



**STATISTICS ON THE PERFORMANCE  
OF  
THE SUPREME COURT, HIGH COURT  
AND  
MAGISTRATES' COURTS OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
FOR THE PERIOD 2021/2022**

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## 1. SUPREME COURT STATISTICS 2022

CATEGORY OF CASES	TOTAL FOR 2020 LEGAL YEAR	TOTAL FOR 2021 LEGAL YEAR	TOTAL FOR 2022 LEGAL YEAR
NEW MATTERS REGISTERED	108	101	114
MATTERS ENROLLED	38	57	51
MATTERS HEARD	37	54	49
MATTERS POSTPONED/WITHDRAWN	1	3	2
JUDGMENTS DELIVERED	32	43	47
<b>TOTAL FINALIZED MATTERS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>
NEW REVIEWS REGISTERED	1	5	2
REVIEWS CONSIDERED	0	3	2
REVIEWS WITHDRAWN	1	0	0
<b>REVIEWS FINALIZED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
NEW PETITIONS REGISTERED	12	10	26
PETITIONS CONSIDERED	8	8	22
<b>PETITIONS FINALIZED</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>
APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC	27	31	24
CERTIFICATES ISSUED	25	29	21
APPLICATIONS DECLINED	2	2	3
<b>APPLICATIONS FINALIZED</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>

## 2. HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA STATISTICS 2022

### 2.1 CRIMINAL STREAM

YEAR	COURT	CRIMINAL INDICTMENT TRIAL MATTERS				CRIMINAL APPEALS			CRIMINAL REVIEWS FROM THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS		
		B/F	NEW	FINALIZED	% FINALIZATION	NEW & B/F	FINALIZED	% FINALIZATION	NEW	FINALIZED	% FINALIZATION
2020	NAHCMD	66	22	26	30%	121	65	54%	2032	1764	87%
	NAHCNLD	48	16	16	25%	64	41	64%	383	354	92%
	<b>NAHC TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>2118</b>	<b>88%</b>
2021	NAHCMD	62	10	21	29%	109	86	79%	2285	2066	90%
	NAHCNLD	46	16	22	36%	41	15	33%	520	439	84%
	<b>NAHC TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2805</b>	<b>2505</b>	<b>89%</b>
2022	NAHCMD	48	20	20	29%	101	99	98%	2 321	1 622	70%
	NAHCNLD	40	29	12	17%	80	71	89%	596	513	86%
	<b>NAHC TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>2 917</b>	<b>2 135</b>	<b>73%</b>

## 2.2 CIVIL STREAM

YEAR	MATTERS FINALIZED	ACTIONS	APPLICATIONS	TOTAL
<b>2020</b>	FINALIZED	5882	609	6491
	FINALIZED WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK	4298	343	4641
	<b>% WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>2021</b>	FINALIZED	5960	712	6672
	FINALIZED WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK	4284	431	4715
	<b>% WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>2022</b>	FINALIZED	6 465	731	7 196
	FINALIZED WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK	4 847	413	5 260
	<b>% WITHIN DISPOSAL BENCHMARK</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>73%</b>

## 2.3 MEDIATION

YEAR	MEDIATIONS FINALIZED	SUCCESSFUL MEDIATIONS	SUCCESS RATE	No of Court days saved	Litigation Expenses saved
<b>2015</b>	1072	653	61%	2 612	N\$ 65,300,000
<b>2016</b>	802	420	52%	1 680	N\$ 42,000,000
<b>2017</b>	644	406	63%	1 624	N\$ 40,600,000
<b>2018</b>	626	418	67%	1 672	N\$ 41,800,000
<b>2019</b>	876	517	59%	2 068	N\$ 51,700,000
<b>2020</b>	927	621	67%	2 636	N\$ 62,100,000
<b>2021</b>	808	401	50%	1 684	N\$ 42, 100,000
<b>2022</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1 328</b>	<b>N\$ 33 200 000</b>

## 2.4 PREVENTION OF ORGANISED CRIME ACT (POCA) CASES

### 2.4.1 In the High Court of Namibia: Main Division

	2020	2021	2022
<b>NR OF POCA CASES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS LEGAL YEAR(S)</b>	11	4	7
<b>NEW POCA APPLICATIONS ISSUED</b>	5	11	4
<b>NR OF POCA MATTERS FINALIZED</b>	12	11	9
<b>NR OF POCA CASES CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT LEGAL YEAR</b>	4	4	2

### 2.4.2 In the High Court of Namibia: Northern Local Division

	2020	2021	2022
<b>NR OF POCA CASES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS LEGAL YEAR(S)</b>	1	0	0
<b>NEW POCA APPLICATIONS ISSUED</b>	0	3	1
<b>NR OF POCA MATTERS FINALISED</b>	1	3	0
<b>NR OF POCA CASES CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT LEGAL YEAR</b>	0	0	1

### 3. MAGISTRATES COURTS STATISTIC 2022

#### 3.1 PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURTS: JANUARY 2022 – DECEMBER 2022

Cases dealt with in the regional and district courts from January – December 2022 were **64 100**, of which **26 017** cases were finalized. As a result, **37 983** were carried over to January 2023. These statistics were gathered over a period of four (4) quarters.

The total number of cases dealt with during the period under review were as follows:

Courts	Number of Cases Presided over	Number of Cases Finalized	Carried over	Percentage of Cases Finalized
Regional Courts	3 013	495	2 518	16%
District Courts	48 855	21 009	27 846	43%
Periodical Courts	12 132	4 513	7 619	37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64 100</b>	<b>26 017</b>	<b>37 983</b>	<b>32%</b>

#### STATISTICS FROM THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS FOR 2022

Data	01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020	01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021	01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022
Number of civil summons issued	7 503	6 910	5 878
Number of criminal summons issued by Public Prosecutor & Clerk of court	9 365	2 854	2 800
Number of warrants of arrests issued	36 071	4 465	23 283
Number of active maintenance cases	46 919	53 446	48 644
Number of adoption cases registered	18	65	81
Number of temporary liquor license applications received	440	84	1 766
Number of permanent liquor license applications received	1 783	1 460	1 212
Number of estates registered	1 730	2 551	2 208
Number of marriages solemnised	2 715	3 023	3 074
Number of legal aid applications received	6 589	6 555	6 684

Number of domestic violence applications registered	<b>2 370</b>	<b>2 273</b>	<b>2 538</b>
Number of interim protection orders granted	<b>1 835</b>	<b>1 956</b>	<b>2 163</b>
Number of final protection orders granted	<b>765</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>931</b>