

**NOTES:**

Table 1: Data on population came from 1985-1986 Wisconsin Blue Book 747. The state population figure excludes the population of Milwaukee County. All other information came from Report 13A of the State of Wisconsin Director of State Courts Office of Court Operations, Madison, Wisconsin (Feb. 2, 1986)[hereinafter referred to as Report 13A]. The "tort" category consisted of products liability, personal injury-auto, medical malpractice-other, medical malpractice-after PCP, wrongful death, intentional tort, other personal injury and property damage. "Contract" consists of money judgment, other contracts, and other debtor actions. "Property" includes condemnation review, foreclosure of mortgage, and other real estate. "Other" consists of all the other categories within the "civil" area not included in "tort," "contract," or "property." Divorce corresponds to "divorce" in Report 13A. Similarly, the table's category "paternity" reflects the Report 13A category "paternity." "Other" refers to all family cases not included in "divorce" or "paternity." "Total" is the total of civil plus the total of family cases.

Table 2: Table 2 uses all the same categories as Table 1. Population estimates were computed against "filed" in Report 13A to yield filings per 1000 population.

Table 3: This information came from Report 13A. The information



on the "Clean-up" of inactive caseload came from Tables 7 and 8, and Appendix B of a press release dated April 2, 1986 from the Office of J. Denis Moran, Director of State Courts, Madison, Wisconsin.

Table 4: The category "settled before trial" corresponds to Report 13A's column "STP/PLD Before Trial," which was compiled using classification codes "settlement prior to court activity," "settlement at pre-trial conference," "settlement before trial," "default/uncontested judgment," and "settlement at trial." "Dismissed" corresponds to Report 13A's column "Dismissed before trial" which was compiled using classification codes "dismissed-new jurisdiction," and "dismissed." The category "other" corresponds to Report 13A's classification "other" comprised of classification codes "other" and "change of Venue-Case to be Refiled out of County." "Court" corresponds to Report 13A's category "court trial," which included the disposition classification "judgment after court trial," or the activity class of "court trial." "Jury" corresponds to Report 13A's category "jury trial" which comprises "judgment after jury trial-before verdict," and "judgment after jury trial-after verdict," or the activity class of "jury trial." "Total Disposed" corresponds to the figures in Report 13A for the "total disposed" column. "Per cent to trial" is computed by adding "Court" and "Jury" together and computing as a percentage of cases disposed, the number that went to trial. "Total" refers to the number of "jury" plus the number of "court."



Table 5: Using the definition for "tort" established in Table 1, and definitions for "settled before trial," "dismissed," "other," "court," "jury," "total," "per cent to trial," and "total disposed" from Table 4, this table outlines the disposition of tort cases.

Table 6: Using Table 5 definitions, and the definition of "contract" from Table 1, this table summarizes the disposition of contracts cases.

Table 7: The definitions of "civil" and "family" correspond to Report 13A's same classifications. "Total" equals the number of "civil" plus the number of "family." Population data come from Table 1. "Jury Trials per 1000 population" is computed using the population data and the "total" number of trials.

Table 8: The labels "tort," "contract," "property," and "other" are defined by Table 1. All other data comes directly from Report 13A's listings.



TABLE: 1

TITLE: FILINGS OF CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES REPORTED IN 10 OF WISCONSIN'S 15 LARGEST COUNTIES IN 1985

COUNTY	POPULATION	CIVIL CASES					FAMILY CASES				TOTAL
		TORT	CONTRACT	PROPERTY	OTHER CIVIL	TOTAL CIVIL	DIVORCE	PATERNITY	OTHER FAMILY	TOTAL FAMILY	
DANE	336,005	499	4,485	459	1,084	6,527	1,557	677	978	3,212	9,739
RACINE	170,056	471	869	341	400	2,081	921	540	528	1,989	4,070
WAUKESHA	284,049	502	1,862	374	368	3,106	1,257	280	221	1,758	4,864
FOND DU LAC	90,386	117	442	101	84	744	382	137	82	601	1,345
WINNEBAGO	135,979	196	724	340	150	1,410	674	112	189	948	2,358
LA CROSSE	96,177	184	720	142	166	1,212	453	133	147	733	1,945
BROWN	185,141	305	964	268	307	1,844	900	346	346	1,592	3,436
OUTAGAMIE	134,010	200	702	196	161	1,259	566	244	266	1,076	2,335
EAU CLAIRE	83,675	147	440	158	101	846	416	112	84	612	1,458
KENOSHA	122,443	311	812	228	441	1,792	702	330	459	1,491	3,283
TEN COUNTIES	1,637,921	2,932	12,020	2,607	3,262	20,821	7,828	2,911	3,300	14,039	34,860
STATE (EXCLUDING MILWAUKEE COUNTY)	3,840,379	5,682	24,177	6,764	6,604	43,227	17,291	6,346	7,479	31,116	74,343



TABLE: 2

TITLE: FILINGS PER 1000 POPULATION IN 1985

COUNTY	Civil				TOTAL	Family				TOTAL
	TORT	CONTRACT	PROPERTY	OTHER	CIVIL	DIVORCE	PATERNITY	OTHER	FAMILY	TOTAL
DANE	1.5	13.3	1.4	3.2	19.4	4.6	2.0	2.9	9.6	29.0
RACINE	2.8	5.1	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	2.4	12.2	5.4	3.2	3.1	10.2	24.0
WAUKESHA	1.8	6.6	1.3	1.3	11.0	4.4	1.0	0.8	6.2	17.1
FOND DU LAC	1.3	4.9	1.1	0.9	8.2	4.2	1.5	0.9	6.6	14.9
WINNEBAGO	1.4	5.3	2.5	1.1	10.4	5.0	0.8	1.4	7.0	17.3
LA CROSSE	1.9	7.5	1.5	1.7	12.6	4.7	1.4	1.5	7.6	20.2
BROWN	1.6	5.0	1.4	1.7	10.0	4.9	1.9	1.9	8.6	18.6
OUTAGAMIE	1.5	5.2	1.5	1.2	9.4	4.2	1.8	2.0	8.0	17.4
EAU CLAIRE	1.8	5.2	1.9	1.2	10.1	5.0	1.3	1.0	9.7	17.4
KENOSHA	2.5	6.6	1.9	3.6	14.6	5.7	2.7	3.7	12.2	26.8
TEN COUNTIES	1.8	7.3	1.6	2.0	12.7	4.8	1.8	2.0	8.6	21.3
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	1.5	6.3	1.8	1.7	11.3	4.5	1.7	1.9	8.1	19.4



TABLE: 3

TITLE: AVERAGE AND MEDIAN NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION, 1985.

COUNTY	← CIVIL →		← FAMILY CASES →					
	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	DIVORCE AVERAGE	DIVORCE MEDIAN	PATERNITY AVERAGE	PATERNITY MEDIAN	TOTAL FAMILY AVERAGE	TOTAL FAMILY MEDIAN
DANE	289	98	428 **	355 **	313	146	386	288
RACINE	167	78	292	250	158	84	226	196
WAUKESHA	394 **	174 **	398 **	374 **	366	198	362	321
FOND DU LAC	306 **	131 **	291	261	367	156	309	236
WINNEBAGO	172	107	629	274	117	92	525	209
LA CROSSE	211	98	565 **	308 **	538	51	612	270
BROWN	435 **	205 **	598 **	350 **	437	92	622	357
OUTAGAMIE	242	120	334	284	328	182	280	211
EAU CLAIRE	207	95	373	213	361	181	379	210
KENOSHA	155	60	375	259	185	77	231	151
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	315	118	436	293	299	125	382	230

\*\*CLEAN-UP OF INACTIVE CASES.



TABLE: 4

## TITLE: DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES (1985)

COUNTY	SETTLED BEFORE TRIAL	← Trials →					TOTAL	TOTAL DISPOSED
		DISMISSED	OTHER	COURT	JURY	% TO TRIAL		
DANE	2,363	2,532	1,699	362	48	5.85	410	7,004
RACINE	1,313	455	57	79	74	7.74	153	1,978
WAUKESHA	1,265	1,827	227	165	60	6.35	225	3,544
FOND DU LAC	358	244	12	158	17	22.18	175	789
WINNEBAGO	761	452	24	39	16	4.26	55	1,292
LA CROSSE	402	436	124	164	17	6.31	181	1,143
BROWN	687	1,256	163	49	43	4.19	92	2,198
OUTAGAMIE	507	622	128	91	29	11.45	120	1,374
EAU CLAIRE	564	141	72	22	18	4.90	40	817
KENOSHA	687	443	318	44	36	5.24	80	1,528
TEN COUNTIES	9,907	8,408	2,824	1,195	358	7.17	1,153	21,667
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	18,833	17,931	4,429	3,230	807	11.20	4,037	45,228



TABLE: 5

TITLE: DISPOSITION OF TORT CASES (1985)

COUNTY	Settled Before Trial	Dismissed	Other	← Trials →			Total Disposed	
				Court	Jury	% to trial total		
DANE	204	274	58	21	32	9.00	53	589
RACINE	277	71	6	5	42	11.72	47	401
WAUKESHA	68	370	15	9	39	9.58	48	501
FOND DU LAC	70	38	4	11	9	15.15	20	132
WINNEBAGO	26	128	4	0	11	6.47	11	169
LA CROSSE	25	87	3	11	9	14.81	20	135
BROWN	42	262	13	2	27	8.38	29	346
OUTAGAMIE	11	190	11	7	16	8.07	23	285
EAU CLAIRE	107	30	12	3	14	10.24	23	166
KENOSHA	39	176	9	3	20	9.31	23	247
TEH COMPLES	869	1,626	135	72	219	9.79	291	2,972
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	1,550	3,282	248	171	490	11.51	661	5,741



TABLE: 6

TITLE: DISPOSITION OF CONTRACTS CASES (1985)

COUNTY	SETTLED BEFORE TRIAL		← Trials →				TOTAL % TO TRIAL	TOTAL DISPOSED
	DISMISSED	OTHER COURT JURY	TOTAL					
DANE	1,709	1,799	1,201	114	14	128	2.65	4,837
RACINE	573	184	9	42	27	69	8.26	835
WAUKESHA	883	1,129	25	90	14	104	4.86	2,142
FOND DU LAC	255	151	4	48	6	54	11.64	464
WINNEBAGO	387	223	7	27	4	31	4.78	648
LA CROSSE	341	270	8	77	5	82	11.70	701
BROWN	456	791	39	29	13	42	3.16	1,328
OUTAGAMIE	370	331	13	40	10	50	6.54	764
EAU CLAIRE	334	77	6	14	2	16	3.70	433
KENOSHA	454	178	19	10	20	30	4.41	681
TEN COUNTIES	5,762	3,152	1,331	491	115	606	5.58	10,851
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	12,291	10,802	1,722	1,268	220	1,488	5.69	26,151



TABLE: 7

TITLE: 1985 JURY TRIALS PER 1000 POPULATION

COUNTY	POPULATION	← Jury Trials →			TOTAL	JURY TRIALS/1000 population
		CIVIL	FAMILY	TOTAL		
DANE	336,005	48	1	49	.146	
RACINE	170,056	74	4	78	.459	
WAUKESHA	284,049	60	5	65	.229	
FOND DU LAC	90,386	17	0	17	.188	
WINNEBAGO	135,976	16	0	16	.118	
LA CROSSE	96,177	17	1	18	.187	
BROWN	185,141	43	10	53	.286	
OUTAGAMIE	134,010	29	5	34	.254	
EAU CLAIRE	83,675	18	0	18	.215	
KENOSHA	122,443	36	7	43	.351	
TEN COUNTIES	1,637,921	358	33	396	.242	
STATE (Excluding Milwaukee County)	3,840,379	805	89	894	.233	



TABLE : 8

TITLE: STATE TOTALS FOR AGE AT DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES ( IN DAYS)  
AND NUMBER OF JURY TRIALS (EXCLUDING MILWAUKEE COUNTY). (1985)

TYPE	AGE AT DISPOSITION		NUMBER OF	
	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	JURY TRIALS	BENCH TRIALS
PRODUCTS LIABILITY	521	512	13	4
PERSONAL INJURY, AUTO	486	377	235	55
MED. MALPRACTICE	547	434	11	2
WRONGFUL DEATH	424	393	10	6
INTENTIONAL TORT	437	333	30	34
OTHER PERSONAL INJURY	548	415	151	29
PROPERTY DAMAGE	429	242	40	41
MONEY JUDGMENT	309	108	165	1,027
OTHER CONTRACTS	437	231	49	157
OTHER DEBTOR ACTIONS	312	78	6	84
CONDEMNATION REVIEW	886	511	3	5
FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE	197	99	18	941
OTHER REAL ESTATE	424	219	14	100
MINOR SETTLEMENT	128	25	8	44
APPEAL MUN. CT. JUDGMENT	256	165	0	31
ADMIN. AGENCY REVIEW	431	317	6	36
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT	484	298	7	39
UNCLASSIFIED	419	150	25	128
OTHER INJUNCT/RESTR. ORDER	363	170	6	65
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	230	25	0	11
OTHER EXTRAORDINARY WRIT	419	219	1	7
NAME CHANGE	64	40	2	81
DOM. ABUSE/INT. INJUNCTION/ TEMPORARY ORDER	42	8	5	303
STATE TOTAL (EXCLUDING MILWAUKEE COUNTY)	315	118	805	3,230