

Courts Service Annual Report 2019

Overview 	Judges Supreme Court 9 Court of Appeal 15 High Court 40 Circuit Court 40 District Court 63	1080 staff employed with a total wage bill of €54m
		44 ushers/criers still employed
Circuit Courts around the Country accounted for 53% of total expenditure		Income from the Poor Box in the District Court accounted for €1.7m

233,000 new Civil matters in 2019

District Court	144,485 (111,518 resolved)
Circuit Court	50,723 (35,590 resolved)
High Court	36,701 (28,117 resolved)
Court of Appeal	685 (491 resolved)
Supreme Court	364 (392 resolved)

Breakdown of cases

Cases stated to higher Courts		33 (8 resolved)
Smalls Claims (District Court)		4,627 (up 33%)
Judicial Reviews		368 (down 30%)
Defamation	Circuit Court	151 (up 34%)
	High Court	157 (down 15%)
Debt Collection	High Court	1744 (1,381 resolved)
	Circuit Court	3130 (2085 resolved)
	District Court	23,759 (11,410 resolved)
Commercial Court List		172 entered (95 resolved with 437 remaining)
Chancery matters		1,624 (down 282 from 2018)
Possession proceedings	High Court	105 (down 69)
	Circuit Court	1,112 (down 321)
Motions Heard	High Court	14,698
	Circuit Court	32,069
	Court of Appeal	199
Examinerships	High Court	8 (down 20%)
	Circuit Court	11 (down 83%)
Liquidations		87 (up by 5 applications)
Restriction / Disqualification of Directors		23 (up by 11 applications)
Appeals	Circuit to High Court	545

	District to Circuit	1091
Written Judgments delivered by the High Court		947

Personal Injury cases;	
New cases in 2019 were slightly down by .4% compared to 2018	
High Court	7,987 (4,596 resolved)
Circuit Court	12,878 (7,729 resolved)
District Court	1,116 (613 resolved)
Awards by jurisdiction	
High Court	Lowest: €5,000 Highest: €25m
Circuit Court	Lowest: €830.00 Highest: €75,000
District Court	Lowest: €425.00 Highest: €17,950
Average waiting times for Personal Injury hearing dates	
Cork High Court	17 months
Dundalk High Court	7 months
Dublin High Court	4 weeks
Galway High Court	2 months
Kilkenny / Waterford High Court	7 months
Limerick High Court	25 months
Sligo High Court	5 months