

TABLE 9: Reported Total State Trial Court Civil Caseload, 2002

State/Court name:	Jurisdiction	Support/custody:		Total civil filings and qualifying footnotes	Total civil dispositions and qualifying footnotes	Dispositions as a percentage of filings	Filings per 100,000 total population
		(a) method of count code	(b) decree change counted as				
ALABAMA							
Circuit	G	6	NF	114,814 B	111,440 B	97	2,559
District	L	2	I	173,772	167,794	97	3,873
Probate	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
ALASKA							
Superior	G	6	R	11,906 B	11,058 C		1,849
District	L	2	I	26,316 B	27,166 B	103	4,088
State Total				38,222 *	38,224 *		5,937
ARIZONA+							
Superior	G	6	NF	119,829	111,624	93	2,196
Tax	G	1	I	1,007	962	96	18
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	182,394	169,839	93	3,343
Municipal	L	1	I	22,959	21,113	92	421
State Total				326,189	303,538	93	5,978
ARKANSAS							
Circuit	G	1	I	103,397	97,006	94	3,815
City	L	1	I	0	0		
District	L	1	I	82,535	134,366	163	3,045
State Total				185,932	231,372	124	6,861
CALIFORNIA							
Superior	G	6	NC	1,569,672 A	1,364,970 A	87	4,470
COLORADO							
District, Denver Juvenile, Denver Probate	G	3	R	100,494 A	92,865 A	92	2,230
Water	G	1	I	1,550	1,300	84	34
County	L	1	I	263,795 A	167,397 A	63	5,854
State Total				365,839 *	261,562 *	71	8,118
CONNECTICUT							
Superior	G	5**	NC	175,935 C	120,604 C	69	5,084
Probate	L	4	R	77,581	NA		2,242
State Total				253,516 *			7,326
DELAWARE							
Court of Chancery	G	1	I	4,159	3,525	85	515
Superior	G	1	I	10,078 B	10,499 B	104	1,248
Court of Common Pleas	L	1	I	10,496	8,400	80	1,300
Family	L	3**	R	39,016 B	40,571 B	104	4,832
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	28,910	29,637	103	3,581
State Total				92,659 *	92,632 *	100	11,476
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Superior	G	6**	R	104,252	106,214	102	18,261

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FLORIDA							
Circuit	G	4	R	917,288 A	497,698 A	54	5,488
County	L	1	I	541,416 A	390,444 A	72	3,239
State Total				1,458,704 *	888,142 *	61	8,728
GEORGIA							
Superior	G	3	NF	224,850 B	NA		2,627
Civil	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Magistrate	L	1	I	372,655	NA		4,353
Municipal	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Probate	L	1	I	38,208	NA		446
State	L	1	I	113,944 A	133,080 A	117	1,331
State Total							
HAWAII							
Circuit	G	6	R	24,329	26,061	107	1,954
District	L	1	I	20,888	22,548	108	1,678
State Total				45,217	48,609	108	3,632
IDAHO							
District	G	6**	R	7,462 A	7,012 A	94	556
Magistrates Division	L	6**	R	86,312 A	86,335 A	100	6,436
State Total				93,774 *	93,347 *	100	6,992
ILLINOIS							
Circuit	G	6**	R	712,727	663,761	93	5,656
INDIANA							
Probate	G	1	I	1,880	1,058	56	31
Superior and Circuit	G	5	R	452,227 A	437,565 A	97	7,342
City and Town	L	1	I	19,691	13,281	67	320
County	L	1	I	9,860	9,158	93	160
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	1	I	72,851	72,548	100	1,183
State Total				556,509 *	533,610 *	96	9,036
IOWA							
District	G	6	NF	205,032 B	NA		6,982
KANSAS							
District	G	6**	NC	234,343	219,839	94	8,629
KENTUCKY							
Circuit	G	6	R	86,331	74,730	87	2,109
District	L	1	I	196,247 A	180,631 A	92	4,795
State Total				282,578 *	255,361 *	90	6,904
LOUISIANA							
District	G	6	NF	180,398	NA		4,024
Family and Juvenile	G	4***	NF	9,368	9,232	99	209
City and Parish	L	1	I	84,389	71,705	85	1,883
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
MAINE							
Superior	G	6	NC	3,326	NA		257
District	L	5	NC	49,855	NA		3,851
Probate	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							

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MARYLAND							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	175,389 B	170,984 B	97	3,213
District	L	1	I	778,649	37,817 A		14,266
Orphan's	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
MASSACHUSETTS							
Superior Court	G	5**	R	25,619	26,796	105	399
District Court	L	5**	R	266,770	231,435	87	4,150
Boston Municipal Court	L	1	I	22,679	16,852	74	353
Housing Court	L	1	I	32,257	3,781	12	502
Juvenile Court	L	1	I	1,016	NA		16
Land Court	L	1	I	12,634	9,764	77	197
Probate & Family Court	L	5**	R	154,974	104,994 A		2,411
State Total				515,949			8,027
MICHIGAN							
Circuit	G	6**	NC	216,869	214,418	99	2,158
Court of Claims	G	1	I	279	322	115	3
District	L	1	I	581,501	551,811	95	5,786
Municipal	L	1	I	1,245	1,015	82	12
Probate	L	1	I	68,182	64,134	94	678
State Total				868,076	831,700	96	8,637
MINNESOTA							
District	G	6	NF	221,232	216,330	98	4,407
MISSISSIPPI							
Circuit	G	1	I	26,501	20,708	78	923
Chancery	L	5	NF	69,413	59,064	85	2,417
County	L	4	NF	32,961	19,285	59	1,148
Justice	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
MISSOURI							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	308,815	297,224	96	5,444
MONTANA							
District	G	3	R	23,856	20,754	87	2,623
Water	G	1	I	NA	NA		
Workers' Compensation	G	1	I	243	152	63	27
City	L	1	I	568 A	NA		62
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	31,206 C	NA		3,431
Municipal	L	1	I	1,155	NA		127
State Total							
NEBRASKA							
District	G	5	R	30,769 C	NA		1,779
County	L	1	I	79,169	NA		4,578
Workers' Compensation	L	1	I	121	131	108	7
State Total				110,059 *			6,365
NEVADA							
District	G	2	R	68,041	71,320 A		3,130
Justice	L	1	I	101,049 A	18,233 A	18	4,649
Municipal	L	1	I	125 A	NA		6
State Total				169,215 *			

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NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior	G	5	R	19,125 A	17,917 A	94	1,500
District	L	1	I	38,701	36,968	96	3,035
Probate	L	1	I	10,675	10,360 A		837
State Total				68,501 *	65,245 *		5,372
NEW JERSEY							
Superior	G	6**	R	1,052,341	1,059,676	101	12,250
Tax	L	1	I	5,940	5,819	98	69
State Total				1,058,281	1,065,495	101	12,319
NEW MEXICO							
District	G	6	R	68,953	65,135	94	3,717
Magistrate	L	1	I	23,606	22,690	96	1,273
Metropolitan Ct. of Bernalillo County	L	1	I	18,096	16,737	92	975
Probate	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
NEW YORK							
Supreme and County	G	1	I	446,381 B	458,260 B	103	2,330
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	1	I	770,677 A	501,757 A	65	4,023
Court of Claims	L	1	I	1,826	2,000	110	10
District and City	L	1	I	283,424 A	244,317 A	86	1,479
Family	L	4	R	607,433	601,381	99	3,171
Surrogates'	L	1	I	158,520	127,816	81	827
Town and Village Justice	L	1	I	58,117	58,117	100	303
State Total				2,326,378 *	1,993,648 *	86	12,143
NORTH CAROLINA							
Superior	G	1	I	176,279 B	160,563 B	91	2,119
District	L	6**	R	475,941 A	475,281 A	100	5,720
State Total				652,220 *	635,844 *	97	7,839
NORTH DAKOTA							
District	G	6**	NF	44,887	42,547	95	7,079
OHIO							
Court of Common Pleas	G	6**	R	481,322 B	479,185 B	100	4,214
County	L	1	I	27,895	27,025	97	244
Court of Claims	L	1	I	1,332	1,343	101	12
Municipal	L	1	I	472,155	450,289	95	4,134
State Total				982,704 *	957,842 *	97	8,604
OKLAHOMA †							
District	G	6	R	267,042	256,626	96	7,643
Court of Tax Review	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
OREGON							
Circuit	G	6**	R	210,866 B	206,476 B	98	5,988
Tax	G	1	I	1,329	1,167	88	38
County	L	1	I	NA	NA		
Justice	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							

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PENNSYLVANIA							
Court of Common Pleas†	G	4	NF	468,474 A	424,518 A	91	3,798
District Justice	L	1	I	212,752	212,187	100	1,725
Philadelphia Municipal	L	1	I	125,395 A	122,953 A	98	1,017
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	L	1	I	4,499	NA		36
State Total				811,120 *			6,576
PUERTO RICO							
Court of First Instance	G	6	NF	190,085 A	182,035 A	96	4,926
RHODE ISLAND							
Superior	G	1	I	10,606	6,967	66	991
Workers' Compensation	L	1	I	8,982 A	9,258 A	103	840
District	L	1	I	35,747	36,921 A		3,342
Family	L	6	R	11,875	7,672 A		1,110
Probate	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Circuit	G	1	I	74,475 B	69,157 B	93	1,813
Family	L	6**	NF	69,449 B	69,045 B	99	1,691
Magistrate†	L	1	I	201,349	190,262	94	4,902
Probate	L	1	I	26,992 A	27,177 A	101	657
State Total				372,265 *	355,641 *	96	9,064
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Circuit	G	4	NC	65,669	62,495	95	8,629
TENNESSEE							
Circuit, Criminal, and Chancery	G	6**	R	132,048	128,967	98	2,278
Probate	G	1	I	1,938	2,357	122	33
General Sessions	L	6**	R	NA	NA		
Juvenile	L	4	R	21,631	48,810	226	373
State Total							
TEXAS							
District	G	6**	R	525,178 B	492,061 B	94	2,411
County-level	L	6**	R	212,982 B	121,195 C		978
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	283,760 A	237,624 A	84	1,303
Municipal	L	1	I	999 A	999 A	100	5
State Total				1,022,919 *	851,879 *		4,697
UTAH							
District	G	3	R	161,932	151,061	93	6,991
Justice	L	1	I	8,595	NA		371
State Total				170,527			7,362
VERMONT							
District	G	1	I	2,106	2,142	102	342
Family	G	4***	NC	20,465	21,275	104	3,319
Superior	G	5	NC	14,881	14,717	99	2,413
Environmental	L	1	I	265	294	111	43
Probate	L	1	I	5,008	5,080	101	812
State Total				42,725	43,508	102	6,929
VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	3	R	115,385	103,535	90	1,582
District	L	4	R	1,311,705 A	1,263,441 A	96	17,984
State Total				1,427,090 *	1,366,976 *	96	19,566

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WASHINGTON							
Superior	G	6	R	158,776 B	149,835 B	94	2,616
District	L	1	I	148,178	120,861	82	2,442
Municipal	L	1	I	488 A	121 A	25	8
State Total				307,442 *	270,817 *	88	5,066
WEST VIRGINIA							
Circuit	G	5	R	30,075 B	29,090 B	97	1,669
Magistrate	L	1	I	60,227	60,451	100	3,342
Family+	L	5	R	35,165	32,993	94	1,952
State Total				125,467 *	122,534 *	98	6,963
WISCONSIN							
Circuit	G	6**	NF	306,470 A	305,002 A	100	5,632
WYOMING†							
District	G	5	R	11,875	12,299	104	2,381
Circuit	L	4	R	19,625	18,088 A	92	3,935
Justice of the Peace	L	1	I	NA	NA		
State Total							

NOTE: All state trial courts with civil jurisdiction are listed in the table regardless of whether caseload data are available. Blank spaces in the table indicate that a particular calculation, such as the total state caseload, is not appropriate. State total "filings per 100,000 population" may not equal the sum of the filing rates for the individual courts due to rounding.

NA = Data are not available

JURISDICTION CODES:

G = General Jurisdiction
L = Limited Jurisdiction

SUPPORT/CUSTODY CODES:

(a) Method of count codes:

- 1 = The court does not have jurisdiction over support/custody cases
- 2 = Support/custody caseload data are not available
- 3 = Only contested support/custody cases and all interstate support cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 4 = Both contested and uncontested support/custody cases and interstate support cases (where the court has jurisdiction) are counted separately from marriage dissolution cases
- 5 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution and, thus, a marriage dissolution that involves support/custody is counted as one case
- 6 = Support/custody is counted as a proceeding of the marriage dissolution, but interstate support cases are counted separately

** Nondissolution support/custody cases are also counted separately.

*** Court has only interstate support jurisdiction.

(b) Decree change counted as:

NC = Not counted/collected
NF = New filing
R = Reopened case

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

† Data for all Oklahoma Courts are for 1997. Data for South Carolina Magistrate Court and all Wyoming courts are for 2000. Data for Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas are preliminary 2002 data.

+In 2002, West Virginia created a Family Court with domestic relations jurisdiction.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

California—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts.

Colorado—District, Denver Juvenile & Denver Probate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals**. Disposed data also do not include **adoption, paternity**, and some **support/custody** cases.

—County Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include most **miscellaneous civil** cases. Disposed data also do not include cases from Denver County Court.

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Florida—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts. Disposed data also do not include **civil appeals** and reopened cases, and are less than 75% complete.

—County Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts. Disposed data also do not include reopened cases.

Georgia—State Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include any cases from one court.

Idaho—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases.

—Magistrate Division—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases.

Indiana—Superior and Circuit Courts—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **civil appeals** and **support/custody** cases.

Kentucky—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **paternity** and **interstate support** cases.

Maryland—District Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **tort, contract, real property rights, small claims, and miscellaneous civil** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Massachusetts—Probate and Family Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **paternity equity** cases.

Montana—City Court—Total **civil** filed data do not include data from several courts.

Nevada—District Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include partial data from several courts.

—Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed data do not include partial data from several courts.

—Justice Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts. Disposed data are less than 75% complete.

New Hampshire—Probate Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include some **estate** and some **miscellaneous civil** cases and are less than 75% complete.

New York—Civil Court of the City of New York—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals** cases.

—District and City Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **administrative agency appeals** cases.

North Carolina—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **adoption** and **mental health** cases. Disposed data also do not include **miscellaneous civil** cases.

Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **civil appeals** (arbitration) cases.

—Philadelphia Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **domestic violence** cases.

Puerto Rico—Court of First Instance—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **domestic violence** cases.

Rhode Island—Workers' Compensation Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency appeals**.

—District Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **mental health, domestic violence, and administrative agency appeals**.

—Family Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **marriage dissolution, interstate support, and paternity** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

South Carolina—Probate Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **mental health** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Texas—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts.

—Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts

Virginia—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include some **domestic relations** cases.

Washington—Municipal Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include partial data from several courts

Wisconsin—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data do not include **domestic violence** cases and juvenile division **adoption, guardianship, and mental health** cases.

Wyoming—Circuit Court—Total **civil** disposed data do not include **trial court civil appeals** cases and data from one county.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Alabama—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **extraordinary writs**.

Alaska—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed data include **extraordinary writs**, orders to show cause, unfair trade practices, and **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **juvenile** cases filed in noncomputerized District Courts.

Delaware—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **extraordinary writs**.

—Family Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **status offense petition** cases.

Georgia—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed data include **extraordinary writs**.

Iowa—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Maryland—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **estate** cases from the Orphan's Court.

New York—Supreme and County Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

North Carolina—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **adoption** and **mental health** cases from District Court.

Ohio—Court of Common Pleas—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

Oregon—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **criminal appeals** cases.

South Carolina—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**.

—Family Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **child-victim petition** cases.

Texas—District Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **child-victim petition** cases.

—County-level Court—Total **civil** filed data include **child-victim petition** cases.

Washington—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.

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West Virginia—Circuit Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings** and **extraordinary writs**.

C: The following courts' data are incomplete and overinclusive:

Alaska—Superior Court—Total **civil** disposed data include extraordinary writs, orders to show cause, unfair trade practices, and **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include **miscellaneous domestic relations** (termination of parental rights) cases.

Connecticut—Superior Court—Total **civil** filed and disposed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include most **interstate support** cases. Disposed data also do not include most **small claims** cases, and are less than 75% complete.

Montana—Justice of the Peace Court—Total **civil** filed data include some City Court cases, but do not include partial year data from one court.

Nebraska—District Court—Total **civil** filed data include **postconviction remedy proceedings**, but do not include **civil appeals** cases.

Texas—County-level Court—Total **civil** disposed data include **child-victim petition** cases, but do not include **probate/wills/intestate, guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship, and mental health** cases, and are less than 75% complete.