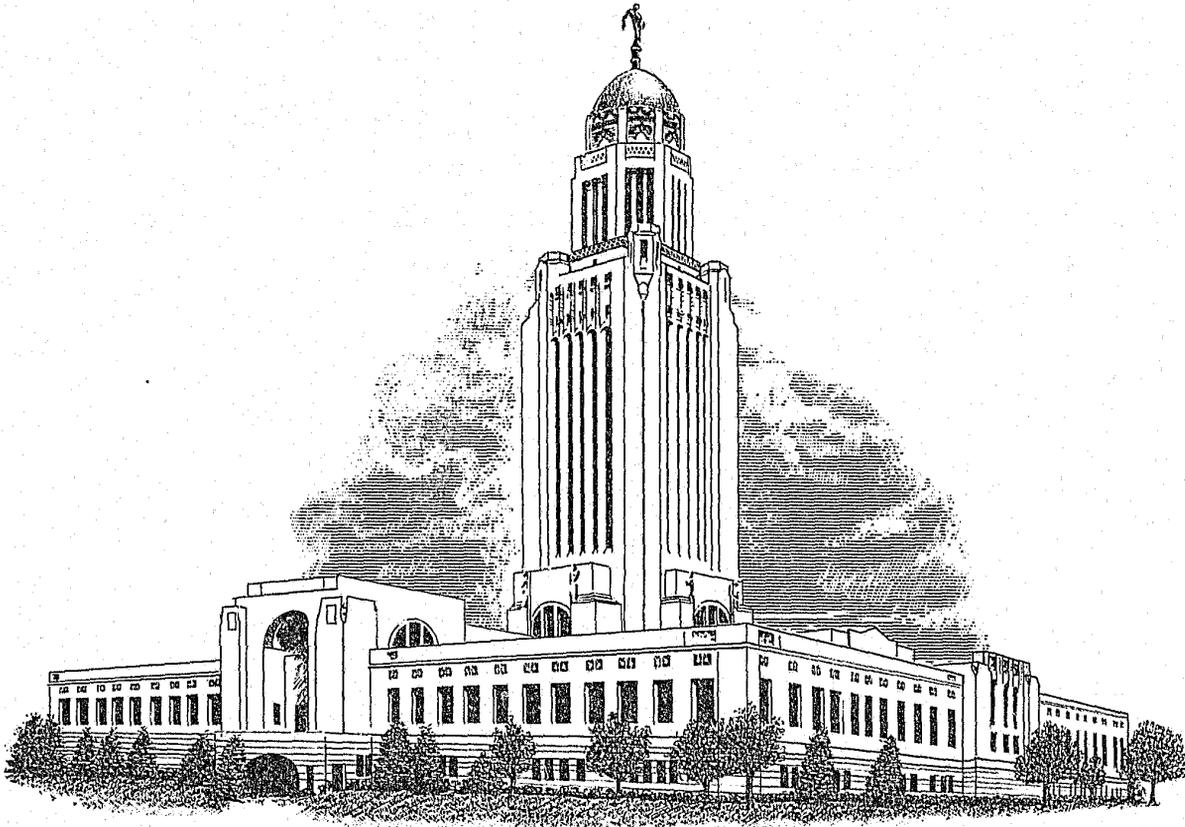


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To the People of the State of Nebraska:

It is my pleasure as Chief Justice of Nebraska, acting on behalf of the Supreme Court of Nebraska, to extend greetings to all of the citizens of the State of Nebraska. We are hopeful that this annual report will, in some manner, aid you in better understanding the work of the judiciary of Nebraska and to appreciate the tremendous number of cases handled each year by the courts. While ultimately these cases become statistics in a report, it must never be forgotten that initially, and more importantly, the matters involve people. Courts must be ever mindful to the fact that they deal with people and not with statistics.

As some of the details of this report indicate, however, the problem of attempting to deliver the services of our judicial system to the great numbers requesting such service in both a speedy and yet fair manner continues to be a constantly growing problem. The court recognizes that it must continually examine this matter and suggest solutions to the ever growing problem. The mere addition of personnel is not in and of itself sufficient. We must likewise seek new and innovative methods by which persons may obtain quick, fair, and proper resolutions of their disputes. To this end, the court has committed itself to seeking such solutions.

While courts of the state must remain independent so that they can indeed administer justice, nevertheless, they must not be unmindful of the needs of its citizens. We continue to listen to your suggestions, your complaints, and your problems so that we might continue to understand the needs of the citizens. The challenge of the '80s is indeed upon us. However, working together with care and understanding, we should be able to overcome all of the challenges.

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Norman Krivosha  
Chief Justice of Nebraska

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This is the fifth annual report on the courts of Nebraska. It is hoped that this document will provide the reader with a handy source of information on the structure and operations of the courts of Nebraska, as well as providing statistical information on the cases processed by those courts.

The Office of the State Court Administrator wishes to express its gratitude to all of the clerks of the various courts who supplied the statistical information reproduced in this document.

Joe C. Steele  
State Court Administrator

# NEBRASKA 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 Lancaster, Douglas, and Sarpy counties, and a Workmen's Compensation Court.

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, enacting legislation in 1972 which abolished the justice of the peace and local police magistrate courts and merged their functions into a reorganized county court system, effective January 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 submits the names of two or more qualified applicants to the Governor, who makes the appointment to fill the vacancy.

The bipartisan judicial nominating commission consists of eight members: four lawyers selected by the Nebraska State Bar Association and four nonlawyers appointed by

the Governor. All members of the commission must reside in the district where the vacancy is to be filled. In addition, the bipartisan commission must not have more than two lawyer members from each political party or two nonlawyer members from each political party.

The new judge runs for retention in office at the first general election occurring more than three years after his/her appointment. Thereafter, the terms are for six years.

When a judge runs for retention in office, the question posed to the voters on the ballot reads, "Shall Judge \_\_\_\_\_ be retained in office?" If more than 50 percent of the voters indicate that the judge not be retained, the judge is removed and a vacancy occurs.

The merit system was adopted by constitutional amendment in 1962. It originally applied to the selection of judges to the Supreme and district courts. Subsequently, it was extended to all other judges by legislative action, consistent with the authority contained in the 1962 amendment.

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 nonlawyers.

# SUPREME COURT

While the Constitution permits 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 chief justice is appointed by the Governor from a statewide list of applicants whereas the other six judges are chosen from districts.

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. During 1979 the court sat in divisions on seven occasions and heard a total of 457 cases, including cases heard en banc.

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 the 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.

The Supreme Court is also responsible for the regulation of the practice of law in Nebraska. This responsibility includes the monitoring and appointment of members to serve on local committees of inquiry, as well as The Advisory Committee, a state committee on discipline and professional responsibility.

In addition, the Supreme Court handles the admission of applicants to the Nebraska State Bar Association as practicing attorneys.

## CASELOAD. . . . .

While the Supreme Court's administrative responsibilities have increased, so too has its caseload.

In a 10-year period the court's caseload has doubled, from 322 cases docketed in 1969 to 638 cases in 1979. While filings for the last court year were down slightly from the previous year, the number of dispositions increased from 619 in 1978 to 660 in 1979. The number of opinions written also increased from 342 to 431 for the same period. See the table below for a 10-year caseload comparison.

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

## SUPREME COURT FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

	Cases Docketed	Cases Disposed By Opinions	Total Disposed
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
1978-79	638	431	660

NOTE: Figures cover periods of September 1 — August 31.

## DISTRICT COURTS

## COUNTY COURTS

The district court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, but also functions as an intermediate appellate court in deciding certain appeals from the county and municipal courts and from various administrative agencies.

There are 45 district court judges (47 after July 19, 1980). The district courts of Nebraska are organized into 21 judicial districts which serve all 93 counties.

The district courts try all felony cases and some misdemeanor cases, but more misdemeanor cases 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.

A large percentage 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.

Criminal and traffic appeals from the county and municipal courts, which account for more than half of 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 most probate matters and in all small claims cases are tried *de novo* by the district court.

Detailed tables of district court activity are listed on pages A-2 through A-13.

Before reorganization enacted by the 1972 Legislature and implemented on January 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 into 21 judicial districts, coinciding with the district court judicial districts. Each county has a county court, and in some counties divisions operate at locations other than at the county seat. The districts range in size from one to nine counties, with one to three judges for each district. The 43 county court judges (44 after July 19, 1980) are all required by law to be lawyers.

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 county 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 violations of municipal ordinances. Except in those cities and in Sarpy County, the county courts also have exclusive original jurisdiction in juvenile matters.

All preliminary hearings in felony cases are held in the county courts, except in Omaha. In Omaha, the municipal court conducts most of the preliminary hearings.

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 since the court system was reorganized, totaling 291,843 in 1979. Detailed tables of county court case activity are listed on pages A-14 through A-31.

# SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS

# MUNICIPAL COURTS

Nebraska has three separate juvenile courts, located in Sarpy, Douglas and Lancaster counties. The remaining 90 Nebraska counties hear juvenile matters in their respective county courts.

Nebraska law permits separate juvenile courts to be created, with the approval of the voters, in any county with more than 30,000 population.

In 1979 the juvenile caseloads of Sarpy and Douglas counties decreased, while the caseload in Lancaster County increased moderately. Sarpy County experienced a decrease in petitions filed, from 472 in 1978 as compared with 409 in 1979. Douglas County petitions filed in 1979 decreased to 851 as compared with 914 in 1978. Lancaster County had a moderate increase in petitions filed, from 341 in 1978 to 388 in 1979.

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 for the separate juvenile courts go directly to the Supreme Court. Douglas County has two judges; Lancaster and Sarpy counties each has one. The judges are selected and retained under the merit plan.

Nebraska has two municipal courts — one in Lincoln and one in Omaha. A state statute requires each city of the metropolitan and primary classes to maintain a municipal court.

Municipal courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving the violation of city ordinances of their respective cities. They have concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts in civil cases, including small claims, and in criminal and traffic cases arising under state law.

As a matter of policy, felony preliminary hearings are heard in the Omaha municipal court but not in the Lincoln municipal court. State Patrol traffic cases are filed in the Lincoln municipal court but not in the Omaha municipal court.

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.

Total case filings in the Lincoln municipal court in 1979 increased 22 percent over 1978, from 44,221 to 56,609. Case filings in the Omaha municipal court for the same period increased six percent, from 91,129 to 96,609

## SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT CASE FILINGS

	1977	1978	1979
Sarpy	516*	472	409
Douglas	1,079	914	851
Lancaster	387	341	388
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,648</b>

\*first 11 months of operation

## MUNICIPAL COURT FILINGS 1979

	Lincoln	Omaha
Traffic/Criminal		
City Ordinance	41,785	79,303
State Patrol	10,422	0
Felony	0	1,380
Civil		
Regular	3,874	13,738
Small Claims	528	2,188
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,609</b>	<b>96,609</b>

# WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT

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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 Workmen's Compensation Court for finding, award, order, or judgment. One judge of the court hears all disputed cases in the first instance, and all cases on rehearing 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

*(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979)*

	Hearing Level (One Judge)	Rehearing Level (Three Judges)	Appealed Supreme Court
Pending at Beginning of Fiscal Year	130	52	7
New Case Filings	534	165	20
TOTAL	664	217	27
Total Dispositions	511	164	10
Pending at End of Fiscal Year	153	53	17

The Workmen's Compensation Court processed an additional 538 lump sum settlements for which there was no previous court action.

# COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Creation of the Office of the 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 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.

In October 1979 Dunlevey resigned his position after more than seven years of service. Chief Justice Norman Krivosha appointed Joseph C. Steele as state court administrator.

The Office of the State Court Administrator is an adjunct to the Supreme Court, assisting the court and the chief justice in the exercise of their administrative duties.

During the early years of its operation, the court administrator's office concentrated almost exclusively on implementing the reorganization of the county court system. With the new 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 courts' budgets; 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 the development and presentation of judicial education programs; and assisting in the development of improved court facilities throughout the state.

## STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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# FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The 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 probation expenses within county court budgets. But not all counties do one or more of these things.

This year the court administrator's office attempted to identify some of the local costs that are judicial services to the county rather than specific district court or county court expenditures.

## JUDICIAL EXPENDITURES

(Fiscal Year 1978-79)

	STATE/FEDERAL FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Supreme Court	\$1,133,527	—	\$1,133,527
County Courts			
Personnel	4,057,385	—	
Operating Expenses	—	\$ 673,167	4,730,552
District Courts			
Personnel	1,931,289	1,692,143	
Operating Expenses	70,142	1,106,613	
Court Reporters	1,071,125	—	
Separate Juvenile Courts	—*	1,120,440	6,991,752
County and/or District Courts			
Probation	1,735,264	— **	
Jury	—	587,879	
Indigent Defense	—	1,674,509	
Judicial Services	—	468,131	4,465,783
Workmen's Compensation Court	488,587		488,587
Municipal Courts	—	2,187,901 ***	2,187,901
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,487,319</b>	<b>\$9,510,783</b>	<b>\$19,998,102</b>

\* Judges' salaries contained in state funded district court personnel.

\*\* Local probation funding contained in judicial services and municipal courts.

\*\*\* Municipal courts funded by their respective cities.

Less than two percent of the total state budget is allocated to the judicial branch. The Supreme Court and the Workmen's Compensation Court are entirely state financed.

The county court system is approximately 90 percent 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. Probation staffs of the separate juvenile courts in Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties are paid by the counties.

## JUDICIAL APPROPRIATIONS

(Fiscal Year 1979-80)

	STATE/FEDERAL FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Supreme Court	\$1,307,801	—	\$1,307,801
County Courts			
Personnel	4,432,785		
Operating Expenses	—	\$ 864,378	5,297,163
District Courts			
Personnel	2,039,192	1,859,196	
Operating Expenses	73,900	1,296,665	
Court Reporters	1,127,867	—	
Separate Juvenile Courts	—*	1,262,746	7,659,566
County and/or District Courts			
Probation	2,117,307	— **	
Jury	—	903,499	
Indigent Defense	—	1,951,019	
Judicial Services	—	467,333	5,439,158
Workmen's Compensation Court	517,573	—	517,573
Municipal Courts	—	2,220,771 ***	2,220,771
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,616,425</b>	<b>\$10,825,607</b>	<b>\$22,442,032</b>

\* Judges' salaries contained in state funded district court personnel.

\*\* Local probation funding contained in judicial services and municipal courts.

\*\*\* Municipal courts funded by their respective cities.

# FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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 percent) and the general fund of the county in which the violation occurs (25 percent).

The courts collect a \$1 fee in each civil and criminal case for the judges retirement fund, and a fee based on the value of the estate in probate cases. In all criminal and traffic cases in which there is a conviction, the courts collect a \$1 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 1979.

## 1979 DISTRIBUTION OF COURT-GENERATED REVENUE

	TO STATE FUNDS	TO LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION
County Courts			
Fines (Statute)		\$4,586,597	
Fines (Ordinance)		735,305	
Overload Fines	\$ 836,127	278,709	
Liquidated Damages	61,390		
Fees and Costs	2,392,287		
Law Enforcement Improvement Fund	232,946		
Judges Retirement Fund	305,419		
Miscellaneous Local Fees		241,443	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,828,169</b>	<b>\$5,842,054</b>	<b>\$9,670,223</b>

District Courts			
Fees and Fines (Estimated)		\$950,000	
Law Enforcement			
Improvement Fund			
(Estimated)	\$ 5,000		
Judges Retirement			
Fund (Estimated)	22,000		
TOTAL	\$27,000	\$950,000	\$977,000
Municipal Courts			
Fines (Statute)		\$ 714,079	
Fines (Ordinances)		904,343	
Overload Fines	\$ 45,996	15,332	
Fees and Costs		924,287	
Law Enforcement			
Improvement Fund	113,201		
Judges Retirement			
Fund	133,719		
TOTAL	292,916	\$2,558,041	\$2,850,957
Workmen's Compensation			
Court			
Assessments	\$161,414		
TOTAL	\$161,414		\$161,414
Supreme Court			
Fees and Costs	\$ 17,704		
Library Sales	162,980		
TOTAL	\$180,684		\$180,684
<b>TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$4,490,183</b>	<b>\$9,350,095</b>	<b>\$13,840,278</b>

*In addition, inheritance tax assessments are made by the county courts. These funds are payable directly to the counties. Total assessments for 1979 were \$6,615,381.*

# TRAINING, EDUCATION, MANAGEMENT

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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZED. . . . .

During 1979 Chief Justice Norman Krivosha announced the formation of the Nebraska Judicial Conference.

The conference brings together representatives of all courts in the state and is designed to deal with matters of mutual interest. The conference is not designed to be a decision-making body, but an organization for the exchange of information and ideas.

## MUNICIPAL COURT STUDY. . . . .

During the fall of 1979 the Omaha municipal court requested the assistance of the state court administrator's office for a study of that court's operations.

The pooling of support from the local court and the administrator's office resulted in a comprehensive study of the internal operations of the court and a list of suggested operational changes which are being implemented.

## VALLEY HOPE PROGRAM. . . . .

District, county, municipal, and separate juvenile court judges participated in the Valley Hope Association Training Program, a drug and alcohol education seminar.

Approximately 40 judges attended this year's program, which is being funded by a grant from the Nebraska Highway Safety Program. The training sessions were held at the Valley Hope centers in O'Neill, Nebraska, and Norton, Kansas.

## FELONY SENTENCING TO BE STUDIED. . . . .

The National Center for State Courts will undertake a study of sentence disparity in felony cases during the summer of 1980. The study is being conducted at the request of the District Court Judges Association and coordinated through the Office of the State Court Administrator.

## CLOSED HEARING GUIDELINES COMMITTEE. . . . .

A subcommittee of five Nebraska judges, chaired by Chief Justice Norman Krivosha, is developing a set of guidelines to assist the courts in determining when hearings in Nebraska should be closed.

The Closed Hearing Guidelines Subcommittee will review recent court decisions and media proposals in making its recommendations, and will also consult with members of the media for their input and ideas.

Krivosha noted that the primary objective of the committee is to establish uniform guidelines for use throughout the state, advising the court when hearings should be closed, so that as a general rule courts may be open without jeopardizing the constitutional rights of the defendant.

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## **REFEREES FOR CHILD SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS. . . . .**

The court announced a project in which lawyers will be appointed as referees to conduct hearings for those individuals who are nonpayers of child support.

In addition, referees will be able to order nonpayers into court, arrange for repayment programs, and make recommendations to the district court concerning those individuals who fail to cooperate.

A full-time referee was appointed in Omaha where there are approximately \$60 million in delinquent payments. A referee will be named for Lancaster County as soon as funding for the project becomes available. Lancaster County has about \$10 million in payments due. Statewide expansion of the project is anticipated, with the state divided into large districts.

A legislative measure passed in 1975 requires the courts to see that child support obligations are enforced. Court clerks must search their files for nonpayers back to 1958 and keep current records so nonpayers are identified more quickly.

## **KRIVOSHA TO ADDRESS UNICAMERAL. . . . .**

This year Nebraska joined over 30 states which have invited their chief justices to address their legislative bodies. The 86th Nebraska Legislature passed a resolution inviting Chief Justice Norman Krivosha to address the Unicameral annually on the condition of the state's courts.

## **COURT CONTINUES SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE. . . . .**

The settlement conference, which began as an experiment in March 1979, has proven successful, and the experiment will be continued by the Supreme Court during 1980.

The settlement conference is a voluntary procedure wherein attorneys for a case may 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 Supreme Court for argument.

Survey response indicated that the procedure is playing a role in reducing the costs of litigation, and in reducing the number of cases which must be heard and decided by the full court.

## **PROCEDURES MANUAL COMPLETED**

The Nebraska County Court Procedures Manual has been completed and distributed to all associate county judges in the state. The manual emphasizes administrative procedures of all functions of the county court system.

The Nebraska County Judges Bench Book, which concentrates on judicial functions, is nearing completion with several additional chapters distributed this past year.



# DISTRICT COURTS

The Nebraska district courts had a total of 21,876 cases filed in 1979, a slight decrease from the 22,457 cases filed during 1978. For the fifth consecutive year, the case filings in the district courts remained relatively stable.

**TABLE 1  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR**

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>YEARLY TOTALS</b>	<b>21,872</b>	<b>21,683</b>	<b>22,028</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>21,876</b>
<b>1st Judicial District</b>					
Johnson	25	36	30	35	38
Nemaha	60	75	93	56	77
Pawnee	28	19	24	38	27
Richardson	90	102	92	91	90
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>2nd Judicial District</b>					
Cass	183	243	242	206	244
Otoe	145	131	129	198	172
Sarpy	929	944	1,026	1,010	1,162
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>1,578</b>
<b>3rd Judicial District</b>					
Lancaster	3,438	3,229	3,553	3,424	3,476
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>3,476</b>
<b>4th Judicial District</b>					
Douglas	8,486	7,906	7,520	7,890	7,082
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>8,486</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>7,082</b>
<b>5th Judicial District</b>					
Butler	61	56	63	82	67
Hamilton	66	66	51	74	81
Polk	31	56	44	33	41
Saunders	188	224	164	238	201
Seward	110	135	103	133	163
York	145	172	153	188	170
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>723</b>
<b>6th Judicial District</b>					
Burt	86	68	84	91	80
Dodge	449	460	557	500	460
Thurston	76	112	123	112	81
Washington	162	143	175	151	178
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>799</b>
<b>7th Judicial District</b>					
Fillmore	77	46	45	57	76
Nuckolls	56	81	45	43	52
Saline	73	71	105	96	104
Thayer	54	49	45	47	51
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>8th Judicial District</b>					
Cedar	32	47	53	58	53
Dakota	223	293	309	300	273
Dixon	30	31	44	32	52
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>378</b>

**TABLE 1 — Continued  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR**

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>9th Judicial District</b>					
Antelope	55	59	73	48	47
Cuming	62	49	21	52	46
Knox	67	73	62	65	73
Madison	312	317	371	340	376
Pierce	38	43	58	55	56
Stanton	54	46	33	34	51
Wayne	45	57	47	51	66
DISTRICT TOTAL	633	644	665	645	715
<b>10th Judicial District</b>					
Adams	263	311	341	350	367
Clay	53	74	67	81	85
Franklin	28	30	33	27	23
Harlan	43	33	37	42	48
Kearney	49	57	54	62	72
Phelps	94	143	114	117	109
Webster	51	68	41	48	41
DISTRICT TOTAL	581	716	687	727	745
<b>11th Judicial District</b>					
Hall	728	751	630	820	792
Howard	51	40	38	27	54
DISTRICT TOTAL	779	791	668	847	846
<b>12th Judicial District</b>					
Buffalo	377	439	402	417	409
Sherman	41	36	44	36	37
DISTRICT TOTAL	418	475	446	453	446
<b>13th Judicial District</b>					
Arthur	3	2	2	0	7
Dawson	251	251	308	276	304
Hooker	4	5	3	6	5
Keith	156	147	184	153	145
Lincoln	549	526	587	596	527
Logan	9	5	7	23	16
McPherson	0	0	3	10	1
Thomas	20	10	2	14	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	992	946	1,096	1,078	1,009
<b>14th Judicial District</b>					
Chase	49	55	94	56	49
Dundy	13	26	15	22	27
Frontier	6	26	23	32	28
Furnas	46	65	58	72	56
Gosper	14	22	39	25	24
Hayes	8	10	10	18	13
Hitchcock	25	34	38	41	37
Perkins	28	36	41	24	20
Red Willow	158	151	162	187	183
DISTRICT TOTAL	347	425	480	477	437

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TABLE 1 — Continued  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>15th Judicial District</b>					
Boyd	5	23	23	13	25
Brown	46	59	70	67	71
Cherry	78	69	70	85	63
Holt	102	128	102	145	89
Keya Paha	15	8	9	12	9
Rock	19	20	11	26	32
DISTRICT TOTAL	265	307	285	348	289
<b>16th Judicial District</b>					
Box Butte	174	169	173	187	195
Dawes	102	110	123	156	137
Grant	11	7	30	10	9
Sheridan	146	104	108	113	124
Sioux	13	12	11	9	12
DISTRICT TOTAL	446	402	445	475	477
<b>17th Judicial District</b>					
Garden	37	45	27	27	31
Morrill	53	54	72	61	51
Scotts Bluff	625	721	809	776	857
DISTRICT TOTAL	715	820	908	864	939
<b>18th Judicial District</b>					
Gage	216	232	233	251	245
Jefferson	101	75	115	92	108
DISTRICT TOTAL	317	307	348	343	353
<b>19th Judicial District</b>					
Banner	7	4	9	11	11
Cheyenne	161	156	153	162	134
Deuel	34	31	24	24	19
Kimball	82	73	104	80	84
DISTRICT TOTAL	284	264	290	277	248
<b>20th Judicial District</b>					
Blaine	4	4	7	5	6
Custer	134	117	123	133	128
Garfield	17	21	16	19	17
Greeley	14	15	15	25	22
Loup	5	13	12	14	16
Valley	24	51	28	38	29
Wheeler	3	1	6	13	11
DISTRICT TOTAL	201	222	207	247	229
<b>21st Judicial District</b>					
Boone	56	60	70	58	42
Colfax	83	58	76	63	93
Merrick	103	115	104	89	118
Nance	43	34	37	23	56
Platte	306	302	344	260	283
DISTRICT TOTAL	591	569	631	493	592

During 1979 the number of new case filings and dispositions decreased while the ending inventory of cases increased. The ending inventory figures indicate the number of pending cases in the district court system at the end of the year.

**TABLE 2**  
**1979 CASE ACTIVITY**

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>21,876</b>	<b>5,306</b>	<b>25,939</b>	<b>16,942</b>
1st Judicial District					
Johnson	26	38	1	35	30
Nemaha	54	77	21	102	50
Pawnee	30	27	4	43	18
Richardson	69	90	17	105	71
DISTRICT TOTAL	179	232	43	285	169
2nd Judicial District					
Cass	154	244	65	284	179
Otoe	141	172	26	198	141
Sarpy	1,040	1,162	449	1,355	1,296
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,335	1,578	540	1,837	1,616
3rd Judicial District					
Lancaster	2,650	3,476	778	4,357	2,547
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,650	3,476	778	4,357	2,547
4th Judicial District					
Douglas	5,491	7,082	1,455	8,318	5,710
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,491	7,082	1,455	8,318	5,710
5th Judicial District					
Butler	70	67	15	116	36
Hamilton	35	81	20	100	36
Polk	44	41	15	69	31
Saunders	181	201	97	315	164
Seward	84	163	50	186	111
York	102	170	125	295	102
DISTRICT TOTAL	516	723	322	1,081	480
6th Judicial District					
Burt	45	80	4	69	60
Dodge	257	460	101	534	284
Thurston	66	81	32	129	50
Washington	79	178	12	180	89
DISTRICT TOTAL	447	799	149	912	483
7th Judicial District					
Fillmore	46	76	4	84	42
Nuckolls	28	52	3	50	33
Saline	76	104	3	97	86
Thayer	37	51	6	48	46
DISTRICT TOTAL	187	283	16	279	207
8th Judicial District					
Cedar	28	53	0	52	29
Dakota	146	273	201	476	144
Dixon	23	52	9	48	36
DISTRICT TOTAL	197	378	210	576	209

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Table 2 — Continued  
1979 CASE ACTIVITY

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
<b>9th Judicial District</b>					
Antelope	23	47	7	50	27
Cuming	28	46	18	62	30
Knox	26	73	12	73	38
Madison	183	376	53	425	187
Pierce	34	56	4	68	26
Stanton	28	51	25	78	26
Wayne	24	66	18	66	42
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>10th Judicial District</b>					
Adams	0	367	8	209	166
Clay	82	85	17	105	79
Franklin	29	23	1	19	34
Harlan	50	48	6	39	65
Kearney	63	72	20	75	80
Phelps	157	109	0	99	167
Webster	105	41	0	23	123
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>714</b>
<b>11th Judicial District</b>					
Hall	360	792	118	711	559
Howard	34	54	2	39	51
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>610</b>
<b>12th Judicial District</b>					
Buffalo	189	409	277	685	190
Sherman	25	37	24	52	34
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>13th Judicial District</b>					
Arthur	0	7	0	3	4
Dawson	202	304	99	346	259
Hooker	2	5	0	5	2
Keith	104	145	60	190	119
Lincoln	452	527	240	761	458
Logan	17	16	0	15	18
McPherson	1	1	0	1	1
Thomas	6	4	0	6	4
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>14th Judicial District</b>					
Chase	35	49	7	65	26
Dundy	13	27	5	30	15
Frontier	7	28	10	30	15
Furnas	39	56	11	72	34
Gosper	9	24	1	19	15
Hayes	9	13	3	13	12
Hitchcock	17	37	8	29	33
Perkins	17	20	4	16	25
Red Willow	86	183	55	230	94
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>269</b>

Table 2 — Continued  
1979 CASE ACTIVITY

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispostions	Ending Inventory
<b>15th Judicial District</b>					
Boyd	14	25	1	15	25
Brown	55	71	1	66	61
Cherry	50	63	6	75	44
Holt	117	89	52	138	120
Keya Paha	9	9	4	11	11
Rock	27	32	2	19	42
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>16th Judicial District</b>					
Box Butte	83	195	31	216	93
Dawes	49	137	4	135	55
Grant	11	9	0	14	6
Sheridan	75	124	31	159	69
Sioux	7	12	2	11	10
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>17th Judicial District</b>					
Garden	28	31	3	31	31
Morrill	66	51	16	71	62
Scotts Bluff	618	857	218	1,001	692
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>18th Judicial District</b>					
Gage	137	245	70	293	159
Jefferson	32	108	9	104	45
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>19th Judicial District</b>					
Banner	14	11	0	12	13
Cheyenne	93	134	58	198	87
Deuel	18	19	0	25	12
Kimball	69	84	22	58	117
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>20th Judicial District</b>					
Blaine	7	6	0	5	8
Custer	159	128	19	146	160
Garfield	25	17	0	17	25
Greeley	27	22	0	19	30
Loup	16	6	1	13	20
Valley	18	29	0	28	19
Wheeler	10	11	0	8	13
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>21st Judicial District</b>					
Boone	64	42	8	64	50
Colfax	48	93	19	118	42
Merrick	60	118	5	160	73
Nance	22	56	3	47	39
Platte	215	283	40	308	230
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>434</b>

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The district courts experienced a slight decrease in filings of criminal and domestic relations cases during 1979. In 1978 there were 3,477 criminal cases and 10,163 domestic relations cases filed compared to the 3,204 criminal cases and 9,976 domestic relations cases in 1979.

**TABLE 3**  
**CRIMINAL & DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	CRIMINAL			DOMESTIC RELATIONS		
	filed	reopened	disposed	filed	reopened	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>9,976</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>12,991</b>
<b>1st Judicial District</b>						
Johnson	6	0	5	27	0	23
Nemaha	11	0	10	45	21	67
Pawnee	1	1	5	16	2	22
Richardson	11	2	11	51	15	69
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>2nd Judicial District</b>						
Cass	32	4	29	105	48	150
Otoe	29	9	43	90	17	85
Sarpy	85	22	98	749	389	975
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>1,210</b>
<b>3rd Judicial District</b>						
Lancaster	551	86	612	1,376	347	1,939
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>1,939</b>
<b>4th Judicial District</b>						
Douglas	1,192	0	1,150	3,254	1,119	4,097
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>4,097</b>
<b>5th Judicial District</b>						
Butler	11	7	29	16	5	22
Hamilton	31	4	30	27	13	42
Polk	7	0	5	9	13	24
Saunders	40	21	72	73	55	113
Seward	41	7	46	60	36	95
York	52	30	76	57	76	132
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>428</b>
<b>6th Judicial District</b>						
Burt	3	1	3	39	2	39
Dodge	70	2	75	278	98	334
Thurston	11	2	15	43	28	75
Washington	26	2	25	75	6	69
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>517</b>
<b>7th Judicial District</b>						
Fillmore	10	0	7	35	4	33
Nuckolls	2	1	5	30	2	30
Saline	10	0	4	49	3	46
Thayer	1	0	2	25	6	20
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>129</b>

**TABLE 3 — Continued**  
**CRIMINAL & DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
 Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	CRIMINAL			DOMESTIC RELATIONS		
	filed	reopened	disposed	filed	reopened	disposed
	Cases filed, reopened, disposed					
<b>8th Judicial District</b>						
Cedar	7	0	5	16	0	19
Dakota	30	36	59	115	141	272
Dixon	1	0	1	22	9	28
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>9th Judicial District</b>						
Antelope	2	0	2	19	4	19
Cuming	4	1	4	21	14	32
Knox	7	3	13	28	9	37
Madison	43	0	35	211	48	256
Pierce	8	1	9	23	3	28
Stanton	12	1	9	20	21	44
Wayne	4	0	2	30	17	43
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>10th Judicial District</b>						
Adams	52	1	35	190	6	114
Clay	4	2	6	47	13	57
Franklin	0	0	0	7	1	5
Harlan	6	0	2	14	4	13
Kearney	12	9	20	30	11	36
Phelps	12	0	19	56	0	41
Webster	1	0	1	6	0	2
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>11th Judicial District</b>						
Hall	119	1	120	298	64	258
Howard	9	0	4	22	2	22
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>12th Judicial District</b>						
Buffalo	49	9	61	199	223	398
Sherman	0	0	0	15	20	32
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>13th Judicial District</b>						
Arthur	0	0	0	3	0	2
Dawson	37	33	51	125	57	156
Hooker	0	0	0	2	0	2
Keith	23	13	36	67	47	112
Lincoln	67	23	87	254	188	385
Logan	0	0	1	5	0	2
McPherson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>660</b>
<b>14th Judicial District</b>						
Chase	5	1	10	22	6	28
Dundy	2	2	5	10	3	14
Frontier	2	1	2	10	4	10
Furnas	0	0	2	19	11	35
Gosper	1	0	0	10	0	7
Hayes	0	0	0	5	3	8
Hitchcock	2	1	4	13	7	15
Perkins	0	2	4	5	1	6
Red Willow	20	4	27	100	49	144
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>267</b>

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TABLE 3 — Continued  
 CRIMINAL & DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
 Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	filed	CRIMINAL reopened	disposed	filed	DOMESTIC RELATIONS reopened	disposed
<b>15th Judicial District</b>						
Boyd	0	0	0	9	0	8
Brown	6	1	8	38	0	38
Cherry	7	0	8	22	5	34
Holt	10	5	17	42	40	72
Keya Paha	0	0	0	2	3	3
Rock	3	0	2	8	0	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	26	6	35	121	48	159
<b>16th Judicial District</b>						
Box Butte	37	10	55	74	21	75
Dawes	21	3	25	83	0	77
Grant	1	0	2	6	0	8
Sheridan	27	3	42	57	26	75
Sioux	0	0	0	4	2	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	86	16	124	224	49	238
<b>17th Judicial District</b>						
Garden	1	1	0	13	2	14
Morrill	7	0	12	17	10	21
Scotts Bluff	117	9	136	397	201	577
DISTRICT TOTAL	125	10	148	427	213	612
<b>18th Judicial District</b>						
Gage	27	3	41	137	62	181
Jefferson	22	1	23	45	8	57
DISTRICT TOTAL	49	4	64	182	70	238
<b>19th Judicial District</b>						
Banner	0	0	0	3	0	3
Cheyenne	43	17	74	75	35	96
Deuel	5	0	3	7	0	15
Kimball	16	4	7	37	15	30
DISTRICT TOTAL	64	21	84	122	50	144
<b>20th Judicial District</b>						
Blaine	0	0	1	3	0	2
Custer	7	0	10	47	19	71
Garfield	1	0	1	12	0	12
Greeley	3	0	2	7	0	7
Loup	1	0	2	4	1	2
Valley	4	0	4	10	0	12
Wheeler	0	0	0	6	0	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	16	0	20	89	20	110
<b>21st Judicial District</b>						
Boone	1	3	7	15	4	25
Colfax	9	7	20	42	8	51
Merrick	12	6	18	40	32	65
Nance	9	2	4	18	5	19
Platte	33	8	45	127	26	157
DISTRICT TOTAL	64	26	94	242	75	306

In 1979, 7,613 civil cases were filed compared to 6,620 in 1978, representing a 13 percent increase. In addition, there were 1,083 appeals from the county and municipal courts in 1979 compared to 2,197 appeals in 1978, a decrease of 50 percent.

**TABLE 4**  
**CIVIL & APPEALS**  
**1979**  
Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	filed	OTHER CIVIL reopened	disposed	filed	APPEAL reopened	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,613</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>8,238</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,147</b>
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	5	1	7	0	0	0
Nemaha	14	0	17	7	0	8
Pawnee	10	1	16	0	0	0
Richardson	28	0	25	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	57	2	65	7	0	8
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	96	13	96	11	0	9
Otoe	40	0	44	13	0	26
Sarpy	294	34	250	34	4	32
DISTRICT TOTAL	430	47	390	58	4	67
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	1,104	231	1,321	445	114	485
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,104	231	1,321	445	114	485
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	2,636	336	3,071	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,636	336	3,071	0	0	0
5th Judicial District						
Butler	30	3	50	10	0	15
Hamilton	16	3	21	7	0	7
Polk	21	2	34	4	0	6
Saunders	73	17	81	15	4	49
Seward	48	7	34	14	0	11
York	49	16	72	12	3	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	237	48	292	62	7	103
6th Judicial District						
Burt	37	1	27	1	0	0
Dodge	95	1	104	17	0	21
Thurston	23	2	32	4	0	6
Washington	68	4	71	9	0	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	223	8	234	31	0	42
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	29	0	44	2	0	0
Nuckolls	20	0	15	0	0	0
Saline	37	0	42	8	0	5
Thayer	25	0	25	0	0	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	111	0	126	10	0	6
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	30	0	28	0	0	0
Dakota	117	24	133	11	0	12
Dixon	27	0	15	2	0	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	174	24	176	13	0	16

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Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	filed	OTHER CIVIL reopened	disposed	filed	APPEAL reopened	disposed
<b>9th Judicial District</b>						
Antelope	23	3	24	3	0	5
Cuming	21	3	24	0	0	2
Knox	34	0	20	4	0	3
Madison	97	5	105	25	0	29
Pierce	25	0	31	0	0	0
Stanton	17	2	21	2	1	4
Wayne	12	0	17	20	1	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	229	13	242	54	2	47
<b>10th Judicial District</b>						
Adams	125	1	60	0	0	0
Clay	32	2	42	2	0	0
Franklin	16	0	14	0	0	0
Harlan	20	2	19	8	0	5
Kearney	24	0	17	6	0	2
Phelps	35	0	35	6	0	4
Webster	31	0	17	3	0	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	283	5	204	25	0	14
<b>11th Judicial District</b>						
Hall	349	53	312	26	0	21
Howard	22	0	13	1	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	371	53	325	27	0	21
<b>12th Judicial District</b>						
Buffalo	140	37	191	21	8	35
Sherman	22	4	20	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	162	41	211	21	8	35
<b>13th Judicial District</b>						
Arthur	3	0	0	1	0	1
Dawson	95	5	93	47	4	46
Hooker	3	0	3	0	0	0
Keith	55	0	42	0	0	0
Lincoln	166	27	238	40	2	51
Logan	11	0	11	0	0	1
McPherson	1	0	1	0	0	0
Thomas	3	0	5	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	337	32	393	88	6	99
<b>14th Judicial District</b>						
Chase	22	0	27	0	0	0
Dundy	15	0	11	0	0	0
Frontier	14	4	13	2	1	5
Furnas	34	0	32	3	0	3
Gosper	13	0	11	0	1	1
Hayes	8	0	5	0	0	0
Hitchcock	16	0	8	6	0	2
Perkins	15	1	6	0	0	0
Red Willow	52	2	54	11	0	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	189	7	167	22	2	16

TABLE 4 — Continued  
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Cases filed, reopened, disposed

	filed	OTHER CIVIL		filed	APPEAL	
		reopened	disposed		reopened	disposed
<b>15th Judicial District</b>						
Boyd	16	1	7	0	0	0
Brown	24	0	19	3	0	1
Cherry	33	1	32	1	0	1
Holt	37	7	49	0	0	0
Keya Paha	7	0	7	0	1	1
Rock	21	2	13	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	138	11	127	4	1	3
<b>16th Judicial District</b>						
Box Butte	71	0	75	13	0	11
Dawes	33	1	33	0	0	0
Grant	2	0	4	0	0	0
Sheridan	32	2	34	8	0	8
Sioux	8	0	8	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	146	3	154	21	0	19
<b>17th Judicial District</b>						
Garden	17	0	17	0	0	0
Morrill	24	6	37	3	0	1
Scotts Bluff	284	8	249	59	0	39
DISTRICT TOTAL	325	14	303	62	0	40
<b>18th Judicial District</b>						
Gage	67	4	57	14	1	14
Jefferson	26	0	16	15	0	8
DISTRICT TOTAL	93	4	73	29	1	22
<b>19th Judicial District</b>						
Banner	8	0	7	0	0	2
Cheyenne	14	6	26	2	0	2
Deuel	7	0	7	0	0	0
Kimball	31	3	21	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	60	9	61	2	0	4
<b>20th Judicial District</b>						
Blaine	2	0	1	1	0	1
Custer	53	0	56	21	0	9
Garfield	4	0	4	0	0	0
Greeley	12	0	10	0	0	0
Loup	11	0	9	0	0	0
Valley	12	0	12	3	0	0
Wheeler	5	0	4	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	99	0	96	25	0	10
<b>21st Judicial District</b>						
Boone	21	1	27	5	0	5
Colfax	28	4	34	14	0	13
Merrick	38	9	37	28	8	40
Nance	24	1	20	5	0	4
Platte	98	5	89	25	1	28
DISTRICT TOTAL	209	20	207	77	9	90

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The Nebraska county courts had a 290,464 case filing during 1979, a slight increase from the 282,933 cases filed in 1978. The number of case filings increased for the fifth consecutive year.

TABLE 5  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>YEARLY TOTALS</b>	<b>188,935</b>	<b>213,210</b>	<b>227,718</b>	<b>256,499</b>	<b>282,933</b>	<b>290,464</b>
<b>1st Judicial District</b>						
Johnson	438	667	620	575	548	769
Nemaha	1,339	1,502	1,330	1,642	1,381	1,697
Pawnee	231	461	415	378	500	526
Richardson	1,244	1,476	1,300	1,404	1,779	1,908
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>4,106</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>4,900</b>
<b>2nd Judicial District</b>						
Cass	6,374	6,388	8,553	11,071	12,273	13,022
Otoe	1,535	1,850	1,873	1,988	2,929	4,075
Sarpy	8,341	13,249	11,301	12,547	15,679	15,896
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>21,487</b>	<b>21,727</b>	<b>25,606</b>	<b>30,881</b>	<b>32,993</b>
<b>3rd Judicial District</b>						
Lancaster	5,924	5,925	4,632	5,025	4,940	5,688
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>5,924</b>	<b>5,925</b>	<b>4,632</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>5,688</b>
<b>4th Judicial District</b>						
Douglas	6,274	7,900	7,642	9,367	12,754	12,890
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>6,274</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,642</b>	<b>9,367</b>	<b>12,754</b>	<b>12,890</b>
<b>5th Judicial District</b>						
Butler	1,293	1,626	1,921	2,280	2,570	2,608
Hamilton	2,123	2,192	2,950	2,658	2,549	2,775
Polk	489	473	618	731	626	1,047
Saunders	3,973	3,908	3,744	4,045	4,062	4,300
Seward	4,481	4,620	5,090	5,848	6,287	6,037
York	3,170	3,379	4,112	4,220	4,489	3,930
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>15,529</b>	<b>16,198</b>	<b>18,435</b>	<b>19,782</b>	<b>20,583</b>	<b>20,697</b>
<b>6th Judicial District</b>						
Burt	1,493	1,431	1,420	1,439	1,634	1,538
Dodge	5,973	6,985	6,910	6,601	9,159	12,158
Thurston	1,838	2,171	1,689	1,814	1,639	1,147
Washington	2,070	2,666	2,897	3,381	3,148	2,884
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>11,374</b>	<b>13,253</b>	<b>12,916</b>	<b>13,235</b>	<b>15,580</b>	<b>17,727</b>
<b>7th Judicial District</b>						
Fillmore	1,230	1,119	1,123	1,493	1,829	1,690
Nuckolls	901	905	780	1,130	1,461	1,369
Saline	1,754	1,582	1,820	2,185	2,970	2,836
Thayer	2,012	2,454	2,171	2,340	3,951	4,414
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>5,897</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>7,148</b>	<b>10,211</b>	<b>10,309</b>
<b>8th Judicial District</b>						
Cedar	1,801	1,522	1,835	2,121	1,959	2,023
Dakota	3,103	3,297	2,765	3,359	4,663	4,770
Dixon	588	616	630	578	796	669
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>6,058</b>	<b>7,418</b>	<b>7,462</b>

TABLE 5—Continued  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

9th Judicial District						
Antelope	797	850	808	1,329	1,368	1,582
Cuming	1,982	1,804	2,325	3,120	3,700	2,467
Knox	1,005	1,049	1,176	1,242	1,341	1,343
Madison	5,221	5,035	6,050	6,766	5,786	6,115
Pierce	1,028	1,214	1,384	1,231	1,380	1,591
Stanton	1,008	1,170	1,442	1,218	1,155	1,381
Wayne	1,015	1,330	1,660	1,747	2,028	1,793
DISTRICT TOTAL	12,056	12,452	14,845	16,653	16,758	16,272
10th Judicial District						
Adams	4,759	4,075	5,233	5,261	6,334	6,596
Clay	1,134	1,387	2,272	2,028	2,239	2,398
Franklin	616	702	914	836	1,096	1,087
Harlan	825	896	834	989	1,259	1,468
Kearney	1,055	1,410	1,482	1,699	1,927	2,850
Phelps	1,827	2,045	1,973	3,022	2,975	2,383
Webster	596	786	847	1,171	1,307	1,203
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,812	11,301	13,555	15,006	17,137	17,985
11th Judicial District						
Hall	13,382	11,200	12,972	12,546	12,478	14,475
Howard	973	1,225	1,240	1,387	1,460	1,461
DISTRICT TOTAL	14,355	12,425	14,212	13,933	13,938	15,936
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	5,128	5,952	7,813	8,510	8,079	9,224
Sherman	451	511	609	859	789	733
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,579	6,463	8,422	9,369	8,868	9,957
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	44	50	23	22	57	95
Dawson	4,149	5,883	7,128	7,442	8,129	8,426
Hooker	395	293	493	608	604	681
Keith	3,476	5,145	4,947	5,971	5,362	5,525
Lincoln	14,030	16,996	21,706	23,827	26,389	24,462
Logan	264	271	443	405	465	296
McPherson	35	42	84	159	100	49
Thomas	503	482	499	513	623	512
DISTRICT TOTAL	22,896	29,162	35,323	38,947	41,729	40,046
14th Judicial District						
Chase	336	454	395	372	515	704
Dundy	142	206	216	248	263	196
Frontier	715	561	941	688	571	456
Furnas	730	878	948	1,004	904	916
Gosper	231	307	342	608	612	580
Hayes	59	83	54	83	72	170
Hitchcock	637	1,044	1,392	1,038	788	681
Perkins	188	224	418	605	481	265
Red Willow	2,338	2,552	2,964	2,914	3,347	3,031
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,376	6,309	7,670	7,560	7,553	6,999

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TABLE 5 — Continued  
TOTAL FILINGS BY YEAR

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	291	224	270	353	322	289
Brown	670	757	1,040	1,185	1,039	749
Cherry	1,703	1,632	1,716	2,629	2,389	2,311
Holt	2,093	2,539	2,494	2,912	2,831	3,203
Keya Paha	64	119	171	315	203	136
Rock	447	419	583	904	941	754
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,268	5,690	6,274	8,298	7,725	7,442
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	2,654	3,077	2,493	3,101	3,786	4,138
Dawes	2,887	2,884	2,771	3,499	2,939	3,415
Grant	243	282	331	420	416	360
Sheridan	2,794	3,561	2,940	3,399	3,819	3,121
Sioux	122	177	131	153	404	466
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,700	9,981	8,666	10,572	11,364	11,500
17th Judicial District						
Garden	516	1,012	1,311	1,280	1,147	887
Morrill	2,655	3,197	2,666	2,898	3,382	3,556
Scotts Bluff	7,727	8,889	8,356	9,771	11,705	12,414
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,898	13,098	12,333	13,949	16,234	16,857
18th Judicial District						
Gage	3,006	3,603	3,419	4,088	4,688	5,506
Jefferson	1,087	1,160	1,123	1,431	1,462	1,706
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,093	4,763	4,542	5,519	6,150	7,212
19th Judicial District						
Banner	549	563	373	484	402	596
Cheyenne	2,875	3,301	2,878	3,294	3,462	3,133
Deuel	1,086	1,222	1,002	1,192	2,455	2,348
Kimball	1,449	1,671	1,524	1,889	2,020	2,002
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,959	6,757	5,777	6,859	8,339	8,079
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	54	112	51	109	107	140
Custer	1,428	1,959	2,208	2,040	2,579	2,550
Garfield	203	265	238	321	267	199
Greeley	668	501	383	810	629	756
Loup	75	114	142	118	181	198
Valley	469	634	621	782	739	737
Wheeler	83	55	54	98	175	231
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,980	3,640	3,697	4,278	4,667	4,811
21st Judicial District						
Boone	989	807	1,080	1,035	1,077	1,163
Colfax	1,321	1,999	2,085	2,791	2,703	2,405
Merrick	2,002	2,326	2,466	3,141	2,579	2,202
Nance	414	414	473	609	901	858
Platte	5,245	5,259	6,157	7,760	8,636	8,074
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,971	10,805	12,261	15,336	15,896	14,702

During 1979 the number of new case filings and dispositions increased while the ending inventory of cases decreased. The ending inventory figures indicate the number of pending cases in the county court system at the end of the year.

**TABLE 6  
1979 CASE ACTIVITY**

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>*68,857</b>	<b>290,464</b>	<b>291,843</b>	<b>67,478</b>
1st Judicial District				
Johnson	117	769	749	137
Nemaha	359	1,697	1,641	415
Pawnee	203	526	564	165
Richardson	339	1,908	1,815	432
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,018	4,900	4,769	1,149
2nd Judicial District				
Cass	324	13,022	13,055	291
Otoe	697	4,075	3,859	913
Sarpy	1,744	15,896	15,293	2,347
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,765	32,993	32,207	3,551
3rd Judicial District				
Lancaster	10,890	5,688	12,190	4,388
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,890	5,688	12,190	4,388
4th Judicial District				
Douglas	13,225	12,890	12,065	14,050
DISTRICT TOTAL	13,225	12,890	12,065	14,050
5th Judicial District				
Butler	233	2,608	2,630	211
Hamilton	369	2,775	2,624	520
Polk	332	1,047	1,026	353
Saunders	1,007	4,300	4,318	989
Seward *(930)	863	6,037	5,710	1,190
York	1,332	3,930	3,953	1,309
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,136	20,697	20,261	4,572
6th Judicial District				
Burt	320	1,538	1,496	362
Dodge	1,592	12,158	12,116	1,634
Thurston	490	1,147	1,276	361
Washington	1,205	2,884	2,873	1,216
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,607	17,727	17,761	3,573
7th Judicial District				
Fillmore	316	1,690	1,711	295
Nuckolls	126	1,369	1,359	136
Saline	593	2,836	2,824	605
Thayer	362	4,414	4,280	496
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,397	10,309	10,174	1,532
8th Judicial District				
Cedar	381	2,023	1,956	448
Dakota	1,234	4,770	4,306	1,698
Dixon	116	669	648	137
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,731	7,462	6,910	2,283

\*Variance between this year's beginning balance and last year's ending balance is due to recounting and correcting entries.

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TABLE 6 — Continued  
1979 CASE ACTIVITY

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
<b>9th Judicial District</b>				
Antelope	225	1,582	1,634	173
Cuming	277	2,467	2,445	299
Knox	151	1,343	1,337	157
Madison	1,513	6,115	5,922	1,706
Pierce	291	1,591	1,512	370
Stanton	250	1,381	1,414	217
Wayne	252	1,793	1,813	232
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>16,272</b>	<b>16,077</b>	<b>3,154</b>
<b>10th Judicial District</b>				
Adams *(1,357)	1,453	6,596	6,298	1,751
Clay	211	2,398	2,401	208
Franklin	73	1,087	1,088	72
Harlan	271	1,468	1,447	292
Kearney	221	2,850	2,756	315
Phelps	262	2,383	2,409	236
Webster	172	1,203	1,226	149
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>17,985</b>	<b>17,625</b>	<b>3,023</b>
<b>11th Judicial District</b>				
Hall	4,664	14,475	12,467	6,672
Howard	233	1,461	1,366	328
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>4,897</b>	<b>15,936</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>12th Judicial District</b>				
Buffalo	1,346	9,224	8,672	1,898
Sherman	182	733	719	196
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>9,957</b>	<b>9,391</b>	<b>2,094</b>
<b>13th Judicial District</b>				
Arthur	0	95	88	7
Dawson	360	8,426	8,394	392
Hooker	67	681	688	60
Keith	515	5,525	5,609	431
Lincoln	1,242	24,462	24,546	1,158
Logan *(23)	24	296	309	11
McPherson	7	49	50	6
Thomas	44	512	517	39
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>40,046</b>	<b>40,201</b>	<b>2,104</b>
<b>14th Judicial District</b>				
Chase	77	704	664	117
Dundy	135	196	189	142
Frontier	63	456	452	67
Furnas	298	916	905	309
Gosper	29	580	561	48
Hayes	29	170	166	33
Hitchcock	58	681	682	57
Perkins	115	265	263	117
Red Willow	404	3,031	3,006	429
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>6,999</b>	<b>6,888</b>	<b>1,319</b>

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TABLE 6 — Continued  
1979 CASE ACTIVITY

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
<b>15th Judicial District</b>				
Boyd	84	289	287	86
Brown	191	749	745	195
Cherry	522	2,311	2,275	558
Holt	624	3,203	3,052	775
Keya Paha	52	136	138	50
Rock	87	754	736	105
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,560	7,442	7,233	1,769
<b>16th Judicial District</b>				
Box Butte *(1,200)	732	4,138	3,711	1,159
Dawes	1,029	3,415	3,885	559
Grant	82	360	385	57
Sheridan	823	3,121	3,063	881
Sioux	103	466	460	109
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,769	11,500	11,504	2,765
<b>17th Judicial District</b>				
Garden	100	887	901	86
Morrill	367	3,556	3,492	431
Scotts Bluff *(3,698)	2,194	12,414	13,228	1,380
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,661	16,857	17,621	1,897
<b>18th Judicial District</b>				
Gage	1,123	5,506	5,257	1,372
Jefferson	193	1,706	1,690	209
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,316	7,212	6,947	1,581
<b>19th Judicial District</b>				
Banner	66	596	594	68
Cheyenne *(721)	632	3,133	3,171	594
Deuel	226	2,348	2,312	262
Kimball	704	2,002	2,359	347
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,628	8,079	8,436	1,271
<b>20th Judicial District</b>				
Blaine	7	140	120	27
Custer	272	2,550	2,501	321
Garfield	62	199	209	52
Greeley *(43)	48	756	739	65
Loup	18	198	186	30
Valley	55	737	745	47
Wheeler	31	231	221	41
DISTRICT TOTAL	493	4,811	4,721	583
<b>21st Judicial District</b>				
Boone	292	1,163	1,132	323
Colfax	679	2,405	2,442	642
Merrick	620	2,202	2,252	570
Nance	63	858	842	79
Platte	2,493	8,074	8,361	2,206
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,147	14,702	15,029	3,820

\*Variance between this year's beginning balance and last year's ending balance is due to recounting and correcting entries.

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Civil case filings increased 12 percent last year, from a total of 9,045 cases in 1978 to 10,240 in 1979. Small claims cases had a slight increase from 10,033 in 1978 to 10,694 in 1979. Probate case filings remained almost constant with 8,972 in 1978 compared to 8,976 in 1979.

TABLE 7  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>10,240</b>	<b>9,561</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>10,728</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>8,545</b>
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	34	22	42	44	38	43
Nemaha	82	56	110	112	66	41
Pawnee	38	73	36	41	95	60
Richardson	85	67	83	79	120	111
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>255</b>
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	219	202	86	92	103	100
Otoe	165	149	113	110	120	131
Sarpy	806	592	350	320	214	252
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>483</b>
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	437	567	662	735	730	550
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>550</b>
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	71	57	5	4	1,580	1,440
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,440</b>
5th Judicial District						
Butler	39	65	54	52	87	81
Hamilton	89	75	75	67	75	72
Polk	42	60	98	99	63	72
Saunders	148	150	117	111	128	108
Seward	115	93	136	124	90	87
York	98	94	213	212	94	119
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>539</b>
6th Judicial District						
Burt	89	82	70	69	68	71
Dodge	457	356	274	242	237	178
Thurston	89	95	33	37	45	39
Washington	166	97	72	87	79	65
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>353</b>
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	50	44	95	110	85	82
Nuckolls	32	24	57	68	59	59
Saline	91	93	115	119	126	95
Thayer	41	29	62	58	76	93
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>329</b>
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	56	50	77	80	93	85
Dakota	290	200	191	175	65	77
Dixon	58	58	38	38	78	75
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>237</b>

TABLE 7 — Continued  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	80	84	124	129	67	69
Cuming	62	60	68	73	97	83
Knox	62	64	64	64	86	94
Madison	317	286	331	305	198	147
Pierce	88	70	118	119	61	60
Stanton	27	22	32	34	61	76
Wayne	49	59	107	105	63	65
DISTRICT TOTAL	685	645	844	829	633	594
10th Judicial District						
Adams	403	348	229	215	201	204
Clay	107	103	41	41	58	69
Franklin	27	36	60	54	48	52
Harlan	40	60	53	44	30	31
Kearney	80	93	66	62	55	44
Phelps	159	175	172	163	94	100
Webster	34	27	21	21	49	45
DISTRICT TOTAL	850	842	642	600	535	545
11th Judicial District						
Hall	730	427	429	317	243	202
Howard	86	67	89	85	53	46
DISTRICT TOTAL	816	494	518	402	296	248
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	712	787	372	343	174	120
Sherman	39	27	103	103	26	24
DISTRICT TOTAL	751	814	475	446	200	144
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	3	1	1	0	6	3
Dawson	250	185	393	387	140	128
Hooker	4	8	16	22	10	7
Keith	99	142	136	129	65	59
Lincoln	409	365	456	442	194	266
Logan	7	3	1	2	12	11
McPherson	2	1	1	1	4	5
Thomas	1	5	9	5	9	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	775	710	1013	988	440	482
14th Judicial District						
Chase	21	19	99	91	51	41
Dundy	10	8	13	11	23	29
Frontier	11	12	35	34	24	28
Furnas	60	34	105	96	76	67
Gosper	13	10	27	25	26	27
Hayes	5	6	5	3	10	11
Hitchcock	26	32	33	31	30	27
Perkins	26	19	67	68	29	31
Red Willow	89	57	267	316	102	113
DISTRICT TOTAL	261	197	651	675	371	374

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	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>15th Judicial District</b>						
Boyd	10	6	49	47	23	23
Brown	41	50	108	110	41	39
Cherry	62	57	101	96	42	22
Holt	97	81	134	124	71	54
Keya Paha	3	2	4	5	5	12
Rock	22	16	58	59	20	14
DISTRICT TOTAL	235	212	454	441	202	164
<b>16th Judicial District</b>						
Box Butte	114	78	204	177	81	60
Dawes	46	30	189	167	68	56
Grant	7	5	10	11	4	2
Sheridan	74	61	68	62	63	70
Sioux	3	3	1	1	22	6
DISTRICT TOTAL	244	177	472	418	238	194
<b>17th Judicial District</b>						
Garden	18	22	50	50	24	24
Morrill	39	37	35	35	37	59
Scotts Bluff	601	844	747	1,139	175	423
DISTRICT TOTAL	658	903	832	1,224	236	506
<b>18th Judicial District</b>						
Gage	250	196	216	210	207	163
Jefferson	97	79	153	144	91	86
DISTRICT TOTAL	347	275	369	354	298	249
<b>19th Judicial District</b>						
Banner	8	8	4	4	5	5
Cheyenne	43	48	129	123	98	116
Deuel	9	18	21	17	29	23
Kimball	24	69	125	130	54	97
DISTRICT TOTAL	84	143	279	274	186	241
<b>20th Judicial District</b>						
Blaine	1	2	4	3	0	0
Custer	65	61	151	146	113	110
Garfield	8	9	28	26	18	22
Greeley	38	31	23	25	80	82
Loup	13	14	12	12	15	8
Valley	15	15	70	69	54	55
Wheeler	5	5	5	3	5	9
DISTRICT TOTAL	145	137	293	284	285	286
<b>21st Judicial District</b>						
Boone	35	29	41	42	71	49
Colfax	69	63	71	66	94	83
Merrick	109	90	121	97	59	61
Nance	19	13	18	19	43	45
Platte	270	367	337	284	175	94
DISTRICT TOTAL	502	562	588	508	442	332

Guardianship and conservatorship cases increased from 1,893 cases in 1978 to 1,964 cases in 1979. Adoptions decreased slightly from 1,274 in 1978 to 1,211 in 1979. Eminent domain proceedings increased considerably from 182 cases in 1978 to 266 cases in 1979.

TABLE 8  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	GUARDIANSHIP CONSERVATORSHIP		ADOPTION		EMINENT DOMAIN	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>266</b>
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	7	7	3	3	0	0
Nemaha	5	5	2	2	2	2
Pawnee	42	6	0	0	1	0
Richardson	20	16	1	4	3	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	74	34	6	9	6	2
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	18	19	13	9	0	1
Otoe	10	14	9	10	2	5
Sarpy	125	133	94	89	2	6
DISTRICT TOTAL	153	166	116	108	4	12
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	151	1,077	98	98	13	43
DISTRICT TOTAL	151	1,077	98	98	13	43
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	424	171	306	293	36	31
DISTRICT TOTAL	424	171	306	293	36	31
5th Judicial District						
Butler	15	15	5	6	1	0
Hamilton	19	19	6	7	0	0
Polk	9	27	4	4	0	0
Saunders	19	11	15	21	6	6
Seward	23	22	19	10	4	4
York	21	21	9	13	4	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	106	115	49	61	15	14
6th Judicial District						
Burt	6	6	5	5	4	4
Dodge	51	23	39	37	5	2
Thurston	8	5	3	2	10	1
Washington	23	23	13	15	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	88	57	60	59	20	8
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	12	11	2	2	1	1
Nuckolls	3	2	3	3	0	0
Saline	22	11	9	8	0	0
Thayer	15	21	2	2	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	52	45	16	15	2	1
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	5	7	6	7	0	0
Dakota	20	24	17	17	0	4
Dixon	4	6	13	13	3	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	29	37	36	37	3	7

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	GUARDIANSHIP CONSERVATORSHIP		ADOPTION		EMINENT DOMAIN	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	6	7	5	7	1	1
Cuming	14	14	7	7	0	0
Knox	15	16	5	4	0	0
Madison	49	65	28	28	2	3
Pierce	5	5	3	3	0	0
Stanton	8	19	8	8	0	0
Wayne	12	14	5	5	49	49
DISTRICT TOTAL	109	140	61	62	52	53
10th Judicial District						
Adams	32	32	11	11	7	7
Clay	16	16	9	7	2	2
Franklin	8	6	5	4	1	0
Harlan	4	4	1	1	0	0
Kearney	13	11	7	5	0	0
Phelps	15	15	9	10	0	0
Webster	8	8	4	4	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	96	92	46	42	10	9
11th Judicial District						
Hall	70	69	38	43	8	9
Howard	10	11	2	2	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	80	80	40	45	8	9
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	44	25	21	27	3	1
Sherman	7	7	6	4	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	51	32	27	31	3	1
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dawson	30	31	22	20	1	1
Hooker	2	2	0	0	0	0
Keith	8	9	11	12	3	3
Lincoln	34	114	50	58	15	16
Logan	0	0	0	0	0	0
McPherson	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	75	158	83	90	19	21
14th Judicial District						
Chase	14	11	3	1	0	0
Dundy	5	5	2	1	0	0
Frontier	6	4	4	5	2	2
Furnas	15	12	2	3	0	0
Gosper	4	6	2	3	0	0
Hayes	2	3	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	2	3	0	1	3	3
Perkins	5	5	3	2	0	0
Red Willow	15	15	16	15	2	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	68	64	32	31	7	7

TABLE 8— Continued  
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	GUARDIANSHIP CONSERVATORSHIP		ADOPTION		EMINENT DOMAIN	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	6	5	1	1	0	0
Brown	4	6	1	2	0	0
Cherry	7	2	5	4	0	0
Holt	8	9	12	14	1	1
Keya Paha	3	3	1	1	0	0
Rock	9	8	1	1	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	37	33	21	23	1	1
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	16	8	8	9	0	0
Dawes	11	10	12	14	0	0
Grant	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sheridan	14	15	6	5	0	0
Sioux	6	2	1	1	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	49	37	27	29	0	0
17th Judicial District						
Garden	17	16	3	3	0	0
Morrill	11	11	4	4	0	0
Scotts Bluff	40	204	58	59	13	10
DISTRICT TOTAL	68	231	65	66	13	10
18th Judicial District						
Gage	55	24	23	21	2	2
Jefferson	4	4	7	7	11	11
DISTRICT TOTAL	59	28	30	28	13	13
19th Judicial District						
Banner	1	2	2	2	0	0
Cheyenne	20	20	11	14	2	0
Deuel	5	5	3	2	3	3
Kimball	11	27	5	5	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	37	54	21	23	5	3
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	0	0	0	0	1	1
Custer	21	18	7	7	17	17
Garfield	2	2	0	0	0	0
Greeley	55	55	3	4	0	0
Loup	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley	10	9	2	2	0	0
Wheeler	0	0	2	2	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	88	84	14	15	18	18
21st Judicial District						
Boone	14	12	5	6	0	0
Colfax	12	13	17	15	1	0
Merrick	11	13	7	6	1	1
Nance	3	3	4	4	0	0
Platte	30	22	24	23	2	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	70	63	57	54	4	3

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Statute traffic cases increased during 1979 while ordinance traffic cases decreased. Totally, 203,299 traffic cases were filed in 1978 and 207,546 were filed in 1979. Preliminary hearings for felonies decreased slightly, from 4,249 cases in 1978 to 4,026 in 1979.

TABLE 9  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	STATUTE TRAFFIC		ORDINANCE TRAFFIC		FELONY (Prelim. Hearing)	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>170,768</b>	<b>168,650</b>	<b>36,778</b>	<b>36,243</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>5,933</b>
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	322	312	138	138	11	11
Nemaha	750	752	257	249	37	50
Pawnee	249	277	0	0	3	11
Richardson	1,084	1,059	269	263	24	14
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>86</b>
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	11,470	11,494	611	634	61	77
Otoe	2,447	2,345	703	675	54	61
Sarpy	12,510	12,165	49	31	184	202
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>26,427</b>	<b>26,004</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>340</b>
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	0	0	0	0	1,005	3,013
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>3,013</b>
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	7,062	6,879	435	415	163	124
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>7,062</b>	<b>6,879</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>124</b>
5th Judicial District						
Butler	2,121	2,119	77	71	16	18
Hamilton	1,807	1,717	478	457	37	36
Polk	560	504	60	55	10	7
Saunders	2,952	3,020	130	103	64	63
Seward	4,437	4,296	794	751	49	38
York	2,016	2,050	388	378	102	90
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>13,893</b>	<b>13,706</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>252</b>
6th Judicial District						
Burt	1,096	1,084	19	19	9	8
Dodge	1,018	1,117	5,244	5,236	174	215
Thurston	605	717	0	0	29	37
Washington	1,648	1,668	304	352	27	57
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>4,367</b>	<b>4,586</b>	<b>5,567</b>	<b>5,607</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>317</b>
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	1,231	1,244	0	0	19	17
Nuckolls	1,078	1,076	42	44	21	19
Saline	1,135	1,109	733	743	36	22
Thayer	4,067	3,963	10	9	6	5
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>7,511</b>	<b>7,392</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>63</b>
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	1,110	1,119	0	0	14	12
Dakota	1,465	1,322	1,581	1,503	48	62
Dixon	268	263	103	89	2	2
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>

TABLE 9 — Continued  
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	STATUTE TRAFFIC		ORDINANCE TRAFFIC		FELONY (Prelim. Hearing)	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	1,122	1,134	7	7	5	9
Cuming	1,980	1,962	69	67	11	11
Knox	920	904	0	0	22	25
Madison	2,207	2,059	2,220	2,227	30	34
Pierce	1,141	1,101	23	23	16	15
Stanton	1,144	1,127	0	0	10	9
Wayne	734	739	446	455	3	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,248	9,026	2,765	2,779	97	107
10th Judicial District						
Adams	4,572	4,446	0	0	60	42
Clay	1,738	1,738	0	0	32	26
Franklin	762	770	0	0	0	0
Harlan	928	917	2	2	18	20
Kearney	2,115	2,090	234	207	30	18
Phelps	1,047	1,064	305	310	28	21
Webster	993	1,008	0	0	7	19
DISTRICT TOTAL	12,155	12,033	541	519	175	146
11th Judicial District						
Hall	6,892	6,047	3,855	3,525	262	221
Howard	1,075	1,025	20	16	16	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	7,967	7,072	3,875	3,541	278	236
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	4,093	3,857	2,579	2,545	152	101
Sherman	442	454	6	6	3	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,535	4,311	2,585	2,551	155	103
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	81	80	0	0	1	1
Dawson	5,090	5,152	1,204	1,193	99	95
Hooker	608	609	0	0	0	0
Keith	4,538	4,532	55	57	43	69
Lincoln	19,240	19,429	2,235	2,204	133	106
Logan	252	265	0	0	0	1
McPherson	39	39	0	0	0	0
Thomas	483	498	0	0	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	30,331	30,604	3,494	3,454	277	272
14th Judicial District						
Chase	335	322	77	77	6	6
Dundy	111	106	0	0	5	6
Frontier	215	213	8	8	5	4
Furnas	536	522	0	0	1	1
Gosper	401	387	0	0	3	3
Hayes	128	125	1	1	0	0
Hitchcock	386	379	30	38	10	9
Perkins	106	103	1	1	3	4
Red Willow	1,707	1,672	108	105	23	24
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,925	3,829	225	230	56	57

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	STATUTE TRAFFIC		ORDINANCE TRAFFIC		FELONY (Prelim. Hearing)	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>15th Judicial District</b>						
Boyd	134	137	5	5	3	2
Brown	408	392	21	21	8	13
Cherry	1,756	1,755	0	0	28	26
Holt	1,812	1,738	329	312	39	25
Keya Paha	69	63	0	0	0	2
Rock	548	550	0	0	2	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,727	4,635	355	338	80	72
<b>16th Judicial District</b>						
Box Butte	1,438	1,297	1,316	1,225	53	45
Dawes	2,205	2,342	401	448	27	29
Grant	294	321	0	0	0	0
Sheridan	2,164	2,224	0	0	43	37
Sioux	415	429	0	0	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,516	6,613	1,717	1,673	124	112
<b>17th Judicial District</b>						
Garden	689	698	1	1	0	1
Morrill	3,060	3,014	40	40	15	14
Scotts Bluff	4,444	4,277	4,327	4,347	226	213
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,193	7,989	4,368	4,388	241	228
<b>18th Judicial District</b>						
Gage	1,983	1,971	1,261	1,255	76	61
Jefferson	759	755	324	310	31	47
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,742	2,726	1,585	1,565	107	108
<b>19th Judicial District</b>						
Banner	573	570	0	0	1	1
Cheyenne	2,222	2,173	231	245	55	67
Deuel	2,244	2,223	0	0	14	5
Kimball	1,578	1,791	105	113	13	11
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,617	6,757	336	358	83	84
<b>20th Judicial District</b>						
Blaine	133	114	0	0	1	0
Custer	1,775	1,759	49	58	41	37
Garfield	94	101	3	3	6	3
Greeley	451	442	15	16	13	12
Loup	114	99	0	0	0	0
Valley	412	412	76	76	6	7
Wheeler	181	175	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,160	3,102	143	153	67	59
<b>21st Judicial District</b>						
Boone	742	730	138	140	5	4
Colfax	1,421	1,444	384	376	9	8
Merrick	1,417	1,591	174	164	37	24
Nance	717	712	0	0	10	10
Platte	1,847	1,805	1,668	1,799	20	32
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,144	6,282	2,364	2,479	81	78

Statute nontraffic (criminal) cases increased during 1979, however ordinance nontraffic cases decreased. Totally, 41,027 nontraffic cases were filed in 1978 compared to 42,224 cases in 1979. Juvenile case filings increased from 2,950 in 1978 to 3,331 in 1979.

TABLE 10  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	STATUTE NONTRAFFIC		ORDINANCE NONTRAFFIC		JUVENILE	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>33,961</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>8,263</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>3,165</b>
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	140	137	20	17	14	15
Nemaha	328	311	47	46	11	15
Pawnee	54	89	0	0	8	7
Richardson	192	176	7	9	20	17
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	314	303	74	79	53	45
Otoe	313	243	105	83	34	33
Sarpy	1,464	1,399	98	104	0	0
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>78</b>
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	2,592	6,107	0	0	0	0
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>6,107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	2,788	2,635	20	16	0	0
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
5th Judicial District						
Butler	153	164	13	13	27	26
Hamilton	143	135	24	20	22	19
Polk	128	129	0	1	73	68
Saunders	661	668	31	19	29	38
Seward	255	189	22	25	102	71
York	829	807	80	85	76	80
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>302</b>
6th Judicial District						
Burt	142	118	16	17	14	13
Dodge	3,056	3,133	1,091	1,074	512	503
Thurston	304	324	8	6	13	13
Washington	450	397	67	90	34	21
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>3,972</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>550</b>
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	152	157	0	1	43	42
Nuckolls	67	55	2	2	5	7
Saline	343	389	156	175	70	60
Thayer	95	62	14	13	25	25
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>134</b>
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	654	589	0	0	8	7
Dakota	775	611	288	278	30	33
Dixon	66	68	22	19	14	14
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>

# COUNTY COURTS

TABLE 10 — Continued  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	STATUTE NONTRAFFIC		ORDINANCE NONTRAFFIC		JUVENILE	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
<b>9th Judicial District</b>						
Antelope	141	161	15	15	9	11
Cuming	143	148	10	10	6	10
Knox	126	124	5	5	38	37
Madison	232	237	456	452	45	79
Pierce	124	104	9	9	3	3
Stanton	88	116	0	0	3	3
Wayne	228	215	90	93	7	10
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,082	1,105	585	584	111	153
<b>10th Judicial District</b>						
Adams	707	649	252	242	122	102
Clay	344	338	9	9	42	52
Franklin	167	159	1	1	8	6
Harlan	385	362	1	1	6	5
Kearney	172	156	57	53	21	17
Phelps	440	450	67	69	47	32
Webster	80	79	0	0	7	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,295	2,193	387	375	253	229
<b>11th Judicial District</b>						
Hall	1,112	823	456	416	380	368
Howard	71	62	27	27	12	10
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,183	885	483	443	392	378
<b>12th Judicial District</b>						
Buffalo	784	598	218	198	72	70
Sherman	87	77	5	5	9	10
DISTRICT TOTAL	871	675	223	203	81	80
<b>13th Judicial District</b>						
Arthur	3	3	0	0	0	0
Dawson	829	841	269	263	99	98
Hooker	40	39	0	0	1	1
Keith	514	534	31	30	22	33
Lincoln	1,007	870	544	531	145	145
Logan	24	27	0	0	0	0
McPherson	3	3	0	0	0	0
Thomas	8	4	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,428	2,321	844	824	267	277
<b>14th Judicial District</b>						
Chase	55	54	33	33	10	9
Dundy	23	19	2	2	2	2
Frontier	142	140	0	0	4	2
Furnas	108	152	1	1	12	17
Gosper	101	97	3	3	0	0
Hayes	19	17	0	0	0	0
Hitchcock	149	148	2	3	10	8
Perkins	22	27	2	1	1	2
Red Willow	440	438	229	219	33	30
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,059	1,092	272	262	72	70

Table 10— Continued  
1979 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	STATUTE NONTRAFFIC		ORDINANCE NONTRAFFIC		JUVENILE	
	filed	disposed	filed	disposed	filed	disposed
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	58	61	0	0	0	0
Brown	102	98	4	5	11	9
Cherry	309	304	1	6	0	3
Holt	640	649	46	32	14	13
Keya Paha	51	50	0	0	0	0
Rock	84	73	2	3	8	8
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,244	1,235	53	46	33	33
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	551	476	309	289	48	47
Dawes	388	724	44	43	24	22
Grant	43	44	0	0	0	0
Sheridan	650	565	0	0	39	24
Sioux	17	17	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,649	1,826	353	332	111	93
17th Judicial District						
Garden	81	82	1	1	3	3
Morrill	278	251	8	7	29	20
Scotts Bluff	765	702	772	777	246	233
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,124	1,035	781	785	278	256
18th Judicial District						
Gage	638	611	717	695	78	48
Jefferson	185	205	2	2	42	40
DISTRICT TOTAL	823	816	719	697	120	88
19th Judicial District						
Banner	2	2	0	0	0	0
Cheyenne	270	323	26	19	26	23
Deuel	0	0	9	5	11	11
Kimball	38	51	43	60	6	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	310	376	78	84	43	39
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custer	258	243	22	16	31	29
Garfield	29	32	7	7	4	4
Greeley	45	40	21	21	12	11
Loup	42	51	1	1	1	1
Valley	60	66	2	2	30	32
Wheeler	33	27	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	467	459	53	47	78	77
21st Judicial District						
Boone	86	92	12	15	14	13
Colfax	287	336	15	18	25	20
Merrick	231	177	5	5	30	23
Nance	39	31	0	0	5	5
Platte	2,325	2,451	1,195	1,323	181	159
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,968	3,087	1,227	1,361	255	220

# JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

## NEBRASKA JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

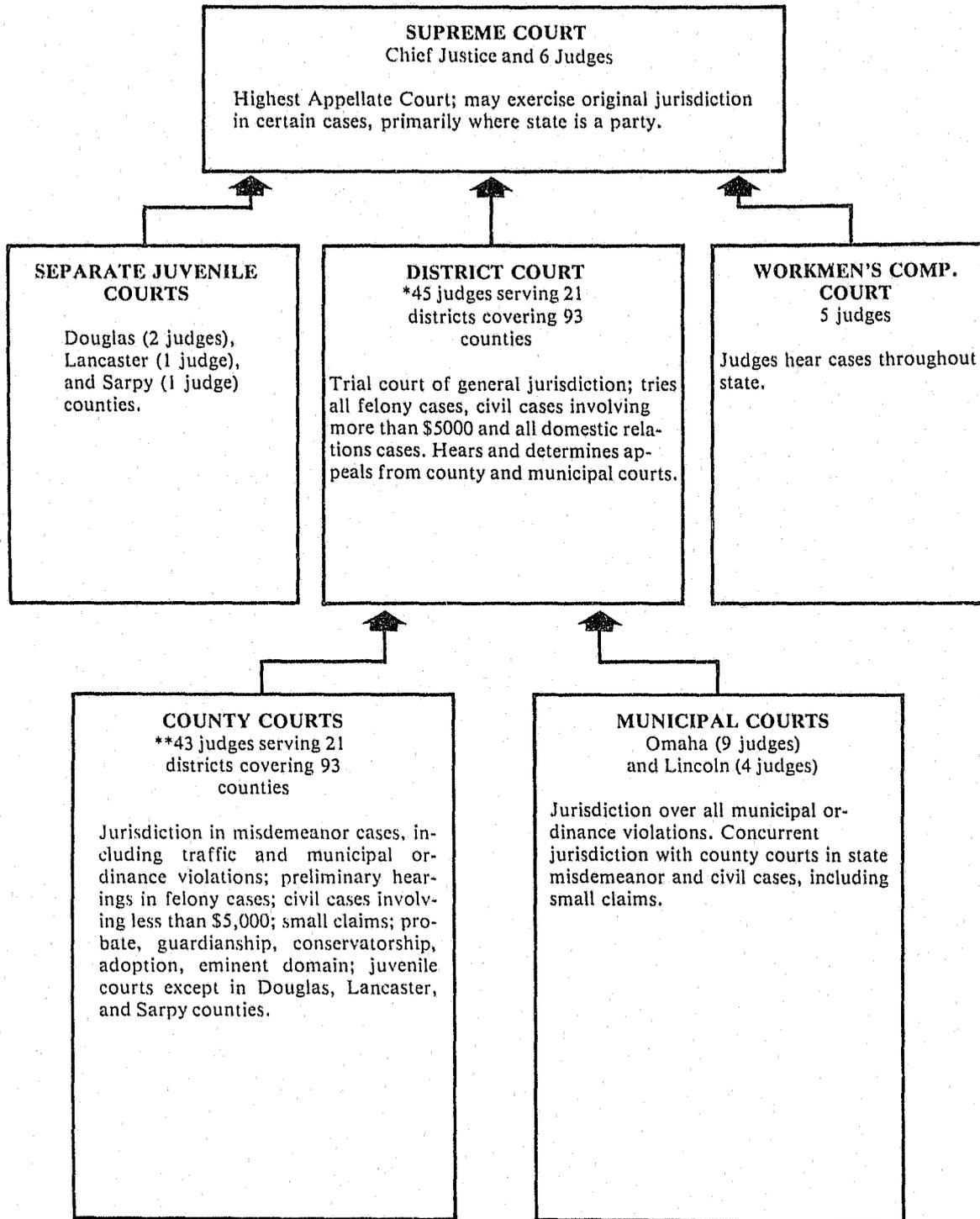
District	No. of Counties	Population 1970	Area Sq. Mi.	Law Trained Assoc.	County Court Judges	District Court Judges	Municipal Court Judges	Juvenile Court Judges
1	4	31,469	1,760	—	1	1	—	—
2	3	98,541	1,413	—	3	3	—	1
3	1	167,942	845	—	2	5	4	1
4	1	389,455	335	—	2	12	9	2
5	6	69,959	3,458	1	3	2	—	—
6	4	64,281	1,785	1	2	2	—	—
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	69,398	3,877	1	2	2	—	—
11	2	49,658	1,101	1	1 *	2	—	—
12	2	35,947	1,519	1	1	1	—	—
13	8	61,675	8,097	1	3	2	—	—
14	9	41,307	6,953	—	2	1	—	—
15	6	31,123	11,904	—	2	1	—	—
16	5	30,193	7,743	1	2	1 *	—	—
17	3	45,174	3,806	—	2	2	—	—
18	2	36,155	1,435	—	1	1	—	—
19	4	20,538	3,313	—	2	1	—	—
20	7	29,034	6,126	—	2	1	—	—
21	5	58,125	2,675	—	3	1 *	—	—

\*one additional judge authorized, effective July 1980.



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\*two additional judges authorized, effective July 1980

\*\*one additional judge authorized, effective July 1980

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## NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

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Judge William C. Hastings	State Capitol, Room 2218 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-475-5651
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## NEBRASKA DISTRICT JUDGES

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3	William D. Blue Donald Endacott Dale Fahrnbruch Herbert A. Ronin Samuel Van Pelt	Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln Lincoln	68508 68508 68508 68508 68508	402-473-6605 402-473-6373 402-473-6374 402-473-6371 402-473-6372
3	James A. Buckley John C. Burke Samuel P. Caniglia John E. Clark John T. Grant Donald J. Hamilton Jerry M. Gitnick Paul J. Hickman Keith Howard James Murphy Theodore L. Richling D. Nick Caporale	Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha Omaha	68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183 68183	402-444-7089 402-444-7009 402-444-7086 402-444-7018 402-444-7011 402-444-7008 402-444-7013 402-444-7817 402-444-7007 402-444-7012 402-444-7014 402-444-7015
	Bryce Bartu William H. Norton	Seward Osceola (Box 505)	68434 68651	402-443-4060
6	Mark J. Fuhrman Walter G. Huber	Fremont Blair	68025 68008	402-721-6811 402-426-3404

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9	Richard P. Garden Merritt C. Warren	Norfolk Creighton	68701 68729	402-358-3225
10	Bernard Sprague Fred R. Irons	Red Cloud Hastings	68970 68901	402-746-2777 402-463-2491
11	Lloyd W. Kelly, Jr. Joseph Martin	Grand Island Grand Island	68801 68801	308-384-6745 308-384-1773
12	DeWayne Wolf	Kearney	68847	308-237-5189
13	Hugh Stuart Keith Windrum	North Platte North Platte	69101 69101	308-534-4350
14	Jack Hendrix	Trenton	69044	308-334-5383
15	Henry Reimer	O'Neill	68763	402-336-1662
16	Robert R. Moran	Alliance	69301	308-762-3360
17	Robert O. Hippe Alfred Kortum	Gering Gering	69341 69341	308-436-2252 308-436-5216
18	William B. Rist	Beatrice	68310	402-223-4085
19	John D. Knapp	Kimball	69145	308-235-3591
20	James R. Kelly	Broken Bow	68822	308-872-5661
21	John C. Whitehead	Columbus	68601	402-564-0012

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT

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Presiding Judge Mark A. Buchholz	P.O. Box 94967 State Capitol 13th Floor Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-2568
Judge Ben Novicoff	P.O. Box 94967 State Capitol 13th Floor Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-2568
Judge Ted W. Vrana	P.O. Box 94967 State Capitol 13th Floor Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-2568
Judge Paul E. LeClair	Hall of Justice Room 173 Omaha, NE 68183	402-342-1813
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Judge	Address	Telephone
Judge Wilfred Nuernberger	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-473-6367
Judge Colleen Buckley	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-7883
Judge Joseph Moylan	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-7881
Judge William Staley	Hall of Justice Papillion, NE 68046	402-339-8950

## NEBRASKA COUNTY JUDGES

District	Judge	City	Zip Code	Telephone
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3	Robert R. Camp Jeffre P. Chevront	Lincoln Lincoln	68508 68508	402-473-6446 402-473-6446
4	Samuel V. Cooper Robert C. McGowan	Omaha Omaha	68183 68183	402-444-7152 402-444-7152
5	*Myrl D. Edstrom Robert T. Cattle Curtis H. Evans	Wahoo Seward York	68066 68434 68467	402-443-3728 402-643-3214 402-362-4925
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8	David W. Curtiss Neil R. McCluhan	Hartington Dakota City	68739 68731	402-254-3983 402-987-3406
9	Stephen Finn Phillip Riley James Duggan	Neligh Creighton Norfolk	68756 68729 68701	402-887-4650 402-358-3225 402-371-3288
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11	Richard DeBacker	Grand Island	68801	308-381-5135
12	John Icenogle	Kearney	68847	308-237-2289
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17	G. Glenn Camerer James L. Macken	Gering Gering	69341 69341	308-436-6648 308-436-6648
18	Steven Timm	Beatrice	68310	402-223-2137
19	Thomas Dorwart Kenneth Fritzier	Sidney Kimball	69162 69145	308-254-4147 308-235-2831
20	Keith Kovanda Roy Blixt	Burwell Ord	68823 68862	308-346-4123 308-728-3831
21	Gary F. Hatfield Gerald E. Rouse Lyle Winkle	Central City Columbus Columbus	68826 68601 68601	308-946-2812 402-564-1311 402-564-1311

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Judge Donald R. Grant	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-473-6274
Judge Thomas J. McManus	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-473-6276
Presiding Judge William F. Ryan	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5438
Judge Theodore Carlson	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5434
Judge Walter H. Cropper	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5430
Judge Francis A. McLane	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5439
Judge Fred J. Montag	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5411
Judge Elizabeth D. Pittman	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5435
Judge Joseph Troia	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5424
Judge Robert C. Vondrasek	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5433
Judge A.Q. Wolf	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5432

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