

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service High Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) April to June 2010

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly High Court Bulletin outline the High court business received and dealt with from the quarter April to June 2010.

During the quarter;

- There were 633 sitting days
- There were 1,828 cases received into the Chancery division.
- There were 1,891 writs received into Queen's Bench.
- There were 26 applications for judicial review.
- There were 30 adoption applications disposed of.
- There were 681 divorce petitions lodged

Ends

Note for Editors

During April - June

Chancery

There were 1,828 cases received into the Chancery division. In total, 57% were chancery cases, 34% were bankruptcy cases and 9% were companies' cases. There were 1,548 cases disposed of during the reporting period

Queen's Bench

There were 1,891 writs received in Queen's Bench (Fig 1). Of those, 47% were negligence cases. There were 266 default judgments, 357 office disposals and 766 court disposals for writs during the quarter. There were 196 removals and remittals applications dealt with.

Negligence	897
Breach	28
Road Injuries	272
Personal Injuries	250
Monies Due	386
Other	58

Judicial Reviews

There were 46 applications for leave to apply for Judicial Review and 15 applications for Judicial Review received during the quarter.

Probate

There were 1,726 grants issued during the quarter in the probate office.

Wardship and Adoption

There were 34 adoption applications received and 30 adoption applications disposed of during the quarter. It took, on average, 40 weeks for an adoption application to progress through the courts.

Matrimonial

There were 681 divorce petitions lodged in the High Court. Of these, 425 petitions were lodged by the wife. In total, 429 decrees nisi and 263 absolutes were issued.

Patients

There were 222 new referrals in the Patients section.

Official Solicitors

There were 660 certificates drafted in the Official Solicitors office.

Sitting days and times

There were 633 sitting days in the High Court during the quarter (Fig 2).

Children Order	55
Other Family	42
Appeals	2
Queen's Bench	172
Chancery	51
Bails	92
Crown	119
Judicial Reviews	54
Criminal Appeals	17
Civil Appeals	29
Total	633

Important Notices:

High Court figures on Children's Order cases, Crown Court cases, bail applications and appeals appear in other bulletins.

In the tables relating to time intervals, the total time from issue to disposal may not equal that of the individual time periods due to some dates not being applicable.

Figures are run from an administrative database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

The full version is available at: http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Targets_and_Performance/p_pr_HighCourtAprJun2010.htm

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