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## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Judicial Council was originally provided for in section 1a of article VI of the State Constitution adopted November 2, 1926. This section was amended November 8, 1960. On November 8, 1966, a revised article VI was adopted and the provisions of former section 1a were amended and renumbered as section 6, and further revised November 5, 1974, to read:

Sec. 6. The Judicial Council consists of the Chief Justice and one other judge of the Supreme Court, 3 judges of courts of appeal, 5 judges of superior courts, 3 judges of municipal courts, and 2 judges of justice courts, each appointed by the Chief Justice for a 2-year term; 4 members of the State Bar appointed by its governing body for 2-year terms; and one member of each house of the Legislature appointed as provided by the house.

Council membership terminates if a member ceases to hold the position that qualified the member for appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term.

The council may appoint an Administrative Director of the Courts, who serves at its pleasure and performs functions delegated by the council or Chief Justice, other than adopting rules of court administration, practice and procedure.

To improve the administration of justice the council shall survey judicial business and make recommendations to the courts, make recommendations annually to the Governor and Legislature, adopt rules for court administration, practice and procedure, not inconsistent with statute, and perform other functions prescribed by statute.

The Chief Justice shall seek to expedite judicial business and to equalize the work of judges. The Chief Justice may provide for the assignment of any judge to another court but only with the judge's consent if the court is of lower jurisdiction. A retired judge who consents may be assigned to any court.

Judges shall report to the Judicial Council as the Chief Justice directs concerning the condition of judicial business in their courts. They shall cooperate with the council and hold court as assigned.

Other constitutional provisions dealing with the Judicial Council or the Chief Justice are found in article VI, sections 15 and 18(f). There are also a number of statutory provisions referring to the Judicial Council.\*

\* Statutory provisions are found in: *Civ. Code* §§ 3259, 4001, 4356, 4363, 4363.1(a), 4450, 4530; *Code Civ. Proc.* §§ 75, 77, 116, 117.1, 117.10, 119(f), 120, 120.2, 121.1-2, 121.1-8, 122.1, 170.6, 170.8, 201(a), 204(b), 204(d), 394, 404, 404.3, 404.7, 404.8, 412.20, 415.30, 422.40, 429.40, 472(a), 516.010, 516.020, 575, 583, 632, 901, 911, 1034, 1089, 1178, 1823.1, 1823.3-7, 1833, 1833.1; *Evid. Code* § 451; *Gov. Code* §§ 18004, 68070-72, 68110, 68500-12, 68540-48, 68551-52, 68701, 69508, 69752, 69796, 69894.3, 69899.5, 71042, 71180.4, 71601, 71601.3, 71610, 72274, 72450, 72602.14, 72624, 72631, 73105, 73106, 75002, 75003, 75028, 75060.6; *Pen. Code* §§ 853.9, 1029, 1038, 1050, 1053, 1170(a), (d), (f), 1170.1, 1170.3-6, 1213.5, 1235, 1238.5, 1239, 1241, 1246, 1247k, 1428b, 1432.1, 1468, 1471, 1506, 1507, 3041, 13810, 13830, 14003; *Prob. Code* §§ 303, 1232, 1233; *Veh. Code* §§ 40513, 40600, 40653; *Welf. & Inst. Code* § 265.



# THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA<sup>1</sup>

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Chief Justice of California  
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Fifth Appellate District  
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Judge of the Superior Court  
Alameda County, Oakland

HON. J. HILARY COOK  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Alpine County, Markleeville

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Judge of the Superior Court  
Los Angeles County, Los Angeles

HON. BRUCE W. SUMNER  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Orange County, Santa Ana

HON. EARL J. CANTOS  
Judge of the Municipal Court  
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San Diego

HON. CHARLES E. GOFF  
Judge of the Municipal Court  
San Francisco

Municipal Court District  
San Francisco

HON. PATRICIA J. HOFSTETTER  
Judge of the Municipal Court  
Whittier Municipal Court District  
Whittier

HON. WILFRED J. HARPHAM  
Judge of the Justice Court  
Kelseyville Justice Court District  
Kelseyville

HON. JOHN V. STROUD<sup>2</sup>  
Judge of the Justice Court  
Fair Oaks-Folsom Justice Court District  
Fair Oaks

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Administrative Director of the Courts and  
Secretary of the Judicial Council  
San Francisco

<sup>1</sup> Except as otherwise indicated, the members were appointed by the Chief Justice on February 1, 1977, for a two-year term expiring January 31, 1979.

<sup>2</sup> Membership terminated January 1, 1979 upon his succession to a judgeship on the Sacramento Municipal Court.

<sup>3</sup> Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee on December 1, 1978, pursuant to section 6 of article VI of the Constitution and Senate Rule 13 of the 1973-74 Regular Session of the Legislature.

<sup>4</sup> Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly on January 4, 1979, pursuant to section 6 of article VI of the Constitution and subdivision (1) of Assembly Rule 26 of the 1975-76 Regular Session of the Legislature.

<sup>5</sup> Appointed by the Board of Governors of the State Bar for a two-year term expiring January 31, 1979.

<sup>6</sup> Appointed by the Board of Governors of the State Bar, whose membership terminated December 28, 1978, upon his resignation.

<sup>7</sup> Appointed by the Board of Governors of the State Bar for a two-year term expiring January 31, 1980.

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### *Executive Committee*

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Hon. Spurgeon Avakian  
Hon. Bruce W. Sumner  
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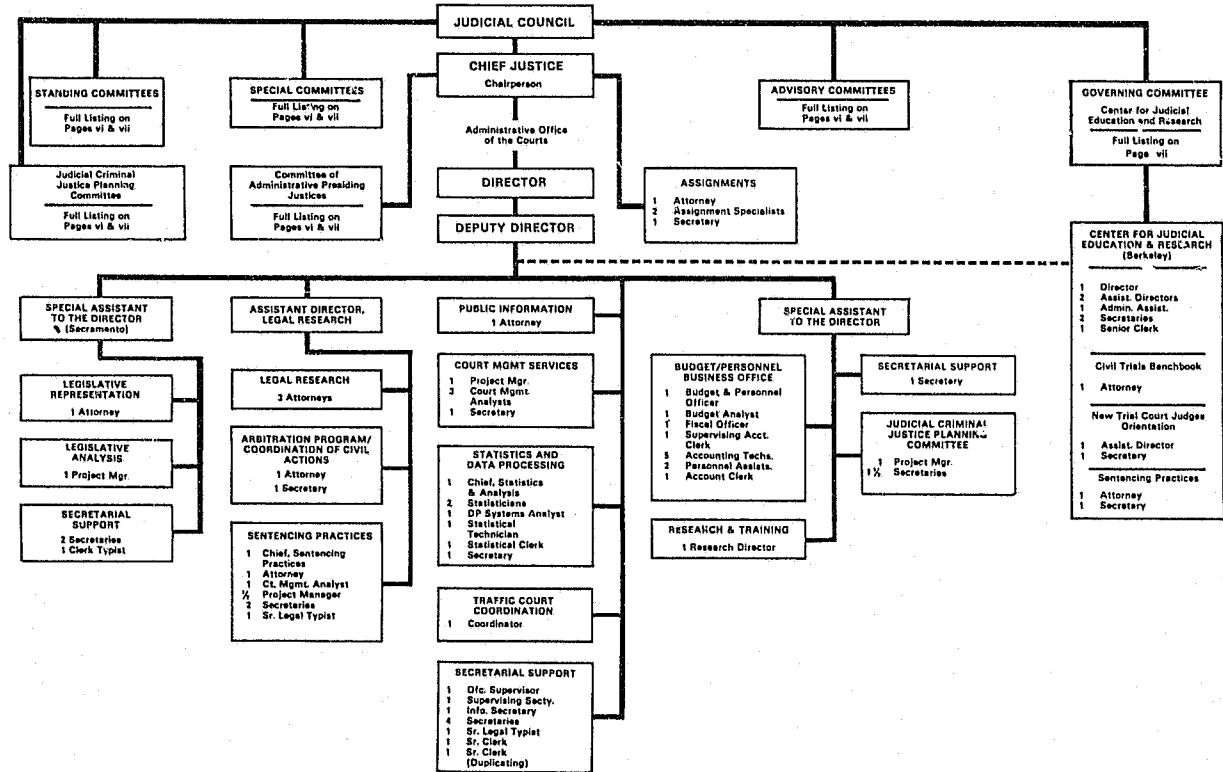
<sup>3</sup> Not member of the Judicial Council.

<sup>3a</sup> An advisory committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Judicial Council with equal representation from the Judicial Council and the California Judges Association.

<sup>4</sup> Judicial Council representative.

<sup>5</sup> California Judges Association representative.

ORGANIZATION CHART\*  
JUDICIAL COUNCIL



\* As of December 31, 1976, the chart does not include temporary help or contract consultants.

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of the State of California  
and Members of the Legislature

The 1979 Judicial Council Report is presented pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of article VI of the Constitution.

January 1, 1979

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*Chairperson*

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# 1979 REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

## INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Council in the discharge of its constitutional duty is required to survey the condition of business in the several courts and to report and make appropriate recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature at the commencement of each general session. (Cal. Const., art. VI, sec. 6.) This 1979 Judicial Council Report contains the Council's report to the 1979-1980 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Continuing the practice commenced in the Nineteenth Biennial Report, the Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, which is the staff agency serving the Council, is also included. The Annual Report contains summaries of the continuing activities of the Judicial Council and its staff. It also includes detailed statistical data on the volume of business in all the courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

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The 1979 Report was produced under the general editorial supervision of Patrick J. Clark, attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts.

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PART ONE

JUDICIAL COUNCIL REPORT

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## CHAPTER 1

## SENTENCING PRACTICES ANNUAL REPORT

California's new determinate sentencing law, in Penal Code section 1170.6, requires the Judicial Council to "continually study and review the statutory sentences and the operation of existing criminal penalties" and report thereon to the Governor and Legislature. It also requires reports on proposed legislation affecting felony sentences.

Reports on bills affecting felony sentences are forwarded to the Governor and Legislature during each legislative session by the Administrative Director of the Courts under authority delegated by the Judicial Council. This first annual report on the overall working of the new sentencing law was prepared by the Judicial Council's Sentencing Practices Advisory Committee.

## I. BACKGROUND

Chapter 1139, Statutes of 1976, as amended, created a new system for sentencing in most felony cases, operative as to crimes committed after June 30, 1977. Under former law, a person was committed to prison "for the term prescribed by law," typically an extremely broad range of years; the actual term was set by the Adult Authority, and a parole date was also set under provisions which generally granted parole eligibility after service of one-third the statutory minimum term. Under the new law, a definite prison term is computed by adding the "base" term for the most serious crime (one of three statutorily specified possible terms for the crime), "enhancements" applicable to that crime (*e.g.*, for using a firearm), "enhancements" for prior prison terms, and where there have been multiple convictions and the judge elects to impose consecutive sentences, "enhancements" for consecutive counts other than the most serious crime (generally one-third of the middle of the three possible terms for each of those additional counts).

A definite sentence under this new law may not be shortened by parole, although there is statutory provision for up to one-third off for good behavior and program participation, a reduction which applies unless affirmative steps are taken, with cause, to deny it. A defendant sentenced to prison thus knows almost exactly, at the time of sentencing, the duration of the prison incarceration.

These provisions apply only when a prison sentence is imposed. Most persons convicted of felonies in California are eligible for probation, and the new sentencing law expressly avoided any change in probation eligibility. Indeterminate life sentences, and death sentences, were also unaffected.

The 1978 Judicial Council Annual Report, at pages 3-4, discussed the work of the Council and its Sentencing Practices Advisory Committee in developing and adopting the sentencing rules required by the new law. Those rules, as amended to conform to urgency amendments to the sentencing law, appear commencing at page 7 of the 1978 annual report, along with the advisory committee's comments.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The rules and comments also appear in *Sentencing Practices Quarterly* No. 1 (for quarter ending September 30, 1977), pp. 16 ff.



At the suggestion of the Chief Probation Officers' Association, the Sentencing Practices Advisory Committee considered a proposal to enhance the quality of presentence investigation reports and make them more uniform. These reports are of greater significance under the determinate sentencing law than previously, because the information in them may directly affect the length of sentence by indicating circumstances in aggravation or mitigation.<sup>2</sup> After receiving and evaluating extensive written comments and holding public hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the advisory committee recommended that the Judicial Council adopt a standard of judicial administration stating the minimum contents of presentence investigation reports in felony cases. The Council agreed, and adopted new section 12.5 of the Standards of Judicial Administration at its May, 1978 meeting, to be effective July 1, 1978.<sup>3</sup>

The sentencing rules have remained unchanged since July 28, 1977, except for rules 433 and 451, which were amended effective January 1, 1979, to conform to statutory changes which became effective that date.<sup>4</sup>

## II. IMPACT OF NEW LAW ON JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND SENTENCING PROCESS

As discussed in the 1978 annual report, the impact of the new sentencing law upon the Judicial Council was immediate. Its impact on the courts and on the penal system, however, was more gradual because of the time required for the apprehension, prosecution and sentencing of persons whose crimes were committed after June 30, 1977. The growth of the significance of the new law is shown in the following table.

Quarter Ending	Total Felony Convictions (No. of Cases)	State Prison Sentences		
		Total (% Convictions)	Determinate (% Total Prison)	Indeterminate (% Total Prison)
9/30/77	7,421	2,035 (27%)	110 (5%)	1,925 (95%)
12/31/77	9,533	2,862 (30%)	955 (33%)	1,907 (67%)
3/31/78	10,845	3,530 (33%)	2,018 (57%)	1,512 (43%)
6/30/78	10,480	3,407 (32%)	2,298 (67%)	1,109 (33%)

Perhaps because of this gradual impact, preliminary indications are that superior courts throughout the state have accommodated to the new sentencing law without experiencing major problems, despite early fears that the complexity of the law might make it unworkable. It remains true, however, that the structure of the determinate sentencing law imposes an added burden on the criminal courts.

In some other states, new determinate sentencing laws establish sentencing ranges (some narrow, some broad) for various crimes, or presumptive sentences with a permissible range of upward and downward deviation depending on aggravating or mitigating circumstances. Under those laws, the judge selects a definite sentence within the permissible range, considering the totality of circumstances in the case.<sup>5</sup>

Under the new California law, however, each prison sentence is the product of discrete, additive components ("base term" plus applicable

<sup>1</sup> See Pen. Code, § 1170(b) authorizing their consideration by the court.

<sup>2</sup> The text of section 12.5 appears at *Sentencing Practices Quarterly* No. 2 (for quarter ending December 31, 1977), pp. 20-21.

<sup>3</sup> The amendments appear at *Sentencing Practices Quarterly* No. 4 (quarter ending June 30, 1978), at p. 4.

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., discussion of the new sentencing laws of Arizona, Illinois and Indiana in *Sentencing Practices Quarterly* No. 1, pp. 13-15.

“enhancements”). In a case involving multiple crimes and potential enhancements, therefore, the judge must not only decide whether to sentence the defendant to prison and, if so, whether multiple counts should be consecutive (decisions similar to those under former law), but must also determine, on the basis of the record:

- Which of three possible base terms is appropriate for each crime;
- Whether the added prison terms for any applicable enhancements should be stricken;
- Which of multiple counts is the most serious (if consecutive sentences are possible);
- The number of years which will be added to the term as a result of making sentences consecutive (a computation which depends on the nature of the crimes and enhancements);
- The overall sentence resulting from adding all the sentence components.

Because each fraction of a year of the sentence must conform precisely to one of the statutory sentence components, it is not permissible for a judge to pronounce an overall sentence within statutory limits until each component has been explained for the record; and even where the prosecution and defense agree on an appropriate prison sentence, the judge is obligated to verify both the computations leading to the agreed overall result and the factual justification in the record for each component.

As a result of these duties, preliminary indications are that judges are required to spend substantially more time in chambers preparing for sentencing hearings; the hearings themselves may be somewhat longer. Whether the additional time will require more judges in order to handle a given caseload is not yet clear.

Other agencies affiliated with the courts are affected by the new law. For example, the more complex abstract of judgment required in prison cases, and reporting requirements imposed under the new sentencing law, impose a burden on county clerks' offices. Probation offices are affected because the probation officer's report is usually the primary source of information upon which decisions as to length of sentence are based, and more detailed reports are therefore demanded.

A slight, but interesting, change in the frequency of felony trials coincided with the operative date of the new sentencing law. Appendix Table 22 of this and prior annual reports indicates:

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Total superior court criminal dispositions *	50,714 (100%)	50,107 (100%)	49,102 (100%)	48,986 (100%)
Dispositions after trial:				
Uncontested trial **	924 (1.8%)	3,399 (6.8%)	1,962 (4.0%)	1,683 (3.4%)
Contested trial	7,486 (14.8%)	5,089 (10.2%)	6,133 (12.5%)	5,823 (11.9%)
Total trials	8,410 (16.6%)	8,488 (16.9%)	8,095 (16.5%)	7,506 (15.3%)

\* Includes cases resulting in acquittal or dismissal, or misdemeanor conviction.

\*\* "Uncontested" is defined as a trial in which only one side offered evidence; the issue of guilt may still be contested in such a trial.

The decrease in trials suggested in the 1977-1978 statistics is not clearly attributable to the new sentencing law, and may be transient; the possible effect of the sentencing law on the frequency of trials will be examined further in the future.

Several cases involving issues arising under the sentencing law and rules have already reached the appellate courts. They range from questions whether the trial court correctly applied the law to a specific set of facts, to challenges to the validity of certain rules.<sup>6</sup> Although it is too early to state the scope of appellate review of determinate sentences, it seems likely that there will be a significant volume of cases in which sentencing questions are the primary issues on appeal.

### III. PRISON COMMITMENTS—OPERATION OF THE LAW

Although determinate sentences did not outnumber indeterminate sentences until the third quarter of the new law's operation, and did not become clearly predominant until the fourth quarter, it is likely that the new sentencing law had one major impact almost at once. Penal Code section 1170.2 provides, in substance, that persons sentenced under the old law are to have their sentences recomputed by the Community Release Board to a maximum term approximating the term which would have been imposed by a court under the determinate sentencing law. The table and graphs on the following pages suggest that this increased certainty of the maximum period of prison confinement sharply accelerated an existing trend to select prison in lieu of other dispositions available for convicted felons.

<sup>6</sup> *E.g.*, *People v. Cheatham* and *People v. Schmidt and Grover*, Supreme Court docket numbers Crim. 20651 and 20652, respectively, argued February 6, 1979 and not decided at this writing.

## PRISON COMMITMENTS, PERCENTAGE OF FELONY CONVICTIONS

Period	Approx. No. of		Convictions					
	Per Year	Year <sup>a</sup> 1976	Year <sup>a</sup> 1977	9-30-77	Quarter Ended 12-31-77	3-31-78	6-30-78	
State Total, All Felonies .....	40,000	18%	21%	27%	30%	33%	32%	
Selected crimes:								
Homicide <sup>b</sup> .....	750	65%	71%	68%	74%	78%	82%	
Forcible rape <sup>c</sup> .....	600	47%	46%	62%	64%	62%	65%	
Robbery .....	4,000	47%	52%	56%	61%	64%	62%	
Assault with deadly weapon .....	2,700	15%	19%	25%	30%	26%	34%	
Burglary, first degree .....	10,000	15%	19%	37%	37%	39%	42%	
Burglary, second degree .....								
Grand theft, amount over \$200 and unspecified .....	3,000	9%	11%	20%	21%	20%	23%	
Grand theft (auto) and vehicle theft .....	1,500	11%	13%	19%	26%	27%	28%	
Forgery .....	1,500			28%	33%	37%	33%	
Checks (NSF) .....	600			24%	28%	22%	15%	
Receiving stolen property .....	2,300			21%	22%	23%	24%	
Possession of narcotics .....				22%	26%	32%	33%	
Possession of narcotics for sale .....				35%	43%	48%	71%	
Sale of narcotics .....				22%	29%	31%	31%	
[All drug law violations <sup>d</sup> .....	7,000	11%	13%	17%	21%	24%	25%]	

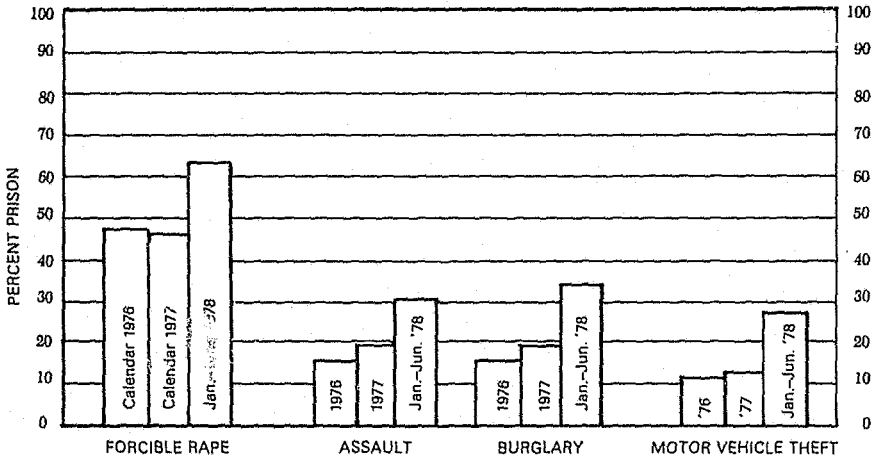
<sup>a</sup> Full year figures in these columns derived from California Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Statistics (BCS) publications: 1976 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics, p. 3; Crime and Delinquency in California 1977, p. 11. These statistics are not perfectly comparable with the quarterly statistics derived by the Judicial Council; for example, BCS statistics exclude Santa Clara County; BCS groups certain crime categories kept separate in the quarterly statistics as shown in the case of burglary. Despite these differences, it is believed that the figures are comparable for practical purposes.

<sup>b</sup> "Homicide" includes, in BCS statistics, murder (first and second degrees), manslaughter (excluding vehicular), and (theoretically) keeping a dangerous animal which kills a person. In these Judicial Council statistics, it includes second degree murder and voluntary manslaughter. First degree murder is not tabulated due to special sentencing rules.

<sup>c</sup> Note that a high percentage of rape cases (e.g., 25 percent in the quarter ending September 30, 1977, 20 percent in the quarter ending March 31, 1978) receive "other" dispositions. Most of these involve incarceration, either as a mentally disordered sex offender (48 of the 389 forcible rape dispositions in calendar 1977 (12 percent)), or commitment to the Youth Authority (29 cases (7 percent) in 1977).

<sup>d</sup> Note that possession of a small amount of marijuana was no longer a felony as of January 1, 1976. Since that crime is excluded from the BCS category "Drug Law Violations" for 1976 and 1977, the figures are comparable.

APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF FELONY CONVICTIONS  
RESULTING IN PRISON COMMITMENTS  
(SELECTED OFFENSES)



To the extent that increased imprisonment rates are attributable to the determinate sentencing law, it is having a significant impact on the characteristics of new prison inmates:

Serious crimes against the person are relatively less numerous, and a high percentage of persons committing those crimes were already being sent to prison. Because the commitment rates for these serious crimes were already high, they cannot rise dramatically.

Much greater increases in the commitment rate are found in the case of property and other less violent crimes, which are also much more numerous. For example, if the commitment rate for burglary has increased about 15 percentage points, roughly doubling, some 1,500 additional burglars are being sent to prison annually.

It seems clear that for these reasons, the number of people being sent to prison for nonviolent and less violent crimes has significantly increased, as has the proportion of such commitments compared to total prison commitments.

An attempt has been made to make a rough comparison of prison time to be served under the new determinate sentences with average time served under the old law,

Penal Code Section	Quarter Ending June 30, 1978				1977 Median Time To First Parole Release
	Mean <sup>a</sup> Determinate Term	Median <sup>a</sup> Determi- nate Term	Typical time served with maximum good time credits (% Median Sentence)		
187** Murder 2nd degree .....	7 yrs 6 mos	7 yrs	4 yrs	8 mos	5 yrs 1 mo
192(1) Voluntary manslaughter .....	3 yrs 10 mos	4 yrs	2 yrs	8 mos	3 yrs —
245(a) Assault with deadly weapon .....	3 yrs 9 mos	3 yrs	2 yrs	—	2 yrs 8 mos
261(2) + (3) Forcible rape .....	5 yrs 2 mos	5 yrs	3 yrs	4 mos	3 yrs 11 mos
211 Robbery.....	4 yrs 6 mos	4 yrs	2 yrs	8 mos	3 yrs 1 mo
459* Burglary, 1st degree.....	3 yrs 10 mos	3 yrs	2 yrs	—	2 yrs 7 mos
459** Burglary, 2nd degree.....	2 yrs 4 mos	2 yrs	1 yr	4 mos	1 yr 10 mos
470 Forgery.....	2 yrs 3 mos	2 yrs	1 yr	4 mos	1 yr 8 mos

<sup>a</sup> "Mean" and "median" are two statistical averages. The "mean" sentence is the total number of years imposed in all the cases, divided by the number of cases. The "median" is the point at which 50 percent of cases got the same or shorter sentences, and 50 percent got the same or longer sentences.

The "median" usually represents the more typical case when there is no practical limit on the lowest possible sentence, or when there is no practical limit on the highest possible sentence (as was true under the indeterminate sentence law when most felonies had possible terms of 10 years, 20 years, or life). Under those conditions, the "mean" will be distorted when a few extreme cases are averaged in.

Under the determinate sentencing law, we believe that the "mean" is more representative of the typical case because extreme terms are largely prohibited, and the entire range of sentences is of interest. The median is used to make the figures as comparable to published Department of Corrections figures as possible.

*but the comparison must be regarded with caution:*

With almost twice as many convicted felons receiving prison sentences as received them a few years ago, it is obvious that people are going to prison today who would not have gone at all a few years ago under the same circumstances.

Those people are probably receiving the shorter prison terms.

There is no way to isolate out and compare the sentences of people going to prison now who *would have* gone to prison a few years ago under the same circumstances.

The comparisons, moreover, apply only to the determinate sentencing law as it originally came into effect. Since that time, there have been two major changes in statutory penalties:

- Statutes of 1978, chapter 579 (Sen. Bill No. 709) increased the middle, presumptively applicable term for most crimes of violence by one year or more; and increased the upper term for those crimes by two or more years in most instances.
- Proposition 7 at the November 1978 General Election changed second degree murder from a determinate sentence crime (originally 5, 6 or 7 years, amended to 5, 7, or 11 years) to an indeterminate sentence crime punishable by 15 years to life in prison.

While these statutory changes seem certain to increase average terms, the extent of the increase cannot be predicted. Future reports will seek to assess the effects of the amendments on the sentencing law.

## CONCLUSION

It is reasonably clear that the determinate sentencing law has resulted in a higher percentage of convicted felons receiving prison sentences,

particularly for nonviolent and less violent crimes. While it is not possible to compare like cases under the old and new laws, it appears probable that the time which will be served in prison under determinate sentences imposed during the first year of the new law's operation will not be greatly different from time which was typically served for the same crime under the indeterminate sentence law. Average sentences under the recent amendments will be higher to an unpredictable degree.

More time is required of court attaches to fulfill requirements of the new sentencing law. The sentencing process itself appears to require more judicial time than did sentencing under the old law, although this effect cannot be quantified at this time. There is a possibility, requiring further study, that a smaller percentage of cases go to trial under the new law. Issues involving sentencing are coming before the appellate courts, but it is uncertain whether they will be a significant source of workload after basic provisions of the new law have been definitively interpreted.

This first annual report has, of necessity, been limited in scope. The sentencing law is still too new for all of its implications to be apparent; and data are lacking on many questions.<sup>7</sup> In addition to our own collection of statistics and discussions with judges and others involved in the sentencing process, the Community Release Board and federally funded academic studies are examining the operation of the new law. As information becomes available, it will be included in future reports.

<sup>7</sup> Such questions include: the extent to which uniformity, a stated policy of the law, is being achieved; the impact of sentence structure on decisions to plead guilty; and the role of prosecutors' charging policies in determining the ultimate sentence.

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## CHAPTER 1

## GENERAL

## A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Judicial Council's recommendations and actions, which are described in the preceding section of the report, represent only a small proportion of the work undertaken by the Council. Many other significant activities were carried on by the Council and its committees and staff, some of which are summarized in this section.

*Workshops*

For a number of years, the Judicial Council has organized and conducted an extensive series of workshops for judges and nonjudicial personnel, focusing on improving the administration of trial and appellate courts. This year was no exception: seven major workshops were organized for presiding judges of the larger trial courts, superior court judges serving rural counties, court administrators and appellate research attorneys. Listed in chronological order, the following workshops were conducted by the Council in 1978:

1. Workshop for Superior Court Presiding Judges—February 23–24, 1978
2. Workshop for Municipal Court Presiding Judges—April 27, 1978
3. Workshop for Cow County Superior Court Judges—May 19–20, 1978
4. Workshop for New Presiding Judges, Metropolitan Superior Courts—June 9, 1978
5. Workshop for Superior Court Administrators—October 4–5, 1978
6. Workshop for Appellate Research Attorneys—October 19–20, 1978
7. Workshop for Municipal Court Administrators—December 7–8, 1978

The sizable amount of effort invested by the Judicial Council in this area over the years is reflected in the fact that since 1965, the Council has conducted more than 60 court management workshops for trial and appellate courts. In fact, the Council was one of the pioneers among state court administrative offices in presenting such programs and enjoys an enviable reputation for excellence and innovation in this area. The participants' favorable evaluations of past programs reinforce this conclusion, as well as the fact that there are frequent requests from other states for information on workshop program organization.

With the passage of Proposition 13 and its attendant effect on court financing, these programs have taken on even greater importance and meaning. Sessions organized for judges and court personnel after the enactment of this proposition have dealt with court efforts to cope with this limitation in court funding support, as well as related subjects.

*Public Information Services*

The information program operated by the Administrative Office of the Courts has provided the public with information about the courts and the administration of justice for more than a decade. The materials are prepared by a Public Information Attorney and are primarily designed to

provide the news media and public with timely and concise reports on the actions of the California Supreme Court and Judicial Council.

News releases were issued in 1978 on actions of the Supreme Court, Judicial Council, and Commission on Judicial Appointments, as well as on various judicial administration matters. The releases are distributed to the major metropolitan news media, the legal press, selected law schools and court personnel and agencies concerned with judicial administration. A news release may be distributed to the legal, statewide and national media, depending upon its nature and relative significance. Such distribution ranges from 25 to over 250 recipients.

The news releases generate written and telephone requests for background information on the reported matters. In addition, numerous inquiries are received from citizens, legislators, court personnel and other agencies regarding individual cases and the operation of the state court system.

A bimonthly newsletter is prepared for judges, court personnel and others, including organizations interested in court administration. Distributed nationally, it reaches over 2,000 recipients. The *Newsletter* focuses on reporting Council actions, programs and publications and proposed and adopted rules, standards and forms. Also noted are judicial appointments, statistics, and important legislation.

#### ***Economical Litigation Project***

A three-year pilot project to experiment with procedural innovations to reduce the cost of civil litigation was begun on January 1, 1978.<sup>1</sup> The courts participating in the project are the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court, the Fresno Superior Court, the Los Angeles Municipal Court and the Fresno Municipal Court.

The statute, part 3.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, is implemented by California Rules of Court rules 1701-1859. Each court conducted orientation sessions with the local bar relating to the statute and court rules.

The basic objectives of the project are to encourage simplified pleading, reduce pretrial activity including discovery, and to simplify the trial or settlement of cases by an exchange of evidentiary information shortly after the cases are at issue.

The Judicial Council has entered into a contract with the University of Southern California Law Center to study the effects of the project. The sample of cases to be used for study was taken during October and November 1978 to allow for start-up time. The first conclusions of the study are expected to be available in early 1979.

A Judicial Council advisory committee was appointed to monitor progress of the project.

<sup>1</sup> See 1978 Judicial Council Report, pp. 38-39.

*The Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for an Effective Publication Rule*

In September 1978 the Chief Justice appointed an advisory committee<sup>2</sup> to suggest possible improvements in California's system for selective publication of appellate court opinions. The committee began its work by inviting comments from judges, lawyers, scholars, publishers and word processing firms, and members of the public. The committee also held public hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco and studied the selective publication systems of other jurisdictions.

In December, following several meetings of the full committee and its subcommittees, the committee submitted a report<sup>3</sup> containing numerous recommendations for improving the publication system. To make the courts' work more visible, the committee recommends that unpublished opinions be made more accessible and that such opinions be indexed. It also recommends that on petitions for hearing in the Supreme Court, the parties should be permitted to cite conflicting unpublished opinions, and that unpublished opinions of appellate departments of superior courts should be citable in municipal and justice courts under their jurisdiction. The committee believes that the presumption against publication should be discarded and that fact cases of first impression, dissents, substantive concurrences, and opinions making scholarly contributions should be publishable. The committee is further of the opinion that the Supreme Court should revive the practice of commenting on denial of hearing in lieu of decertifying opinions containing objectionable language. Finally, the committee favors a pilot project to test the concept of partial publication.

*The Chief Justice's Special Committee to Study the Appellate Practices and Procedures in the First Appellate District*

This committee,<sup>4</sup> appointed in November 1977, was charged by the Chief Justice with the task of studying appellate practices and procedures and recommending possible improvements. The views of numerous judges, lawyers, court staff members, and other interested groups were solicited. The committee also held a hearing to gather the views of members of the public. The comments and recommendations received were

<sup>2</sup> The committee members are: Justice Thomas W. Caldecott, Court of Appeal (San Francisco) and Mr. Sheldon Portman, Public Defender, Santa Clara County, Co-Chairpersons; Justice Robert Cardner, Court of Appeal (San Bernardino); Justice Bernard S. Jefferson, Court of Appeal (Los Angeles); Judge Vaino Spencer, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Homer B. Thompson, Santa Clara Superior Court; Mr. Michael M. Berger, Attorney at Law, Santa Monica; Ms. Gloria deHart, Attorney General's Office, San Francisco; Mr. Robert Fornalchi, Reporter of Decisions, San Francisco; Mr. Joseph Freitas, Jr., District Attorney, San Francisco; Mr. Ellis Horvitz, Attorney at Law, Encino; Mr. Myron Jacobstein, Law Librarian, Stanford; Mr. Gideon Kanner, Professor of Law, Los Angeles; Mr. Edward L. Lascher, Attorney at Law, Ventura; Mr. Roderick Rose, Chairman of the Board, Bancroft-Whitney Company; Mr. Leonard Sacks, Attorney at Law, Encino; Mr. Charles M. Sevilla, Chief Assistant State Public Defender, Los Angeles.

<sup>3</sup> Copies of the *Report of the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for an Effective Publication Rule*, are available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

<sup>4</sup> The members of the committee are: Justice Sidney Feinberg, Court of Appeal (San Francisco) and Mr. Robert Seligson, Attorney at Law, San Francisco, Co-Chairpersons; Judge Spurgeon Avakian, Alameda Superior Court; Justice Paul Halvonik, Court of Appeal (San Francisco); Mr. Marshall Krause, Attorney at Law, Larkspur; Mr. Palmer Brown Madden, Attorney at Law, San Francisco; Justice John T. Racanelli, Court of Appeal (San Francisco); Judge Gerald E. Ragan, San Mateo Superior Court; Justice Joseph Rattigan, Court of Appeal (San Francisco); Mr. Arlo Smith, Assistant Attorney General, San Francisco; Dr. David Spiegel, Public Member, Palo Alto; Justice Wakefield Taylor, Court of Appeal (San Francisco); Mr. Michael Traynor, Attorney at Law, San Francisco; Ms. Norma Wright, Public Member, Campbell.

compiled into a 300-page initial report, which the committee released in October 1978.<sup>5</sup>

The committee then began the process of reviewing and evaluating suggestions in the report by discussing appellate improvements and experiments with the Chief Justice and the 13 Presiding Justices of California's Courts of Appeal. Afterwards, individual committee members were assigned to review sections of the report and to recommend the most noteworthy ideas to the committee as a whole. The committee is currently in the process of discussing and refining the recommendations. These matters include both long-term and short-term recommendations. The former require statutory amendments or rule changes; the latter do not. The committee expects to discuss implementation of its recommendations with various Court of Appeal districts and divisions. It will submit a report of its recommendations to the Chief Justice.

*The Chief Justice's Special Committee to Study Trial Court Congestion and Related Problems in Los Angeles County*

In October 1977, the Chief Justice appointed this committee<sup>6</sup> to study caseload congestion and related problems at the trial court level. The committee and its subcommittee solicited information from as many sources as possible: trial court personnel (judges, court administrators, clerks, reporters, bailiffs and secretaries); Court of Appeal personnel; attorneys and bar associations; public agencies (including the Attorney General's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the City Attorney's Office, the County Counsel's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, and the Probation Department); educational institutions; various community organizations; county and state representatives; members of the media; and the public. The response was excellent, and numerous responses were received.

One of the subcommittees, with the cooperation of the Jury Commissioner of Los Angeles County, also solicited information from immediate past trial jurors. Approximately 5,000 responses were received and the results tabulated. The jury service survey excited great interest and many inquiries from media and others.

In an effort to gain input from previously untapped sources, the committee held public hearings at five different locations in the county. These hearings were transcribed.

<sup>5</sup> Copies of this report, entitled *Summary of Comments Received by the Chief Justice's Special Committee to Study the Appellate Practices and Procedures in the First Appellate District*, are available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

<sup>6</sup> The members of the committee are: Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, Chairperson, Court of Appeal (Los Angeles); Judge Robert Fainer, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Richard A. Ibanez, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Eugene McClosky, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Thomas C. Murphy, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Dickran M. Tevzian, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Arleigh Woods, Los Angeles Superior Court; Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, Los Angeles Municipal Court; Judge Arthur Gilbert, Los Angeles Municipal Court; Judge Barbara Jean Johnson, Los Angeles Municipal Court; Mr. Wylie A. Aitken, Attorney at Law, Santa Ana; Mr. Raymond C. Fisher, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles; Mr. Ira H. Lurvey, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles; Mr. Robert C. Vanderet, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles; Ms. Dena Beaumont, Public Member, Los Angeles.

The entire set of oral and written comments received by the committee was then compiled into a 500-page summary report released in September 1978.<sup>7</sup>

The committee then shifted focus from information gathering to study and evaluation of the suggestions contained in the initial report. Subcommittees were formed to review the proposals and to promote adoption of those that the committee as a whole finds most worthwhile. This process of evaluation and promotion will be ongoing in nature; the committee's goal is to go beyond simply issuing reports, which often are merely filed and forgotten. Through its subcommittees' efforts, the committee will actively seek to achieve implementation of its recommendations.

### *Judgeship Reports*

As part of its ongoing service to the Legislature and the executive branch of government, the Judicial Council prepares statistical reports on the judgeship needs of courts seeking additional judgeships. In preparing these reports, the Council utilizes a weighted caseload system to measure judgeship needs, developed on the basis of time studies of various judicial proceedings.

In the 1978 session of the Legislature, the Judicial Council prepared 25 such reports concerning trial courts, 12 of which applied to the superior courts and 13 to the municipal courts.<sup>8</sup>

## B. SUMMARY OF 1978 LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER SELECTED LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

During the second year of the 1977-78 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Judicial Council recommended three new measures for enactment, and continued sponsorship of one Judicial Council measure still pending from the first year of the session. Of these measures, one was enacted substantially as introduced,<sup>9</sup> one was incorporated into other, more comprehensive legislation,<sup>10</sup> and two measures failed passage.<sup>11</sup>

In addition to its sponsorship of these measures, the Judicial Council was concerned with a number of other legislative measures significantly affecting the judiciary and the administration of justice. This report summarizes a few of these other measures that were enacted into law in addition to reporting legislative action on selected other measures. The Judicial Council measures are summarized first; next, enacted Senate and Assembly measures of particular interest to the judiciary and the administration of justice are summarized chronologically in order of their introduction, with Senate measures preceding Assembly measures; thereafter measures of particular interest to the judiciary and the administration of justice that

<sup>7</sup> Copies of the initial committee report, entitled *Summary of Comments Received by the Chief Justice's Special Committee to Study Court Congestion and Related Problems*, and of the 100-page *Summary of Responses to Jury Service Questionnaire*, are available from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

<sup>8</sup> The courts for which judgeship reports were prepared were: Superior Courts: Counties of Orange, Riverside, Ventura, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Madera, Contra Costa, San Diego, Fresno, Santa Clara, Los Angeles and San Joaquin. Municipal Courts: Districts of Alhambra, Citrus, Salinas, Orange County Harbor, West Orange County, Desert, Sacramento, North County, Gilroy-Morgan Hill, San Jose-Milpitas, Northern Solano, Sonoma County and Visalia.

<sup>9</sup> SB 1475 (Song), enacted as Stats. 1978, ch. 1350, *infra*.

<sup>10</sup> SB 1667 (Song), incorporated into SB 1362 (Smith) and enacted as Stats. 1978, ch. 743, *infra*, p. 5.

<sup>11</sup> SB 1598 (Zenovich) and AB 1941 (Miller).



were not enacted are summarized. Unless otherwise indicated, all measures are effective January 1, 1979.

Senator Alfred H. Song and Assemblyman John Miller were the legislative members of the Judicial Council throughout the session, and were responsible for handling most of the measures sponsored by the Council.

## 1. JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEASURES

### *Correctable Vehicle Violations Procedure*

Senate Bill 1475, introduced by Senator Song, is based upon a 1977 Judicial Council study and recommendation. The measure provides a uniform statewide procedure for correcting registration, driver's license, and mechanical defects without court action. Instead of issuing a notice to appear, if the violation does not create an immediate safety hazard or evidence fraud or persistent neglect, the driver is offered an opportunity to sign a promise to correct the defect and to submit proof of correction to the law enforcement agency. Failure to submit proof of correction constitutes a misdemeanor. The law enforcement agency may then certify that the defendant failed to correct the condition by endorsing the citation form and filing it, as a complaint, with the court. The form of citation is to be approved by the Judicial Council.

This measure was enacted as chapter 1350, to become operative July 1, 1979.

### *Appellate Judgeships*

Senate Bill 1598, as originally introduced by Senator Zenovich, increased the number of judges from four to six in the Court of Appeal for the Fifth Appellate District. The measure passed the Senate, was amended in the Assembly to increase the number of superior court judges in Los Angeles County and further amended on the Assembly floor to increase the number of superior court judges in Orange County. The measure passed the Assembly 71 to 2 on the last night of the session, and was returned to the Senate for concurrence in the Assembly amendments. However, due to a legislative log jam, the measure was not brought to a vote and failed passage on the Senate floor.

### *Jurisdiction and Procedure of Justice Courts*

Chapter 1288, Statutes of 1976, equalized the jurisdiction of justice and municipal courts. Assembly Bill 1941, introduced by Assemblyman Miller, originally contained a number of minor cleanup provisions to conform justice court procedures, practices and fee provisions to those of municipal courts. Because of later unrelated amendments affecting judicial salaries, the bill failed passage on the Senate floor. The cleanup provisions were then amended into Senate Bill 1667, introduced by Senator Song, with Senator Foran as a new author because of other provisions included in the bill at his request. The measure passed the Assembly but due to a substantial legislative backlog was not brought to a vote and failed passage on the Senate floor.

## 2. OTHER MEASURES ENACTED

### *Imprisonment: Sentences*

Senate Bill 709, introduced by Senator Presley, provides increased punishment for numerous felony offenses by substituting additional longer sets of terms. It permits imposition of life terms running consecutively and requires a prisoner sentenced to consecutive life terms to serve at least 7 years of each sentence. The bill removes specified restrictions against additional punishment in the form of enhancements when the offense is assault with a deadly weapon or assault with force likely to result in great bodily injury. The measure, enacted as chapter 579, applies to crimes committed on or after January 1, 1979.

### *Reporting of Criminal Statistics*

Senate Bill 930, introduced by Senator Deukmejian, revises the requirements governing case disposition reporting to the Department of Justice. This measure embodies proposals developed over several years by the Judicial Council and the Department of Justice and provides for an ongoing reporting system designed to correctly record the disposition of criminal cases in the courts. The system (utilizing form JUS 8715) seeks to maximize benefits to both the courts and to parties to criminal proceedings, at minimum cost.

The measure was enacted as chapter 152, an urgency measure, to take effect July 1, 1978, in lieu of portions of chapter 992, Statutes of 1973.<sup>12</sup>

### *Peremptory Challenges of Jurors*

Senate Bill 1063, introduced by Senator Foran, reduces the number of peremptory challenges in civil cases, and in criminal cases not punishable with death or life imprisonment. In civil actions involving two parties, the number of challenges is reduced from 8 to 6; in multiparty cases, the number of challenges is reduced from 10 to 8. In noncapital criminal cases, the number of challenges is reduced from 13 to 10; in multiple defendant cases, the number of additional challenges to be exercised separately is reduced from 7 to 5. The measure was enacted as chapter 98.

### *Judicial Communications*

Senate Bill 1100, introduced by Senator Roberti, prohibits, except for simultaneous written communications to all parties, judicial communications concerning the facts or merits of a case, or writ. The measure applies to the judge or judicial officer who heard the case or who is named as a party, and to any judge of the court reviewing the case or to the judge hearing the writ. The measure was enacted as chapter 596.

### *Drunk Driving Chemical Test Funding, Fines*

Senate Bill 1127, introduced by Senator Presley, originally sought to establish penalty assessments in drunk driving cases as a means to fund blood alcohol tests. In response to Judicial Council objections the measure

<sup>12</sup> See 1974 Annual Report, pp. 16-21, for description of the facts which led to enactment of Stats. 1973, ch. 992.

was revised to provide instead for a fund under the control of the county treasurer, based upon the number of convictions for enumerated offenses, and not dependent upon imposition or collection of fines or forfeitures. The bill also increases certain minimum fines.

This measure was enacted as chapter 790, an urgency measure effective September 18, 1978.

#### *Arbitration*

Senate Bill 1362, introduced by Senator Smith, provides, in superior courts with 10 or more judges, for mandatory submission to arbitration of at-issue civil actions where the amount in controversy will not exceed \$15,000 for each plaintiff. Local rules may mandate submission of at-issue civil actions to arbitration in other superior courts and in municipal courts. Current provisions of law requiring submission to arbitration in superior courts, on stipulation of the parties, regardless of the amount in controversy, are retained. In addition, the existing uniform system of arbitration is extended to include municipal and justice courts and, for arbitration at the option of the plaintiff, the limit on the amount in controversy is increased from \$7,500 to \$15,000. The Judicial Council is to adopt rules implementing the system including rules to provide compensation, if any, not to exceed \$150 per day, for arbitrators. This measure was enacted as chapter 743 to be in effect from 7/1/79 until 1/1/85.

#### *Mandatory Imprisonment for Forcible Rape*

Senate Bill 1479, introduced by Senator Deukmejian, prohibits any grant of probation or suspension of execution or imposition of sentence to a person convicted of rape by force or violence or rape by threat of great and immediate bodily harm.

The measure was enacted as chapter 1308.

#### *Juror Qualifications*

Senate Bill 1525, introduced by Senator Sieroty, deletes the requirement that a person, to act as a juror, not be decrepit and bars exclusion from jury duty solely on the grounds of disability which impairs mobility. The measure further provides that a challenge for cause may be taken on the grounds of any incapacity which satisfies the court that the challenged person is incapable of performing the duties of a juror. This measure was enacted as chapter 301.

#### *Use of Commissioners*

Senate Bill 1537, introduced by Senator Beverly, permits court commissioners to try small claims matters without first obtaining a stipulation under article VI, section 21 of the California Constitution. The measure also permits municipal courts to utilize retired superior court commissioners as municipal court commissioners on a temporary basis. The measure was enacted as chapter 1020.

### *Preliminary Hearings in Sexual Assault Cases*

Senate Bill 1717, introduced by Senator Robbins, gives the prosecuting witness in a rape case the right to choose one person to attend the preliminary hearing to provide moral support. The measure permits the court to exclude an individual for good cause, and to order such person not to communicate information obtained during the hearing to others. The measure was enacted as chapter 1310.

### *Indigent Appeals*

Senate Bill 1773, introduced by Senator Presley, places a statutory duty on trial counsel, in criminal, juvenile and civil commitment cases, to inform prospective indigent appellants of "arguably meritorious" grounds for appeal and to file a timely notice of appeal when the attorney believes such grounds exist and it is in defendant's interest to appeal, or when defendant has directed it. The State Public Defender is required, at the request of counsel or the prospective indigent appellant, to provide advice and counsel as to the existence of arguably meritorious grounds for appeal. The measure was enacted as chapter 1385; the act expires on January 1, 1981.

### *Filing and Retention of Depositions*

Senate Bill 1949, introduced by Senator Dunlap, at the request of the County Clerks Association, changes the procedure for filing of depositions. The measure provides that a deposition is to be filed with the court only if and when its contents become relevant in the action. Until such time as the deposition is needed by the court, it is to be retained by the deposition reporter. The reporter is required to retain depositions until six months following final disposition of the case. The measure was enacted as chapter 1348.

### *Traffic Trials on Written Declarations*

Senate Bill 1980, introduced by Senator Song, permits the court, by local rule, to hear traffic infraction cases on the written statements of the defendant and arresting officer. The measure was based upon the experience of courts in Barstow and San Luis Obispo which have utilized such procedures. A defendant dissatisfied with the result of such a trial may have a trial de novo. The measure was enacted as chapter 1282.

### *Wage Garnishment*

Assembly Bill 393, introduced by Assemblyman McAlister, is a comprehensive revision of California wage garnishment law. The measure specifies the procedure for obtaining an earnings withholding order, specifies the rights and obligations of employers and employees, and requires the Judicial Council to develop application, notice, claim and order forms as well as various other documents required by the chapter. Additionally, the Judicial Council is required to develop instruction materials, in simple language, explaining procedure, rights and duties for employees and employers subject to the chapter. Finally, the Council is to carry out specified liaison functions with the U.S. Department of Labor. This measure is enacted as chapter 1133, effective July 1, 1979.

### *Summary Procedure for Dissolution of Marriage*

Assembly Bill 539, introduced by Assemblyman Maddy, provides a summary dissolution procedure for marriages of short duration, where there are no children, no spousal support is requested, real property is not involved, and assets and obligations are limited. The procedure requires a joint petition in the superior court; no appearance is required. The Judicial Council is to develop appropriate forms and to produce a nontechnical brochure, in English and Spanish, describing the nature of the procedure, requirements to qualify, and the effect of the proceedings. The measure was enacted as chapter 508.

Subsequently, an ambiguity in the provision relating to asset limitation was clarified and the value of assets permitted was increased by amendment contained in Assembly Bill 3621, introduced by Assemblywoman Waters, and enacted as chapter 1323.

### *Administrative Adjudication of Traffic Offenses*

Assembly Bill 1068, introduced by Assemblyman Fazio, at the request of the Department of Motor Vehicles, provides for a 5-year experiment in administrative adjudication of traffic infractions. Beginning July 1, 1980, in municipal court districts in Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties, 90 percent of persons cited for traffic offenses will have the option of having the matter adjudicated either by the court, or by a hearing officer assigned by the Traffic Adjudication Board. Review of Traffic Adjudication Board decisions will be by writ of the superior court.

The bill provides for establishment of an advisory committee with one member to be appointed by the Judicial Council. The board is to submit annual reports to the Governor and the Legislature during the period of the experiment, and an independent consultant is to submit a detailed evaluation of the program, concentrating on specified data, with the annual report. The measure was enacted as chapter 722.

### *Jurisdiction of Municipal and Justice Courts*

Assembly Bill 2192, introduced by Assemblyman Chel, increases the jurisdictional ceiling of municipal and justice courts from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The bill provides that the increase in jurisdiction is not a basis for transfer of any case pending on July 1, 1979, the operative date. The measure was enacted as chapter 146.

### *Spanish Language Interpreters*

Assembly Bill 2400, introduced by Assemblyman Arnett, provides for Spanish language proficiency testing of court interpreters in 23 specified counties by the State Personnel Board. The superior court in each specified county is required to establish, maintain and publish a list of recommended court interpreters. The trial courts of that county, absent good cause, are required to use only the services of these recommended interpreters. Only persons who have successfully completed both the oral and written exams conducted by the Board may be on the required court list.

Additional testing requirements may be imposed by the superior court. The Judicial Council is required to adopt rules to implement this article. This urgency measure, effective May 24, 1978, was enacted as chapter 158.

#### *Destruction of Depositions and Exhibits*

Assembly Bill 2521, introduced by Assemblyman Fazio, at the request of the County Clerks Association, permits earlier disposition of exhibits and depositions in civil actions. The measure provides that the court, on its own motion, may destroy or dispose of such items six months (rather than three years) after the time for appeal has expired or the decision has for other reasons become final. The measure was enacted as chapter 423.

#### *Small Claims Courts*

Assembly Bill 2578, introduced by Assemblyman Torres, provides for an experimental increase in the jurisdiction of six small claims courts from \$750 to \$1500 and makes other changes relative to small claims actions. The increase in jurisdiction will be in the Compton, East Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland-Piedmont, San Bernardino (Chino Division), and West Orange County Municipal Courts for a 12-month period beginning in April 1979. The impact of the jurisdictional increase upon litigants and the courts is to be evaluated by the Judicial Council.

The measure also provides that all municipal courts may grant rescission, restitution, reformation and specific performance in small claims matters, provides for an increase from \$2 to \$3 in the fee for service of the claim by mail, and authorizes courts to provide, by local rule, for the establishment of small claims legal advisor programs. The Judicial Council is directed to develop a benchbook on consumer law, provided that funds can be made available. The measure was enacted as chapter 723.

#### *Injunctions Against Harassment*

Assembly Bill 3093, introduced by Assemblywoman Egeland, establishes an expedited procedure for injunctions in cases of harassment. The measure provides that the plaintiff in an harassment action may seek a temporary restraining order when the action is filed, and have a hearing on the request for an injunction within 15 days thereafter. The injunction may remain in force up to three years, on petition may be renewed, and at plaintiff's request may be forwarded to appropriate law enforcement agencies. The Judicial Council is to promulgate forms and instructions under this measure which was enacted as chapter 1307.

#### *Juror Service*

Assembly Bill 3273, introduced by Assemblyman Gage, eliminates specified exemptions, limits jury trial service and permits local rules to govern the jury selection process. The measure provides that no juror shall be required to serve more than 10 court days during any 12-month period, except as may be required to complete a case. It also mandates that the court adopt local rules, supplemental to Judicial Council rules, to govern excuses from jury service. The measure was enacted as chapter 718.

*Auto Theft: Restitution or No Probation*

Assembly Bill 3487, introduced by Assemblyman Antonovich, prohibits probation or suspension of sentence to any person convicted of theft of an auto or other vehicle under Penal Code sections 487 and 499b or Vehicle Code section 10851 unless, as a condition of probation, the owner or the owner's assignee is reimbursed for any loss or restitution as ordered by the court. The court fixes the amount of loss based on evidence received, establishes a payment schedule not to exceed 10 years and may order defendant's California driver's license suspended for a period up to 120 days. Failure to make restitution requires the court to revoke probation unless defendant can show, at any revocation hearing, inability to pay. The measure was enacted as chapter 1189.

*Discovery of Information Concerning Expert Witnesses*

Assembly Bill 3497, introduced by Assemblyman Imbrecht, provides specific procedures for an exchange of lists of expert witnesses in civil actions generally. The measure specifies the information required to be exchanged by counsel, provides for notice of any subsequent changes in the information, and prohibits testimony by any unlisted expert after an exchange of such information has taken place. The measure also provides for payment of appropriate fees when an expert's deposition is taken. The measure was enacted as chapter 1069.

*Community Property: Allocation of Educational Debts*

Assembly Bill 3621, introduced by Assemblywoman Waters, requires, in the event of a dissolution of marriage or a legal separation, that debts for educational loans be assigned to the spouse receiving the education in the absence of extraordinary circumstances rendering such an assignment unjust. This measure was enacted as chapter 1323.

### 3. MEASURES WHICH FAILED ENACTMENT

*Judges' Retirement Law*

Senate Bill 612, introduced by Senator Russell, and as amended August 9, 1978, would have established a new retirement plan for judges taking office after June 30, 1979, and would have modified the existing plan for current and retired judges. Benefits for future judges and survivors' benefits would be substantially reduced by conforming rights, benefits and obligations, subject to specified exceptions, to those applicable to specified members of the Public Employees Retirement System. Annual cost of living increases for retired judges would be limited to a maximum of 2 percent. If any provision of the bill is held invalid, judges' salaries are to be frozen and the salaries which otherwise would be paid are to be deposited in the Judges' Retirement Fund. In its original form, which appropriated \$38 million from the General Fund to the Judges' Retirement Fund, the measure passed the Senate 28 to 4. As amended above in the closing days of the session, the measure died in the Assembly Public Employees and Retirement Committee and was scheduled for interim hearings.

### *Trial Court Consolidation*

Senate Constitutional Amendment 52, introduced by Senator Song, together with a companion measure, Senate Bill 1313, by the same author, would have consolidated all trial courts into a single, countywide superior court operating in general and special divisions. Original jurisdiction in all causes would be in the superior courts; eligibility to become a superior court judge would be reduced from 10 years to 5 years; and the succession rights of judges and other court personnel are spelled out. Until January 1, 1985, present superior court judges would sit in a general division to hear matters now within the jurisdiction of the superior court; municipal court judges would sit in a special division to hear matters now within the jurisdiction of the municipal court. Effective January 1, 1985, the divisional distinctions would be eliminated and any judge may be assigned to hear any matter within the jurisdiction of the court. The measure makes other conforming procedural and technical changes. The Judicial Council is directed to report its recommendations to the Legislature on the number and compensation of all superior court officers and employees. Both measures failed passage as neither was scheduled for a hearing.

### *Scope of Appellate Review*

Assembly Bill 3254, introduced by Assemblyman Levine, would have significantly revised and expanded the scope of appellate review in criminal proceedings. The measure provided that appellate courts should give primary consideration to whether factual determinations made by the trier of fact are reasonably warranted in light of the evidence in the whole record. The measure further provided that the Supreme Court may, on petition, correct a clearly erroneous appellate decision. The measure was referred to interim study by the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee.

### *Single Pretrial Motion Hearing*

Senate Bill 1727, introduced by Senator Beverly, would have required a single pretrial motion hearing for most pretrial motions. The bill established procedures for such a hearing and further provided that such motions could not be raised at trial absent specified circumstances. Review of rulings on pretrial motions was to be by petition for extraordinary writ of mandate or prohibition. Only one such petition could be filed by each party with all challenges to be heard at a single, consolidated hearing. The measure passed the Senate 24 to 4 but after multiple hearings and extensive debate failed passage in the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee.

### *Broadcast Media In The Courtroom*

Senate Bill 1988, introduced by Senator Deukmejian, would repeal California Rule of Court 980 by providing that the Judicial Council shall promulgate rules authorizing and regulating the use of cameras and recording equipment by newspapers and magazines, and the use of commercial and public educational television and all other broadcast media in courtrooms. The measure required the rules to provide that coverage of



any proceeding requires consent of the judge and all parties. The measure passed the Senate 24 to 4, the Assembly Judiciary Committee 8 to 3, and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee 14 to 1. Due to a substantial backlog of pending legislation on the final day of the session, the measure was not brought to a vote and failed passage on the Assembly floor.

#### *Temporary Judges*

Assembly Bill 2163, introduced by Assemblyman Dannemeyer, would have permitted a superior court, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, to establish a procedure for the employment of temporary judges to relieve court congestion. The measure would have mandated employment of temporary judges in congested courts. Each temporary judge would be compensated, not to exceed \$150 per day, by the parties with the cost equally divided between them regardless of the outcome of the litigation. The measure received a do pass recommendation in the Assembly Judiciary Committee but died in Assembly Ways and Means.

#### *Lower Court Reorganization*

Assembly Bill 2887, introduced by Assemblyman Chappie, would have reorganized municipal and justice courts by establishing a single county-wide judicial district. The qualifications, restrictions and salary for justice court judges are conformed to those applicable to municipal court judges and the succession rights of judges and other court personnel are spelled out. Full state funding of salary for lower court judges is provided and justice court judges are brought within the judges' retirement law. The measure failed passage in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

### C. CHANGES IN THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT DURING 1978

During 1978 the Judicial Council adopted a number of amendments to the appellate and trial court rules and recommended Standards of Judicial Administration designed to improve court administration and expedite court proceedings.

The Council also approved 27 new and revised forms for statewide use which are discussed in section F of this chapter.

#### 1. APPELLATE RULES

##### *Clerk's Transcript—Payment of Estimated Costs (Rule 5)*

The Judicial Council adopted amendments to rule 5 suggested by the Mother Lode and Northern California Areas of the County Clerks Association to require in civil cases on appeal a deposit of the estimated costs of preparation of the clerk's transcript, instead of the former language requiring the parties to "make arrangements" for payment. Several technical changes to rule 5 were also adopted, along with a conforming change to rule 11 (b).

##### *Submission of Cause in Court of Appeal (Rule 22.5)*

In response to a request by the Commission on Judicial Performance the

Judicial Council adopted a new rule 22.5 to provide that a cause in the Court of Appeal is submitted when the court has heard oral argument, or has approved a waiver of oral argument, and the time has passed for filing all briefs and papers. Submission may be vacated only by an order stating the reasons therefor and providing for resubmission.

The new rule was effective September 1, 1978, and applies to all cases argued, or in which a waiver of oral argument was accepted, after August 31, 1978.

***Time for Transfer of Cases from Appellate Department of Superior Court to Court of Appeal (Rule 45(c))***

An amendment to subdivision (c) of rule 45 specifies that the time for ordering a case transferred from the appellate department of the superior court under rule 62 shall not be extended, and the time within which a superior court may certify a case to the Court of Appeal shall not be extended except as provided in rule 63(d). See *Corcoran v. Universal Guardian Corp.* (1977) 72 Cal.App.3d 904.

***Small Claims (Rule 152)***

Chapters 35 and 1137 of the 1978 Statutes amend several provisions of law concerning appeal of a small claims judgment, and required an amendment to rule 152.

## 2. TRIAL COURT RULES AND STANDARDS

***Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions (Rules 201(g), 501(f))***

In response to 1978 legislation (Stats. 1978, ch. 12), the Judicial Council amended rules 201 and 501 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the form of interrogatories and requests for admissions. The reinstated provisions had been rendered inoperative by 1977 legislation, which in turn was superseded by chapter 12 of the 1978 Statutes. As a result of these changes, all requirements regarding interrogatories and requests for admissions are now the same as prior to January 1, 1978 except for (a) deletion of the statutory requirement that these documents be filed with the court and (b) elimination of the requirement that a party seeking to use an interrogatory, request or response in court must provide the court and opposing counsel with a single document setting forth in sequence the interrogatory or request and the corresponding response (former rules 201(g) (3); 501(f) (3)).

***Notices of Rulings (Rules 204 and 504)***

Amendments to rules 204 and 504 clarify the clerk's duties under these rules and call attention to the possibility that the clerk's notification to the parties of the determination of a submitted matter may in some circumstances constitute service under rule 2(a) or 122(a) of the notice of entry of judgment required by Code of Civil Procedure section 664.5.

***Duties of Presiding Judge (Rules 244.5 and 532.5)***

Amendments to rules 244.5 and 532.5 require: (1) that each court employing commissioners or referees establish a procedure for handling complaints against such personnel; and (2) that a presiding judge notify the

Commission on Judicial Performance of a judge's substantial failure to perform judicial duties, including any habitual neglect of duty, or any absences due to disability totalling more than 90 court days in a 12-month period.

The amendments were suggested by the Commission on Judicial Performance, which has constitutional authority to investigate complaints against judges. The Commission does not have jurisdiction to investigate complaints against court commissioners and referees, who are employed by and subject to the supervision of the individual courts.

***Civil Harassment Remedy (Rule 310)***

A new rule 310 was adopted in response to chapter 1307 of the 1978 Statutes which establishes expedited procedures by which an injunction may be obtained against harassment.

***Sentencing Rule Changes (Rules 433 and 451)***

In response to 1978 legislation (Stats. 1978, chs. 579 and 582), the Judicial Council amended rules 433 and 451 which deal with criminal sentencing in superior courts. The change in rule 433 conforms to changes in the statutes concerning parole after release from prison. The change in rule 451 conforms to the legislative change that will make it possible for terms of imprisonment to run consecutively to a life term.

***Bail Schedule (Rule 850)***

Various changes were made in the uniform traffic and boating bail schedules listed in rule 850. These changes become effective July 1, 1979.

***Court Reporters' Transcript Production, Income and Time Reports (Rule 860)***

To conform to 1978 legislation, the Judicial Council amended rule 860 to extend its applicability to each official reporter and temporary official reporter in Sutter and Tuolumne Counties.

***Summary Dissolution (Rules 1205, 1270-1273)***

In response to 1978 legislation (Stats. 1978, ch. 508), the Judicial Council amended rule 1205 and adopted new rules 1270 through 1273 to govern practice and procedure in summary dissolution proceedings. Under the 1978 legislation, a summary proceeding may be used to end marriages of no more than two years' duration under certain conditions without a formal court hearing.

***Family Law (Rules 1253, 1256 and 1240)***

The Judicial Council adopted amendments to rule 1253 and a new rule 1256 to clarify the requirements for the two separate joinder procedures used in family law proceedings. Rule 1240 was amended, in accordance with chapter 435 of the 1978 Statutes, to delete the requirement of filing a financial declaration in a default proceeding when specified demands are not made.

***Juvenile Court Rules (Rules 1321, 1326, 1351)***

Amendments to the juvenile court rules were made as a result of two 1978 legislative measures and an opinion of the California Supreme Court. Rule 1321 was amended in response to chapter 1372 of the 1978 Statutes to reflect the new statutory time limitations that apply when a minor is

taken into custody without a warrant on suspicion of having committed a misdemeanor. Rule 1326 was amended in response to chapter 1061 of the 1978 Statutes to refer to section 207 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which specifies limited circumstances in which a minor taken into custody as a person described by section 601 may be held in a secure facility. Rule 1351 was amended to incorporate the holding of *In re Robin M.* (1978) 21 Cal.3d 337.

***Economical Litigation Project (Rules 1717, 1721, 1825, 1829.1, 1833)***

Several of the rules to be followed in the economical litigation pilot projects in selected superior and municipal courts in Fresno and Los Angeles Counties were modified.

The goal of the economical litigation experimental projects is to determine if simplified procedures can be developed to substantially reduce the expense of litigation in those civil actions in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$25,000.

The rules in the participating superior courts made available some discovery procedures, but they did not permit the use of interrogatories. In response to several suggestions, the Judicial Council adopted new rule 1829.1 and amended rules 1825 and 1833 to provide for identification of persons who can be deposed and property that can be inspected and to provide appropriate sanctions for failure to make such identification.

Rule 1717, which limits the types of pretrial motions permitted in the municipal court, was modified to permit a motion pursuant to either section 396 or section 473 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Section 473 permits relief from defaults and amendment of pleadings subject to the court's discretion and upon such terms as may be required to protect other parties. Section 396 permits transfer of a case from the municipal court to the superior court where the former lacks jurisdiction.

Subdivision (d) of rule 1721, which permits the filing of a memorandum in opposition to statements made in an at-issue memorandum in the municipal court, was modified to conform the wording of the rule to that of rule 1825, the corresponding superior court rule.

The courts participating in the projects are the Fresno Superior and Municipal Courts, the Los Angeles Municipal Court, and the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

***Judge's Statement under Penal Code Section 1203.01 (Section 12, Standards of Judicial Administration)***

Section 12 of the Standards of Judicial Administration is designed to assist judges in the preparation of statements to be sent to the Department of Corrections under Penal Code section 1203.01. The amended section conforms to the new determinate sentencing law and reflects the new requirement of section 1203.01 that a transcript of the sentencing proceedings be sent to the Department of Corrections.

***Contents of Presentence Investigation Report (Section 12.5, Standards of Judicial Administration)***

At the suggestion of the Chief Probation Officers of California, the Judicial Council has adopted a new standard that recommends to the

sentencing judge a list of matters that the judge should require in the probation officer's report to assist the court in applying the Uniform Determinate Sentencing Act of 1976.

*Procedures for Handling Complaints Against Court Commissioners and Referees (Section 16, Standards of Judicial Administration)*

The Judicial Council has adopted a new standard recommending a uniform procedure for the handling of complaints against court commissioners and referees.

### 3. OTHER RULES

*"Cleanup" Amendments to Court Rules (Rules 122(a), 251, and 981)*

Amendments to rules 122, 251, and 981 were made to conform to recent statutory changes. The amendment to rule 122 deletes a reference to repealed section 667a of the Code of Civil Procedure. The amendment to rule 251 reflects a change in the Welfare and Institutions Code, substituting section 300 for section 600. The amendment to rule 981 adds justice courts to the list of courts which must file their local rules with the Judicial Council.

*Confidentiality of Proceedings Before the Commission on Judicial Performance (Rule 902)*

An amendment to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of rule 902 requires the Commission on Judicial Performance to disclose to a person who complained against a judge that after an investigation of the charges the Commission either found no basis for action, took appropriate corrective action, or filed with the Supreme Court a recommendation for censure, removal, or retirement. The former rule permitted but did not require such disclosure.

*Small Claims Court Experiment (Rules 1901-02, 1905, 1907-13, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927)*

Special rules to be followed in a small claims court experiment were adopted by the Judicial Council. These rules implement 1976 legislation authorizing experimental small claims projects in selected municipal courts.

The goal of each small claims project is to determine whether various types of assistance to litigants and courts could make small claims procedures more attractive to individual litigants who are unfamiliar with the judicial system and who otherwise might consider the courts an inconvenient or unsatisfactory forum for resolution of minor disputes.

The Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco Municipal Courts are the courts selected for participation in the projects. Various special programs and procedures will be tested in these courts, including the use of evening and Saturday sessions, pretrial mediation, free legal assistance to litigants outside court, increased non-English language services, and legal assistance to the small claims judge. The rules as finally adopted also establish systems for data collection in these three courts, as well as in the Fresno, Oakland-Piedmont, and West Orange Municipal Courts, to permit evaluation of the experimental procedures used.

## D. JUDICIAL REDISTRICTING

Since July 1, 1975 there have been major changes in the composition of municipal court and justice court districts in California. Realignments and consolidations eliminated 82 judicial districts and reduced the total number of judicial districts to 197. Ninety-two justice court districts were eliminated and ten municipal court districts have been created since that date.

In fiscal year 1977-78 the total number of judicial districts was reduced by three. The Central and Southern Municipal Court Districts of San Mateo County were consolidated as the Southern District Municipal Court. The Cucamonga-Etiwanda Justice Court became the Rancho Cucamonga Division of the San Bernardino County Municipal Court. In Modoc County the Surprise Valley Justice Court consolidated with the Modoc Justice Court to become the Modoc Justice Court. In addition, two justice court districts became municipal court districts because of population growth: the Castroville-Pajaro Justice Court became the North Monterey County Municipal Court; and in Fresno County the Clovis-Ponderosa Justice Court became the Clovis-Ponderosa Municipal Court.

The number of districts served by justice courts has steadily decreased since the lower court reorganization of 1953 because of (1) redistricting by local boards of supervisors resulting in the consolidation of separate justice court districts to form either municipal courts or larger justice court districts, and (2) the creation of municipal courts as district populations increased to levels in excess of the 40,000 constitutional limit for justice courts.

Table A gives the total number of judicial districts as of June 30, 1978, and for each year since the lower court reorganization.

**TABLE A—CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**  
As of June 30, 1953 to June 30, 1978

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total judicial districts</i>	<i>Number of justice courts</i>	<i>Number of municipal courts</i>
1953	400	349	51
1954	400	348	52
1955	395	342	53
1956	395	341	54
1957	393	335	58
1958	390	329	61
1959	374	312	62
1960	374	307	67
1961	371	302	69
1962	370	293	72
1963	365	293	72
1964	361	288	73
1965	349	276	73
1966	339	268	71
1967	336	263	73
1968	326	253	73
1969	319	245	74
1970	319	244	75
1971	309	232	77
1972	303	226	77
1973	297	221	76
1974	291	214	77
1975	279	199	80
1976	259	175	84
1977	200	111	89
1978	197	107	90

## E. JUSTICE COURT ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Oral examinations are required when there are more than three qualified candidates for appointment to a justice court judgeship.<sup>13</sup> During the 1978 calendar year three oral examining boards were appointed to interview candidates for the office of justice court judge.<sup>14</sup>

## F. JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGAL FORMS

During 1978, the Judicial Council approved 27 forms for statewide use, and also approved 15 new forms for use in the courts participating in the experimental small claims project. The new and revised forms approved for statewide use were prepared and recommended for Judicial Council approval by the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Legal Forms, a statewide committee with representation from the State Bar, the judiciary and the court clerks' organizations. In accordance with the Judicial Council's long-standing policy, the new forms were submitted to the State Bar Board of Governors for the Board's review and approval prior to final approval by the Judicial Council. The small claims experimental project forms were prepared and recommended by the Small Claims Project Advisory Committee.

Copies of the new and revised forms approved for statewide use were sent to trial courts throughout the state so that each court might reproduce the forms for local use.

An explanation of the new forms and background of the changes in Council forms follows:

### A. *RULE 982—MANDATORY FORMS*

#### 1. *Abstract of Judgment*

Chapter 203 of the 1978 Statutes amended Code of Civil Procedure sections 674 and 675 to require that an abstract of judgment contain the Social Security number or driver's license number of the judgment debtor, if known. The form Abstract of Judgment was revised accordingly. Continued use of the existing form was authorized if overprinted to comply with the requirements of chapter 203.

#### 2. *Subpena/Subpena Duces Tecum*

Chapter 431 of the 1978 Statutes added Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.2, which requires additional language on a subpena concerning the person to contact for information as to the time and place of appearance. Chapter 479 of the 1978 Statutes amended Code of Civil Procedure section

<sup>13</sup> Gov. Code, §§ 71180.4, 71601.3; Cal. Rules of Court, rules 765-770.

<sup>14</sup> Oral examinations were given in Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties. Only attorneys were eligible to apply for the positions (Gov. Code, § 71701). In Fresno County, six attorneys filed statements of candidacy and four were interviewed for the vacancy in the Kingsburg-Riverdale Justice Court. In Kings County, six attorneys filed statements of candidacy and five were interviewed for the vacancy in the Hanford Justice Court. Seven candidates filed and six were interviewed for the vacancy in the Dinuba Justice Court District in Tulare County.

1992 to increase to \$500 the amount of forfeiture for disobedience of a subpoena. The two existing subpoena forms were combined into one mandatory, multipurpose form suitable for all matters requiring a subpoena.

3. *Summons, Summons (Joint Debtor), Summons (Unlawful Detainer-State Housing Law)*

Chapter 1257 of the 1977 Statutes amended various provisions of law to make procedure, practice, and fees for justice courts the same as those for municipal courts. Among other changes, Code of Civil Procedure section 422.20 was amended to make the rules of pleading in justice courts the same as in municipal courts. The summons forms were revised to delete language relating to oral pleadings in justice courts. Continued use of existing summons forms was authorized if overprinted to delete the reference to oral pleadings in justice courts. Use of the existing form Summons (Multipurpose) was also authorized for civil actions involving a 30-day response time.

4. *Abstract of Judgment—Commitment*

The form Abstract of Judgment—Commitment was revised effective October 1, 1978. The revisions were primarily intended to simplify use of the form.

B. *OPTIONAL FORMS: WRIT OF EXECUTION; SMALL CLAIMS*

1. *Writ of Execution, Writ of Execution Against Dwelling House*

Chapter 1419 of the 1978 Statutes amended various provisions of law relating to writs of execution to permit the service of a writ of execution by a registered process server where the property sought to be levied upon is in the hands of a third party and the levy of execution does not require the levying officer to sell, deliver or take custody of the property. The two forms of writ of execution were revised accordingly. Continued use of the writ of execution forms that were approved effective January 1, 1978, was authorized in cases where service of the writ is not to be by a registered process server. All prior writ of execution forms were revoked.

2. *Notice of Motion to Vacate Judgment and Declaration (Small Claims)*

Amended Code of Civil Procedure section 117.8(d) required the Judicial Council to provide a new form for notice of motion to vacate a small claims judgment. The new form follows the format of the existing small claims forms.

3. *Notice of Entry of Judgment (Small Claims)*

The Notice of Entry of Judgment form was simplified. A clerk's certificate of mailing was added and the informational portion of the form was revised and moved to the reverse.

4. *Notice of Appeal (Small Claims)*

The form Notice of Appeal was revised to conform to the provisions of amended Code of Civil Procedure section 117.8.



### 5. *Claim of Plaintiff and Order (Small Claims)*

The form Claim of Plaintiff and Order was revised in response to chapter 723 of the 1978 Statutes which added Code of Civil Procedure section 116.3 allowing the court to grant certain types of equitable relief, and amended Code of Civil Procedure section 116.8 relating to the defendant's claim. The revisions on the reverse of the form reflect these changes.

### 6. *Information for Plaintiff (Small Claims)*

Chapter 723 of the 1978 Statutes amended and renumbered Code of Civil Procedure section 118.6 (renumbered as section 117.14) to raise to \$3.00 the fee for service of the plaintiff's claim on each defendant. Item 6a was amended to reflect the new fee.

## C. *JOINDER FORMS (FAMILY LAW)*

Chapter 687 of the 1978 Statutes substantially revised 1977 legislation which established a new procedure exclusively for the joinder of an employee pension benefit plan as a party to an action for dissolution of a marriage.

### 1. *Request for Joinder of Employee Pension Benefit Plan and Order (Rule 1291.15)*

This existing form was amended to refer to the required service of a pleading on joinder which is to be submitted to the clerk with the request for joinder, and filed and served with the summons (joinder) and a blank notice of appearance. Certain information previously contained in this form regarding the employee spouse is moved to a new form, Pleading on Joinder.

### 2. *Pleading on Joinder—Employee Pension Benefit Plan (Rule 1291.35)*

This new form is designed to serve as the "appropriate pleading setting forth the party's claim against the plan and the nature of the relief sought." (Civ. Code, § 4363.1.)

### 3. *Notice of Appearance and Response of Employee Pension Benefit Plan (Rule 1291.25)*

This form, an expanded version of the existing form, can serve as a notice of appearance and also as a responsive pleading so that the issues can be narrowed to minimize the need for court appearances by pension plans.

### 4. *Summons (Joinder) (Rule 1291.40)*

The existing form was amended to reflect that the pension plan will now have only 30 days to answer, and to call attention to the required service of the pleading on joinder. The "notice to the person served" and proof of service provisions of the form provide for service, pursuant to Civil Code section 4363.1, on the plan's trustee, administrator, or any agent designated for service of process.

## D. *CIVIL HARASSMENT FORMS*

Chapter 1307 of the 1978 Statutes established expedited procedures by which an injunction may be obtained against harassment. The measure added section 527.6 to the Code of Civil Procedure to define "harassment"

and to provide a procedure for obtaining a temporary restraining order and a hearing within 15 days to determine whether an injunction should be issued. The Council approved six new forms, for optional use, to implement the new law:

1. Petition for Injunction Prohibiting Harassment and Application for Temporary Restraining Order;
2. Response to Petition;
3. Order to Show Cause (Harassment) and Temporary Restraining Order;
4. Proof of Service (Harassment);
5. Order After Hearing on Petition; and
6. Instructions for Lawsuits to Prohibit Harassment.

#### E. *SUMMARY DISSOLUTION FORMS*

Chapter 508 of the 1978 Statutes created a simplified "summary" dissolution proceeding effective January 1, 1979. The proceeding is initiated by a joint petition with no summons and no formal court hearing. It may be used to end marriages of no more than two years' duration where (1) the parties have no minor children born or adopted during the marriage; (2) the wife is not pregnant; (3) the parties have reached agreement on all issues; (4) debts and assets are less than specified amounts; and (5) any right to spousal support or appeal is waived.

##### 1. *Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution of Marriage (Rule 1295.10)*

New Civil Code section 4551 provides for the filing of a joint petition signed under oath by husband and wife stating that on the date of filing all the requirements set forth in Civil Code section 4550 have been met. The form advises the parties (1) they can revoke the petition any time before a request for final judgment is filed; (2) they remain married until one of them files for and obtains a final judgment; and (3) they must wait six months to request the final judgment.

##### 2. *Request for Final Judgment, Final Judgment, and Notice of Entry of Judgment (Rule 1295.20)*

This combination form includes provision for entry of judgment nunc pro tunc and restoration of wife's former name. The clerk's certificate of mailing on the reverse states that a copy of the form was mailed to each party. Each party thus receives not only notice of entry of final judgment but simultaneously a copy of the final judgment.

##### 3. *Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution (Rule 1295.30)*

Civil Code section 4552(a) provides that at any time prior to the filing of an application for final judgment either party may "revoke the joint petition and thereby terminate the summary dissolution proceeding." The "revoking party" is required to send a copy of the notice to the other party.

##### 4. *Summary Dissolution Information Booklet*

Pursuant to the legislation, a 25-page booklet, *Summary Dissolution Information*, was prepared in English and Spanish.

### F. *SMALL CLAIMS EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT*

Pursuant to chapter 1287 of the 1976 Statutes, a small claims experimental project was established in the San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Diego Municipal Courts. The project required the adoption of the following 15 forms for use in these courts between April 1, 1978 and March 1, 1979:

- (a) Sacramento Municipal Court, (1) Claim of Plaintiff and Order; (2) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer; (3) Claim of Plaintiff and Order (Unlawful Detainer); (4) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (Unlawful Detainer).
- (b) San Diego Municipal Court, (1) Claim of Plaintiff and Order; (2) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (A); (3) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (B); (4) Claim of Plaintiff and Order (Unlawful Detainer); (5) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (A) (Unlawful Detainer); (6) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (B) (Unlawful Detainer).
- (c) San Francisco Municipal Court, (1) Claim of Plaintiff and Order; (2) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer; (3) Claim of Plaintiff and Order (Unlawful Detainer); (4) Instructions to Defendant and Self Mailer (Unlawful Detainer).
- (d) Claim of Defendant.

### G. *REVOKED FORMS*

Chapter 1363 of the 1978 Statutes amended various provisions of law to require that the county clerk cancel the voter registrations of persons who have had guardians or conservators appointed on their behalf, upon a finding by the court that the person does not have the mental capacity to complete an affidavit of registration. The legislation affected four existing Judicial Council probate forms: 1. Citation for Conservatorship and Proof of Service; 2. Citation for Guardianship (Incompetency) and Proof of Service; 3. Order Appointing Conservator; and 4. Order Appointing Guardian for Incompetent. Due to the late chaptering of this legislation the necessary revisions in the forms could not be made prior to the effective date of the legislation. Revised forms are being prepared for presentation to the Judicial Council.

## G. *FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS*

A. The following Judicial Council projects that were funded by federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grants operated in 1978:

1. *Judicial Criminal Justice Planning Committee* (CCCJ 8035-78)  
\$101,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$112,222 total project cost.

This grant continued to support the Judicial Criminal Justice Planning Committee organized pursuant to sections 13830-13833 of the Penal Code. The committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning on any California court project submitted for funding. It also develops planning material for trial court use and serves to provide direction for court projects.

2. *New Trial Judges Orientation* (CCCJ 2576-2 and 3)

\$135,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$150,000 total project cost, second year;  
\$135,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$150,000 total project cost third year.

This grant financed the second and third years of a three-year experimental effort to institute a year-round, individualized orientation program for new California trial judges and to prepare the related training materials. The effort was developed by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research.

3. *Management Standards for Jurors and Witnesses* (CCCJ 2792-1)

\$90,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$100,000 total project cost.

This project was designed to meet the critical need to improve management and treatment of jurors and witnesses in criminal proceedings by analyzing the major management problems involved with jurors and witnesses at the trial court level, developing standards to address the problems, and testing, implementing and evaluating these standards in a pilot program for possible statewide application. A final report was published in May 1978, composed of three separate volumes.

4. *Workshops on Criminal Caseloads* (CCCJ 2790-2)

\$54,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$60,000 total project cost.

This project funded a series of workshops specifically designed to assist courts in dealing with criminal backlog and delay, and the needs of defendants, victims and witnesses. The workshop design was to assist judicial and nonjudicial personnel of the state's courts in carrying out their responsibilities more effectively by familiarizing them with recent developments and innovations in court management and by providing a forum for discussion of the most pressing problems facing the trial courts.

B. The following Judicial Council projects have been approved for funding during 1979 by the California Council on Criminal Justice as a part of the 1979 State and Private Agency Plan:

1. *Workshops on Criminal Caseloads* (CCCJ 2790-3)

\$54,000 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$60,000 total project cost.

This project will fund the third year in a series of workshops specifically designed to assist courts in dealing with criminal backlog and delay, and the needs of defendants, victims and witnesses. The workshop design is to assist judicial and nonjudicial personnel of the state's courts in carrying out their responsibilities more effectively by familiarizing them with recent developments and innovations in court management and by providing a forum for discussion of the most pressing problems facing the trial courts.

2. *Judicial Criminal Justice Planning Committee* (CCCJ 8035-9)

\$82,077 CCCJ (LEAA) / \$91,196 total project cost.

These funds will continue the operation of the committee pursuant to sections 13830-13833 of the Penal Code.

## H. COORDINATION OF MULTICOURT CIVIL ACTIONS

Petitions for coordination of civil actions were filed in the Administrative Office of the Courts at a sharply increased rate during calendar year 1978. The total for the year was 183 petitions.

On July 3, 1978, 55 months after the operative date of the statute and rules of court permitting the coordination of civil actions sharing common questions of fact or law and pending in different courts,<sup>15</sup> the 500th petition for coordination was received. The kinds of actions included in coordination proceedings have remained uniform throughout the life of the program, with petitions covering personal injury, death and property damage actions well in the lead.<sup>16</sup> Other categories of coordination activity, described in a very general way and ranked in order of frequency, are commercial disputes,<sup>17</sup> real property actions,<sup>18</sup> multiparty claims in construction and subdivision projects,<sup>19</sup> fire casualties,<sup>20</sup> and public law questions.<sup>21</sup> A few miscellaneous proceedings fill out the total.<sup>22</sup>

Of the first 500 petitions for coordination, 78 percent were granted, with the remainder either denied, withdrawn, or becoming moot before hearing. Fifty percent of the proceedings involved "vertical" coordination of superior court and municipal court actions.<sup>23</sup> The great majority of the proceedings involved only two or three actions.<sup>24</sup> Overall, a total of 1633 actions pending in 47 superior courts and 64 municipal courts were included in coordination petitions.

The coordination statistics for calendar year 1978 fell in the same pattern as established by the first 500 petitions.<sup>25</sup>

## I. ARBITRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

During fiscal year 1977-1978, the second year of operation of the uniform system of arbitration in the superior courts,<sup>26</sup> 4,111 cases were placed on the arbitration hearing list. During the same period 3,494 cases were removed from the list, 1,797 by arbitrators' awards, 1,594 by settlement after the arbitrator had been assigned, and 203 by administrative removal. A request for a trial de novo was made in 472 of the cases going to award (26 percent).

<sup>15</sup> Code Civ. Proc., §§ 404-404.8; Cal. Rules of Court, rules 1501-1550. Coordination is basically a two-step procedure: on petition, the Chairperson of the Judicial Council assigns a coordination motion judge to determine whether coordination of cases pending in different courts and sharing a common question of fact or law is appropriate (Code Civ. Proc., § 404; Cal. Rules of Court, rules 1521, 1524); and if coordination is ordered, the Chairperson assigns a trial judge to hear and determine the coordinated actions (Code Civ. Proc., § 404.3; Cal. Rules of Court, rules 1529, 1540).

<sup>16</sup> 235 petitions, 195 of which relate to automobile incidents.

<sup>17</sup> 91 petitions.

<sup>18</sup> 78 petitions, 60 of which combine municipal court actions for unlawful detainer and superior court actions for equitable and other relief relating to the same property.

<sup>19</sup> 27 petitions.

<sup>20</sup> 23 petitions.

<sup>21</sup> 12 petitions.

<sup>22</sup> 34 petitions.

<sup>23</sup> 160 petitions involving actions pending in Los Angeles County courts, 91 actions pending elsewhere.

<sup>24</sup> 344 petitions involving only two actions, 59 petitions involving three actions.

<sup>25</sup> Personal injury, 95 petitions (83 automobile, 12 other); commercial, 32 petitions; real property, 21 petitions (14 unlawful detainer combinations, 7 other); fire, 11 petitions; construction, 7 petitions; public law, 4 petitions; miscellaneous, 13 petitions.

<sup>26</sup> Code Civ. Proc., §§ 1141.10-1141.20; Cal. Rules of Court, rules 1601-1617.

The Los Angeles Superior Court accounted for over half the arbitration filings (2,308) and dispositions (1,847). A total of 778 cases went to an arbitrator's award: The trial de novo request percentage was 18. No conclusive study of the trial de novo feature of the uniform system of arbitration has been made, but the first experience in the Los Angeles Superior Court is that in well over half the instances in which a trial de novo demand is made, the cases are removed from the civil active list at an early date by settlement or dismissal.<sup>27</sup>

Next after Los Angeles in volume of superior court arbitration filings was Alameda (306 filings), followed by San Francisco (302), Sacramento (256), San Diego (178), Contra Costa (133), Orange (118), San Mateo (86), Fresno (51), and Santa Clara (47). Some arbitration proceedings were conducted in 37 of California's 58 superior courts.

Ninety-five percent of the fees paid to arbitrators was in the standard amount of \$150. Fees totaling \$292,284 were paid during fiscal 1977-1978 out of funds appropriated to the Judicial Council.

The uniform system of arbitration of superior court cases permits arbitration of any cause upon stipulation of the parties or upon election by the plaintiff if the plaintiff agrees to limit the award to \$7,500. During the first two years of operation, most of the cases placed on the arbitration hearing list were lower-dollar value personal injury actions. Over 80 percent of the cases were put into arbitration by the plaintiff's election, and in the overwhelming number of cases the arbitrator was selected from the court supervised panel of attorney-arbitrators.

The 1978 Legislature adopted a statute operative July 1, 1979, which will extend the stipulated/elective arbitration program to the entire court system and which will require mandatory arbitration in metropolitan superior courts of designated cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$15,000.<sup>28</sup>

## J. CHANGE OF VENUE IN CRIMINAL CASES

Pursuant to Penal Code section 1038<sup>29</sup> the Judicial Council in 1972 adopted California Rules of Court 840-844 to provide an administrative procedure for assisting the trial court when venue in criminal cases is changed. Rule 842 provides that "When the court in which the action is

<sup>27</sup> Los Angeles Superior Court Arbitration Administrator John Inerson has tracked the first 188 trial de novo requests in that court and in a memorandum dated August 4, 1978, he reported to Judge John A. Loomis, the chairman of the court's arbitration administrative committee, in part as set out below.

The current status of these 188 cases is as follows:

Cases on civil active list awaiting invitation to file Certificate of Readiness:

(Central and branch) ..... 71

Cases which have been settled, dismissed or off calendar ..... 111

Cases disposed of by jury verdict or Court judgment ..... 6

The majority of the cases that are being considered herein have already been disposed of either by dismissal or settlement. It is interesting that the majority of these matters are settled or dismissed out within two months of the filing of the award of arbitrator. It may be inferred from this that the request for trial de novo was filed solely to keep all options open. The award of arbitrator was then used as a basis for settlement discussions. Therefore, the award of arbitrator served as a valuable tool to achieve a settlement agreeable to the litigants involved in the case. It is evident that the request for trial de novo does not funnel cases back into the traditional court system but rather into settlement or dismissal.

<sup>28</sup> Stats. 1978, ch. 743; Code Civ. Proc., §§ 1141.10-1141.32.

<sup>29</sup> Enacted by Statutes of 1971, ch. 1476.

pending determines that it should be transferred pursuant to Section 1033 or 1034 of the Penal Code, it shall advise the Administrative Director of the Courts of the pending transfer. Upon being advised the Director shall, in order to expedite judicial business and equalize the work of the judges, suggest a court or courts that would not be unduly burdened by the trial of the case. . . .”

The Administrative Office of the Courts was advised of 28 cases in which a change of venue motion was granted in 1978.

In connection with a pending transfer, workload reports are reviewed and the presiding judges of possible receiving courts, including those suggested by the judge granting the motion, are contacted regarding their ability to conduct the trial. Various factors are reviewed with the judges contacted, such as the trial's probable length, the availability of assigned judges, and any special security problems.

The judge who has granted the motion is advised of one or more courts that would not be unduly burdened by the case. After the judge has determined the proper court for the trial following a hearing pursuant to *McGown v. Superior Court* (1977) 75 Cal.App.3d 648, the Administrative Office is notified of the choice and advises each of the courts previously contacted.

Cases in which change of venue motions were granted in 1978 varied from a one-day justice court trial for assaulting a police officer to an eight-month fraud trial.

The Administrative Office of the Courts also renders assistance, on request, when change of venue motions are granted in civil cases.

## CHAPTER 2

### JUDICIAL STATISTICS

#### A. SUPREME COURT

##### 1. SUMMARY OF FILINGS AND BUSINESS TRANSACTED

In 1977-1978 the Supreme Court recorded 3,881 filings, a new record and a 6 percent increase over 1976-1977 filings. The composition of these filings was quite similar to that in 1976-1977, the most notable difference being a slight decline in petitions for hearing in civil appeals (31 percent of all filings vs. 34 percent a year earlier) and an increase in petitions for hearing in criminal appeals (30 percent vs. 28 percent). Habeas corpus petitions filed originally in the Supreme Court declined slightly but civil original proceedings increased somewhat, as did petitions for Supreme Court hearing of both civil and criminal original proceedings decided in Courts of Appeal.

There were three direct appeals in death penalty cases automatically appealed to the Supreme Court.<sup>1</sup>

**TABLE I—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
SUMMARY OF FILINGS**

Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78

Type of Filing	1967- 68	1968- 69	1969- 70	1970- 71	1971- 72	1972- 73	1973- 74	1974- 75	1975- 76	1976- 77	1977- 78
Total filings .....	2,959	3,322	3,400	3,179	3,238	3,139	3,513	3,668	3,704	3,665	3,881
Petition for hearing of cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal.....	1,769	1,874	2,064	2,198	2,417	2,386	2,571	2,566	2,894	2,927	3,140
Civil appeals.....	523	533	564	636	649	687	771	872	1,233	1,230	1,186
Criminal appeals.....	628	665	641	624	741	770	915	1,029	1,077	1,033	1,170
Civil original proceedings ...	393	457	635	766	849	759	709	593	314	341	382
Criminal original proceed- ings .....	57	71	72	51	85	44	80	67	270	323	402
Miscellaneous.....	168	148	152	111	93	126	96	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>
Direct appeals .....	49	15	17	38	11	0	0	18	21	27	3
Original proceedings											
Civil .....	83	84	84	108	178	160	185	207	197	235	272
Criminal .....	1,057	1,349	1,235	835	632	593	757	877	592	476	466
Motion to dismiss on clerk's cer- tificate .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup> Due to small number, these filings were included in listing by character of underlying proceeding.

During the fiscal year, the Supreme Court disposed of 3,140 petitions for hearing, a 7 percent increase over last year's 2,927; it also ruled on 637 original proceedings (+ 5 percent) and 51 executive clemency applications, in addition to numerous motions and petitions for rehearing. The Court disposed of 88 appeals and 42 original proceedings by written opinion, a total of 130 cases decided on the merits, in addition to the Court's workload of reviewing petitions for hearing, original proceedings and other matters.

<sup>1</sup> Direct appeals to the Supreme Court are permitted only in criminal cases where judgment of death has been pronounced. Cal. Const., art. VI, § 11. In those cases, the appeal is automatic. Pen. Code, § 1239(b).



**TABLE II—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT BUSINESS TRANSACTED**  
**Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78**

<i>Business transacted</i>	1967- 68	1968- 69	1969- 70	1970- 71	1971- 72	1972- 73	1973- 74	1974- 75	1975- 76	1976- 77	1977- 78
Total business transacted .....	4,296	4,124	4,772	4,637	4,673	4,691	5,288	5,646	6,035	6,065	6,168
Appeals											
By written opinion .....	116	140	114	116	86	117	79	105	112	85	88
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.) .....	8	2	0	11	7	2	4	1	6	5	2
Original proceedings (including habeas corpus) <sup>a</sup>											
By written opinion .....	56	66	91	86	76	62	76	84	79	59	42
Without opinion .....	1,048	1,180	1,121	911	802	588	860	840	735	550	595
Petitions for hearing											
Granted .....	168	158	191	204	230	181	198	172	229	231	273
Denied .....	1,601	1,716	1,873	1,994	2,187	2,205	2,373	2,394	2,665	2,696	2,867
Motions (miscellaneous) <sup>b</sup>											
Denied or granted .....	33	20	67	67	30	68	64	89	124	113	118
Rehearings											
Granted .....	1	5	0	1	1	2	3	3	1	0	1
Denied .....	66	93	95	87	55	62	50	72	83	69	61
Orders <sup>c</sup>											
Transfers and retransfers .....	452	157	177	169	198	231	189	221	252	258	213
Alternative writs or orders to show cause <sup>d</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	60	61	59	87
Miscellaneous .....	717	551	997	948	940	1,161	1,331	1,567	1,650	1,885	1,770
Executive clemency applications <sup>e</sup> .....	30	36	46	43	61	12	9	38	38	54	51

<sup>a</sup> Includes those filed initially in the Supreme Court, and those previously decided by Courts of Appeal but transferred to the Supreme Court on petition for hearing or on its own motion.

<sup>b</sup> Excluding granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>c</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

<sup>d</sup> Data previous to 1973-74 included in miscellaneous.

<sup>e</sup> Cal. Const., art. V, § 8.

The Supreme Court's workload also included a number of disciplinary proceedings against attorneys, as reflected in Table III below. A percentage of the attorneys subject to disciplinary proceedings did not seek review <sup>2</sup> of the State Bar's recommendations and, as noted in Table III, a number resigned while proceedings were pending. Even when the attorney involved did not challenge the recommendation, however, the Supreme Court reviewed the record and made its own determination of the appropriate disciplinary sanction.

<sup>2</sup> When an attorney files a petition for a writ of review in the Supreme Court, the disciplinary matter is docketed as a civil original proceeding, and the case is reflected both in the summary of filings and, when decided, in the business transacted tables.

**TABLE III—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

	1977-78	1976-77
Record of conviction of crime filed		
Suspension ordered because offense involved moral turpitude .....	6 <sup>b</sup>	24 <sup>a</sup>
Referred to State Bar for determination whether offense involved moral turpitude .....	3	8
State Bar recommendations of suspension or probation.....	15 <sup>d</sup>	55 <sup>c</sup>
State Bar recommendations of disbarment .....	9	4
State Bar filing without specific recommendation .....	14	1
Resignation while disciplinary proceedings pending.....	12	10
Petitions for reinstatement.....	1	1
Accusation filings.....	1 <sup>e</sup>	1 <sup>e</sup>
Total .....	61	104

<sup>a</sup> Petitions to set aside or stay suspension filed in eight. Objections or writ of review filed in one. Two were referred to State Bar after suspension ordered. Two resigned and one was disbarred in another proceeding while disciplinary proceedings were pending.

<sup>b</sup> Petitions to set aside or stay suspension filed in two.

<sup>c</sup> Writs of review filed in ten.

<sup>d</sup> Writs of review filed in four.

<sup>e</sup> Accusations, seeking independent review by the Supreme Court without a prior recommendation of the State Bar, are now filed as disciplinary proceedings.

## 2. PETITIONS FOR HEARING

Petitions for hearing set another new record, exceeding last year by 213 (7.3 percent). Most of the increase was in original proceedings ("writ" matters); Supreme Court review was sought in more habeas corpus matters than in any recent year, and in more civil original proceedings than last year.

	Appeals decided by Courts of Appeal	Petitions for Hearing in Appeals	%
1977-78 .....	5,686	2,356	41.4
1976-77 .....	5,626	2,263	40.2
1975-76 .....	5,592	2,310	41.3
1974-75 .....	5,240	1,901	36.3
1973-74 .....	4,389	1,666	38.4
1972-73 .....	3,890	1,457	37.5

As noted in last year's report, petitions for hearing in appeals are a fairly constant percentage of appeals decided by Courts of Appeal. As appeal filings continue to increase in the Courts of Appeal (see Table VI, *infra*), it may be anticipated that the Supreme Court will continue to receive greater numbers of petitions for hearing.

The Supreme Court agreed to review a record 273 cases which had previously been before Courts of Appeal, 8.7 percent of the petitions.

The percentage of petitions granted in each category did not differ greatly from the prior year.

**TABLE IV—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
PETITIONS FOR HEARING IN SUPREME COURT—NUMBER  
FILED, GRANTED AND PERCENT GRANTED  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78**

	1967- 68	1968- 69	1969- 70	1970- 71	1971- 72	1972- 73	1973- 74	1974- 75	1975- 76	1976- 77	1977- 78
Filed .....	1,769	1,874	2,064	2,198	2,417	2,386	2,571	2,566	2,894	2,927	3,140
Granted .....	168	158	191	254	230	181	198	172	229	231	273
Percent granted.....	9.5	8.4	9.3	9.3	9.5	7.6	7.7	6.7	7.9	7.9	8.7

**TABLE V—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
PETITIONS FOR HEARING GRANTED AND DENIED  
BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

Type of Proceeding	1977-78				1976-77			
	Filed	Granted		Denied	Filed	Granted		Denied
		No.	%			No.	%	
Total .....	3,140	273	8.7	2,867	2,927	231	7.9	2,696
Civil appeals .....	1,186	131	11.0	1,055	1,230	133	10.8	1,097
Criminal appeals .....	1,170	97	8.3	1,073	1,033	61	5.9	972
Civil original proceedings .....	382	24	6.3	358	341	24	7.0	317
Criminal original proceedings <sup>a</sup> .....	402	21	5.2	381	323	13	4.0	310
Miscellaneous motions and applications.....	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>	<sub>b</sub>

<sup>a</sup> Habeas Corpus.

<sup>b</sup> Due to small number, these petitions were included in listing by character of underlying proceeding.

### 3. ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS

Filings of criminal original proceedings in the Supreme Court decreased and filings of civil original proceedings increased slightly, the same trend noted for 1976-1977. The continued decrease in criminal original proceedings (habeas corpus) appears related to the increased number of habeas corpus matters in which Supreme Court review was sought by petition for hearing; it suggests a tendency to file these matters in a lower court in the first instance.

Although relatively few petitions for original writs are granted and decided by the Supreme Court by written opinion, they impose a substantial workload on the Court, since each matter filed must be evaluated by the Court to determine if it presents a question of substantial merit. A significant number are found to be sufficiently meritorious to require a full hearing, which the Supreme Court may direct should be held in a lower court.<sup>3</sup>

"Civil" original proceedings include petitions for the writs of mandamus and prohibition, and may arise from criminal cases as well as civil cases and other proceedings. Legal questions of great significance may arise and be decided in these matters; for example, the case<sup>4</sup> in which the Supreme Court determined that California's 1973 death penalty law<sup>5</sup> was unconstitutional came before the Court as a petition for a writ of prohibition, a "civil" original proceeding.

<sup>3</sup> See Table II, Transfers and Retransfers.

<sup>4</sup> Rockwell v. Superior Court (1976) 18 Cal.3d 420.

<sup>5</sup> Pen. Code, §§ 190-190.3.

## 4. APPEALS

Three direct appeals were filed<sup>6</sup> in 1977-1978, representing criminal cases in which the death penalty was imposed.

These cases were not fully briefed or argued during the fiscal year. The appeals shown as disposed of in Table II, therefore consisted entirely of cases which had previously been decided by a Court of Appeal and in which a hearing was granted in the Supreme Court pursuant to petition or on the Court's own motion, rather than cases within the Supreme Court's original appellate jurisdiction.

## B. COURTS OF APPEAL

## 1. FILINGS

*Summary*

Filings of contested matters<sup>7</sup> in the Courts of Appeal increased by 877 (7.7 percent) over the previous year. The bulk of this increase (+ 619) was in the category of civil original proceedings, most of which seek interlocutory review of trial court orders.

**TABLE VI—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
SUMMARY OF FILINGS (INCLUDING TRANSFERS  
FROM SUPREME COURT)**

Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78

Type of filing	1967- 68	1968- 69	1969- 70	1970- 71	1971- 72	1972- 73	1973- 74	1974- 75	1975- 76	1976- 77	1977- 78
Total filings .....	6,411	6,874	8,039	8,684	8,548	9,186	9,805	10,349	10,797	11,939	13,018
Appeals											
Civil .....	1,664	1,751	1,981	1,921	2,191	2,277	2,380	2,686	3,183	3,283	3,518
Criminal .....	2,037	2,120	2,562	3,025	2,764	3,106	3,300	3,229	3,279	4,040	3,947
Original proceedings											
Civil .....	1,347	1,608	2,172	2,520	2,492	2,520	2,593	2,730	2,842	3,211	3,830
Criminal .....	1,073	1,051	1,006	861	747	903	1,145	1,291	1,008	926	1,042
Total contested matters	6,121	6,530	7,721	8,327	8,194	8,806	9,418	9,936	10,312	11,460	12,337
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate											
Civil .....	288	337	317	357	353	377	384	411	484	476	680
Criminal .....	2	7	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	3	1

Court of Appeal filings in 1977-1978 included 7,465 appeals, which comprised 60.5 percent of all contested filings in those courts. Comparable figures were 63.9 percent in 1976-1977, 62.7 percent in 1975-1976 and 59.6 percent in 1974-1975.

<sup>6</sup> A criminal appeal is deemed "filed" when the record, including a reporter's transcript, is received by the reviewing court.

<sup>7</sup> "Contested matters" includes all appeals and original proceedings; it excludes motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate, which do not significantly add to the courts' workload.

*Appeals—Civil*

The 3,518 civil appeals filed in 1977-1978 follows the trend depicted in Figure 1,<sup>8</sup> which shows civil appeals increasing at a relatively constant annual rate averaging around 7 percent since 1967-1968.<sup>9</sup>

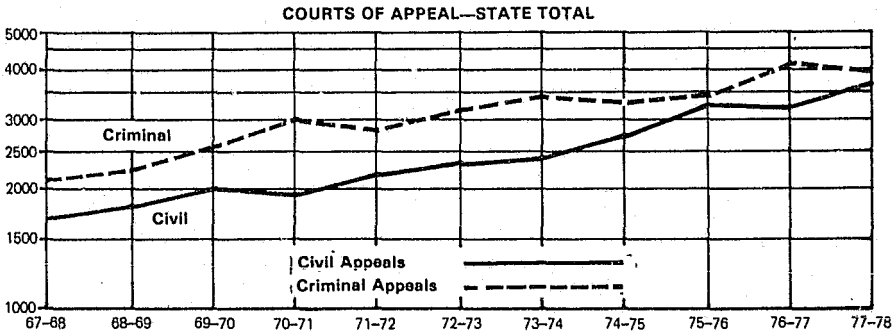


Figure 1

However, Table VII indicates that for the first time since the relationship has been computed, civil appeals exceeded 14 percent of contested superior court dispositions. If this higher percentage of appeals of civil cases should continue, the workload pressures on the Courts of Appeal will be greater than the historic trend would indicate.

*Appeals—Criminal*

The 3,947 criminal appeals filed in 1977-1978 was a slight decrease (-93) from the number filed in 1976-1977. As indicated in prior annual reports,<sup>10</sup> the cause of the temporary stability in criminal appeals was the decline in felony trials. Table VII indicates the relationship between trials and appeals.

Despite the slight numerical decrease, criminal appeals equaled 84.3 percent of convictions after contested trial, another new high. It may therefore be anticipated that any increase in superior court criminal trials will result in a corresponding increase in appellate caseload. In addition, it is expected that the appellate caseload will soon reflect cases raising new issues arising under the new determinate sentencing law.

<sup>8</sup> This and other charts in this section are plotted on "semilog" scales so that a constant slope represents a constant percent of change, and equal vertical distances represent equal percentage differences.

<sup>9</sup> The increase is stated as the equivalent of a compound interest rate, that is, on the average each year increases by about that rate over the total civil appeals in the previous year.

<sup>10</sup> See 1976 Judicial Council Report at 104, 112-13; 1977 Judicial Council Report at 184.

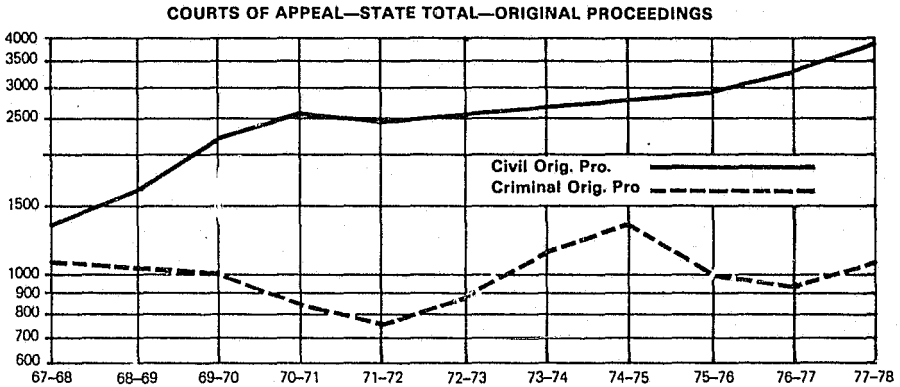


Figure 2

### *Original Proceedings—Civil*

Civil original proceedings consist primarily of petitions for the writs of mandamus and prohibition. These writs are used to seek appellate review of trial court decisions when an appeal is not permitted or would be an inadequate remedy, as is often true of interlocutory rulings. The increase in civil original proceedings (+ 619) was the greatest in recent years. As was noted last year (when the increase was 369), the increasing number of writ matters does not seem disproportionate, however, in light of the increased number of cases being handled at the superior court level giving rise to questions on which review would be sought.

### *Original Proceedings—Criminal*

Criminal original proceedings (habeas corpus) reversed the decline noted in 1975-1976 and 1976-1977.

### *Filings—Highlights by District*

*District I.* Both civil and criminal appeal filings in the First District were virtually unchanged from 1976-1977. The historic trend in filings, depicted below, suggests, however, that increases may be expected in the coming years.

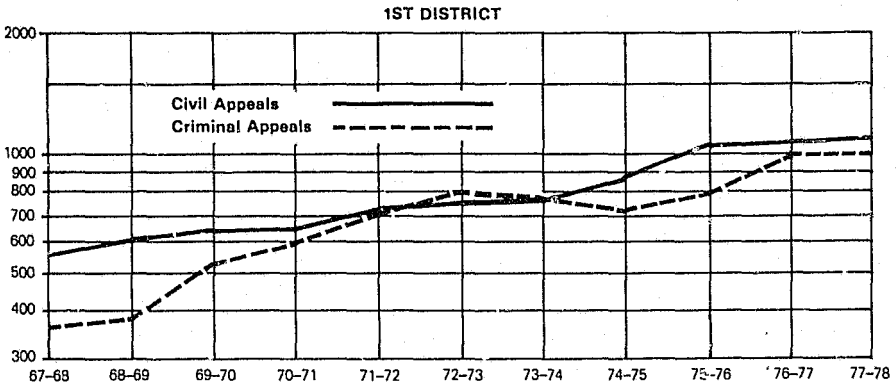


Figure 3

*District 2.* In this district, also, civil and criminal appeal filings remained almost constant. Again, the long-term trend suggests that this may be a temporary respite before a new increase.

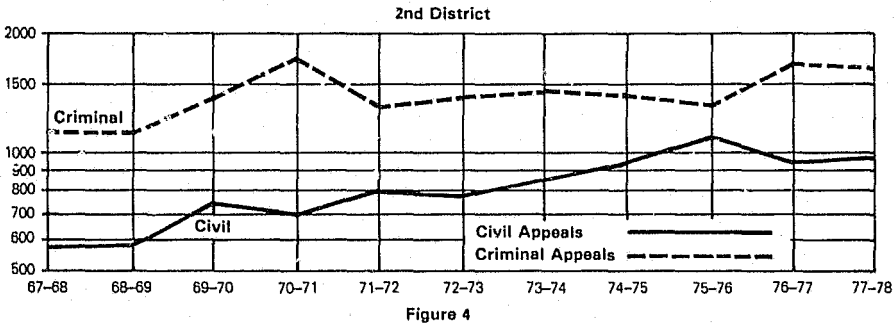


Figure 4

*District 3.* Civil appeals continue to increase at the sharp rate first noted in 1971-1972; the average annual rate of increase since 1970-1971, and the 1977-1978 increase, were both 14 percent. Criminal appeals declined slightly.

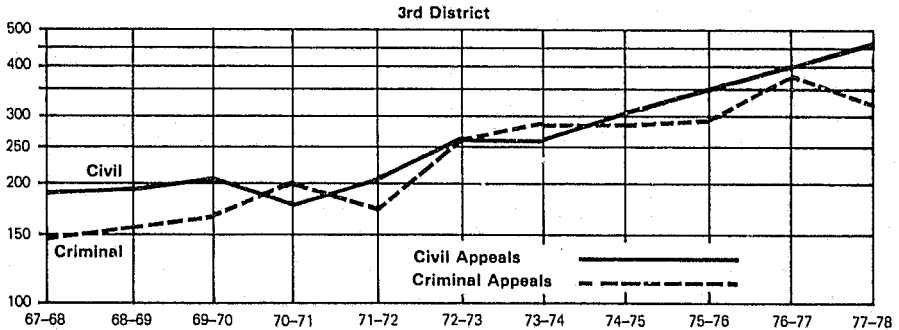


Figure 5

*District 4.* Civil appeals increased 19.1 percent, a rate consistent with the past two years (10.7 percent in 1976-1977, 33 percent in 1975-1976). Criminal appeals decreased by 8.4 percent to 587.

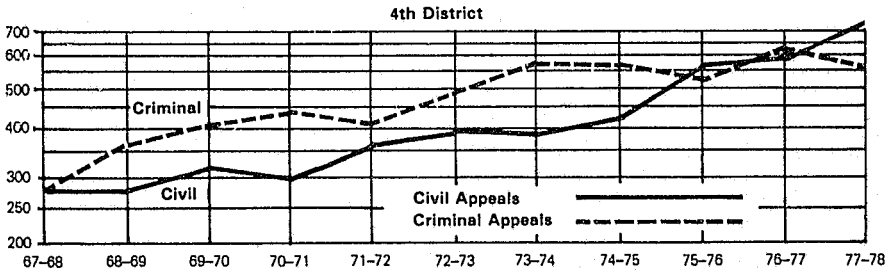


Figure 6

*District 5.* Civil appeals increased 35.7 percent to 247 at almost the same rate as 1976-1977's increase of 33.8 percent. Criminal appeals increased 15.1 percent to 441, a total consistent with the district trend of an average annual increase of about 14.5 percent.

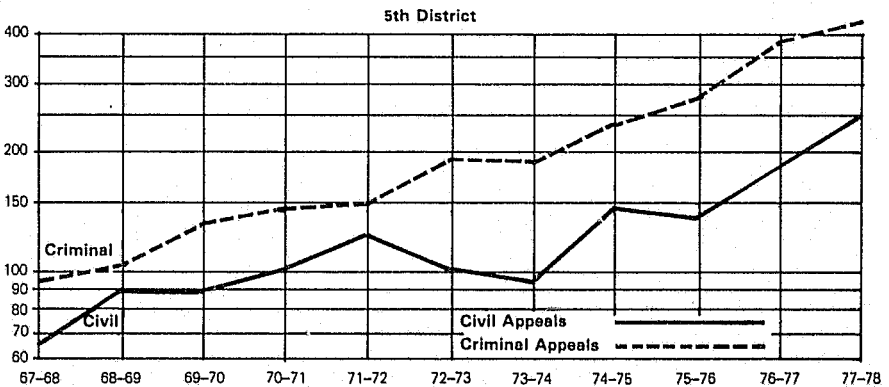


Figure 7



**TABLE VII—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTESTED SUPERIOR COURT DISPOSITIONS  
AND APPEALS FILED**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-1977	1977-78
State totals:											
Superior Court Contested Dispositions CIVIL.....	15,903	14,612	15,898	17,641	19,185	20,074	20,996	20,008	23,185	23,657	24,776
Courts of Appeal civil appeals filed—Number .....	1,664	1,751	1,981	1,921	2,191	2,277	2,380	2,686	3,183	3,283	3,518
Percent .....	10.5%	12.0%	12.5%	10.9%	11.4%	11.3%	11.3%	13.4%	13.7%	13.9%	14.2%
Superior Court Contested Dispositions * CRIMINAL.....	5,704	6,490	7,203	7,015	6,114	6,189	6,509	6,373	5,089	6,133	5,823
Courts of Appeal criminal appeals filed—Number .....	2,037	2,120	2,562	3,025	2,764	3,106	3,300	3,229	3,279	4,040	3,947
Percent **.....	35.7%	32.7%	35.6%	43.1%	45.2%	50.2%	50.7%	50.7%	64.4%	65.9%	67.8%
Convictions after contested trial *** .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,242	<sup>R</sup> 5,025	4,681
Criminal appeals filed, % of above .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77.3%	<sup>R</sup> 80.4%	84.3%

\* Includes change of plea or dismissal following start of trial for years 1967-68 through 1974-75. The figures for subsequent years excludes changes of plea.

\*\* Note that this does not necessarily reflect the precise percentage of appealable dispositions actually appealed. For example, "superior court contested dispositions" include nonappealable acquittals and excludes convictions on pleas of guilty, a few of which are appealable. The table is, therefore, presented only to show the general relationship between appellate workload and superior court dispositions.

\*\*\* See Appendix Table 22 B; first available in 1975-76.

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

## 2. BUSINESS TRANSACTED

### *Summary*

In 1977-1978 the Courts of Appeal set another new record in disposing of 6,093 contested matters<sup>11</sup> on the merits by written opinion. Of these, 2,408 were civil appeals, 3,278 were criminal appeals (5,686 total appeals), and 407 were dispositions of original proceedings. These figures are similar to the corresponding figures for 1976-1977, except for a decrease (- 248) in civil appeals and an increase (+ 308) in criminal appeals decided.

Appeals disposed of without written opinion constitute little burden on the court because they are usually settled or abandoned; the same is not true of original proceedings disposed of without written opinion, since all of them require judicial review to determine whether they have merit. Thus, although written opinions in original proceedings increased only slightly (407 in 1977-1978 compared to 377 in 1976-1977), the 4,221 (+ 458 over 1976-1977) original proceedings disposed of without written opinion represented significant additional judicial workload.

In 1975, the Judicial Council concluded that "in evaluating the need for Court of Appeal justices . . . current experience indicates generally that one judge is required for each 95 written opinions. . . ."<sup>12</sup> Even with the assistance of retired judges and trial court judges sitting on assignment, the Courts of Appeal are generally exceeding this standard in order to maintain reasonable currency.

In District 1, Table IX indicates that the pressure has been alleviated as a result of vacancies being filled and additional judges being assigned. District 2, with little assigned judge help beyond its authorized judgeships, continues to average 109-110 dispositions per judge-equivalent.

Districts 4 and 5 are sources of concern, disposing of 130 and 122 cases per judge-equivalent, respectively, yet still facing serious problems of backlog and delay (see Tables XIII and XIV). The Judicial Council has endorsed legislation to authorize additional judgeships for these districts.

### *Outcome of Criminal Appeals*

A tabulation of the outcome of criminal appeals (Table X-A) shows that relatively few are successful. As might be expected, however, once the Supreme Court has decided to exercise its discretionary power to review a criminal appeal by granting a hearing, a reversal becomes more probable.

## 3. BACKLOG AND DELAY

### *Total Appeals Pending*

There were 5,523 appeals pending in the Courts of Appeal on June 30, 1978, an increase of 360 (7.0 percent) over the number pending a year earlier. An appeal is treated as "filed" for statistical purposes when the record on appeal is transmitted to the Court of Appeal. It is not ready for action by the court, however, until briefing has been completed, which is normally several months after the appeal is filed. During the intervening period, a significant percentage of appeals is dismissed as a result of settlement or abandonment.

<sup>11</sup> "Contested matters" means appeals and original proceedings. While some motions (e.g., a contested motion to dismiss) may add significantly to the courts' work, the majority of motions do not do so to any great extent.

<sup>12</sup> 1976 Annual Report, p. 34.

TABLE VIII—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78

<i>Business transacted</i>	1967- 68	1968- 69	1969- 70	1970- 71	1971- 72	1972- 73	1973- 74	1974- 75	1975- 76	1976- 77	1977- 78
Total business transacted .....	13,403	12,808	14,500	15,891	16,482	17,375	18,639	18,946	18,912	22,223	24,683
Appeals											
By written opinion .....	2,695	2,958	3,221	3,544	3,997	3,890	4,389	5,240	5,592	5,626	5,686
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.) .....	1,190	1,428	1,613	1,769	1,495	1,614	1,655	1,575	1,966	2,368	2,897
Original proceedings (including habeas corpus)											
By written opinion .....	161	245	221	269	321	277	296	331	351	377	407
Without opinion .....	2,118	2,379	2,897	2,975	2,902	3,074	3,455	3,647	3,448	3,763	4,221
Total by written opinion .....	2,856	3,203	3,442	3,813	4,318	4,167	4,685	5,571	5,943	6,003	6,093
Motions (miscellaneous) <sup>a</sup>											
Denied or granted .....	302	324	317	382	396	436	525	670	736	929	1,077
Rehearings											
Granted .....	63	42	65	51	73	65	62	96	89	127	139
Denied .....	740	785	720	811	920	933	1,030	1,138	1,274	1,250	1,289
Orders (miscellaneous) <sup>b</sup> .....	6,134	4,647	5,446	6,090	6,378	7,086	7,227	6,249	5,456	7,783	8,967

<sup>a</sup> Excluding granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

Accordingly, while total appeals pending indicate the courts' potential workload, only those in the category "argued, calendared or ready for calendar" represent appeals ready for judicial action.

**TABLE IX—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
DISPOSITIONS PER JUDGE-EQUIVALENT**

Fiscal Years 1976-1977 and 1977-1978

District	Full-time judge-equivalents*		Appeals disp. by written opinion		Orig. proceedings disp. by written opinion		Total appeals & orig. proc. by opinion**		Per judge-equivalent	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
	1.....	17.3	14.8	1,501	1,571	112	105	1,613	1,676	93.2
2.....	20.3	20.5	2,101	2,117	129	119	2,230	2,236	109.9	109.1
3.....	6.7	6.8	512	517	68	62	580	679	86.6	85.1
4.....	8.8	9.4	1,092	979	53	59	1,145	1,038	130.1	110.4
5.....	4.3	4.2	480	442	45	32	525	474	122.1	112.4
State*** .....	57.5	55.9	5,686	5,626	407	377	6,093	6,003	106.0	107.4

\* "Full-time judge-equivalents" includes a court's regular justices plus the time reported for judges assigned to the court, minus the time reported for assignments of the court's regular members to another court and for extended absence.

\*\* Note that "cases disposed of by written opinion" is a somewhat higher number than "majority written opinions" (see Table X) because some opinions dispose of two or more consolidated cases.

\*\*\* May not agree with total of districts because of rounding.

**TABLE X—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
MAJORITY OPINIONS WRITTEN**

Fiscal Years 1968-69 through 1977-78

Majority opinions written	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Total opinions .....	3,148	3,384	3,746	4,259	4,120	4,605	5,449	5,815	5,905	5,959
"By the Court" opinions ....	57	225	532	872	990	1,138	1,369	1,708	1,792	1,707
Authored opinions .....	3,091	3,159	3,214	3,387	3,130	3,467	4,080	4,107	4,113	4,252
By Court of Appeal judges .....	2,680	2,814	2,990	3,128	2,783	3,116	3,575	3,613	3,675	3,716
By assigned judges.....	411	345	224	259 <sup>a</sup>	347 <sup>a</sup>	351 <sup>a</sup>	505 <sup>a</sup>	494 <sup>a</sup>	438 <sup>a</sup>	536 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The number of opinions written by judges who were assigned to cover vacancies or extended absences have been reported since 1971-72 and are as follows:

1971-72	127	1975-76	108
1972-73	84	1976-77	149
1973-74	131	1977-78	190
1974-75	185		

Commencing November 1974, a special program assigned four additional judges to the first appellate district; majority opinions written under that program are as follows:

1974-75	138
1975-76	223
1976-77	173
1977-78	225

**TABLE X-A  
CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT AND COURTS OF APPEAL  
OUTCOME OF CRIMINAL APPEALS TERMINATED °  
BY WRITTEN OPINION, FISCAL YEAR 1977-78**

	<i>State total all courts</i>		<i>Supreme Court</i>		<i>Courts of Appeal</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Total cases.....	3,281	100.0	27	100.0	3,254	100.0
Affirmed in full .....	2,560	78.0	7	25.9	2,553	78.5
Affirmed with modifications.....	380	11.6	4	14.8	376	11.6
Total affirmed .....	<u>2,940</u>	<u>89.6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>40.7</u>	<u>2,929</u>	<u>90.0</u>
Reversed for expected retrial .....	320	9.8	12	44.4	308	9.5
Reversed, no retrial possible .....	18	0.5	1	3.7	17	0.5
Remanded to Court of Appeal .....	3	— <sup>b</sup>	3	11.1	XX	XX

<sup>a</sup> Percentages may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Less than 0.1 percent.

**TABLE XI—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
APPEALS PENDING  
June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1978**

<i>Courts of Appeal</i>	<i>June 30, 1978</i>			<i>June 30, 1977</i>		
	<i>Total pending</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	<i>Total pending</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>
State Total .....	5,523	2,895	2,628	5,163	2,597	2,566
District I—Total .....	1,799	1,028	771	1,590	897	693
Division 1 <sup>a</sup> .....	492	285	207	406	216	190
Division 2 <sup>a</sup> .....	507	292	215	427	243	184
Division 3 <sup>a</sup> .....	433	247	186	391	226	165
Division 4 <sup>a</sup> .....	367	204	163	366	212	154
District II—Total .....	1,706	724	982	1,761	778	983
Division 1 <sup>b</sup> .....	357	147	210	346	149	197
Division 2 <sup>b</sup> .....	297	115	182	305	130	175
Division 3 <sup>b</sup> .....	324	138	186	348	159	189
Division 4 <sup>b</sup> .....	350	159	191	371	162	209
Division 5 <sup>b</sup> .....	378	165	213	391	178	213
District III <sup>c</sup> .....	560	333	227	534	299	235
District IV—Total .....	887	575	312	841	473	368
Division 1 <sup>b</sup> .....	433	310	123	370	240	130
Division 2 <sup>d</sup> .....	454	265	189	471	233	238
District V <sup>b</sup> .....	571	235	336	437	150	287

<sup>a</sup> Each division was authorized a fourth judge on January 1, 1976. Except in Division 3 these judgeships were unfilled as of July 1, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> Authorized four judges.

<sup>c</sup> Authorized seven judges.

<sup>d</sup> Authorized five judges.

**TABLE XII—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
APPEALS ARGUED, CALENDARED OR READY FOR CALENDAR  
June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1978**

Courts of Appeal	June 30, 1978			June 30, 1977		
	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal
State total.....	2,138	1,279	859	1,868	1,019	849
District I—Total .....	759	470	289	591	333	258
Division 1 <sup>a</sup> .....	229	143	86	176	101	75
Division 2 <sup>a</sup> .....	234	142	92	154	85	69
Division 3 <sup>a</sup> .....	195	122	73	153	83	70
Division 4 <sup>a</sup> .....	101	63	38	108	64	44
District II—Total .....	519	266	253	487	235	252
Division 1 <sup>b</sup> .....	105	58	47	82	40	42
Division 2 <sup>b</sup> .....	72	37	35	56	25	31
Division 3 <sup>b</sup> .....	72	41	31	104	58	46
Division 4 <sup>b</sup> .....	111	50	61	112	55	57
Division 5 <sup>b</sup> .....	159	80	79	133	57	76
District III <sup>c</sup> .....	175	102	73	208	122	86
District IV—Total .....	400	309	91	369	249	120
Division 1 <sup>b</sup> .....	232	192	40	198	142	56
Division 2 <sup>d</sup> .....	168	117	51	171	107	64
District V <sup>b</sup> .....	285	132	153	213	80	133

<sup>a</sup> Each division was authorized a fourth judge on January 1, 1976. Except in Division 3 these judgeships were unfilled as of July 1, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> Authorized four judges.

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<sup>d</sup> Authorized five judges.

### *Pending Appeals Argued, Calendarred or Ready for Calendar*

An appeal is ready for judicial action when the last brief has been filed, or the time for its filing has passed. Of the total appeals pending on June 30, 1978, there were 2,138 ready for judicial action, as compared with 1,868 pending a year earlier, an increase of 270 (see Table XII) despite an increased number of cases decided as shown in Tables IX and X. Most of the increase (260) was in ready civil appeals; ready criminal appeals, which receive priority, increased only 10.

TABLE XIII—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
 READY APPEALS PENDING ANALYSIS  
 Fiscal Year 1977-78

District	Appeals disposed of by written opinion Fiscal Year 1977-78			Appeals argued calendared or ready June 30, 1978			Ready-pending ratio (June 30, 1978 percent figures)			Ready-pending ratio (June 30, 1977 percent figures)		
	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal
State Total	5,686	2,408	3,278	2,138	1,279	859	37.6	53.1	26.2	33.2	38.4	28.6
I .....	1,501	724	777	759	470	289	50.6	64.9	37.2	37.6	40.1	34.8
II .....	2,101	811	1,290	519	266	253	24.7	32.8	19.6	23.0	25.1	21.4
III .....	512	209	303	175	102	73	34.2	48.8	24.1	40.2	47.5	33.1
IV .....	1,092	535	557	400	309	91	36.6	57.8	16.3	37.7	51.6	24.2
V .....	480	129	351	285	132	153	59.4	102.3	43.6	48.2	53.7	45.4

The significance of the backlog of ready appeals may be measured by comparing the backlog with the number of cases the court disposes of in a year.<sup>13</sup> The "ready pending ratio" in Table XIII is the percentage of a year's dispositions of appeals, based upon 1977-1978 dispositions by written opinion, represented by the court's backlog of ready appeals. There is, of course, an irreducible minimum number of cases that will be on hand. For example, if one month were allowed for calendaring and notice and one month for decision, there would be two months' ready appeals, or a ratio of 16.7 percent.

It is a source of concern that statewide, there are now six months' civil cases (53.1 percent) ready.

#### Delay

Viewing the ratios in the preceding table as fractions of a year, they correspond closely to the reported average times for decision of ready appeals in the several districts. Criminal appeals receive priority in consideration and are normally decided promptly after briefing is completed.

Civil appeals in some districts, however, are to an increasing degree pending for extended periods of time after the last brief is filed. In evaluating Table XIV it should be noted that times are stated as the median number of months that a case was pending, based on cases decided during the last quarter of the fiscal year. It therefore follows, by definition, that: (a) one-half of all cases decided during the quarter were probably pending for a greater period of time than that stated, and (b) in a court whose backlog of cases is increasing, appeals still pending on June 30 will, on the average, take longer until decision than the times shown in this table.

<sup>13</sup> Dispositions by written opinion are used here because dismissal by stipulation and the like generally occur before cases are "ready."

**TABLE XIV—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
(DELAY IN APPEALS)  
MEDIAN TIME IN MONTHS  
Quarter Ending June 30, 1978**

<i>Courts of Appeal</i>	<i>Notice of appeal to filing of opinion</i>		<i>Ready for calendar to filing of opinion</i>	
	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>	<i>Civil</i>	<i>Criminal</i>
District I				
Division 1 <sup>a</sup>	16	14	7	3
Division 2 <sup>a</sup>	18	13	10	5
Division 3 <sup>a</sup>	15	12	6	4
Division 4 <sup>a</sup>	14	12	2	2
District II				
Division 1 <sup>b</sup>	16	11	5	6
Division 2 <sup>b</sup>	15	10	2	1
Division 3 <sup>b</sup>	16	10	3	2
Division 4 <sup>b</sup>	17	11	6	2
Division 5 <sup>b</sup>	17	12	6	4
District III <sup>c</sup>	14	10	3	3
District IV				
Division 1 <sup>b</sup>	18	10	11	3
Division 2 <sup>d</sup>	9	9	1	1
District V <sup>b</sup>	16	11	10	4

<sup>a</sup> Each division was authorized a fourth judge on January 1, 1976. Except in Division 3 these judgeships were unfilled as of July 1, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> Authorized four judges.

<sup>c</sup> Authorized seven judges.

<sup>d</sup> Authorized five judges.

**4. OPINIONS PUBLISHED**

The following table indicates the percentage of majority opinions of Courts of Appeal certified for publication during 1977-1978. All appellate districts published a smaller percentage than last year (12.9 percent statewide versus 16.9 percent in 1976-1977).

**TABLE XV—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
PERCENTAGE OF MAJORITY OPINIONS PUBLISHED  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

<i>Courts of Appeal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Civil appeals</i>	<i>Criminal appeals</i>	<i>Original proceedings</i>
State total	12.9	22.8	7.5	42.1
District I	13.4	23.9	5.5	45.6
Division 1	15.8	29.3	7.5	51.6
Division 2	12.3	24.2	5.1	37.1
Division 3	11.1	19.7	3.3	38.9
Division 4	14.4	23.3	5.9	37.0
District II	16.8	28.1	11.4	47.8
Division 1	12.3	20.4	7.9	37.5
Division 2	12.7	22.6	7.4	50.0
Division 3	12.2	25.2	4.7	47.1
Division 4	21.9	34.2	17.6	41.4
Division 5	23.8	38.1	18.1	58.1
District III	9.7	19.6	5.2	23.4
District IV	8.0	13.1	4.0	40.4
Division 1	7.6	10.3	6.1	50.0
Division 2	8.2	14.4	2.8	33.3
District V	10.0	26.4	5.4	46.9



## C. SUPERIOR COURTS

## 1. FILINGS

*Highlights*

Filings in superior courts, on an uptrend since 1972-73, reached a new high with 726,700 cases in 1977-1978. The net gain of 12,900 cases, however, was the smallest in five years and slightly less than 2 percent above 1976-1977.

Increases were recorded in 9 of the 12 major categories of filings. These categories together registered a gross increase of about 20,900 cases of which almost three-quarters or 14,900 cases were concentrated in the following four categories: other civil complaints (+6,122), family law (+2,999), juvenile dependency (+2,905) and habeas corpus (+2,862). The rise in other civil complaint filings is particularly significant in terms of judicial workload because of the high average time required to dispose of such cases. The gains reflected in the other five categories were much smaller. Offsetting decreases were registered in juvenile delinquency (-5,482) mental health (-1,396) and probate and guardianship (-1,151).

The 1,319 cases filed per judge in 1977-1978, although setting a new record for this index, were only two cases more than in 1976-1977. The index remained relatively unchanged because the 1.8 percent gain in filings was matched by a 1.7 percent rise in judgeships. The 551 authorized judgeships in 1977-1978 were nine more than in 1976-1977.

**TABLE XVI—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
NUMBER OF JUDGESHIPS, TOTAL FILINGS, AND FILINGS PER JUDGESHIP  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 Through 1977-78**

Fiscal year	Number of judgeships <sup>a</sup>		Filings			Total filings per judgeship
	Total	Increase from preceding year	Total	Change from preceding year		
				Amount	Percent	
1967-68.....	394	26	467,560	21,060	4.7	1,187
1968-69.....	408	14	493,631	26,071	5.6	1,210
1969-70.....	416	8	507,163	13,532	2.7	1,219
1970-71.....	443	27	527,488	20,325	4.0	1,191
1971-72.....	471	28	522,256	5,232	-1.0	1,109
1972-73.....	477	6	532,563	10,307	2.0	1,116
1973-74.....	478	1	562,248	29,685	5.6	1,176
1974-75.....	501	23	602,478	40,230	7.2	1,203
1975-76.....	520	19	666,453	63,985	10.6	1,282
1976-77.....	542	22	<sup>R</sup> 713,846	<sup>R</sup> 47,388	7.1	1,317
1977-78.....	551	9	726,716	12,870	1.8	1,319

<sup>a</sup> Based on authorized judgeships at end of fiscal year. See footnote b of Table XXIV, with respect to "per judge" comparisons.

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

Under the weighted caseload system the 1977-1978 filings represented almost 54 million weighted units or a workload requiring 739 judicial positions based on a computed average annual workload of 73,100 weighted units for a judge. At the same time, the judicial staffing in the superior

courts included 95 full-time commissioners and referees in addition to the 551 judges, for a total of 646 judicial positions.

#### *Filings by Type of Proceeding*

The largest numerical filing increase in 1977-1978 was recorded in the category of other civil complaints. About 6,100 more cases (+7.4 percent) were filed in 1977-1978 than in 1976-1977. Other civil complaint filings, after dropping below the level of personal injury filings in 1976-1977, again exceeded that category in 1977-1978. Increases in these two civil categories adds significantly to superior court workload because of the judicial time required to process such cases. The other civil complaint category has the second highest weighting factor and the personal injury category the third highest in the set of weights used in determining the volume of superior court (except Los Angeles) judicial workload.

Family law filings, having risen by nearly 3,000 cases, reflected the second largest numerical increase of the year. The increment, however, was only 2 percent more than in 1976-1977. The third largest numerical increase was registered in the juvenile dependency category where about 2,900 more petitions were filed in 1977-1978 than in 1976-1977. This gain, in relative terms, was 20 percent more than the number filed a year earlier.

Habeas corpus filings were also up by nearly 2,900 cases. This increase of 29 percent from 12 months earlier was the highest of any category. In addition, this category has experienced the second largest percentage gain over the past decade, with a 257 percent increase. The 10-year percentage rise was exceeded only by appeals filed from lower courts.

The number of appeals from lower courts filed in superior courts was 385 percent more than the number filed 10 years earlier, while overall filings in superior courts increased by 55 percent in the same period. In 1977-1978, appeal filings rose by 15 percent or 1,900 cases.

Other categories showing increased filings in 1977-1978 included other civil petitions, up by 1,700 cases or 2 percent; personal injury cases, up by 1,200 cases or 1 percent; criminal cases, up by 700 cases or 1 percent; and eminent domain, up by 500 cases or 23 percent. However, when compared to the levels 10 years ago there were contrasting trends in these four categories. Filings of other civil petitions had increased 155 percent, the third highest relative gain during the 10-year period, personal injury cases had risen 83 percent, criminal filings were at about the same level, and eminent domain filings showed a 76 percent decrease.

Figure 8—California Superior Court  
Filings By Type Of Proceeding  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78

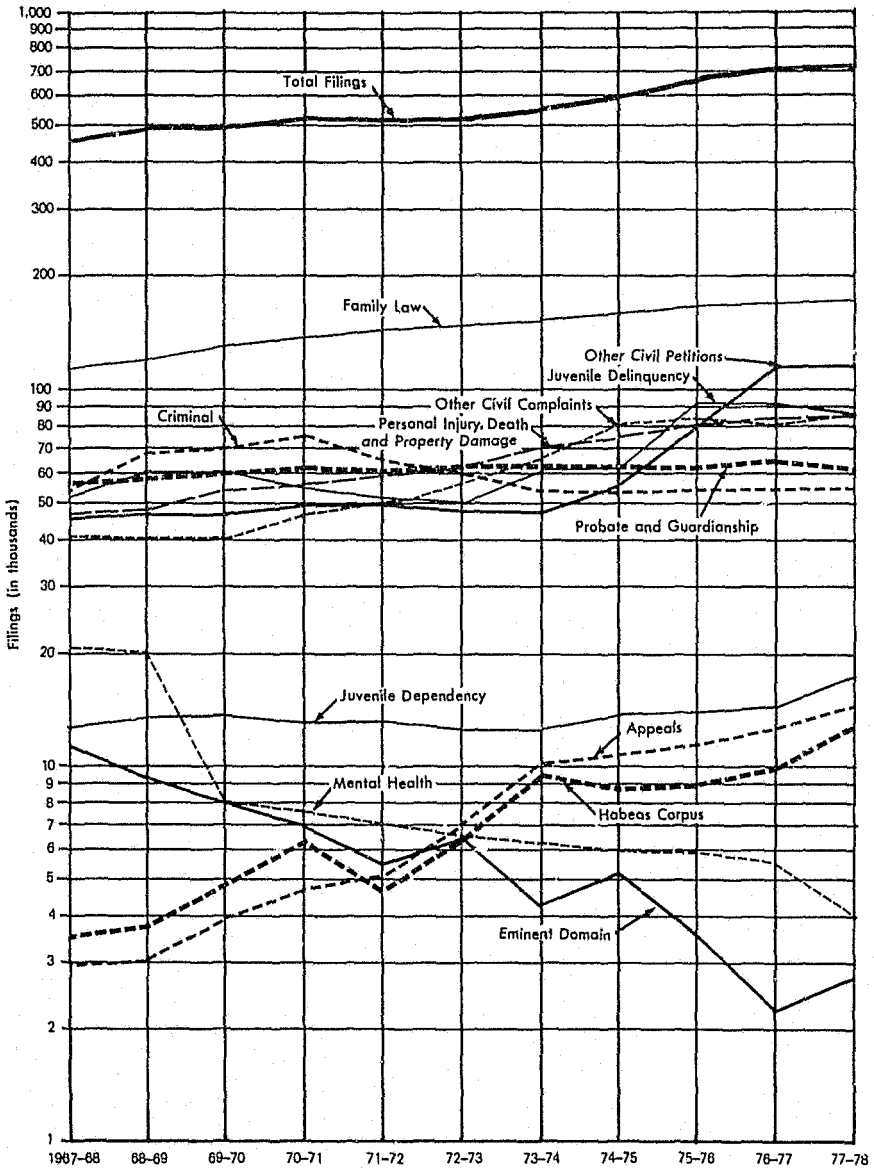


TABLE XVII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
FILINGS BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING

Fiscal Year 1977-78

Type of proceeding	Filings 1977-78	Change in filings from			
		1976-77		1967-68	
		Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total .....	726,716	12,870	1.8	259,156	55.4
Probate and guardianship .....	63,759	-1,151	-1.8	7,554	13.4
Family law .....	175,210	2,98	1.7	58,829	50.5
F. l. death & prop. dam. ....	86,755	1,151	1.3	39,450	83.4
Motor vehicles .....	58,642	1,649	2.8	25,356	75.7
Others .....	27,913	-498	-1.8	14,094	102.0
Eminent domain .....	2,766	517	23.0	-8,752	-76.0
Other civil: .....	206,288	7,871	4.0	118,523	135.0
Complaints .....	89,354	6,122	7.4	46,913	113.2
Petitions .....	117,934	1,749	1.5	71,610	154.6
Mental Health .....	4,055	-1,396	-25.6	-16,802	-80.6
Juvenile: .....	105,209	-2,577	-2.4	39,323	59.7
Delinquency: .....	87,689	-5,482	-5.9	34,621	65.2
Original .....	55,791	-2,351	-4.0	2,723	5.1
Subsequent .....	31,898	-3,131	-8.9	-	-
Dependency: .....	17,520	2,905	19.9	4,702	36.7
Original .....	16,669	2,829	20.4	3,851	30.0
Subsequent .....	851	76	9.8	-	-
Criminal .....	55,352	733	1.3	285	0.5
Appeals from lower court: .....	14,601	1,861	14.6	11,592	385.2
Civil .....	11,893	1,661	16.2	-	-
Criminal .....	2,708	200	8.0	-	-
Habeas corpus: .....	12,721	2,862	29.0	9,154	256.6
Criminal .....	3,975	-44	-1.1	-	-
Other .....	8,746	2,906	49.8	-	-

The largest decrease from 12 months ago was recorded in the juvenile delinquency category where filings fell by 5,500 cases or 6 percent. The decline coincides with a change in the juvenile law effective January 1, 1977 which prohibits juveniles from being prosecuted for activities for which adults cannot be prosecuted. As a result, minors who have run away from home are no longer being charged under Section 601 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Table XVII-A shows that the number of juveniles prosecuted under Section 601 of the Welfare and Institutions Code declined by 66 percent or nearly 4,500 juveniles between 1976-1977 and 1977-1978. As a consequence, filings under that section as a percent of total juvenile delinquency cases dropped from 7 percent in 1976-1977 to less than 3 percent in 1977-1978.

**TABLE XVII-A—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY FILINGS BY TYPE  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

	<u>1977-78</u>		<u>1976-77</u>		<u>Change from 1976-77 to 1977-78</u>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
<i>Juvenile delinquency</i>						
Total filings .....	87,689	100.0	93,171	100.0	-5,482	-5.9
601 W. & I. ....	2,314	2.6	6,801	7.3	-4,487	-66.0
Original .....	1,869	2.1	4,887	5.3	-3,018	-61.8
Subsequent .....	445	.5	1,914	2.1	-1,469	-76.8
601 W. & I. ....	85,375	97.4	86,370	92.7	-995	-1.2
Original .....	53,922	61.5	53,255	57.2	667	1.3
Subsequent .....	31,453	35.9	33,115	35.5	-1,662	-5.0

The other two categories which registered decreases were mental health where filings declined sharply by 26 percent or 1,400 cases and probate and guardianship where filings declined by 1,200 cases or 2 percent from the 1976-1977 level.

#### *Filings in Weighted Units*

The 1977-1978 filings when multiplied by the weighting factors of the current approved weighted caseload system<sup>14</sup> amounted to nearly 54 million weighted units. This weighted caseload total when divided by an average judge year value of 73,100 units showed a need for 739 judicial positions. (See Table XVII-B.)

<sup>14</sup> See 1978 Annual Report, p. 83.

**TABLE XVII-B—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
WEIGHTED FILINGS BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

Type of proceeding	State Total		State less Los Angeles County			Los Angeles County		
	Weighted filings	Required judicial positions	Weight	Weighted filings <sup>1</sup>	Required judicial positions <sup>2</sup>	Weight	Weighted filings <sup>1</sup>	Required judicial positions <sup>2</sup>
Total .....	53,993,757	739 <sup>3</sup>	-	35,070,759	483 <sup>3</sup>	-	10,922,998	256 <sup>3</sup>
Probate and guardianship .....	1,769,234	24	31	1,392,334	19	20	376,900	5
Family law .....	7,936,190	109	43	5,372,420	74	51	2,563,770	35
P.i., death & prop. dam. ....	6,135,033	84	81	3,742,524	52	59	2,392,509	32
Eminent domain .....	281,301	4	72	156,600	2	211	124,701	2
Other civil:								
Complaints .....	12,875,912	176	131	8,094,752	111	180	4,781,160	65
Petitions .....	1,331,574	18	11	919,974	13	12	411,600	6
Mental Health .....	251,625	3	51	164,475	2	105	87,150	1
Juvenile:								
Delinquency: .....	5,283,757	73	53	3,523,493	49	83	1,760,264	24
Dependency: .....	1,672,796	23	68	835,516	12	160	837,280	11
Criminal .....	15,646,228	214	282	10,397,340	143	284	5,248,838	71
Appeals fr. lower court: .....	810,107	11	49	471,331	6	68	338,776	5
Habeas corpus .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Filings multiplied by the weight assigned to the category.

<sup>2</sup> Weighted filings divided by the judge-year standard of 74,000 weighted units for Los Angeles County and 72,600 weighted units for the remainder of the state. The 74,000 weighted units is the approved standard for courts with 11 or more judicial positions. The 72,600 weighted units is the average of the approved set of judge-year standards considering the number of judicial positions in each judge-year group as illustrated below:

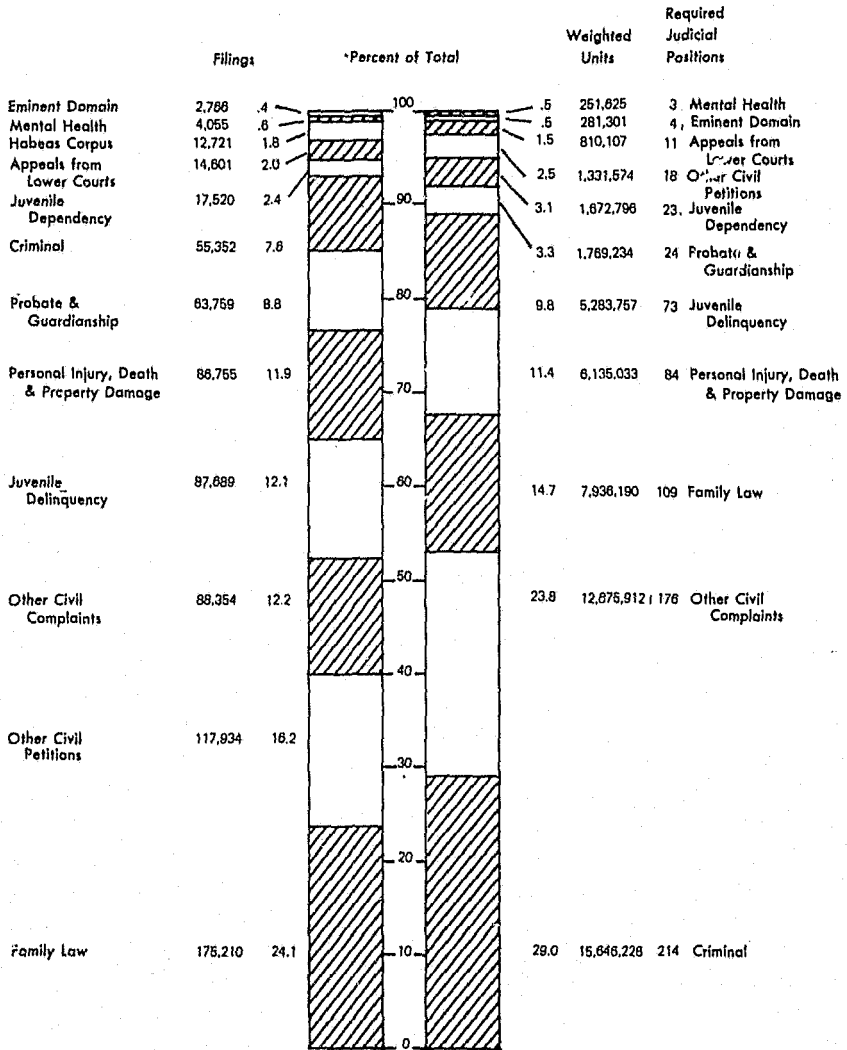
Court size in judicial positions	Judge-year standard	Judicial positions in group	Judicial positions multiplied by judge-year standard
1-2	62,100	×	32 = 1,987,200
3-10	71,400	×	86 = 6,140,400
11 or more	74,000	×	303 (excluding Los Angeles) = 22,422,000
			421

30,549,600                      30,549,600 ÷ 421                      =                      72,564 rounded to 72,600

<sup>3</sup> Parts do not add to total because of rounding.

Figure 9—California Superior Court

Categories as Percentage of Total Filings Compared with Categories as Percentage of Total Weighted Units and Required Judicial Positions  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



The weighted caseload represents the estimated time required to dispose of the various categories of cases filed in superior courts and is the result of multiplying the number of filings in a category by the computed average case-related time required to dispose of a filing of that category. By dividing the total weighted units of a category by the judgeship value, *i.e.*, the average number of weighted units that a judge is able to dispose of in a year, the number of judicial positions required to dispose of the weighted caseload can be determined. Weighted units are used primarily in determining judgeship needs of a court.

Figure 9 displays for fiscal year 1977-1978 each category as a percentage of total filings and as a percentage of total weighted units. The categories are arrayed according to volume, with the categories having the most filings and weighted units located at the bottom of the chart. The chart also displays the number of judicial positions required to dispose of the weighted units in each category.

Application of the approved weights to each category of 1977-1978 filings showed that the categories with the three heaviest weighted caseloads were criminal, other civil complaints and family law. These three categories together contributed over two-thirds of the weighted caseload in superior courts. Accordingly, these categories would require two-thirds, or 499, of the total 739 judicial positions needed to dispose of the cases filed in 1977-1978.

The weighted criminal caseload was larger than any other category. It accounted for 29 percent of the total weighted units even though criminal filings comprised only 7.6 percent of all cases filed in superior courts. The 15.6 million weighted units in the criminal category represented a caseload for 214 judges.

The category with the next largest weighted caseload was other civil complaints. It had 12.9 million weighted units or 23.8 percent of the total. Although other civil complaint filings were only 12.2 percent of total filings, this category would require 176 judges.

Although the family law group had more filings than any other category (24.1 percent of the total), its weighted units were third highest and accounted for 14.7 percent of the total weighted units in superior courts. Its 7.9 million weighted units represented a workload for 109 judges. The weighting factor for family law is relatively low but the large number of case filings results in a relatively high weighted caseload.

Personal injury, death and property damage, and juvenile delinquency were the categories with the fourth and fifth highest weighted units. The personal injury category, comprised of motor vehicle and other types of accident cases, accounted for 11.4 percent of the weighted caseload and 11.9 percent of the filings in superior courts. The juvenile delinquency category had 9.8 percent of the total weighted units and 12.1 percent of all filings.

The remaining categories, probate and guardianship, juvenile dependency, other civil petitions, appeals from lower courts, eminent domain and mental health, totaled about one-third (30.4 percent) of the total cases filed in superior courts but contributed only one-tenth (11.4 percent) of the weighted caseload units. Other civil petitions had the second largest



volume of filings with 16.2 percent of the state total but constituted only 2.5 percent of the weighted units in superior courts.

## 2. DISPOSITIONS

### Highlights

The superior courts disposed of about 589,900 cases, exclusive of civil matters dismissed for lack of prosecution in 1977-1978.<sup>15</sup> Although this was a new record high it was only 8,900 cases or 1.5 percent more than in 1976-1977. The 1.5 percent increase in dispositions compares favorably with the increases of 1.8 percent in filings and 1.7 percent in the number of judgeships but is substantially less than the average annual rate of 5.3 percent at which dispositions rose during the past decade.

Despite the low rate of increase in dispositions from the level a year ago the average number of cases disposed of per judicial position equivalent<sup>16</sup> rose from 899 a year earlier to a new high of 913 cases. (See Table XVIII, last column.) It should be noted that disposition rates are influenced not only by judicial effort but also by factors over which courts have little or no control such as the type of cases being filed, the manner in which they are disposed of and the effects of changes in statutes and case law.

TABLE XVIII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
NUMBER OF JUDICIAL POSITION EQUIVALENTS, DISPOSITIONS  
(EXCLUDING CIVIL CASES DISMISSED FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION) AND  
DISPOSITIONS  
PER JUDICIAL POSITION EQUIVALENT<sup>a</sup>  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 Through 1977-78

Fiscal year	Number of judicial position equivalents		Dispositions (less civil dismissals for lack of prosecution)			Dispositions per judicial position equivalent
	Total	Increase from preceding year	Total	Change from preceding year Amount      Percent		
1967-68.....	460	27	386,431	22,151	6.1	840
1968-69.....	490	30	414,460	28,029	7.3	846
1969-70.....	506	16	416,027	1,567	.4	822
1970-71.....	526	20	449,541	33,514	8.1	855
1971-72.....	549	23	451,413	1,872	.4	822
1972-73.....	578	29	449,901	-1,512	-.3	778
1973-74.....	586	8	462,312	12,411	2.8	789
1974-75.....	600	14	485,900	23,591	5.1	810
1975-76.....	622	22	552,111	66,164	13.6	888
1976-77.....	<sup>R</sup> 646	<sup>R</sup> 24	<sup>R</sup> 581,037	<sup>R</sup> 28,926	5.2	<sup>R</sup> 899
1977-78.....	646	0	589,910	8,873	1.5	913

<sup>a</sup> See text for explanation on judicial position equivalents.

<sup>R</sup> Revised

<sup>15</sup> Under Cal. Code Civ. Proc., §§ 581a and 583 courts may dismiss old civil cases for lack of prosecution. From time to time individual courts purge their records by making such "housekeeping" dismissals. In 1977-1978 these dismissals totaled 9,159; in 1976-1977 they totaled 6,999. Dispositions excluding civil cases dismissed for lack of prosecution indicate more accurately than do total dispositions the number of cases disposed of by judicial effort. In the discussion that follows, disposition figures do not include civil dismissals for lack of prosecution. Civil dismissals for lack of prosecution, however, are included in the disposition totals shown in appendix Tables 11 through 18. Thus, there is a difference between the disposition figures shown in the text tables and those shown in the appendix tables.

<sup>16</sup> Judicial equivalents are defined as authorized judgeships plus full-time commissioners and referees when adjusted to reflect judge vacancies, assistance rendered to other courts by superior court judges, and assistance received by superior courts from assigned judges or by temporary judges serving by stipulation of the parties.

**TABLE XVIII-A—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
(EXCLUDING CIVIL DISMISSALS FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION)  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

Type of proceeding	Disposition 1977-78	Change in dispositions from			
		1976-77		1967-68	
		Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total dispositions .....	589,910	8,873	1.5	203,479	52.7
Probate and guardianship .....	59,747	-2,331	-3.8	11,508	23.9
Family law .....	148,239	709	0.5	53,389	65.0
P.C.s. inj., death & prop. dam. ....	61,942	1,729	2.9	24,247	64.3
Motor vehicles .....	41,456	972	2.4	14,275	52.5
Others .....	20,486	757	3.8	9,972	94.8
Eminent domain .....	2,011	-207	-9.3	-4,119	-67.2
Other civil .....	140,841	6,288	4.7	73,238	108.3
Complaints .....	48,700	-681	-1.4	19,862	68.9
Petitions .....	92,141	6,969	8.2	53,376	137.7
Mental Health .....	4,081	-844	-17.1	-16,205	-79.9
Juvenile .....	99,350	-601	-0.6	36,340	57.7
Delinquency .....	83,327	-3,518	-4.1	32,679	64.5
Original .....	53,389	-2,108	-3.8	2,741	5.4
Subsequent .....	29,938	-1,410	-4.5	—	—
Dependency: .....	16,023	2,917	22.3	3,661	29.6
Original .....	15,185	2,846	23.1	2,823	22.8
Subsequent .....	838	71	9.3	—	—
Criminal .....	48,986	-116	-0.2	1,638	3.5
Appeals from lower court .....	13,377	2,057	18.2	10,594	380.7
Civil .....	11,011	1,958	21.6	—	—
Criminal .....	2,366	99	4.4	—	—
Habeas corpus .....	11,336	2,189	23.9	7,849	225.1
Criminal .....	3,855	-6	-0.2	—	—
Other .....	7,481	2,195	41.5	—	—

In 1977-1978 about 228,500 superior court cases were disposed of without trial. This volume was nearly 9,900 cases or 4.5 percent more than the number disposed of without trial in 1976-1977. This increase was responsible for the rise in total superior court dispositions since the number of cases disposed of after trial was about the same as a year ago. (See Table XVIII-B.) All the categories except eminent domain, mental health and juvenile delinquency participated in the gain. The larger increments, however, were predominantly in the civil categories. Cases disposed of before trial accounted for approximately 38.7 percent of all cases disposed of by superior courts in 1977-1978. Figure 10 shows for each category of proceeding the proportion of cases that were disposed of before trial as well as the proportion disposed of after uncontested and contested trials.

**TABLE XVIII-B—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
DISPOSITION BEFORE AND AFTER TRIAL BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
(EXCLUDING CIVIL DISMISSALS FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION)**

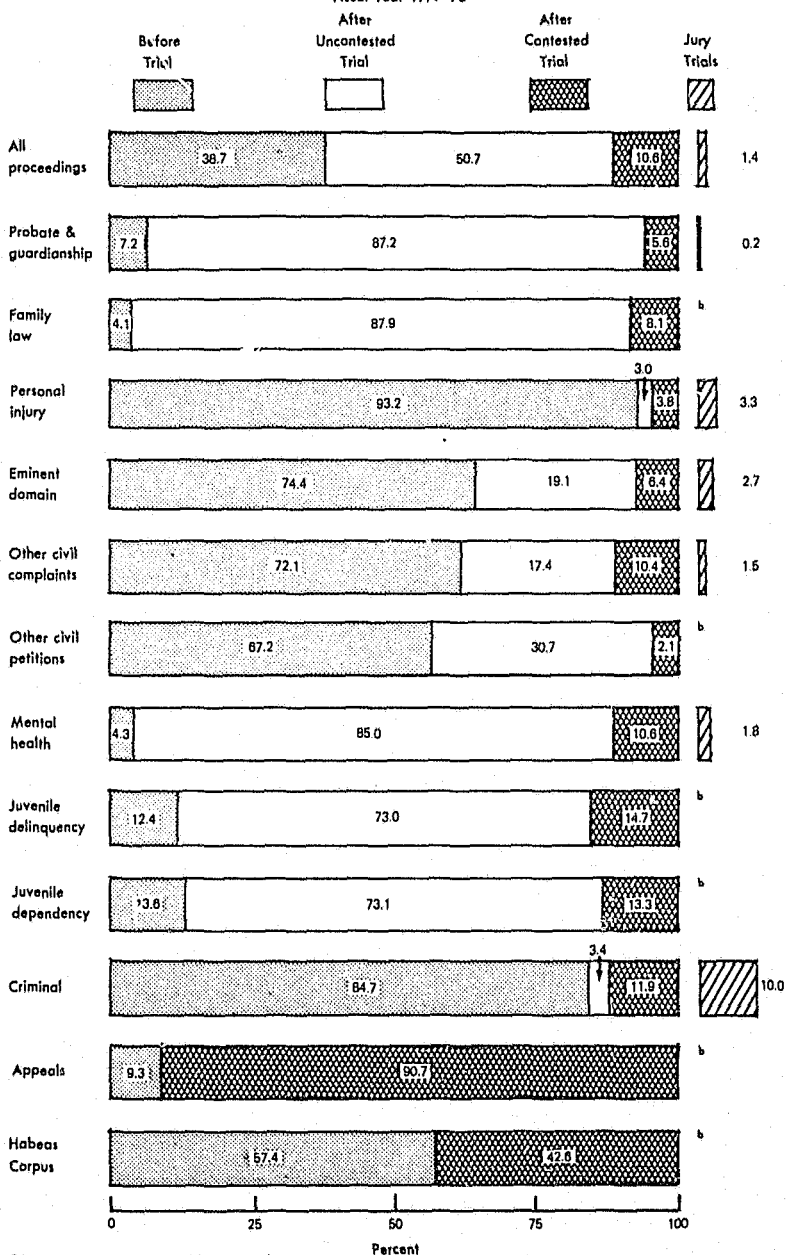
**Fiscal Year 1977-78**

Type of proceeding	<i>Dispositions before trial<sup>1</sup></i>			<i>Dispositions after trial<sup>1</sup></i>		
	1977-78	Change from		1977-78	Change from	
		1976-77			1976-77	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Percent	
Total.....	228,531	9,855	4.5	361,379	-982	-.3
Probate and guardianship.....	4,310	1,078	33.3	55,437	-3,409	-5.8
Family Law.....	6,050	556	10.1	142,189	153	0.1
P.i., death & prop. dam.:.....	57,714	2,073	3.7	4,228	-344	-7.5
Motor vehicles.....	39,285	1,314	3.5	2,171	-342	-13.6
Others.....	18,429	759	4.3	2,057	-2	<sup>a</sup>
Eminent domain.....	1,497	-221	-12.9	514	14	2.8
Other civil:.....	97,069	6,106	6.7	43,772	182	.4
Complaints.....	35,126	1,238	3.7	13,574	-1,919	-12.4
Petitions.....	61,943	4,868	8.5	30,198	2,101	7.5
Mental Health.....	177	-64	-26.6	3,904	-780	-16.7
Juvenile:.....	12,483	-1,243	-9.1	86,867	642	0.7
Delinquency:.....	10,304	-1,358	-11.6	73,023	-2,160	-2.9
Original.....	7,071	-803	-10.2	46,318	-1,305	-2.7
Subsequent.....	3,233	-555	-14.7	26,705	-855	-3.1
Dependency:.....	2,179	115	5.6	13,844	2,802	25.4
Original.....	2,060	105	5.4	13,125	2,741	26.4
Subsequent.....	119	10	9.2	719	61	9.3
Criminal.....	41,480	473	1.2	7,506	-589	-7.3
Appeals fr. lower court:.....	1,246	270	27.7	12,131	1,787	17.3
Civil.....	607	152	33.4	10,404	1,806	21.0
Criminal.....	639	118	22.6	1,727	-19	-1.1
Habeas corpus.....	6,505	827	14.6	4,831	1,362	39.3
Criminal.....	3,233	32	1.0	622	-38	-5.8
Other.....	3,272	795	32.1	4,209	1,400	49.8

<sup>a</sup> Less than .05 percent.

Table XVIII-B shows that the number of cases disposed of after trial remained relatively unchanged during the past year as the 1977-1978 level was only 982 cases or .3 percent less than 12 months earlier. Even though substantial gains were reported in the categories of other civil petitions, juvenile dependency, appeals from lower courts and habeas corpus, they were offset by declines in the categories of probate and guardianship, personal injury, other civil complaints, juvenile delinquency, criminal and mental health.

Figure 10—California Superior Court  
Manner of Dispositions by Type of Proceeding<sup>a</sup>  
(Excluding Civil Dismissals for Lack of Prosecution)  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



<sup>a</sup> Parts may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Less than .05 percent or no jury trials.

**TABLE XIX—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, ACQUITTED, DISMISSED OR TRANSFERRED  
AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

	<i>Total defendants</i>		<i>Acquitted dismissed or transferred</i>		<i>Convicted Total</i>		<i>Felony</i>	<i>Misde- meanor</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>		
All manner of disposition.....	48,986	100.0	7,303	100.0	41,683	100.0	38,742	2,941
Percent of total.....	100.0	-	14.9	-	85.1	-	79.1	6.0
Before trial.....	41,480	84.7	5,722	78.4	35,758	85.8	33,159	2,599
Dismissed or transferred .....	5,722	11.7	5,722	78.4	-	-	-	-
Plea of guilty.....	35,758	73.0	-	-	35,758	85.8	33,159	2,599
After trial.....	7,506	15.3	1,581	21.6	5,925	14.2	5,583	342
Court trial .....	2,592	5.3	679	9.3	1,913	4.6	1,705	208
Jury trial.....	4,914	10.0	902	12.4	4,012	9.6	3,878	134

<sup>a</sup> Parts may not add to total because of rounding.

Table XIX shows for the first time the number of criminal defendants who were convicted or acquitted before and after trial or whose cases were dismissed or transferred to another court without trial. In 1977-1978, 84.7 percent of the criminal defendants in superior courts were disposed of without the need for trial, largely because a substantial proportion of them entered pleas of guilty before trial. Only 15.3 percent of the criminal defendants progressed through trial. Of the total number of defendants disposed of with or without trial in superior courts 85.1 percent were convicted after having entered a plea of guilty or after having been tried by the court or jury. Defendants who were acquitted or whose cases were dismissed or transferred to another court comprised the remaining 14.9 percent.

### Contested Matters

Contested matters typically are those cases disposed of after a trial or hearing has progressed to a point where both parties have introduced evidence. Contested matters are the most time-consuming type of disposition.

**TABLE XX—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
CONTESTED DISPOSITION BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

Type of proceeding	Contested dispositions 1977-78	Change in contested dispositions from			
		1976-77		1967-68	
		Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total .....	62,360	3,454	5.9	20,320	48.3
Probate and guardianship .....	3,318	594	21.8	2,787	524.9
Family law .....	11,961	953	8.7	6,454	117.2
P.i., death & prop. dam. ....	2,377	-254	-9.7	-1,364	36.5
Motor vehicles .....	1,197	-152	-11.3	-	-
Others .....	1,180	-102	8.0	-	-
Eminent domain .....	129	-35	-21.3	-478	-78.8
Other civil:					
Complaints .....	5,085	42	0.8	511	11.2
Petitions .....	1,906	-181	-8.7	963	102.1
Mental Health .....	434	110	34.0	-161	-27.1
Juvenile .....	14,365	-614	-4.1	8,095	129.1
Delinquency .....	12,234	-1,102	-8.3	7,760	173.5
Original .....	7,186	-1,275	-15.1	2,712	60.6
Subsequent .....	5,048	173	3.5	-	-
Dependency .....	2,131	488	29.7	335	18.7
Original .....	1,957	452	30.0	161	9.0
Subsequent .....	174	36	26.1	-	-
Criminal .....	5,823	-310	-5.1	-10,353	-64.0
Appeals fr. lower court .....	12,131	1,787	17.3	9,715	402.1
Civil .....	10,404	1,806	21.0	-	-
Criminal .....	1,727	-19	-1.1	-	-
Habeas corpus .....	4,831	1,362	39.3	4,151	610.4
Criminal .....	622	-38	-5.8	-	-
Other .....	4,209	1,400	49.8	-	-

Table XX shows that about 62,400 cases disposed of in 1977-78 were contested matters. This figure was about 3,500 cases or 5.9 percent more than in 1976-1977, and contrasts with the trend for total cases disposed of after trial which was almost unchanged from a year ago. The categories which experienced large increases in contested matters from a year earlier

were appeals from lower courts, habeas corpus, family law, probate and guardianship and juvenile dependency. Smaller increases were reported in the categories of other civil complaints and mental health. Declines in contested matters were registered in all other categories including juvenile delinquency, criminal, and personal injury, death and property damage.

Table XX-A shows the number of contested matters disposed of each year since 1967-1968 for four selected categories that require substantial judicial effort. These categories accounted for nearly 27,700 or 44.3 percent of all contested matters disposed of in 1977-1978. They were, however, about 1,100 cases or 3.9 percent less than in 1976-1977.

**TABLE XXA—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
CONTESTED DISPOSITIONS °  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 Through 1977-78**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Personal injury</i>		<i>Other civil complaints</i>		<i>Criminal<sup>b</sup></i>		<i>Juvenile<sup>c</sup></i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of total dispositions</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of total dispositions</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of total dispositions<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of total dispositions</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent of total dispositions</i>
1967-68 .....	32,477	8.4	3,741	9.9	4,574	14.1	6,613	14.0	6,270	10.0
1968-69 .....	32,253	7.8	3,214	8.7	4,044	12.5	7,481	12.8	6,326	8.8
1969-70 .....	35,005	8.4	3,090	8.3	4,265	12.2	8,961	14.1	5,885	8.1
1970-71 .....	41,764	9.3	3,111	7.3	4,573	10.9	11,032	16.0	6,746	10.2
1971-72 .....	40,504	9.0	3,119	6.6	5,081	12.5	8,571	13.9	6,457	10.1
1972-73 .....	42,560	9.5	3,516	6.5	5,152	12.1	7,881	14.4	7,482	12.1
1973-74 .....	48,81	10.6	3,141	6.1	5,166	12.6	7,802	15.7	8,597	12.0
1974-75 .....	47,621	9.8	2,843	5.3	4,921	11.0	7,486	14.8	8,457	11.4
1975-76 .....	54,948	10.0	2,677	4.6	4,889	10.5	5,089	10.2	13,747	13.3
1976-77 .....	58,906	10.1	2,631	4.4	5,043	10.2	6,133	12.5	14,979	15.0
1977-78 .....	62,360	10.6	2,377	3.8	5,085	10.4	5,823	11.9	14,365	14.5

<sup>a</sup> Exclusive of dismissals for lack of prosecution.

<sup>b</sup> On July 1, 1975, due to changes in reporting instructions, some criminal dispositions which were previously classified as contested matters were reclassified as uncontested matters.

<sup>c</sup> Beginning on July 1, 1975, juvenile dispositions have included subsequent petitions disposed of. In prior periods dispositions of only initial petitions were counted.



### 3. JURY TRIALS

The number of jury trials held is another important measure of judicial activity in superior courts. Prior to 1975-76 this information was not collected and the number of juries sworn to try cases was used as an index. Table XXI shows the number of juries sworn each year since 1967-1968 and the number of jury trials held since 1975-1976 for all cases and the two selected categories of personal injury, death and property damage and criminal.

In 1977-1978 about 7,900 of the cases disposed of in superior courts were tried by jury. This total was 400 or 4.6 percent fewer than the number tried by jury in 1976-1977. This decrease contrasts with the increase of 5.9 percent contested dispositions which include categories where jury trials are not held or a minimal number is held.

Jury trials of personal injury and criminal cases together accounted for about 7,000 or 88 percent of the total number of jury trials held in superior courts. The criminal category alone accounted for 62 percent. Compared to the number in 1976-1977, jury trials in 1977-1978 declined 5.1 percent in the criminal category and 7.3 percent in the personal injury group.

### 4. CONDITION OF CIVIL CALENDARS—METROPOLITAN COURTS

In 1977-1978, for the fourth successive year, many of the metropolitan superior courts reported a worsening of the condition of civil calendars.

The two indices that the Judicial Council uses to describe the condition of civil calendars are the number of civil cases awaiting trial and the elapsed time to trial measured from the filing of the at-issue memorandum. These indices are closely related and an increase or decrease in the number of cases awaiting trial often forecasts a similar change in elapsed time to trial.

The following discussion of civil calendar conditions is based on the 20 superior courts with six or more judges.<sup>17</sup> Together these courts account for 90 percent of civil filings statewide and for a corresponding proportion of both case inventory and jury trials. Also, problems of calendar congestion and lengthy waiting time to trial generally are most severe in these larger courts. Even though the courts are often discussed as a group, each calendar is unique and conditions will, of course, differ from one court to another.

<sup>17</sup> Superior courts of Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Ventura Counties.

**TABLE XXI—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
NUMBER OF JURIES SWORN AND JURY TRIALS ° AND JURIES SWORN AND JURY TRIALS °  
AS PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS  
(EXCLUDING CIVIL DISMISSALS FOR LACK OF PROSECUTION)  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78**

Fiscal year	All proceedings		Personal injury		Criminal				
	Juries sworn	Juries sworn as a percent of dispositions	Juries sworn	Juries sworn as a percent of dispositions	Juries sworn	Juries sworn as a percent of dispositions			
1967-68 .....	7,492	1.9	3,135	8.3	3,517	7.4			
1968-69 .....	7,387	1.8	2,835	7.7	3,680	6.3			
1969-70 .....	7,703	1.9	2,542	6.8	4,235	6.7			
1970-71 .....	7,757	1.7	2,594	6.1	4,278	6.2			
1971-72 .....	8,012	1.8	2,738	5.8	4,320	7.0			
1972-73 .....	8,676	1.9	3,021	5.6	4,690	8.5			
1973-74 .....	8,607	1.9	2,740	5.3	4,851	9.8			
1974-75 .....	8,249	1.7	2,648	4.9	4,600	9.1			
1975-76 .....	8,439	(7,826) 1.5	(1.4)	2,447	(2,266) 4.2	(3.9)	5,028	(4,695) 10.0	(9.4)
1976-77 .....	<sup>R</sup> 8,868	(8,272) 1.5	(1.4)	3,357	(2,203) 3.9	(3.7)	5,556	(5,179) 11.3	(10.5)
1977-78 .....	8,473	(7,892) 1.5	(1.3)	2,193	(2,042) 3.5	(3.3)	5,195	(4,914) 10.6	(10.0)

<sup>a</sup> Fiscal year 1975-76 was the first year that jury trials were reported separately. These data are shown in parentheses.  
<sup>R</sup> Revised.

TABLE XXII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH SIX OR MORE  
JUDGES<sup>a</sup>—NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES AWAITING TRIAL  
AS OF JUNE 30, 1968 THROUGH 1978

Court	Number of civil cases awaiting trial										
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Alameda.....	2,861	3,389	3,788	3,686	3,549	4,054	4,351	4,415	5,677	5,970	5,482
Contra Costa.....	1,120	1,097	1,451	1,817	2,090	2,110	2,157	2,349	2,291	2,376	2,626
Fresno.....	538	468	789	838	876	<sup>b</sup> 915	879	921	1,232	1,287	1,745
Kern.....	471	431	574	563	627	643	497	488	878	914	1,124
Los Angeles.....	23,200	30,747	41,019	44,586	38,383	38,873	37,222	39,131	44,199	55,150	63,433
Marin.....	599	706	872	931	829	842	593	735	913	1,101	1,087
Monterey.....	340	217	217	255	262	258	391	406	596	513	360
Orange.....	1,584	1,870	2,994	3,112	2,428	2,826	3,638	5,309	7,390	8,151	10,942
Riverside.....	773	823	1,060	1,221	1,152	1,194	1,384	1,603	1,788	1,952	2,457
Sacramento.....	2,185	1,713	2,192	2,055	1,920	2,050	2,335	3,072	3,420	3,173	2,822
San Bernardino.....	1,036	1,073	1,472	1,332	1,173	1,301	1,398	1,592	2,323	2,667	2,771
San Diego.....	1,828	2,268	3,199	2,806	2,821	3,433	4,065	5,252	6,472	7,105	7,121
San Francisco.....	5,549	6,395	7,804	9,841	7,831	6,246	5,823	5,599	5,435	4,968	4,654
San Joaquin.....	537	700	945	1,109	1,104	1,059	1,042	1,106	1,064	1,303	1,395
San Mateo.....	1,542	1,327	1,602	1,416	1,307	1,331	1,356	1,788	2,001	1,470	1,310
Santa Barbara.....	412	448	617	682	611	361	426	329	507	746	984
Santa Clara.....	1,566	2,087	2,596	2,774	2,584	1,594	1,346	1,520	2,164	2,776	3,750
Sonoma.....	246	324	390	446	514	647	925	875	1,366	1,480	1,572
Stanislaus.....	332	275	355	324	338	316	318	632	644	411	594
Ventura.....	518	594	622	632	574	553	779	1,174	1,618	1,258	1,356
Total.....	47,237	57,042	74,558	79,826	70,973	70,606	70,925	78,296	91,978	104,771	117,535
Total excluding Los Angeles.....	24,037	26,295	33,539	35,240	32,590	31,733	33,703	39,165	47,779	49,621	54,102
Total civil jury cases awaiting trial.....	28,605	33,626	42,687	46,094	43,428	43,424	42,679	46,125	54,501	61,992	70,007

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> July 31, 1973.

*Number of Civil Cases Awaiting Trial*

The inventory of civil cases awaiting trial (cases on the civil active list as the result of filing an at-issue memorandum) as of June 30, 1968 through 1978 is shown in Table XXII. The total of 117,535 that awaited trial in the 20 courts as of June 30, 1978 was the highest for any June since these records have been compiled. The 1978 total was up 12,764 cases or 12 percent from a year earlier. Jury cases, which are the critical component of the inventory, increased again this year. The June 30, 1978 jury list of 70,007 cases represents an increase of 7,985 cases or 12.9 percent over the same figure for 1977.

It is important to note that only a small percentage of the inventory of "cases awaiting trial" will be disposed of by trial. For instance, only 29.3 percent of civil cases recorded as awaiting trial on June 30, 1977 were actually disposed of at a contested trial in 1977-1978.

While the number of cases awaiting trial increased by 12 percent between June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1978, 12 of the superior courts with six or more judges experienced increases greater than 12 percent. Among the largest increases were: Fresno, 35.6 percent; Orange, 34.2 percent; Santa Barbara, 31.9 percent; Santa Clara, 35.1 percent, and Stanislaus, 44.5 percent.

The number and proportion of civil jury cases that have been awaiting trial one year or more as of June 30, 1978 is shown in Table XXIII for the 20 courts being considered. Also shown is a comparison of that proportion for each court as of June 30, 1977.

**TABLE XXIII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH  
SIX OR MORE JUDGES<sup>a</sup>  
NUMBER OF CIVIL JURY CASES AWAITING TRIAL  
AS OF JUNE 30, 1978**

Court	Total civil jury cases awaiting trial	Cases in which at-issue memoranda were filed over one year as of June 30, 1978		Percent of cases in which at-issue memoranda were filed over one year as of June 30, 1977
		Number	Percent of total	
Alameda.....	4,367	1,764	40.5	32.5
Contra Costa.....	1,723	575	33.4	29.1
Fresno.....	1,145	216	18.9	12.0
Kern.....	678	69	10.2	9.1
Los Angeles.....	37,451	15,707	41.9	35.3
Marin.....	717	288	40.2	33.0
Monterey.....	142	1	0.7	8.8
Orange.....	6,663	2,111	31.7	32.0
Riverside.....	1,384	497	35.9	28.2
Sacramento.....	2,011	87	4.3	7.1
San Bernardino.....	1,538	558	36.3	35.2
San Diego.....	4,125	1,592	38.6	37.3
San Francisco.....	2,439	1,754	71.9	60.4
San Joaquin.....	787	143	18.2	31.9
San Mateo.....	592	0	0.0	1.0
Santa Barbara.....	501	91	18.2	0
Santa Clara.....	1,797	37	2.1	0
Sonoma.....	838	250	29.8	24.6
Stanislaus.....	193	0	0	0
Ventura.....	706	140	19.8	33.7

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978

TABLE XXIV—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH SIX OR MORE  
JUDGES<sup>a</sup>—NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES AWAITING TRIAL  
PER AUTHORIZED JUDGE<sup>b</sup> AS OF JUNE 30, 1968  
THROUGH 1978

Court	Number of civil cases awaiting trial per authorized judge										
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Alameda .....	143	154	165	147	142	162	174	177	203	206	183
Contra Costa .....	124	122	145	182	190	192	196	214	208	198	219
Fresno .....	67	59	99	105	110	<sup>c</sup> 114	110	115	154	129	145
Kern .....	94	72	96	94	105	107	83	81	110	114	141
Los Angeles .....	173	229	306	299	238	241	231	229	258	323	371
Marin .....	150	141	174	186	166	168	119	147	183	184	181
Monterey .....	113	77	54	64	52	52	78	81	119	73	51
Orange .....	75	89	136	130	84	91	117	171	224	220	274
Riverside .....	77	82	106	111	96	100	115	134	138	150	189
Sacramento .....	156	114	146	137	128	137	156	171	171	159	128
San Bernardino .....	104	98	134	111	90	93	100	106	129	148	154
San Diego .....	87	103	128	112	101	118	140	159	196	203	203
San Francisco .....	231	266	325	355	301	240	224	215	209	191	179
San Joaquin .....	107	117	159	185	184	151	149	158	152	186	192
San Mateo .....	140	111	134	109	101	102	104	138	143	105	94
Santa Barbara .....	69	75	103	97	87	52	61	47	72	107	141
Santa Clara .....	82	110	124	132	108	66	56	58	83	96	129
Sonoma .....	62	81	98	112	129	162	231	219	273	247	262
Stanislaus .....	83	55	71	65	68	63	64	105	107	69	99
Ventura .....	86	85	89	90	82	79	111	168	231	140	151
Average cases awaiting trial per authorized judge:											
Total for the above courts .....	140	163	208	208	173	170	171	190	204	223	246
Total excluding Los Angeles .....	118	122	150	151	131	125	133	148	171	166	176

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> Note that comparisons relate to the total number of judges authorized as of June 30 of each fiscal year and are not adjusted to reflect the number actually available to dispose of civil backlog.

<sup>c</sup> July 31, 1973.

It will be noted that of the 17 courts that reported an interval in excess of one year, 13 show increases from 1976-1977 to 1977-1978 in the percentage of civil jury cases awaiting trial in which the at-issue memoranda had been on file for more than one year.

Table XXIV shows in detail the number of civil cases awaiting trial per authorized judge as of each June 30 commencing in 1968 through 1978 for each of the 20 courts under consideration.

#### *Elapsed Time to Trial*

It has been noted in previous reports that the term "delay" is misleading when used to describe some of the various time elements in court proceedings terminating in trial. Therefore, in lieu of that designation the Judicial Council has adopted the term "elapsed time to trial" which more accurately describes the elapsed time from the point of filing various documents (*e.g.*, complaint, at-issue memorandum, certificate of readiness, etc.) to the start of trial. This interval not only includes time that courts require to bring a ready case to trial, but also the substantial amount of time attorneys regularly require to prepare cases for trial. To label such composites of time periods as "court delay" is inaccurate, for it implies that the time being measured results exclusively from conditions within the court. It is true, however, that if the interval to trial is larger than present medians in other courts, or in the past, then it can be inferred that ready cases are probably being delayed by court congestion.

Table XXV displays the median elapsed time to trial in months from the filing of the at-issue memorandum as of June 30, 1969 through June 30, 1978 in the 20 metropolitan courts. In 14 of the courts the interval to jury trial increased between 1977 and 1978.

The interval from the at-issue memorandum to trial measures the elapsed time from the point at which attorneys first request a trial date. Even though taken from the point at which a trial is requested, this interval is not a reliable measure of delay chargeable to the courts. Attorneys file memoranda in many cases in which an early trial is neither desired nor anticipated. The at-issue memorandum has a different meaning from court to court in terms of trial readiness. Because of this, attorneys may time their filings in accordance with their knowledge of the time frame that a particular court follows in processing this case. For these reasons the index cannot be considered an entirely valid measure of the delays arising solely from internal court conditions.

The average interval from at-issue memorandum to trial increased between June 1977 and June 1978 in many metropolitan courts, and in several of the courts the increase was substantial. In June 1978, in only 3 of the 20 courts did the median jury case reach trial within a year of the filing of the at-issue memorandum. In all but one of these 20 courts (Monterey) the interval exceeded six months. Significant increases occurred in the superior courts of Los Angeles (up 7 months); San Diego (up 10 months), and Santa Barbara (up 9 months). Seven courts, Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Ventura, each recorded a reduction in the interval between at-issue memorandum and trial.

**TABLE XXV—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH SIX OR MORE JUDGES<sup>a</sup>  
—MEDIAN INTERVAL TO TRIAL FROM AT-ISSUE MEMO FOR CIVIL JURY CASES TRIED IN  
JUNE 1969 THROUGH 1978**

Court	Median interval in months from:									
	At issue memo to trial									
	June 69	June 70	June 71	June 72	June 73	June 74	June 75	June 76	June 77	June 78
Alameda .....	9.5	15	18	12.5	13	11	13	22	24.5	24
Contra Costa .....	12	12	15	19	22	23	19	19	22	20
Fresno .....	9	10.5	11	16	<sup>c</sup> 10.5	10.5	10.5	9	13.5	15
Kern .....	16.5	10	11	13	9	16	9.5	15	—	14
Los Angeles .....	18	24	23	30	25	24	20	21	24	31
Marin .....	<sup>b</sup> 20	29	27	28	24	11	17	16	20	26.5
Monterey .....	5	4	6	7	6	9	10	13	11	3.5
Orange .....	12.5	11	20	17	11	12	13	18	20	22
Riverside .....	15	22	11	18	14	10	16	18	31	27
Sacramento .....	5	9	11	10	10	11	13	17	15	12
San Bernardino .....	8	14	12	14	18	23	35	16	32	35
San Diego .....	9	15	15	11	15	16	17	21	21	31
San Francisco .....	22	28	33	33	32	25	20	20	20	23
San Joaquin .....	12	17	16	36.5	42	31	27	18	22	25
San Mateo .....	16	16	13	11	9	7	11	15	9	7
Santa Barbara .....	18	13	16	12	7	5	6	6	9	18
Santa Clara .....	8	8	6	8	5	4	4	6	6	6.5
Sonoma .....	7.5	10	10	12	14	18	18	—	23	27
Stanislaus .....	7	9	6	5	5	5	7	5	5	7
Ventura .....	11.5	13	7	10	7	11	15.5	—	21	17

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

<sup>b</sup> For month of May.

<sup>c</sup> For month of July 1973.

## 5. CONDITION OF CRIMINAL CALENDARS—METROPOLITAN COURTS

Data for 1977-1978 submitted by the superior courts to the Judicial Council indicate an overall increase in the number of criminal cases set for trial in the metropolitan courts,<sup>18</sup> continuing a trend noted in the last three annual reports. Trial calendars increased from a total of 7,529 cases set for trial as of June 30, 1977 to 8,344 on June 30, 1978, an increase of 10.8 percent.

Criminal calendar conditions are discussed in terms of the same 20 courts that were used to describe civil calendars. These larger courts together accounted for 94 percent of criminal cases calendared for trial as of June 30, 1978 and hence their problems of congestion and extended time to trial generally are more acute than other courts. Although the courts are described as a group, each court's calendar is unique and conditions will, of course, differ from one court to another. The Los Angeles court is discussed separately because its size would tend to obscure trends in other courts.

### *Cases Calendared for Trial*

Except for good cause, superior courts must dismiss a criminal case if the defendant has not been brought to trial within 60 days of the indictment or information, unless the defendant waives the right to trial within this time.<sup>19</sup> Even though many defendants demand a trial and waive time, the

<sup>18</sup> Superior Courts of Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Ventura Counties.

<sup>19</sup> Pen. Code, § 1382(2).

60-day requirement nevertheless tends to limit the time cases remain awaiting trial and, in contrast to civil calendars, to limit the number of cases in the inventory of criminal cases awaiting trial.

Table XXVI lists the number of criminal cases calendared for trial<sup>20</sup> as of June 30, 1968 through June 1978 for the courts under consideration. It shows that 16 of the 20 courts had increases over the previous year in criminal cases set for trial while 4 of the courts showed decreases. The 19 courts, exclusive of Los Angeles, showed a net total increase of 913 criminal cases awaiting trial, an increase of 27.3 percent. Criminal filings during the year for the same 19 courts increased 798 from 29,879 to 30,677, or 2.6 percent. By contrast, Los Angeles recorded a decrease of 637 criminal cases awaiting trial, a decrease of 15.2 percent, while its filings remained stable, 18,482 in 1977-1978 and 18,427 in 1976-1977.

As with civil trial inventories, criminal inventories considerably overstate the number of cases that will actually reach trial. Many criminal cases are calendared for trial where, despite a trial demand, defendants neither wish nor anticipate a trial. Cases against many such defendants will ultimately be disposed of by pleas of guilty. In 1977-1978, pleas of guilty (including certifications on pleas of guilty from lower courts) accounted for 75.2 percent or 20,176 of the 26,834 total dispositions in the 19 superior courts. In the previous year, 73.2 percent of all criminal dispositions were pleas of guilty.

**TABLE XXVI—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH  
SIX OR MORE JUDGES<sup>a</sup>  
NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES CALENDARIED FOR TRIAL  
AS OF JUNE 30, 1968 THROUGH 1978**

Court	Criminal cases awaiting trial										
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Alameda .....	263	224	243	355	589	375	194	463	663	462	539
Contra Costa .....	58	92	102	98	262	202	94	124	114	93	202
Fresno .....	61	66	40	74	80	56	79	80	137	106	161
Kern .....	33	41	109	73	82	73	73	63	83	94	141
Los Angeles .....	3,879	5,498	6,103	4,816	3,516	3,840	3,287	3,632	3,539	4,182	3,545
Marin .....	80	85	75	54	51	41	51	47	69	64	62
Monterey .....	51	48	76	56	71	100	91	102	95	72	94
Orange .....	233	203	208	429	248	202	211	246	229	274	336
Riverside .....	187	304	215	178	91	122	132	112	107	176	242
Sacramento .....	44	67	99	136	132	113	126	180	194	182	272
San Bernardino .....	175	305	378	276	343	402	299	163	154	165	217
San Diego .....	243	561	476	344	323	349	613	261	407	392	479
San Francisco .....	278	237	500	664	291	136	119	115	116	191	234
San Joaquin .....	120	95	82	124	102	77	69	103	103	131	165
San Mateo .....	148	163	226	194	162	138	150	114	146	104	123
Santa Barbara .....	75	85	91	110	73	42	34	27	45	47	92
Santa Clara .....	160	274	274	300	307	185	215	323	501	443	628
Sonoma .....	29	28	25	34	17	27	40	69	81	125	82
Stanislaus .....	81	127	103	91	190	118	75	100	58	104	115
Ventura .....	34	59	62	56	46	46	66	73	83	122	74
Total .....	6,232	8,562	9,487	8,462	6,976	6,644	6,018	6,399	6,929	7,529	7,805
Total excluding Los Angeles .....	2,353	3,064	3,384	3,646	3,460	2,804	2,731	2,757	3,390	3,347	4,260

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

<sup>20</sup> Since the great majority of trial demands are for a jury trial, the figures in Table XXVI represent jury trial calendars for all practical purposes.



Many of the pleas of guilty came after the defendant had first pleaded not guilty and demanded a (jury) trial. Although precise figures are not available, it is known that a substantial proportion of these changes of plea occur as a result of negotiations between the prosecution and defense, concurred in by the court.

There are no empirical data yet available as to the effects of the various types of plea negotiation on the condition of criminal trial calendars.

Relatively few criminal cases are actually disposed of by trial.<sup>21</sup> There were 2,814 juries sworn in 1977-1978 in criminal cases in the 19 metropolitan courts exclusive of Los Angeles, comprising 9.2 percent of the criminal dispositions in those courts. A comparison of the number of initial trial demands with the number of juries actually sworn indicates that courts generally set about five cases for trial for each trial that results, and conversely, that guilty pleas are subsequently entered in the other four cases that had been set for trial.

In 1977-1978, 8 of the 20 metropolitan courts showed an increase in the ratio of juries sworn to total filings and 12 showed decreases. There appears to be a lowering of the ratio of juries sworn to cases filed. In 1976-1977, juries were sworn in 9.5 percent of criminal cases in the metropolitan courts; in 1977-1978 the ratio dropped slightly to 8.7 percent.

TABLE XXVII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH  
SIX OR MORE JUDGES \*  
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND NUMBER OF JURIES SWORN  
Fiscal Year 1977-78

Court	Criminal		Percent of juries sworn to total filings
	Filings	Juries sworn	
Alameda .....	2,993	237	7.9
Contra Costa .....	1,141	127	11.1
Fresno .....	1,149	200	17.4
Kern .....	775	116	15.4
Los Angeles .....	18,432	1,454	7.9
Marin .....	360	57	15.8
Monterey .....	830	112	13.5
Orange .....	2,349	183	7.8
Riverside .....	1,583	158	10.0
Sacramento .....	2,223	214	9.6
San Bernardino .....	2,101	291	13.9
San Diego .....	4,773	233	4.9
San Francisco .....	2,533	238	9.3
San Joaquin .....	656	69	10.5
San Mateo .....	952	87	9.1
Santa Barbara .....	543	57	10.5
Santa Clara .....	3,410	188	5.5
Sonoma .....	530	71	13.4
Stanislaus .....	754	120	15.9
Ventura .....	1,012	56	5.5
Total excluding Los Angeles .....	30,677	2,814	9.2

\* As of June 30, 1978.

<sup>21</sup> Unless otherwise indicated "trials" exclude cases disposed of on the transcript of the preliminary hearing.

**TABLE XXVIII—CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WITH SIX OR MORE  
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES<sup>a</sup>—FELONY FILINGS IN LOWER  
COURTS AND FELONY FILINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT**

**Fiscal Year 1977-78**

County	Felony filings		Approximate percent disposed of by municipal and justice courts
	Municipal and justice courts	Superior court	
Alameda .....	7,284	2,993	58.9
Contra Costa .....	1,726	1,141	33.4
Fresno .....	3,804	1,149	69.8
Kern .....	2,046	755	63.1
Los Angeles .....	23,641	18,482	21.8
Marin .....	692	360	43.9
Monterey .....	1,645	830	49.5
Orange .....	4,936	2,399	52.4
Riverside .....	2,510	1,583	45.6
Sacramento .....	5,388	2,233	58.6
San Bernardino .....	4,621	2,101	54.5
San Diego .....	9,940	4,773	52.0
San Francisco .....	5,621	2,553	54.6
San Joaquin .....	2,080	656	68.5
San Mateo .....	2,412	952	60.5
Santa Barbara .....	958	543	43.3
Santa Clara .....	5,609	3,410	39.2
Sonoma .....	1,193	530	55.6
Stanislaus .....	1,430	754	60.9
Ventura .....	1,898	1,012	46.7
Total .....	89,832	49,209	54.8
Total excluding Los Angeles .....	66,191	30,727	46.4

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

Many offenses charged as felonies in the municipal and justice courts are disposed of in those courts either by dismissal or by sentencing as misdemeanors under the provisions of section 17 (b) of the Penal Code. Table XXVIII displays the difference in the felony filings in the municipal and justice courts and the superior courts of the 20 metropolitan counties. It should be noted that there is a small number of cases in which the defendants were held to answer in the lower court where the prosecuting officer failed to file an information in the superior court.

#### *Elapsed Time to Trial*

Except for good cause or unless a defendant waives the right to a speedy trial, criminal cases must be brought to trial within 60 days of the filing of the indictment or information in the superior court. When the time to trial exceeds this statutory limit the delay is usually caused by the defendant seeking or agreeing to the extended trial setting. The majority of defendants initially plead not guilty at arraignment, following which many demand a jury trial and waive their right to a speedy trial, thus relieving the court of its statutory responsibility regarding the time to trial.

Commencing about 1970 the superior courts were able each year to reduce both the number and proportion of cases where the commencement of trial exceeded the 60-day limit. However, since 1974-75 the metropolitan courts have reported increases in the number and proportion of

cases with juries sworn more than 60 days from filing. In 1977-78, 11 of the 20 courts reported overall increases in the percentage of cases with juries sworn more than 60 days from the filing of the indictment or information. Of the 4,268 criminal juries sworn in these courts last year, 2,639 or 61.8 percent were sworn more than 60 days from filing, ranging from lows of 21.8 percent in San Francisco to highs of 91.4 and 89.9 percent in the San Diego and Santa Clara courts, respectively.

TABLE XXVIII A—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS WITH SIX OR MORE JUDGES<sup>a</sup>  
NUMBER OF CRIMINAL JURIES SWORN  
Fiscal Year 1977-78

Court	Total criminal juries sworn	Juries sworn more than 60 days from indictment or information	
		Number	Percent of total
Alameda.....	237	204	86.1
Contra Costa.....	127	83	65.4
Fresno.....	200	96	48.0
Kern.....	116	36	31.0
Los Angeles.....	1,454	936	64.4
Marin.....	57	34	59.6
Monterey.....	112	66	58.9
Orange.....	183	76	41.5
Riverside.....	158	102	64.6
Sacramento.....	214	106	49.5
San Bernardino.....	291	168	57.7
San Diego.....	233	213	91.4
San Francisco.....	238	52	21.8
San Joaquin.....	69	47	68.1
San Mateo.....	87	55	63.2
Santa Barbara.....	57	45	78.9
Santa Clara.....	188	169	89.9
Sonoma.....	71	41	57.7
Stanislaus.....	120	76	63.3
Ventura.....	56	34	60.7
Total.....	4,268	2,634	61.8
Total excluding Los Angeles.....	2,814	1,703	60.5

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

The Los Angeles Superior Court has in the past been considered separately in discussing criminal proceedings since inclusion of its criminal filings, presently 33.4 percent of the state total, would tend to obscure trends in other courts. Also, in Los Angeles, at least in prior years, a larger proportion of relatively minor offenses appeared to have been filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court than in superior courts elsewhere. Substantial numbers of these cases were disposed of by stipulation on the record of the preliminary hearing.

In 1971, however, the Los Angeles District Attorney commenced prosecuting certain minor offenses, previously handled as felonies, as misdemeanors under the authority of section 17 of the Penal Code. The effect of this policy change was a marked decrease in the number of felony filings. In 1970-1971 (prior to the change) there were 38,843 felony filings in Los Angeles Superior Court; in 1971-1972 they dropped to 28,892. Crimi-

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nal filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court have continued to drop each year, and last year the number was 18,482.

The Los Angeles Superior Court had a ratio of pleas of guilty to total dispositions slightly above that of the other superior courts in the state. In Los Angeles, in 1977-1978 there were 16,707 criminal dispositions of which 12,092 were pleas of guilty, a ratio of 72.4 percent. During this same period the statewide ratio of pleas of guilty to total criminal dispositions was 64.6 percent.

In 1977-1978 Los Angeles disposed of 8.2 percent of its total felony filings as misdemeanors under the provisions of section 17(b) (5) of the Penal Code and other statutory provisions. This was a significant drop from last year's percentage of 12.8, but still above the 6.5 percent average for the other 19 metropolitan courts for the same period. Table XXIX sets forth the varying percentages of felony convictions and misdemeanor convictions under section 17(b) of the Penal Code and other statutory provisions.

**TABLE XXIX—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT WITH SIX OR MORE JUDGES<sup>a</sup>**  
**Felony Convictions and Misdemeanor Convictions Under Section 17b**  
**of the Penal Code and other Statutory Provisions**  
**Fiscal Year 1977-1978**

Court	Total Defendants Convicted	Felony Convictions	Percent	
			Misdemeanor Convictions	Misdemeanor Convictions
Alameda .....	1,950	1,933	17	0.9
Contra Costa .....	944	930	14	1.5
Fresno .....	1,035	1,021	14	1.4
Kern .....	639	624	15	2.3
Los Angeles .....	14,101	12,950	1,151	8.2
Marin .....	255	250	5	2.0
Monterey .....	624	548	76	12.2
Orange .....	2,297	2,241	56	2.4
Riverside .....	900	846	54	6.0
Sacramento .....	1,707	1,556	151	8.8
San Bernardino .....	1,312	1,263	49	3.7
San Diego .....	3,308	2,922	386	11.7
San Francisco .....	1,972	1,904	68	3.4
San Joaquin .....	401	450	11	2.4
San Mateo .....	920	854	66	7.2
Santa Barbara .....	444	409	35	7.9
Santa Clara .....	2,848	2,691	157	5.5
Sonoma .....	232	217	15	6.5
Stanislaus .....	406	357	19	4.7
Ventura .....	826	751	75	9.1
Total .....	37,181	34,747	2,434	6.5
Total excluding Los Angeles .....	23,080	21,797	1,283	5.6

<sup>a</sup> As of June 30, 1978.

D. LOWER COURTS

1. FILINGS

Total Filings

Statistical data for the municipal and justice courts are summarized together, for the first time, in this report because the two types of courts now have the same jurisdiction.<sup>22</sup> The historical data for the 10-year trends presented in this section have also, for the most part, been combined for municipal and justice courts and presented as lower court information. This permits a clearer view of the effects of changes in legislation or reporting on filings and dispositions without the complication of adjusting for justice courts becoming municipal courts.

Total filings for the 197 lower courts rose by 5 percent to 16.6 million in fiscal year 1977-1978. Over the 10-year span total filings have risen from 11.3 to 16.6 million, an increase of 46 percent. Nonparking filings went from 5.6 to 7.0 million, an increase of 25 percent, during the same 10-year period. Filings for illegal parking increased by 68 percent from 5.7 million to 9.6 million during the 10 years as shown on Table XXX.

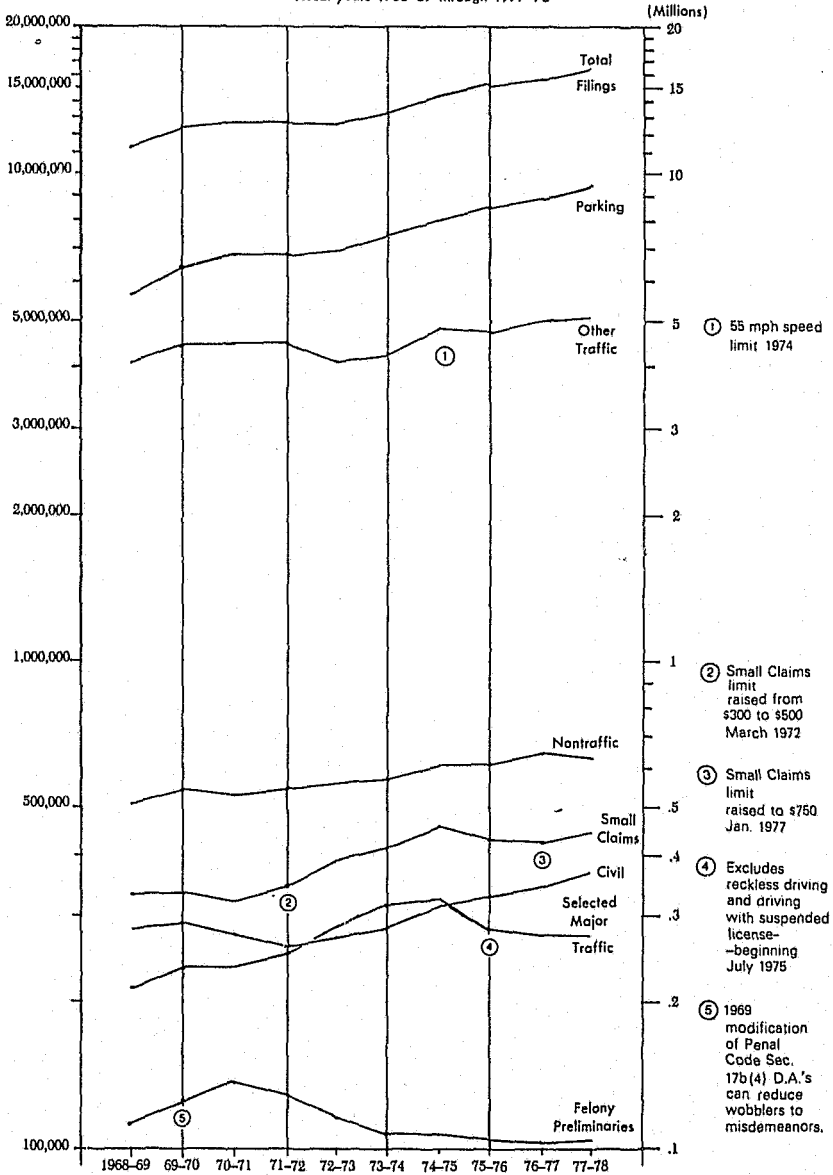
TABLE XXX—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
MUNICIPAL AND JUSTICE COURT  
FILINGS BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
Fiscal Years 1968-69 through 1977-78

Fiscal Year	Total	Criminal					Civil	
		Parking	Selected Traffic	Other Traffic	Felonies	Other Nontraffic	Small claims	Other
NUMBER								
1968-69	11,320,664	5,708,321	213,716	4,160,873	110,669	509,109	333,175	294,801
1969-70	12,493,891	6,455,149	236,409	4,495,885	126,303	550,626	337,333	292,186
1970-71	12,890,306	6,878,812	236,312	4,506,662	137,368	534,407	323,389	273,356
1971-72	12,835,518	6,800,556	255,757	4,490,178	130,046	549,127	347,171	260,633
1972-73	12,805,785	6,992,298	286,638	4,180,759	117,867	562,721	393,771	271,731
1973-74	13,423,274	7,464,542	317,128	4,247,104	109,333	578,141	419,478	287,548
1974-75	14,648,152	8,005,885	321,724	4,820,006	109,076	610,255	462,716	318,490
1975-76	15,239,115	8,674,737	280,173	4,797,587	105,421	615,275	434,672	331,250
1976-77	15,795,794	8,958,187	276,111	5,039,905	102,849	647,354	427,224	344,164
1977-78	16,563,365	9,568,843	275,461	5,153,958	105,315	631,287	453,662	374,839
PERCENT *								
1968-69	100	50	2	37	1	4	3	3
1969-70	100	52	2	36	1	4	3	2
1970-71	100	53	2	35	1	4	3	2
1971-72	100	53	2	35	1	4	3	2
1972-73	100	55	2	33	1	4	3	2
1973-74	100	56	2	32	1	4	3	2
1974-75	100	55	2	33	1	4	3	2
1975-76	100	57	2	31	1	4	3	2
1976-77	100	57	2	32	1	4	3	2
1977-78	100	58	2	31	1	4	3	2
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR								
1968-69	2	5	11	-1	30	2	-8	3
1969-70	10	13	11	8	14	8	1	3
1970-71	3	7	<1	<1	9	-3	-4	-6
1971-72	<1	-1	8	<1	-5	3	7	-5
1972-73	<1	3	12	-7	-9	2	13	4
1973-74	5	7	11	2	-7	3	7	6
1974-75	9	7	1	13	<1	6	10	11
1975-76	4	8	-13	<1	-3	1	-6	4
1976-77	4	3	1	5	-2	5	-2	4
1977-78	5	7	-1	2	2	-2	6	9

\* Components may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

<sup>22</sup> Legislation giving the justice courts the same jurisdiction as municipal courts became effective January 1, 1977. The 1977-1978 fiscal year was the first full year the new law was in effect.

Figure 11—LOWER COURT FILINGS  
Municipal and Justice Court Filings  
Fiscal years 1968-69 through 1977-78



*Filings by Type of Proceeding*

Felony filings registered a 2 percent increase in 1977-1978 to 105,000. Although the increase is small it is the first increase in this category in six years. Felony filings reached a peak in 1970-1971 (137,000) and after declining several years levelled off at about 105,000 per year in 1975-1976. (See Figure 11.) Section 17 of the Penal Code was amended in 1969 to provide, among other things, discretionary authority to prosecuting officers to file as misdemeanors certain types of cases which previously would have been filed as felonies. The subsequent decline and levelling off of felony filings is attributed to this amendment of the Penal Code.

Nontraffic misdemeanors and infractions decreased by 2 percent to 631,000 in 1977-1978. It was the first decline in this category in six years.

Selected traffic cases (now referred to as Group C traffic in monthly summary reports) declined by 1 percent from last fiscal year to 275,000 filings in 1977-1978. This category has constituted 2 percent of total filings each year as it has throughout the past decade. Since July 1975 some offenses previously reported as selected traffic have been reported as Group D traffic offenses.

Other traffic offenses (now designated as Group D traffic misdemeanors and traffic infractions) increased by 2 percent in 1977-1978 to nearly 5.2 million filings but fell from 32 to 31 percent of all lower court filings. Group D traffic misdemeanors increased by 12 percent in 1977-1978 to 264,000 and traffic infractions increased by 2 percent to 4.9 million filings during the same period. (See Table XXXII.)

Small claims filings increased 6 percent to 454,000 during 1977-1978. This represents the first increase in small claims filings since the maximum recovery was raised from \$500 to \$750 in January 1977. When the maximum recovery amount was increased from \$300 to \$500 in March 1972 the number of small claims filings increased immediately and continued to increase for several years before declining in 1975-1976.

Other civil filings increased by 9 percent to 375,000 in 1977-1978. This was the second largest increase in filings in the past 10 years and follows increases of 4 percent in both 1975-1976 and 1976-1977.

## 2. DISPOSITIONS

The lower courts disposed of 14.3 million cases during 1977-1978. Fifty-seven percent or 8.1 million were parking violations and the remaining 43 percent or 6.2 million were either nonparking criminal offenses or civil cases. (See Tables XXXI and XXXII.)



**TABLE XXXI—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
MUNICIPAL AND JUSTICE COURT NONPARKING DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE  
Fiscal Years 1968-69 Through 1977-78**

Fiscal Year	Total	Before Trial			After Trial			Juvenile orders
		Bail forfeitures	Dismissals and transfers	Convicted or bound over after plea of guilty	All other	Uncontested	Contested	
NUMBER								
1968-69.....	5,152,233	2,826,984	586,857	1,138,014	113,731	228,131	199,880	38,636
1969-70.....	5,505,845	3,001,838	683,749	1,224,221	111,569	231,976	211,747	40,745
1970-71.....	5,555,711	2,935,913	773,673	1,268,347	88,802	232,045	218,233	38,698
1971-72.....	5,568,438	2,810,691	800,980	1,374,096	95,760	234,241	213,284	39,386
1972-73.....	5,390,600	2,582,650	819,665	1,388,403	90,646	255,493	214,818	38,925
1973-74.....	5,376,450	2,611,264	830,796	1,325,754	91,195	262,256	214,435	40,750
1974-75.....	5,905,337	2,972,444	910,824	1,357,196	104,751	284,766	232,533	42,823
1975-76.....	5,963,102	2,960,753	945,952	1,371,091	120,288	289,665	236,910	38,443
1976-77.....	6,150,091	3,023,114	989,964	1,451,688	125,226	274,224	242,079	43,796
1977-78.....	6,212,810	2,984,619	1,101,637	1,420,186	133,068	283,655	241,772	47,873
PERCENT *								
1968-69.....	100	55	11	22	2	4	4	1
1969-70.....	100	55	12	22	2	4	4	1
1970-71.....	100	53	14	23	2	4	4	1
1971-72.....	100	50	14	25	2	4	4	1
1972-73.....	100	48	15	26	2	5	4	1
1973-74.....	100	49	15	25	2	5	4	1
1974-75.....	100	50	15	23	2	5	4	1
1975-76.....	100	50	16	23	2	5	4	1
1976-77.....	100	49	16	24	2	4	4	1
1977-78.....	100	48	18	23	2	5	4	1
PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR								
1968-69.....	-1	-2	-1	1	-5	-4	-4	1
1969-70.....	7	6	17	6	-2	2	6	5
1970-71.....	1	-2	13	4	-20	<1	3	-5
1971-72.....	<1	-4	4	8	8	1	-2	2
1972-73.....	-3	-8	2	1	-5	9	1	-1
1973-74.....	<-1	1	1	-5	1	3	<-1	5
1974-75.....	10	14	10	2	15	9	8	5
1975-76.....	1	<-1	4	1	15	2	2	-10
1976-77.....	3	2	5	6	4	-5	2	14
1977-78.....	1	-1	11	-2	6	3	-1	9

\* Components may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

**Table XXXII—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
MUNICIPAL AND JUSTICE COURT FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE  
1977-1978**

Type of Proceeding	Number		Percent Distribution*		Percent Change from Prior Year	
	Filings	Dispositions	Filings	Dispositions	Filings	Dispositions
Total, all proceedings .....	16,563,365	14,309,318	100	100	5	3
Felonies.....	105,315	91,746	1	1	2	3
Felonies reduced to misdemeanors .....	-	(18,415)	-	(<1)	-	(10)
Nontraffic						
Group A Misdemeanors .....	366,370	339,822	2	2	1	1
Group B Misdemeanors .....	211,426	195,955	1	1	-11	-13
Infractions.....	53,491	43,632	<1	<1	8	10
Traffic						
Group C Misdemeanors .....	275,461	222,427	2	2	<-1	-1
Group D Misdemeanors .....	263,864	231,198	2	3	12	8
Infractions.....	4,890,094	4,295,011	30	30	2	<1
Parking .....	9,568,843	8,096,508	58	57	7	4
Small Claims .....	453,662	342,225	3	2	6	7
Other Civil .....	374,839	280,793	2	2	9	7

\* Components may not add to total due to rounding.

Figure 12—LOWER COURT NONPARKING DISPOSITIONS  
 Municipal and Justice Court Nonparking Dispositions  
 Fiscal years 1968-69 through 1977-78

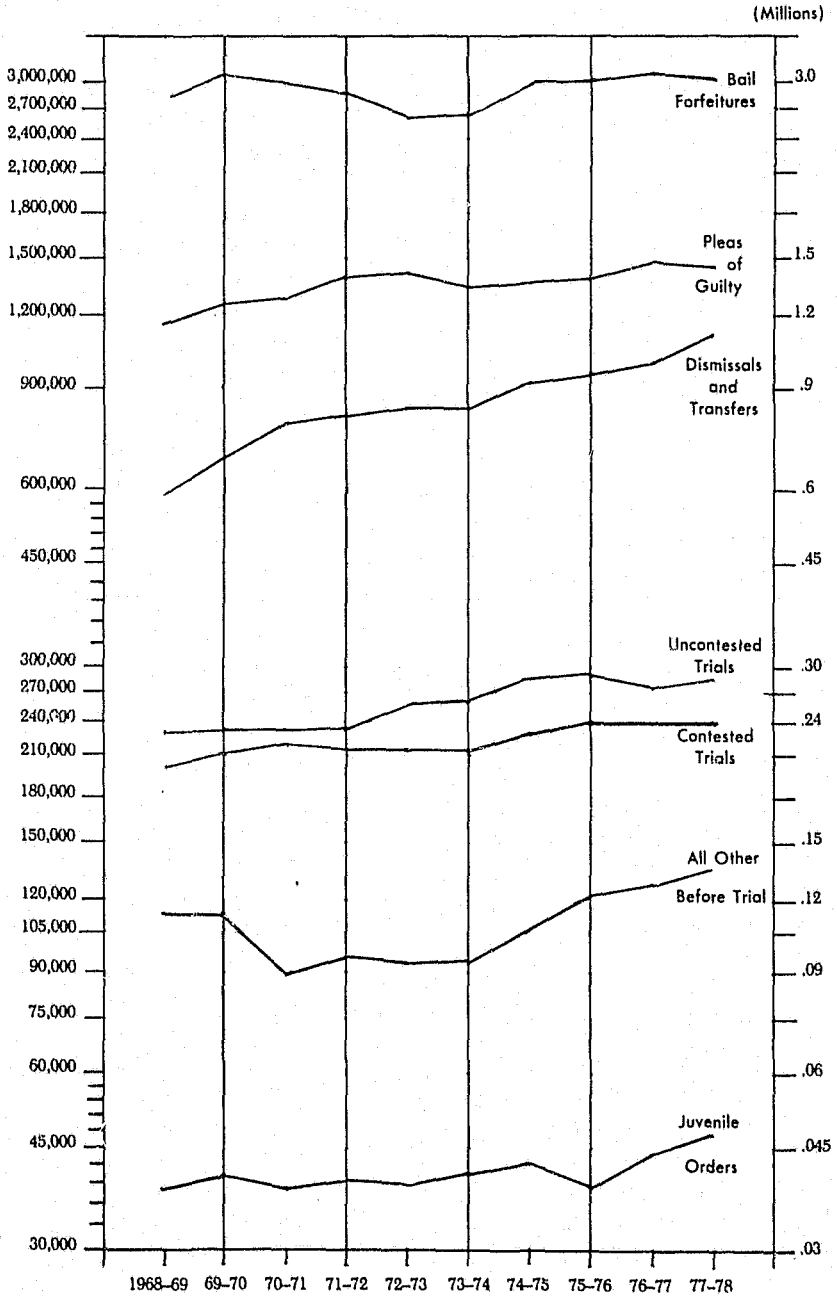


Table XXXII and Figure 12 show nonparking dispositions by type of disposition. Dismissals and transfers increased 11 percent in 1977-1978 to a total of 1.1 million. Such dispositions have grown from 15 percent of all nonparking dispositions in 1974-1975 to 18 percent in 1977-1978. Bail forfeitures and convicted or bound over after plea of guilty each declined in 1977-1978 by 1 and 2 percent respectively. All other before trial dispositions increased by 6 percent to 133,000 in 1977-1978. In the last four years other dispositions have shown year to year increases of 15, 15, 4 and 6 percent respectively.

Uncontested trials increased 3 percent to 284,000 and contested trials decreased by 1 percent to 242,000 in 1977-1978. Juvenile orders rose by 9 percent to 48,000 during the past year.

**TABLE XXXIII—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
NUMBER OF COURTS AND JUDGES  
Fiscal Years 1968-69 Through 1977-78**

Fiscal Year	Municipal Courts				Justice Courts		
	Number of Courts	Authorized Judgeships	Judicial Positions	Judge * Equivalents	Number of Courts	Attorney Judges Number Percentage	
1968-69.....	74	326	346	341	245	71	29
1969-70.....	75	337	358	357	244	71	29
1970-71.....	77	356	384	370	232	71	31
1971-72.....	77	363	394	388	226	75	33
1972-73.....	76	380	414	405	221	79	36
1973-74.....	77	384	428	424	214	82	38
1974-75.....	80	406	459	438	199	84	42
1975-76.....	84	425	482	459	175	79	45
1976-77.....	89	447	511	493	111	109	98
1977-78.....	90	455	527	508	107	105	98

\* Judge equivalents are the number of authorized judgeships adjusted to reflect vacancies, assistance rendered to other courts and assistance received by municipal courts from assigned judges and from temporary judges serving by stipulation of the parties.

Table XXXIII shows the number of lower courts and the number of judges in those courts over the last 10 years. There has been a 38 percent decline in the number of courts, from 319 to 197, due to the consolidation of justice courts, the assimilation of justice courts into municipal courts, and the consolidating of municipal courts. The number of authorized judicial positions in the lower courts has increased over the 10-year span from 591 to 635, a rise of 7 percent; nonparking filings and dispositions have increased about three times faster than judicial positions in the same period.

Also noteworthy in Table XXXIII is the change in attorney judges in justice courts from 1968-1969 to 1977-1978. Ten years ago only 29 percent of justice court judges were attorneys; in 1977-1978, 98 percent were attorneys. The *Gordon* decision and Section 71701 of the Government Code brought about this dramatic change. In *Gordon v. Justice Court* (1974) 12 Cal.3d 323 the Supreme Court held that nonattorney judges may no longer preside over criminal trials of offenses punishable by a jail sentence unless the defendant waives his constitutional right to an attorney judge. The decision became final in February 1975. Section 71701 of the Government Code states: "On and after January 7, 1975, each justice court vacancy shall be filled by an attorney judge who shall at the time of

his selection be a resident of the county.”

Table XXXIV shows the dispositions per 100 filings for certain categories of cases for the most recent 10 fiscal years. This measure, dispositions per 100 filings, is an approximation of the percentage of cases filed that reach a judicial disposition. For example, small claims and other civil cases have 75 dispositions per 100 filings. This could be interpreted loosely as meaning that about one fourth of these cases are not resolved in the judicial system for one reason or another.

**TABLE XXXIV—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
DISPOSITIONS PER 100 FILINGS  
Fiscal Years 1968-69 Through 1977-78**

Fiscal Year	CRIMINAL					CIVIL	
	Felony Prelimi- naries	Non- Traffic	TRAFFIC			Small Claims	Other
			Selected	Other	Parking		
1968-69	82	94	90	94	92	73	76
1969-70	79	95	89	93	90	76	76
1970-71	76	99	90	94	88	78	74
1971-72	70	100	89	94	92	75	79
1972-73	71	97	90	95	90	78	75
1973-74	69	92	90	93	88	76	74
1974-75	71	92	89	91	85	73	73
1975-76	85	92	81	94	86	77	75
1976-77	86	93	82	92	87	75	76
1977-78	81	92	81	91	85	75	75

Generally the number of dispositions per 100 filings is stable from one year to another but there have been two exceptions to this in recent years. Dispositions per 100 filings for felony preliminary cases increased sharply from 71 in 1974-1975 to 85 in 1975-1976 and have since remained at about that level. One reason advanced to explain this change is that district attorneys throughout the state adopted uniform crime charging standards at about the time of the change. By a rigorous screening of cases, possibly a higher proportion of cases filed as felonies receive a judicial disposition. At the same time dispositions per 100 filings for selected traffic violations declined from 89 in 1974-1975 to 81 in 1975-1976 and have remained at about that level. This latter shift coincides with the shift in July 1975 of driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license (Veh. Code, § 14601) and reckless driving without injury (Veh. Code, § 23103) from this category to Group D traffic misdemeanors. This change seems to have had the effect both of causing a decline in the number of Group C (selected traffic) misdemeanor filings and of lowering the dispositions per 100 filings for Group C misdemeanors.

**TABLE XXXV—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
DISPOSITION MATTERS PER JUDGE EQUIVALENT<sup>a</sup>  
Fiscal Years 1968-69 Through 1977-78**

Fiscal Year	Illegal parking	Total nonparking	Nonparking		Uncontested trials <sup>b</sup>	Contested trials	Juries sworn
			Before trial	After trial			
1968-69.....	14,458	12,757	11,589	1,168	578	523	34
1969-70.....	15,406	13,087	11,918	1,169	572	531	33
1970-71.....	15,728	12,654	11,510	1,144	559	530	33
1971-72.....	15,450	12,063	10,988	1,076	537	493	31
1972-73.....	14,865	11,338	10,252	1,087	567	473	30
1973-74.....	14,788	10,861	9,804	1,057	554	451	29
1974-75.....	14,995	11,540	10,428	1,112	583	473	24
1975-76.....	15,744	11,378	10,289	1,089	573	461	22
1976-77 <sup>R</sup> .....	15,383	11,327	10,302	1,025	514	443	20
1977-78.....	15,714	11,316	10,274	1,042	525	438	19

<sup>a</sup> "Judge equivalents" is the number of authorized judgeships adjusted to reflect vacancies, assistance to other courts by municipal courts and assistance received by municipal courts from assigned judges and from temporary judges serving by stipulation of the parties.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes juvenile orders.

<sup>R</sup> Revised

Table XXXV shows the number and types of dispositions per judge equivalent in municipal courts over the last 10 fiscal years. Justice courts were omitted because many of the smaller justice courts have less than a full workload and their inclusion would distort the figures. Parking dispositions per judge equivalent have shown a steady increase, but little judicial time is actually spent on such dispositions. Nonparking dispositions per judge equivalent on the other hand have shown a generally steady decline. Contested trials declined 16 percent and juries sworn 44 percent during the 10-year period.

#### *Dispositions by Type of Proceeding*

Methods of disposition of felony cases in the lower courts are depicted in Figure 13. Only 9 percent of the felony cases were disposed of by guilty plea, while 90 percent of the felonies reduced to misdemeanors under Penal Code 17(b)(5), and 93 percent of the felonies reduced to misdemeanors under other statutory provisions, were disposed of by pleas of guilty.

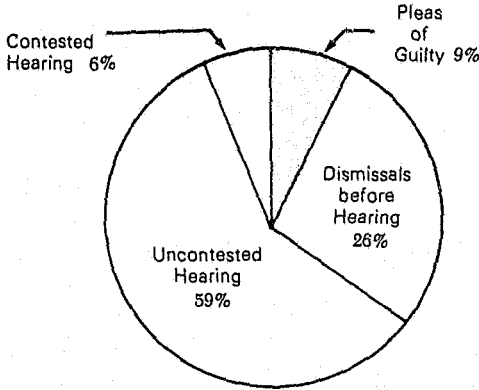
The percentage distributions for nontraffic misdemeanor and infraction dispositions are shown in Figure 14.

The percentage of cases disposed of by bail forfeiture varies significantly among the three categories. Only 3 percent of Group A dispositions are bail forfeitures as compared to 25 percent and 41 percent respectively for Group B misdemeanors and nontraffic infractions.

Dispositions are shown in Figure 15 for the four traffic categories. The ratio of pleas of guilty to bail forfeitures declines as the offenses are ranked from most serious to least serious. A statutory provision (Veh. Code, § 13103) requires a forfeiture of bail to be considered equivalent to a plea of guilty for most purposes. The only significant difference in the effects of these two methods of disposition is the judicial time involved in the plea of guilty.

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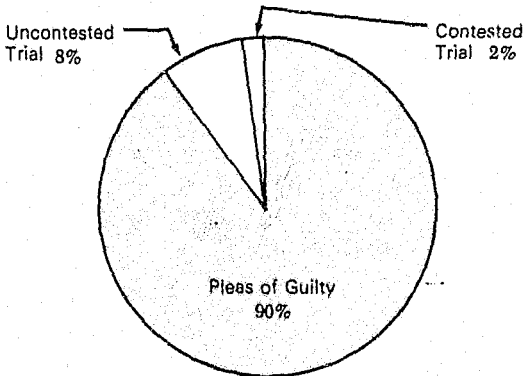
Figure 13—FELONY DISPOSITIONS IN LOWER COURTS \*  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



FELONIES

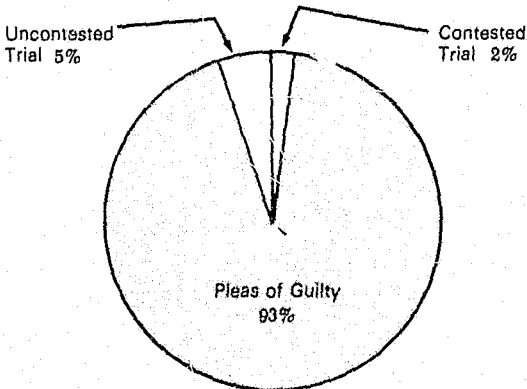
n = 73,331

[ Excludes felonies reduced to misdemeanors ]



FELONIES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS through 17b(5) P.C.

n = 14,858

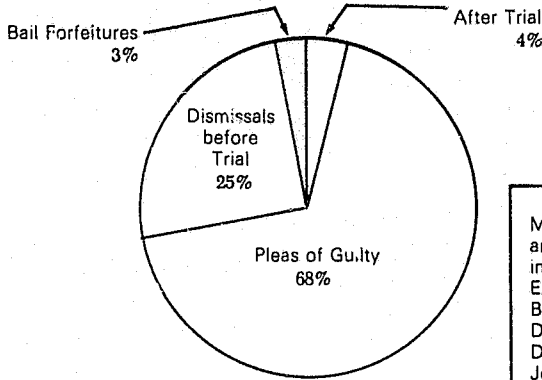


OTHER FELONIES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS

n = 3,557

\* Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Cases transferred to another court are included with dismissals.

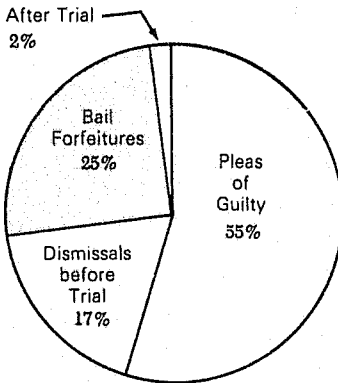
Figure 14—NONTRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS IN LOWER COURTS \*  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



**GROUP A  
MISDEMEANORS**

n = 339,822

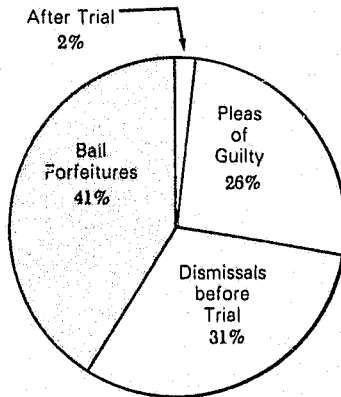
Misdemeanor violations of Penal Code and other state statutes except intoxication and Fish and Game.  
Examples:  
Battery 242 PC  
Disturbing Peace 415 PC  
Disorderly Conduct 647 PC  
Joy Ride 499b PC  
Trespass 602 PC



**GROUP B  
MISDEMEANORS**

n = 195,956

Nontraffic misdemeanor violations of city and county ordinance and intoxication and Fish and Game violations.



**NONTRAFFIC  
INFRACTIONS**

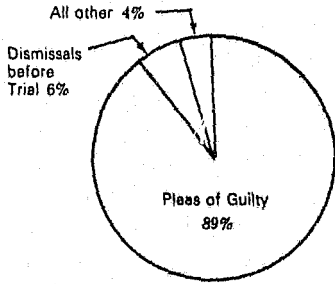
n = 43,600

Violations of city and county ordinances specified as infractions

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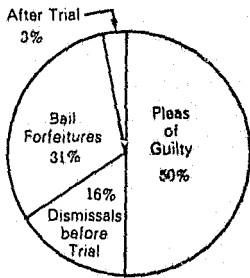
Figure 15—TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS IN LOWER COURTS \*  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



GROUP C TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS

n = 222,427

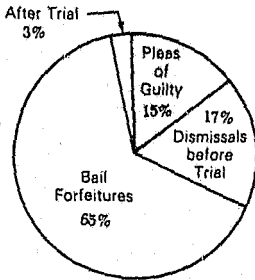
- Hit and Run
- Drunk Driving
- Reckless Driving—Injury
- Driving Under Influence of Drugs



GROUP D TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS

n = 401,198

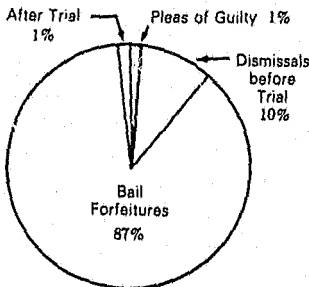
- Examples:
- Speed contests
  - Driving without valid license
  - Violation of truck weight limit
  - Reckless driving without injury



TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

n = 4,295,011

- Examples:
- Speeding
  - Improper operation
  - Faulty equipment
  - Improper registration



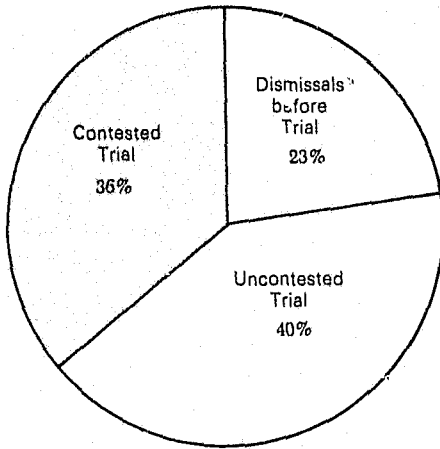
ILLEGAL PARKING

n = 8,096,508

\* Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Cases transferred to another court are included with dismissals.

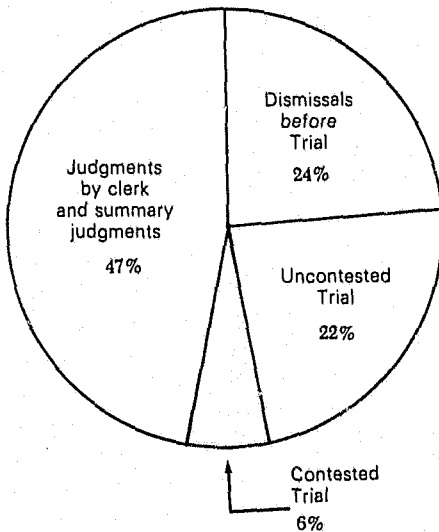


Figure 16—CIVIL DISPOSITIONS IN LOWER COURTS \*  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



SMALL  
CLAIMS

n = 342,225



CIVIL

n = 280,793

\* Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Types of dispositions of small claims and other civil proceedings are shown in Figure 16.

In small claims 36 percent of the dispositions were after contested trials, while in other civil matters only six percent were disposed of in this manner.

#### *Conviction Rates in Criminal Trials*

The number of convictions after uncontested and contested trials by court or by jury according to type of proceeding and the conviction rates are presented in Table XXXVI.

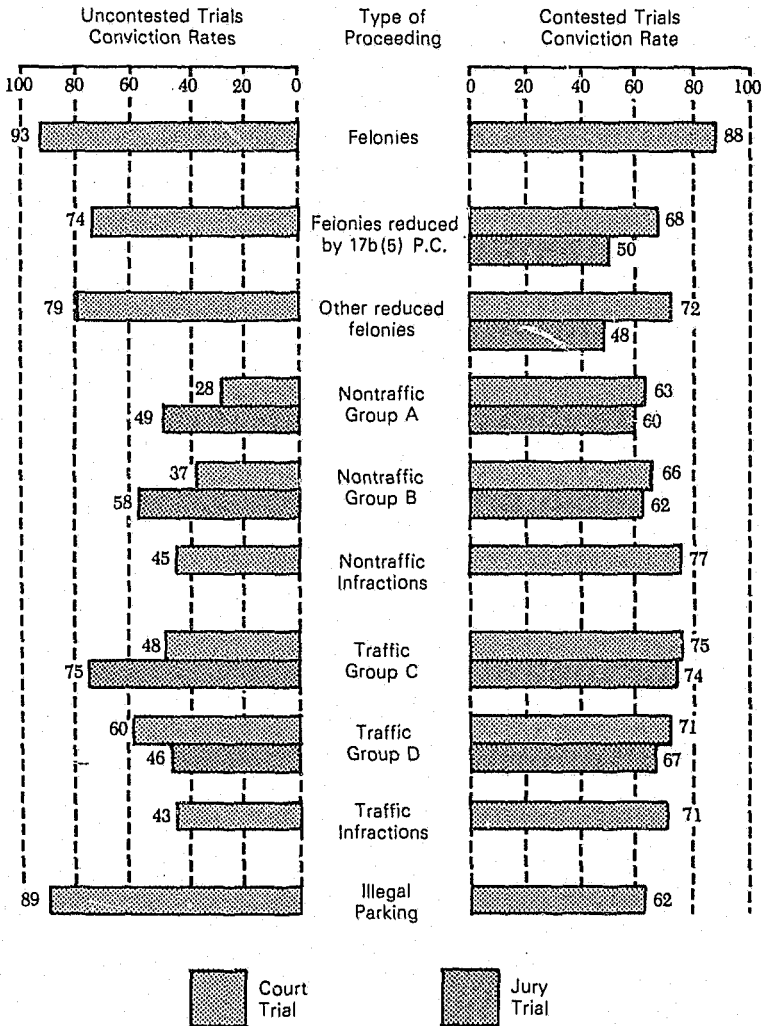
**TABLE XXXVI—CALIFORNIA LOWER COURTS  
CONVICTIONS AND CONVICTION RATES FOR CRIMINAL TRIALS IN  
MUNICIPAL AND JUSTICE COURTS, Fiscal Year 1977-78**

<i>Type of proceeding</i>	<i>Conviction Rates<sup>a</sup></i>				<i>Number of Convictions</i>			
	<i>Uncontested trial</i>		<i>Contested trial</i>		<i>Uncontested trial</i>		<i>Contested trial</i>	
	<i>Court</i>	<i>Jury</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Jury</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Jury</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Jury</i>
Felonies .....	93	-	88	-	40,377	-	3,856	-
Felonies reduced by 17(b) (5) PC ....	74	<sup>b</sup>	68	50	862	6	88	47
Other reduced felonies .....	79	<sup>b</sup>	72	48	137	2	28	16
<b>Nontraffic</b>								
Group A misdemeanor .....	28	49	63	60	895	203	3,499	2,717
Group B misdemeanor .....	37	58	66	62	469	31	1,358	166
Infractions .....	45	-	77	-	161	-	336	-
<b>Traffic</b>								
Group C misdemeanor .....	48	75	75	74	775	174	1,502	2,604
Group E misdemeanor .....	50	46	71	57	1,825	34	3,114	250
Infractions .....	43	-	71	-	12,330	-	51,401	-
Parking .....	89	-	62	-	66,161	-	2,098	-

<sup>a</sup> Number of cases convicted or bound over divided by the number of cases tried (excludes Juvenile Orders) times 100.

<sup>b</sup> Conviction rate not calculated when total cases are less than 25.

Figure 17--CONVICTION RATES IN LOWER COURT  
CRIMINAL TRIALS, Fiscal Year 1977-78



A graphic representation of the conviction rates is shown in Figure 17. The conviction rates for uncontested nontraffic misdemeanors and infractions were generally lower than in contested cases for the same offenses. Conviction rates were somewhat lower in uncontested court trials of Group A, B and C misdemeanors than in uncontested jury trials for the same offenses. Likewise, the conviction rate for uncontested traffic infractions was lower than for contested traffic infractions. The opposite was true for parking trials; uncontested parking trials produced a higher conviction rate than did contested trials.

#### *Weighted Filings*

In 1967 a weighted caseload system was developed for estimating the need for additional judges in municipal courts. Weights were established for seven categories of cases. Later a weight was also established for parking. The weights represent the number of judicial minutes required to dispose of an average filing. A judge year value, representing the average numbers of minutes per judge available in a year for case-related work, is used in conjunction with the weights to determine the number of judges needed to dispose of a given caseload.

The weight for each category of case is multiplied by the number of filings in that category. The total weights for all categories of cases are then divided by the judge year value to obtain the required number of judges.

In 1971 and 1973 a consultant firm conducted six-week surveys in 22 and 21 municipal courts respectively to determine the case weights. In 1975 the number of categories of cases was expanded to 10, and 1977 a 56-court survey was conducted by the staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts for two months to determine new weights for the 10 categories of cases. The courts that participated in the 1977 survey accounted for 73 percent of nonparking filings in fiscal year 1977-1978.

In 1978 the Judicial Council approved the weights and judge year values derived from the survey for use in judgeship needs studies for municipal courts during 1979. The new weights and judge year values are shown in Table XXXVII. Two sets of weights have been approved for use, one set for the Los Angeles Municipal Court and the other for all remaining municipal courts in the state. In Table XXXVII filings for fiscal year 1977-1978 have been multiplied by the appropriate weight for each category and divided by a judge year value to estimate the number of judges needed to dispose of the filings in that category.

**TABLE XXXVII—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
WEIGHTED FILINGS<sup>1</sup> AND REQUIRED JUDICIAL POSITIONS<sup>2</sup> BY TYPE OF PROCEEDING  
Fiscal Year 1977-78**

<i>Type of Proceeding</i>	<i>State Total</i>		<i>Weight</i>	<i>State less Los Angeles</i>		<i>Weight</i>	<i>Los Angeles Court</i>	
	<i>Weighted filings</i>	<i>Required judicial positions</i>		<i>Weighted filings</i>	<i>Required judicial positions</i>		<i>Weighted filings</i>	<i>Required judicial positions</i>
Total .....	39,716,340	542 <sup>3</sup>	-	33,705,935	465 <sup>3</sup>	-	6,004,405	77 <sup>3</sup>
Felony preliminary .....	7,326,668	100	73	6,327,859	87	97	998,809	13
Nontraffic								
Group A misdemeanors .....	10,752,838	146	31	9,090,068	125	34	1,662,770	21
Group B misdemeanors .....	1,141,686	16	6	1,054,134	15	9	87,552	1
Nontraffic infractions .....	194,228	2	4	172,284	2	4	22,004	<1
Traffic								
Group C misdemeanors .....	7,850,198	107	31	6,898,988	95	30	951,210	12
Group D misdemeanors .....	979,074	14	4	841,464	12	6	137,610	2
Traffic infractions .....	3,918,060	53	0.9	3,424,812	47	0.7	493,248	6
Parking .....	282,519	4	0.03	242,206	3	0.03	40,313	1
Civil								
Small claims .....	3,311,993	45	8	2,890,040	40	7	421,953	5
Other civil .....	3,553,016	53	10	2,764,080	38	14	1,188,936	15

<sup>1</sup> Weight times filings, an estimate of judicial minutes of case-related time to dispose of filings.

<sup>2</sup> An estimate of the number of judicial positions needed to dispose of a given amount of filings. Required judicial positions are calculated by dividing weighted filings by an appropriate judge year value. Judge year values vary by size of court as follows:

1-2 (Judges)	71,500
3-10 (Judges)	72,000
11 and over	78,000

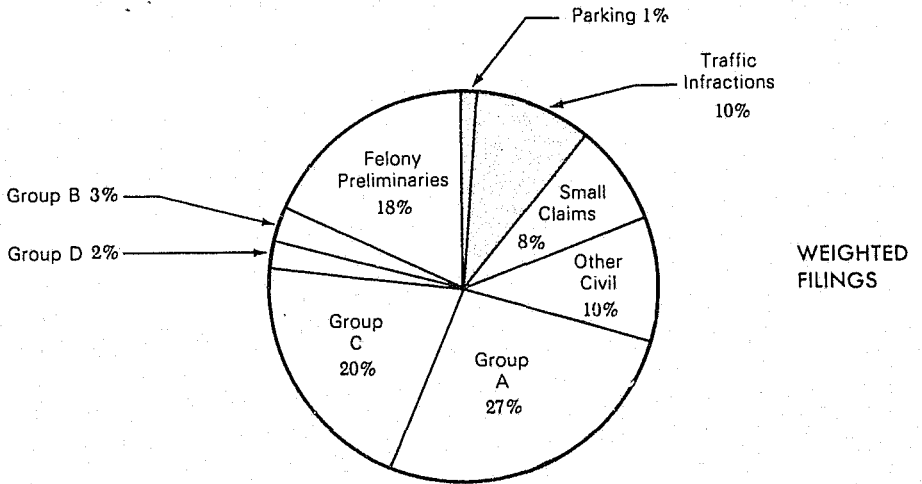
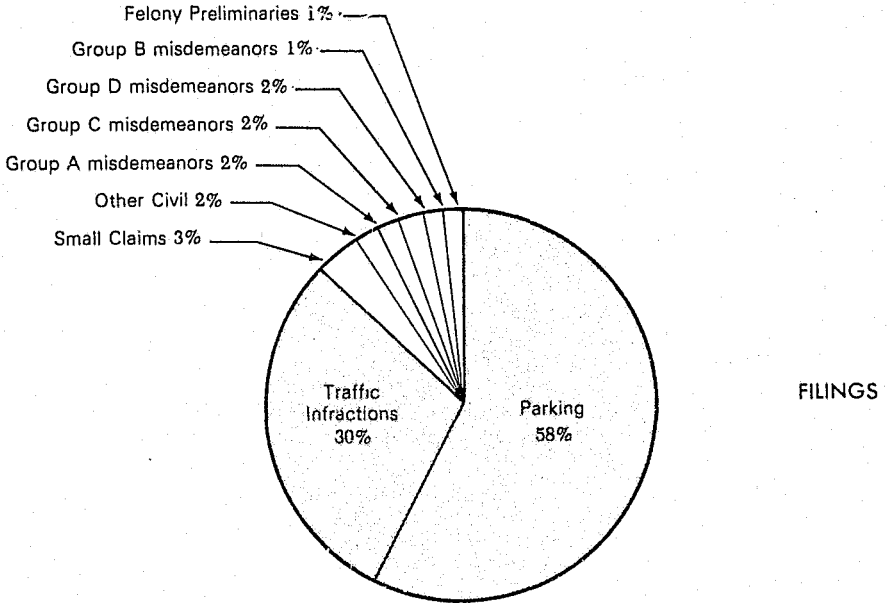
A judge year value of 78,000 was used for Los Angeles and a (weighted) average judge year value of 72,500 for the rest of the courts.

<sup>3</sup> Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

Under the weighted caseload system 542 judicial positions were needed to dispose of the 15.9 million municipal court filings in fiscal year 1977-1978. Sixty-five percent of the required judicial positions were required for three categories of cases: felony preliminary hearings 100, nontraffic Group A misdemeanors 146, and traffic Group C misdemeanors 107. Civil matters required 18 percent of the judicial positions: small claims 45, and other civil 53. Traffic infractions needed 10 percent of the judicial positions, while the remaining four categories of cases required only 7 percent.

Figure 18 compares the percent distribution of filings by type of case with the judicial time needed (weighted filings) to dispose of each of the categories of cases. For example, illegal parking has 58 percent of total municipal court filings but requires only 1 percent of judicial time. In fact, parking and traffic infractions together represent 88 percent of total filings but require only 11 percent of judicial time. The other proceedings, none of which exceeds 3 percent of filings, require the remaining 89 percent of judicial time. Several types of cases stand out as being particularly time consuming. Group A and Group C misdemeanors represent 4 percent of filings but require 47 percent of all municipal court judicial time. Felony complaints, however, are the most time consuming type of case since they comprise only 1 percent of total filings but require 18 percent of judicial time.

Figure 18—PERCENT DISTRIBUTION \* OF FILINGS AND WEIGHTED FILINGS, MUNICIPAL COURTS  
Fiscal Year 1977-78



\* Components may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## E. JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSISTANCE

### 1. SUMMARY—NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS AND DAYS OF ASSIGNED ASSISTANCE

The California Constitution directs that the Chief Justice seek to expedite judicial business and to equalize the work of judges, and it authorizes her to assign judges to assist in courts other than their own.<sup>23</sup>

At the request of presiding judges of both trial and appellate courts, the Chief Justice issues assignments for reasons such as vacancies, illnesses, disqualifications and calendar congestion. The following table reflects the days of assistance provided during fiscal year 1977-1978 and previous fiscal years.

**TABLE XXXVIII—CALIFORNIA COURTS  
TOTAL DAYS OF ASSISTANCE TO COURTS OF APPEAL, SUPERIOR  
COURTS, MUNICIPAL COURTS, AND JUSTICE COURTS<sup>a</sup>, AND DAYS GIVEN  
BY RETIRED JUDGES  
Fiscal Years 1967-68 through 1977-78**

<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Total days of assistance</i>	<i>Days given by retired judges</i>	<i>Percentage of total given by retired judges</i>
1967-68.....	10,058	4,226	42.0
1968-69.....	10,129	4,500.5	44.4
1969-70.....	10,118.5	5,095.5	50.4
1970-71.....	10,074.5	4,805	47.7
1971-72.....	9,294.5	4,203.5	45.2
1972-73.....	11,085	5,141	46.4
1973-74.....	15,550	5,684.5	36.7
1974-75.....	18,707	7,387	39.5
1975-76.....	19,923.5	8,602.5	43.2
1976-77.....	17,403.5	8,350.5	48.0
1977-78.....	19,084	7,495.5	39.3

<sup>a</sup> Information not available prior to January 1, 1973.

### 2. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED PARTICULAR COURTS BY ASSIGNED JUDGES

#### *Courts of Appeal*

Assistance provided to the Courts of Appeal increased substantially in 1977-1978. A total of 2,454 days of assigned assistance was received in the last fiscal year, an increase of 49.8 percent from 1976-1977. Only 22 percent of the assistance given to the Courts of Appeal came from retired judges while 60 percent came from superior court judges. Eighteen percent of the assistance came from municipal court judges.

<sup>23</sup> Cal. Const., art. VI, § 6.



*Superior Court*

Assigned assistance provided the superior courts totaled 7,681.5 days in 1977-1978, a slight increase over the previous year's total of 7,357.5. Retired judges provided 61 percent of the days of assistance to superior courts, superior court judges 18 percent and municipal court judges 20 percent.

**TABLE XXXIX—CALIFORNIA COURTS  
DAYS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY JUDGES THROUGH ASSIGNMENTS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

<i>Assistance given by:</i>	<i>Days of assistance given to:</i>							
	<i>Courts of Appeal</i>		<i>Superior Courts</i>		<i>Municipal Courts</i>		<i>Justice Courts</i>	
	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>
Total, All judges .....	1,638.5	2,454.0	7,357.5	7,681.5	4,655.5	6,534.5	3,752.0	2,414.0
Supreme Court .....	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-
Retired judges .....	1,339.5	531.0	5,345.5	4,705.0	1,543.5	2,250.0	122.0	9.5
Court of Appeal justices .....	95.0	11.0	3.0	7.5	-	7.0	-	-
Superior court judges .....	204.0	1,477.0	1,562.5	1,353.0	15.5	50.0	16.5	54.5
Municipal court judges .....	-	435.0	351.0	1,519.0	367.0	404.0	39.5	25.5
Justice court judges .....	-	-	94.5	97.0	2,729.5	3,823.5	3,574.0	2,324.5

*Municipal Courts*

Municipal courts received 6,534.5 days of assigned assistance in 1977-1978 an increase of 40 percent over that provided in 1976-1977. Justice court judges provided 59 percent of this assistance, followed by retired judges (34 percent) and other municipal court judges (6 percent).

*Justice Courts*

Assigned assistance provided to justice courts in 1977-1978 amounted to 2,414 days, a decline of 36 percent over the previous year. Ninety-six percent of the assistance received was from other justice court judges while 2 percent came from superior court judges and less than 2 percent from municipal court judges and retired judges.

*Days of Assistance Received and Rendered by Courts through Assignments*

Tables XL and XLI display days of assistance received and rendered by the superior courts and the municipal courts, respectively, for the fiscal years 1976-1977 and 1977-1978 on a court by court basis. The last column indicates net days of assistance. A minus item indicates that the court rendered more days of assistance than it received.

TABLE XL—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
DAYS OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AND RENDERED BY COURTS  
THROUGH ASSIGNMENTS\*  
FISCAL YEARS 1977-78 AND 1976-77

County	1977-78			1976-77		
	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered)	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered)
State total.....	7,914.5	1,520.5	6,454.0	7,357.5	1,798.5	5,559.0
Alameda.....	180	18.5	161.5	43	3	40
Alpine.....	10	84	-74	10	155.5	-145.5
Amador.....	53.5	31.5	22	90.5	48	42.5
Butte.....	59	11	48	69	8	61
Calaveras.....	36	76	-40	79	83	-4
Colusa.....	34	55.5	-21.5	40.5	51.5	-11
Contra Costa.....	65.5	4.5	61	41	33	8
Del Norte.....	15	28.5	-13.5	29	70	-41
El Dorado.....	62.5	19.5	43	134	7	127
Fresno.....	145.5	18	127.5	152	3	149
Glenn.....	35.5	40.5	-5	37	44	-7
Humboldt.....	67	17	50	90	26	64
Imperial.....	49	14	35	44	3	41
Inyo.....	38	49.5	-11.5	40	44	-4
Kern.....	104	59.5	44.5	53	34	19
Kings.....	20	14.5	5.5	18.5	28	-9.5
Lake.....	92	13	79	114	13.5	100.5
Lassen.....	28	19	9	11	5	6
Los Angeles.....	1,493.5	81	1,412.5	1,673	196	1,477
Madera.....	225.5	5	220.5	192	6	186
Marin.....	218	16.5	201.5	167	0	167
Mariposa.....	10.5	25	-14.5	18	36.5	-18.5
Mendocino.....	31	22	9	18	10	8
Merced.....	12	7	5	20	24.5	-4.5
Modoc.....	10	54	-44	15	64	-49
Mono.....	43	5	38	14	19	5
Monterey.....	67.5	3	64.5	290.5	9	281.5
Napa.....	71.5	2	69.5	109	10	99
Nevada.....	22.5	34.5	-12	57	23	34
Orange.....	382.5	8	374.5	259.5	4	255.5
Placer.....	95	24.5	70.5	56	49	7
Plumas.....	37	40.5	-3.5	32	33.5	-1.5
Riverside.....	290	34	256	321	20.5	300.5
Sacramento.....	83	13	70	302	11	291
San Benito.....	4.5	123	-118.5	9	107	-98
San Bernardino.....	289	8	281	231	11	220
San Diego.....	970.5	50	920.5	451	1	450
San Francisco.....	527	0	527	392.5	17	375.5
San Joaquin.....	46.5	4	42.5	51.5	13	38.5
San Luis Obispo.....	36	4	32	47.5	39	8.5
San Mateo.....	226	23	203	37	1	36
Santa Barbara.....	324.5	2	322.5	219.5	2.5	217
Santa Clara.....	556	5.5	550.5	321	21.5	299.5
Santa Cruz.....	117.5	1	116.5	214	0	214
Shasta.....	118	18.5	99.5	58.5	42	16.5
Sierra.....	18	81.5	-63.5	12	104.5	-92.5
Siskiyou.....	49	33	11	51	31.5	19.5
Solano.....	17	5	12	33	34	-1
Sonoma.....	60.5	8.5	52	95.5	13	82.5
Stanislaus.....	2	5	-3	4	11.5	-7.5
Sutter.....	60.5	23.5	37	56.5	36	20.5
Tehama.....	30.5	35	-4.5	67.5	31.5	36
Trinity.....	19.5	39	-19.5	48	19	29
Tulare.....	130.5	26	104.5	61.5	36.5	25
Tuolumne.....	49	18.5	30.5	55	16	39
Ventura.....	79.5	11	68.5	124.5	0	124.5
Yolo.....	18	10	8	41	17	24
Yuba.....	38	31.5	6.5	36	17.5	18.5

\* Minus sign (-) indicates the court rendered more days of assistance than it received during the year through assignments by the Chairperson of the Judicial Council under Section 6 of Article VI of the State Constitution. Each day worked in excess of three hours was reported as a full day with three hours or less as a half day.

**TABLE XLI—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
DAYS OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AND RENDERED BY COURTS  
THROUGH ASSIGNMENTS °  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	1977-78			1976-77		
	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered) <sup>a</sup>	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered) <sup>a</sup>
State total .....	6,534.5	1,948.5	4,586	4,655.5	757.5	3,898
<b>Alameda:</b>						
Alameda .....	0	1	-1	48	0	48
Berkeley-Albany .....	39	0	39	0	1	-1
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	68	20	48	25	0	25
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	75	4	71	10	0	10
Oakland-Piedmont .....	105	121.5	-16.5	186	6	180
San Leandro-Hayward .....	22	2	20	26	0	26
<b>Butte:</b>						
Chico .....	49	20	29	34	8	26
<b>Contra Costa:</b>						
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	69	10	59	53	0	53
Delta .....	9	1	8	3	1	2
Mt. Diablo .....	19.5	1	18.5	23	0	23
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	-	-	-	2	0	2
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	70	53	17	2	2	0
West <sup>b</sup> .....	-	-	-	63	2	61
<b>Fresno:</b>						
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	0	0	0	-	-	-
Fresno .....	115	29	86	261	5	256
<b>Humboldt:</b>						
Eureka .....	16.5	13	3.5	23	0	23
<b>Imperial:</b>						
Imperial County .....	10	61	-51	11	63	-52
<b>Kern:</b>						
Bakersfield .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	6.5	69	-62.5	0	8	-8
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	106	58.5	47.5	41	70	-29
<b>Los Angeles:</b>						
Alhambra .....	0	0	0	12	3	9
Antelope .....	12	3	9	20	17	3
Beverly Hills .....	39.5	10	29.5	57	0	57
Burbank .....	3.5	0	3.5	40	0	40
Citrus .....	0	22	-22	0	2	-2
Compton .....	24	29	-5	26	9	17
Culver .....	23	0	23	24	0	24
Downey .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Los Angeles .....	0	0	0	102	0	102
Glendale .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inglewood .....	64.5	0	64.5	36	0	36
Long Beach .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles .....	806	204.5	601.5	438	26	412
Los Cerritos .....	0	35	-35	0	0	0
Malibu .....	20	0	20	18	0	18
Newhall .....	1	3	-2	4	6	-2
Pasadena .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pomona .....	29	22	7	35	0	35
Rio Hondo .....	0	56	-56	8	17	-9
Santa Anita .....	20.5	1	19.5	38	2	36
Santa Monica .....	0	2	-2	0	0	0
South Bay .....	0	4	-4	0	3	-3
Southeast .....	78	0	78	49	0	49
Whittier .....	97	0	97	0	0	0
<b>Marin:</b>						
Central .....	56.5	22.5	34	53.5	1	52.5

**TABLE XLI—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS—Continued**  
**DAYS OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AND RENDERED BY COURTS**  
**THROUGH ASSIGNMENTS <sup>a</sup>**  
**Fiscal Years 1975-76 and 1976-77**

County and judicial district	1976-77			1975-76		
	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered) <sup>a</sup>	Days received	Days rendered	Net days received (or rendered) <sup>a</sup>
Merced:						
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	34	6	28	5	0	5
Monterey:						
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	88.5	11	77.5	44	18.5	25.5
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	28.5	23	5.5	-	-	-
Salinas .....	67.5	8	59.5	59	12.5	46.5
Napa:						
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	207.5	6.5	201	44.5	3	41.5
Orange:						
Central Orange County .....	0	6.5	-6.5	0	23	-23
North Orange County .....	153	26	127	21	0	21
Orange County Harbor .....	84	22	62	129	9	120
South Orange County .....	174	0	174	83	3	80
West Orange County .....	209	53	156	192	0	192
Riverside:						
Corona .....	8	14	-6	16.5	0	16.5
Desert .....	189	20.5	168.5	172	21.5	150.5
Mt. San Jacinto .....	47	0	47	36	0	36
Riverside .....	39	2	37	49	1.5	47.5
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	36	0	36	0	0	0
Sacramento:						
Sacramento .....	167	7.5	159.5	79	0	79
San Bernardino:						
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	360.5	38	322.5	243.5	23	220.5
San Diego:						
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	0	169	-169	0	1	-1
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	298	2	296	0	0	0
San Diego .....	307	149	158	85	17	68
South Bay .....	43	2.5	40.5	66	0	66
San Francisco:						
San Francisco .....	297	37.5	259.5	23	51	-28
San Joaquin:						
Lodi .....	57.5	4.5	53	44	1	43
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	36.5	8	28.5	26	10	16
Stockton .....	58	4	54	22	10.5	11.5
San Luis Obispo:						
San Luis Obispo County .....	57	10	47	63	1.5	61.5
San Mateo:						
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	54	18.5	35.5	56	8	48
Northern .....	130	35	95	43	0	43
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	152.5	21	131.5	58	5.5	52.5
Santa Barbara:						
Lompoc .....	23	9.5	13.5	25.5	15.5	10
Santa Barbara-Coleta .....	80	13	67	141	0	1-
Santa Maria .....	2	20.5	-18.5	5.5	49	-43.5
Santa Clara:						
Cilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	20.5	3.5	17	14	14	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	31	0	31	16	0	16
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	2.5	21	-18.5	1	4	-3
San Jose-Milpitas .....	154.5	60.5	94	121	31.5	89.5
Santa Clara .....	53	63.5	-10.5	10	23	-13
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	0	37.5	-37.5	0	46	-46

**TABLE XLI—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS—Continued**  
**DAYS OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AND RENDERED BY COURTS**  
**THROUGH ASSIGNMENTS<sup>a</sup>**  
**Fiscal Years 1975-76 and 1976-77**

<i>County and judicial district</i>	<i>1976-77</i>			<i>1975-76</i>		
	<i>Days received</i>	<i>Days rendered</i>	<i>Net days received (or rendered)<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Days received</i>	<i>Days rendered</i>	<i>Net days received (or rendered)<sup>a</sup></i>
Santa Cruz:						
Santa Cruz County.....	63	6.5	56.5	162	1	161
Solano:						
Northern Solano.....	81.5	6	75.5	78	3	75
Vallejo-Benicia.....	45	1	44	34	2	32
Sonoma:						
Sonoma County.....	81	1	80	241	10.5	230.5
Stanislaus:						
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	112	1	111	106	23.5	82.5
Sutter:						
Sutter County.....	73	10.5	62.5	60	10	50
Tulare:						
Porterville.....	47.5	27	20.5	46.5	7	39.5
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	86	49	37	22	3	19
Visalia.....	86	18.5	67.5	57	36.5	20.5
Ventura:						
Ventura County.....	27	15	12	77	5.5	71.5
Yolo:						
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	29	1	28	7	0	7

<sup>a</sup> Minus sign (-) indicates the court rendered more days of assistance than it received during the year through assignments by the Chairperson of the Judicial Council under Section 6 of Article VI of the State Constitution. Each day worked in excess of three hours was reported as a full day with three hours or less as a half day.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

### 3. ASSISTANCE BY COMMISSIONERS, REFEREES AND TEMPORARY JUDGES

Some superior and municipal courts also received assistance in fiscal year 1977-1978 other than by assignment from the Chief Justice. This assistance, as shown in the following Tables XLII and XLIII, was provided by commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges. Such assistance should be considered when analyzing workload or productivity of these courts.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>24</sup> In a number of instances throughout this report statistics are analyzed on a "per judge" basis. Such treatment reflects only the number of authorized judges and does not reflect assistance given or received through judicial assignments or through the use of commissioners, referees and temporary judges. A valid assessment of workload or productivity in such courts requires that "per judge" figures be adjusted to reflect the actual judge and other manpower available.

TABLE XLII—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
DAYS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY COMMISSIONERS,  
REFEREES AND TEMPORARY JUDGES

Fiscal Year 1977-78

Court	Total days	Commissioners <sup>a</sup>		Referees	Lawyers as temporary judges
		As temporary judges	As commissioners		
State total .....	27,143.5	4,073.5	9,971.0	11,677.5	1,421.5
Alameda .....	1,445.0	495.0	126.0	824.0	—
Contra Costa .....	684.5	—	240.0	444.5	—
Fresno .....	498.0	—	—	468.0	30.0
Kern .....	736.5	57.0	198.0	467.5	14.0
Los Angeles .....	13,912.0	2,000.0	7,215.0	4,611.5	85.5
Marin .....	249.0	—	231.0	18.0	—
Orange .....	1,489.5	—	—	1,252.5	237.0
Placer .....	137.0	—	—	137.0	—
Riverside .....	383.0	272.5	22.0	14.5	74.0
Sacramento .....	458.0	—	42.0	412.0	4.0
San Bernardino .....	1,017.5	338.5	537.0	85.0	57.0
San Diego .....	1,043.0	15.5	—	720.0	307.5
San Francisco .....	1,540.5	647.0	893.5	—	—
San Joaquin .....	240.5	—	—	240.5	—
San Mateo .....	496.0	—	224.0	246.0	26.0
Santa Barbara .....	594.0	13.0	—	470.0	111.0
Santa Clara .....	544.0	—	20.0	229.0	295.0
Santa Cruz .....	114.0	—	—	114.0	—
Solano .....	77.5	—	3.5	74.0	—
Sonoma .....	228.0	—	—	228.0	—
Stanislaus .....	212.0	—	—	212.0	—
Tulare .....	261.0	—	—	250.0	11.0
Ventura .....	588.5	234.0	216.0	—	138.5
Yolo .....	86.0	—	—	86.0	—
Other courts .....	108.5	1.0	3.0	73.5	31.0

<sup>a</sup> Excludes jury commissioners.

### Superior Courts

In 1977-1978, 27,143.5 days of assistance by commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges was received by the superior courts. Forty-three percent of this assistance was furnished by referees, 15 percent by commissioners acting as temporary judges, 37 percent by commissioners acting as commissioners and 5 percent was supplied by lawyers acting as temporary judges.

Table XLII lists the days of assistance by commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges for superior courts receiving such assistance. Los Angeles received 51 percent of the total assistance for all superior courts. In almost all cases, commissioners perform functions which would otherwise require a judge. In some courts they hear matters on stipulation and sign orders as temporary judges, while in other courts they do not sign orders but prepare them for a judge's signature. The assistance provided to superior court by commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges amounted to the equivalent of 126 full time judges in 1977-1978.

*Municipal Courts*

In 1977-1978, municipal courts received a total of 20,408.5 days of assistance from commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges, an increase of 16 percent from 1976-1977. Since 1972-1973, when the figure was 10,504 days, this assistance has increased by 94 percent. Table XLIII lists the days of assistance by commissioners, referees and attorneys acting as temporary judges for municipal courts receiving such assistance.

Commissioners acting as temporary judges provided 47 percent of this assistance. Lawyers acting as temporary judges contributed 18 percent of the total assistance.

Seventy-six municipal courts received assistance from commissioners, referees or temporary judges. Twenty-two municipal courts received fewer than 50 days of assistance and 13 municipal courts received more than 432 days of assistance (the equivalent of two full time judges). Twenty-three of the municipal courts receiving assistance from commissioners, referees or temporary judges are within Los Angeles County and they received 60 percent of all assistance given.

The 20,408.5 days of assistance to municipal courts from commissioners, referees and temporary judges in 1977-1978 was the equivalent of 94 additional full-time municipal court judges.

TABLE XLIII—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS DAYS OF ASSISTANCE  
GIVEN BY COMMISSIONERS, REFEREES AND TEMPORARY JUDGES

Fiscal Year 1977-78

Court	Total days	Commissioners		Referees <sup>b</sup>	Lawyers as temporary judges
		As temporary judges	As commissioners <sup>a</sup>		
Total	20,408.5	9,649.0	3,716.5	3,296.5	3,746.5
Oakland-Piedmont	590.0	—	210.5	27.0	352.5
Walnut Creek-Danville	68.5	—	—	—	68.5
Fresno	290.5	13.5	—	212.5	64.5
Imperial County	156.0	—	—	156.0	—
West Kern	524.0	—	—	471.0	53.0
Alhambra	230.0	183.0	39.5	—	7.5
Antelope	250.0	250.0	—	—	—
Beverly Hills	435.0	5.0	242.0	—	188.0
Burbank	61.0	45.0	15.5	—	0.5
Citrus	402.5	391.0	7.0	—	4.5
Compton	636.0	415.0	32.0	—	189.0
Culver	62.0	31.0	31.0	—	—
Downey	253.0	230.0	—	—	23.0
East Los Angeles	449.5	355.0	84.0	—	10.5
Glendale	227.0	95.0	131.0	—	1.0
Inglewood	572.5	556.0	—	—	16.5
Long Beach	538.0	203.5	155.5	57.5	121.5
Los Angeles	5,480.5	4,252.0	118.5	113.0	997.0
Los Cerritos	306.0	237.0	—	24.0	45.0
Malibu	242.0	174.0	67.0	—	1.0
Pasadena	297.0	199.0	22.0	2.0	74.0
Pomona	258.0	87.0	144.0	—	27.0
Rio Hondo	296.0	296.0	—	—	—
Santa Anita	118.5	91.5	22.5	—	4.5
Santa Monica	250.0	223.0	—	—	27.0
South Bay	79.0	—	79.0	—	—
Southeast	538.5	448.0	2.0	—	88.5
Whittier	238.5	143.0	89.0	—	6.5
Merced County	436.5	—	—	434.0	2.5
Monterey Peninsula	153.5	—	116.5	—	37.0
North Monterey County	83.0	—	78.0	—	5.0
Orange County Harbor	583.5	95.5	200.5	204.0	83.5
South Orange County	81.0	—	—	—	81.0
West Orange County	495.0	—	404.0	23.0	68.0
Desert	107.5	—	—	—	107.5
Mt. San Jacinto	206.0	—	—	206.0	—
Riverside	279.0	—	233.0	—	46.0
Sacramento	295.0	—	—	231.0	64.0
San Bernardino County	544.0	223.5	50.5	208.0	62.0
North County	52.5	—	—	—	52.5
San Diego	304.0	—	215.0	—	89.0
San Luis Obispo County	107.5	—	—	107.5	—
Central (San Mateo)	113.0	7.5	3.0	102.5	—
Northern (San Mateo)	247.0	78.0	75.0	94.0	—
Southern (San Mateo)	391.5	57.0	219.0	96.0	19.5



**TABLE XLIII—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS DAYS OF ASSISTANCE  
GIVEN BY COMMISSIONERS, REFEREES AND TEMPORARY JUDGES**

**Fiscal Year 1977-78**

<i>Court</i>	<i>Total days</i>	<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Referees<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Lawyers as temporary judges</i>
		<i>As temporary judges</i>	<i>As commissioners<sup>a</sup></i>		
Santa Barbara-Coleta .....	94.0	11.0	—	13.0	70.0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga.....	120.5	—	103.5	—	15.0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	580.0	222.0	229.0	—	129.0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	128.0	25.5	68.0	—	34.5
Santa Cruz County.....	165.0	—	—	126.0	39.0
Northern Solano .....	209.0	—	209.0	—	—
Sonoma County .....	204.0	—	—	204.0	—
Visalia .....	52.0	—	—	50.0	2.0
Yolo County .....	82.0	—	—	82.0	—
Other courts <sup>c</sup> .....	445.0	5.5	18.5	52.5	368.5

<sup>a</sup> Includes traffic commissioners and excludes jury commissioners.

<sup>b</sup> Includes days of assistance given by traffic referees.

<sup>c</sup> Represents 22 courts, each receiving less than 50 days of total assistance. Fourteen courts received no assistance.

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**TABLE 1—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT SUMMARY OF FILINGS**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

<i>Type of filing</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total filings .....	3,881	3,665
Appeals:		
Civil .....	0	0
Criminal .....	3	27
Original proceedings:		
Civil .....	272	235
Criminal .....	466	476
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate:		
Civil .....	0	0
Criminal .....	0	0
Petitions for hearing of cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal .....	3,140	2,927

**TABLE 2—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT BUSINESS TRANSACTED**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

<i>Business transacted</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total business transacted .....	6,168 <sup>a</sup>	6,065
Appeals:		
By written opinion:		
Civil .....	56	66
Criminal .....	32	19
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):		
Civil .....	2	3
Criminal .....	0	3
Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):		
By written opinion .....	42	59
Without opinion .....	595	550
Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted: <sup>a</sup>		
By written opinion .....	0	1
Without opinion .....	110	112
Hearings:		
Granted .....	273	231
Denied .....	2,867	2,696
Rehearings:		
Granted .....	1	0
Denied .....	61	69
Orders: <sup>b</sup>		
Transfers and retransfers .....	213	258
Alternative writs or orders to show cause .....	87	59
Miscellaneous .....	1,770	1,885
Executive clemency applications <sup>c</sup> .....	51	54

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

<sup>c</sup> Cal. Const., art. V, § 8.

**TABLE 3—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL FILINGS AND TRANSFERS FROM SUPREME COURT  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

	<i>Total All Courts of Appeal</i>		<i>First District</i>		<i>Second District</i>		<i>Third District</i>		<i>Fourth District</i>		<i>Fifth District</i>	
	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>
Total filings and transfers from Supreme Court .....	13,018	11,939	3,988	3,594	4,641	4,354	1,239	1,235	2,126	1,956	1,024	800
Appeals:												
Civil .....	3,518	3,283	1,088	1,110	980	962	454	400	749	629	247	182
Criminal .....	3,947	4,040	980	978	1,610	1,665	329	373	587	641	441	383
Original proceedings:												
Civil .....	3,830	3,211	1,148	969	1,434	1,224	320	300	662	549	266	169
Criminal .....	1,042	926	311	305	420	299	131	158	111	105	69	59
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate .....	681	479	461	232	197	204	5	4	17	32	1	7

TABLE 4—CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT AND COURTS OF APPEAL  
SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal	<u>Totals</u>		<u>Appeals</u>		<u>Original proceedings</u>		<u>Motions<sup>a</sup></u>		<u>Hearings</u>		<u>Rehearings</u>		<u>Orders<sup>b</sup></u>		<u>Executive clemency applications<sup>c</sup></u>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Total, Supreme Court and Courts of Ap- peal.....	30,851	28,288	8,673	8,085	5,265	4,749	1,195	1,042	3,140	2,927	1,490	1,446	11,037	9,985	51	54
Supreme Court .....	6,168	6,065	90	91	637	609	118	113	3,140	2,927	62	69	2,070	2,202	51	54
Courts of Appeal, total	24,683	22,223	8,583	7,994	4,628	4,140	1,077	929	—	—	1,428	1,377	8,967	7,783	—	—
First District.....	8,492	7,797	2,500	2,206	1,319	1,267	359	404	—	—	466	462	3,848	3,458	—	—
Second District .....	8,582	7,571	2,836	2,839	1,724	1,446	132	122	—	—	523	544	3,367	2,620	—	—
Third District.....	2,587	2,269	859	772	450	472	386	281	—	—	176	133	716	611	—	—
Fourth District .....	3,781	3,619	1,698	1,591	820	737	97	77	—	—	204	183	962	1,031	—	—
Fifth District .....	1,241	967	690	586	315	218	103	45	—	—	59	55	74	63	—	—

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

<sup>c</sup> Cal. Const., art. V, § 8.

**TABLE 5—CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL  
SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

	<i>Business transacted</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total business transacted .....		24,683	22,223
<b>Appeals:</b>			
By written opinion:			
Civil .....		2,408	2,656
Criminal .....		3,278	2,970
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):			
Civil .....		2,075	1,648
Criminal .....		822	720
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>			
By written opinion .....		407	377
Without opinion .....		4,221	3,763
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted:<sup>a</sup></b>			
By written opinion .....		19	6
Without opinion .....		1,058	923
<b>Rehearings:</b>			
Granted .....		139	127
Denied .....		1,289	1,250
Orders (miscellaneous) <sup>b</sup> .....		8,967	7,783

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

**TABLE 6—FIRST APPELLATE (SAN FRANCISCO) DISTRICT  
(Four Divisions—16 Judges) <sup>a</sup>  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

	<i>Business transacted</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total business transacted .....		8,492	7,797
<b>Appeals:</b>			
By written opinion:			
Civil .....		724	830
Criminal .....		777	741
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):			
Civil .....		792	484
Criminal .....		207	151
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>			
By written opinion .....		112	105
Without opinion .....		1,207	1,162
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted: <sup>b</sup></b>			
By written opinion .....		1	0
Without opinion .....		358	404
<b>Rehearings:</b>			
Granted .....		49	64
Denied .....		417	398
Orders (miscellaneous) <sup>c</sup> .....		3,848	3,458

<sup>a</sup> Effective January 1, 1976 four judges were added, one to each division, for a total of sixteen positions.

<sup>b</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>c</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

**TABLE 7—SECOND APPELLATE (LOS ANGELES) DISTRICT  
(Five Divisions—20 Judges)  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

<i>Business transacted</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>
Total business transacted .....	8,582	7,571
<b>Appeals:</b>		
By written opinion:		
Civil .....	811	937
Criminal .....	1,290	1,180
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):		
Civil .....	377	414
Criminal .....	358	308
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>		
By written opinion .....	129	119
Without opinion .....	1,595	1,327
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted:<sup>a</sup></b>		
By written opinion .....	2	1
Without opinion .....	130	121
<b>Rehearings:</b>		
Granted .....	42	28
Denied .....	481	516
Orders (miscellaneous) <sup>b</sup> .....	3,367	2,620

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

**TABLE 8—THIRD APPELLATE (SACRAMENTO) DISTRICT  
(One Division—7 Judges)  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

<i>Business transacted</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1976-77</i>
Total business transacted .....	2,587	2,269
<b>Appeals:</b>		
By written opinion:		
Civil .....	209	257
Criminal .....	303	260
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):		
Civil .....	287	198
Criminal .....	60	57
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>		
By written opinion .....	68	62
Without opinion .....	382	410
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted:<sup>a</sup></b>		
By written opinion .....	12	4
Without opinion .....	374	277
<b>Rehearings:</b>		
Granted .....	30	25
Denied .....	146	108
Orders (miscellaneous) <sup>b</sup> .....	716	611

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.



**TABLE 9—FOURTH APPELLATE (SAN DIEGO AND SAN BERNARDINO) DISTRICT  
(Two Divisions—9 Judges)  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

	<i>Business transacted</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total business transacted .....		3,781	3,619
<b>Appeals:</b>			
By written opinion:			
Civil .....		535	483
Criminal .....		557	496
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):			
Civil .....		480	459
Criminal .....		126	153
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>			
By written opinion .....		53	59
Without opinion .....		767	678
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted:<sup>a</sup></b>			
By written opinion .....		0	0
Without opinion .....		97	77
<b>Rehearings:</b>			
Granted .....		13	5
Denied .....		191	178
<b>Orders (miscellaneous)<sup>b</sup></b> .....		962	1,031

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

**TABLE 10—FIFTH APPELLATE (FRESNO) DISTRICT  
(One Division—4 Judges)  
BUSINESS TRANSACTED  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

	<i>Business transacted</i>	1977-78	1976-77
Total business transacted .....		1,241	967
<b>Appeals:</b>			
By written opinion:			
Civil .....		129	149
Criminal .....		351	293
Without opinion (by dismissal, affirmance or reversal on stipulation, motion, etc.):			
Civil .....		139	93
Criminal .....		71	51
<b>Original proceedings (including habeas corpus):</b>			
By written opinion .....		45	32
Without opinion .....		270	186
<b>Motions (miscellaneous) denied or granted:<sup>a</sup></b>			
By written opinion .....		4	1
Without opinion .....		99	44
<b>Rehearings:</b>			
Granted .....		5	5
Denied .....		54	50
<b>Orders (miscellaneous)<sup>b</sup></b> .....		74	63

<sup>a</sup> Excludes granted motions to dismiss reported under appeals.

<sup>b</sup> Not reported elsewhere.

**TABLE 11—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
SUMMARY OF ALL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Number of Judgeships <sup>a</sup>		Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
									1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	551	542	726,716	R713,846	599,069	R588,036	237,690	R225,675	299,019	303,455	62,360	58,906
Alameda .....	<sup>c</sup> 30	<sup>b</sup> 29	34,984	33,931	32,492	29,867	10,827	9,516	17,525	16,247	4,140	4,104
Alpine .....	1	1	46	19	26	20	17	14	4	6	5	0
Amador .....	1	1	441	449	236	280	42	91	149	146	45	43
Butte .....	3	3	4,043	3,639	3,323	2,723	1,233	697	1,875	1,813	215	213
Calaveras .....	1	1	621	556	439	448	159	154	203	228	77	66
Colusa .....	1	1	359	373	252	303	81	108	95	168	76	27
Contra Costa .....	12	<sup>b</sup> 12	19,721	18,374	15,918	15,925	5,688	5,671	8,610	8,577	1,620	1,677
Del Norte .....	1	1	821	699	664	635	202	272	382	303	80	60
El Dorado .....	3	<sup>b</sup> 3	2,459	2,428	1,971	2,124	733	816	1,037	1,095	201	213
Fresno .....	<sup>c</sup> 12	<sup>b</sup> 10	16,184	15,152	12,844	12,953	5,027	4,539	6,753	6,813	1,064	1,601
Glenn .....	1	1	602	554	498	434	146	124	283	236	69	74
Humboldt .....	3	3	3,669	3,656	3,095	3,194	1,071	1,172	1,736	1,728	288	294
Imperial .....	3	3	2,415	R2,368	1,759	1,864	700	729	656	965	403	170
Inyo .....	1	1	576	657	389	465	141	163	236	264	11	38
Kern .....	8	8	11,660	11,124	9,895	9,139	2,889	2,820	6,079	5,348	927	971
Kings .....	2	2	2,105	2,024	1,736	1,831	590	701	868	962	278	168
Lake .....	1	1	1,188	R1,405	1,011	1,234	437	643	500	488	74	103
Lassen .....	1	1	522	542	476	574	166	255	246	253	64	66
Los Angeles .....	171	171	225,645	229,637	188,307	183,422	92,357	83,965	77,942	81,332	17,998	18,125
Madera .....	1	1	2,021	1,806	1,705	1,602	435	423	1,048	971	222	208
Marin .....	6	<sup>b</sup> 6	6,225	R6,842	5,324	5,282	2,118	1,921	2,620	2,887	586	474
Mariposa .....	1	1	313	266	226	220	73	105	128	95	25	20
Mendocino .....	2	2	2,152	2,308	1,853	1,740	660	563	1,054	1,030	139	147
Merced .....	3	3	4,042	3,944	3,081	2,880	1,242	1,124	1,525	1,468	314	288
Modoc .....	1	1	300	307	263	267	119	123	119	124	25	20
Mono .....	1	1	314	266	130	191	34	62	41	60	55	69
Monterey .....	7	<sup>b</sup> 7	9,556	9,264	9,645	8,648	3,710	3,395	5,043	4,533	892	720
Napa .....	2	2	3,176	3,164	2,633	2,673	630	657	1,372	1,448	631	568
Nevada .....	2	<sup>b</sup> 2	1,358	1,234	1,008	1,020	366	518	510	460	132	42
Orange .....	<sup>c</sup> 40	<sup>d</sup> 37	57,577	57,493	45,620	48,410	16,578	17,579	26,253	28,172	2,789	2,659
Placer .....	3	3	3,863	3,360	3,009	2,987	1,129	1,127	1,575	1,527	305	333
Plumas .....	1	1	577	576	497	425	131	70	293	296	73	59
Riverside .....	13	13	19,895	18,496	17,513	16,620	7,038	6,878	8,551	8,193	1,924	1,549

Sacramento.....	<sup>c</sup> 22	20	28,055	26,345	25,323	22,640	10,129	7,994	13,017	12,697	2,177	1,949
San Benito .....	1	1	696	594	633	545	278	220	280	277	75	48
San Bernardino .....	18	18	26,849	25,037	19,691	18,835	7,198	6,844	10,287	10,051	2,206	1,940
San Diego .....	35	<sup>b</sup> 35	54,594	51,268	43,744	43,368	11,507	12,267	27,208	26,407	5,029	4,694
San Francisco .....	26	26	28,018	27,641	22,742	23,487	10,662	10,560	9,355	10,657	2,725	2,270
San Joaquin.....	7	7	10,499	9,976	8,747	8,057	2,816	2,693	4,562	4,206	1,369	1,158
San Luis Obispo .....	4	4	4,641	4,772	3,975	3,528	1,350	1,155	2,264	2,028	361	345
San Mateo.....	14	14	16,341	16,232	13,825	12,491	4,211	3,450	7,933	7,344	1,681	1,697
Santa Barbara .....	7	7	10,079	10,197	7,887	7,807	2,953	2,723	4,181	4,332	753	752
Santa Clara .....	29	<sup>b</sup> 29	40,304	40,231	28,840	33,261	9,704	11,712	16,524	19,114	2,612	2,435
Santa Cruz .....	4	<sup>b</sup> 4	5,043	<sup>H</sup> 4,500	4,412	<sup>H</sup> 4,137	1,474	<sup>H</sup> 1,261	2,384	2,454	554	422
Shasta .....	3	3	3,876	3,913	3,278	3,574	1,230	1,263	1,477	1,905	571	406
Sierra .....	1	1	61	86	76	48	4	7	36	22	36	19
Siskiyou .....	1	1	1,185	1,241	974	930	334	362	553	474	87	94
Solano .....	4	4	6,228	5,637	4,370	4,543	1,234	1,490	2,779	2,632	357	421
Sonoma .....	6	<sup>b</sup> 6	8,723	8,887	7,687	7,691	1,868	2,029	4,692	4,766	1,127	896
Stanislaus.....	6	6	9,299	9,291	6,855	7,171	2,210	2,502	3,699	3,668	946	1,001
Sutter .....	2	2	1,730	1,446	1,232	1,197	547	512	583	557	102	128
Tehama .....	1	1	1,130	1,164	770	848	263	289	462	466	53	93
Trinity .....	1	1	388	413	349	393	122	144	166	175	61	74
Tulare .....	<sup>c</sup> 5	4	6,862	6,479	5,918	5,302	2,635	1,977	2,506	2,702	777	623
Tuolumne .....	1	1	1,068	1,079	849	813	306	314	504	429	39	70
Ventura .....	9	<sup>c</sup> 9	17,082	15,922	14,889	13,051	6,303	5,557	6,042	5,744	2,544	1,750
Yolo .....	3	3	3,022	2,808	2,813	2,472	1,135	850	1,474	1,374	204	248
Yuba .....	2	2	1,583	1,774	1,345	1,447	438	503	740	738	167	204

<sup>a</sup> Number of authorized judgeships at end of the fiscal year.

<sup>b</sup> Statute provided for increase effective January 1, 1977.

<sup>c</sup> Statute provided for increase effective January 1, 1978.

<sup>d</sup> Statute provided for increase effective on date county board of supervisors adopted resolution to pay local costs. Resolution adopted March 25, 1977.

<sup>e</sup> Statute provided for one additional judgeship effective July 1, 1976 and one effective January 1, 1977 for a total of nine positions.

<sup>H</sup> Revised.

**TABLE 12—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial		1977-78	1976-77
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters		
State total...	63,759	64,910	59,769	62,125	4,332	3,279	52,119	56,122	3,318	2,724
Alameda.....	3,778	3,641	4,455	4,029	442	409	3,383	3,246	630	374
Alpine.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Amador.....	60	70	30	53	0	0	30	53	0	0
Butte.....	436	505	541	415	199	1	335	411	7	3
Calaveras.....	74	55	43	55	7	0	33	53	3	2
Colusa.....	67	75	32	55	1	0	31	54	0	1
Contra Costa..	1,648	1,628	1,401	1,522	156	138	1,237	1,359	8	25
Del Norte.....	76	74	71	84	0	14	69	69	2	1
El Dorado.....	171	152	160	166	7	1	152	166	1	1
Fresno.....	1,446	1,623	1,351	1,543	26	39	1,297	1,415	28	89
Glenn.....	91	89	123	49	3	5	120	42	0	2
Humboldt.....	496	478	457	442	69	40	381	382	7	20
Imperial.....	311	250	318	259	111	8	203	251	4	0
Inyo.....	66	60	54	31	1	0	53	31	0	0
Kern.....	856	831	851	802	0	0	849	798	2	4
Kings.....	200	164	182	173	4	5	178	168	0	0
Lake.....	155	145	177	158	3	0	174	155	0	3
Lassen.....	89	74	72	64	1	1	69	63	2	0
Los Angeles...	13,845	20,043	18,244	19,633	2,494	1,745	15,172	17,315	578	593
Madera.....	142	148	133	188	0	1	132	186	1	1
Marin.....	773	743	751	726	1	2	746	723	4	1
Mariposa.....	48	31	39	28	4	0	33	26	2	2
Mendocino.....	289	295	257	213	26	16	229	196	2	1
Merced.....	322	323	334	311	8	2	326	307	0	2
Modoc.....	59	44	57	39	10	1	47	38	0	0
Mono.....	23	12	2	13	0	0	0	6	2	7
Monterey.....	861	893	980	966	29	65	939	889	12	12
Napa.....	334	392	283	293	7	2	268	288	8	3
Nevada.....	164	144	81	129	2	3	74	126	5	0
Orange.....	3,056	3,295	2,453	2,785	25	14	2,400	2,735	28	36
Placer.....	239	259	209	232	0	2	209	230	0	0
Plumas.....	67	48	44	56	1	0	43	56	0	0
Riverside.....	1,866	1,796	1,690	1,687	51	79	1,549	1,495	90	113
Sacramento....	2,012	2,002	2,270	2,087	29	3	2,213	2,068	28	16
San Benito.....	90	83	86	87	4	4	82	78	0	5
San Bernar- dino.....	2,182	2,102	1,745	1,815	42	74	1,656	1,706	47	35
San Diego.....	4,933	4,797	4,170	4,201	18	12	3,149	3,213	1,003	976
San Francisco	3,710	3,836	3,474	3,737	0	1	3,006	3,634	468	102
San Joaquin....	1,239	1,326	1,266	1,293	205	211	930	932	131	150
San Luis										
Obispo.....	458	438	567	421	2	1	561	415	4	5
San Mateo....	1,977	2,025	2,149	1,752	46	38	2,101	1,713	2	1
Santa Barbara	997	967	714	721	12	22	655	698	7	1
Santa Clara... Santa Cruz....	3,152	2,713	2,339	3,127	2	69	2,305	3,014	32	44
Shasta.....	634	668	580	734	4	7	571	723	5	4
Sierra.....	329	361	358	496	12	1	343	482	6	2
Siskiyou.....	7	9	8	12	1	2	3	6	4	4
Solano.....	170	172	149	105	4	2	141	102	4	1
Sonoma.....	463	537	330	440	2	16	314	410	14	14
Stanislaus....	1,019	1,175	1,172	1,370	79	50	1,042	1,013	51	7
Sutter.....	732	718	626	539	57	30	562	508	7	1
Tehama.....	169	150	139	147	1	1	137	146	1	0
Trinity.....	150	141	60	105	0	1	59	102	1	2
Tulare.....	44	34	28	35	2	3	25	31	1	1
Tuolumne....	605	618	292	499	6	14	255	475	29	10
Ventura.....	104	124	87	96	6	1	81	94	0	1
Yolo.....	887	936	756	838	24	35	696	763	36	40
Yuba.....	396	423	385	425	80	87	294	332	11	6
	168	174	142	132	4	1	137	131	1	0

TABLE 13—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS FAMILY LAW FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	175,210	172,211	151,138	150,317	8,949	8,281	130,228	131,028	11,961	11,008
Alameda.....	8,536	8,777	7,644	7,448	435	188	6,357	6,438	852	822
Alpine.....	11	2	6	6	2	2	3	4	1	0
Amador.....	110	116	78	74	2	0	62	68	14	6
Butte.....	1,061	911	849	759	35	48	781	659	33	52
Calaveras.....	153	125	115	112	11	2	85	98	19	12
Colusa.....	76	75	65	75	3	4	26	71	36	0
Contra Costa.....	5,035	4,620	4,061	4,329	232	273	3,362	3,544	467	512
Del Norte.....	178	152	176	134	15	12	144	106	17	16
El Dorado.....	662	613	554	509	26	25	496	462	32	22
Fresno.....	3,594	3,488	3,419	3,747	412	178	2,988	3,477	19	92
Glenn.....	167	127	122	120	13	10	96	85	13	25
Humboldt.....	1,077	979	953	905	47	47	837	805	69	53
Imperial.....	472	549	395	410	30	20	345	355	20	35
Inyo.....	126	152	98	113	0	0	98	94	0	19
Kern.....	2,930	2,908	2,526	2,373	109	143	2,262	2,098	155	132
Kings.....	538	443	434	405	28	24	338	367	68	14
Lake.....	271	219	227	168	13	5	199	152	15	11
Lassen.....	159	154	145	174	14	18	116	133	15	23
Los Angeles.....	50,270	52,372	41,573	42,887	1,436	1,277	37,877	39,105	2,260	2,505
Madera.....	361	344	307	289	14	10	269	265	24	14
Marin.....	1,792	1,800	1,456	1,535	66	56	1,250	1,377	140	102
Mariposa.....	63	50	62	40	3	0	51	33	8	7
Mendocino.....	574	619	479	521	31	27	429	480	19	14
Merced.....	914	798	789	593	32	30	696	516	61	47
Modoc.....	62	66	58	54	2	4	50	43	6	7
Mono.....	74	52	12	39	0	0	0	23	12	16
Monterrey.....	2,490	2,427	2,964	2,394	888	510	1,878	1,786	198	98
Napa.....	732	843	713	775	41	58	625	632	47	65
Nevada.....	336	307	337	257	36	36	292	219	9	2
Orange.....	15,482	15,199	13,717	14,311	1,252	1,687	11,828	11,982	637	642
Placer.....	869	775	755	687	51	31	649	541	55	115
Plumas.....	121	139	111	118	4	2	102	116	5	0
Riverside.....	4,494	4,172	4,866	4,123	1,446	1,127	3,054	2,740	366	256
Sacramento.....	6,940	6,541	6,261	5,540	511	204	5,346	5,025	404	311
San Benito.....	151	141	124	126	14	12	96	107	14	7
San Bernardino.....	6,937	6,256	5,071	4,835	167	181	4,188	4,013	716	641
San Diego.....	14,694	13,631	13,154	12,644	259	277	11,365	11,014	1,530	1,353
San Francisco.....	4,639	4,565	3,913	4,242	95	153	3,521	3,756	297	333
San Joaquin.....	2,719	2,425	2,318	1,974	114	83	1,814	1,723	390	168
San Luis Obispo.....	1,167	1,104	914	810	3	10	843	715	63	85
San Mateo.....	4,234	4,129	4,147	3,677	113	127	3,544	3,044	490	506
Santa Barbara.....	2,233	2,277	2,013	2,019	105	99	1,754	1,777	154	143
Santa Clara.....	10,766	10,587	8,709	9,959	166	573	7,862	8,813	681	573
Santa Cruz.....	1,495	1,381	1,342	1,200	57	50	1,210	1,106	75	44
Shasta.....	1,038	1,028	919	982	34	20	639	802	246	160
Sierra.....	20	26	19	14	0	3	13	9	6	2
Siskiyou.....	330	334	309	246	14	8	270	226	25	12
Solano.....	1,929	1,636	1,551	1,505	91	63	1,346	1,354	114	88
Sonoma.....	2,171	2,351	2,192	2,123	73	92	1,873	1,823	246	208
Stanislaus.....	2,243	2,075	1,714	2,135	66	159	1,419	1,700	223	306
Sutter.....	418	443	348	322	28	27	277	256	43	39
Tehama.....	287	270	207	219	17	15	181	192	9	12
Trinity.....	78	86	61	77	2	4	44	55	15	18
Tulare.....	1,632	1,528	1,276	1,126	78	76	1,005	1,000	193	50
Tuolumne.....	259	227	207	168	6	6	197	158	4	4
Ventura.....	3,755	3,566	3,147	2,789	151	142	2,754	2,540	242	107
Yolo.....	777	734	692	661	28	30	638	587	26	44
Yuba.....	508	497	464	440	28	43	384	339	52	58

**TABLE 14—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS**

**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	58,842	57,193	42,984	41,475	40,813	38,962	974	1,164	1,197	1,349
Alameda .....	2,602	2,705	2,092	1,760	1,930	1,622	109	73	53	65
Alpine .....	1	4	4	5	4	5	0	0	0	0
Amador .....	26	19	3	8	1	5	0	1	2	2
Butte .....	178	149	159	115	151	103	2	2	6	10
Calaveras.....	17	27	19	8	18	6	1	0	0	2
Colusa .....	17	19	9	9	7	9	0	0	2	0
Contra Costa .....	1,261	1,280	774	791	714	737	31	30	29	24
Del Norte .....	19	22	15	17	13	14	1	0	1	3
El Dorado .....	151	155	113	103	106	91	2	7	5	7
Fresno .....	1,021	897	562	614	540	574	2	5	20	35
Glenn .....	16	10	10	2	9	1	0	0	1	1
Humboldt .....	108	131	108	82	86	63	13	5	9	14
Imperial.....	65	72	55	78	50	72	2	3	3	3
Inyo .....	11	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kern .....	593	552	382	411	355	377	5	10	22	24
Kings .....	83	69	56	54	53	50	2	0	1	4
Lake .....	45	40	25	28	21	26	1	0	3	2
Lassen .....	35	19	22	19	19	17	0	0	3	2
Los Angeles .....	28,747	28,588	21,610	20,415	21,130	19,917	131	112	349	386
Madera .....	53	65	54	44	51	39	1	0	2	5
Marin .....	405	404	285	269	275	260	0	2	10	7
Mariposa .....	10	14	5	21	5	19	0	0	0	2
Mendocino .....	101	77	71	72	58	59	10	6	3	7
Merced .....	167	142	141	138	131	113	0	13	10	12
Modoc .....	11	5	9	10	6	9	0	0	3	1
Mono .....	10	15	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2
Monterey .....	312	322	312	356	288	328	8	17	16	11
Napa .....	155	171	97	127	93	116	0	4	4	7
Nevada.....	61	43	32	39	31	38	0	0	1	1
Orange.....	4,406	3,841	2,834	2,749	2,726	2,657	59	40	49	52
Placer .....	222	242	127	161	106	129	10	25	11	7
Plumas.....	18	13	6	8	5	6	0	0	1	2
Riverside.....	983	971	587	617	549	573	11	15	27	29
Sacramento.....	1,919	1,764	1,495	1,537	1,357	1,405	60	63	78	69
San Benito .....	22	20	18	12	17	9	0	0	1	3
San Bernardino .....	1,105	1,082	722	730	652	674	20	9	50	47
San Diego .....	2,385	2,292	1,692	1,652	1,401	1,167	223	406	68	79
San Francisco.....	3,306	3,277	2,715	2,711	2,487	2,417	120	172	108	122
San Joaquin.....	635	594	412	435	394	407	7	3	11	25
San Luis Obispo ..	160	154	123	108	98	92	7	9	18	7
San Mateo .....	1,231	1,253	876	894	841	848	1	1	34	45
Santa Barbara .....	349	353	233	249	217	242	2	2	14	5
Santa Clara .....	2,888	2,433	1,898	1,966	1,799	1,868	43	25	56	73
Santa Cruz .....	257	236	193	186	160	157	14	15	19	14
Shasta.....	68	74	101	84	88	74	7	5	6	5
Sierra .....	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou .....	53	56	37	31	31	21	3	3	3	7
Solano .....	311	304	301	253	251	215	43	18	7	20
Sonoma .....	462	482	346	286	321	264	8	16	17	6
Stanislaus.....	543	482	218	342	196	290	5	13	17	39
Sutter .....	90	138	63	91	58	86	0	2	5	3
Tehama .....	19	29	22	33	19	27	1	3	2	3
Trinity .....	4	14	3	16	3	12	0	1	0	3
Tulare .....	119	159	103	114	91	105	1	4	11	5
Tuolumne.....	54	31	30	36	29	29	0	0	1	7
Ventura .....	721	625	654	384	630	351	7	19	17	14
Yolo .....	145	173	92	116	87	103	1	5	4	8
Yuba .....	84	68	58	72	55	62	0	0	3	10

**TABLE 15—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	Contested matters
State total.....	27,913	28,411	21,442	20,459	19,385	18,400	877	777	1,180	1,282
Alameda.....	1,226	1,099	1,531	1,111	1,369	1,002	115	53	47	56
Alpine.....	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	13	12	1	4	0	3	0	0	1	1
Butte.....	88	76	98	83	82	68	5	2	11	13
Calaveras.....	10	9	23	8	14	6	0	2	9	0
Colusa.....	12	19	10	14	9	14	0	0	1	0
Contra Costa.....	657	624	550	577	502	520	17	29	31	28
Del Norte.....	19	14	14	9	11	9	0	0	3	0
El Dorado.....	107	111	72	85	64	72	3	2	5	11
Fresno.....	219	314	385	456	364	426	1	6	20	24
Glenn.....	10	16	19	9	17	8	0	0	2	1
Humboldt.....	121	261	197	178	140	129	22	15	35	34
Imperial.....	38	43	25	35	25	30	0	1	0	4
Inyo.....	2	13	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1
Kern.....	202	225	126	112	106	93	3	1	17	18
Kings.....	30	21	3	3	1	2	1	0	1	1
Lake.....	21	18	15	13	13	11	0	0	2	2
Lassen.....	4	12	3	10	2	9	0	0	1	1
Los Angeles.....	11,804	12,427	8,392	8,110	7,901	7,639	140	59	351	412
Madera.....	38	41	11	11	9	9	0	1	2	1
Marin.....	292	339	184	132	159	126	3	2	22	4
Mariposa.....	10	16	6	19	3	17	2	1	1	1
Mendocino.....	55	65	42	45	35	35	0	3	7	7
Merced.....	121	111	68	55	66	48	0	1	2	6
Modoc.....	4	2	8	5	3	4	2	0	3	1
Mono.....	19	31	8	6	5	0	0	1	3	5
Monterey.....	172	167	231	195	208	174	7	5	16	16
Napa.....	99	92	35	44	34	37	0	3	1	4
Nevada.....	37	69	26	40	23	38	3	0	0	2
Orange.....	2,609	2,445	1,532	1,427	1,403	1,315	47	44	82	68
Placer.....	126	143	93	148	88	132	4	4	1	12
Plumas.....	23	17	14	9	13	6	0	1	1	2
Riverside.....	541	557	422	429	384	391	4	6	34	32
Sacramento.....	1,339	1,278	974	933	869	813	45	57	60	63
San Benito.....	8	7	9	7	8	7	1	0	0	0
San Bernardino.....	905	689	594	536	513	447	36	36	45	53
San Diego.....	1,054	1,130	1,253	1,041	955	733	238	250	60	58
San Francisco.....	1,847	1,953	1,625	1,722	1,414	1,507	88	98	123	117
San Joaquin.....	273	255	206	241	184	209	9	5	13	27
San Luis Obispo.....	75	81	73	51	63	40	5	3	5	8
San Mateo.....	549	618	409	368	384	342	1	2	24	24
Santa Barbara.....	225	228	129	139	119	127	3	1	7	11
Santa Clara.....	1,031	995	773	868	735	795	15	18	23	55
Santa Cruz.....	102	124	88	95	66	81	10	7	12	7
Shasta.....	153	176	76	68	68	53	3	5	5	10
Sierra.....	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Siskiyou.....	37	36	12	19	7	12	1	3	4	4
Solano.....	201	131	123	121	107	104	6	5	10	12
Sonoma.....	303	336	150	161	141	150	5	4	4	7
Stanislaus.....	196	210	197	162	155	121	7	17	35	24
Sutter.....	37	41	26	26	25	25	0	0	1	1
Tehama.....	9	15	15	12	12	9	1	0	2	3
Trinity.....	10	10	4	5	4	4	0	0	0	1
Tulare.....	123	94	93	118	86	110	2	0	5	8
Tuolumne.....	36	45	10	8	7	8	0	0	3	0
Ventura.....	387	348	341	264	309	236	20	19	12	9
Yolo.....	98	129	67	69	62	56	1	5	4	8
Yuba.....	53	72	48	36	38	32	0	0	10	4

**TABLE 16—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
EMINENT DOMAIN FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS**

**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	2,766	2,249	2,047	2,228	1,533	1,728	385	336	129	164
Alameda .....	43	23	14	55	11	42	1	3	2	10
Alpine .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador .....	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Butte .....	1	13	2	16	1	6	1	6	0	4
Calaveras .....	16	5	4	1	0	1	3	0	1	0
Colusa .....	34	1	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa .....	25	43	27	24	16	23	7	0	4	1
Del Norte.....	14	21	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado .....	6	12	4	5	4	1	0	4	0	0
Fresno .....	10	125	77	86	74	82	0	0	3	4
Glenn .....	0	0	2	10	2	0	0	10	0	0
Humboldt.....	2	26	7	12	3	2	4	6	0	4
Imperial .....	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Inyo .....	0	2	0	21	0	9	0	12	0	0
Kern .....	123	407	32	107	30	106	0	0	2	1
Kings .....	12	1	7	0	3	0	4	0	0	0
Lake .....	13	30	27	12	20	1	7	10	0	1
Lassen .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles .....	591	601	805	933	784	890	8	3	13	0
Madera .....	7	1	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
Marin .....	11	6	4	8	4	5	0	0	0	3
Mariposa .....	6	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino .....	14	7	9	5	7	5	1	0	1	0
Merced .....	10	5	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Modoc .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono .....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey .....	25	21	36	7	33	5	1	2	2	0
Napa .....	3	11	21	7	20	3	0	2	1	2
Nevada .....	2	0	3	5	3	5	0	0	0	0
Orange .....	122	94	64	107	16	62	42	27	6	18
Placer .....	7	13	4	3	1	3	0	0	3	0
Plumas .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside .....	186	52	189	142	162	129	21	13	6	0
Sacramento .....	48	58	27	57	17	35	7	22	3	0
San Benito .....	2	11	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino .....	587	208	331	127	97	87	177	10	57	30
San Diego.....	162	193	97	205	20	28	72	165	5	12
San Francisco .....	10	2	13	3	11	0	1	2	1	1
San Joaquin .....	46	11	22	32	18	29	2	2	2	1
San Luis Obispo .....	20	12	24	41	23	7	0	14	1	20
San Mateo .....	60	19	2	9	0	7	0	2	2	0
Santa Barbara .....	22	12	1	12	0	12	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara .....	163	49	22	43	14	29	6	11	2	3
Santa Cruz .....	41	22	14	32	14	29	0	0	0	3
Shasta .....	9	20	2	4	2	4	0	0	0	0
Sierra .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou .....	23	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0
Solano .....	5	5	9	7	7	4	0	2	2	1
Sonoma .....	96	34	25	22	19	19	0	0	6	3
Stanislaus .....	14	15	7	4	7	4	0	0	0	0
Sutter .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama .....	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare .....	1	3	6	9	6	9	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne.....	7	5	19	3	0	1	19	2	0	0
Ventura .....	61	14	43	21	42	16	0	4	1	1
Yolo .....	33	6	24	7	23	7	0	0	1	0
Yuba .....	6	18	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0



**TABLE 17—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF OTHER CIVIL COMPLAINTS**

**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before trial		Dispositions after trial			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	89,354	82,232	51,931	50,882	38,357	35,389	8,489	10,450	5,085	5,043
Alameda .....	4,346	3,967	3,201	2,675	2,175	1,693	694	670	332	312
Alpine .....	12	8	9	4	8	4	0	0	1	0
Amador .....	23	91	34	37	4	19	20	6	10	12
Butte .....	500	405	388	180	357	129	21	34	10	17
Calaveras.....	171	137	77	88	45	42	16	24	16	22
Colusa .....	44	51	34	34	27	29	6	2	1	3
Contra Costa .....	1,563	1,534	944	865	658	587	175	171	101	107
Del Norte .....	127	103	65	75	50	66	11	3	4	6
El Dorado.....	495	552	318	533	182	315	74	122	62	96
Fresno .....	3,668	2,788	1,603	1,273	874	768	584	408	145	97
Glenn .....	49	64	29	60	21	43	4	11	4	6
Humboldt.....	97	117	65	85	20	32	23	20	22	33
Imperial.....	262	314	121	271	100	203	5	41	16	27
Inyo .....	93	136	9	64	6	25	1	32	2	7
Kern .....	1,598	1,550	744	846	464	385	204	372	76	89
Kings .....	125	175	100	166	65	102	20	49	15	15
Lake .....	170	162	118	148	72	87	24	30	22	31
Lassen .....	75	83	66	104	48	75	1	4	17	25
Los Angeles .....	26,562	25,582	17,211	15,454	14,545	12,667	1,512	1,675	1,154	1,112
Madera .....	212	245	87	152	50	96	16	25	21	31
Marin .....	818	908	799	729	631	583	91	90	77	56
Mariposa .....	57	39	31	42	18	27	8	8	5	7
Mendocino.....	250	377	168	234	99	147	33	50	36	37
Merced .....	254	400	234	347	204	281	7	38	23	28
Modoc .....	32	68	15	37	13	34	1	3	1	0
Mono .....	81	76	42	65	13	32	4	7	25	26
Monterey .....	1,316	1,026	1,076	715	443	478	525	147	107	90
Napa .....	252	210	136	138	102	103	17	10	17	25
Nevada.....	235	243	154	262	126	244	5	10	23	8
Orange.....	8,322	7,238	4,349	4,095	2,890	2,827	1,163	998	301	270
Placer .....	598	545	436	434	239	231	125	158	72	45
Plumas .....	60	203	97	126	37	26	6	64	54	36
Riverside.....	3,109	2,843	1,961	2,098	1,645	1,733	193	205	123	160
Sacramento.....	2,641	2,232	1,816	2,007	1,426	849	224	1,033	166	125
San Benito .....	55	68	46	62	22	38	19	10	5	14
San Bernardino .....	1,687	1,364	970	904	674	532	144	214	152	138
San Diego.....	7,304	6,659	2,784	3,624	2,097	2,219	356	1,045	331	360
San Francisco.....	4,558	4,334	2,720	2,851	1,810	1,866	528	623	382	357
San Joaquin.....	1,198	1,133	662	498	536	372	63	55	63	71
San Luis Obispo .....	895	529	465	424	214	151	185	236	66	37
San Mateo.....	2,339	2,049	1,160	1,010	701	644	233	136	226	230
Santa Barbara .....	735	851	452	486	320	352	68	82	64	52
Santa Clara .....	4,493	4,551	2,389	3,013	1,524	1,733	576	989	289	321
Santa Cruz .....	575	442	329	272	238	206	31	31	60	35
Shasta .....	431	600	214	259	151	162	34	34	29	63
Sierra .....	15	19	9	8	2	1	4	1	3	6
Siskiyou .....	127	185	116	146	62	82	33	24	21	40
Solano .....	431	322	138	132	119	105	4	7	15	20
Sonoma .....	935	609	439	462	277	306	89	108	73	48
Stanislaus.....	1,111	1,274	610	550	434	396	127	93	49	61
Sutter .....	264	116	161	131	125	94	14	6	22	31
Tehama .....	212	271	99	107	64	67	27	24	8	16
Trinity .....	35	49	31	40	16	19	5	2	10	19
Tulare .....	476	459	249	243	211	214	18	17	20	12
Tuolumne.....	201	215	142	158	114	137	20	15	8	6
Ventura .....	1,137	1,010	594	574	478	378	49	137	67	59
Yolo .....	643	414	461	271	412	223	21	27	25	21
Yuba .....	217	228	154	214	99	130	22	39	33	45

**TABLE 18—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF OTHER CIVIL PETITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing					
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	1977-78	1976-77	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	117,934	116,185	92,628	86,105	62,430	58,008	28,292	26,010	1,906	2,087		
Alameda .....	3,851	4,189	4,431	4,001	2,105	1,738	2,128	1,492	198	771		
Alpine .....	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Amador .....	42	57	13	44	5	32	6	8	2	4		
Butte .....	638	679	426	368	281	177	138	187	7	4		
Calaveras.....	55	59	41	44	19	35	19	8	3	1		
Colusa .....	21	34	9	21	5	20	2	1	2	0		
Contra Costa .....	3,458	3,074	2,901	2,823	2,307	2,149	567	619	27	55		
Del Norte .....	142	96	95	105	43	71	51	29	1	5		
El Dorado .....	369	285	267	217	153	107	103	98	11	12		
Fresno .....	2,112	2,201	1,978	1,660	1,574	1,282	385	331	19	47		
Glenn .....	108	77	65	48	33	25	30	22	2	1		
Humboldt .....	862	824	636	789	417	565	192	197	27	27		
Imperial.....	555	413	235	169	213	121	21	45	1	3		
Inyo .....	98	87	87	73	83	63	4	10	0	0		
Kern .....	2,137	1,689	2,004	1,548	980	963	1,000	570	24	15		
Kings .....	362	415	272	368	233	328	39	40	0	0		
Lake .....	295	495	201	444	184	397	15	46	2	1		
Lassen .....	47	98	42	94	23	74	19	18	0	2		
Los Angeles .....	34,300	34,868	30,572	25,121	22,077	16,849	8,001	7,985	494	277		
Madera .....	314	94	225	90	64	53	132	27	29	10		
Marin .....	711	1,076	661	533	515	352	136	174	10	7		
Mariposa .....	58	71	24	36	14	18	10	18	0	0		
Mendocino .....	307	315	264	161	192	92	69	62	3	7		
Merced .....	969	977	312	360	247	245	63	112	2	3		
Modoc .....	83	48	58	42	53	35	4	7	1	0		
Mono .....	35	15	14	6	0	0	6	2	8	4		
Monterey .....	1,594	1,473	1,385	1,387	935	927	435	444	15	16		
Napa .....	216	229	104	173	39	57	61	109	4	7		
Nevada.....	260	221	100	91	65	88	12	1	23	2		
Orange.....	8,434	9,272	6,063	7,718	4,865	6,405	1,167	1,281	31	32		
Placer .....	793	594	561	565	489	420	64	144	8	1		
Plumas .....	174	68	131	10	50	1	80	9	1	0		
Riverside .....	2,466	2,258	1,986	1,871	1,139	1,143	759	641	88	87		
Sacramento .....	5,149	4,929	4,767	4,066	3,308	2,943	1,242	899	217	224		
San Benito .....	203	131	195	120	174	108	21	12	0	0		
San Bernardino .....	6,374	6,817	4,881	4,193	3,190	2,918	1,635	1,234	56	41		
San Diego .....	9,512	8,561	6,891	6,700	2,543	3,686	4,208	2,907	140	107		
San Francisco .....	3,832	3,139	2,530	2,168	1,944	1,502	563	651	23	15		
San Joaquin .....	1,069	869	956	794	602	458	328	309	26	27		
San Luis Obispo .....	481	1,042	512	447	240	214	243	210	29	23		
San Mateo .....	2,072	1,623	1,520	1,173	1,009	560	459	565	52	48		
Santa Barbara .....	2,628	2,380	1,626	1,254	1,254	926	346	292	26	36		
Santa Clara .....	7,600	7,808	2,409	4,285	1,740	3,197	591	1,060	78	28		
Santa Cruz .....	894	688	801	689	474	317	308	370	19	2		
Shasta .....	562	582	431	515	362	381	63	114	6	20		
Sierra .....	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Siskiyou .....	282	255	190	191	122	143	68	48	0	0		
Solano .....	960	921	277	485	87	294	185	190	5	1		
Sonoma .....	1,556	1,586	1,298	1,388	259	337	977	1,028	62	23		
Stanislaus .....	1,871	1,926	1,117	1,317	701	856	381	457	35	4		
Sutter .....	421	251	262	196	196	143	63	48	3	5		
Tehama .....	225	185	161	108	74	59	84	47	3	2		
Trinity .....	71	81	58	83	38	58	15	22	5	8		
Tulare .....	1,249	940	1,677	1,090	1,551	936	113	148	13	6		
Tuolumne .....	172	169	100	105	33	55	67	50	0	0		
Ventura .....	4,372	4,422	3,300	3,309	2,813	2,834	457	400	60	45		
Yolo .....	297	280	340	264	224	112	111	132	5	20		
Yuba .....	210	245	136	179	90	138	46	40	0	1		



**TABLE 20—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Filings						Total Dispositions		Dispositions Before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
	Total		Original		Subsequent		77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
State total.....	87,689	93,171	55,791	58,142	31,898	35,029	83,327	86,845	10,304	11,662	60,789	61,847	12,234	13,336
Alameda .....	5,369	4,837	3,374	2,940	1,995	1,897	4,697	4,475	108	256	3,926	3,479	663	740
Alpine .....	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Amador.....	44	19	37	13	7	6	37	14	2	0	31	7	4	7
Butte.....	560	424	323	286	237	138	492	391	26	18	439	345	27	28
Calaveras.....	37	40	35	29	2	11	46	44	8	4	31	32	7	8
Colusa.....	25	33	21	20	4	13	28	35	2	1	19	32	7	2
Contra Costa.....	3,694	3,251	2,168	1,853	1,526	1,398	3,125	2,728	9	72	2,789	2,380	327	276
Del Norte.....	102	84	66	52	36	32	108	94	5	14	79	71	24	9
El Dorado.....	242	222	150	118	92	104	226	213	22	17	173	180	31	16
Fresno.....	2,166	1,753	1,132	1,239	1,034	514	1,634	1,639	204	151	1,089	766	341	722
Glenn.....	39	67	27	61	12	6	24	64	1	4	18	54	5	6
Humboldt.....	267	378	138	206	129	172	274	350	57	97	182	221	35	32
Imperial.....	361	273	240	158	121	115	311	250	35	55	41	150	235	45
Inyo.....	78	97	54	81	24	6	67	73	0	0	67	73	0	0
Kern.....	1,654	1,550	883	893	771	657	1,722	1,594	108	73	1,300	1,151	314	370
Kings.....	328	323	177	163	151	160	285	294	39	38	169	185	77	71
Lake.....	73	54	42	39	31	15	71	60	6	10	65	46	0	4
Lassen.....	31	24	31	24	0	0	33	25	6	10	27	15	0	0
Los Angeles.....	21,208	25,626	13,665	15,796	7,543	9,830	19,701	Σ:168	4,941	6,827	10,045	11,595	4,715	5,746
Madera.....	442	436	244	269	198	167	458	426	47	25	377	367	34	34
Marin.....	480	614	216	265	264	349	374	465	12	12	326	408	36	45
Mariposa.....	23	9	19	7	4	2	21	6	1	0	14	6	6	0
Mendocino.....	309	265	217	209	92	56	296	224	58	38	232	179	6	7
Merced.....	524	529	341	317	183	212	531	535	99	44	340	383	92	108
Modoc.....	12	28	7	25	5	3	16	34	5	8	11	23	0	3
Mono.....	34	19	30	17	4	2	29	17	0	2	29	15	0	0
Monterey.....	1,184	1,319	732	750	452	569	1,171	1,125	0	37	972	895	199	193
Napa.....	426	374	275	233	151	141	379	327	17	4	315	294	47	29
Nevada.....	103	87	85	87	18	0	125	90	11	4	103	84	11	2
Orange.....	9,822	11,228	6,401	7,272	3,421	3,956	9,663	10,769	561	231	8,698	10,237	404	301
Placer.....	606	477	368	262	238	215	491	428	10	13	430	349	51	66
Plumas.....	67	41	58	40	9	1	60	48	8	8	49	30	3	10
Riverside.....	2,987	3,154	1,822	1,871	1,135	1,283	2,946	3,032	296	365	2,374	2,496	276	171

Sacramento .....	3,801	3,849	2,062	2,059	1,739	1,790	3,743	3,462	246	103	3,148	2,963	349	396
San Benito .....	91	75	59	60	32	15	83	67	10	2	39	59	34	6
San Bernardino .....	2,959	2,958	2,165	2,024	794	934	2,524	2,600	337	283	1,955	2,089	232	228
San Diego .....	6,557	6,563	4,412	4,345	2,145	2,218	6,683	6,509	524	309	5,690	5,624	469	576
San Francisco .....	2,017	2,355	1,484	1,597	533	758	1,940	2,278	406	565	1,097	1,233	437	480
San Joaquin .....	1,634	1,672	957	937	677	735	1,474	1,363	7	80	1,172	952	295	331
San Luis Obispo .....	311	422	195	251	116	171	333	397	8	33	303	338	22	26
San Mateo .....	2,141	2,641	1,464	1,509	677	1,132	1,677	2,081	24	129	1,304	1,584	349	368
Santa Barbara .....	1,516	1,617	687	815	829	802	1,385	1,524	112	135	1,087	1,203	186	186
Santa Clara .....	4,922	5,281	3,457	3,614	1,465	1,667	5,215	4,874	575	467	4,221	4,056	419	351
Santa Cruz .....	374	338	286	256	88	82	338	331	14	14	176	128	148	189
Shasta .....	539	384	307	317	232	67	525	384	86	11	309	336	130	37
Sierra .....	6	4	6	4	0	0	20	2	0	0	10	2	10	0
Siskiyou .....	61	51	30	41	31	10	39	54	6	4	26	46	7	4
Solanc .....	932	781	651	551	221	230	913	749	189	150	676	513	48	86
Sonoma .....	882	1,048	615	760	267	288	976	1,121	95	192	559	596	322	333
Stanislaus .....	1,409	1,368	964	961	445	407	1,472	1,211	126	198	1,040	730	306	283
Sutter .....	131	111	101	81	30	30	89	93	6	21	77	66	6	6
Tehama .....	124	108	89	65	35	43	115	97	14	4	93	82	8	11
Trinity .....	49	61	33	49	16	12	63	49	11	3	46	44	6	2
Tulare .....	1,601	1,479	953	774	648	705	1,318	1,163	213	86	897	886	208	191
Tuolumne .....	95	98	76	88	19	10	117	117	19	15	90	87	8	15
Ventura .....	1,847	1,835	1,057	1,135	790	700	2,328	1,841	541	407	1,602	1,337	185	97
Yolo .....	250	231	183	129	67	102	347	241	27	7	281	185	39	49
Yuba .....	171	214	118	125	53	89	168	198	4	6	130	158	34	34

TABLE 20A—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY FILINGS BY TYPE  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 AND 1977-78

County	601 W & I						602 W & I					
	Total		Original		Subsequent		Total		Original		Subsequent	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
State total.....	2,314	6,801	1,869	4,887	445	1,914	85,375	86,370	53,922	53,255	31,453	33,115
Alameda.....	75	123	75	108	0	15	5,294	4,714	3,299	2,832	1,995	1,882
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2
Amador.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	42	19	35	13	7	6
Butte.....	4	26	0	17	4	9	556	398	323	269	233	129
Calaveras.....	2	4	2	3	0	1	35	36	33	26	2	10
Colusa.....	0	4	0	2	0	2	25	29	21	18	4	11
Contra Costa.....	33	202	29	143	4	59	3,661	3,049	2,139	1,710	1,522	1,339
Del Norte.....	2	17	2	10	0	7	100	67	64	42	36	25
El Dorado.....	8	12	4	4	4	8	234	210	146	114	88	96
Fresno.....	92	469	61	380	31	89	2,074	1,284	1,071	859	1,003	425
Glenn.....	1	12	0	11	1	1	38	55	27	50	11	5
Humboldt.....	23	43	13	28	10	15	244	335	125	178	119	157
Imperial.....	1	21	1	18	0	3	360	252	239	140	121	112
Inyo.....	2	10	2	10	0	0	76	77	52	71	24	6
Kern.....	31	83	28	67	3	16	1,623	1,467	855	826	768	641
Kings.....	0	10	0	9	0	1	328	313	177	154	151	159
Lake.....	0	4	0	4	0	0	73	50	42	35	31	15
Lassen.....	5	7	5	7	0	0	26	17	26	17	0	0
Los Angeles.....	341	639	313	515	28	124	20,867	24,987	13,352	15,281	7,515	9,706
Madera.....	13	32	12	27	1	5	429	404	232	242	197	162
Marin.....	35	167	24	77	11	90	445	447	192	188	253	259
Mariposa.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	22	8	18	6	4	2
Mendocino.....	1	19	1	16	0	3	308	246	216	193	92	53
Merced.....	11	21	10	18	1	3	513	508	331	299	182	209
Modoc.....	2	2	1	2	1	0	10	26	6	23	4	3
Mono.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	34	18	30	16	4	2
Monterey.....	1	65	1	59	0	7	1,183	1,253	731	691	452	562
Napa.....	6	57	5	36	1	21	420	317	270	197	150	120
Nevada.....	3	17	1	17	2	0	100	70	84	70	16	0
Orange.....	239	1,191	207	846	32	343	9,583	10,037	6,194	6,424	3,389	3,613
Placer.....	16	33	15	22	1	11	590	444	353	240	237	204
Plumas.....	14	11	14	10	0	1	53	30	44	30	9	0
Riverside.....	214	369	149	261	65	108	2,743	2,785	1,673	1,610	1,070	1,175

Sacramento .....	159	223	132	184	27	39	3,642	3,626	1,930	1,875	1,712	1,751
San Benito .....	2	6	2	5	0	1	89	69	57	55	32	14
San Bernardino .....	47	330	47	121	0	209	2,912	2,628	2,118	1,903	794	725
San Diego .....	24	147	22	147	2	0	6,533	6,416	4,352	4,193	2,143	2,218
San Francisco .....	202	257	172	209	30	48	1,815	2,098	1,312	1,388	503	710
San Joaquin .....	68	296	58	207	10	89	1,566	1,376	899	730	667	646
San Luis Obispo .....	11	22	9	12	2	10	300	400	186	239	114	161
San Mateo .....	72	372	28	167	44	205	2,069	2,269	1,436	1,342	633	927
Santa Barbara .....	83	237	36	122	47	112	1,433	1,383	651	693	782	690
Santa Clara .....	237	466	189	371	48	95	4,685	4,815	3,268	3,243	1,417	1,572
Santa Cruz .....	0	18	0	26	0	2	374	310	286	230	88	80
Shasta .....	32	103	25	91	7	12	507	281	282	226	225	55
Sierra .....	1	4	1	4	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Siskiyou .....	2	9	1	9	1	0	59	42	29	32	30	10
Solano .....	26	43	24	43	2	0	906	738	627	508	279	230
Sonoma .....	25	214	22	182	3	32	857	834	593	578	264	256
Stanislaus .....	24	59	23	52	1	7	1,385	1,309	941	909	444	490
Sutter .....	0	3	0	2	0	1	131	108	101	79	30	29
Tehama .....	11	23	11	11	0	12	113	85	78	54	35	31
Trinity .....	11	17	7	14	4	3	38	44	26	35	12	9
Tulare .....	80	135	67	86	13	49	1,521	1,344	886	688	635	656
Tuolumne .....	7	9	7	9	0	0	88	89	69	79	19	10
Ventura .....	3	67	3	53	0	14	1,844	1,768	1,054	1,082	790	686
Yolo .....	6	41	3	18	3	23	244	190	180	111	64	79
Yuba .....	3	20	2	11	1	9	168	194	116	114	52	80

**TABLE 21—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Filings						Total		Dispositions		Dispositions after hearing			
	Total		original		Subsequent		dispositions		before hearing		Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
State total.....	17,520	14,615	16,669	13,840	851	775	16,023	13,106	2,179	2,064	11,713	9,399	2,131	1,643
Alameda.....	980	885	955	836	25	49	888	850	11	69	768	693	109	88
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	2	10	2	6	0	4	1	4	0	0	0	3	1	1
Butte.....	141	143	129	138	12	5	168	131	9	9	127	117	32	5
Calaveras.....	18	13	18	10	0	3	10	8	0	2	10	5	0	1
Colusa.....	15	20	12	17	3	3	16	20	1	2	9	7	6	11
Contra Costa.....	501	445	446	364	55	81	498	403	23	14	381	345	94	44
Del Norte.....	33	45	29	40	4	5	34	33	7	17	21	16	6	0
El Dorado.....	37	36	34	34	3	2	33	34	4	4	29	30	0	0
Fresno.....	343	312	256	282	87	30	243	236	30	44	143	143	70	99
Glenn.....	22	15	22	14	0	1	18	15	1	0	4	7	13	8
Humboldt.....	84	96	77	83	7	13	75	76	9	6	52	65	14	5
Imperial.....	107	103	107	95	0	8	113	71	27	18	22	48	64	5
Inyo.....	16	7	16	7	0	0	6	11	0	0	6	11	0	0
Kern.....	418	391	418	380	0	11	436	391	52	37	328	267	56	87
Kings.....	138	133	111	126	27	7	124	141	30	28	67	104	27	9
Lake.....	13	46	13	45	0	1	8	45	0	3	8	40	0	2
Lassen.....	18	11	18	11	0	0	18	12	4	3	14	9	0	0
Los Angeles.....	5,233	3,291	5,228	3,268	5	23	4,884	2,656	581	478	3,604	1,708	699	470
Madera.....	116	97	116	96	0	1	104	97	3	4	98	90	3	3
Marin.....	87	113	79	106	8	7	59	110	1	6	56	97	2	7
Mariposa.....	9	4	4	4	3	0	12	2	2	0	10	2	0	0
Mendocino.....	54	46	52	43	2	3	42	56	13	12	28	40	1	4
Merced.....	234	164	233	163	1	1	212	176	128	110	70	65	14	1
Modoc.....	5	8	4	7	1	1	8	8	2	0	3	8	3	0
Mono.....	5	3	4	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Monterey.....	215	282	215	266	0	16	220	237	7	23	201	213	12	1
Napa.....	118	83	89	66	29	17	92	86	0	1	84	69	8	16
Nevada.....	28	19	28	19	0	0	26	23	5	3	19	20	2	0
Orange.....	1,067	840	996	779	71	61	942	778	189	109	693	618	60	51
Placer.....	93	80	85	76	8	4	85	71	5	8	61	46	19	17
Plumas.....	16	16	16	16	0	0	10	21	0	5	10	15	0	1
Riverside.....	716	594	709	582	7	12	660	602	98	158	469	404	93	40



Sacramento .....	775	692	670	608	105	84	687	695	53	27	562	535	72	133
San Benito .....	15	9	6	3	9	6	11	10	3	0	6	10	2	0
San Bernardino .....	782	670	768	665	14	5	381	561	119	109	245	443	17	9
San Diego .....	1,250	1,145	1,221	1,136	29	9	1,313	1,156	108	148	1,088	874	117	134
San Francisco .....	429	438	416	437	13	1	442	364	136	112	248	222	58	30
San Joaquin .....	428	409	399	368	29	41	298	271	17	64	212	166	69	41
San Luis Obispo .....	94	109	78	85	16	24	86	54	4	2	70	44	12	8
San Mateo .....	251	302	235	275	16	27	159	248	4	24	127	190	28	34
Santa Barbara .....	254	274	199	220	55	54	225	262	60	50	150	185	15	27
Santa Clara .....	693	674	692	655	1	19	752	586	139	103	539	454	54	29
Santa Cruz .....	74	73	73	73	1	0	76	73	4	6	48	46	24	21
Shasta .....	189	102	139	94	50	8	105	114	12	1	44	110	49	3
Sierra .....	2	5	2	5	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1	2	3
Siskiyou .....	12	33	12	33	0	0	22	25	5	3	9	16	8	6
Solano .....	172	145	149	129	23	16	170	133	20	19	139	105	11	9
Sonoma .....	229	235	182	197	47	38	235	258	69	49	116	150	50	59
Stanislaus .....	203	174	203	161	0	13	212	147	40	20	119	107	53	20
Sutter .....	23	41	23	36	0	5	18	39	4	4	14	25	0	10
Tehama .....	21	19	21	19	0	0	19	14	1	0	15	14	3	0
Trinity .....	24	26	24	16	0	10	32	35	8	6	22	20	2	9
Tulare .....	213	193	213	193	0	0	178	135	8	22	140	66	30	47
Tuolumne .....	23	25	23	25	0	0	36	12	15	0	19	9	2	3
Ventura .....	365	331	289	301	77	30	373	297	97	103	240	186	36	8
Yolo .....	90	81	84	66	6	15	120	111	11	17	102	84	7	10
Yuba .....	27	59	26	58	1	1	23	46	0	1	21	31	2	14

TABLE 22—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing						Dispositions after hearing			
					Total		Guilty pleas		Other		Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	55,352	<sup>R</sup> 54,619	48,986	<sup>R</sup> 49,102	41,480	<sup>R</sup> 41,007	35,758	35,089	5,722	<sup>R</sup> 5,918	1,683	1,962	5,823	6,133
Alameda.....	2,993	2,740	2,283	2,498	2,030	2,238	1,731	1,829	299	409	34	73	219	157
Alpine.....	9	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amador.....	40	37	27	27	26	21	25	15	1	6	0	0	1	6
Butte.....	329	272	134	225	80	128	61	110	19	18	15	33	39	64
Calaveras.....	47	58	49	54	35	48	32	40	3	8	3	1	11	5
Colusa.....	41	26	43	26	26	18	24	18	2	0	0	1	17	7
Contra Costa.....	1,141	1,171	1,011	1,176	901	1,028	844	933	57	95	4	7	106	141
Del Norte.....	78	53	63	51	52	36	49	30	3	6	0	3	11	12
El Dorado.....	157	182	164	156	149	146	110	102	39	44	0	1	15	9
Fresno.....	1,149	1,107	1,201	1,195	804	811	679	668	125	143	180	103	217	281
Glenn.....	77	72	73	43	44	27	40	21	4	6	9	4	20	12
Humboldt.....	270	274	213	206	189	170	116	134	73	36	8	3	16	33
Imperial.....	187	<sup>R</sup> 249	150	242	109	196	70	157	39	39	7	11	34	35
Inyo.....	69	87	56	60	51	59	51	55	0	4	0	0	5	1
Kern.....	755	696	706	639	581	526	540	478	41	48	11	11	114	102
Kings.....	215	200	214	177	130	121	93	79	37	42	9	8	75	48
Lake.....	82	139	98	116	77	96	65	78	12	18	2	0	19	20
Lassen.....	40	43	47	52	39	38	35	30	4	8	0	11	8	3
Los Angeles.....	18,482	18,427	16,707	16,733	13,917	13,801	12,092	11,814	1,825	1,987	755	848	2,035	2,094
Madera.....	271	261	265	234	188	175	126	127	62	48	22	0	55	59
Marin.....	360	<sup>R</sup> 379	282	295	219	229	205	200	14	29	7	11	56	55
Mariposa.....	25	24	19	24	16	22	15	22	1	0	0	1	3	1
Mendocino.....	139	179	164	168	124	122	114	98	10	24	22	10	18	36
Merced.....	442	428	405	308	320	240	299	216	21	24	5	18	80	50
Modoc.....	28	32	29	32	24	26	24	22	0	4	0	1	5	5
Mono.....	20	37	17	35	15	24	6	21	9	3	1	5	1	6
Monterey.....	830	844	804	843	672	682	517	560	155	122	17	53	115	108
Napa.....	110	122	89	129	73	87	72	87	1	0	1	17	15	25
Nevada.....	87	84	75	74	50	59	38	50	12	9	1	0	24	15
Orange.....	2,349	2,225	2,455	2,096	2,242	1,785	2,135	1,677	107	108	38	47	175	264
Placer.....	174	145	148	184	123	149	75	119	48	30	12	18	13	17
Plumas.....	25	27	21	24	13	15	9	13	4	2	3	3	5	6
Riverside.....	1,583	1,380	1,236	1,303	1,057	1,077	775	825	282	252	22	55	157	171

Sacramento .....	2,233	2,138	2,089	1,436	1,831	1,228	1,400	997	341	231	57	26	201	182
San Benito .....	52	39	54	44	24	39	21	35	3	4	16	0	14	5
San Bernardino.....	2,101	1,849	1,504	1,744	1,143	1,401	1,028	1,258	115	143	61	66	300	277
San Diego.....	4,773	4,373	3,667	3,959	3,323	3,563	3,034	3,114	289	449	50	58	294	338
San Francisco.....	2,553	2,638	2,323	2,471	2,113	2,250	1,781	1,956	332	294	23	49	187	172
San Joaquin .....	656	686	596	617	528	551	400	408	128	143	0	1	68	65
San Luis Obispo .....	341	332	218	203	178	158	161	146	17	12	14	9	26	36
San Mateo .....	952	1,054	1,163	822	1,066	709	843	570	223	139	14	6	83	107
Santa Barbara .....	543	629	542	572	475	488	386	379	89	109	6	7	61	77
Santa Clara .....	3,410	3,541	3,105	3,186	2,782	2,731	2,559	2,542	223	189	89	237	234	218
Santa Cruz.....	399	<sup>R</sup> 399	478	<sup>R</sup> 420	410	<sup>R</sup> 361	295	296	115	<sup>R</sup> 65	10	6	58	53
Shasta .....	484	514	482	603	399	534	370	511	29	23	30	16	53	53
Sierra.....	6	13	14	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	10	4
Siskiyou.....	77	98	83	93	73	80	45	64	28	16	0	1	10	12
Solano .....	532	534	556	503	292	403	266	373	26	30	27	11	37	89
Sonoma .....	530	547	372	337	286	258	168	150	118	108	11	17	75	62
Stanislaus .....	754	796	508	568	374	422	295	340	79	82	31	18	103	128
Sutter.....	153	127	111	127	104	111	104	109	0	2	1	0	6	16
Tehama.....	65	94	64	119	54	94	53	81	1	13	0	2	10	23
Trinity.....	59	45	53	38	33	32	26	25	7	7	6	0	14	6
Tulare .....	668	740	564	617	367	382	321	292	46	90	22	34	175	201
Tuolumne.....	76	90	73	75	56	56	42	42	14	14	6	4	11	15
Ventura.....	1,012	941	987	800	911	694	766	553	145	141	15	34	61	72
Yolo .....	196	219	192	199	161	173	127	143	34	30	3	0	28	26
Yuba .....	123	183	138	117	119	89	108	77	11	12	0	0	19	28

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

**TABLE 22A—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS AFTER UNCONTESTED TRIAL  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total Disposed of After Uncontested Hearing						Acquitted or Dismissed				Convicted			
	All Defendants		By Court		By Jury		By Court		By Jury		By Court		By Jury	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
State total.....	1,683	1,962	1,302	1,551	381	411	373	367	66	65	929	1,184	315	346
Alameda.....	34	73	17	59	17	14	2	4	2	1	15	55	15	13
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte.....	15	33	5	21	10	12	0	0	3	2	5	21	7	10
Calaveras.....	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Colusa.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa.....	4	7	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	4
Del Norte.....	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
El Dorado.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fresno.....	180	103	180	103	0	0	15	30	0	0	165	73	0	0
Glenn.....	9	4	4	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	5	1
Humboldt.....	8	3	3	0	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	3
Imperial.....	7	11	6	6	1	5	3	3	0	1	3	3	1	4
Inyo.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern.....	11	11	10	9	1	2	9	1	0	1	1	8	1	1
Kings.....	9	8	0	3	9	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	8	5
Lake.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Lassen.....	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
Los Angeles.....	755	848	579	659	176	189	232	202	31	42	247	457	145	147
Madera.....	22	0	22	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Marin.....	7	11	1	6	6	5	1	2	1	2	0	4	5	3
Mariposa.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mendocino.....	22	10	3	0	19	10	1	0	2	1	2	0	17	9
Merced.....	5	18	5	17	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	16	0	1
Modoc.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mono.....	1	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
Monterey.....	17	53	13	34	4	19	0	3	0	5	13	31	4	14
Napa.....	1	17	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	0
Nevada.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Orange.....	38	47	35	47	3	0	12	18	0	0	22	29	3	0
Placer.....	12	18	5	14	7	4	4	0	2	0	1	14	5	4
Plumas.....	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Riverside.....	22	55	15	47	7	8	4	10	0	1	11	37	7	7

Sacramento .....	57	26	40	13	17	13	8	0	3	0	32	13	14	13
San Benito .....	16	0	12	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	4	0
San Bernardino.....	61	66	56	60	5	6	16	15	0	0	40	45	5	6
San Diego.....	50	58	40	52	10	6	10	19	3	1	30	33	7	5
San Francisco .....	23	49	4	20	19	29	0	3	5	2	4	17	14	27
San Joaquin .....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Luis Obispo .....	14	9	7	8	7	1	1	0	2	0	6	8	5	1
San Mateo .....	14	6	14	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	14	4	0	1
Santa Barbara .....	6	7	5	7	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	5	0	0
Santa Clara .....	89	237	84	222	5	15	6	34	0	1	78	188	5	14
Santa Cruz.....	10	6	6	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	6	5	4	1
Shasta .....	30	16	29	12	1	4	0	1	1	0	29	11	0	4
Sierra.....	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Siskiyou.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Solano .....	27	11	18	11	9	0	3	2	5	0	15	9	4	0
Sonoma .....	11	17	8	9	3	8	5	1	0	0	3	8	3	8
Stanislaus .....	31	18	24	9	7	9	14	3	0	2	10	6	7	7
Sutter.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama.....	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity.....	6	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0
Tulare .....	22	34	15	18	7	16	1	8	0	1	14	10	7	15
Tuolumne.....	6	4	4	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	2
Ventura.....	15	34	13	22	2	12	4	1	1	1	9	21	1	11
Yolo .....	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Yuba .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**TABLE 22B—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS AFTER CONTESTED TRIAL  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	<i>Total Disposed of After Contested Trial</i>						<i>Acquitted or Dismissed</i>				<i>Convicted</i>			
	<i>All Defendants</i>		<i>By Court</i>		<i>By Jury</i>		<i>By Court</i>		<i>By Jury</i>		<i>By Court</i>		<i>By Jury</i>	
	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>	<i>77-78</i>	<i>76-77</i>
State total.....	5,623	6,133	1,290	1,365	4,533	4,768	306	312	836	R796	984	1,053	3,697	R3,972
Alameda .....	219	187	10	16	209	169	1	4	29	18	9	14	180	151
Alpine .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amador .....	1	6	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Butte .....	39	64	9	13	30	51	0	0	6	1	9	13	24	50
Calaveras .....	11	5	4	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	7	5
Colusa .....	17	7	7	3	10	4	0	0	0	2	7	3	10	2
Contra Costa .....	106	141	4	8	102	133	0	1	10	19	4	7	92	114
Del Norte .....	11	12	2	2	9	10	0	0	3	2	2	2	6	8
El Dorado .....	15	9	0	2	15	7	0	0	3	3	0	2	12	4
Fresno .....	217	281	25	78	192	203	7	23	19	23	18	55	173	180
Glenn .....	20	12	7	2	13	10	0	0	0	1	7	2	13	9
Humboldt .....	16	33	4	16	12	17	0	2	4	1	4	14	8	16
Imperial .....	34	35	5	4	29	31	2	0	4	5	3	4	25	26
Inyo .....	5	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0
Kern .....	114	102	2	1	112	101	1	0	16	13	1	1	96	88
Kings .....	75	48	1	4	74	44	0	0	10	11	1	4	64	33
Lake .....	19	20	2	2	17	18	0	0	5	3	2	2	12	15
Lassen .....	8	3	1	1	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	2
Los Angeles .....	2,035	2,084	731	744	1,304	1,340	209	197	309	351	522	547	995	989
Madera .....	55	59	6	2	49	57	2	0	7	1	4	2	42	56
Marin .....	56	55	12	8	44	47	0	1	11	9	12	7	33	38
Mariposa .....	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Mendocino .....	18	36	3	6	15	30	0	3	6	10	3	3	9	20
Merced .....	80	50	29	18	51	32	4	2	7	4	25	16	44	28
Modoc .....	5	5	2	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	4
Mono .....	1	6	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	2
Monterey .....	115	108	12	15	103	93	3	3	22	22	9	12	81	71
Napa .....	15	25	2	4	13	21	0	0	4	4	2	4	9	17
Nevada .....	24	15	16	5	8	10	0	0	0	1	16	5	8	9
Orange .....	175	264	19	31	156	233	4	7	35	35	15	24	121	198
Placer .....	13	17	1	2	12	15	1	1	6	1	0	1	6	14
Plumas .....	5	6	0	1	5	5	0	0	2	3	0	1	3	2
Riverside .....	157	171	11	29	146	142	4	7	46	34	7	22	100	108

Sacramento .....	201	182	25	11	176	171	8	1	22	6	17	10	154	165
San Benito .....	14	5	2	1	12	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	12	4
San Bernardino .....	300	277	14	34	286	243	4	4	57	49	10	30	229	194
San Diego .....	294	338	89	96	205	242	19	25	38	26	70	71	167	210
San Francisco .....	187	172	16	24	171	148	0	2	14	10	16	22	157	138
San Joaquin .....	68	65	1	1	67	64	1	0	6	11	0	1	61	53
San Luis Obispo .....	26	36	8	5	18	31	3	0	3	3	5	5	15	28
San Mateo .....	83	107	15	1	68	106	5	0	15	3	10	1	53	R101
Santa Barbara .....	61	77	1	5	60	72	0	3	8	8	1	2	52	64
Santa Clara .....	234	218	50	44	184	174	8	4	20	19	42	40	164	155
Santa Cruz .....	58	53	7	0	51	53	1	0	7	7	6	0	44	46
Shasta .....	53	53	23	12	30	41	0	1	2	4	23	11	28	37
Sierra .....	10	4	9	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	1	0
Siskiyou .....	10	12	1	0	9	12	0	0	3	5	1	0	6	7
Solano .....	37	89	1	8	36	81	0	0	7	10	1	8	29	71
Sonoma .....	75	62	24	14	51	48	3	3	14	4	21	11	37	44
Stanislaus .....	103	128	13	19	90	109	2	6	7	13	11	13	83	96
Sutter .....	6	16	1	3	5	13	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	13
Tehama .....	10	23	3	7	7	16	1	2	2	1	2	5	5	15
Trinity .....	14	6	8	0	6	6	3	0	3	5	5	0	3	1
Tulare .....	175	201	19	25	156	176	3	4	23	17	16	21	133	159
Tuolumne .....	11	15	0	5	11	10	0	2	3	4	0	3	8	6
Ventura .....	61	72	24	14	37	58	4	0	7	1	20	14	30	57
Yolo .....	28	26	3	1	25	25	2	0	5	4	1	1	20	21
Yuba .....	19	28	4	6	15	22	1	3	4	6	3	3	11	16

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

**TABLE 22C—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
LEVEL OF CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total defendants convicted of:						Convicted before trial on plea of guilty:				Convicted after court trial of:				Convicted after jury trial of:			
	All types		Felony		Misdemeanor		Felony		Misdemeanor		Felony		Misdemeanor		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
State total.....	41,683	R 41,644	38,742	R 38,182	2,941	3,462	33,159	32,004	2,599	3,085	1,705	2,015	208	222	3,878	R 4,163	134	155
Alameda .....	1,950	2,062	1,933	2,011	17	51	1,716	1,787	15	42	23	65	1	4	194	159	1	5
Alpine .....	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Amador .....	26	21	23	14	3	7	22	11	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Butte .....	106	204	100	198	6	6	59	110	2	0	14	34	0	0	27	54	4	6
Calaveras.....	46	46	29	34	17	12	19	28	13	12	4	1	3	0	6	5	1	0
Colusa .....	41	23	39	20	2	3	23	15	1	3	7	3	0	0	9	2	1	0
Contra Costa .....	944	1,061	930	1,044	14	17	830	917	14	16	7	9	0	1	93	118	0	0
Del Norte .....	57	43	22	20	35	23	15	16	34	14	2	1	0	3	5	3	1	6
El Dorado.....	122	109	108	101	14	8	96	95	14	7	0	2	0	1	12	4	0	0
Fresno .....	1,035	976	1,021	966	14	10	679	662	0	6	169	124	14	4	173	180	0	0
Glenn .....	69	36	66	36	3	0	37	21	3	0	11	5	0	0	18	10	0	0
Goldblatt .....	133	167	98	121	35	46	87	91	29	43	3	14	1	0	8	16	5	3
Imperial.....	102	194	92	168	10	26	62	133	8	24	6	6	0	1	24	29	2	1
Inyo .....	55	56	45	47	10	9	41	47	10	8	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
Kern .....	639	576	624	564	15	12	527	467	13	11	2	8	0	1	95	89	2	0
Kings .....	166	124	161	124	5	0	93	79	0	0	1	7	0	0	67	38	5	0
Lake .....	81	95	77	92	4	3	63	76	2	2	2	2	0	0	12	14	2	1
Lassen .....	42	44	42	43	0	1	35	29	0	1	1	12	0	0	6	2	0	0
Los Angeles .....	14,101	13,954	12,950	12,173	1,151	1,781	11,101	10,223	991	1,591	760	862	109	142	1,089	1,088	51	48
Madera .....	177	185	177	185	0	0	126	127	0	0	9	2	0	0	42	56	0	0
Marin .....	255	252	250	252	5	0	205	200	0	0	12	11	0	0	33	41	5	0
Mariposa .....	18	23	18	20	0	3	15	19	0	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Mendocino.....	145	130	63	60	82	70	37	34	77	64	3	2	2	1	23	24	3	5
Merced .....	373	277	350	247	23	30	281	198	18	18	26	23	4	9	43	26	1	3
Modoc .....	29	28	28	28	1	0	23	22	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	4	0	0
Mono .....	8	31	7	24	1	7	6	15	0	6	1	7	1	0	0	2	0	1
Monterey .....	624	688	548	624	76	64	448	501	69	59	20	38	2	5	60	85	5	0
Napa .....	84	125	79	123	5	2	68	86	4	1	2	21	0	0	9	16	1	1
Nevada.....	63	64	59	64	4	0	34	50	4	0	16	5	0	0	9	9	0	0
Orange.....	2,297	1,928	2,241	1,849	56	79	2,088	1,619	47	58	35	44	3	9	118	186	6	12
Placer.....	87	152	83	121	4	31	71	89	4	30	1	15	0	0	11	17	0	1
Plumas.....	15	19	12	19	3	0	6	13	3	0	3	1	0	0	3	5	0	0
Riverside.....	900	999	846	958	54	41	728	795	47	30	16	54	2	5	102	109	5	6



Sacramento.....	1,707	1,198	1,556	1,165	151	33	1,345	964	145	33	45	23	4	0	166	178	2	0
San Benito .....	51	40	47	30	4	10	19	26	2	9	12	0	2	1	16	4	0	0
San Bernardino .....	1,312	1,533	1,263	1,462	49	71	984	1,193	44	65	45	72	5	3	234	197	0	3
San Diego.....	3,308	3,439	2,922	3,029	386	410	2,660	2,718	374	396	92	99	8	5	170	212	4	9
San Francisco.....	1,972	2,160	1,904	2,104	68	56	1,715	1,909	66	47	20	36	0	3	169	159	2	6
San Joaquin.....	461	463	450	461	11	2	389	406	11	2	0	2	0	0	61	53	0	0
San Luis Obispo .....	192	188	164	180	28	8	136	140	25	6	9	13	2	0	19	27	1	2
San Mateo.....	920	<sup>R</sup> 677	854	<sup>R</sup> 585	66	92	777	478	66	92	24	5	0	0	53	<sup>R</sup> 102	0	0
Santa Barbara .....	444	450	409	410	35	40	352	341	34	38	6	7	0	0	51	62	1	2
Santa Clara .....	2,848	2,939	2,691	2,778	157	161	2,417	2,394	142	148	110	222	10	6	164	162	5	7
Santa Cruz .....	355	348	336	335	19	13	280	286	15	10	11	4	1	1	45	45	3	2
Shasta.....	450	574	383	476	67	98	324	417	46	94	33	18	19	4	26	41	2	0
Sierra .....	14	7	9	0	5	7	1	0	0	0	7	0	5	7	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou .....	52	71	38	49	14	22	32	44	13	20	1	0	0	0	5	5	1	2
Solano .....	315	461	278	447	37	14	231	359	35	14	16	17	0	0	31	71	2	0
Sonoma .....	232	221	217	219	15	2	158	149	10	1	22	19	2	0	37	51	3	1
Stanislaus.....	406	462	387	454	19	8	287	339	8	1	15	19	6	0	85	96	5	7
Sutter.....	110	125	100	115	10	10	94	99	10	10	1	3	0	0	5	13	0	0
Tehama .....	60	101	50	76	10	25	43	64	10	17	2	5	0	0	5	7	0	8
Trinity .....	39	26	32	21	7	5	20	21	6	4	8	0	1	0	4	0	0	1
Tulare .....	491	497	470	478	21	19	303	278	18	14	29	28	1	3	136	172	2	2
Tuolumne .....	54	55	54	50	0	5	42	37	0	5	4	5	0	0	8	8	0	0
Ventura .....	826	656	751	655	75	1	691	553	75	0	29	35	0	0	31	67	0	1
Yolo .....	150	163	133	164	17	1	110	142	17	1	2	1	0	0	21	21	0	0
Yuba.....	122	96	121	89	1	7	107	72	1	5	3	1	0	2	11	16	0	0

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

**TABLE 23—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF APPEALS FROM LOWER COURTS**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing					
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Questions of law	1977-78	1976-77	trials de novo	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	14,601	<sup>R</sup> 12,740	13,377	11,320	1,246	976	2,268	2,290	9,863	8,054		
Alameda.....	919	786	914	637	0	0	166	122	748	515		
Alpine.....	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Amador.....	12	5	9	4	0	0	0	2	9	2		
Butte.....	54	38	31	12	6	1	1	9	24	2		
Calaveras.....	12	14	9	14	1	1	0	1	8	12		
Colusa.....	3	17	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3		
Contra Costa.....	485	417	458	437	65	21	58	78	335	338		
Del Norte.....	15	16	8	18	2	14	0	0	6	4		
El Dorado.....	44	37	44	31	11	7	7	3	26	21		
Fresno.....	220	144	166	104	15	15	31	22	120	67		
Glenn.....	20	9	8	6	1	0	1	0	6	6		
Humboldt.....	78	54	52	37	11	10	14	15	27	12		
Imperial.....	37	31	17	13	0	4	0	4	17	5		
Inyo.....	9	9	3	9	0	0	0	1	3	8		
Kern.....	142	124	134	131	8	12	25	37	101	82		
Kings.....	24	19	14	4	2	0	0	2	12	2		
Lake.....	17	<sup>R</sup> 33	12	21	3	3	3	1	6	17		
Lassen.....	11	13	18	9	1	0	6	8	11	1		
Los Angeles.....	4,982	4,297	4,717	4,197	423	247	759	882	3,535	3,068		
Madera.....	19	19	20	13	5	1	7	0	8	12		
Marin.....	207	180	180	204	0	41	85	65	95	98		
Mariposa.....	4	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0		
Mendocino.....	52	51	55	30	13	7	41	20	1	3		
Merced.....	42	30	22	26	1	8	2	0	19	18		
Modoc.....	1	5	3	5	1	2	2	0	0	3		
Mono.....	9	5	5	3	1	0	1	1	3	2		
Monterey.....	185	136	154	118	30	21	50	42	74	55		
Napa.....	50	39	29	36	0	9	0	3	29	24		
Nevada.....	18	10	23	9	1	0	3	0	19	9		
Orange.....	1,258	1,141	1,083	1,019	214	198	156	170	713	651		
Placer.....	85	62	66	48	3	1	2	2	61	45		
Plumas.....	3	2	1	3	0	1	0	2	1	0		
Riverside.....	524	386	503	369	44	23	29	55	430	291		
Sacramento.....	478	372	417	362	1	17	78	60	338	285		
San Benito.....	7	10	6	9	1	1	5	8	0	0		
San Bernardino.....	420	383	339	283	64	58	58	30	217	195		
San Diego.....	817	726	893	543	150	37	135	170	608	336		
San Francisco.....	680	723	614	558	73	80	66	82	475	396		
San Joaquin.....	180	171	124	148	3	10	35	50	86	88		
San Luis Obispo.....	77	62	66	55	4	5	12	8	50	42		
San Mateo.....	350	324	378	279	0	0	67	47	311	232		
Santa Barbara.....	206	195	199	197	22	24	38	58	139	115		
Santa Clara.....	583	608	584	514	11	18	133	77	440	419		
Santa Cruz.....	130	79	114	58	8	19	18	6	88	33		
Shasta.....	46	49	38	44	1	1	2	2	35	41		
Sierra.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Siskiyou.....	7	9	7	8	3	0	0	0	4	8		
Solano.....	96	125	83	72	3	7	5	3	75	62		
Sonoma.....	220	122	161	129	5	8	7	27	149	94		
Stanislaus.....	118	129	85	107	4	9	26	16	55	82		
Sutter.....	20	12	12	12	0	0	0	2	12	10		
Tehama.....	8	11	3	11	1	1	0	1	2	9		
Trinity.....	7	4	8	6	4	1	4	5	0	0		
Tulare.....	85	118	60	60	5	4	4	24	51	32		
Tuolumne.....	12	9	3	6	1	2	0	1	2	3		
Ventura.....	445	313	372	243	16	20	114	61	242	162		
Yolo.....	55	41	41	34	2	4	12	2	27	28		
Yuba.....	12	13	8	10	0	1	0	3	8	6		

<sup>R</sup> Revised.

**TABLE 24—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
HABEAS CORPUS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS**  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	12,721	9,859	11,336	9,147	6,505	5,678	4,831	3,469
Alameda .....	323	254	319	295	210	256	109	39
Alpine .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador .....	2	9	2	10	2	10	0	0
Butte .....	22	6	10	8	4	8	6	0
Calaveras .....	3	5	0	5	0	5	0	0
Colusa .....	2	3	1	3	0	3	1	0
Contra Costa .....	114	118	98	96	72	75	26	21
Del Norte .....	6	5	5	7	1	4	4	3
El Dorado .....	14	40	11	38	5	23	6	15
Fresno .....	114	121	112	105	106	101	6	4
Glenn .....	1	4	1	3	0	1	1	2
Humboldt .....	59	14	32	11	23	7	9	4
Imperial .....	4	3	5	3	0	2	5	1
Inyo .....	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
Kern .....	107	98	110	114	91	104	19	10
Kings .....	5	10	3	4	2	3	1	1
Lake .....	29	9	27	8	25	3	2	5
Lassen .....	13	11	10	11	9	10	1	1
Los Angeles .....	3,791	2,494	3,064	2,097	2,106	1,561	958	536
Madera .....	31	34	35	35	3	3	32	32
Marin .....	271	259	271	256	235	246	36	10
Mariposa .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino .....	6	8	4	7	3	3	1	4
Merced .....	11	17	8	12	1	1	7	11
Modoc .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mono .....	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Monterey .....	255	236	238	212	171	142	67	70
Napa .....	679	586	653	526	204	180	449	346
Nevada .....	21	2	23	1	13	0	10	1
Orange .....	528	497	348	390	205	288	143	102
Piacer .....	35	7	18	13	12	8	6	5
Plumas .....	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Riverside .....	376	205	352	195	155	70	197	125
Sacramento .....	563	476	570	447	432	366	138	81
San Benito .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino .....	573	363	450	285	194	77	256	188
San Diego .....	342	278	367	276	109	88	258	188
San Francisco .....	252	151	253	149	169	103	84	46
San Joaquin .....	365	356	352	324	204	219	148	105
San Luis Obispo .....	519	445	559	479	513	441	46	38
San Mateo .....	32	60	33	60	23	22	10	38
Santa Barbara .....	296	304	287	279	252	241	35	38
Santa Clara .....	350	314	352	314	217	129	135	185
Santa Cruz .....	50	21	49	23	24	14	25	9
Shasta .....	14	23	14	31	14	21	0	10
Sierra .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou .....	3	4	4	3	3	3	1	0
Solano .....	159	171	72	124	64	109	8	15
Sonoma .....	299	318	296	317	244	298	52	19
Stanislaus .....	79	61	79	54	50	27	29	27
Sutter .....	4	7	3	5	0	0	3	5
Tehama .....	7	20	6	22	2	11	4	11
Trinity .....	1	2	1	3	1	2	0	1
Tulare .....	15	41	21	42	6	18	15	24
Tuolumne .....	22	28	20	16	20	2	0	14
Ventura .....	1,923	1,299	1,755	1,387	289	335	1,466	1,052
Yolo .....	23	55	26	57	16	31	10	26
Yuba .....	4	3	4	1	1	0	3	1

TABLE 25—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
DISPOSITIONS BY JURY TRIAL

Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County	Total		<i>Personal Injury, Death and Property Damage</i>		<i>Criminal</i>		<i>All other Proceedings</i>	
	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77	77-78	76-77
	State total .....	7,892	8,272	2,042	2,203	4,914	5,179	936
Alameda.....	356	286	89	79	226	183	41	24
Alpine.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Amador.....	2	13	2	3	0	6	0	4
Butte.....	64	89	18	13	40	63	6	13
Calaveras.....	34	7	8	1	7	5	19	1
Colusa.....	10	6	0	0	10	4	0	2
Contra Costa.....	189	201	58	47	103	137	28	17
Del Norte.....	13	14	2	2	9	11	2	1
El Dorado.....	30	30	9	17	15	7	6	6
Fresno.....	231	243	27	33	192	203	12	7
Glenn.....	21	12	2	1	18	11	1	0
Humboldt.....	31	45	13	15	17	20	1	10
Imperial.....	40	47	3	8	30	36	7	3
Inyo.....	6	2	1	2	5	0	0	0
Kern.....	155	143	30	29	113	103	12	11
Kings.....	85	60	2	4	83	49	0	7
Lake.....	25	25	5	4	19	18	1	3
Lassen.....	16	6	4	3	7	2	5	1
Los Angeles.....	2,403	2,470	666	730	1,480	1,529	257	211
Madera.....	57	65	3	4	49	57	5	4
Marin.....	98	77	33	13	50	52	15	12
Mariposa.....	5	6	2	3	3	1	0	2
Mendocino.....	53	60	10	16	34	40	9	4
Merced.....	71	52	10	10	51	33	10	9
Modoc.....	8	6	3	2	3	4	0	0
Mono.....	1	7	1	3	0	3	0	1
Monterey.....	157	160	30	25	107	112	20	23
Napa.....	23	39	5	12	14	21	4	6
Nevada.....	10	13	1	2	9	10	0	1
Orange.....	306	371	99	98	159	233	48	40
Placer.....	36	36	11	15	19	19	6	2
Plumas.....	7	15	2	5	5	8	0	2
Riverside.....	225	218	51	51	153	150	21	17
Sacramento.....	362	358	108	123	193	184	61	51
San Benito.....	17	8	1	3	16	4	0	1
San Bernardino.....	368	334	59	59	291	249	18	26
San Diego.....	353	417	99	114	215	248	39	55
San Francisco.....	489	467	231	226	190	177	68	64
San Joaquin.....	102	119	21	46	67	64	14	9
San Luis Obispo.....	45	79	17	15	25	32	3	32
San Mateo.....	169	238	58	65	68	107	43	66
Santa Barbara.....	87	89	16	12	61	72	10	5
Santa Clara.....	301	336	65	93	189	189	47	54
Santa Cruz.....	94	86	26	21	55	54	13	11
Shasta.....	41	55	7	8	31	45	3	2
Sierra.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	18	25	5	9	9	13	4	3
Solano.....	65	117	15	32	45	81	5	4
Sonoma.....	89	88	20	14	54	56	15	18
Stanislaus.....	141	166	28	40	97	118	16	8
Sutter.....	12	18	6	4	5	13	1	1
Tehama.....	12	25	2	5	7	16	3	4
Trinity.....	8	21	0	2	8	6	0	13
Tulare.....	175	207	6	11	163	192	6	4
Tuolumne.....	17	19	4	7	13	12	0	0
Ventura.....	79	105	25	22	39	70	15	13
Yolo.....	45	36	8	10	26	25	11	8
Yuba.....	33	34	13	12	15	22	5	0

**TABLE 26—CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURTS  
TOTAL CASES AWAITING TRIAL**  
As of June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1978

County	Number of judicial positions <sup>a</sup>		Cases awaiting trial at end of month <sup>b</sup>						Total cases per judicial position	
	6/30/78	6/30/77	Total		Civil		Criminal		6/30/78	6/30/77
			6/30/78	6/30/77	6/30/78	6/30/77	6/30/78	6/30/77		
State total.....	647	647	130,874	118,487	122,530	10,284	8,344	7,538	202	169
Alameda.....	32	31	6,021	6,432	5,482	5,970	539	462	188	211
Alpine.....	1	1	4	7	4	6	0	1	4	5
Amador.....	1	1	54	48	46	45	8	3	54	22
Butte.....	3	3	231	455	209	435	22	20	77	183
Calaveras.....	1	1	12 <sup>c</sup>	43	12 <sup>c</sup>	41	0 <sup>c</sup>	2	12 <sup>c</sup>	67
Colusa.....	1	1	16	20	13	17	3	3	16	17
Contra Costa.....	15	15	2,828	2,469	2,626	2,376	202	93	189	172
Del Norte.....	1	1	36	32	32	31	4	1	36	24
El Dorado.....	3	3	241	281	227	256	14	25	80	127
Fresno.....	14	12	1,906	1,393	1,745	1,287	161	106	136	137
Glenn.....	1	1	25	16	20	10	5	6	25	6
Humboldt.....	3	3	490	445	443	398	47	47	16	151
Imperial.....	3	3	162	190	129	135	33	55	54	60
Inyo.....	1	1	36	39	36	39	0	3	36	22
Kern.....	11	11	1,265	1,008	1,124	914	141	94	115	87
Kings.....	2	2	98	96	70	66	28	32	49	59
Lake.....	1	1	58	29	56	25	2	4	58	38
Lassen.....	1	1	73	66	71	64	2	2	73	65
Los Angeles.....	225	233	66,978	59,332	63,433	55,150	3,545	4,182	298	210
Madera.....	1	1	132	93	94	70	38	23	132	104
Marin.....	7	8	1,149	1,165	1,087	1,101	62	64	164	140
Mariposa.....	1	1	35	26	35	26	0	0	35	41
Mendocino.....	2	2	99	119	88	109	11	10	50	68
Merced.....	3	3	254	243	209	190	45	53	85	54
Modoc.....	1	1	13	11	11	9	2	2	13	10
Mono.....	1	1	49	43	48	43	1	0	49	35
Monterey.....	7	7	454	585	360	513	94	72	65	115
Napa.....	2	2	206	231	193	294	13	7	103	138
Nevada.....	2	2	106	146	94	144	12	2	53	179
Orange.....	45	42	11,278	8,425	10,942	8,151	336	274	251	201
Placer.....	3	3	424	471	397	452	27	19	141	136
Plumas.....	1	1	37	55	35	50	2	5	37	40
Riverside.....	14	14	2,699	2,128	2,457	1,952	242	176	193	135
Sacramento.....	24	22	3,094	3,355	2,822	3,173	272	182	129	164
San Benito.....	1	1	14	10	12	10	2	0	14	11
San Bernardino.....	22	22	2,988	2,832	2,771	2,667	217	165	136	113
San Diego.....	38	38	7,600	7,497	7,121	7,105	479	392	200	191
San Francisco.....	32	32	4,888	5,159	4,654	4,968	234	191	153	179
San Joaquin.....	8	8	1,510	1,434	1,345	1,303	165	131	189	147
San Luis Obispo.....	4	4	325 <sup>d</sup>	339	302 <sup>d</sup>	296	23 <sup>d</sup>	43	81 <sup>d</sup>	92
San Mateo.....	16	16	1,435	1,574	1,310	1,470	125	104	90	134
Santa Barbara.....	9	9	1,076	793	984	746	92	47	120	61
Santa Clara.....	30	30	4,378	3,219	3,750	2,776	628	443	146	99
Santa Cruz.....	4	4	266	355	234	264	32	91	67	105
Shasta.....	3	3	421	445	421	384	0	61	140	170
Sierra.....	1	1	1	4	1	4	0	0	1	1
Siskiyou.....	1	1	46	59	42	55	4	4	46	76
Solano.....	4	4	364	374	321	358	43	16	91	77
Sonoma.....	7	7	1,654	1,605	1,572	1,480	82	125	236	241
Stanislaus.....	7	7	709	515	594	411	115	104	101	100
Sutter.....	2	2	86	85	76	75	10	10	43	65
Tehama.....	1	1	47	59	45	52	2	7	47	40
Trinity.....	1	1	41	22	37	22	4	0	41	33
Tulare.....	5	4	422	660	356	602	66	58	84	136
Tuolumne.....	1	1	101	116	95	104	6	12	101	76
Ventura.....	11	11	1,430	1,380	1,356	1,258	74	122	130	189
Yolo.....	3	3	413	326	398	299	15	27	138	INA
Yuba.....	2	2	96	126	83	106	13	20	48	79

<sup>a</sup> Judicial positions include full-time court commissioners and referees in addition to the number of judges authorized for the court. For a list of judgeships see Table 11.

<sup>b</sup> Cases awaiting trial include criminal and civil cases set for future trial and civil cases in which at-issue memoranda have been filed but not trial dates assigned.

<sup>c</sup> As of February 28, 1978 (Latest available data).

<sup>d</sup> As of May 31, 1978 (Latest available data).

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**TABLE 27—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL (EXCLUDES PARKING) AND CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Number of judgeships <sup>a</sup>		Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>			
	1977-78/1976-77		1976-77		1977-78		1976-77		Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78		1976-77	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total	455	447	6,453,511	6,206,936	5,748,664	5,584,299	5,219,213	5,078,949	266,800	253,641	222,417	218,325	40,234	33,384		
<b>Alameda:</b>																
Alameda	1	1	12,721	12,537	10,892	11,347	9,819	10,210	556	631	517	495	0	11		
Berkeley-Albany	4	4	33,433	32,457	35,848	35,821	32,730	32,451	1,581	1,845	1,534	1,523	3	2		
Fremont-Newark-Union City	3	3	42,077	38,191	42,231	37,154	37,271	33,265	2,690	2,278	2,267	1,610	3	1		
Livermore-Pleasanton	2	2	40,974	39,013	37,531	37,072	35,905	35,826	664	556	962	690	0	0		
Oakland-Piedmont	14	14	171,372	172,143	167,567	176,338	153,244	164,487	8,205	6,501	6,118	5,350	0	0		
San Leandro-Hayward	7	7	91,638	80,837	83,551	77,091	77,132	70,844	2,961	2,994	3,457	3,253	1	0		
<b>Butte:</b>																
Chico	1	1	13,612	11,804	11,733	10,863	9,532	8,791	679	534	900	854	622	684		
<b>Contra Costa:</b>																
Bay <sup>d</sup>	5	5	62,701	30,258	56,954	27,257	49,099	22,696	2,094	1,471	2,389	1,488	3,372	1,602		
Delta	2	2	18,886	19,914	17,639	19,684	15,161	16,395	1,381	1,297	783	788	314	1,204		
Mt. Diablo	4	4	49,017	45,361	43,817	42,813	36,248	35,644	1,709	1,807	2,144	2,257	3,716	3,105		
Richmond <sup>d</sup>	-	-	0	15,343	0	13,578	0	11,116	0	511	0	745	0	1,206		
Walnut Creek-Danville	3	3	42,026	40,658	39,806	39,598	33,058	33,344	1,059	999	1,999	1,888	3,690	3,367		
West <sup>d</sup>	-	-	0	13,900	0	12,962	0	11,696	0	471	0	764	0	31		
<b>Fresno:</b>																
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>e</sup>	1	-	3,211	0	3,023	0	2,741	0	91	0	191	0	0	0		
Fresno	7	7	69,922	73,665	63,889	68,880	57,944	63,156	3,389	2,964	2,555	2,759	1	1		
<b>Humboldt:</b>																
Eureka	2	2	11,911	11,217	15,804	11,352	14,574	10,051	670	863	560	438	0	0		
<b>Imperial:</b>																
Imperial County	4	4	46,764	47,506	40,185	36,633	38,551	34,422	946	1,313	688	879	0	19		
<b>Kern:</b>																
East Kern <sup>g</sup>	2	2	19,342	8,566	16,124	7,934	14,782	7,163	456	168	325	223	561	380		
West Kern <sup>h</sup>	6	6	120,117	90,136	98,231	81,412	89,785	75,038	5,351	3,683	2,151	2,032	944	659		

Los Angeles:														
Alhambra .....	3	3	65,923	65,023	58,883	56,123	55,112	52,370	1,734	1,746	2,031	2,007	6	0
Antelope .....	1	1	26,773	24,916	24,597	23,499	23,120	21,829	769	796	708	874	0	0
Beverly Hills .....	3	3	37,715	33,222	30,738	29,064	27,746	26,423	1,141	1,015	2,001	1,625	0	1
Burbank .....	2	2	19,119	24,590	16,280	19,256	14,506	17,761	829	673	945	822	0	0
Citrus .....	6	6	94,235	93,569	89,983	88,142	83,360	81,505	3,618	3,400	3,004	3,236	1	1
Compton .....	6	6	103,150	102,910	88,073	92,457	79,316	84,058	6,178	5,910	2,579	2,489	0	0
Culver .....	2	2	24,442	21,141	21,555	18,347	18,753	15,922	1,919	1,647	883	778	0	0
Downey .....	4	4	48,029	49,617	42,129	44,482	38,270	40,463	2,146	2,164	1,713	1,855	0	0
East Los Angeles .....	4	4	49,396	52,920	40,684	48,851	36,596	44,632	2,520	2,812	1,561	1,405	7	2
Glendale .....	2	2	32,709	30,638	29,567	28,789	27,193	26,437	1,141	1,091	1,225	1,258	8	3
Inglewood .....	4	4	70,576	75,284	63,399	56,763	47,462	50,616	3,064	3,272	2,873	2,875	0	0
Long Beach .....	7	7	97,651	105,686	85,519	95,059	77,444	86,425	5,240	5,596	2,833	3,016	2	22
Los Angeles .....	64	64	978,916	1,045,093	844,302	908,049	756,753	821,284	50,761	46,009	36,788	40,756	0	0
Los Cerritos .....	3	3	47,312	43,789	44,991	39,807	41,555	36,285	1,643	1,805	1,793	1,717	0	0
Malibu .....	1	1	28,755	26,373	25,422	25,964	24,493	24,932	306	389	623	643	0	0
Newhall .....	2	2	39,893	35,905	35,745	30,600	34,734	29,468	378	573	633	559	0	0
Pasadena .....	4	4	53,082	51,540	44,897	43,857	39,466	38,878	2,457	2,556	2,300	2,422	674	1
Pomona .....	3	3	46,858	41,899	41,110	39,195	36,935	35,452	2,389	2,174	1,786	1,569	0	0
Rio Hondo .....	4	4	44,694	43,598	36,085	38,532	32,947	35,549	1,926	1,916	1,212	1,064	0	3
Santa Anita .....	1	1	21,058	23,001	20,949	23,223	19,142	21,349	767	762	1,034	1,112	6	0
Santa Monica .....	3	3	39,364	32,821	34,145	27,591	29,892	23,836	2,837	2,179	1,416	1,576	0	0
South Bay .....	5	5	112,755	112,048	101,349	101,944	91,450	92,294	4,484	4,756	5,372	4,894	3	0
Southeast .....	5	5	78,500	73,193	73,022	68,565	67,982	63,852	3,273	2,876	1,767	1,837	0	0
Whittier .....	4	4	51,610	55,461	48,125	51,058	43,728	46,139	2,185	2,112	2,212	2,806	0	1
Marin:														
Central .....	4	4	64,769	64,854	66,006	60,598	61,849	56,737	1,693	1,257	2,406	2,561	58	43
Merced:														
Merced County <sup>l</sup> .....	3	3	62,286	31,000	54,211	26,397	50,830	25,347	1,235	432	1,066	409	1,080	209
Monterey:														
Monterey Peninsula <sup>l</sup> .....	3	3	28,846	30,326	29,295	27,308	25,868	24,059	1,573	1,531	1,854	1,718	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>k</sup> .....	1	-	12,581	0	11,186	0	10,460	0	288	0	437	0	1	0
Salinas .....	3	3	34,172	32,339	30,670	28,772	28,318	23,974	1,424	3,740	928	1,058	0	0
Napa:														
Napa County <sup>l</sup> .....	2	2	21,661	21,682	20,047	23,683	16,403	19,414	907	1,273	1,129	897	1,608	2,099
Orange:														
Central Orange County .....	<sup>m</sup> 13	<sup>n</sup> 12	146,405	143,301	130,159	130,817	120,895	121,739	5,204	4,957	4,060	4,121	0	0
North Orange County .....	10	<sup>o</sup> 10	139,246	123,603	129,834	117,463	117,856	105,990	5,835	5,372	5,623	5,635	520	466
Orange County Harbor .....	<sup>p</sup> 6	5	117,059	111,795	114,046	104,554	99,393	92,970	2,347	1,780	2,529	2,721	9,777	7,083
South Orange County .....	3	3	46,776	44,881	43,206	42,971	38,012	38,514	1,215	924	1,478	1,257	2,501	2,276
West Orange County .....	9	9	151,434	131,709	117,991	109,587	107,872	99,614	4,722	5,228	5,397	4,742	0	3

TABLE 27—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL (EXCLUDES PARKING) AND CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Number of judgeships <sup>a</sup>		Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Riverside:</b>														
Corona .....	2	2	19,563	20,312	17,205	18,652	15,998	17,512	600	514	687	625	0	1
Desert .....	4	4	66,261	66,130	59,738	61,706	55,080	57,898	2,004	1,766	2,654	2,034	0	8
Mt. San Jacinto .....	2	2	42,880	39,155	41,043	34,843	39,724	33,588	576	511	743	744	0	0
Riverside .....	5	5	83,336	73,061	74,762	68,332	69,802	63,598	2,412	2,478	2,544	2,252	4	4
Three Lakes <sup>n</sup> .....	1	<sup>m</sup> 1	14,061	6,307	12,248	5,870	11,299	5,456	450	206	499	253	0	0
<b>Sacramento:</b>														
Sacramento .....	14	14	179,787	182,838	149,982	151,125	136,799	140,225	8,115	6,322	5,068	4,578	0	0
<b>San Bernardino:</b>														
San Bernardino County <sup>o</sup> .....	<sup>o</sup> 15	14	191,255	170,012	178,820	156,784	165,726	145,055	8,153	6,962	4,941	4,764	0	3
<b>San Diego:</b>														
El Cajon <sup>p</sup> .....	<sup>m</sup> 6	5	86,096	87,118	81,153	80,319	74,617	74,783	3,673	3,065	2,858	2,470	5	1
North County <sup>q</sup> .....	6	6	105,760	105,222	97,472	106,338	90,672	98,864	2,962	3,213	3,838	4,261	0	0
San Diego .....	22	<sup>c</sup> 22	267,224	255,555	244,753	235,480	224,040	214,840	12,271	12,502	8,442	8,137	0	0
South Bay .....	<sup>m</sup> 5	4	65,962	58,257	56,830	52,177	52,401	47,934	1,532	1,515	2,897	2,702	0	26
<b>San Francisco:</b>														
San Francisco .....	19	19	170,743	151,967	145,546	135,324	123,884	113,281	15,785	16,502	5,875	5,134	2	7
<b>San Joaquin:</b>														
Lodi .....	1	1	15,858	14,158	13,940	13,097	11,219	11,015	662	646	480	514	1,579	922
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	2	2	29,482	30,422	23,688	25,934	21,665	23,750	593	709	849	755	581	720
Stockton .....	5	5	54,946	57,274	50,011	54,537	45,157	49,966	3,219	3,123	1,635	1,448	0	0
<b>San Luis Obispo:</b>														
San Luis Obispo County .....	3	3	58,801	55,078	51,765	47,640	44,724	41,346	1,653	1,158	1,496	1,441	3,892	3,695
<b>San Mateo:</b>														
Central <sup>r</sup> .....	—	3	33,299	75,541	35,927	66,260	33,140	59,914	1,521	4,040	1,264	2,306	2	0
Northern <sup>r</sup> .....	3	3	52,995	50,319	48,522	47,294	45,111	44,078	1,381	1,221	2,026	1,994	4	1
Southern <sup>r</sup> .....	6	3	91,484	53,343	89,198	48,040	81,237	42,696	4,562	3,338	3,381	2,006	18	0
<b>Santa Barbara:</b>														
Lompoc .....	1	1	7,908	7,194	7,981	6,967	7,344	6,297	276	258	361	412	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	3	3	52,566	48,773	45,432	43,604	41,244	39,539	2,647	2,550	1,540	1,514	1	1
Santa Maria .....	2	2	19,982	18,774	16,419	15,905	14,887	14,348	760	770	772	787	0	0



Santa Clara:														
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	1	1	19,158	9,667	17,513	7,088	16,351	6,574	747	404	414	109	1	1
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	1	1	33,208	31,501	29,358	30,073	27,072	27,817	902	845	1,384	1,410	0	1
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	4	4	61,728	59,073	42,478	47,702	39,347	44,423	1,520	1,305	1,609	1,974	2	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	12	<sup>c</sup> 12	189,642	200,658	154,739	157,974	141,996	144,826	5,830	5,546	6,912	7,587	1	15
Santa Clara .....	2	2	25,939	26,381	23,610	24,296	21,022	21,830	989	841	1,593	1,625	6	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	2	2	28,551	25,951	24,882	28,002	22,388	25,719	907	793	1,587	1,490	0	0
Santa Cruz:														
Santa Cruz County .....	4	<sup>c</sup> 4	57,193	52,999	46,073	43,444	38,887	37,100	1,844	1,916	2,014	1,893	3,328	2,535
Solano:														
Northern Solano .....	3	3	58,533	55,587	55,026	47,549	52,803	45,474	805	742	1,418	1,333	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	2	2	19,659	17,759	16,495	16,681	14,495	14,791	911	780	1,089	1,110	0	0
Sonoma:														
Sonoma County .....	4	4	72,369	71,046	68,272	68,029	63,546	63,560	2,620	2,095	2,105	2,374	1	0
Stanislaus:														
Stanislaus County <sup>t</sup> .....	7	<sup>b</sup> 7	68,716	57,936	62,292	54,007	56,698	49,281	2,440	1,883	3,151	2,840	3	3
Sutter:														
Sutter County .....	1	1	11,306	11,645	10,689	10,830	9,849	9,068	434	697	387	417	19	648
Tulare:														
Porterville .....	1	1	11,546	10,187	12,835	9,511	11,923	8,587	479	491	430	430	3	3
Tulare-Pixley <sup>u</sup> .....	1	1	19,215	11,717	16,721	10,703	15,952	10,230	344	287	424	186	1	0
Visalia .....	2	2	22,705	23,465	19,908	20,355	18,122	18,497	975	885	811	964	0	9
Ventura:														
Ventura County .....	<sup>v</sup> 10	<sup>v</sup> 9	124,679	115,785	112,657	99,643	104,130	90,738	3,447	4,290	5,080	4,615	0	0
Yolo:														
Yolo County <sup>w</sup> .....	3	3	31,161	15,646	29,426	13,028	25,535	11,739	1,169	462	1,420	532	1,302	295

<sup>a</sup> Number of authorized judgeships at the end of the fiscal year.  
<sup>b</sup> Orders of judges acting as traffic hearing officers pursuant to Section 563 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.  
<sup>c</sup> Statute provided for increase effective January 1, 1977.  
<sup>d</sup> Richmond and West Municipal Court Districts consolidated to become the Bay Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.  
<sup>e</sup> Clovis-Ponderosa Justice Court Districts became Clovis-Ponderosa Municipal Court District on March 24, 1978.  
<sup>f</sup> Statute provided for increase effective January 10, 1977.  
<sup>g</sup> Indian Wells and Tehachapi-Mojave Justice Court Districts consolidated to become the East Kern Municipal Court District on January 2, 1977.  
<sup>h</sup> Kern River-Rand Justice Court District consolidated with Bakersfield Municipal Court District on August 12, 1976. Arvin-Lamont, Buttonwillow, Delano-McFarland, Maricopa-Taft, Shafter and Wasco Justice Court Districts consolidated with Bakersfield Municipal Court District to become the West Kern Municipal Court District on January 2, 1977.  
<sup>i</sup> Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, LeGrand, Livingston, Los Banos, Merced and Snelling Justice Court Districts consolidated to become the Merced County Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.  
<sup>j</sup> Pacific Grove Justice Court District consolidated with Monterey-Carmel Municipal Court District to become the Monterey Peninsula Municipal Court District on January 2, 1977.

- <sup>k</sup> Castroville-Pajaro Justice Court District became North Monterey County Municipal Court District on July 1, 1977.
- <sup>l</sup> Napa-St. Helena-Calistoga Municipal Court District changed its name to Napa County Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.
- <sup>m</sup> Statute provided for increase effective January 1, 1978.
- <sup>n</sup> Elsinore, Murrieta and Perris Justice Court Districts consolidated to become the Three Lakes Municipal Court District on January 2, 1977.
- <sup>o</sup> Cucamonga-Etiwanda Justice Court District became the Rancho Cucamonga Division of the San Bernardino County Municipal Court District on March 5, 1978. An additional judgeship was authorized upon consolidation.
- <sup>p</sup> East County Justice Court District consolidated with El Cajon Municipal Court District on July 1, 1976.
- <sup>q</sup> Fallbrook Justice Court District consolidated with North County Municipal Court District on July 1, 1976.
- <sup>r</sup> Central and Southern Municipal Court Districts consolidated on December 22, 1977. The name of the district is Southern Municipal Court District.
- <sup>s</sup> Gilroy-Morgan Hill Justice Court District became Gilroy-Morgan Hill Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.
- <sup>t</sup> Oakdale-Waterford, Newman-Patterson, Riverbank and Turlock Justice Court Districts consolidated with Modesto Municipal Court District to become the Stanislaus County Municipal Court District on January 2, 1977. Two additional judgeships were authorized upon consolidation.
- <sup>u</sup> Tulare and Pixley Justice Court districts consolidated to become the Tulare-Pixley Municipal Court District on December 17, 1976.
- <sup>v</sup> Statute provided for increase effective July 1, 1976 and July 1, 1977.
- <sup>w</sup> Davis, Esparto, Cafton, Washington, Winters and Woodland Justice Court Districts consolidated to become the Yolo County Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.
- <sup>x</sup> A portion of the San Diego Municipal Court District consolidated with the new South Bay Municipal Court District on July 1, 1975. The number of judgeships was reduced by two.
- <sup>y</sup> Coronado and National Justice Court Districts and a portion of the San Diego Municipal Court District consolidated to become the South Bay Municipal Court District on July 1, 1975. Two judgeships were authorized upon consolidation. Statute provided for two additional judgeships effective January 1, 1976.
- <sup>z</sup> Lompoc Justice Court District became Lompoc Municipal Court District on January 1, 1976.
- <sup>aa</sup> Gilroy-Morgan Hill Justice Court District became Gilroy-Morgan Hill Municipal Court District on January 1, 1977.

**TABLE 28—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FELONY FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	96,980	94,522	84,576	80,989	38,782	36,624	42,513	40,701	3,281	3,564
Alameda:										
Alameda .....	232	220	207	163	169	111	30	42	8	10
Berkeley-Albany .....	907	832	568	728	219	284	340	441	9	3
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	598	589	387	219	145	56	218	150	24	13
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	463	444	339	346	229	241	110	105	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	3,613	3,643	3,324	2,892	1,843	1,563	1,396	1,284	85	45
San Leandro-Hayward .....	1,471	1,534	1,252	1,203	755	743	449	340	48	120
Butte:										
Chico .....	204	243	187	170	99	70	88	98	0	2
Contra Costa:										
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	664	370	660	304	203	89	403	190	54	25
Delta .....	365	331	374	281	129	95	209	156	36	30
Mt. Diablo .....	473	518	482	467	162	158	232	230	88	79
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	271	0	213	0	82	0	110	0	21
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	224	173	191	160	89	56	77	67	25	37
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	127	0	134	0	25	0	109	0	0
Fresno:										
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>1</sup> .....	35	0	11	0	7	0	4	0	0	0
Fresno .....	2,894	2,542	2,856	2,217	2,049	1,514	719	616	88	87
Humboldt:										
Eureka .....	533	604	549	577	311	358	196	189	42	30
Imperial:										
Imperial County .....	827	796	672	680	475	426	142	149	55	105
Kern:										
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	169	100	132	63	87	39	40	11	5	13
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	1,877	1,630	1,535	1,432	1,137	1,075	361	280	37	77

**TABLE 28—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FELONY FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:										
Alhambra.....	411	333	470	257	165	40	295	207	10	10
Antelope.....	200	272	176	173	15	14	161	157	0	2
Beverly Hills.....	388	319	278	288	35	39	236	242	7	7
Burbank.....	323	253	272	170	57	34	170	83	45	53
Citrus.....	1,071	960	810	765	399	451	406	314	5	0
Compton.....	1,924	1,736	1,561	1,451	538	394	1,022	1,056	1	1
Culver.....	159	239	145	214	9	35	123	164	13	15
Downey.....	589	556	556	530	90	129	459	387	7	14
East Los Angeles.....	672	717	576	639	19	74	543	541	14	24
Glendale.....	415	355	481	298	240	46	229	250	12	2
Inglewood.....	681	943	617	803	119	183	336	549	102	71
Long Beach.....	1,061	1,269	764	808	31	28	673	776	60	4
Los Angeles.....	10,297	11,732	10,438	11,246	1,638	1,920	4,737	9,214	63	112
Los Cerritos.....	426	374	380	402	95	83	258	296	27	23
Malibu.....	166	200	102	122	23	27	77	89	2	6
Newhall.....	215	231	87	140	21	40	66	98	0	2
Pasadena.....	876	781	549	558	93	99	455	454	1	5
Pomona.....	498	502	489	411	93	76	383	311	13	24
Rio Hondo.....	377	568	342	439	87	107	250	320	5	12
Santa Anita.....	224	201	209	219	69	90	135	128	5	1
Santa Monica.....	228	309	223	269	42	80	172	177	9	12
South Bay.....	844	1,074	726	855	166	191	539	659	21	5
Southeast.....	1,163	1,221	1,170	1,106	278	196	877	820	15	90
Whittier.....	428	472	358	418	41	74	309	334	8	10
Marin:										
Central.....	642	657	487	563	211	188	236	325	40	50
Merced:										
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	959	437	691	255	315	80	324	107	52	68

Monterey										
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	590	652	563	609	129	157	434	452	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	193	0	154	0	51	0	35	0	68	0
Salinas.....	750	683	555	529	155	156	372	327	28	46
Napa:										
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	450	596	442	452	322	330	96	113	24	9
Orange:										
Central Orange County.....	1,677	1,920	1,567	1,560	1,102	1,049	355	462	110	49
North Orange County .....	1,399	1,651	1,441	1,921	935	1,537	411	301	95	83
Orange County Harbor .....	491	496	329	499	150	273	145	103	34	123
South Orange County .....	356	400	326	237	145	136	155	89	26	12
West Orange County .....	1,013	1,118	986	1,148	581	716	377	375	28	57
Riverside:										
Corona .....	257	234	231	215	122	119	99	91	10	5
Desert.....	791	649	660	560	346	307	271	229	43	24
Mt. San Jacinto.....	319	320	219	274	125	174	95	46	9	54
Riverside .....	1,304	1,454	1,236	1,359	668	865	498	458	70	36
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	239	0	146	0	52	0	46	0	48	0
Sacramento:										
Sacramento .....	5,388	4,972	5,059	4,199	3,203	2,946	1,842	1,233	14	20
San Bernardino:										
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	3,998	3,779	3,720	3,277	2,123	1,987	1,355	1,024	242	266
San Diego:										
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	1,422	1,143	1,192	934	797	536	312	316	83	82
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,508	1,286	951	1,019	531	512	379	491	41	16
San Diego .....	5,897	5,271	4,793	3,904	2,753	2,064	1,874	1,468	166	372
South Bay .....	1,113	1,134	874	905	379	370	464	301	31	234
San Francisco:										
San Francisco .....	5,621	4,768	5,053	4,351	2,507	1,891	2,304	2,344	242	116
San Joaquin:										
Lodi.....	216	177	143	126	80	66	63	60	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	420	393	312	303	191	192	63	89	58	22
Stockton .....	1,444	1,586	1,411	1,756	933	1,109	459	616	19	31
San Luis Obispo:										
San Luis Obispo County .....	588	621	548	602	320	380	228	222	0	0
San Mateo:										
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	271	725	176	567	86	256	72	293	18	18
Northern .....	873	839	610	527	358	303	247	218	5	6
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	1,268	1,057	1,017	912	584	519	355	381	78	12

**TABLE 28—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FELONY FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Barbara:</b>										
Lompoc .....	73	67	69	48	38	11	23	20	8	17
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	621	705	499	586	218	260	281	326	0	0
Santa Maria .....	241	191	193	161	44	23	139	123	10	15
<b>Santa Clara:</b>										
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	239	95	229	85	128	50	81	28	20	7
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	298	283	233	261	55	91	178	170	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	709	627	584	544	229	193	318	328	37	23
San Jose-Milpitas .....	3,467	3,451	3,027	3,032	1,233	1,364	1,763	1,558	31	110
Santa Clara .....	459	389	384	370	22	63	330	280	32	27
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	437	410	339	288	96	119	242	163	1	6
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>										
Santa Cruz County .....	1,160	1,238	850	901	443	512	384	359	23	33
<b>Solano:</b>										
Northern Solano .....	974	810	793	696	562	563	231	123	5	10
Vallejo-Benicia .....	750	721	618	646	424	477	165	128	29	41
<b>Sonoma:</b>										
Sonoma County .....	1,193	1,091	888	946	393	468	437	437	58	41
<b>Stanislaus:</b>										
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,930	1,753	1,612	1,484	924	794	678	688	10	2
<b>Sutter:</b>										
Sutter County .....	283	289	169	221	72	73	80	111	17	37
<b>Tulare:</b>										
Porterville .....	260	226	196	225	75	83	95	104	26	38
Tulare-Dixley <sup>a</sup> .....	302	172	271	123	178	70	35	45	58	8
Visalia .....	511	562	261	327	93	109	104	120	64	98
<b>Ventura:</b>										
Ventura County .....	1,898	1,590	1,596	1,412	664	544	895	839	37	29
<b>Yolo:</b>										
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	533	307	363	140	166	104	113	24	84	12

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 29—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
DISPOSITIONS OF FELONIES AND FELONIES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Before hearing						After hearing							
	Dismissals and transfers		Pleas of guilty				Acquitted or dismissed				Convicted or bound over			
			Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors		Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors		Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	17,417	17,224	6,157	5,684	15,113	13,684	3,007	2,765	378	302	41,382	40,366	1,025	831
<b>Alameda:</b>														
Alameda.....	31	45	17	16	121	50	1	0	1	0	35	51	1	1
Berkeley-Albany .....	140	158	28	1	34	125	8	37	11	2	248	315	82	90
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	64	38	23	7	58	11	6	1	0	0	227	162	9	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	93	72	23	26	113	143	0	1	0	0	96	104	14	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	798	903	101	53	944	607	0	0	7	0	1,473	1,323	1	6
San Leandro-Hayward .....	319	339	26	61	409	343	25	20	5	7	426	403	41	30
<b>Butte:</b>														
Chico .....	33	38	66	31	0	1	0	1	0	0	88	99	0	0
<b>Contra Costa:</b>														
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	90	31	5	2	108	55	20	25	0	0	414	178	23	12
Delta.....	79	81	6	5	44	9	12	4	0	0	233	182	0	0
Mt. Diablo.....	108	67	13	28	41	63	20	17	2	1	294	288	4	3
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	33	0	1	0	48	0	4	0	1	0	120	0	6
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	46	26	6	12	37	18	10	2	2	0	88	100	2	2
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	12	0	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	10
<b>Fresno:</b>														
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Fresno .....	1,021	790	325	243	703	481	59	23	13	6	725	659	9	15
<b>Humboldt:</b>														
Eureka .....	150	144	39	47	122	167	34	30	0	0	204	187	0	2
<b>Imperial:</b>														
Imperial County .....	127	129	45	50	503	247	25	23	4	19	165	197	3	15
<b>Kern:</b>														
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	23	5	10	4	54	30	6	0	4	3	33	19	2	2
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	497	345	314	272	326	458	11	39	36	0	331	299	20	19

**TABLE 29—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
DISPOSITIONS OF FELONIES AND FELONIES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Before hearing						After hearing								
	Dismissals and transfers		Pleas of guilty				Acquitted or dismissed		Convicted or bound over						
			Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors		Reduced to misdemeanors		Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors				
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77			
Los Angeles:															
Alhambra.....	18	10	4	1	142	29	13	3	2	4	288	208	2	2	
Antelope.....	4	8	0	0	11	6	10	3	1	6	113	136	37	14	
Beverly Hills.....	25	34	0	2	8	3	10	14	1	0	231	234	1	1	
Burbank.....	11	11	2	4	44	19	25	8	0	5	189	121	1	2	
Citrus.....	317	392	42	4	40	55	2	1	1	0	403	310	5	3	
Corpton.....	378	263	37	14	123	117	0	14	1	0	1,022	1,043	0	0	
Culver.....	5	18	0	0	4	17	9	8	0	2	127	169	0	0	
Downey.....	42	43	4	13	44	73	25	15	0	1	440	384	1	1	
East Los Angeles.....	13	58	0	2	6	14	83	110	9	9	462	434	3	12	
Glendale.....	204	26	0	2	36	18	11	12	0	0	230	222	0	18	
Inglewood.....	93	118	3	9	23	55	40	39	0	3	445	576	13	2	
Long Beach.....	14	15	9	5	6	8	23	12	1	0	706	764	3	4	
Los Angeles.....	1,032	1,082	122	113	484	725	644	812	23	46	7,834	8,228	299	240	
Los Cerritos.....	35	46	4	8	56	29	1	5	0	7	284	307	0	0	
Malibu.....	16	18	1	1	6	8	3	14	0	2	75	75	1	4	
Newhall.....	8	20	2	0	11	20	1	2	0	1	63	83	2	14	
Pasadena.....	46	30	5	7	41	62	15	34	2	9	439	409	0	7	
Pomona.....	72	35	4	5	17	36	16	13	0	4	373	318	7	0	
Rio Hondo.....	30	27	0	0	57	80	16	52	1	7	237	268	1	5	
Santa Anita.....	17	45	3	9	49	36	9	3	0	0	131	126	0	0	
Santa Monica.....	37	49	3	5	2	26	14	21	0	0	165	164	2	4	
South Bay.....	98	77	44	78	15	36	59	9	0	1	501	653	0	1	
Southeast.....	111	90	3	6	164	100	63	101	1	3	826	776	2	30	
Whittier.....	16	33	3	11	22	30	22	2	5	0	290	341	0	1	
Marin:															
Central.....	90	91	56	31	65	66	27	37	6	0	232	332	11	6	
Merced:															
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	191	30	76	21	48	29	15	29	9	2	352	144	0	0	



Monterey:														
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	5	47	13	0	111	110	94	38	0	0	340	414	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	14	0	0	0	37	0	29	0	3	0	57	0	14	0
Salinas.....	143	139	4	0	8	17	55	32	0	0	344	339	1	2
Napa:														
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	133	88	0	14	189	228	8	4	0	0	112	118	0	0
Orange:														
Central Orange County.....	464	588	248	105	390	356	15	14	3	2	444	492	3	3
North Orange County.....	403	777	125	195	407	565	0	14	8	1	492	367	5	2
Orange County Harbor.....	83	93	57	53	10	127	2	8	1	12	176	204	0	2
South Orange County.....	53	50	42	40	50	46	16	5	2	1	163	95	2	0
West Orange County.....	241	320	61	78	279	318	1	1	0	4	403	422	1	5
Riverside:														
Corona.....	53	47	20	30	49	42	7	0	0	0	102	96	0	0
Desert.....	173	225	106	45	67	37	19	30	4	3	291	219	0	1
Mt. San Jacinto.....	66	46	4	36	55	92	15	7	0	1	77	87	2	5
Riverside.....	287	356	141	253	240	256	73	90	3	3	491	386	1	15
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	13	0	21	0	18	0	28	0	3	0	60	0	3	0
Sacramento:														
Sacramento.....	1,553	1,317	455	505	1,195	1,124	3	2	5	11	1,839	1,231	9	9
San Bernardino:														
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	890	897	514	557	719	533	184	161	20	11	1,234	1,094	159	24
San Diego:														
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	211	171	193	58	393	307	20	30	1	3	365	363	8	2
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	167	205	166	134	198	173	53	32	0	0	367	475	0	0
San Diego.....	1,104	931	451	487	1,196	646	112	105	8	11	1,885	1,701	35	23
South Bay.....	180	134	36	58	163	178	14	39	0	5	470	476	11	15
San Francisco:														
San Francisco.....	1,081	995	334	234	1,042	632	367	157	98	5	2,065	2,250	16	47
San Joaquin:														
Lodi.....	20	21	0	4	60	41	3	4	0	0	60	56	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy.....	75	87	15	3	101	102	7	7	0	16	113	88	1	0
Stockton.....	346	483	120	0	467	626	54	49	2	1	422	596	0	1
San Luis Obispo:														
San Luis Obispo County.....	114	118	89	115	112	147	9	22	0	0	219	200	0	0
San Mateo:														
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	44	128	1	37	41	91	1	19	1	0	86	291	2	1
Northern.....	157	199	37	21	162	83	3	5	0	4	249	214	0	1
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	347	331	10	2	227	186	13	28	0	0	420	365	0	0

**TABLE 29—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
DISPOSITIONS OF FELONIES AND FELONIES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Before hearing						After hearing							
	Dismissals and transfers		Pleas of guilty				Acquitted or dismissed				Convicted or bound over			
			Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors		Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors		Felonies		Reduced to misdemeanors	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Barbara:</b>														
Lompoc .....	12	3	6	0	20	8	1	1	0	0	29	33	1	3
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	116	132	33	27	69	101	0	0	0	0	281	326	0	0
Santa Maria .....	24	6	13	5	7	12	7	4	1	0	141	134	0	0
<b>Santa Clara:</b>														
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	46	12	48	11	34	27	4	2	1	0	96	33	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	52	45	3	5	0	41	0	6	0	0	178	164	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	67	50	79	99	83	44	38	16	0	6	315	326	2	3
San Jose-Milpitas .....	272	420	559	607	402	337	48	67	2	8	1,744	1,587	0	6
Santa Clara .....	16	26	1	14	4	23	10	4	5	0	293	268	54	35
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	33	50	8	2	55	67	8	22	0	0	235	146	0	1
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>														
Santa Cruz County .....	283	243	46	97	114	172	45	18	1	0	354	357	7	4
<b>Solano:</b>														
Northern Solano .....	245	240	91	106	224	217	102	26	8	5	126	98	0	4
Vallejo-Benicia .....	158	222	117	116	149	139	4	5	0	3	190	190	0	1
<b>Sonoma:</b>														
Sonoma County .....	233	309	46	46	114	113	7	17	0	2	445	444	43	15
<b>Stanislaus:</b>														
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	299	271	257	213	368	310	18	11	28	0	639	679	3	0
<b>Sutter:</b>														
Sutter County .....	32	30	19	21	21	22	3	3	0	8	94	137	0	0
<b>Tulare:</b>														
Porterville .....	38	37	0	3	37	43	9	9	1	5	108	126	3	2
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	120	32	1	2	57	36	3	1	11	6	76	45	3	1
Visalia .....	55	76	3	0	35	33	18	4	2	3	143	208	5	3
<b>Ventura:</b>														
Ventura County .....	263	256	81	21	320	267	64	43	5	11	841	804	22	10
<b>Yolo:</b>														
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	89	46	8	12	69	46	20	3	1	0	168	32	7	1

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the Court on Table 27.

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SUMMARY OF NONTRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78  
(Excludes felonies reduced to misdemeanors)**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	576,122	583,708	530,582	544,462	515,185	529,804	4,252	3,581	10,852	10,964	293	113
Alameda:												
Alameda.....	1,676	1,397	978	1,292	903	1,239	27	33	48	20	0	0
Berkeley-Albany.....	3,836	3,577	4,039	3,268	3,991	2,872	22	287	23	109	3	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	2,379	2,255	1,909	1,932	1,810	1,793	50	59	48	79	1	1
Livermore-Fresantoni.....	1,984	2,246	1,986	1,969	1,939	1,938	9	3	38	28	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont.....	12,993	13,726	12,849	14,458	12,424	13,973	113	209	312	276	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	6,050	6,132	6,105	5,427	5,955	5,308	28	45	121	74	1	0
Butte:												
Chico.....	2,209	1,749	1,944	1,540	1,849	1,416	1	5	79	98	15	21
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	5,933	3,118	5,663	3,348	5,541	3,240	6	32	116	76	0	0
Delta.....	2,739	2,565	2,482	2,516	2,424	2,446	35	33	20	34	3	3
Mt. Diablo.....	3,113	3,410	3,140	3,427	3,051	3,337	16	18	73	72	0	0
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	1,577	0	1,405	0	1,356	0	7	0	42	0	0
Walnut Creek-Danville.....	1,912	1,921	1,910	1,903	1,812	1,805	24	18	72	65	2	15
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	1,633	0	1,286	0	1,261	0	3	0	22	0	0
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	266	0	94	0	86	0	3	0	5	0	0	0
Fresno.....	5,721	6,573	4,845	6,025	4,746	5,869	9	37	90	118	0	1
Humboldt:												
Eureka.....	1,349	1,387	1,365	1,462	1,328	1,434	6	11	31	17	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County.....	3,747	3,539	2,612	2,951	2,541	2,821	20	33	51	88	0	9
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	1,528	565	1,411	491	1,378	477	5	8	22	6	6	0
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	13,732	13,041	12,256	11,756	11,435	11,550	615	31	204	175	2	0

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Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78  
(Excludes felonies reduced to misdemeanors)

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Los Angeles:</b>												
Alhambra.....	3,415	3,147	3,022	2,744	2,875	2,674	33	11	111	59	3	0
Antelope.....	2,689	2,323	2,701	2,317	2,626	2,241	6	11	69	65	0	0
Beverly Hills.....	2,517	2,117	2,324	2,076	2,218	1,900	6	30	100	145	0	1
Burbank.....	1,889	2,159	1,856	1,882	1,811	1,834	30	23	15	25	0	0
Citrus.....	8,298	8,151	7,653	7,482	7,405	7,288	111	27	137	166	0	1
Compton.....	9,933	11,096	8,325	9,169	8,156	9,018	70	45	99	106	0	0
Culver.....	2,390	2,248	2,016	1,887	1,951	1,820	12	8	53	59	0	0
Downey.....	4,821	5,041	3,395	3,711	3,329	3,607	5	38	61	66	0	0
East Los Angeles.....	3,443	4,094	2,808	3,702	2,715	3,468	50	193	43	41	0	0
Glendale.....	3,432	2,849	3,255	2,879	3,162	2,765	14	22	79	92	0	0
Inglewood.....	7,695	7,634	6,967	6,860	6,829	6,638	18	82	120	140	0	0
Long Beach.....	17,795	15,883	16,614	14,014	16,366	13,789	42	39	206	186	0	0
Los Angeles.....	64,134	99,607	61,027	96,937	59,866	95,255	177	333	984	1,369	0	0
Los Cerritos.....	3,052	4,173	3,723	4,272	3,619	4,109	20	42	84	121	0	0
Malibu.....	4,355	3,760	3,915	2,695	3,820	2,609	45	57	50	29	0	0
Newhall.....	2,389	2,776	1,738	2,189	1,690	2,143	5	4	43	42	0	0
Pasadena.....	5,249	4,869	4,106	4,412	3,714	4,194	38	26	153	192	201	0
Pomona.....	4,534	4,726	3,297	3,749	3,142	3,590	19	17	136	142	0	0
Rio Hondo.....	4,718	5,099	3,511	4,195	3,455	4,074	8	51	48	67	0	3
Santa Anita.....	1,650	1,733	1,351	1,655	1,286	1,555	3	5	61	95	1	0
Santa Monica.....	4,829	4,036	4,558	3,837	4,380	3,685	94	62	84	90	0	0
South Bay.....	11,951	12,430	10,480	11,495	10,116	11,055	67	68	296	372	1	0
Southeast.....	12,340	11,451	10,779	11,207	10,591	11,028	23	43	165	136	0	0
Whittier.....	4,303	4,834	3,767	4,542	3,627	4,347	6	9	134	186	0	0
<b>Marin:</b>												
Central.....	5,239	4,799	4,429	4,835	4,353	4,753	16	10	60	72	0	0
<b>Merced:</b>												
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	4,288	2,026	3,910	1,560	3,800	1,529	38	18	40	12	32	1

Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	2,977	3,080	3,514	3,011	3,268	2,789	8	11	238	211	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	899	0	647	0	591	0	27	0	23	0	0	0
Salinas.....	3,538	2,895	3,369	2,857	3,240	2,734	44	32	85	91	0	0
Napa:												
Napa County <sup>id</sup> .....	2,303	2,008	2,137	2,226	1,952	2,059	47	78	138	89	0	0
Orange:												
Central Orange County.....	15,810	17,661	15,323	18,814	15,156	18,627	26	62	141	125	0	0
North Orange County.....	14,559	14,867	14,360	15,261	14,167	15,041	51	32	142	188	0	0
Orange County Harbor.....	14,926	12,674	14,431	10,476	14,136	10,230	122	95	173	135	0	16
South Orange County.....	6,946	6,488	6,534	5,572	6,423	5,476	17	5	94	91	0	0
West Orange County.....	14,630	15,101	13,207	13,631	13,046	13,510	22	19	139	102	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona.....	2,410	2,784	2,338	2,800	2,318	2,769	3	11	17	19	0	1
Desert.....	6,642	6,875	6,259	6,884	6,084	6,735	5	12	170	137	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto.....	2,473	1,899	2,183	2,013	2,158	1,991	7	10	18	12	0	0
Riverside.....	7,942	7,173	7,805	6,750	7,645	6,616	34	28	125	104	1	2
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	2,156	1,240	1,921	1,121	1,861	1,083	24	23	36	15	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento.....	12,380	11,477	12,541	12,005	12,414	11,859	4	0	123	146	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	11,317	13,215	11,326	12,099	10,520	11,772	657	114	149	213	0	0
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	5,519	4,772	5,267	4,893	5,062	4,709	27	4	175	180	3	0
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	8,561	7,256	7,727	7,448	7,400	7,005	14	46	313	397	0	0
San Diego.....	31,068	30,371	27,334	25,606	26,046	24,592	136	119	1,152	895	0	0
Scuth Bay.....	5,345	4,488	4,381	3,837	4,124	3,671	26	25	231	141	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco.....	28,087	16,894	27,262	15,992	26,627	15,664	415	123	219	205	1	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi.....	1,383	1,394	1,307	1,433	1,275	1,407	3	0	29	26	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy.....	1,840	2,076	1,851	1,883	1,791	1,795	14	46	41	26	5	16
Stockton.....	7,153	8,268	6,456	7,192	6,417	7,114	15	29	24	49	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County.....	5,505	4,255	4,857	3,595	4,780	3,512	8	0	69	83	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	847	1,751	987	2,056	964	1,984	6	22	17	50	0	0
Northern.....	3,287	3,238	2,873	3,047	2,799	2,968	3	7	70	71	1	1
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	3,323	2,341	3,060	2,296	2,938	2,233	45	20	76	43	1	0

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Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78  
(Excludes felonies reduced to misdemeanors)

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Barbara:</b>												
Lompoc .....	1,147	1,108	1,111	1,103	1,089	1,036	0	36	22	31	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	8,961	7,823	7,000	6,187	6,941	6,122	1	0	57	64	1	1
Santa Maria .....	1,472	1,656	1,484	1,807	1,439	1,735	0	5	45	67	0	0
<b>Santa Clara:</b>												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	1,232	796	1,236	667	1,194	636	23	24	19	7	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	1,966	1,778	1,941	1,690	1,894	1,652	12	4	35	34	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	2,876	3,215	2,947	2,776	2,804	2,727	105	13	36	36	2	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	17,003	13,127	15,935	11,206	15,639	10,917	11	4	284	279	1	6
Santa Clara .....	1,204	1,585	1,264	1,254	1,220	1,235	6	1	36	18	2	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	2,007	1,787	1,742	1,637	1,633	1,581	11	7	98	49	0	0
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>												
Santa Cruz County .....	6,513	6,688	5,552	6,086	5,355	5,918	83	57	114	111	0	0
<b>Solano:</b>												
Northern Solano .....	2,128	2,235	2,050	2,095	1,978	2,008	17	18	55	69	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	1,912	1,811	2,000	1,853	1,823	1,715	15	21	162	117	0	0
<b>Sonoma:</b>												
Sonoma County .....	6,800	7,127	5,572	7,291	5,467	7,207	35	36	70	48	0	0
<b>Stanislaus:</b>												
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	5,120	4,881	4,816	5,180	4,568	4,998	39	17	209	164	0	1
<b>Sutter:</b>												
Sutter County .....	1,005	985	907	851	849	688	17	113	40	40	1	10
<b>Tulare:</b>												
Porterville .....	1,472	1,713	1,608	1,827	1,562	1,738	11	32	33	54	2	3
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	1,036	711	992	553	956	511	7	29	29	13	0	0
Visalia .....	1,548	1,480	1,308	1,285	1,266	1,238	8	1	34	46	0	0
<b>Ventura:</b>												
Ventura County .....	11,208	11,645	10,171	10,338	9,723	9,913	56	41	392	384	0	0
<b>Yolo:</b>												
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	3,166	1,544	2,574	1,199	2,468	1,181	40	3	65	15	1	0

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 30A—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP A NONTRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS °  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	342,133	331,388	318,534	309,316	306,581	297,645	3,022	2,643	8,792	8,989	139	39
<b>Alameda:</b>												
Alameda .....	505	695	464	536	416	498	14	25	34	13	0	0
Berkeley-Albany .....	1,907	2,200	2,346	2,264	2,313	1,925	11	268	20	71	2	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	2,008	2,014	1,683	1,645	1,594	1,519	43	54	45	71	1	1
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	1,545	1,526	1,648	1,454	1,605	1,425	9	2	34	27	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	6,257	7,922	7,729	8,361	7,367	7,971	72	160	290	230	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	3,458	4,606	3,271	3,446	3,144	3,343	24	37	102	66	1	0
<b>Butte:</b>												
Chico .....	876	662	836	688	766	617	1	0	66	71	3	0
<b>Contra Costa:</b>												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	2,942	1,369	2,816	1,565	2,713	1,480	6	25	97	60	0	0
Delta .....	1,239	1,111	1,098	1,136	1,057	1,089	25	18	14	27	2	2
Mt. Diablo.....	2,032	2,007	2,008	1,897	1,941	1,834	7	13	60	50	0	0
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	802	0	762	0	720	0	5	0	37	0	0
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	1,035	867	1,012	898	942	829	12	6	56	49	2	14
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	762	0	533	0	514	0	3	0	16	0	0
<b>Fresno:</b>												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	175	0	57	0	53	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Fresno .....	4,014	4,452	3,573	3,980	3,475	3,827	9	37	89	115	0	1
<b>Humboldt:</b>												
Eureka .....	654	622	672	662	641	645	5	5	26	12	0	0
<b>Imperial:</b>												
Imperial County .....	1,807	1,790	1,243	1,443	1,190	1,337	15	22	38	80	0	4
<b>Kern:</b>												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	790	309	696	258	676	254	1	2	17	2	2	0
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	6,141	6,379	5,328	5,429	4,942	5,293	259	15	127	121	0	0

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County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juve nile or'ers <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:												
Alhambra .....	2,861	2,682	2,294	1,978	2,160	1,923	32	10	101	45	1	0
Antelope .....	1,564	1,441	1,708	1,501	1,638	1,437	6	10	64	54	0	0
Beverly Hills .....	2,101	1,320	2,134	1,708	2,030	1,547	6	29	98	131	0	1
Burbank.....	1,014	1,152	980	1,022	939	9e5	28	20	13	17	0	0
Citrus.....	5,492	5,508	4,659	4,574	4,459	4,406	95	25	105	143	0	0
Compton.....	5,481	6,395	4,389	5,385	4,236	5,248	61	44	92	93	0	0
Culver .....	1,642	1,596	1,285	1,259	1,234	1,206	4	4	47	49	0	0
Downey.....	2,708	2,736	1,914	1,949	1,959	1,858	4	30	51	61	0	0
East Los Angeles.....	2,177	2,212	1,646	2,049	1,576	2,003	33	14	37	32	0	0
Glendale .....	2,213	1,665	2,092	1,680	2,018	1,595	12	18	62	67	0	0
Inglewood.....	4,694	4,883	4,345	4,498	4,232	4,335	14	44	99	119	0	0
Long Beach .....	8,584	7,789	6,950	5,914	6,751	5,711	28	34	171	169	0	0
Los Angeles .....	48,905	48,372	46,093	47,176	44,989	45,603	167	301	937	1,272	0	0
Los Cerritos .....	2,207	2,748	2,647	2,966	2,553	2,829	14	35	80	102	0	0
Malibu .....	1,649	1,095	1,568	988	1,504	927	39	49	25	12	0	0
Newhall.....	1,263	1,345	860	1,016	829	985	3	2	28	29	0	0
Pasadena .....	2,773	3,031	2,210	2,780	1,964	2,587	37	25	119	168	90	0
Pomona .....	2,570	2,241	1,913	1,971	1,770	1,827	15	13	128	131	0	0
Rio Hondo .....	2,663	2,785	1,503	1,789	1,456	1,701	7	29	40	58	0	1
Santa Anita.....	993	1,040	867	1,001	821	942	2	3	43	56	1	0
Santa Monica .....	1,855	1,587	2,191	1,821	2,112	1,724	10	35	69	72	0	0
South Bay .....	5,314	5,708	4,910	5,005	4,659	4,686	53	56	197	263	1	0
Southeast.....	6,038	5,900	4,656	6,173	4,517	6,022	21	39	118	112	0	0
Whittier.....	2,399	3,046	2,108	2,811	1,982	2,632	4	8	122	171	0	0
Marin:												
Central.....	2,013	1,807	1,801	1,795	1,738	1,742	11	7	52	46	0	0
Merced:												
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	2,753	1,390	2,548	972	2,467	949	33	11	33	12	15	0
Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	1,690	1,916	1,959	1,719	1,806	1,562	4	8	149	149	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	547	0	370	0	343	0	17	0	10	0	0	0
Salinas .....	2,267	1,924	2,238	1,945	2,127	1,860	37	23	74	62	0	0



Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,145	905	941	1,062	852	961	27	43	62	58	0	0
Orange:												
Central Orange County .....	11,491	13,587	11,230	14,937	11,077	14,774	23	50	130	113	0	0
North Orange County .....	8,005	7,942	8,030	8,711	7,873	8,525	29	27	128	159	0	0
Orange County Harbor .....	7,838	6,181	7,766	4,283	7,536	4,122	85	61	145	100	0	0
South Orange County .....	3,058	2,707	3,638	2,648	3,560	2,585	10	4	68	59	0	0
West Orange County .....	8,720	8,351	7,935	7,577	7,790	7,489	22	13	123	75	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona .....	559	699	536	887	529	871	0	3	7	12	0	1
Desert .....	3,096	3,096	3,102	3,315	2,978	3,199	5	8	119	108	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto .....	1,004	758	967	852	960	836	1	7	6	0	0	0
Riverside .....	4,808	4,375	4,945	4,076	4,755	3,967	26	20	123	95	1	1
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	732	463	691	406	648	379	13	15	30	12	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	10,478	9,573	10,294	9,717	10,199	9,575	4	0	121	142	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	6,003	7,351	6,458	6,620	5,703	6,370	628	85	127	164	0	0
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	4,143	3,749	3,834	3,691	3,676	3,542	14	0	141	149	3	0
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	5,173	4,836	4,532	5,060	4,294	4,724	12	43	226	293	0	0
San Diego .....	20,547	21,372	17,419	16,477	16,305	15,612	120	100	994	765	0	0
South Bay .....	3,984	3,353	3,184	2,761	2,970	2,635	18	20	196	106	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	17,801	10,691	18,462	11,206	17,961	10,882	286	121	214	203	1	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi .....	1,025	899	909	939	886	927	2	0	19	12	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	1,234	1,321	1,221	1,182	1,174	1,121	12	35	31	22	4	4
Stockton .....	3,517	3,404	3,348	3,507	3,316	3,448	12	19	20	40	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	1,927	1,831	1,593	1,511	1,561	1,462	5	0	27	49	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	536	1,354	744	1,697	723	1,637	5	19	16	41	0	0
Northern .....	2,516	2,257	2,249	2,323	2,180	2,252	3	6	65	64	1	1
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	2,075	1,153	2,046	1,246	1,980	1,203	9	4	56	39	1	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	580	506	551	499	533	447	0	32	18	20	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	3,867	3,329	2,968	2,717	2,918	2,670	0	0	49	46	1	1
Santa Maria .....	887	970	871	1,062	838	1,003	0	0	33	59	0	0

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Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78 1976-77	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Santa Clara:												
Cilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	528	266	472	248	460	236	4	6	8	6	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	1,304	1,098	1,166	1,063	1,144	1,034	4	2	18	27	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	1,589	1,892	1,857	1,679	1,737	1,641	95	10	33	28	2	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	8,750	9,313	8,292	7,672	8,087	7,429	11	4	193	239	1	0
Santa Clara .....	962	893	889	857	847	842	5	1	35	14	2	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	1,204	1,138	1,019	1,033	963	989	5	5	51	39	0	0
Santa Cruz:												
Santa Cruz County .....	3,715	4,017	3,228	3,575	3,084	3,443	60	43	84	89	0	0
Solano:												
Northern Solano .....	1,729	1,934	1,668	1,740	1,604	1,665	16	16	48	59	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	1,220	1,179	1,304	1,210	1,172	1,110	11	14	121	86	0	0
Sonoma:												
Sonoma County .....	3,615	3,476	2,889	3,533	2,808	3,479	21	16	60	38	0	0
Stanislaus:												
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	3,561	2,807	3,471	3,407	3,286	3,272	26	6	159	128	0	1
Sutter:												
Sutter County .....	486	611	413	523	384	397	6	95	23	28	0	3
Tulare:												
Porterville .....	719	779	860	888	821	814	8	24	30	47	1	3
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	547	249	470	216	438	187	5	18	27	11	0	0
Visalia .....	985	890	862	794	823	751	8	0	31	43	0	0
Ventura:												
Ventura County .....	6,895	7,527	6,596	6,934	6,318	6,640	29	21	249	273	0	0
Yolo:												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,754	897	1,286	563	1,214	546	26	3	46	14	0	0

<sup>a</sup> Group A Misdemeanors are: Misdemeanor violations of Penal Code and other state statutes except intoxication and Fish and Game. Examples: Battery 242 PC, Disturbing Peace 415 PC, Disorderly Conduct 647 PC, Joy Ride 499b PC and Trespass 602 PC.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 30B—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP B NONTRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS<sup>a</sup>  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	185,417	209,060	172,653	200,681	169,848	198,045	947	820	1,712	1,759	146	57
Alameda:												
Alameda .....	1,050	613	409	660	397	647	7	8	5	5	0	0
Berkeley-Albany .....	1,854	1,309	1,612	959	1,597	903	11	18	3	38	1	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	370	241	209	281	199	269	7	4	3	8	0	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	361	574	248	282	244	280	0	1	4	1	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	6,736	5,804	5,120	5,983	5,057	5,888	41	49	22	46	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	2,591	1,520	2,822	1,981	2,800	1,965	4	8	18	8	0	0
Butte:												
Chico .....	203	213	160	113	151	100	0	0	5	1	4	12
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	738	237	746	325	739	306	0	4	7	15	0	0
Delta .....	633	654	479	613	469	597	6	10	3	5	1	1
Mt. Diablo.....	147	304	164	344	151	329	6	3	7	12	0	0
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	483	0	459	0	453	0	2	0	4	0	0
Walnut Creek-Darville .....	166	229	140	219	133	196	4	12	3	10	0	1
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	312	0	283	0	278	0	0	0	5	0	0
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	76	0	18	0	14	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Fresno .....	415	655	316	1,007	316	1,004	0	0	0	3	0	0
Humboldt:												
Eureka .....	678	749	676	781	671	772	1	6	4	3	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County .....	1,922	1,749	1,352	1,504	1,334	1,481	5	11	13	7	0	5
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	731	256	708	233	695	523	4	6	5	4	4	0
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	6,575	4,927	6,044	4,687	5,669	4,619	303	15	70	53	2	0

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FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP B NONTRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS<sup>a</sup>—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:												
Alhambra .....	534	458	701	704	689	692	1	0	9	12	2	0
Antelope .....	1,125	882	990	816	985	804	0	1	5	11	0	0
Beverly Hills .....	379	779	145	343	145	329	0	1	0	13	0	0
Burbank .....	875	1,007	876	860	872	849	2	3	2	8	0	0
Citrus .....	1,024	1,131	1,273	1,257	1,248	1,237	2	2	23	18	0	0
Compton .....	4,178	3,441	3,194	3,098	3,185	3,086	5	1	4	11	0	0
Culver .....	621	578	596	549	586	538	5	1	5	10	0	0
Downey .....	2,108	2,305	1,476	1,762	1,465	1,749	1	8	10	5	0	0
East Los Angeles .....	1,266	1,382	1,162	1,653	1,139	1,465	17	179	6	9	0	0
Glendale .....	1,218	1,184	1,162	1,192	1,143	1,164	2	3	17	25	0	0
Inglewood .....	3,001	2,751	2,622	2,257	2,597	2,226	4	10	21	21	0	0
Long Beach .....	9,211	8,094	9,664	8,100	9,615	8,078	14	5	35	17	0	0
Los Angeles .....	9,728	47,058	11,641	47,107	11,584	46,978	16	32	47	97	0	0
Los Cerritos .....	845	1,425	1,076	1,306	1,066	1,280	6	7	4	19	0	0
Malibu .....	2,706	2,451	2,347	1,706	2,316	1,682	6	8	25	16	0	0
Newhall .....	1,126	1,431	878	1,173	861	1,158	2	2	15	13	0	0
Pasadena .....	2,474	1,838	1,896	1,632	1,750	1,607	1	1	34	24	111	0
Pomona .....	1,964	2,485	1,384	1,778	1,372	1,763	4	4	8	11	0	0
Rio Hondo .....	2,055	2,314	2,008	2,362	1,999	2,329	1	22	8	9	0	2
Santa Anita .....	657	693	432	628	433	587	1	2	18	39	0	0
Santa Monica .....	1,642	1,182	1,331	1,071	1,254	1,038	62	17	15	16	0	0
South Bay .....	5,855	6,722	5,267	6,490	5,158	6,369	14	12	95	129	0	0
Southeast .....	6,302	5,551	6,123	4,972	6,074	4,944	2	4	47	24	0	0
Whittier .....	1,904	1,788	1,659	1,731	1,645	1,715	2	1	12	15	0	0
Marin:												
Central .....	718	539	853	648	841	627	5	0	7	21	0	0
Merced:												
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,535	636	1,362	588	1,333	580	5	7	7	0	17	1
Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	1,000	968	1,223	1,111	1,168	1,054	0	1	55	56	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	216	0	136	0	125	0	1	0	10	0	0	0
Salinas .....	1,132	971	1,051	886	1,033	862	7	9	11	15	0	0

Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,086	1,046	1,167	1,161	1,074	1,095	20	35	73	31	0	0
Orange:												
Central Orange County.....	3,151	3,878	3,087	3,685	3,074	3,662	3	11	10	12	0	0
North Orange County.....	5,591	6,925	5,268	6,545	5,234	6,511	21	5	13	29	0	0
Orange County Harbor.....	4,397	5,649	5,409	5,690	5,359	5,607	31	32	19	35	0	16
South Orange County.....	3,520	3,781	2,700	2,921	2,668	2,888	7	1	25	32	0	0
West Orange County.....	4,579	5,321	4,169	4,849	4,153	4,819	0	4	16	26	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona.....	1,851	2,085	1,802	1,913	1,789	1,898	3	8	10	7	0	0
Desert.....	3,047	2,768	2,836	2,689	2,791	2,660	0	3	45	26	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto.....	1,237	1,031	992	1,043	981	1,037	6	3	5	3	0	0
Riverside.....	2,000	1,639	1,958	1,679	1,948	1,666	8	2	2	10	0	1
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	1,277	610	1,178	589	1,162	579	11	7	5	3	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento.....	1,902	1,904	2,247	2,288	2,245	2,284	0	0	2	4	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	4,757	4,932	4,426	4,729	4,376	4,654	28	28	22	47	0	0
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	1,063	807	1,130	951	1,092	921	9	4	29	26	0	0
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	2,670	1,457	2,492	1,427	2,416	1,355	1	3	75	69	0	0
San Diego.....	10,521	8,999	9,515	9,129	9,741	8,980	16	19	158	130	0	0
South Bay.....	1,037	1,131	1,072	1,068	1,030	1,032	8	5	34	31	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco.....	9,503	2,451	6,546	2,389	6,508	2,385	33	2	5	2	0	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi.....	350	495	398	494	387	480	1	0	10	14	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy.....	604	694	626	636	613	609	2	11	10	4	1	12
Stockton.....	1,909	4,312	1,877	3,297	1,871	3,278	2	10	4	9	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County.....	1,574	2,128	1,455	1,823	1,443	1,791	3	0	9	32	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	191	347	204	319	202	310	1	2	1	7	0	0
Northern.....	669	974	614	713	609	706	0	1	5	6	0	0
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	1,040	1,028	866	1,013	813	993	35	16	18	4	0	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc.....	492	602	486	604	482	589	0	4	4	11	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta.....	3,119	2,630	2,716	2,146	2,707	2,128	1	0	8	18	0	0
Santa Maria.....	549	600	592	719	530	707	0	4	12	8	0	0

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 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP B NONTRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS<sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78 <sup>a</sup>	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77		
Santa Clara:												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	699	530	713	418	716	400	16	17	11	1	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	291	240	553	424	528	416	8	2	17	6	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	298	140	301	132	291	127	1	1	0	4	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	4,430	1,106	4,473	2,043	4,424	2,010	0	0	49	33	0	0
Santa Clara .....	242	659	375	395	373	391	1	0	1	4	0	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	420	244	376	269	340	259	4	2	32	8	0	0
Santa Cruz:												
Santa Cruz County .....	636	419	754	705	737	692	3	6	14	7	0	0
Solano:												
Northern Solano .....	399	301	379	354	371	342	1	2	7	16	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	579	564	580	578	545	545	3	6	32	27	0	0
Sonoma:												
Sonoma County .....	3,037	3,493	2,557	3,539	2,536	3,519	12	13	9	7	0	0
Stanislaus:												
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,088	1,375	992	1,232	944	1,204	10	6	38	22	0	0
Sutter:												
Sutter County .....	400	320	387	303	366	268	10	18	10	11	1	6
Tulare:												
Porterville .....	753	934	727	911	720	896	3	8	3	7	1	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	472	435	510	317	506	304	2	11	2	2	0	0
Visalia .....	346	302	230	258	227	255	0	1	3	2	0	0
Ventura:												
Ventura County .....	3,583	3,726	3,432	3,164	3,307	3,058	17	7	108	99	0	0
Yolo:												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,410	646	1,285	636	1,252	635	14	0	18	1	1	0

<sup>a</sup> Group B misdemeanors include fish & game violations, intoxication and city and county ordinances.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 30C—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONTRAFFIC INFRACTIONS °  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	48,572	43,260	39,395	34,463	38,756	34,114	283	116	348	216	8	17
<b>Alameda:</b>												
Alameda .....	121	89	105	96	90	94	6	0	9	2	0	0
Berkeley-Albany .....	75	68	81	45	81	44	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	1	0	17	6	17	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	78	146	90	233	90	233	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	0	0	0	114	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	1	6	12	0	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Butte:</b>												
Chico .....	1,130	874	948	739	932	699	0	5	8	26	8	9
<b>Contra Costa:</b>												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	2,258	1,512	2,101	1,458	2,089	1,454	0	3	12	1	0	0
Delta .....	867	800	905	767	898	760	4	5	3	2	0	0
Mt. Diablo .....	934	1,099	968	1,186	959	1,174	3	2	6	10	0	0
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	292	0	184	0	183	0	0	0	1	0	0
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	711	825	758	786	737	780	8	0	13	6	0	0
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	559	0	470	0	469	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Fresno:</b>												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	15	0	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno .....	1,289	1,466	956	1,038	955	1,038	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Humboldt:</b>												
Eureka .....	17	17	17	19	16	17	0	0	1	2	0	0
<b>Imperial:</b>												
Imperial County .....	18	0	17	4	17	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Kern:</b>												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	1,016	1,735	884	1,640	824	1,638	53	1	7	1	0	0

TABLE 30C—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONTRAFFIC INFRACTIONS<sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:												
Alhambra .....	20	7	27	62	26	59	0	1	1	2	0	0
Antelope .....	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beverly Hills .....	37	18	45	25	43	24	0	0	2	1	0	0
Burbank .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citrus .....	1,782	1,512	1,721	1,651	1,698	1,645	14	0	9	5	0	1
Compton .....	274	1,260	742	686	735	684	4	0	3	2	0	0
Culver .....	127	74	135	79	131	76	3	3	1	0	0	0
Downey .....	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Los Angeles .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glendale .....	1	0	1	7	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
Inglewood .....	0	0	0	105	0	77	0	28	0	0	0	0
Long Beach .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles .....	5,501	4,177	3,293	2,674	3,293	2,674	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Cerritos .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malibu .....	0	214	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Newhall .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasadena .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pomona .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rio Honda .....	0	0	0	44	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Anita .....	0	0	32	26	32	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Monica .....	1,332	1,267	1,036	935	1,014	923	22	10	0	2	0	0
South Bay .....	782	0	303	0	299	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Southeast .....	0	0	0	62	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whittier .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marin:												
Central .....	2,508	2,453	1,775	2,392	1,774	2,384	0	3	1	5	0	0
Merced:												
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	237	196	332	181	294	173	4	2	34	6	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	136	0	141	0	123	0	9	0	9	0	0	0
Salinas .....	139	0	80	26	80	12	0	0	0	14	0	0



Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	72	57	29	3	26	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Orange:												
Central Orange County .....	1,168	196	1,066	192	1,905	191	0	1	1	0	0	0
North Orange County .....	963	0	1,062	5	1,060	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Orange County Harbor .....	2,691	844	1,256	503	1,241	501	6	2	9	0	0	0
South Orange County .....	368	0	196	3	195	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
West Orange County .....	1,331	1,429	1,103	1,205	1,103	1,202	0	2	0	1	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert .....	499	1,011	321	880	315	876	0	1	6	3	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto .....	232	110	224	118	217	118	0	0	7	0	0	0
Riverside .....	1,134	1,159	902	995	902	983	0	6	0	6	0	0
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	147	167	52	126	51	125	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	557	932	442	750	441	748	1	0	0	2	0	0
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	313	216	303	251	294	246	4	0	5	5	0	0
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	718	963	703	961	690	926	1	0	12	35	0	0
San Diego <sup>b</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Bay .....	324	4	125	8	124	4	0	0	1	4	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	783	3,752	2,254	2,397	2,158	2,397	96	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi .....	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	2	61	4	65	4	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stockton .....	1,727	552	1,231	388	1,230	388	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	2,004	296	1,809	261	1,776	259	0	0	33	2	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	120	50	39	40	39	37	0	1	0	2	0	0
Northern <sup>b</sup> .....	102	7	10	11	10	10	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	208	160	148	37	145	37	1	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	75	0	74	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara-Coleta .....	1,975	1,864	1,316	1,324	1,316	1,324	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Maria .....	36	86	21	26	21	25	0	1	0	0	0	0

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FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONTRAFFIC INFRACTIONS<sup>a</sup>—Continued**  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Santa Clara:												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	5	0	21	1	18	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	371	440	222	203	222	202	0	0	0	1	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	98 <sup>a</sup>	1,183	779	965	776	959	0	2	3	4	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	3,823	2,708	3,170	1,491	3,128	1,478	0	0	42	7	0	6
Santa Clara .....	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	383	405	347	335	330	333	2	0	15	2	0	0
Santa Cruz:												
Santa Cruz County .....	2,162	2,252	1,570	1,806	1,534	1,783	20	8	16	15	0	0
Solano:												
Northern Solano .....	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	107	68	116	65	106	60	1	1	9	4	0	0
Sonoma:												
Sonoma County .....	148	158	126	218	123	209	2	6	1	3	0	0
Stanislaus:												
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	471	699	353	541	338	522	3	5	12	14	0	0
Sutter:												
Sutter County .....	119	54	107	25	99	23	1	0	7	1	0	1
Tulare:												
Porterville .....	0	0	21	28	21	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare-Fixley <sup>b</sup> .....	17	27	12	20	12	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visalia .....	217	288	216	233	216	232	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ventura:												
Ventura County .....	730	392	143	239	98	215	10	12	35	12	0	0
Yolo:												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup> Nontraffic infractions are city and county ordinances specified as infractions.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 31—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77		
State total.....	4,997,543	4,807,146	4,543,889	4,415,048	4,398,224	4,261,261	29,995	37,378	75,729	83,138	39,941	33,271
<b>Alameda:</b>												
Alameda.....	8,761	8,906	8,169	8,472	8,057	8,300	48	77	64	84	0	11
Berkeley-Albany.....	24,335	23,932	27,566	28,631	26,891	27,934	251	259	424	43f	0	2
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	33,470	30,802	35,146	31,232	33,680	30,085	437	474	1,027	673	2	0
Livermore-Pleasanton.....	36,381	34,402	33,535	33,165	33,000	32,856	70	39	465	268	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont.....	128,114	130,155	129,949	140,455	128,217	138,325	186	412	1,546	1,718	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	73,731	63,497	68,254	62,731	66,372	60,867	350	657	1,532	1,207	0	0
<b>Butte:</b>												
Chico.....	9,265	7,945	7,882	7,623	6,857	6,514	14	54	404	392	607	663
<b>Contra Costa:</b>												
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	48,659	23,184	44,959	20,781	40,271	18,171	79	211	1,237	797	3,372	1,602
Delta.....	12,693	14,233	12,399	14,644	11,747	13,053	99	130	242	260	311	1,201
Mt. Diablo.....	39,815	36,046	35,978	34,653	30,960	30,152	367	377	935	1,019	3,716	3,105
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	11,448	0	10,445	0	8,813	0	20	0	406	0	1,206
Walnut Creek-Danville.....	35,235	34,321	33,964	34,127	29,277	29,778	101	99	898	898	3,688	3,352
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	10,953	0	10,529	0	9,984	0	22	0	492	0	31
<b>Fresno:</b>												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	2,663	0	2,704	0	2,552	0	3	0	149	0	0	0
Fresno.....	46,738	50,239	45,049	50,232	44,384	49,585	40	13	624	634	1	0
<b>Humboldt:</b>												
Eureka.....	8,216	7,558	7,730	7,786	7,545	7,449	72	237	163	100	0	0
<b>Imperial:</b>												
Imperial County.....	39,553	41,210	35,079	31,591	34,706	30,650	229	618	144	313	0	10
<b>Kern:</b>												
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	16,432	7,344	13,736	6,956	13,004	6,472	74	20	103	84	555	380
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	92,375	64,707	74,482	59,736	72,564	58,248	385	130	591	699	942	659

**TABLE 31—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS—Continued**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Los Angeles:</b>												
Alhambra.....	56,497	55,980	51,151	49,014	50,335	47,998	30	41	783	975	3	0
Antelope.....	21,635	20,012	19,927	18,993	19,756	18,715	11	28	160	250	0	0
Beverly Hills.....	28,161	24,068	23,322	22,202	22,740	21,693	3	24	579	485	0	0
Burbank.....	13,907	19,419	11,927	15,195	11,586	14,978	45	79	296	138	0	0
Citrus.....	74,945	74,508	74,090	72,386	72,706	70,819	288	403	1,065	1,164	1	0
Compton.....	79,019	77,662	69,646	73,314	67,901	71,855	982	676	763	783	0	0
Culver.....	17,557	14,582	16,130	13,432	15,548	12,965	446	343	136	124	0	0
Downey.....	36,374	37,484	33,731	35,648	33,179	34,949	31	79	521	620	0	0
East Los Angeles.....	40,125	42,697	33,723	40,835	32,835	39,798	474	730	412	355	7	2
Glendale.....	24,436	23,467	22,870	22,574	22,171	22,012	316	163	375	396	8	3
Inglewood.....	48,124	53,320	36,122	39,976	35,355	38,930	37	126	730	920	0	0
Long Beach.....	62,987	72,832	56,735	69,694	55,386	66,923	626	825	721	924	2	22
Los Angeles.....	759,282	805,362	667,619	704,555	654,806	686,105	96	156	12,717	18,294	0	0
Los Cerritos.....	38,802	34,324	37,252	31,440	36,403	30,602	168	182	681	656	0	0
Malibu.....	23,197	21,378	20,716	22,387	20,394	22,014	21	49	301	324	0	0
Newhall.....	35,904	31,583	32,894	27,304	32,512	26,870	93	196	289	238	0	0
Pasadena.....	39,589	39,024	35,813	34,150	34,349	33,269	66	73	925	807	473	1
Pomona.....	35,782	31,254	32,790	30,899	32,128	30,285	38	36	624	578	0	0
Rio Hondo.....	33,856	33,002	27,936	30,098	27,674	29,826	52	135	210	137	0	0
Santa Anita.....	16,824	18,822	17,528	19,576	17,047	19,014	38	50	438	512	5	0
Santa Monica.....	29,872	23,314	25,420	19,853	23,884	18,447	1,325	927	211	479	0	0
South Bay.....	86,270	86,077	80,863	80,781	77,996	77,739	505	1,014	2,360	2,023	2	0
Southeast.....	57,338	53,334	55,691	51,337	55,155	50,839	12	3	524	495	0	0
Whittier.....	41,087	44,229	39,647	41,535	38,052	39,729	602	354	993	1,411	0	1
<b>Marin:</b>												
Central.....	52,593	53,284	55,225	49,669	53,870	48,307	390	198	907	1,121	58	43
<b>Merced:</b>												
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	53,249	26,866	47,327	23,733	45,529	23,249	185	61	565	215	1,048	208
<b>Monterey:</b>												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	21,390	22,944	22,080	20,712	21,242	19,844	73	103	765	765	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	11,052	0	10,064	0	9,693	0	160	0	210	0	1	0
Salinas.....	26,330	24,849	24,197	22,521	23,617	19,543	154	2,524	426	454	0	0

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Napa:												
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	16,233	16,826	15,606	19,258	13,369	16,329	191	503	438	327	1,608	2,099
Orange:												
Central Orange County.....	110,821	105,804	99,824	98,329	98,443	96,771	195	182	1,186	1,376	0	0
North Orange County .....	103,216	88,047	99,766	86,667	97,366	83,944	68	124	1,812	2,133	520	466
Orange County Harbor .....	93,266	90,962	93,518	88,014	82,220	79,650	804	390	717	907	3,777	7,067
South Orange County .....	34,558	33,718	32,620	34,409	29,838	31,814	54	17	227	302	2,501	2,276
West Orange County .....	119,620	100,858	90,764	82,917	88,503	80,093	456	1,374	1,805	1,447	0	3
Riverside:												
Corona .....	15,145	15,537	13,441	14,506	13,044	14,198	105	67	292	241	0	0
Desert .....	52,575	51,782	47,252	49,092	48,992	48,492	88	45	557	547	0	8
Mt. San Jacinto.....	38,183	35,237	37,145	31,172	36,826	30,866	85	68	234	238	0	0
Riverside .....	65,661	56,812	60,062	54,420	59,422	53,715	82	139	555	564	3	2
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	10,521	4,464	9,281	4,375	9,080	4,262	133	83	68	30	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	132,592	140,530	110,433	115,365	110,109	114,988	0	2	324	375	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	159,402	136,583	150,697	128,137	147,982	125,765	1,203	788	1,512	1,581	0	3
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	70,548	73,941	68,015	68,874	65,581	66,736	1,839	1,391	593	746	2	1
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	86,159	87,385	81,255	90,574	79,695	88,431	104	198	1,456	1,945	0	0
San Diego .....	200,608	192,446	191,082	183,658	185,879	178,025	2,614	3,303	2,589	2,330	0	0
South Bay .....	53,607	46,738	47,033	42,840	45,748	41,837	18	50	1,267	927	0	26
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	107,633	101,870	90,942	94,295	84,589	86,011	5,661	7,836	691	441	1	7
San Joaquin:												
Lodi.....	12,331	10,819	11,085	10,135	9,276	8,978	37	23	199	212	1,579	922
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	25,275	25,969	20,004	22,246	19,135	21,234	64	40	229	268	576	704
Stockton .....	36,555	38,764	34,727	39,001	34,061	38,394	72	74	594	533	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	48,131	46,191	42,985	40,465	38,228	36,023	337	158	528	589	3,892	3,695
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	29,883	68,347	32,855	59,498	31,284	55,864	828	2,457	741	1,177	2	0
Northern .....	42,934	40,662	40,492	39,878	39,429	38,581	101	218	959	1,079	3	0
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	79,687	45,568	79,587	41,440	75,372	38,585	2,436	1,858	1,762	997	17	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	5,848	5,058	5,058	5,085	5,850	4,899	19	27	189	159	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	37,312	34,521	33,060	31,944	32,611	31,501	147	106	302	337	0	0
Santa Maria .....	15,570	14,034	12,713	11,717	12,416	11,439	12	13	285	265	0	0

**TABLE 31—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS—Continued**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77		
<b>Santa Clara:</b>												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	16,180	8,035	15,053	5,941	14,786	5,785	149	148	122	7	1	1
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	28,450	27,069	25,211	26,231	24,076	25,055	268	287	867	888	0	1
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	53,176	50,709	35,076	41,173	34,178	39,984	229	96	669	1,093	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	140,239	157,544	113,372	124,516	110,725	120,734	1	17	2,646	3,756	0	9
Santa Clara .....	20,953	21,475	19,738	20,700	18,648	19,601	68	16	1,018	1,083	4	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	21,637	19,308	19,690	19,913	18,983	19,196	15	7	692	710	0	0
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>												
Santa Cruz County .....	44,298	39,976	35,649	32,586	31,226	28,931	304	401	791	719	3,328	2,535
<b>Solano:</b>												
Northern Solano .....	52,604	50,180	49,917	42,880	49,065	41,876	75	230	777	774	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	13,984	12,393	11,456	11,886	11,040	11,474	59	40	357	372	0	0
<b>Sonoma:</b>												
Sonoma County .....	55,379	54,730	54,538	53,502	53,909	52,315	229	324	399	863	1	0
<b>Stanislaus:</b>												
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	52,912	43,808	49,242	41,875	47,149	39,985	253	87	1,837	1,801	3	2
<b>Sutter:</b>												
Sutter County .....	8,635	9,125	8,609	8,866	8,378	7,872	45	206	168	150	18	638
<b>Tulare</b>												
Porterville .....	8,106	6,852	9,538	6,301	9,383	6,088	21	34	133	179	1	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	16,842	10,318	14,707	9,716	14,480	9,523	63	103	163	90	1	0
Visalia .....	17,617	18,660	15,935	16,471	15,590	16,001	74	166	271	295	0	9
<b>Ventura:</b>												
Ventura County .....	96,622	88,708	91,008	76,867	88,904	74,837	111	140	1,993	1,890	0	0
<b>Yolo:</b>												
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	24,415	12,134	23,801	10,661	21,814	10,024	228	75	480	267	1,301	295

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 31A—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP C TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS \*  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	254,255	251,026	203,806	203,652	197,454	197,381	1,452	1,334	4,694	4,810	206	127
Alameda:												
Alameda.....	246	240	212	214	207	207	2	1	3	5	0	1
Berkeley-Albany .....	465	575	394	492	387	400	2	69	5	21	0	2
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	1,723	1,594	1,282	1,114	1,213	1,046	18	27	51	41	0	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	990	1,074	720	711	702	699	0	0	18	12	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	4,047	4,141	3,489	3,072	3,349	2,983	13	4	127	85	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward .....	3,991	3,538	2,692	3,132	2,614	3,051	7	17	71	64	0	0
Butte:												
Chico .....	501	318	404	294	376	265	0	1	23	28	5	0
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	1,884	959	1,485	997	1,417	952	6	10	62	35	0	0
Delta .....	588	584	530	647	513	630	6	7	11	7	0	3
Mt. Diablo .....	1,739	1,798	1,576	1,676	1,526	1,594	5	14	45	68	0	0
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	540	0	902	0	844	0	4	0	17	0	37
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	1,428	1,341	1,234	1,136	1,174	1,058	7	12	53	65	0	1
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	385	0	312	0	290	0	1	0	21	0	0
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa .....	58	0	24	0	23	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno .....	2,785	2,725	2,708	2,664	2,657	2,608	0	1	51	55	0	0
Humboldt:												
Eureka .....	758	673	596	585	575	553	3	9	18	23	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County .....	2,495	1,841	1,711	1,886	1,683	1,709	23	136	5	41	0	0
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	488	187	369	208	353	195	1	2	5	9	10	2
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	4,634	4,196	3,947	5,717	3,619	5,648	264	13	62	55	2	1



**TABLE 31A—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP C TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS<sup>a</sup>—Continued**  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:												
Alhambra.....	2,676	3,017	1,928	1,886	1,892	1,841	1	3	35	42	0	0
Antelope.....	1,440	1,286	724	655	712	639	3	2	9	14	0	0
Beverly Hills.....	909	826	1,000	833	979	503	0	5	21	25	0	0
Burbank.....	686	904	517	666	507	657	3	6	7	3	0	0
Citrus.....	4,625	4,237	3,213	2,890	3,067	2,829	109	1	36	60	1	0
Compton.....	3,787	3,098	2,950	2,786	2,915	2,754	14	5	21	27	0	0
Culver.....	629	590	398	419	384	411	3	0	11	8	0	0
Downey.....	1,747	2,545	974	1,487	955	1,434	4	15	15	38	0	0
East Los Angeles.....	2,745	2,719	1,305	1,440	1,282	1,427	5	8	18	5	0	0
Glendale.....	858	857	491	540	480	526	1	1	10	13	0	0
Inglewood.....	2,431	2,414	2,003	1,701	1,967	1,654	4	7	32	40	0	0
Long Beach.....	5,168	4,334	4,453	3,903	4,346	3,818	39	14	68	71	0	0
Los Angeles.....	31,707	37,927	35,666	39,255	35,152	38,689	39	88	475	478	0	0
Los Cerritos.....	2,209	2,314	2,285	2,206	2,234	2,127	26	39	25	40	0	0
Malibu.....	837	903	441	545	432	529	5	8	4	8	0	0
Newhall.....	1,123	1,206	807	560	787	554	10	0	10	6	0	0
Pasadena.....	2,056	1,662	1,702	1,769	1,545	1,673	8	1	66	95	83	0
Pomona.....	1,177	1,148	1,105	993	1,066	962	0	4	39	27	0	0
Rio Hondo.....	3,192	2,507	2,554	2,414	2,531	2,372	3	19	20	23	0	0
Santa Anita.....	599	759	602	611	572	577	8	20	17	14	5	0
Santa Monica.....	1,146	1,384	738	832	721	804	2	3	15	25	0	0
South Bay.....	3,154	3,497	2,017	2,191	1,895	2,087	63	36	59	68	0	0
Southeast.....	4,260	4,386	3,734	4,045	3,714	4,027	8	1	12	17	0	0
Whittier.....	2,448	3,543	2,747	3,502	2,677	3,418	4	0	66	84	0	0
Marin:												
Central.....	2,762	2,748	2,219	2,097	2,164	2,036	7	3	48	58	0	0
Merced:												
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	3,101	1,616	2,604	1,082	2,540	1,057	5	9	32	3	27	13
Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	1,372	1,467	1,389	1,206	1,255	1,092	8	13	96	101	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	833	0	619	0	575	0	28	0	16	0	0	0
Salinas.....	1,188	1,096	899	949	794	598	78	296	27	55	0	0

Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	989	1,035	815	1,042	764	995	5	8	31	26	15	13
Orange:												
Central Orange County .....	7,308	6,985	4,424	4,031	4,359	3,949	14	15	51	67	0	0
North Orange County .....	5,947	5,145	4,243	3,447	4,164	3,324	10	10	69	113	0	0
Orange County Harbor .....	2,124	2,186	1,001	918	953	865	5	5	43	48	0	0
South Orange County .....	1,377	1,190	685	658	660	631	2	6	23	21	0	0
West Orange County .....	7,231	5,780	3,542	2,879	3,455	2,791	9	7	78	81	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona .....	835	649	414	401	397	397	0	5	13	7	0	0
Desert .....	2,535	2,639	1,761	1,867	1,710	1,736	7	7	44	62	0	2
Mt. San Jacinto .....	1,556	1,167	961	800	959	793	0	1	2	6	0	0
Riverside .....	4,931	4,792	3,257	3,170	3,142	3,068	46	54	69	48	0	0
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	485	203	328	174	317	167	2	2	9	3	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	9,685	10,076	8,237	7,895	8,054	7,745	0	1	183	149	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	8,461	8,514	5,872	6,016	5,644	5,782	39	40	189	193	0	1
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	4,954	4,266	2,971	2,509	2,865	2,439	4	0	102	70	0	0
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	4,981	4,975	3,373	3,310	3,280	3,146	0	7	93	157	0	0
San Diego .....	11,855	12,204	6,575	6,934	6,171	6,543	26	22	378	369	0	0
South Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	3,592	3,862	2,310	2,195	2,230	2,150	6	10	74	35	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	3,962	5,326	2,413	3,989	2,348	3,930	17	9	47	50	1	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi .....	592	550	473	489	441	476	0	0	6	9	26	4
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	992	943	917	815	890	764	3	4	14	15	10	32
Stockton .....	2,847	2,508	2,387	2,085	2,379	2,075	0	0	8	10	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	1,819	1,763	1,421	1,232	1,379	1,187	7	0	35	45	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	718	1,901	713	1,470	676	1,417	14	2	23	51	0	0
Northern <sup>b</sup> .....	2,108	1,698	1,457	1,307	1,404	1,268	2	2	50	37	1	0
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	2,988	2,103	2,530	1,392	2,402	1,343	41	4	85	45	2	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	324	329	299	285	281	282	3	1	15	2	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	2,562	1,994	2,216	2,005	2,189	1,967	0	1	27	37	0	0
Santa Maria .....	772	718	544	598	534	585	2	0	8	13	0	0

TABLE 31A—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP C TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS <sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Santa Clara:												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	744	388	742	336	721	332	8	0	13	4	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga.....	1,182	1,110	1,099	981	1,076	947	2	5	21	29	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View.....	1,490	1,738	1,520	1,570	1,296	1,522	179	11	45	37	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas.....	6,691	7,181	6,268	6,194	6,103	5,990	0	3	165	199	0	2
Santa Clara.....	1,356	1,334	1,222	1,170	1,177	1,145	7	6	37	19	1	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino.....	1,192	1,241	1,119	1,202	1,076	1,146	2	3	41	53	0	0
Santa Cruz:												
Santa Cruz County.....	2,434	2,281	1,919	1,722	1,823	1,647	41	26	54	49	1	0
Solano:												
Northern Solano.....	3,047	2,957	2,452	2,393	2,390	2,331	4	10	58	52	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia.....	1,148	1,467	991	1,386	923	1,309	17	12	51	65	0	0
Sonoma												
Sonoma County.....	3,224	2,526	1,923	1,696	1,877	1,657	28	12	18	27	0	0
Stanislaus:												
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	4,634	4,146	4,387	4,303	4,133	4,127	15	6	239	168	0	2
Sutter:												
Sutter County.....	564	541	396	536	375	480	1	24	20	25	0	7
Tulare:												
Porterville.....	529	480	594	455	572	437	6	5	16	13	0	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	607	321	493	284	480	230	1	47	11	7	1	0
Visalia.....	1,089	983	790	734	736	693	9	0	45	41	0	0
Ventura:												
Ventura County.....	4,705	4,372	5,173	5,050	5,034	4,903	7	4	132	143	0	0
Yolo:												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,364	760	1,122	557	1,053	543	15	2	39	8	15	4

<sup>a</sup> Group C traffic misdemeanor violations of the Vehicle Code are hit and run, drunk driving, reckless driving with injury and driving under the influence of drugs.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

TABLE 31B—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP D TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS<sup>a</sup>  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	233,301	199,438	369,672	322,230	360,240	322,011	2,572	3,776	3,843	4,446	3,017	1,577
Alameda:												
Alameda.....	198	63	189	130	164	123	7	1	18	6	0	0
Berkeley-Albany .....	1,007	701	764	697	760	636	3	48	1	13	0	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	1,201	1,052	1,560	1,314	1,509	1,277	14	17	37	20	0	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	1,930	3,391	1,272	2,880	1,235	2,879	0	1	37	0	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	6,308	6,043	8,457	7,325	8,382	7,255	12	21	63	49	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	3,162	2,751	3,912	4,901	3,847	4,821	14	28	51	52	0	0
Butte:												
Chico .....	691	500	525	285	481	264	0	0	20	13	24	8
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	1,928	929	2,368	2,916	1,861	2,651	3	4	162	46	342	215
Delta .....	847	870	926	983	847	833	11	1	3	3	65	146
Mt. Diablo.....	2,552	1,078	5,250	4,028	4,653	3,790	31	54	53	54	513	130
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	811	0	1,575	0	1,444	0	2	0	39	0	90
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	2,238	2,598	5,197	5,326	4,811	4,996	20	13	95	59	271	258
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	623	0	519	0	573	0	0	0	15	0	1
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	64	0	30	0	27	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Fresno .....	1,344	1,224	1,912	3,258	1,860	3,175	4	9	48	33	0	0
Humboldt:												
Eureka .....	509	483	635	902	598	848	18	32	19	22	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County .....	1,308	1,266	4,154	2,950	4,072	2,800	64	118	18	32	0	0
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	596	335	555	273	450	209	5	2	8	13	92	49
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	6,043	2,173	4,201	2,143	3,923	1,957	44	31	84	71	150	84

TABLE 31B—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP D TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS °—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>		
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters	Contested matters	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	
Los Angeles:													
Alhambra.....	3,609	843	11,121	6,828	11,082	6,805	6	3	32	20	1	0	
Antelope.....	474	406	1,736	702	1,729	689	0	1	7	12	0	0	
Beverly Hills.....	259	254	4,833	5,272	4,823	5,258	2	1	8	13	0	0	
Burbank.....	223	270	404	458	403	447	1	4	0	7	0	0	
Citrus.....	3,569	2,325	16,966	14,812	16,781	14,490	89	173	96	149	0	0	
Compton.....	1,082	338	598	977	583	968	8	3	7	6	0	0	
Culver.....	356	400	374	438	366	425	0	4	8	9	0	0	
Downey.....	1,628	1,215	1,200	1,238	1,172	1,186	1	5	27	47	0	0	
East Los Angeles.....	747	658	5,203	5,810	5,106	5,726	64	66	33	18	0	0	
Glendale.....	559	418	851	614	807	609	3	2	41	3	0	0	
Inglewood.....	3,884	3,208	3,583	2,265	3,561	2,196	0	6	22	63	0	0	
Long Beach.....	1,413	1,170	1,264	807	1,217	774	8	8	39	25	0	0	
Los Angeles.....	22,935	22,577	11,966	12,947	11,826	12,846	9	31	131	70	0	0	
Los Cerritos.....	1,105	452	2,348	293	2,339	272	0	2	9	19	0	0	
Malibu.....	257	434	762	517	749	507	3	6	10	4	0	0	
Newhall.....	3,688	4,421	3,898	4,022	3,896	4,014	0	2	2	6	0	0	
Pasadena.....	496	418	275	28	195	15	7	1	65	12	3	0	
Pomona.....	1,967	1,000	3,219	464	3,191	428	4	1	24	35	0	0	
Rio Hondo.....	1,470	847	1,247	738	1,239	726	1	4	7	8	0	0	
Santa Anita.....	286	530	541	766	519	738	0	4	22	24	0	0	
Santa Monica.....	632	374	1,562	859	1,524	831	34	12	4	16	0	0	
South Bay.....	2,619	2,490	17,314	15,924	17,140	15,657	12	127	162	140	0	0	
Southeast.....	2,310	2,094	11,657	7,552	11,630	7,536	0	0	27	16	0	0	
Whittier.....	1,080	928	899	857	887	814	6	3	26	40	0	0	
Marin:													
Central.....	2,125	2,266	2,527	2,391	2,446	2,255	52	19	25	111	4	6	
Merced:													
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	4,860	2,940	4,305	2,611	4,008	2,513	41	17	54	29	202	52	
Monterey:													
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	1,054	1,472	3,107	2,172	3,023	2,038	15	25	69	109	0	0	
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,320	0	1,273	0	1,249	0	16	0	7	0	1	0	
Salinas.....	3,065	3,298	4,562	3,527	4,495	2,588	21	869	46	70	0	0	

Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	452	410	740	380	472	273	24	21	46	43	198	43
Orange:												
Central Orange County .....	3,637	2,809	4,656	5,342	4,607	5,286	13	6	36	50	0	0
North Orange County .....	2,541	1,936	3,174	1,588	3,150	1,544	1	8	23	36	0	0
Orange County Harbor .....	1,995	1,076	3,690	1,139	3,654	1,125	15	1	21	10	0	3
South Orange County .....	456	321	3,204	3,315	3,167	3,306	25	0	12	9	0	0
West Orange County .....	3,769	2,443	3,585	2,548	3,509	2,477	2	4	74	64	0	3
Riverside:												
Corona .....	310	229	502	365	493	323	2	3	7	39	0	0
Desert .....	2,533	2,548	2,779	2,629	2,686	2,605	36	5	57	19	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto .....	2,616	1,919	3,980	2,492	3,977	2,456	1	17	3	19	0	0
Riverside .....	2,006	2,318	6,552	5,072	6,500	5,019	4	5	48	48	0	0
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	545	197	564	353	513	326	37	22	14	5	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	13,240	11,171	9,505	9,099	9,468	9,029	0	1	37	69	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	10,603	9,394	17,259	18,029	17,040	17,582	89	63	130	383	0	1
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	4,429	4,403	7,598	8,698	7,563	8,651	0	6	35	41	0	0
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	7,779	7,120	17,701	22,336	17,544	22,165	6	25	151	146	0	0
San Diego .....	13,700	11,858	19,517	16,906	19,333	16,688	30	33	154	185	0	0
South Bay .....	3,780	4,020	3,434	3,296	3,371	3,228	3	2	60	43	0	23
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	3,196	2,153	24,921	21,410	23,954	20,303	914	1,090	53	16	0	1
San Joaquin:												
Lodi .....	745	572	889	740	550	536	1	4	7	16	331	184
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	1,217	909	1,260	513	1,133	797	6	2	9	10	112	104
Stockton .....	1,631	1,739	2,382	1,373	2,381	1,355	1	2	0	6	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	2,608	2,094	1,554	1,257	1,530	1,238	1	0	23	19	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	412	907	2,378	3,256	2,225	3,013	145	198	8	45	0	0
Northern .....	5,393	5,334	1,851	2,162	1,833	2,123	3	15	13	24	2	0
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	1,977	508	6,426	4,788	6,156	4,521	244	236	26	31	0	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	346	336	730	564	700	537	1	7	29	20	0	0
Santa Barbara-Coleta .....	1,118	1,056	1,047	1,253	1,028	1,227	3	8	16	18	0	0
Santa Maria .....	1,011	727	1,116	672	1,072	634	2	2	42	36	0	0

TABLE 31B—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF GROUP D TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS <sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Santa Clara:												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	1,189	732	2,757	961	2,728	935	16	22	13	3	0	1
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga.....	1,002	702	998	2,354	973	2,323	1	5	24	26	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View.....	469	481	562	602	487	489	33	8	42	105	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas.....	5,354	5,563	6,889	9,568	6,693	9,104	1	8	195	449	0	7
Santa Clara.....	2,319	2,432	2,059	2,354	1,987	2,296	5	2	65	56	2	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino.....	1,079	899	794	688	756	644	3	2	35	42	0	0
Santa Cruz:												
Santa Cruz County.....	856	2,297	3,009	2,433	2,355	1,907	36	14	38	35	580	477
Solano:												
Northern Solano.....	2,530	2,158	5,827	5,331	5,768	5,244	3	16	56	71	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia.....	1,337	1,114	2,318	2,198	2,259	2,150	10	7	49	41	0	0
Sonoma:												
Sonoma County.....	3,581	3,204	5,125	5,789	6,002	5,663	90	38	33	88	0	0
Stanislaus:												
Stanislaus County <sup>b</sup> .....	4,156	3,437	3,803	3,014	3,611	2,874	40	19	152	121	0	0
Sutter:												
Sutter County.....	558	652	459	456	436	353	4	26	18	21	1	56
Tulare:												
Porterville.....	588	499	2,283	743	2,251	707	1	8	30	28	1	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	697	454	1,365	1,013	1,357	993	2	15	6	5	0	0
Visalia.....	975	863	783	679	772	655	4	8	7	15	0	1
Ventura:												
Ventura County.....	9,585	7,687	12,996	13,066	12,802	12,828	20	18	174	220	0	0
Yolo:												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	1,983	820	2,149	712	1,948	607	41	2	43	49	117	54

<sup>a</sup> Group D traffic misdemeanors are all other traffic misdemeanor offenses except those specified in Group C. Examples of Group D traffic misdemeanors are speed contests, driving without a driver's license, failure to appear after signing citation, violation of weight limit for trucks, reckless driving without injury and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 31C—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS<sup>a</sup>  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	4,509,987	4,356,682	3,970,411	3,879,166	3,840,530	3,741,869	25,971	32,268	67,192	73,882	36,718	31,147
Alameda:												
Alameda.....	8,317	8,603	7,768	8,128	7,686	7,970	39	75	43	73	0	10
Berkeley-Albany.....	22,863	22,656	26,408	27,442	25,744	26,898	246	142	418	402	0	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	30,546	28,156	32,304	28,804	30,958	27,762	405	430	939	612	2	0
Livermore-Pleasanton.....	33,461	29,937	31,543	29,574	31,063	29,280	70	38	410	256	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont.....	117,759	119,971	118,003	130,058	116,486	128,087	161	387	1,356	1,584	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward.....	66,578	57,208	61,650	54,698	59,911	52,995	329	612	1,410	1,091	0	0
Butte:												
Chico.....	8,073	7,127	6,953	7,044	6,000	5,985	14	53	361	351	578	655
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>b</sup> .....	44,847	21,296	41,106	16,868	36,993	14,568	70	197	1,013	716	3,030	1,387
Delta.....	11,258	12,779	10,943	13,014	10,387	11,590	82	122	228	250	246	1,052
Mt. Diablo.....	35,524	33,170	29,152	28,949	24,781	24,768	331	309	837	897	3,203	2,975
Richmond <sup>b</sup> .....	0	10,097	0	7,968	0	6,525	0	14	0	350	0	1,079
Walnut Creek-Danville.....	31,569	30,382	27,533	27,665	23,292	23,724	74	74	750	774	3,417	3,093
West <sup>b</sup> .....	0	9,945	0	9,698	0	9,191	0	21	0	456	0	30
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>b</sup> .....	2,541	0	2,650	0	2,502	0	2	0	146	0	0	0
Fresno.....	42,609	46,290	40,429	44,310	39,867	43,752	36	12	525	546	1	0
Humboldt:												
Eureka.....	6,949	6,402	6,549	6,299	6,372	6,048	51	196	126	55	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County.....	35,750	38,103	29,214	26,755	28,951	26,141	142	364	121	240	0	10
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	15,348	6,822	12,812	6,475	12,201	6,068	68	16	90	62	453	329
West Kern <sup>b</sup> .....	81,698	58,338	66,334	51,876	65,022	50,643	77	86	445	573	130	574



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 FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS<sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>		
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77	
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77			
<b>Los Angeles:</b>													
Alhambra.....	50,212	52,120	38,102	40,300	37,361	39,352	23	35	716	919	2	0	
Antelope.....	19,721	18,320	17,467	17,636	17,315	17,387	8	25	144	224	0	0	
Beverly Hills.....	26,993	22,988	17,489	17,097	16,938	15,632	1	18	530	447	0	0	
Burbank.....	12,998	18,245	11,006	14,071	10,676	13,874	41	69	289	123	0	0	
Citrus.....	66,751	67,946	53,881	54,684	52,858	53,500	90	229	933	955	0	0	
Compton.....	74,150	74,226	66,098	69,551	64,403	68,133	960	668	735	750	0	0	
Culver.....	16,572	13,592	15,358	12,575	14,798	12,129	443	339	117	107	0	0	
Downey.....	32,959	33,724	31,557	32,923	31,052	32,329	26	59	479	535	0	0	
East Los Angeles.....	36,633	39,320	27,220	33,635	26,447	32,645	405	656	361	33*	7	2	
Glendale.....	23,019	22,192	21,528	21,420	20,884	20,877	312	160	324	3	8	3	
Inglewood.....	41,809	47,698	30,536	36,010	29,827	35,090	33	113	676	611	0	0	
Long Beach.....	56,406	67,328	51,018	63,984	49,823	62,331	579	803	614	828	2	22	
Los Angeles.....	704,640	744,853	619,987	652,353	607,828	634,570	48	37	12,111	17,746	0	0	
Los Cerritos.....	35,488	31,558	32,619	28,941	31,830	28,203	142	141	647	597	0	0	
Malibu.....	22,103	20,041	19,513	21,325	19,213	20,978	13	35	287	312	0	0	
Newhall.....	31,093	25,956	28,189	22,722	27,829	22,302	83	194	277	226	0	0	
Pasadena.....	37,037	36,944	33,836	32,353	32,609	31,581	51	71	794	700	382	1	
Pomona.....	32,638	29,106	28,466	29,442	27,871	28,895	34	31	561	516	0	0	
Rio Hondo.....	29,194	29,648	24,135	26,946	23,904	26,728	48	112	183	106	0	0	
Santa Anita.....	15,939	17,533	16,383	18,199	15,956	17,699	30	26	399	474	0	0	
Santa Monica.....	27,094	21,556	23,126	18,162	21,639	16,812	1,289	912	192	438	0	0	
South Bay.....	80,497	80,090	61,532	62,666	58,961	59,995	430	851	2,139	1,820	2	0	
Southeast.....	50,768	46,854	40,300	39,740	39,811	39,276	4	2	485	462	0	0	
Whittier.....	37,559	39,758	36,001	37,176	34,508	35,497	592	391	901	1,287	0	1	
<b>Marin:</b>													
Central.....	47,706	48,270	50,479	45,181	49,260	44,016	331	176	834	952	54	37	
<b>Merced:</b>													
Merced County <sup>b</sup> .....	45,288	22,310	40,418	20,040	38,981	19,679	139	35	479	183	819	143	
<b>Monterey:</b>													
Monterey Peninsula <sup>b</sup> .....	18,964	20,005	17,584	17,334	16,934	16,714	50	65	600	555	0	0	
North Monterey County <sup>b</sup> .....	8,899	0	8,172	0	7,869	0	116	0	187	0	0	0	
Salinas.....	22,077	20,455	18,736	18,045	18,328	16,357	55	1,359	353	329	0	0	

Napa:												
Napa County <sup>b</sup> .....	14,792	15,381	14,051	17,836	12,133	15,061	162	474	361	258	1,395	2,043
Orange:												
Central Orange County.....	99,876	96,010	90,744	88,956	89,477	87,536	168	161	1,099	1,259	0	0
North Orange County .....	94,728	80,966	92,349	81,632	90,052	79,076	57	106	1,720	1,984	520	466
Orange County Harbor .....	89,147	87,700	88,827	85,957	77,613	77,660	784	384	653	849	9,777	7,064
South Orange County .....	32,725	32,207	28,731	30,436	26,011	27,877	27	11	192	272	2,501	2,276
West Orange County .....	108,620	92,635	83,637	77,490	81,539	74,823	445	1,363	1,653	1,302	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona .....	14,000	14,659	12,525	13,732	12,150	13,478	103	59	272	195	0	0
Desert.....	47,507	46,595	42,712	44,656	42,211	44,151	45	33	456	466	0	6
Mt. San Jacinto.....	34,011	32,151	32,204	27,880	31,890	27,617	84	50	230	213	0	0
Riverside.....	58,724	49,702	50,253	46,178	49,780	45,628	32	80	438	468	3	2
Three Lakes <sup>b</sup> .....	9,491	4,064	8,389	3,848	8,250	3,769	94	59	45	20	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	109,667	119,283	92,691	98,371	92,587	98,214	0	0	104	157	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County <sup>b</sup> .....	140,338	118,675	127,566	104,092	125,298	102,401	1,075	685	1,193	1,005	0	1
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>b</sup> .....	61,165	65,272	57,446	57,667	55,153	55,646	1,835	1,385	456	635	2	1
North County <sup>b</sup> .....	73,399	75,290	60,181	64,928	58,871	63,120	98	166	1,212	1,642	0	0
San Diego .....	175,053	168,384	164,990	159,818	160,375	154,794	2,558	3,248	2,057	1,776	0	0
South Bay .....	46,235	38,856	41,289	37,349	40,147	36,459	9	38	1,133	849	0	3
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	100,475	94,391	63,608	68,896	58,287	61,778	4,730	6,737	591	375	0	6
San Joaquin:												
Lodi.....	10,994	9,697	9,723	8,906	8,279	7,966	36	19	186	187	1,222	734
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	23,066	24,117	17,827	20,518	17,112	19,673	55	34	206	243	454	568
Stockton.....	32,077	34,517	29,958	35,543	29,301	34,954	71	72	586	517	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	43,704	42,334	40,010	37,976	35,319	33,598	325	158	470	525	3,892	3,695
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>b</sup> .....	28,753	65,539	29,764	54,772	28,383	51,434	669	2,257	710	1,081	2	0
Northern.....	35,433	33,630	37,184	36,409	36,192	35,190	96	201	896	1,018	0	0
Southern <sup>b</sup> .....	74,722	42,957	70,631	35,260	66,814	32,721	2,151	1,618	1,551	921	15	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	5,178	4,433	5,029	4,236	4,869	4,080	15	19	145	137	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	33,632	31,471	29,797	28,686	29,394	28,307	144	97	259	282	0	0
Santa Maria.....	13,787	12,589	11,053	10,447	10,810	10,220	8	11	235	216	0	0

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FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF NONPARKING TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS <sup>a</sup>—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>b</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77		
<b>Santa Clara:</b>												
Cilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>b</sup> .....	14,247	6,965	11,559	4,644	11,337	4,518	125	126	96	0	1	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	26,266	25,257	23,114	23,896	22,027	21,785	265	277	822	833	0	1
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	51,217	48,490	32,994	39,001	32,395	37,973	17	77	582	951	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	128,194	144,800	100,215	108,754	97,929	105,640	0	6	2,286	3,108	0	0
Santa Clara .....	17,278	17,709	16,457	17,176	15,484	16,160	56	8	916	1,008	1	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	19,366	17,168	17,777	18,023	17,151	17,406	10	2	616	615	0	0
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>												
Santa Cruz County .....	41,008	35,398	30,721	28,431	27,048	25,377	227	361	699	635	2,747	2,058
<b>Solano:</b>												
Northern Solano .....	47,027	45,065	41,638	35,156	40,907	34,301	68	204	663	651	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	11,499	9,812	8,147	8,302	7,858	8,015	32	21	257	266	0	0
<b>Sonoma:</b>												
Sonoma County .....	48,574	49,000	46,490	46,017	46,030	44,995	111	274	348	748	1	0
<b>Stanislaus:</b>												
Stanislaus County .....	44,122	36,225	41,052	34,558	39,405	32,984	198	62	1,446	1,512	3	0
<b>Sutter:</b>												
Sutter County .....	7,513	7,932	7,754	7,874	7,567	7,039	40	156	130	104	17	575
<b>Tulare:</b>												
Porterville .....	6,989	5,873	6,661	5,103	6,560	4,944	14	21	87	138	0	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>b</sup> .....	15,538	9,543	12,849	8,419	12,643	8,300	60	41	146	78	0	0
Visalia .....	15,553	16,814	14,362	15,058	14,082	14,653	61	158	219	239	0	8
<b>Ventura:</b>												
Ventura County .....	82,332	76,649	72,839	58,751	71,068	57,106	84	118	1,687	1,527	0	0
<b>Yolo:</b>												
Yolo County <sup>b</sup> .....	21,068	10,554	20,530	9,392	18,813	8,874	150	71	398	210	1,169	237

<sup>a</sup> Examples of traffic infractions are running a stop sign, speeding, improper operation of vehicle, faulty equipment and improper registration.

<sup>b</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 31D—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF ILLEGAL PARKING  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	Uncontested matters		Contested matters		1977-78	1976-77
							1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77		
State total .....	9,417,311	8,763,280	7,982,468	7,584,020	7,905,470	7,521,134	73,709	59,362	3,112	3,487	177	37
Alameda:												
Alameda .....	19,940	2,907	17,361	2,780	17,329	2,704	12	54	20	21	0	1
Berkeley-Albany .....	347,747	320,795	303,045	306,689	302,909	306,559	71	56	65	74	0	0
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	12,118	7,606	3,607	3,007	3,560	2,971	18	20	29	16	0	0
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	5,122	4,153	4,091	4,555	4,076	4,552	0	0	15	3	0	0
Oakland-Piedmont .....	409,326	392,882	416,461	408,046	416,225	407,742	151	254	85	50	0	0
San Leandro-Hayward .....	20,784	23,474	16,807	18,825	16,765	18,672	35	71	7	82	0	0
Butte:												
Chico .....	67,216	60,079	55,051	52,986	54,982	52,964	0	0	68	22	1	0
Contra Costa:												
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	29,807	14,357	26,237	10,827	26,217	10,821	0	2	20	4	0	0
Delta .....	6,023	4,147	5,481	4,045	5,458	4,029	6	6	13	5	4	5
Mt. Diablo .....	46,946	41,860	41,287	34,741	41,264	34,725	12	7	11	8	0	1
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	8,132	0	7,423	0	7,418	0	0	0	10	0	0
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	47,635	51,514	45,076	48,372	45,055	48,346	4	5	17	21	0	0
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	3,713	0	3,671	0	3,631	0	2	0	38	0	0
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	1,188	0	800	0	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno .....	117,084	111,616	107,442	100,488	107,374	100,459	1	2	67	27	0	0
Humboldt:												
Eureka .....	28,618	25,780	27,496	27,412	27,485	27,362	8	42	3	8	0	0
Imperial:												
Imperial County .....	6,895	9,097	3,659	3,778	3,659	3,778	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern:												
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	273	177	243	136	211	135	30	0	0	0	2	1
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	33,585	35,948	32,053	39,850	32,017	39,842	0	0	23	1	13	7

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 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
Los Angeles:												
Alhambra .....	41,715	38,257	40,294	31,696	40,294	31,683	0	1	0	12	0	0
Antelope .....	2,520	1,746	2,283	1,926	2,283	1,924	0	0	0	2	0	0
Beverly Hills .....	320,761	271,088	269,452	226,743	269,433	226,731	0	2	19	10	0	0
Burbank .....	45,152	58,683	45,270	53,152	45,244	53,123	5	10	21	19	0	0
Citrus .....	30,713	28,599	16,103	21,090	16,052	21,031	5	28	46	31	0	0
Compton .....	58,510	45,499	24,987	53,160	24,963	53,138	13	15	0	7	0	0
Culver .....	34,555	35,794	25,683	30,000	25,591	29,824	87	153	5	23	0	0
Downey .....	55,337	48,743	43,728	43,557	43,712	43,528	1	2	15	27	0	0
East Los Angeles.....	43,955	42,807	33,590	39,635	33,512	39,575	51	53	27	7	0	0
Glendale .....	52,233	59,645	46,636	58,022	46,601	58,011	35	5	0	6	0	0
Inglewood.....	115,520	113,847	96,835	95,827	96,814	95,760	0	24	21	43	0	0
Long Beach .....	436,854	381,023	278,363	277,534	278,329	277,455	30	69	4	7	0	3
Los Angeles .....	1,343,783	1,671,880	1,079,889	1,176,745	1,078,615	1,175,363	2	14	1,272	1,368	0	0
Los Cerritos .....	45,000	38,573	46,322	29,375	46,288	29,352	8	12	26	11	0	0
Malibu .....	101,198	10,457	7,047	7,556	7,045	7,556	1	0	1	0	0	0
Newhall .....	3,641	2,861	3,187	2,122	3,181	2,115	6	4	0	3	0	0
Pasadena .....	96,838	86,737	64,331	83,726	64,132	83,679	8	10	38	37	153	0
Pomona .....	39,401	34,518	34,192	34,845	34,157	34,823	1	0	34	22	0	0
Rio Hondo .....	14,626	13,614	10,129	11,520	10,129	11,518	0	0	0	2	0	0
Santa Anita .....	7,163	9,671	6,572	9,037	6,571	9,027	0	1	1	9	0	0
Santa Monica .....	280,141	264,117	200,323	197,450	199,551	196,945	754	463	18	42	0	0
South Bay .....	252,190	216,218	261,471	202,349	261,242	202,140	81	96	148	113	0	0
Southeast.....	120,396	104,411	116,284	79,242	116,272	79,242	0	0	12	0	0	0
Whittier.....	37,725	27,972	34,222	23,875	34,166	23,818	38	26	18	31	0	0
Marin:												
Central.....	166,345	151,914	169,378	144,351	169,240	144,298	76	12	62	41	0	0
Merced:												
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	28,461	11,334	24,949	10,337	24,949	10,335	0	2	0	0	0	0
Monterey:												
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	137,585	127,429	133,240	126,177	133,200	126,101	1	35	39	41	0	0
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	343	0	198	0	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salinas .....	33,256	28,832	29,762	26,802	29,750	26,788	4	2	8	12	0	0

Napa:												
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	27,010	27,861	17,802	23,034	17,798	23,030	0	4	4	0	0	0
Orange:												
Central Orange County .....	63,605	56,524	48,793	50,547	48,782	50,534	7	0	4	13	0	0
North Orange County .....	128,350	135,281	124,507	129,875	124,470	129,790	8	10	29	76	0	0
Orange County Harbor .....	158,387	130,046	112,950	141,278	112,930	140,806	3	464	17	8	0	0
South Orange County .....	79,427	63,968	60,940	52,939	60,927	52,933	1	0	12	6	0	0
West Orange County .....	93,789	94,743	84,156	77,309	84,105	77,200	14	93	37	16	0	0
Riverside:												
Corona .....	743	1,670	934	1,258	934	1,258	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desert .....	16,123	17,697	14,222	15,859	14,217	15,824	1	3	4	32	0	0
Mt. San Jacinto .....	462	4,035	429	3,054	428	3,054	1	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside .....	7,867	51,920	6,050	38,754	6,050	38,750	0	2	0	2	0	0
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	287	46	296	38	296	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento:												
Sacramento .....	274,598	223,663	269,407	223,177	269,407	223,176	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino:												
San Bernardino County .....	12,642	20,059	12,417	22,852	12,357	22,824	44	17	16	11	0	0
San Diego:												
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	17,530	16,742	8,271	8,130	8,270	8,115	0	13	0	2	1	0
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	34,344	30,197	33,458	25,722	33,458	25,667	0	15	0	40	0	0
San Diego .....	528,612	455,159	403,362	396,235	402,985	395,440	263	726	114	69	0	0
South Bay .....	27,534	20,670	26,604	19,288	26,538	19,256	0	0	66	32	0	0
San Francisco:												
San Francisco .....	1,639,513	1,215,801	1,505,134	1,202,384	1,434,009	1,146,357	71,125	55,506	0	521	0	0
San Joaquin:												
Lodi .....	32,992	34,481	31,682	33,292	31,662	33,283	13	1	6	2	1	6
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	7,958	6,783	4,903	6,032	4,898	6,031	3	0	0	0	2	1
Stockton .....	85,574	83,508	84,150	83,768	84,147	83,758	0	0	3	10	0	0
San Luis Obispo:												
San Luis Obispo County .....	35,180	30,434	21,931	20,852	21,916	20,820	0	0	15	32	0	0
San Mateo:												
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	48,493	102,381	40,525	96,636	40,317	96,135	143	497	65	4	0	0
Northern .....	101,933	96,287	82,123	88,349	82,123	88,345	0	3	0	1	0	0
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	102,835	48,849	80,380	37,469	79,857	37,120	446	291	77	58	0	0
Santa Barbara:												
Lompoc .....	1,551	1,235	1,500	1,160	1,495	1,152	1	1	4	7	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	80,415	72,553	56,734	59,117	56,696	59,078	7	10	31	29	0	0
Santa Maria .....	3,858	3,287	3,442	3,169	3,440	3,165	0	0	2	4	0	0

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Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				Juvenile orders <sup>a</sup>	
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters			
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Clara:</b>												
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	2,771	1,734	1,732	1,119	1,727	1,118	5	1	0	0	0	0
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	18,396	17,209	16,851	17,434	16,833	17,414	4	4	14	16	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	122,038	97,747	79,508	72,180	79,493	72,165	2	3	13	12	0	0
San Jose-Milpitas .....	185,418	172,390	117,582	119,869	117,524	119,847	0	0	58	22	0	0
Santa Clara .....	12,511	9,700	8,007	6,486	8,001	6,477	0	0	6	9	0	0
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	9,170	8,456	6,412	8,777	6,407	8,751	0	0	5	26	0	0
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>												
Santa Cruz County .....	134,412	124,117	118,139	119,608	117,994	119,429	46	109	99	61	0	9
<b>Solano:</b>												
Northern Solano .....	3,893	8,576	4,043	6,545	4,032	6,544	1	0	10	1	0	0
Vallejo-Benicia .....	14,149	11,443	12,031	10,627	12,031	10,619	0	3	0	5	0	0
<b>Sonoma:</b>												
Sonoma County .....	75,664	84,279	79,217	75,197	79,217	75,178	0	13	0	6	0	0
<b>Stanislaus:</b>												
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	64,266	44,191	50,330	37,118	50,217	37,090	10	4	103	24	0	0
<b>Sutter:</b>												
Sutter County .....	2,774	3,143	1,637	1,994	1,626	1,985	5	5	6	3	0	1
<b>Tulare:</b>												
Porterville .....	3,456	2,956	2,552	3,143	2,552	3,140	0	2	0	1	0	0
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	474	223	436	220	435	220	0	0	1	0	0	0
Visalia .....	5,251	10,111	2,782	8,043	2,780	8,043	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Ventura:</b>												
Ventura County .....	52,836	53,948	53,676	39,145	53,676	39,145	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Yolo:</b>												
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	42,996	21,066	39,514	19,450	39,508	19,437	0	2	6	9	0	2

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 32—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total.....	421,534	390,390	318,013	291,226	73,175	70,562	128,429	114,862	116,409	105,802
Alameda:										
Alameda.....	1,213	1,266	910	911	146	149	413	414	351	348
Berkeley-Albany.....	2,385	2,297	2,134	1,772	366	353	813	581	955	838
Fremont-Newark-Union City.....	2,941	2,382	2,520	2,050	360	357	1,083	927	1,077	766
Livermore-Pleasanton.....	1,357	1,254	1,002	919	241	223	368	345	393	351
Oakland-Piedmont.....	13,658	12,140	11,342	8,858	1,572	1,583	6,196	4,409	3,514	2,866
San Leandro-Hayward.....	6,202	5,780	4,418	4,216	842	824	1,967	1,748	1,609	1,644
Butte:										
Chico.....	1,297	1,132	1,102	834	177	177	543	345	382	312
Contra Costa:										
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	3,767	1,887	2,896	1,652	618	238	1,372	865	906	549
Delta.....	1,938	1,823	1,509	1,514	345	346	720	738	444	430
Mt. Diablo.....	3,484	3,332	2,584	2,643	571	515	1,041	1,119	972	1,009
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	940	0	741	0	171	0	316	0	254
Walnut Creek-Danville.....	3,161	2,886	2,596	2,369	827	766	841	790	928	813
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	634	0	516	0	66	0	221	0	229
Fresno:										
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	191	0	158	0	64	0	58	0	36	0
Fresno.....	7,792	7,421	5,601	5,065	1,374	1,042	2,549	2,254	1,678	1,769
Humboldt:										
Eureka.....	946	927	1,194	868	605	303	337	342	252	223
Imperial:										
Imperial County.....	1,685	1,360	1,224	985	310	232	508	441	406	312
Kern:										
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	1,023	485	758	372	257	134	312	128	189	110
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	7,529	6,785	6,531	5,389	1,799	1,576	3,538	2,864	1,194	949



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SUMMARY OF SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters		
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	
Los Angeles:											
Alhambra.....	3,832	3,930	2,977	2,898	935	949	1,004	1,057	1,038	892	
Antelope.....	1,566	1,564	1,269	1,388	335	369	498	507	436	512	
Beverly Hills.....	3,448	3,260	2,741	2,014	738	534	837	640	1,166	840	
Burbank.....	1,683	1,504	1,347	1,219	359	312	447	342	541	565	
Citrus.....	5,930	5,963	4,132	4,124	947	901	1,618	1,573	1,567	1,650	
Compton.....	6,363	6,225	4,137	4,219	614	715	2,105	2,146	1,418	1,358	
Culver.....	2,322	2,147	1,678	1,478	327	331	712	612	639	535	
Downey.....	3,654	3,755	2,501	2,680	438	502	1,059	1,149	1,004	1,029	
East Los Angeles.....	3,879	4,076	2,666	2,498	304	461	1,325	1,139	1,037	898	
Glendale.....	2,677	2,515	1,819	1,911	542	555	570	641	707	715	
Inglewood.....	7,056	6,850	4,804	4,009	1,051	811	2,217	1,877	1,536	1,321	
Long Beach.....	8,904	9,134	6,461	6,821	1,033	1,316	3,802	3,760	1,626	1,745	
Los Angeles.....	60,279	51,228	44,130	36,831	8,511	6,809	16,903	13,102	18,716	16,920	
Los Cerritos.....	2,979	3,016	2,106	2,210	464	577	778	803	864	830	
Malibu.....	598	645	387	456	51	44	114	163	222	249	
Newhall.....	861	838	674	668	188	148	200	263	286	257	
Pasadena.....	4,091	3,828	2,184	2,444	176	99	1,010	1,081	998	1,264	
Pomona.....	3,307	2,988	2,260	1,956	474	401	850	792	936	763	
Rio Hondo.....	3,370	2,946	2,683	2,336	727	610	1,063	959	893	767	
Santa Anita.....	1,336	1,313	1,098	1,023	271	199	349	360	478	464	
Santa Monica.....	2,877	2,801	2,009	1,907	306	404	711	595	992	908	
South Bay.....	8,074	7,124	5,533	5,002	989	940	2,168	1,909	2,376	2,153	
Southeast.....	4,644	4,256	3,123	3,014	658	674	1,527	1,317	938	1,023	
Whittier.....	3,267	3,327	2,361	2,512	557	516	885	972	919	1,024	
Marin:											
Central.....	3,378	3,343	3,481	3,187	1,438	1,312	784	706	1,259	1,169	
Merced:											
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	2,112	976	1,231	419	219	74	649	235	363	110	
Monterey:											
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	2,270	2,131	1,798	1,672	364	369	747	704	687	599	
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	280	0	235	0	60	0	60	0	115	0	
Salinas.....	2,107	2,416	1,374	1,602	309	487	720	712	345	403	

Napa:											
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,512	1,366	1,120	1,100	189	184	477	501	454	415	
Orange:											
Central Orange County .....	10,722	11,342	8,447	7,525	2,812	2,126	3,334	3,134	2,301	2,265	
North Orange County .....	12,248	12,040	9,088	8,769	2,197	2,158	3,834	3,741	3,057	2,870	
Orange County Harbor .....	5,157	4,575	3,540	3,244	886	739	1,199	1,095	1,455	1,410	
South Orange County .....	3,161	2,706	2,382	1,745	633	388	707	570	1,042	787	
West Orange County .....	9,554	8,886	8,464	7,682	2,855	2,533	2,573	2,341	3,036	2,808	
Riverside:											
Corona .....	1,250	1,241	914	880	234	239	346	307	334	334	
Desert .....	4,245	4,492	3,957	3,580	628	896	1,570	1,445	1,759	1,239	
Mt. San Jacinto .....	1,412	1,289	1,086	1,029	300	287	349	336	437	406	
Riverside .....	5,942	5,244	4,049	4,085	644	816	1,761	1,824	1,644	1,445	
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	862	449	705	324	162	69	217	93	326	162	
Sacramento:											
Sacramento .....	15,590	13,376	12,005	10,017	3,211	2,741	4,645	3,771	4,149	3,505	
San Bernardino:											
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	10,979	11,396	9,011	8,998	2,610	2,795	3,591	3,733	2,810	2,470	
San Diego:											
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	5,318	4,440	4,066	3,608	788	942	1,467	1,328	1,811	1,338	
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	6,780	6,804	5,649	5,494	1,858	1,722	1,896	2,011	1,895	1,761	
San Diego .....	16,253	14,707	11,422	11,711	3,376	3,783	4,069	3,977	3,977	3,951	
South Bay .....	4,050	4,250	3,142	3,345	867	927	985	1,112	1,269	1,306	
San Francisco:											
San Francisco .....	13,520	13,207	9,937	9,231	1,940	1,920	3,774	3,401	4,223	3,910	
San Joaquin:											
Lodi .....	1,431	1,354	1,011	1,008	252	211	537	543	222	254	
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	1,185	1,253	975	1,047	143	186	394	461	438	400	
Stockton .....	4,895	4,335	3,648	3,449	986	1,068	1,901	1,709	761	672	
San Luis Obispo:											
San Luis Obispo County .....	3,116	2,592	2,351	1,839	652	536	930	656	769	647	
San Mateo:											
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	1,166	2,319	1,000	2,127	187	387	386	827	427	913	
Northern .....	2,944	2,777	2,296	1,749	360	225	1,023	770	913	754	
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	3,830	2,421	3,007	1,856	658	453	1,059	588	1,290	815	
Santa Barbara:											
Lompoc .....	591	654	478	508	126	152	225	166	127	190	
Santa Barbara-Coleta .....	3,461	3,530	3,097	3,149	857	1,131	1,122	952	1,118	1,066	
Santa Maria .....	1,798	1,940	1,266	1,419	254	376	607	627	405	416	

**TABLE 32—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters		
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	
<b>Santa Clara:</b>											
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	843	414	586	226	144	25	231	120	211	81	
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga .....	1,328	1,304	1,026	1,056	270	308	314	304	442	444	
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	2,599	2,268	2,091	1,805	592	453	708	614	791	738	
San Jose-Milpitas .....	12,244	11,747	10,094	9,123	2,762	2,456	3,781	3,572	3,551	3,095	
Santa Clara .....	2,013	1,785	1,309	1,246	270	264	576	511	463	471	
Sunnyvale-Cupertino .....	2,418	2,447	1,644	3,555	299	2,305	628	597	717	653	
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>											
Santa Cruz County .....	2,931	2,811	2,224	2,091	498	478	722	682	1,004	931	
<b>Solano:</b>											
Northern Solano .....	1,706	1,381	1,395	1,086	359	247	472	368	564	471	
Vallejo-Benicia .....	1,819	1,838	1,459	1,460	281	323	670	576	508	561	
<b>Sonoma:</b>											
Sonoma County .....	4,957	4,658	3,890	3,320	608	800	1,806	1,204	1,476	1,316	
<b>Stanislaus:</b>											
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	3,292	2,517	2,233	1,609	387	251	987	719	859	639	
<b>Sutter:</b>											
Sutter County .....	735	694	518	478	191	69	192	231	135	178	
<b>Tulare:</b>											
Porterville .....	810	661	711	543	202	143	301	256	208	144	
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	645	344	509	237	106	53	237	110	166	74	
Visalia .....	1,631	1,380	1,198	1,109	151	142	668	519	379	448	
<b>Ventura:</b>											
Ventura County .....	9,202	9,233	5,977	6,937	1,219	1,615	2,291	3,214	2,467	2,108	
<b>Yolo:</b>											
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,665	1,093	1,358	655	292	166	495	283	571	206	

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the court on Table 27.

**TABLE 33—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF CIVIL (Excludes Small Claims) FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>State total</b> .....	361,332	331,170	271,604	252,674	193,847	180,698	61,611	57,119	16,146	14,857
<b>Alameda:</b>										
Alameda.....	839	748	628	509	544	411	38	65	46	33
Berkeley-Albany .....	1,970	1,819	1,541	1,422	1,263	1,008	155	277	123	137
Fremont-Newark-Union City .....	2,689	2,163	2,269	1,721	1,276	974	902	668	91	79
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	789	667	669	673	496	566	107	64	66	43
Oakland-Piedmont .....	13,483	12,479	10,103	9,675	9,188	9,043	314	187	601	445
San Leandro-Hayward .....	4,184	3,894	3,522	3,514	3,208	3,102	167	204	147	208
<b>Butte:</b>										
Chico .....	637	735	618	696	550	614	33	32	35	50
<b>Contra Costa:</b>										
Bay <sup>a</sup> .....	3,673	1,699	2,776	1,172	2,466	958	234	173	76	41
Delta.....	1,151	962	875	729	516	455	318	240	41	34
Mt. Diablo.....	2,132	2,055	1,633	1,623	1,504	1,482	53	63	76	78
Richmond <sup>a</sup> .....	0	1,107	0	774	0	694	0	58	0	22
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	1,494	1,357	1,145	1,039	1,053	939	16	25	76	75
West <sup>a</sup> .....	0	553	0	497	0	560	0	116	0	21
<b>Fresno:</b>										
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>a</sup> .....	56	0	56	0	32	0	23	0	1	0
Fresno .....	6,777	6,890	5,538	5,341	5,391	5,146	72	44	75	151
<b>Humboldt:</b>										
Eureka .....	867	741	4,916	659	4,785	507	59	84	72	68
<b>Imperial:</b>										
Imperial County .....	952	601	598	426	519	293	47	72	32	61
<b>Kern:</b>										
East Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	190	72	87	52	56	41	25	1	6	10
West Kern <sup>a</sup> .....	4,604	3,973	3,427	3,099	2,850	2,589	452	378	125	132

TABLE 33—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
SUMMARY OF CIVIL (Excludes Small Claims) FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing				
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters		
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	
Los Angeles:											
Alhambra.....	1,768	1,633	1,263	1,210	802	709	372	430	89	71	
Antelope.....	683	745	524	628	388	490	93	93	43	45	
Beverly Hills.....	3,201	3,458	2,223	2,484	2,015	2,257	59	79	149	148	
Burbank.....	1,317	1,245	878	790	693	603	137	146	48	41	
Citrus.....	3,991	3,987	3,328	3,385	1,903	2,046	1,195	1,083	230	256	
Compton.....	5,911	6,191	4,404	4,304	2,107	2,076	1,999	1,987	298	241	
Culver.....	2,014	1,925	1,586	1,336	918	771	626	520	42	45	
Downey.....	2,591	2,781	1,946	1,913	1,234	1,276	592	511	120	126	
East Los Angeles.....	1,277	1,336	906	1,127	723	831	122	209	55	87	
Glendale.....	1,749	1,452	1,142	1,127	1,078	1,059	12	15	52	53	
Inglewood.....	7,020	6,537	4,889	5,115	4,108	4,054	396	638	385	423	
Long Beach.....	6,904	6,568	4,945	4,722	4,628	4,369	97	196	220	157	
Los Angeles.....	84,924	77,164	61,088	58,460	31,922	31,195	24,848	23,204	4,308	4,061	
Los Cerritos.....	2,053	1,902	1,530	1,493	974	914	419	482	137	87	
Malibu.....	439	387	302	304	205	238	49	31	48	35	
Newhall.....	524	411	352	299	323	267	14	12	15	20	
Pasadena.....	3,277	3,038	2,245	2,293	1,134	1,217	888	922	223	154	
Pomona.....	2,737	2,429	2,274	2,180	1,098	1,100	1,099	1,018	77	62	
Rio Hondo.....	2,373	2,043	1,613	1,464	1,004	932	543	451	56	81	
Santa Anita.....	1,024	932	763	750	469	491	242	219	52	40	
Santa Monica.....	2,558	2,361	1,935	1,725	1,280	1,220	535	418	120	87	
South Bay.....	5,616	5,343	3,747	3,811	2,223	2,369	1,205	1,106	319	336	
Southeast.....	3,015	2,931	2,259	1,901	1,500	1,115	834	693	125	93	
Whittier.....	2,525	2,599	1,992	2,051	1,451	1,473	383	403	158	175	
Marin:											
Central.....	2,917	2,771	2,384	2,344	1,977	2,177	267	18	140	149	
Merced:											
Merced County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,678	695	1,052	430	967	415	39	11	46	4	
Monterey:											
Monterey Peninsula <sup>a</sup> .....	1,619	1,519	1,340	1,304	865	900	311	261	164	143	
North Monterey County <sup>a</sup> .....	137	0	86	0	65	0	6	0	15	0	
Salinas.....	1,447	1,496	1,175	1,263	997	1,054	134	145	44	64	

Napa:										
Napa County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,163	886	742	647	571	512	96	78	75	57
Orange:										
Central Orange County .....	7,375	6,574	4,998	4,589	3,382	3,166	1,294	1,117	322	306
North Orange County .....	7,824	6,998	5,179	4,845	3,191	3,310	1,471	1,174	517	361
Orange County Harbor .....	3,219	3,088	2,228	2,321	2,001	2,078	77	97	150	146
South Orange County .....	1,755	1,569	1,344	1,008	973	700	292	243	89	65
West Orange County .....	6,617	5,746	4,570	4,209	2,887	2,762	1,294	1,119	389	328
Riverside:										
Corona .....	501	416	361	251	280	187	47	38	34	26
Desert .....	2,008	2,332	1,610	1,590	1,415	1,468	70	35	125	87
Mt. San Jacinto .....	493	410	410	355	315	270	50	51	45	34
Riverside .....	2,487	2,378	1,610	1,718	1,423	1,586	37	29	150	103
Three Lakes <sup>a</sup> .....	283	154	195	50	144	42	30	7	21	1
Sacramento:										
Sacramento .....	13,837	12,483	9,944	9,539	7,862	7,691	1,624	1,316	458	532
San Bernardino:										
San Bernardino County <sup>a</sup> .....	5,559	5,039	4,066	4,273	2,491	2,736	1,347	1,303	228	234
San Diego:										
El Cajon <sup>a</sup> .....	3,289	2,822	2,613	2,010	2,389	1,860	28	26	196	124
North County <sup>a</sup> .....	2,752	2,491	1,890	1,803	1,188	1,194	569	467	133	142
San Diego .....	13,398	12,760	10,122	10,601	5,986	6,376	3,578	3,636	558	589
South Bay .....	1,847	1,647	1,400	1,250	1,263	1,129	38	27	99	94
San Francisco:										
San Francisco .....	15,882	15,228	12,352	11,455	8,221	7,795	3,631	3,198	500	462
San Joaquin:										
Lodi .....	497	414	394	395	342	353	22	20	30	22
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	762	731	546	455	405	343	58	73	83	39
Stockton .....	4,899	4,321	3,769	3,139	2,750	2,281	772	695	237	163
San Luis Obispo:										
San Luis Obispo County .....	1,461	1,419	1,024	1,139	744	895	150	122	130	122
San Mateo:										
Central <sup>a</sup> .....	1,132	2,399	909	2,012	619	1,423	229	441	61	148
Northern .....	2,957	2,803	2,251	2,093	2,165	2,001	7	8	79	84
Southern <sup>a</sup> .....	3,376	1,956	2,527	1,536	1,685	906	667	491	175	139
Santa Barbara:										
Lompoc .....	249	267	265	223	241	199	9	9	15	15
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	2,211	2,194	1,776	1,738	617	525	1,096	1,166	63	47
Santa Maria .....	901	953	763	801	734	775	2	2	27	24

**TABLE 33—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS**  
**SUMMARY OF CIVIL (Excludes Small Claims) FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS—Continued**  
**Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total filings		Total dispositions		Dispositions before hearing		Dispositions after hearing			
							Uncontested matters		Contested matters	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Clara:</b>										
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>a</sup> .....	664	277	404	169	99	78	263	84	42	7
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga.....	1,166	1,067	947	835	777	711	130	80	40	44
Palo Alto Mountain View.....	2,368	2,264	1,780	1,404	1,544	1,066	160	254	76	84
San Jose-Milpitas.....	16,689	14,789	12,311	10,097	11,637	9,355	274	395	400	347
Santa Clara.....	1,310	1,147	915	726	862	667	9	33	44	26
Sunnyvale-Cupertino.....	2,052	1,999	1,467	2,609	1,377	2,518	11	19	79	72
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>										
Santa Cruz County.....	2,291	2,286	1,798	1,780	1,365	1,261	351	417	82	102
<b>Solano:</b>										
Northern Solano.....	1,121	981	866	792	839	780	10	3	17	9
Vallejo-Benicia.....	1,194	996	962	836	927	802	2	15	33	19
<b>Sonoma:</b>										
Sonoma County.....	4,040	3,440	3,384	2,970	3,169	2,770	113	94	102	106
<b>Stanislaus:</b>										
Stanislaus County <sup>a</sup> .....	5,462	4,977	4,389	3,859	3,670	3,253	483	372	236	234
<b>Sutter:</b>										
Sutter County.....	648	552	486	414	359	366	100	36	27	12
<b>Tulare:</b>										
Porterville.....	898	735	782	615	701	535	51	65	30	15
Tulare-Pixley <sup>a</sup> .....	390	172	242	74	232	73	2	0	8	1
Visalia.....	1,398	1,383	1,206	1,163	1,022	1,007	121	79	63	77
<b>Ventura:</b>										
Ventura County.....	5,749	4,609	3,901	4,089	3,620	3,829	94	56	191	204
<b>Yolo:</b>										
Yolo County <sup>a</sup> .....	1,382	568	1,330	373	795	264	315	77	220	32

<sup>a</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicable to the count on Table 27.

**TABLE 34—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
'NUMBER OF JURIES SELECTED AND SWORN'  
Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total		Reduced Felonies		Other Nontraffic		Total Traffic		Traffic Selected <sup>b</sup>		Other Traffic		Civil <sup>c</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
State total .....	10,211	10,400	127	150	5,226	5,583	4,237	4,001	3,934	3,691	503	310	621	666
<b>Alameda:</b>														
Alameda .....	3	7	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Berkeley-Albany .....	42	52	0	1	21	26	6	10	5	9	1	1	15	15
Fremont-Newark-Union City ..	101	92	0	0	44	50	56	41	48	38	8	3	1	1
Livermore-Pleasanton .....	10	21	0	0	5	18	5	2	5	2	0	0	0	1
Oakland-Piedmont .....	526	370	7	2	315	257	167	99	145	91	22	8	37	12
San Leandro-Hayward .....	161	135	5	1	84	63	64	60	58	56	6	4	8	11
<b>Butte:</b>														
Chico .....	35	28	0	0	17	12	17	16	15	14	2	2	1	0
<b>Contra Costa:</b>														
Bay <sup>d</sup> .....	185	129	2	0	90	59	81	65	73	53	8	12	12	5
Delta .....	25	32	0	0	9	19	16	13	13	3	0	0	0	0
Mt. Diablo .....	86	95	0	0	35	40	51	54	49	54	2	0	0	1
Richmond <sup>d</sup> .....	0	29	0	0	0	14	0	11	0	10	0	1	0	4
Walnut Creek-Danville .....	76	81	0	0	19	22	56	56	44	54	12	2	1	3
West <sup>d</sup> .....	0	36	0	0	0	21	0	14	0	13	0	1	0	1
<b>Fresno:</b>														
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>d</sup> .....	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno .....	150	235	21	25	72	128	50	77	46	66	4	11	7	5
<b>Humboldt:</b>														
Eureka .....	38	48	0	1	17	14	15	32	15	31	0	1	6	1
<b>Imperial:</b>														
Imperial County .....	21	48	1	1	14	29	5	18	4	18	1	0	1	0
<b>Kern:</b>														
East Kern <sup>d</sup> .....	4	7	0	0	2	2	2	5	1	5	1	0	0	0
West Kern <sup>d</sup> .....	109	134	0	0	54	73	53	57	47	51	6	6	2	4



TABLE 34—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
NUMBER OF JURIES SELECTED AND SWORN <sup>a</sup>—Continued

Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total		Reduced Felonies		Other Nontraffic		Total Traffic		Traffic Selected <sup>b</sup>		Other Traffic		Civil <sup>c</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Los Angeles:</b>														
Alhambra .....	109	88	5	5	67	45	37	36	29	33	8	3	0	2
Antelope .....	64	85	0	0	52	51	12	32	11	22	1	10	0	2
Beverly Hills .....	105	139	0	0	77	104	22	30	18	24	4	6	6	5
Burbank .....	13	24	1	0	5	11	7	4	7	4	0	0	0	9
Citrus .....	124	173	1	0	74	90	43	56	34	42	9	14	6	27
Compton .....	96	122	1	0	74	91	11	24	11	22	0	2	10	7
Culver .....	59	51	0	0	45	41	11	8	9	8	2	0	2	2
Downey .....	64	69	3	1	37	47	19	18	15	16	4	2	5	3
East Los Angeles .....	64	56	1	0	45	42	16	9	12	5	4	4	2	5
Glendale .....	52	75	0	0	38	58	12	14	12	12	0	2	2	3
Inglewood .....	95	94	0	1	70	71	20	19	20	14	0	5	5	3
Long Beach .....	201	197	0	1	118	129	58	57	55	51	3	6	25	10
Los Angeles .....	1,524	1,518	0	0	860	917	531	451	521	434	10	17	133	150
Los Cerritos .....	58	70	0	0	40	44	16	25	14	25	2	0	2	1
Malibu .....	6	8	0	0	3	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	3
Newhall .....	20	35	0	0	8	27	11	8	10	5	1	3	1	0
Pasadena .....	67	118	0	0	41	69	26	32	26	29	0	3	0	17
Pomona .....	132	86	0	0	98	65	32	16	27	15	5	1	2	5
Rio Honda .....	37	66	1	5	20	39	16	21	14	16	2	5	0	1
Santa Anita .....	43	55	0	0	30	41	12	13	12	13	0	0	1	1
Santa Monica .....	56	65	0	0	34	36	19	27	18	24	1	3	3	2
South Bay .....	121	156	0	0	72	96	38	49	27	37	11	12	11	11
Southeast .....	117	123	1	9	99	88	14	24	11	21	3	3	3	2
Whittier .....	139	136	1	1	72	69	65	62	53	52	10	10	3	4
<b>Marin:</b>														
Central .....	86	104	3	2	33	44	41	53	36	51	5	2	9	5
<b>Merced:</b>														
Merced County <sup>d</sup> .....	25	13	0	0	11	9	14	4	7	2	7	2	0	0
<b>Monterey:</b>														
Monterey Peninsula <sup>d</sup> .....	144	178	0	0	70	65	70	108	66	103	4	5	4	5
North Monterey County <sup>d</sup> .....	38	0	0	0	8	0	30	0	30	0	0	0	0	0
Salinas .....	90	100	0	0	51	49	38	51	33	46	5	5	1	0

Napa:														
Napa County <sup>d</sup> .....	40	29	0	0	20	12	20	15	17	12	3	3	0	2
Orange:														
Central Orange County .....	160	178	2	2	89	94	58	73	51	69	7	4	11	9
North Orange County .....	218	165	10	4	120	100	71	50	71	50	0	0	17	11
Orange County Harbor .....	60	104	0	0	33	57	24	43	24	41	0	2	3	4
South Orange County .....	86	77	4	0	42	53	37	23	27	19	10	4	3	1
West Orange County .....	189	180	1	10	103	76	81	85	70	75	11	10	4	9
Riverside:														
Corona .....	19	13	0	0	6	8	13	5	11	3	2	2	0	0
Desert .....	98	123	0	0	46	62	48	58	43	51	5	7	4	3
Mt. San Jacinto .....	11	34	0	0	6	10	2	10	2	10	0	0	3	14
Riverside .....	143	112	2	0	80	64	60	45	54	38	6	7	1	3
Three Lakes <sup>d</sup> .....	23	10	0	0	16	8	5	2	4	2	1	0	2	0
Sacramento:														
Sacramento .....	380	397	14	24	120	143	224	175	218	160	6	9	22	55
San Bernardino:														
San Bernardino County .....	396	353	11	11	145	146	234	190	228	181	6	9	6	6
San Diego:														
El Cajon <sup>d</sup> .....	172	154	3	13	57	69	97	69	94	67	3	2	15	3
North County <sup>d</sup> .....	167	221	0	0	62	89	96	119	94	114	2	5	9	13
San Diego .....	486	528	3	7	236	267	216	206	209	204	7	2	31	48
South Bay .....	156	112	9	4	72	65	71	40	69	36	2	4	4	3
San Francisco:														
San Francisco .....	270	208	7	2	174	154	44	16	41	16	3	0	45	36
San Joaquin:														
Lodi .....	9	7	0	0	6	3	1	4	1	4	0	0	2	0
Manteca-Ripon-Escalon-Tracy .....	48	22	0	0	9	9	12	10	12	10	0	0	27	3
Stockton .....	28	43	1	0	11	20	10	10	10	9	0	1	6	13
San Luis Obispo:														
San Luis Obispo County .....	62	66	0	0	18	19	41	46	41	45	0	1	3	1
San Mateo:														
Central <sup>d</sup> .....	29	74	1	1	8	25	14	44	14	40	0	4	6	4
Northern <sup>d</sup> .....	106	110	0	1	56	62	45	42	42	39	3	3	5	5
Southern <sup>d</sup> .....	97	82	1	0	32	34	56	45	55	44	1	1	8	3
Santa Barbara:														
Lompoc <sup>d</sup> .....	10	8	0	0	6	6	4	2	4	2	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara-Goleta .....	78	85	0	0	46	47	30	34	30	34	0	0	2	4
Santa Maria .....	13	22	0	0	8	15	4	7	4	4	0	3	1	0

TABLE 34—CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURTS  
 NUMBER OF JURIES SELECTED AND SWORN <sup>a</sup>—Continued  
 Fiscal Years 1976-77 and 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total		Reduced Felonies		Other Nontraffic		Total Traffic		Traffic Selected <sup>b</sup>		Other Traffic		Civil <sup>c</sup>	
	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77	1977-78	1976-77
<b>Santa Clara:</b>														
Gilroy-Morgan Hill <sup>d</sup> .....	12	11	0	0	1	5	11	4	9	4	2	0	0	2
Los Gatos-Campbell-Saratoga ..	31	41	0	0	13	12	18	29	15	24	3	5	0	0
Palo Alto-Mountain View .....	48	44	0	3	18	11	25	28	24	28	1	0	5	2
San Jose-Milpitas.....	269	266	0	0	116	131	139	118	129	115	10	3	14	17
Santa Clara .....	35	14	0	0	15	5	20	8	16	7	4	1	0	1
Sunnyvale-Cupertino.....	40	34	0	0	17	11	22	22	22	16	0	6	1	1
<b>Santa Cruz:</b>														
Santa Cruz County .....	71	79	0	1	31	41	40	28	40	23	0	5	0	9
<b>Solano:</b>														
Northern Solano .....	86	70	0	0	18	14	66	55	65	50	1	5	2	1
Vallejo-Benicia .....	74	85	0	1	32	22	41	62	39	60	2	2	1	0
<b>Sonoma:</b>														
Sonoma County .....	65	66	0	2	39	47	21	15	17	14	4	1	5	2
<b>Stanislaus:</b>														
Stanislaus County <sup>d</sup> .....	308	250	0	0	101	85	199	155	189	151	10	4	8	10
<b>Sutter:</b>														
Sutter County .....	31	36	0	1	14	19	16	16	14	12	2	4	1	0
<b>Tulare:</b>														
Porterville .....	40	60	1	1	26	44	12	13	12	12	0	1	1	2
Tulare-Pixley <sup>d</sup> .....	42	21	0	1	24	10	18	10	15	10	3	0	0	0
Visalia .....	95	85	3	5	36	44	51	30	49	29	2	1	5	6
<b>Ventura:</b>														
Ventura County .....	31	119	0	0	11	55	12	55	12	45	0	10	8	9
<b>Yolo:</b>														
Yolo County <sup>d</sup> .....	56	19	0	0	33	16	23	3	21	1	2	2	0	0

<sup>a</sup> "Juries selected and sworn" are not the equivalent of cases disposed of by verdict since a single jury may try consolidated cases which in criminal matters may result in multiple dispositions.

No disposition is reported for hung juries.

<sup>b</sup> Violations of Sections 20002, 23102, 23104 and 23105 of the Vehicle Code and Vehicle Code felonies filed as misdemeanors under Penal Code Section 17(b)4.

<sup>c</sup> Data are for civil jury trials rather than civil juries sworn.

<sup>d</sup> For explanation, see footnote applicabl<sup>e</sup> to the Court on Table 27.

**TABLE 35—CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURTS  
SUMMARY OF NONPARKING AND ILLEGAL PARKING FILINGS  
FISCAL YEAR 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total nonparking filings 1977-78	Criminal								Civil		
		Nontraffic				Traffic				Illegal Parking	Small Claims	Other
		Felonies	Misdemeanors		Infract. <sup>c</sup>	Infract. <sup>f</sup>	Misdemeanors		Illegal Parking			
		Group A <sup>a</sup>	Group B <sup>b</sup>		Group C <sup>d</sup>	Group D <sup>e</sup>						
State total .....	541,011	8,335	24,237	26,009	4,919	21,206	30,563	380,107	151,532	32,128	13,507	
Alpine:												
Alpine .....	1,775	27	64	150	0	11	46	1,458	562	13	6	
Amador:												
Amador .....	5,103	107	157	133	0	156	227	3,767	2,482	366	190	
Butte:												
Biggs .....	1,105	2	15	74	30	20	65	868	33	12	19	
Gridley .....	2,611	58	168	135	0	158	202	1,631	271	163	96	
Oroville .....	8,443	271	919	315	52	459	692	4,895	385	490	350	
Paradise .....	3,099	47	219	83	0	136	152	1,822	1,025	512	128	
Calaveras:												
Calaveras .....	5,738	140	236	192	8	166	400	3,990	422	404	202	
Colusa:												
Colusa-Williams .....	7,863	65	146	366	6	291	167	6,518	293	240	64	
Del Norte:												
Del Norte County .....	7,751	136	389	187	0	484	163	5,897	284	373	122	
El Dorado:												
El Dorado .....	9,367	44	172	145	170	224	312	7,793	505	418	89	
Georgetown-Divide .....	992	18	185	124	4	47	65	399	35	125	25	
Lake Valley .....	14,153	309	711	380	403	402	714	9,996	4,359	622	616	
Placerville .....	10,508	137	607	488	24	324	411	7,480	4,676	747	290	
Fresno:												
Clovis-Ponderosa <sup>g</sup> .....	5,642	115	240	113	16	161	94	4,265	2,355	511	127	
Coalinga .....	11,829	89	299	531	147	318	830	9,144	383	366	105	
Firebaugh-Kerman .....	10,550	231	543	1,235	2	709	853	6,336	731	478	163	
Fowler-Caruthers .....	5,613	102	110	41	0	214	208	4,826	19	87	25	
Kingsburg-Riverdale .....	3,711	59	104	72	0	171	315	2,736	127	175	79	
Parlier-Selma .....	8,254	94	410	794	0	371	583	5,563	972	373	66	
Reedley-Dunlap .....	4,418	80	567	108	0	193	416	2,687	4,212	314	53	
Sanger .....	4,265	105	274	439	369	127	217	2,218	1,301	460	56	

**TABLE 35—CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURTS**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPARKING AND ILLEGAL PARKING FILINGS—Continued**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1977-78**

County and judicial district	Total nonparking filings 1977-78	Criminal								Civil		
		Nontraffic				Traffic				Illegal Parking	Small Claims	Other
		Felonies	Group A <sup>a</sup>	Group B <sup>b</sup>	Infractions <sup>c</sup>	Group C <sup>d</sup>	Group D <sup>e</sup>	Infractions <sup>f</sup>				
<b>Glenn:</b>												
Orland .....	3,782	68	108	97	40	160	235	2,784	178	190	100	
Willows .....	4,304	37	91	162	7	123	5	3,610	7	154	115	
<b>Humboldt:</b>												
Arcata .....	10,891	0	615	256	188	570	145	8,324	16,177	408	385	
Fortuna .....	5,368	0	235	305	0	258	563	3,364	302	493	150	
Garberville .....	1,886	0	152	96	0	177	109	1,190	119	145	17	
Klamath-Trinity.....	1,141	5	105	101	0	35	122	615	10	135	23	
<b>Inyo:</b>												
Inyo County.....	7,715	133	208	225	153	160	297	6,165	855	278	96	
<b>Kings:</b>												
Avenal .....	3,826	47	159	154	0	140	655	2,567	0	69	35	
Corcoran .....	2,308	71	227	262	55	84	129	1,075	91	333	72	
Hanford .....	9,112	298	438	576	358	300	866	5,111	4,183	711	454	
Lemoore .....	3,682	119	205	159	9	246	330	2,389	214	95	130	
<b>Lake:</b>												
Clearlake Highlands.....	1,951	53	93	234	3	108	176	957	68	209	118	
Kelseyville .....	779	0	127	170	10	54	37	283	13	73	25	
Lakeport .....	2,457	102	238	139	71	173	181	1,309	1,005	157	87	
Middletown-Lower Lake .....	1,766	0	44	41	157	39	86	1,196	19	164	39	
Upper Lake .....	1,242	0	71	212	2	149	104	607	22	40	57	
<b>Lassen:</b>												
Lassen Consolidated.....	4,952	90	124	121	70	149	45	3,551	1,462	700	102	
<b>Los Angeles:</b>												
Catalina .....	740	5	126	322	13	5	109	72	330	77	11	
<b>Madera:</b>												
Chowchilla .....	4,434	76	113	193	2	108	121	3,188	361	566	67	
Madera-Sierra .....	17,816	519	607	857	0	1,179	1,084	11,917	3,074	1,312	348	

Mariposa:											
Mariposa .....	2,110	47	204	238	26	114	92	1,261	94	93	35
Mendocino:											
Anderson .....	161	0	23	13	0	6	5	63	2	33	18
Arena .....	504	0	18	88	1	9	29	283	218	53	23
Big River .....	842	0	42	184	0	35	37	445	162	74	25
Little Lake .....	3,974	38	212	229	0	253	435	2,510	431	195	102
Long Valley .....	864	0	92	34	0	30	67	579	7	36	26
Round Valley .....	242	0	54	64	0	11	11	63	0	24	15
Sanel .....	412	0	12	39	0	20	18	304	1	7	12
Ten Mile River .....	2,940	73	254	232	0	121	182	1,706	2,034	258	114
Ukiah .....	11,660	225	458	454	0	417	553	7,978	2,777	1,153	422
Modoc:											
Modoc <sup>h</sup> .....	2,683	39	91	121	0	39	82	2,013	24	222	76
Mono:											
Mono .....	4,074	48	123	473	301	63	158	2,699	2,245	147	62
Monterey:											
Central .....	5,924	48	266	42	9	186	862	4,197	153	272	42
Southern .....	15,373	64	318	435	0	237	728	13,276	327	232	83
Nevada:											
Nevada .....	6,533	155	227	200	0	452	184	4,438	7,361	556	321
Truckee .....	7,315	37	123	87	7	116	216	6,396	1,039	185	148
Placer:											
Auburn .....	9,510	237	485	164	0	177	351	7,055	4,514	674	367
Colfax-Alta-Dutch Flat .....	8,480	16	125	77	0	150	239	7,715	344	123	35
Foresthill .....	611	1	76	159	0	3	7	324	18	34	7
Lincoln .....	988	8	104	57	0	66	81	466	34	154	52
Loomis .....	5,647	16	252	82	0	127	317	4,500	681	264	89
Roseville .....	10,090	200	491	20	595	314	119	7,377	9,646	597	377
Tahoe .....	5,535	188	469	470	0	162	165	3,552	4,315	383	146
Plumas:											
Almanor .....	1,335	8	96	102	181	32	53	703	25	140	13
Plumas .....	2,154	42	127	143	124	74	367	1,041	364	151	85
Sacramento:											
Elk Grove-Calt .....	7,161	0	282	341	0	310	386	5,441	501	349	52
Fair Oaks-Folsom .....	7,439	0	226	509	108	270	451	5,486	0	318	71
Walnut Grove-Isleton .....	2,002	0	103	735	0	70	132	890	81	63	9
San Benito:											
San Benito County .....	5,838	113	285	353	0	318	566	3,378	3,944	582	243

TABLE 35—CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURTS  
SUMMARY OF NONPARKING AND ILLEGAL PARKING FILINGS—Continued  
FISCAL YEAR 1977-78

County and judicial district	Total nonparking filings 1977-78	Criminal								Civil		
		Nontraffic				Traffic				Illegal Parking	Small Claims	Other
		Felonies	Misdemeanors		Infract. <sup>c</sup>	Infract. <sup>f</sup>	Misdemeanors					
			Group A <sup>a</sup>	Group B <sup>b</sup>		Group C <sup>d</sup>	Group D <sup>e</sup>					
<b>San Bernardino:</b>												
Bear Valley.....	3,864	93	300	457	0	124	256	2,042	475	513	79	
Bloomington.....	7,261	0	66	139	0	586	479	5,423	49	216	352	
Colton.....	13,169	147	323	414	0	432	1,873	8,949	868	888	143	
Crest Forest.....	2,452	34	82	413	0	60	30	1,364	505	411	58	
Cucamonga-Etiwanda <sup>1</sup> .....	6,434	79	117	690	0	375	198	4,680	348	198	97	
Highland.....	2,853	56	92	145	0	164	201	1,933	911	175	87	
Mission.....	3,881	29	48	248	42	172	349	2,756	8,129	127	110	
Needles-Calzona.....	7,052	38	158	167	0	122	678	5,642	481	227	20	
Trona.....	1,340	0	39	44	0	60	81	958	0	143	15	
Twentynine Palms.....	6,398	91	150	219	0	329	82	5,070	15	346	111	
Yucaipa.....	4,154	56	115	180	0	293	474	2,782	380	190	64	
<b>Santa Barbara:</b>												
Carpinteria-Montecito.....	4,719	0	246	561	96	174	165	3,252	2,223	167	58	
Guadalupe.....	1,274	8	104	52	8	132	84	856	1,395	17	13	
Solvang.....	8,354	15	91	724	0	105	168	6,977	210	230	44	
<b>Shasta:</b>												
Anderson.....	5,554	1	200	348	0	266	487	3,632	289	425	195	
Burney.....	2,071	45	72	231	0	130	489	782	5	276	46	
Central Valley.....	6,772	2	288	393	13	157	410	5,204	1,938	211	94	
Redding.....	19,326	648	1,180	467	227	893	1,011	12,111	24,590	1,644	1,155	
<b>Sierra:</b>												
Sierra County.....	907	19	37	127	0	45	91	503	65	80	5	
<b>Siskiyou:</b>												
Dorris-Tulelake.....	1,978	0	177	114	12	110	163	1,311	130	55	36	
Dunsmuir-Mt Shasta.....	7,812	0	166	144	53	101	219	6,793	445	262	74	
McCloud.....	268	0	26	23	0	15	6	138	2	52	8	
Shasta Valley.....	3,981	0	172	64	176	101	585	2,262	452	563	58	
Western.....	7,986	200	453	314	33	274	163	5,911	1,130	407	231	
<b>Solano:</b>												
Rio Vista.....	1,329	24	66	184	2	47	121	769	266	101	15	

Tehama:											
Corning .....	5,420	43	188	59	0	179	152	4,396	107	325	78
Red Bluff.....	12,066	176	542	261	27	268	656	9,309	985	512	315
Trinity:											
Trinity County.....	2,269	141	138	215	0	107	144	1,220	350	251	53
Tulare:											
Dinuba.....	7,911	267	396	287	0	333	92	5,885	21	533	118
Exeter-Farmersville .....	3,844	80	210	64	256	311	308	2,448	60	121	46
Lindsay .....	1,632	45	109	146	2	161	64	947	190	121	37
Woodlake .....	1,590	52	129	244	10	131	68	869	112	65	22
Tuolumne:											
First .....	1,806	47	184	151	0	70	74	577	5,775	304	399
Second .....	882	37	57	53	2	31	25	597	180	60	20
Third .....	2,216	55	167	237	73	100	88	1,306	744	120	70
Fourth .....	602	15	72	130	0	8	19	168	33	160	30
Fifth .....	2,562	42	150	46	4	82	123	1,998	81	76	41
Yuba:											
Marysville .....	10,509	288	840	303	151	586	435	6,589	2,272	587	730
Wheatland .....	1,170	0	28	19	11	48	23	996	57	39	6

- a. Group A Misdemeanors are: Misdemeanor violations of Penal Code and other state statutes except intoxication and Fish and Game. Examples: Battery 242 PC, Disorderly Conduct 647 PC, Disturbing Peace 415 PC, Joy Ride 499b PC, Trespass 602 PC.
- b. Group B misdemeanors include fish & game violations, intoxication and city and county ordinances.
- c. Nontraffic infractions are city and county ordinances specified as infractions.
- d. Group C traffic misdemeanor violations of the Vehicle Code are hit and run, drunk driving, reckless driving with injury and driving under the influence of drugs.
- e. Group D traffic misdemeanors are all other traffic misdemeanor offenses except those specified in Group C. Examples of Group D traffic misdemeanors are speed contests, driving without a driver's license, failure to appear after signing citation, violation of weight limit for trucks, reckless driving without injury and driving with a suspended or revoked license.
- f. Examples of traffic infractions are running a stop sign, speeding, improper operation of vehicle, faulty equipment and improper registration.
- g. Clovis-Ponderosa Justice Court District became Clovis-Ponderosa Municipal Court District on March 24, 1978.
- h. Surprise Valley Justice Court District consolidated with Modoc Justice Court District on February 6, 1978. 1977-78 filings data includes Surprise Valley prior to consolidation.
- i. Cucamonga-Etewanda Justice Court District became the Rancho Cucamonga Division of the San Bernardino County Municipal Court District on March 5, 1978.



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