 56 19 46 142	39 44 16 51 150	40 87 29 72 228	37 86 27 69 219	67 55 31 95 248	73 52 41 94 260
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	178 150 674 1,002	165 54 667 886	89 100 349 538	83 104 351 538	190 139 219 548	191 118 213 522
3rd Judicial District Lancaster PISTRICT TOTAL	280 280	144 144	669 669	610 610	744 744	611 611
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	11 11	8 8	3 3	3 3	1,583 1,583	1,504 1,504
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	47 58 35 119 92 114 465	60 43 30 92 66 116 407	46 60 76 87 99 192 560	52 52 74 80 104 199 561	72 126 55 139 100 127 619	110 110 69 141 87 121 638
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	92 440 81 170 783	88 413 106 109 716	67 227 34 97 425	67 232 55 86 440	69 199 39 88 395	43 193 32 68 336
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	39 24 84 31 178	32 28 37 16 113	95 95 118 55 363	82 84 119 58 343	94 42 113 77 326	91 62 81 91 325
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	43 232 57 332	26 161 44 231	65 138 58 261	74 144 61 279	92 97 68 257	72 97 57 226

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	filed	VIL disposed	SMALL filed	CLAIMS disposed	INHR filed	. TAX disposed	
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison	65 65 59 252	83 73 63 341	114 70 89 347	120 64 94 313	71 101 87 197	75 99 89 187	
Pierce	42	46	111	123	62	57	
Stanton	33	43	35	35	34	21	
Wayne	49	31	112	119	87	83	
DISTRICT TOTAL	565	680	878	868	639	611	
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	285	541	262	284	218	198	
	81	95	47	50	70	79	
	36	25	50	52	51	43	
	51	41	65	41	42	48	
	43	45	79	74	44	58	
	138	266	114	105	77	78	
	28	27	14	15	58	54	
	662	1,040	631	621	560	558	
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	711 51 762	425 40 465	344 63 407	281 61 342	243 47 290	180 47 227	
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	778	763	290	277	166	183	
	36	27	83	80	38	41	
	814	790	373	357	204	224	
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	2	2	1	1	8	8	
	241	266	279	290	136	148	
	3	5	13	7	5	4	
	125	67	150	146	44	65	
	464	617	494	540	165	232	
	0	0	2	1	6	10	
	2	3	1	1	6	5	
	11	11	14	16	12	9	
	848	971	954	1,002	382	481	
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	27	16	86	83	43	35	
	14	9	27	27	33	24	
	5	6	25	23	49	44	
	68	67	123	127	83	72	
	12	22	12	14	17	19	
	3	3	7	7	10	8	
	33	34	35	35	36	36	
	23	21	54	53	36	33	
	77	73	288	324	120	96	
	262	251	657	693	427	367	

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	CI <u>filed</u>	VIL <u>disposed</u>	SMALL <u>filed</u>	CLAIMS disposed	INHI filed		
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	5	5	20	25	35	39	
	49	65	103	98	29	37	
	51	49	91	102	45	16	
	106	76	141	147	68	59	
	3	2	7	6	14	9	
	15	14	33	35	24	16	
	229	211	395	413	215	176	
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	74 50 2 50 5	36 58 1 63 4 162	152 142 14 90 8 406	140 179 12 90 8 409	66 68 7 61 25 227	68 55 4 71 6 204	
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	10	9	70	71	24	14	
	47	40	38	38	40	54	
	532	257	557	526	162	52	
	589	306	665	635	226	120	
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	204 62 266	207 113 320	237 157 394	260 155 415	180 77 257	196 61 257	
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	5	6	3	3	16	15	
	52	110	147	144	89	65	
	18	12	29	30	28	36	
	31	41	123	118	39	31	
	106	169	302	295	172	147	
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	3	1	3	3	1	1	
	83	85	153	150	97	98	
	9	12	21	22	47	45	
	36	38	15	14	39	39	
	6	5	15	13	5	5	
	24	24	77	74	53	50	
	5	4	6	5	8	7	
	166	169	290	281	250	245	
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	28	29	53	52	61	53	
	65	60	111	115	97	88	
	79	90	104	107	52	58	
	21	16	22	21	49	50	
	209	178	344	342	144	257	
	402	373	634	637	403	506	
STATE TOTAL	9,045	8,562	10,033	9,961	8,972	8,545	

#### COUNTY COURT TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
1st Judicial District Johnson Nemaha Pawnee Richardson DISTRICT TOTAL	445 1,340 205 1,159 3,149	438 1,339 231 1,244 3,252	667 1,502 461 1,476 4,106	620 1,330 415 1,300 3,665	575 1,642 378 1,404 3,999	548 1,381 500 1,779 4,203
2nd Judicial District Cass Otoe Sarpy DISTRICT TOTAL	5,950 1,586 6,172 13,708	6,374 1,535 8,341 16,250	6,388 1,850 13,249 21,487	8,553 1,873 11,301 21,727	11,071 1,988 12,547 25,606	12,273 2,929 15,679 30,881
3rd Judicial District Lancaster DISTRICT TOTAL	5,123 5,123	5,924 5,924	5,925 5,929	4,632 4,632	5,025 5,025	4,940 4,940
4th Judicial District Douglas DISTRICT TOTAL	7,207 7,207	6,274 6,274	7,900 7,900	7,642 7,642	9,367 9,367	12,754 12,754
5th Judicial District Butler Hamilton Polk Saunders Seward York DISTRICT TOTAL	1,208 1,467 428 3,381 2,723 2,400 11,607	1,293 2,123 489 3,973 4,481 3,170 15,529	1,626 2,192 473 3,908 4,620 3,379 16,198	1,921 2,950 618 3,744 5,090 4,112 18,435	2,280 2,658 731 4,045 5,848 4,220 19,782	2,570 2,549 626 4,062 6,287 4,489 20,583
6th Judicial District Burt Dodge Thurston Washington DISTRICT TOTAL	969 5,386 1,397 1,567 9,319	1,493 5,973 1,838 2,070 11,374	1,431 6,985 2,171 2,666 13,253	1,420 6,910 1,689 2,897 12,916	1,439 6,601 1,814 3,381 13,235	1,634 9,159 1,639 3,148 15,580
7th Judicial District Fillmore Nuckolls Saline Thayer DISTRICT TOTAL	1,046 738 1,063 2,172 5,019	1,230 901 1,754 2,012 5,897	1,119 905 1,582 2,454 6,060	1,123 780 1,820 2,171 5,894	1,493 1,130 2,185 2,340 7,148	1,829 1,461 2,970 3,951 10,211
8th Judicial District Cedar Dakota Dixon DISTRICT TOTAL	1,418 2,608 514 4,540	1,801 3,103 588 5,492	1,522 3,297 616 5,435	1,835 2,765 630 5,230	2,121 3,359 578 6,058	1,959 4,663 796 7,418

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
9th Judicial District Antelope Cuming Knox Madison Pierce Stanton Wayne DISTRICT TOTAL	759 1,556 707 3,971 955 593 916 9,457	1,028	850 1,804 1,049 5,035 1,214 1,170 1,330 12,452	808 2,325 1,176 6,050 1,384 1,442 1,600 14,845	1,329 3,120 1,242 6,766 1,231 1,218 1,747 16,653	1,368 3,700 1,341 5,786 1,380 1,155 2,028 16,758
10th Judicial District Adams Clay Franklin Harlan Kearney Phelps Webster DISTRICT TOTAL	4,043 964 581 547 828 1,789 538 9,290	4,759 1,134 616 825 1,055 1,827 596 10,812	4,075 1,387 702 896 1,410 2,045 786 11,301	1,973 847	5,261 2,028 836 989 1,699 3,022 1,171 15,006	6,334 2,239 1,096 1,259 1,927 2,975 1,307 17,137
11th Judicial District Hall Howard DISTRICT TOTAL	9,384 1,000 10,384	13,382 973 14,355	11,200 1,225 12,425	12,972 1,240 14,212	12,546 1,387 13,933	12,478 1,460 13,938
12th Judicial District Buffalo Sherman DISTRICT TOTAL	4,015 434 4,449	5,128 451 5,579	5,952 511 6,463	609	859	8,079 789 8,868
13th Judicial District Arthur Dawson Hooker Keith Lincoln Logan McPherson Thomas DISTRICT TOTAL	9 2,815 199 2,928 10,738 121 27 551 17,388	44 4,149 395 3,476 14,030 264 35 503 22,896	50 5,883 293 5,145 16,996 271 42 482 29,162	23 7,128 493 4,947 21,706 443 84 499 35,323	22 7,442 608 5,971 23,827 405 159 513 38,947	57 8,129 604 5,362 26,389 465 100 623 41,729
14th Judicial District Chase Dundy Frontier Furnas Gosper Hayes Hitchcock Perkins Red Willow DISTRICT TOTAL	308 142 370 571 199 41 439 209 1,490 3,769	336 142 715 730 231 59 637 188 2,338 5,376	454 206 561 878 307 83 1,044 224 2,552 6,309	395 216 941 948 342 54 1,392 418 2,964 7,670	372 248 688 1,004 608 83 1,038 605 2,914 7,560	515 263 571 904 612 72 788 481 3,347 7,553

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
15th Judicial District Boyd Brown Cherry Holt Keya Paha Rock DISTRICT TOTAL	207	291	224	270	353	322
	408	670	757	1,040	1,185	1,039
	1,318	1,703	1,632	1,716	2,629	2,389
	1,770	2,093	2,539	2,494	2,912	2,831
	53	64	119	171	315	203
	289	447	419	583	904	941
	4,117	5,268	5,690	6,274	8,877	7,725
16th Judicial District Box Butte Dawes Grant Sheridan Sioux DISTRICT TOTAL	1,260	2,654	3,077	2,493	3,101	3,786
	1,794	2,887	2,884	2,771	3,499	2,939
	248	243	282	331	420	416
	2,482	2,794	3,561	2,940	3,399	3,819
	113	122	177	131	153	404
	5,897	8,700	9,981	8,666	10,572	11,364
17th Judicial District Garden Morrill Scotts Bluff DISTRICT TOTAL	559 1,359 6,278 8,196	516 2,655 7,727 10,898	1,012 3,197 8,889 13,098	1,311 2,666 8,356 12,333	1,280 2,898 9,771 13,949	1,147 3,382 11,705 16,234
18th Judicial District Gage Jefferson DISTRICT TOTAL	3,795	3,006	3,603	3,419	4,088	4,688
	942	1,087	1,160	1,123	1,431	1,462
	4,437	4,093	4,763	4,542	5,519	6,150
19th Judicial District Banner Cheyenne Deuel Kimball DISTRICT TOTAL	371	549	563	373	484	402
	2,366	2,875	3,301	2,878	3,294	3,462
	710	1,086	1,222	1,002	1,192	2,455
	1,385	1,449	1,671	1,524	1,889	2,020
	4,832	5,959	6,757	5,777	6,859	8,339
20th Judicial District Blaine Custer Garfield Greeley Loup Valley Wheeler DISTRICT TOTAL	30	54	112	51	109	107
	1,345	1,428	1,959	2,208	2,040	2,579
	213	203	265	238	321	267
	274	668	501	383	810	629
	97	75	114	142	118	181
	358	469	634	621	782	729
	77	83	55	54	98	175
	2,394	2,980	3,640	3,697	4,278	4,667
21st Judicial District Boone Colfax Merrick Nance Platte DISTRICT TOTAL	825	989	807	1,080	1,035	1,077
	756	1,321	1,999	2,085	2,791	2,703
	1,564	2,002	2,326	2,466	3,141	2,579
	390	414	414	473	609	901
	4,691	5,245	5,259	6,157	7,760	8,636
	8,226	9,971	10,805	12,261	15,336	15,896
YEARLY TOTAL	152,808	188,935	213,210	227,718	257,078	282,933