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Judicial Council Releases Annual Online Court Statistics Report

San Francisco—During fiscal year 2004–2005, more than 9 million cases were filed in the California court system, and nearly 10,000 jury trials were held, according to the Judicial Council’s *2006 Court Statistics Report*.

The report provides detailed statewide caseload data for fiscal year 2004–2005 as well as 10-year trend data on a wide range of court business. Comprehensive individual county data also are published in the online version of the report, posted on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/csr2006.pdf>.

The report is prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the staff agency of the Judicial Council. Article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution requires the Judicial Council to survey the condition of business in the state courts and to report and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

The statistical report is a companion to the Judicial Council’s annual report, which highlights judicial branch programs to improve public access, fairness, and accountability in court administration. The annual report for 2005 will be published later this spring.

This and prior years’ *Court Statistics Reports* and annual reports are available online at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/. Printed copies can be obtained by calling the California Courts Infoline at 800-900-5980.

A snapshot of court caseload in this report follows:

California Supreme Court

- The court issued 125 written opinions.
- Filings totaled 8,990 and dispositions totaled 8,535.
- Automatic appeals arising out of judgments of death totaled 18 cases and dispositions of automatic appeals numbered 29.

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- The court ordered 16 Court of Appeal opinions depublished.

Courts of Appeal

- Filings for the Courts of Appeal totaled 23,754 (15,080 notices of appeal and 8,674 original proceedings).
- Dispositions added up to 24,358 (15,856 appeals and 8,502 original proceedings).
- Dispositions of appeals by written opinion numbered 10,975.
- Of the cases disposed by written opinion, 9,151 were affirmed, 1,198 were reversed, and 262 were dismissed.
- Statewide, 8 percent of Court of Appeal majority opinions were published.

Superior Courts

- Superior court case filings reached 8,972,056 and dispositions totaled 7,582,573.
- Civil filings totaled 1,423,097 and civil dispositions numbered 1,294,900.
- Criminal filings numbered 7,385,219 and criminal dispositions totaled 6,148,544.
- Juvenile filings totaled 134,726 and juvenile dispositions added up to 112,493.
- Family filings totaled 473,205 and family dispositions totaled 392,665.
- Civil unlimited cases reached disposition at the following pace: 64 percent were disposed within 12 months, 84 percent within 18 months, and 92 percent within 24 months.
- Civil limited cases reached disposition at a somewhat faster pace, with 83 percent disposed within 12 months, 91 percent within 18 months, and 94 percent within 24 months.
- Criminal cases reached disposition at the following pace: 57 percent were disposed in less than 30 days, 67 percent were disposed in less than 45 days, 81 percent were disposed in less than 90 days, and 91 percent were disposed in less than 12 months.
- During this period, 9,952 jury trials were conducted.

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