

Introduction

The statistics in this chapter are for the period from 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009. They are presented by reference to specific categories of law: criminal, civil (including family) and licensing. In some instances statistics for 2008 and previous years are provided for comparison purposes. A focus on the work of the courts in 2009 is contained in Chapter 3.

The statistics provide information about the major areas of work of the courts. Additional information and further statistics providing more detailed analysis are available on the website of the Service. (www.courts.ie).

The classification and categorisation used by the Service to produce the statistics in this chapter may differ from those of other agencies such as An Garda Síochána, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

| LAW TERMS 2009 | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Hilary | 12th January to 3rd April |
| Easter | 20th April to 28th May |
| Trinity | 10th June to 31st July |
| Michaelmas | 5th October to 21st December |

A glossary of terms is contained in Chapter 8.

Section 1: Supreme Court

Trends: Appeals 2002-2009

| Year | Received | Disposed of by the Court | Withdrawn in the office by letter | Total disposed of |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2009 | 499 | 228 | 113 | 341 |
| 2008 | 443 | 229 | 105 | 334 |
| 2007 | 373 | 229 | 47 | 276 |
| 2006 | 484 | 202 | 35 | 237 |
| 2005 | 446 | 211 | 33 | 244 |
| 2004 | 531 | 725* | 76 | 801 |
| 2003 | 440 | 261 | 50 | 311 |
| 2002 | 415 | 222 | 99 | 321 |

* 432 of these appeals were disposed of in a review of uncertified appeals list

Outcome of appeals disposed of by the Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Appeal dismissed: High Court order affirmed | 100 | 125 |
| Appeal allowed: High Court order set aside | 35 | 41 |
| Appeal allowed: High Court order varied | 27 | 14 |
| Appeal struck out certified and uncertified | 65 | 46 |
| Cases stated determined | 0 | 1 |
| Referred to Europe | 1 | 1 |
| No jurisdiction | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 228 | 230* |

* 2008 total amended as 'Referred to Europe' category was not reported in 2008

Appeals from appellants in person*

| Year | Total received | Received from appellants in person | Percentage of total |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2009 | 499 | 76 | 15% |
| 2008 | 443 | 71 | 16% |
| 2007 | 373 | 49 | 13.1% |
| 2006 | 484 | 57 | 11.78% |
| 2005 | 446 | 30 | 6.73% |
| 2004 | 531 | 37 | 6.97% |
| 2003 | 440 | 32 | 7.27% |
| 2002 | 415 | 45 | 10.84% |

* persons not legally represented

Judgments

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|------|
| Judgments reserved | 96 | 97 |
| Appeals/motions disposed of by reserved judgments delivered | 98 | 101 |
| Individual judgments delivered | 98 | 104 |

Length of appeal

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------|------------|------|
| One day or less | 181 | 211 |
| Two days or more | 27 | 18 |

Other documents filed

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------------|--------|
| Commissioners appointed | 23 | 26 |
| Notaries Public appointed | 18 | 16 |
| Certificates of authentication issued | 6,129 | 16,127 |
| Called to the Inner Bar | 20 | 20 |
| Called to the Outer Bar | 125 | 244 |
| Declarations made by newly appointed judges | 5 | 6 |
| Extensions of time granted to County Registrars / District Judges | 5 | 5 |

Section 2:

Criminal

Criminal Business: Overview

Cases disposed of

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Court of Criminal Appeal | 229 | 279 |
| Central Criminal Court | 108 | 107 |
| Special Criminal Court | 10 | 10 |
| Circuit Court | 2,985 | 2,817 |
| District Court | 521,058 | 550,694 |
| Total | 524,390 | 553,907 |

Other matters

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|
| High Court: | | |
| Habeas Corpus (orders made) | 210 | 278 |
| European Arrest Warrants (orders made) | 644 | 466 |

Court of Criminal Appeal

| | On hand 01/01 | Received | Disposed of | On hand 31/12 |
|--|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| Appeals from Circuit Criminal Court | 156 | 221 | 161 | 216 |
| Appeals from Central Criminal Court | 53 | 35 | 31 | 57 |
| Appeals from Special Criminal Court | 7 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| Appeals from Courts-Martial Appeal Court | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Appeals against sentence by the Director of Public Prosecutions (undue leniency) | 41 | 57 | 31 | 67 |
| Appeals against dismissal of charges by the Director of Public Prosecutions | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Appeals alleging miscarriage of justice | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 260 | 324 | 229 | 355 |

| Nature of appeal | On hand 01/01 | Received | Disposed of | On hand 31/12 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Against conviction and sentence | 48 | 39 | 22 | 65 |
| Against conviction only | 49 | 30 | 26 | 53 |
| Against sentence only | 162 | 251 | 180 | 233 |
| Against dismissal of charges | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refusal to restore driving licence | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Against costs order | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 260 | 324 | 229 | 355 |

| Outcome of appeals against conviction and sentence | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Refused | 12 | 16 |
| Conviction affirmed, sentence varied | 2 | 10 |
| Conviction quashed, re-trial directed | 5 | 2 |
| Conviction quashed (no re-trial) | 0 | 9 |
| Appeal struck out | 0 | 0 |
| Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter | 0 | 0 |
| Liberty to withdraw granted | 1 | 1 |
| Applicant abandoned appeal | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 22 | 38 |

| Outcome of appeals against conviction only | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Refused | 22 | 11 |
| Conviction quashed, re-trial directed | 0 | 0 |
| Conviction quashed re-trial directed and admit to bail | 0 | 2 |
| Conviction quashed (no re-trial) | 2 | 3 |
| Conviction quashed, Section 9 certificate granted | 1 | 0 |
| Appeal struck out | 0 | 3 |
| Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter | 0 | 0 |
| Liberty to withdraw granted | 0 | 1 |
| Applicant abandoned appeal | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 26 | 20 |

| Outcome of appeals against sentence only (severity) | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Refused | 43 | 45 |
| Liberty to withdraw granted | 12 | 18 |
| Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu | 46 | 45 |
| Appeal struck out | 0 | 6 |
| Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter | 0 | 1 |
| Applicant abandoned appeal | 48 | 0 |
| Total | 149 | 115 |

| Outcome of appeals against sentence only (leniency) by D.P.P. | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Refused | 13 | 14 |
| Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu | 15 | 30 |
| Struck out | 2 | 0 |
| Liberty to withdraw granted | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 31 | 47 |

| Appeals withdrawn in the office | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| | 51 | 59 |

| Trends: Appeals received and disposed of 2002-2009 | Received | Disposed of |
|--|------------|-------------|
| 2009 | 324 | 229 |
| 2008 | 305 | 279 |
| 2007 | 267 | 232 |
| 2006 | 244 | 329 |
| 2005 | 257 | 290 |
| 2004 | 257 | 266 |
| 2003 | 257 | 347 |
| 2002 | 237 | 273 |

HIGH COURT: Central Criminal Court

Murder

| Trends: 2002-2009 | Received | Disposed of |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2009 | 53 | 49 |
| 2008 | 51 | 35 |
| 2007 | 39 | 44 |
| 2006 | 33 | 52 |
| 2005 | 35 | 42 |
| 2004 | 28 | 59 |
| 2003 | 39 | 58 |
| 2002 | 55 | 48 |

| Cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Convicted of murder | 18 | 16 |
| Convicted of offences other than murder | 22 | 12 |
| Found not guilty by reason of insanity | 3 | 2 |
| Acquitted | 1 | 3 |
| Other | 5 | 2 |
| Total | 49 | 35 |

| Sentences imposed | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|
| Life imprisonment | 19 | 16 |
| Over ten years | 4 | 1 |
| Over five years to ten years | 11 | 8 |
| Over three years to five years | 2 | 3 |
| Other | 14 | 2 |
| Not guilty by reason of insanity | 3 | 2 |

| Pleas/jury trials | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-----------|------|
| Guilty pleas | 15 | 9 |
| Jury trials | 31 | 24 |

Rape and sexual assault

| Trends: 2002-2009 | Received | Disposed of |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2009 | 49 | 52 |
| 2008 | 78 | 72 |
| 2007 | 73 | 76 |
| 2006 | 58 | 61 |
| 2005 | 44 | 75 |
| 2004 | 40 | 72 |
| 2003 | 52 | 100 |
| 2002 | 82 | 93 |

| Cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Convicted of rape | 12 | 27 |
| Convicted of rape and other offences | 11 | 9 |
| Convicted of other sexual offences | 6 | 6 |
| Acquitted | 12 | 15 |
| Other (including nolle prosequi) | 11 | 15 |
| Total | 52 | 72 |

| Sentences imposed | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|
| Life | 3 | 1 |
| Over 12 years | 5 | 5 |
| Over five years to 12 years | 13 | 24 |
| Up to five years | 8 | 12 |
| Other* | 23 | 2 |

* Includes suspended sentences, bench warrants

| Pleas/jury trials | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-----------|------|
| Guilty pleas | 18 | 29 |
| Jury trials | 25 | 27 |

Competition Act

| | Received | Cases disposed of |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| | 0 | 7 |

| | Cases disposed of |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Guilty Pleas | 4 |
| Trials | 3 |

High Court:

Only the High Court has jurisdiction to deal with bail applications where a person is charged with murder. Application may also be made to vary the terms of a bail order made by a District Court judge.

| Bail | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------|------|
| Orders made on own surety | 527 | 477 |
| Orders made on own surety and cash lodgement | 159 | 146 |
| Orders made on third party surety | 401 | 269 |
| Refused | 339 | 367 |
| Revoked | 55 | 57 |
| Withdrawn | 9 | 166 |
| Struck out | 13 | 62 |

| Habeas Corpus | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|------------|------|
| Cases issued | 139 | 164 |
| Orders made | 210 | 278 |

| European Arrest Warrants | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------|------------|------|
| Cases issued | 320 | 230 |
| Orders made | 644 | 466 |

Special Criminal Court

Trends: Analysis of cases 2002-2009

| | Trials | Accused persons | Convicted on plea of not guilty | Convicted on plea of guilty | Struck out/nolle prosequi/acquitted |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2009 | 10 | 31 | 10 | 17 | 4 |
| 2008 | 10 | 22 | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| 2007 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| 2006 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 0 | 4 |
| 2005 | 6 | 21 | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| 2004 | 15 | 30 | 13 | 10 | 7 |
| 2003 | 9 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| 2002 | 13 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 3 |

| Offence | Convicted |
|--|-----------|
| Membership of an unlawful organisation | 10 |
| Possession of firearms | 7 |
| Possession of ammunition | 6 |
| False imprisonment | 0 |
| Murder | 0 |
| Attempted murder | 0 |
| Causing serious harm | 0 |
| Possession of an explosive substance | 4 |

Circuit Court

| | Road traffic | Drug offences | Sexual offences | Firearms offences | Theft/ Fraud / Robbery | Assault | Child Abuse | Manslaughter | Other | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Cases disposed of | | | | | | | | | | |
| Offences | 425 | 954 | 469 | 290 | 1,586 | 1,151 | 397 | 28 | 805 | 6,105 |
| Defendants | 237 | 732 | 128 | 165 | 1,085 | 820 | 12 | 5 | 305 | 3,489 |
| Guilty pleas | 196 | 690 | 79 | 139 | 1,004 | 681 | 10 | 2 | 225 | 3,026 |
| Trials | 41 | 42 | 49 | 26 | 81 | 139 | 2 | 3 | 80 | 463 |

| Outcome of trials | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----|
| Convicted | 14 | 18 | 17 | 4 | 20 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 120 |
| Acquitted | 15 | 13 | 23 | 5 | 33 | 58 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 170 |
| Nolle prosequi | 12 | 11 | 9 | 17 | 28 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 173 |

| Sentences (all cases) | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|---|----|------|
| Community Service | 8 | 24 | 1 | 3 | 49 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 159 |
| Suspended sentence | 33 | 202 | 24 | 40 | 247 | 246 | 7 | 0 | 71 | 870 |
| Fine | 20 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 115 |
| Imprisonment up to 2 years | 59 | 91 | 22 | 24 | 245 | 157 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 627 |
| Over 2 years to 5 years | 80 | 244 | 41 | 51 | 409 | 189 | 24 | 2 | 38 | 1078 |
| Over 5 years to 10 years | 9 | 127 | 16 | 16 | 49 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 235 |
| Over 10 years | 1 | 35 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 |
| Other | 12 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 36 | 57 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 167 |

District Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|----------------|---------|
| Summary offences disposed of | 451,280 | 482,203 |
| Indictable offences dealt with summarily | 69,778 | 68,491 |
| Totals | 521,058 | 550,694 |
| Sent forward for trial | 11,772 | 12,965 |

| Nature of cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Public Order/Assault | 64,748 | 69,248 |
| Drugs | 17,620 | 15,658 |
| Theft | 31,711 | 30,821 |
| Road Traffic Offences | 333,161 | 358,371 |
| Sexual Offences | 1,352 | 2,017 |
| Other * | 72,466 | 74,579 |
| Total | 521,058 | 550,694 |

* 'Other' includes offences such as breach of bail, litter offences, street trading and offences prosecuted by Government Departments and other State agencies such as the Health and Safety Authority.

| Sentences | Public Order/Assault | | Drugs | | Theft | | Sexual Offences | | All Road Traffic | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants |
| Imprisonment / Detention | 6,039 | 4,139 | 1,504 | 1,161 | 7,194 | 3,348 | 66 | 54 | 5,161 | 3,709 |
| Fines | 11,789 | 8,090 | 3,561 | 3,104 | 2,863 | 2,348 | 55 | 47 | 73,272 | 59,919 |
| Community Service / Probation/ Dismiss under Probation of Offenders Act | 8,598 | 5,198 | 2,554 | 2,013 | 3,573 | 2,267 | 60 | 56 | 7,527 | 5,426 |
| Struck Out | 12,901 | 8,481 | 3,189 | 2,328 | 4,809 | 3,063 | 92 | 39 | 147,870 | 74,646 |
| Dismiss | 2,001 | 1,486 | 314 | 256 | 488 | 374 | 8 | 7 | 9,615 | 6,647 |
| Taken Into Consideration ** | 15,124 | 6,018 | 2,380 | 1,145 | 6,240 | 2,093 | 39 | 28 | 51,405 | 20,307 |
| Other | 6,532 | 4,752 | 3,745 | 1,658 | 5,144 | 2,303 | 999 | 185 | 37,591 | 28,552 |
| Peace Bond | 1,764 | 1,435 | 373 | 328 | 1,400 | 955 | 33 | 28 | 720 | 630 |
| Total | 64,748 | 39,599 | 17,620 | 11,993 | 31,711 | 16,751 | 1,352 | 444 | 333,161 | 199,836 |

| Specific road traffic | Dangerous Driving | | Drink Driving | | Unauthorised taking of motor vehicles | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants | Offences | Defendants |
| Community Service Order | 33 | 28 | 112 | 104 | 16 | 16 |
| Probation / Dismiss under Probation of Offenders Act | 100 | 75 | 125 | 119 | 107 | 83 |
| Dismiss | 151 | 137 | 851 | 824 | 28 | 28 |
| Fines | 973 | 881 | 9,277 | 8,888 | 80 | 70 |
| Imprisonment / Detention / Imprisonment / Detention Part Suspended | 414 | 245 | 679 | 546 | 349 | 256 |
| Imprisonment Suspended | 96 | 72 | 302 | 276 | 96 | 87 |
| Peace Bond | 53 | 43 | 153 | 147 | 66 | 55 |
| Struck Out | 1,362 | 825 | 1,228 | 1,140 | 247 | 225 |
| Taken Into Consideration | 761 | 463 | 1,125 | 1,014 | 253 | 201 |
| Disqualification | 1,209 | 949 | 10,152 | 9,491 | 228 | 177 |
| Other | 552 | 430 | 463 | 443 | 309 | 238 |
| Total | 5,704 | 4,148 | 24,467 | 22,992 | 1,779 | 1,436 |

*** The Criminal Justice Act, 1951 section 8 provides that where a person, on being convicted of an offence, admits himself guilty of any other offence and asks to have it taken into consideration in awarding punishment, the Court may take it into consideration accordingly. If the Court takes an offence into consideration, a note of that fact is made and filed with the record of the sentence, and the accused cannot be prosecuted for that offence, unless his conviction is reversed on appeal.*

Appeals

| District Court to Circuit Court | 2009 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Received | 7,573 |
| Disposed of | 7,412 |

Juvenile Crime

| | Offences | Defendants |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Community service | 85 | 30 |
| Detention | 603 | 272 |
| Detention part suspended | 8 | 7 |
| Detention suspended | 179 | 126 |
| Dismiss | 297 | 155 |
| Dismiss on probation | 555 | 286 |
| Disqualified | 220 | 134 |
| Fine | 516 | 277 |
| Other | 58 | 38 |
| No order | 185 | 112 |
| Peace Bond | 234 | 141 |
| Poor Box | 9 | 8 |
| Probation order | 994 | 280 |
| Strike out | 2,024 | 700 |
| Taken into consideration | 1,923 | 359 |
| Returned to higher Court for trial | 272 | 133 |
| Withdrawn | 266 | 164 |
| Total | 8,428 | 3,222 |

Section 3: Civil

Civil Business: Overview

Cases issued

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| High Court | 27,465 | 22,861 |
| Circuit Court | 44,266 | 36,763 |
| District Court | 81,141 | 77,026 |
| Total | 152,872 | 136,650 |

Cases disposed of

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|---------------|--------|
| Orders made | 28,782 | 25,734 |
| Settled | 5,656 | 4,631 |

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Settled (<i>consent decree</i>) | 4,237 | 4,488 |
| Dealt with by court | 5,898 | 5,575 |

Documents filed in court offices (including summonses, petitions and motions)

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------|----------------|---------|
| | 139,783 | 119,499 |

Written judgments

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|------------|------|
| Reserved 01/01 | 85 | 73 |
| Delivered | 579 | 449 |
| Reserved at 31/12 | 106 | 85 |

Personal Injury

High Court

| Cases issued | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Personal injury summonses | 7,099 | 6,466 |
| Medical negligence | 529 | 481 |

| Listed for hearing | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|--------------|-------|
| On hand 01/01 | 7,200 | 8,074 |
| Received | 5,558 | 5,195 |
| Disposed of (including cases settled prior to listing) | 7,162 | 6,033 |
| On hand 31/12 | 5,596 | 7,200 |

| Outcome of cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Orders made | 4,243 | 3,617 |
| Settled | 2,802 | 3,337 |
| Withdrawn | 117 | 118 |

High Court

Awards made

Awards were made or approved in 408 personal injury cases. The lowest amount awarded was €3,000, the highest €3,500,000. The total amount awarded in all cases was €72,475,096.

| Amount | Cases |
|----------------------|------------|
| €0 to €37,999 | 120 |
| €38,000 to €99,999 | 172 |
| €100,000 to €199,999 | 38 |
| €200,000 to €999,999 | 56 |
| €1m+ | 22 |
| Total | 408 |

Circuit Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Cases issued | 6,999 | 6,931 |
| Notice of trials disposed of | 3,148 | 3,209 |

| Outcome of notice of trials disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Settled | 1,771 | 1,932 |
| Dealt with by court | 1,377 | 1,277 |
| Total | 3,148 | 3,209 |

Awards made

Awards were made or approved in 931 personal injury cases involving persons under 18 years. The lowest amount awarded was €170, the highest €86,896. The total amount awarded in all cases was €12,405,343.39.

| Amount | Cases |
|--------------------|------------|
| €0 to €9,999 | 369 |
| €10,000 to €19,999 | 398 |
| €20,000 to €29,999 | 124 |
| €30,000 + | 40 |
| Total | 931 |

Commercial Matters

Restore company to register

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| Received | 167 | 145 |
| Orders made/cases disposed of | 172 | 144 |

Examinership

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 40 | 41 |
| Orders made: | | |
| Appoint Interim Examiner | 36 | 37 |
| Appoint Examiner | 43 | 39 |

Wind up company

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------|------|
| Received | 331 | 201 |
| Orders made | 128 | 77 |
| Cases disposed of (<i>Examiner's Office</i>) | 44 | 70 |

Restrict Directors

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|
| Received | 65 | 48 |
| Orders made:* | | |
| Restriction order granted | 102 | 95 |
| Restriction order refused | 16 | 14 |

* Each order may restrict a number of directors

Disqualify Directors

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-----------|------|
| Received | 13 | 10 |
| Orders made:* | | |
| For the disqualification of directors | 13 | 10 |
| Refusing the disqualification of directors | 8 | 4 |

* Each order may disqualify a number of directors

Bankruptcy

| High Court | On hand | Received | Disposed of | On hand 31/12 |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| Bankruptcies | 450 | 17 | 16 | 451 |
| Arrangements with debtors | 25 | 7 | 1 | 31 |

| Cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|-----------|------|
| Discharged | 15 | 19 |
| Annulled | 1 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 1 |

| Financial overview | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Amounts | Cases | Amounts | Cases |
| Funds received | €1,034,769.35 | 27 | €1,233,712.14 | 30 |
| Total payments out | € 2,599,893.83 | 70 | €1,867,573.30 | 70 |

| European Communities (Personal Insolvency) Regulations 2002 | |
|---|----|
| Entries on 01/01 | 23 |
| Entered during 2009 | 9 |
| Entries on 31/12 | 32 |

Commercial List

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|------------|------|
| On hands 01/01 | 132 | 96 |
| Entered into list | 373 | 243 |
| Disposed of | 304 | 205 |
| On hands 31/12 | 203 | *132 |

* 2008 figure revised

| Analysis of cases disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------|
| Motion to dismiss | 8 | *4 |
| Settled after entry | 15 | 8 |
| Settled after directions hearing | 55 | *48 |
| Settled after hearing date set | 42 | *21 |
| Settled after pre-hearing conference | 0 | 0 |
| Settled at hearing | 32 | 31 |
| Full hearing | 129 | 66 |
| Other | 23 | 34 |

* 2008 figure revised

Chancery

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Specific Performance | 562 | 589 |
| Injunction | 418 | 590 |
| Declaration | 448 | 553 |
| Listed for hearing | 739 | *395 |
| Orders made/cases disposed of | 1,780 | 1,273 |

* 2008 figure revised

Equity

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Received | 2,040 | 2,589 |
| Disposed of | 975 | 1,282 |

Mortgage suit

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-----------|------|
| Received | 76 | 105 |
| Orders made | 36 | 43 |
| Disposed of (<i>Examiner's Office</i>) | 15 | 20 |

Possession

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Received | 985 | 759 |
| Orders made | 293 | 238 |

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|------------|------|
| Orders made | 304 | 225 |

| District Court: Ejectment | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|
| Received | 890 | 1,459 |

Breach of contract

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Received (includes negligence) | 1,594 | 1,507 |
| Orders made | 535 | 416 |

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Received (includes recovery of debt) | 28,394 | 21,304 |
| Cases disposed of | 1,880 | 686 |

Employment law

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|------------|------|
| Received | 368 | 266 |
| Disposed of | 183 | 134 |

Summary judgment (recovery of debt)

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Summary Summonses | 5,653 | 3,808 |
| Revenue Summonses | 1,409 | 1,609 |

Filings to assist recovery of debt

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------------|-------|
| Execution orders | 2,514 | 1,601 |
| Renew execution order | 69 | 71 |
| Default judgment | 1,884 | 1,186 |
| Judgment mortgage affidavit* | 1,058 | 643 |
| Judgment mortgage certificate | 50 | N/A |
| Judgment on foot of Master's Order | 347 | 241 |
| Satisfaction piece | 48 | 68 |
| Registered High, Circuit and District Court judgments | 5661 | 4886 |

* no longer required since 1st December 2009 – replaced by judgment mortgage certificate, see page 44.

| Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Orders for possession | 304 | 225 |
| Execution orders | 9,655 | *6,170 |
| Judgement mortgage affidavit | 2,396 | 1,571 |
| Satisfaction piece | 140 | 224 |
| Judgment marked in the office | 13,613 | 10,244 |

* 2008 figure revised

| District Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Summary judgment | 29,285 | 24,873 |
| Summons for attendance of debtor | 13,067 | 13,079 |
| Instalment orders | 9,523 | 9,271 |
| Committal orders | 2,761 | 4,620 |

Appeals

| Dublin Circuit Civil Court to High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------|------|
| Received | 473 | 373 |
| Orders made | 328 | 409 |

| District Court to Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------|
| Received | 482 | 601 |
| Orders made | 463 | 375 |

Regulation of professions

High Court

| Medical Council matters | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 16 | 19 |
| Orders made | 23 | 24 |

| Nurses Acts | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 21 | 20 |
| Orders made | 26 | 19 |

| Solicitors Acts | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Received | 105 | 86 |
| Orders made | 214 | 207 |

Judicial Review

High Court

| Asylum * | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Received | 749 | 785 |
| Orders made | 1,319 | 1,465 |

* includes all judicial review applications brought under legislative provisions relating to asylum, immigration and refugees. Respondents include the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner, the Refugee Appeals Tribunal and the Minister for Justice Equality and Law Reform

| Certiorari | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Received | 357 | 315 |
| Orders made | 130 | 158 |

| Certiorari and declaration | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 27 | 34 |
| Orders made | 7 | 12 |

| Injunction | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 18 | 31 |
| Orders made | 7 | 3 |

| Mandamus | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 70 | 70 |
| Orders made | 9 | 5 |

| Planning | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 38 | 79 |
| Orders made | 17 | 21 |

| Prohibition | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| Received | 57 | 63 |
| Orders made | 13 | 8 |

| Public procurement | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Received | 1 | 2 |
| Orders made | 0 | 2 |

Jury

High Court

| Received | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Defamation | 127 | 132 |
| False imprisonment | 10 | 13 |
| Assault | 142 | 124 |

| Disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Final Orders | 13 | 15 |
| Actions settled | 39 | 28 |

Cases Stated

| District Court to High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| Received | 31 | 32 |
| Orders made | 25 | 39 |

| Revenue (District Court) to High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|
| Received | 0 | 0 |
| Orders made | 1 | 3 |

| Circuit Court to Supreme Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Received | 3 | 4 |
| Orders made | 0 | 1 |

| Case stated appeals from High Court to Supreme Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|
| Received | 5 | 0 |
| Orders made | 0 | 0 |

Other

High Court

| Garda compensation | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Received | 325 | 227 |
| Orders made | 235 | 251 |

| Hepatitis C appeals | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Received | 20 | 6 |
| Orders made | 9 | 12 |

| Criminal Assets Bureau | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Received | 26 | 29 |
| Orders made | 117 | 130 |

| Masters Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Orders made | 4,011 | 3,814 |

Wards of Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Wardship cases | 2,367 | 2,310 |
| Applications awaiting hearing | *53 | 60 |
| Miscellaneous Applications | **72 | 76 |
| Total | 2,492 | 2,446 |

* approximate number of cases pending at any one time

** number of miscellaneous letters received in 2009.

| Enduring Powers of Attorney registered | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|
| | 288 | 241 |

General Solicitor for Minors and Wards of Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------|------|-------|
| Wardship cases | 490* | 473 * |
| Sub cases | 326 | 367 |

| Reason person admitted to Wardship* | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Acquired Brain Injury | 52 | 51 |
| Elderly Mental Infirm | 155 | 154 |
| Learning or Intellectual Disability | 111 | 108 |
| Minor | 8 | 11 |
| Pending cases | 9 | 4 |
| Psychiatric Illness | 153 | 143 |
| Residential Abuse | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 490 | 473 |

Estates of deceased persons (Probate)

| High Court (Probate) | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Cases issued | 26 | 17 |

| Probates (and administrations with wills annexed) | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| High Court: Principal Registry | 5,531 | 6,074 |
| Circuit Court: Local registries | 5,912 | 5,906 |
| Total | 11,443 | 11,980 |

| Intestacies (no valid will) | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| High Court: Principal Registry | 1,712 | 2,067* |
| Circuit Court: Local registries | 2,242 | 2,253 |
| Total | 3,954 | 4,298 |

* 2008 figure revised

Taxation of Costs

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Costs claimed | €62,945,537 | €45,825,687 |
| Costs allowed | €45,141,854 | €31,637,301 |
| Total Fees collected | €2,652,557 | 2,004,775 |
| Duty on summonses (included in total fees) | €452,750 | €286,420 |

Small Claims Procedure

| District Court Applications received | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Holidays | 142 | 403 |
| Professional services | 265 | 211 |
| Dry cleaners | 97 | 220 |
| Building | 78 | 213 |
| Damage to private property | 212 | 288 |
| Key money | 87 | 56 |
| Electrical goods | 361 | 359 |
| Audio/computer | 192 | 161 |
| Clothing | 98 | 94 |
| Shoes | 51 | 57 |
| Furniture | 343 | 340 |
| Carpets/flooring | 54 | 100 |
| Doors/roofs | 135 | 97 |
| Cars | 359 | 372 |
| Other | 1,159 | 1,174 |
| Total | 3,633 | 4,145 |

| Disposed of | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cases not covered by procedure | 776 | 426 |
| Cases not proceeded with | 350 | 388 |
| Decrees by default | 281 | 349 |
| Settled by Registrar | 1,200 | 1,723 |
| Referred to court | 584 | 1,030 |
| Total | 3,191 | 3,916 |

| Adjudicated by court | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Decrees granted | 265 | 442 |
| Cases dismissed | 75 | 201 |
| Cases struck out/withdrawn | 244 | 385 |
| Total | 584 | 1,028 |

Section 4: Family Law

The High Court and the Circuit Court have concurrent jurisdiction in family law matters. However, there is a right of appeal from the Circuit Court to the High Court.

Judicial Separation, Divorce and Nullity

Trends: Applications received

| | Judicial separation | | Divorce | | Nullity | |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| | High | Circuit | High | Circuit | High | Circuit |
| 2009 | 35 | 1,592 | 33 | 3,683 | 0 | 55 |
| 2008 | 42 | 1,966 | 43 | 4,214 | 0 | 61 |
| 2007 | 52 | 1,689 | 28 | 4,081 | 0 | 60 |
| 2006 | 50 | 1,789 | 39 | 3,986 | 1 | 60 |
| 2005 | 49 | 1,658 | 30 | 4,096 | 1 | 50 |
| 2004 | 48 | 1,654 | 34 | 3,880 | 0 | 51 |
| 2003 | 53 | 1,802 | 42 | 3,733 | 1 | 92 |
| 2002 | 59 | 1,871 | 33 | 3,912 | 2 | 52 |

Trends: Orders granted

| | Judicial separation | | Divorce | | Nullity | |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| | High | Circuit | High | Circuit | High | Circuit |
| 2009 | 20 | 1,080 | 39 | 3,302 | 1 | 19 |
| 2008 | 45 | 1,180 | 42 | 3,588 | 0 | 48 |
| 2007 | 18 | 1,167 | 26 | 3,658 | 1 | 27 |
| 2006 | 27 | 1,072 | 47 | 3,420 | 0 | 25 |
| 2005 | 23 | 950 | 20 | 3,391 | 6 | 37 |
| 2004 | 42 | 1,216 | 42 | 3,305 | 5 | 20 |
| 2003 | 26 | 1,206 | 41 | 2,929 | 4 | 33 |
| 2002 | 28 | 940 | 20 | 2,571 | 1 | 40 |

Judicial separation

| | Commenced by wife | Commenced by husband |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| High Court | 29 | 6 |
| Circuit Court | 1,159 | 433 |

Divorce

| | Commenced by wife | Commenced by husband |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| High Court | 12 | 21 |
| Circuit Court | 1,994 | 1,689 |

Nullity

| | Commenced by wife | Commenced by husband |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Circuit Court | 22 | 33 |

Cases Disposed of

| High Court | Judicial separation | Divorce | Circuit Court appeals |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Settled prior to hearing | 2 | 6 | - |
| Settled during hearing | 4 | 6 | - |
| Full hearing | 14 | 27 | 65 |

| Circuit Court | Judicial separation | Divorce | Nullity | District Court appeals |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Settled out of court | 342 | 1,013 | 1 | 14 |
| Settled in court | 249 | 1,106 | 6 | 68 |
| Full hearing | 479 | 1,154 | 27 | 130 |

| Circuit Court: Orders Made | Judicial separation | Divorce | Nullity |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Pension adjustment | 470 | 1,251 | 0 |
| Transfer of family home | 453 | 562 | 3 |
| Sale of family home | 181 | 188 | 2 |
| Residence in family home | 225 | 226 | 0 |
| Other property order | 230 | 332 | 2 |
| Extinguish succession rights | 786 | 3,003 | 22 |

Maintenance

| Circuit Court: Orders made | Judicial separation | Divorce |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Periodic payment to spouse | 232 | 337 |
| Periodic payment to child | 352 | 568 |
| Lump sum payment to spouse | 225 | 346 |
| Lump sum payment to child | 15 | 33 |

| District Court: Married applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 1,157 | 1,179 |
| Refused | 64 | 225 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 450 | 247 |

| District Court: Unmarried applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 2,205 | 2,349 |
| Refused | 97 | 439 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 645 | 365 |

Guardianship

| High Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Received | 25 | 25 |
| Orders made | 135 | 17 |

District Court: Unmarried applicants (Section 6(a) Guardianship of Infants Act ,1964)

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 1,861 | 1,802 |
| Refused | 81 | 283 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 521 | 363 |
| Total | 2,463 | 2,448 |

Custody & Access

| Circuit Court | Judicial separation | Divorce | Nullity |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Orders made | 489 | 702 | 0 |

| District Court: Custody & access | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Granted | 687 | 857 |
| Refused | 46 | 209 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 243 | 175 |
| Total | 976 | 1,241 |

| District Court: Custody only | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|------------|------|
| Granted | 566 | 468 |
| Refused | 36 | 68 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 355 | 215 |
| Total | 957 | 751 |

| District Court: Access only | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 3,330 | 2,723 |
| Refused | 157 | 175 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 861 | 593 |
| Total | 4,348 | 3,491 |

High Court

| Adoption | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------|------|------|
| Cases issued | 5 | 8 |
| Orders made | 1 | 9 |

| Hague Convention (child abduction) | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Cases issued | 45 | 45 |
| Orders made | 128 | 167 |

| Appeals from Circuit Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Cases issued | 152 | 120 |
| Orders made | 91 | 192 |

Circuit Court

| Section 47 Civil Registration Act, 2004* | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------|
| Received | 664 | 673 |
| Orders granted | 516 | 550 |

**Section 47 Civil Registration Act, 2004 allows the court dispense with the necessity to give three months notice of intention to marry and/or allow people under the age of eighteen to marry*

| Appeals from District Court | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|
| Received | 827 | 872 |
| Orders made | 538 | 552 |

Domestic Violence

Circuit Court

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Orders made | 163 | 164 |

District Court

| TRENDS: 2002-2009 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Barring order applications | 2,855 | 3,096 | 3,355 | 3,132 | 3,183 | 3,210 | 3,586 | 4,067 |
| Barring orders granted | 1,106 | 1,251 | 1,420 | 1,357 | 1,265 | 1,295 | 1,575 | 1,740 |
| Protection order applications | 3,134 | 3,354 | 3,794 | 3,137 | 2,850 | 3,054 | 3,109 | 3,677 |
| Protection orders granted* | 2,867 | 2,960 [^] | 3,235 | 2,845 | 2,622 | 2,810 | 2,814 | 3,248 |
| Safety order applications | 3,322 | 3,328 | 3,553 | 3,050 | 2,866 | 2,611 | 2,557 | 2,814 |
| Safety orders granted | 1,339 | 1,502 | 1,556 | 1,221 | 1,037 | 987 | 1,108 | 1,187 |
| Interim barring order applications* | 545 | 623 | 692 | 605 | 622 | 698 | 629 | 852 |
| Interim barring orders granted | 451 | 445 | 586 | 544 | 550 | 604 | 531 | 706 |

* Some interim barring orders were granted on foot of applications for protection orders. Likewise some protection orders were granted on foot of interim barring orders

[^] 2008 figure revised

District Court

| Barring orders | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 1,106 | 1,251 |
| Refused | 89 | 580 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 1,660 | 1,265 |

| Barring orders: applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Spouse | 1,594 | 1,690 |
| Common law partner | 861 | 903 |
| Parent | 392 | 486 |
| Other | 2 | 16 |
| Health Board | 6 | 1 |

| Interim barring orders | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------|------------|------|
| Granted | 451 | 445 |
| Refused | 56 | 71 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 38 | 107 |

| Interim barring orders: applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------------|------------|------|
| Spouse | 240 | 361 |
| Common law partner | 271 | 214 |
| Parent | 28 | 39 |
| Other | 4 | 2 |
| Health Board | 2 | 7 |

| Safety orders | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 1,339 | 1,502 |
| Refused | 116 | 617 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 1,867 | 1,209 |

| Safety orders: applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Spouse | 1,776 | 1,745 |
| Common law partner | 1,037 | 1,059 |
| Parent | 436 | 451 |
| Other | 70 | 71 |
| Health Board | 3 | 2 |

| Protection orders | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Granted | 2,867 | 2,960 |
| Refused | 120 | 256 |
| Withdrawn/struck out | 147 | 138 |

| Protection orders: applicants | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Spouse | 1,247 | 2,087 |
| Common law partner | 1,584 | 1,036 |
| Parent | 262 | 203 |
| Other | 37 | 27 |
| Health Board | 4 | 1 |

Childcare

Childcare cases involve applications by the Health Service Executive (HSE) in relation to care of children, mainly applications to have children placed in the care of or under the supervision of the HSE temporarily or permanently.

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|
| Supervision orders granted | 627 | 804 |
| Care orders granted | 941 | 1,044 |

The court may also grant interim care orders.

Section 5: Licensing

Circuit Court

| Liquor licences granted | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Pub | 192 | 260 |
| Hotel | 21 | 37 |
| Special restaurant | 34 | 70 |
| Club | 12 | 13 |
| Total | 259 | 380 |

District Court

| Applications dealt with | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Renewal of publican licences | 1,019 | 956 |
| Temporary transfer of licence | 955 | 817 |
| Annual dance licence | 1,503 | 1,598 |
| Temporary dance licence | 314 | 263 |
| Restaurant certificate | 1,018 | 1,083 |
| Special exemption orders | 64,011 | 78,711 |
| Lottery licence | 1,394 | 1,311 |
| Other | 8,533 | 9,538 |
| Total | 78,747 | 94,277 |

Section 6: Waiting Times

Supreme Court

Waiting time is the time between the lodgement of the certificate of readiness and the hearing date.

Priority cases: Cases where hearings are sought on the grounds of urgency. Hearing dates are allocated, depending on the degree of urgency and the availability of dates – the majority being listed between 6 months and 12 months of admission to the priority list and in certain cases (e.g. child abduction appeals) within weeks.

Ordinary appeals: These cases comprise the ordinary waiting list. The waiting time at the end of December 2009 was 33 months.

Average waiting time for all appeals heard in 2009 from both the priority and from ordinary lists was 17.6 months.

Court of Criminal Appeal

Waiting time is the time from the issue of a Notice of Appeal to the time the matter is first listed before the Court of Criminal Appeal.

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Conviction cases | 12 months |
| Sentence appeals | 9 months |

High Court: Crime

Waiting time is:

- (a) in the case of murder and rape trials, the time from the first listing of case before the Central Criminal Court on return for trial from District Court to the trial date
- (b) in the case of bail applications, the date from the issue of a Notice of Motion to the date the matter is first listed before the High Court

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Murder and rape trials | 10 – 11 months |
| Bail | date immediately available |

High Court: Civil

Waiting time is the time from when a case is ready for listing/hearing to the allocation of the first date for hearing before the High Court.

| Personal injury | |
|-----------------|---|
| Cork | 26 months |
| Dublin | 4 weeks |
| Dundalk | New cases all offered dates in next sittings |
| Galway | New cases all offered dates in next sittings |
| Kilkenny | New cases all offered dates in next sittings |
| Limerick | 19 months |
| Sligo | New cases all offered dates in next sittings |
| Waterford | 3 months |

| Asylum | |
|------------|------------------|
| Pre-leave | 12 months |
| Post-leave | 9 months |

| Chancery | |
|--|---|
| Monday motions list | 3 weeks |
| Certified cases | All cases in list to fix dates offered date for following term |
| Special summonses | 8 weeks |
| Miscellaneous (motions that require more time than they can be given in the Monday List) | All cases in list to fix dates offered date for following term |

Other commercial

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Commercial List | Date immediately available |
| Competition List | 2 weeks |
| Restrict Directors | 4 weeks |

Family

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Cases for hearing | 3 months (Urgent cases dealt with within 2 weeks) |
| Hague Luxembourg Convention | Cases are dealt with within 6 weeks as required by Convention |

Non jury

| | |
|--|---|
| Monday list | 2 weeks |
| Certified cases | All cases in list to fix dates offered date for following term |
| Miscellaneous (motions that require more time than they can be given in the Monday List) | All cases in list to fix dates offered date for following term |

Other

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Criminal Assets Bureau | Date immediately available |
| Common law motions | 3 weeks |
| Garda compensation | 4 weeks |
| Circuit Court appeals | 4 weeks |
| Hepatitis C Tribunal appeals | Within 3 months |
| Jury list | 12 months (priority given to wardship applications) |
| Judicial review | All cases in list to fix dates offered date for following term |
| Master's list | 15 weeks (3 weeks for family law cases) |
| Rulings | 1 week |

Circuit Court:**Criminal:**

Trials – waiting time is the time from receipt of return for trial to the hearing date

Sentence – waiting time is the time from receipt of return for trial to the sentence hearing

Civil:

Trials – waiting time is the time from receipt of notice of trial to the listing for hearing

Family Law:

Waiting time is the time from receipt of notice of trial/notice of motion to the listing for hearing

Appeals:

Waiting time is the time from receipt of a District Court Appeal to the date of the appeal hearing

Circuit Court:

| All waiting times shown in months | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | CRIMINAL | | | CIVIL | | FAMILY LAW | | |
| | Trials | Sentences | Appeals | Trials | Appeals | Contested | Non-contested | Appeals |
| Carlow | 9-10 | 7-8 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 7-8 | Next sitting | 7-8 |
| Carrick on Shannon | 12 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | Next sitting | 6 |
| Castlebar | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-6 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Cavan | 9 | 9 | 9 | 18-24 | 6-9 | 12 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Clonmel | 18-24 | 18-24 | 24 | 12-18 | 12 | 18-24 | 3-6 | 6-12 |
| Cork | Next sitting | Next sitting | 6-9 | 12-18 | 12-18 | 3-6 | Next sitting | 3-6 |
| Dublin | 7-8 | 3 | 3 | 1-3 | 2-4 | 4-5 | 1 | 4-5 |
| Dundalk | 15 | 3-6 | 9-12 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 6 |
| Ennis | 3-6 | 6 | 6-9 | 6-9 | 6-9 | 3-6 | 3 | 6-9 |
| Galway | 4-5 | 7 | 3 | 4-6 | 4-6 | 2-4 | 3 | 4-6 |
| Kilkenny | 18 | 6 | 6-9 | 18 | 18 | Next sitting | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Letterkenny | 6 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Limerick | 3-6 | 6-9 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 6 |
| Longford | 3-6 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 6-9 | 6-9 | Next sitting | 3-6 |
| Monaghan | 4 | 6-12 | 4 | 4 | Next sitting | Next sitting | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Mullingar | 12-18 | 6-9 | 3-6 | 12-18 | 12-18 | 12-18 | Next sitting | 6-9 |
| Naas | 20 | 6 | 18 | 30 | 9 | 20 | 6 | 9 |
| Portlaoise | 6 | 7 | Next sitting | 18 | Next sitting | 12 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Roscommon | 3 | 3-6 | 3 | 6-9 | 3 | 9 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Sligo | 6 | 6 | Next sitting | 6 | 6 | 6 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Tralee | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Trim | 12-24 | 6 | 6-12 | 24 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 3-6 |
| Tullamore | 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 3-6 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Waterford | 12-18 | 6-12 | Next sitting | 12-18 | Next sitting | 12 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Wexford | 6-9 | 6-9 | 6-8 | 20-24 | 10 | 18-20 | 2-3 | 8-10 |
| Wicklow | 12 | 6 | 6 | 9-12 | 6 | 6 | Next sitting | Next sitting |

District Court:

| All waiting times shown in weeks | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Office | Criminal | | Civil | Family Law | |
| | Summonses | Charge Sheets | Applications | Domestic Violence Applications | Maintenance |
| Athlone | 12-24 | Next sitting | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| Ballina | 10-12 | Next sitting | 6-8 | Next sitting | 4 |
| Ballinasloe | 12-15 | Next sitting | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| Bray | 20 | Next sitting | 12 | 8 | 12 |
| Carlow | 12 | Next sitting | 8-12 | 4 | 4 |
| Carrick-on-Shannon | 12 | Next sitting | 12 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Castlebar | 12 | Next sitting | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| Cavan | 16 | Next sitting | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Clonakilty | 12 | Next sitting | 5 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Clonmel | 10 | Next sitting | 5 | 1-2 | 4 |
| Cork | 14 | Next sitting | 6 | 10 | 10 |
| Derrynea | 12-16 | Next sitting | 4-6 | Next sitting | 4 |
| Donegal | 12 | Next sitting | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| Drogheda | 13 | Next sitting | 8 | Next sitting | 4 |
| Dundalk | 14 | Next sitting | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Ennis | 12-15 | Next sitting | 8-12 | 2 | 4 |
| Galway | 10-12 | Next sitting | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Kilkenny | 16 | Next sitting | 8-10 | 8-10 | 12 |
| Killarney | 12 | Next sitting | 6-8 | Next sitting | 4-6 |
| Letterkenny | 16-20 | Next sitting | 8 | 4 | 8 |

District Court waiting time is:

Criminal: Time from receipt of summons application to scheduled date for hearing

Civil: Time from receipt of application to date of listing for hearing.

Family law: Time from receipt of application to scheduled date for hearing

District Court: All waiting times shown in weeks

| Office | Criminal | | Civil | Family Law | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | Summonses | Charge Sheets | Applications | Domestic Violence Applications | Maintenance |
| Limerick | 12 | Next sitting | 8-10 | 3-5 | 6-8 |
| Listowel | 12 | Next sitting | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Longford | 12 | Next sitting | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Loughrea | 12 | Next sitting | 8 | Next sitting | Next sitting *** |
| Mallow | 15 | Next sitting | 3-4 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Monaghan | 12-15 | Next sitting | 8-10 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Mullingar | 15-16 | Next sitting | 8-12 | 1-3 | 4 |
| Naas | 14-18 | Next sitting | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Nenagh | 12 | Next sitting | 4 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Portlaoise | 16-20 | Next sitting | 16 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Roscommon | 12-15 | Next sitting | 4 | Next sitting | Next sitting |
| Sligo | 12 | Next sitting | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| Tralee | 12 | Next sitting | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Trim | 14 | Next sitting | 8-12 | 4-6 | 4-8 |
| Tullamore | 12-15 | Next sitting | 4 | Next sitting | 4 |
| Waterford | 16 | Next sitting | 12 | 8 | 8 |
| Wexford | 12 | Next sitting | 30 | Next sitting | 4 |
| Youghal | 16-20 | Next sitting | 12-16 | 2-3 | 4-8 |
| Dublin ** section 49 | 12 | | | | |
| Dublin other | 36 | Next sitting | 8 | 9-10 | 9-10 |

** section 49 refers to drink driving prosecutions