

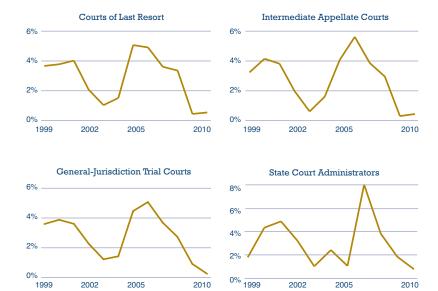
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Survey of udicial Salaries

The Survey of Judicial Salaries, published for nearly 30 years by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) with the support of State Court Administrative offices across the United States, serves as the primary record of compensation for state judicial officers and state court administrators.

This issue of the Survey of Judicial Salaries reports salary data as of July 1, 2010. This cut-off date is important because states implement salary changes at various points during the year. However, a standard and unchanging cutoff date must be established to publish salary data in a timely and predictable fashion. Various tables and graphics show average annual changes in salaries, salary rankings across the states, and the impact of cost-of-living indices on judicial salaries.

Stagnant tax revenue collections, brought on by decreased economic activity, continue to limit government spending—the impact on judicial salaries is clearly being felt throughout state court systems



2010

2002

Annual salary growth rates are shown in the adjacent charts, covering the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The annual percentage change in real-dollar salaries is shown for associate justices of courts of last resort (COLRs), associate judges of intermediate appellate courts (IACs), general-jurisdiction (GJ) trialcourt judges, and state court administrators.

Through July 1, 2010, the annual percent increase in salaries for all positions examined in the trend charts shows a continued decrease since the end of 2006. The average annual increase across all states from January 1 through July 1, 2010 was just .47%. Given the deep and continuing recession in the U.S. and global economies, the near zero average increase was not surprising. With inflation being kept in check by the Federal Reserve, the erosion of salary purchasing power should be softened during the economic downturn (the Consumer Price Index was only 1.2% through October, 2010).

Judicial Salaries at a Glance

The average annual percent changes for the four judicial positions, and the state court administrators analyzed by the Survey, is just .47% for the first half of 2010. As indicated in the table and graph below, this increase is far less than the pre-recession (2003-2007) average increase of 3.24%. The 2008/2009 average increase of 1.67% was seen as a possible bottom of the decreasing trend, but the current period shows yet another decrease. The ongoing impact of the recession on tax revenue and on state budgets is anticipated to level off, or worsen, before substantial improvement is seen. It seems unlikely that salary trends will improve substantially until the economy rebounds, which some economists are predicting to start by mid-decade. The following table summarizes current **Average Annual % Change** salaries for the major judicial positions.

2010

salaries for the major judicial positions.				Pre-Recession	n Rece	Recession	
	Mean	Median	Range	2003-07	2008-09	2010	
Chief, Highest Court	\$156,143	\$152,500	\$115,160 to \$228,856	3.19%	1.58%	0.61%	
Associate Justice, Court of Last Resort	\$151,462	\$146,917	\$112,530 to \$218,237	3.21%	1.88%	0.52%	
Judge, Intermediate Appellate Courts	\$146,431	\$140,732	\$105,050 to \$204,599	3.20%	1.60%	0.41%	
Judge, General-Jurisdiction Trial Courts	\$136,030	\$132,500	\$104,170 to \$178,835	3.30%	1.91%	0.35%	
State Court Administrators	\$134,750	\$127,026	\$76,500 to \$211,272	3.30%	1.38%	0.45%	
			Aver	age 3 24%	1.67%	0.47%	

Salaries and Rankings for Appellate and General-Jurisdiction Judges - Listed Alphabetically by State Name

The table below lists the salaries and rankings for associate justices of the courts of last resort, associate judges of intermediate appellate courts, and judges of general-jurisdiction trial courts (actual salaries and cost-of-living adjusted salaries) as of July 1, 2010. Where possible, the salary figures are actual salaries. In jurisdictions where some judges receive supplements, the figures are the most representative available—either the base salary, the midpoint of a range between the lowest and highest supplemented salaries, or the median. Salaries are ranked from highest to lowest, with the highest salary for each position having a rank of "1." The lowest salary has a rank of "51" except for intermediate appellate courts, which exist in only 39 states. The mean, median, and salary range for each of the

positions are also sh	iown.	General-Jurisdiction Trial Court										
1			Interme	ediate	Adjusted for Cost of Living							
	Highest	Court	Appellate	ellate Court Adjustment			Adjusted Adjusted					
	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Factor	Salary	Rank			
Alabama	\$180,005	9	\$178,878	3	\$134,943	25	93.25	\$144,712	13			
Alaska	\$188,604	3	\$178,188	4	\$174,396	3	133.17	\$130,956	25			
Arizona	\$155,000	20	\$150,000	14	\$145,000	13	104.20	\$139,158	18			
Arkansas	\$145,204	30	\$140,732	20	\$136,257	23	90.39	\$150,752	8			
California	\$218,237	1	\$204,599	1	\$178,789	2	132.72	\$134,707	21			
Colorado	\$139,660	34	\$134,128	28	\$128,598	33	102.50	\$125,462	32			
Connecticut	\$162,520	16	\$152,637	11	\$146,780	12	125.50	\$116,956	38			
Delaware	\$185,050	6			\$168,850	5	104.16	\$162,110	3			
District of Columbia	\$184,500	7			\$174,000	4	141.27	\$123,171	34			
Florida	\$157,976	18	\$150,077	13	\$142,178	15	98.66	\$144,114	14			
Georgia	\$167,210	11	\$166,186	8	\$144,752	14	92.99	\$155,668	7			
Hawaii	\$151,118	23	\$139,924	21	\$136,127	24	167.82	\$81,116	51			
Idaho	\$119,506	47	\$118,506	37	\$112,043	46	94.39	\$118,698	37			
Illinois	\$207,066	2	\$194,888	2	\$178,835	1	95.04	\$188,168	1			
Indiana	\$151,328	21	\$147,103	17	\$125,647	34	93.46	\$134,446	22			
lowa	\$163,200	15	\$147,900	16	\$137,700	20	94.51	\$145,702	11			
Kansas	\$135,905	39	\$131,518	32	\$120,037	42	92.15	\$130,269	27			
Kentucky	\$135,504	40	\$130,044	34	\$124,620	36	89.95	\$138,536	19			
Louisiana	\$149,572	25	\$142,477	19	\$136,544	22	96.17	\$141,980	15			
Maine	\$119,476	48			\$111,969	47	114.59	\$97,710	50			
Maryland	\$162,352	17	\$149,552	15	\$140,352	17	123.56	\$113,591	40			
Massachusetts	\$145,984	27	\$135,087	27	\$129,694	30	117.70	\$110,190	44			
Michigan	\$164,610	13	\$151,441	12	\$139,919	18	93.01	\$150,437	9			
Minnesota	\$145,981	28	\$137,552	23	\$129,124	31	103.40	\$124,877	33			
Mississippi	\$112,530	51	\$105,050	39	\$104,170	51	91.75	\$113,540	41			
Missouri	\$137,034	38	\$128,207	35	\$120,484	41	91.97	\$131,010	24			
Montana	\$113,964	50			\$106,870	50	99.43	\$107,484	46			
Nebraska	\$142,760	32	\$135,622	26	\$132,053	28	90.78	\$145,459	12			
Nevada	\$170,000	10			\$160,000	8	101.14	\$158,200	6			
New Hampshire	\$146,917	26	A		\$137,804	19	118.31	\$116,479	39			
New Jersey	\$185,482	5	\$175,534	6	\$165,000	6	129.77	\$127,146	30			
New Mexico	\$123,691	45	\$117,506	38	\$111,631	48	98.90	\$112,867	43			
New York	\$151,200	22	\$144,000	18	\$136,700	21	127.34	\$107,349	47			
North Carolina	\$137,249	36	\$131,531	31	\$124,382	37	96.92	\$128,341	29			
North Dakota	\$130,228	42	# 400,000	00	\$119,330	43	98.59	\$121,043	36			
Ohio	\$141,600	33	\$132,000	30	\$121,350	40	94.29	\$128,701	28			
Oklahoma	\$137,655	35	\$130,410	33	\$124,373	38	90.31	\$137,720	20			
Oregon	\$125,688	44	\$122,820	36	\$114,468	45	111.49	\$102,667	48			
Pennsylvania	\$186,450	4	\$175,923	5	\$161,850	7	100.39	\$161,224	5			
Rhode Island	\$156,213	19	¢100 741	29	\$140,642	16	123.90	\$113,514	42			
South Carolina	\$137,171	37 49	\$133,741	29	\$130,312	29 49	98.88	\$131,791	23 45			
South Dakota Tennessee	\$118,173	12	¢1E0 040	9	\$110,377	10	101.25 89.93	\$109,017	2			
_	\$165,336		\$159,840	0.4	\$154,320		00.74	\$171,603				
Utah	\$150,000 \$145,350	24 29	\$137,500 \$138,750	24 22	\$132,500 \$132,150	26 27	90.71	\$146,067 \$139,530	10 17			
Vermont		43	φ130,730	22	\$122,867	39	121.73	\$100,930	49			
Virginia	\$129,245 \$183,839	8	\$168,322	7	\$122,867	9	97.74	\$100,930	49			
Washington	\$164,221	14	\$156,328	10	\$136,134	11	105.08	\$161,790	16			
West Virginia	\$121,000	46	φ100,020	10	\$146,632	44	94.97	\$122,142	35			
Wisconsin	\$144,495	31	\$136,316	25	\$128,600	32	98.41	\$130,680	26			
Wyoming	\$131,500	41	φ130,310	20	\$125,200	35	99.61	\$125,694	31			
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Mean	\$151,462		\$146,431		\$136,030							
Median	\$146,917		\$140,732		\$132,500							

Using the ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index

\$112,530 to \$218,237

The Council for Community and Economic Research—C2ER (formerly the ACCRA organization)—is the most widely accepted U.S. source for cost-of-living indices, with nearly 400 reporting jurisdictions across America. The cost-of-living indices used in this report were developed by examining the average costs of goods and services for the latest four running fiscal quarters. The factors reflect an average of the reporting jurisdictions in a particular state (i.e., the cost-of-living-index for Virginia is the average of the cost-of-living indices for each of the nine reporting jurisdictions in Virginia). More detailed information can be found at www.accra.org or www.c2er.org.

\$104,170 to \$178,835

\$105,050 to \$204,599

Range

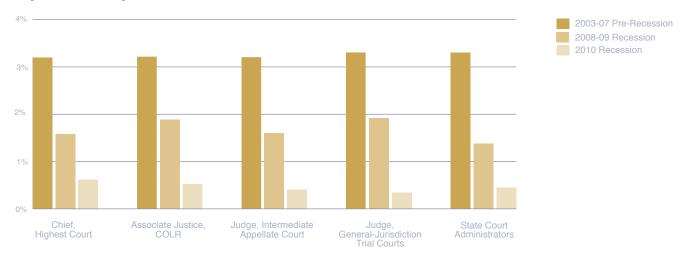
Salaries and Rankings for Appellate and General-Jurisdiction Judges - Listed in Order of State Rank

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Intermediate				diate	General-Jurisdiction Trial Court						
Highest Court			Appellate Court			Salary			Adjusted for Cost of Living		
California	\$218,237		California	\$204,599		Illinois	\$178,835		Illinois	\$188,168	
Illinois	\$207,066		Illinois	\$194,888		California	\$178,789		Tennessee	\$171,603	
Alaska	\$188,604		Alabama	\$178,878		Alaska	\$174,396		Delaware	\$162,110	
Pennsylvania	\$186,450		Alaska	\$178,188		District of Columbia			Virginia	\$161,790	
New Jersey	\$185,482		Pennsylvania	\$175,923		Delaware	\$168,850		Pennsylvania	\$161,224	
Delaware	\$185,050		New Jersey	\$175,534		New Jersey	\$165,000		Nevada	\$158,200	
District of Columbia	\$184,500		Virginia	\$168,322		Pennsylvania	\$161,850		Georgia	\$155,668	
Virginia	\$183,839		Georgia	\$166,186		Nevada	\$160,000		Arkansas	\$150,752	
Alabama	\$180,005		Tennessee	\$159,840		Virginia	\$158,134		Michigan	\$150,437	
Nevada	\$170,000		Washington	\$156,328		Tennessee	\$154,320		Texas	\$146,067	
Georgia	\$167,210		Connecticut	\$152,637		Washington	\$148,832		lowa	\$145,702	
Tennessee	\$165,336		Michigan	\$151,441		Connecticut	\$146,780		Nebraska	\$145,459	
Michigan	\$164,610		Florida	\$150,077		Arizona	\$145,000		Alabama	\$144,712	
Washington	\$164,221		Arizona	\$150,000		Georgia	\$144,752		Florida	\$144,114	
lowa	\$163,200		Maryland	\$149,552		Florida	\$142,178		Louisiana	\$141,980	
Connecticut	\$162,520		lowa	\$147,900		Rhode Island	\$140,642		Washington	\$141,643	
Maryland	\$162,352		Indiana	\$147,103		Maryland	\$140,352		Utah	\$139,530	
Florida	\$157,976		New York	\$144,000		Michigan	\$139,919		Arizona	\$139,158	
Rhode Island	\$156,213		Louisiana	\$142,477		New Hampshire	\$137,804		Kentucky	\$138,536	
Arizona	\$155,000		Arkansas	\$140,732		lowa	\$137,700		Oklahoma	\$137,720	
Indiana	\$151,328		Hawaii	\$139,924		New York	\$136,700		California	\$134,707	
New York	\$151,200		Utah	\$138,750		Louisiana	\$136,544		Indiana	\$134,446	
Hawaii	\$151,118		Minnesota	\$137,552		Arkansas	\$136,257		South Carolina	\$131,791	
Texas	\$150,000		Texas	\$137,500		Hawaii	\$136,127		Missouri	\$131,010	
Louisiana	\$149,572		Wisconsin	\$136,316		Alabama	\$134,943		Alaska	\$130,956	
New Hampshire	\$146,917		Nebraska	\$135,622		Texas	\$132,500		Wisconsin	\$130,680	
Massachusetts	\$145,984		Massachusetts	\$135,087		Utah	\$132,150		Kansas	\$130,269	
Minnesota	\$145,981		Colorado	\$134,128		Nebraska	\$132,053		Ohio	\$128,701	
Utah	\$145,350		South Carolina	\$133,741		South Carolina	\$130,312		North Carolina	\$128,341	
Arkansas	\$145,204		Ohio	\$132,000		Massachusetts	\$129,694		New Jersey	\$127,146	
Wisconsin	\$144,495		North Carolina	\$131,531		Minnesota	\$129,124		Wyoming	\$125,694	
Nebraska	\$142,760		Kansas	\$131,518		Wisconsin	\$128,600		Colorado	\$125,462	
Ohio	\$141,600		Oklahoma	\$130,410		Colorado	\$128,598		Minnesota	\$124,877	
Colorado	\$139,660		Kentucky	\$130,044		Indiana	\$125,647		District of Columb		
Oklahoma	\$137,655		Missouri	\$128,207		Wyoming	\$125,200		West Virginia	\$122,142	
North Carolina	\$137,249		Oregon	\$122,820		Kentucky	\$124,620		North Dakota	\$121,043	
South Carolina	\$137,171		Idaho	\$118,506		North Carolina	\$124,382		Idaho	\$118,698	
Missouri	\$137,034		New Mexico	\$117,506		Oklahoma	\$124,373		Connecticut	\$116,956	
Kansas	\$135,905		Mississippi	\$105,050		Vermont	\$122,867		New Hampshire	\$116,479	
Kentucky	\$135,504		Delaware	Ψ100,000		Ohio	\$121,350		Maryland	\$113,591	
Wyoming	\$131,500		District of Columbia			Missouri	\$120,484		Mississippi	\$113,540	
North Dakota	\$130,228		Maine			Kansas	\$120,037		Rhode Island	\$113,514	
Vermont	\$129,245		Montana			North Dakota	\$119,330		New Mexico	\$112,867	
Oregon	\$125,688		Nevada			West Virginia	\$116,000		Massachusetts	\$110,190	
New Mexico	\$123,691		New Hampshire			Oregon	\$114,468		South Dakota	\$109,017	
West Virginia	\$121,000		North Dakota			Idaho	\$112,043		Montana	\$107,484	
Idaho	\$119,506		Rhode Island			Maine	\$111,969		New York	\$107,349	
Maine	\$119,476		South Dakota			New Mexico	\$111,631		Oregon	\$107,549	
South Dakota	\$118,173		Vermont			South Dakota	\$110,377		Vermont	\$102,007	
Montana	- : /		West Virginia			Montana			Maine	\$97,710	
Mississippi	\$113,964 \$112,530						\$106,870		Hawaii	\$81,116	
	\$112,530		Wyoming			Mississippi	\$104,170		i iawaii		
Mean	\$151,462			\$146,431			\$136,030			\$131,316	
Median	\$146,917			\$140,732			\$132,500			\$130,680	
Range	\$112,530 to	o \$218,.	237 \$105,05	0 to \$204,599		\$104,170 to	\$178,835		\$81,116	to \$188,168	

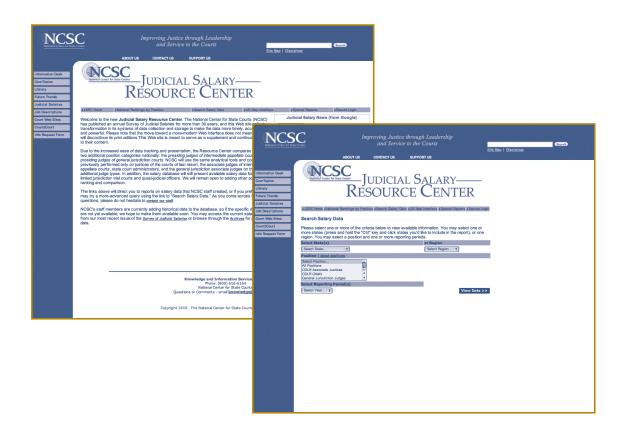
Pre- and Post-Recession Salary Changes

Average Annual % Change in Salaries



Detailed Salary Information Available at the Judicial Salary Resource Center

The Judicial Salary Resource Center is an interactive source of judicial salary information. Users can search the database based on user-defined criteria. Once the data have been generated on a web page, users have the option of downloading the information on to an Excel spreadsheet by clicking the "Export" button. This database has proven to be useful for judges, court administrators, policy makers, researchers, academics and the general public. The Judicial Salary resource Center is located at: www.ncsc.org/JSRC.





Alabama as of 10-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$161-201 Associate Justice \$160-200 State Court Admin. \$100-153 Court of Appeals, Civil \$159-199

& Criminal Presiding Judge \$160-199

State Circuit Court \$120-150

Limited and Special

Probate Court Set locally **District Court** \$119-150 **Municipal Court** Set locally

Note: Some judges/justices receive higher salaries

from a system of longevity hours.



Appellate and General

\$189 Chief Justice Associate Justice \$189 State Court Admin. \$187 Court of Appeals \$178

\$174 (Varies by location **Superior Court**

and cost of living)

Limited and Special

District Court

(Varies by caseload and Magistrate Court

law training)



Arizona

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$160 Associate Justice \$155 State Court Admin. \$109-179 Court of Appeals \$150 **Superior Court** \$145

Limited and Special

Justice of Peace Court (Varies by caseload, and is

a percentage of the Superior





Arkansas

as of 7-01-09

as of 7-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$157 Associate Justice \$145 State Court Admin. \$108

Court of Appeals \$141, Chief \$143

Circuit Court \$136

Limited and Special

District Court \$122 City Court Set locally



California

as of 11-14-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$229* Associate Justice \$218 State Court Admin. \$192-211 Courts of Appeal \$205 **Superior Court** \$179

Limited and Special

None

*Includes an additional 4% over others on court.



Colorado

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$143 Associate Justice \$140 State Court Admin. \$137

\$134, Chief \$137 Court of Appeals

District Court \$129

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court **Probate Court County Court**

\$129 (Denver only) \$152 (Denver only), all others \$123

\$129 (Denver only)

Municipal Court Set locally



Connecticut

as of 1-1-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$176 Associate Justice \$163 State Court Admin. \$169

Appellate Court \$153, Chief \$161

Superior Court \$147

*Plus 3% semiannually after 25 or more years, 3/4 of 3% after 20-25 years, 1/2 of 3% after 15-20 years, 1/4 of 3% after 10-15 years.

Limited and Special

Probate Court \$55

Family Support \$122, Chief \$128



Delaware

as of 7-1-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$195 Associate Justice \$185 State Court Admin. \$127

Superior Court Associate \$169, Presiding \$184, Commissioner \$104

Limited and Special

Family Court

Alderman's Court

Associate \$169, Presiding \$184, Commissioner \$104 Justice of Peace Court \$71-76, Chief Magistrate \$122 Ct. Com. Pleas. Associate \$169, Presiding

\$184, Commissioner \$104 Set locally

Court of Chancery Chancellor \$186, Vice \$175

Note: Voluntary 2.5% pay cut, 100% participation.



Florida as of 7-7-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$158 Associate Justice \$158 State Court Admin. \$135 District Courts of Appeal \$150 Circuit Court \$142

Limited and Special

County Court \$134



Georgia

as of 1-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$167 Associate Justice \$167 State Court Admin. \$141 \$166 Court of Appeals Superior Court \$120-187

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court **Probate Court** Magistrate Court \$85-164 (full-time), \$18-68 (part-time)

\$25-142

\$23-111 (full-time), Chief \$12-123 \$6-53 (part-time), Chief \$16-50 \$40-168 (full-time), \$11-70 (part-time)

State Court \$139-141

Municipal Court of Atlanta



Hawaii as of 7-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$151 State Court Admin. \$125

Intermediate Court of \$140, Chief \$146

Appeals Circuit Court

\$136

Limited and Special

District Court \$128



Idaho

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$121 Associate Justice \$120 State Court Admin. \$119 Court of Appeals \$119

\$112, Administrative \$114 **District Court**

Magistrates \$107

Limited and Special

None



Illinois as of 7-1-10

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$207 Associate Justice \$207 State Court Admin. \$195 Appellate Court \$195

Circuit Court \$179, Associate \$170

Limited and Special

None



Indiana

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$151 + \$5.5 subsistence Associate Justice \$151 + \$3 subsistence

\$117 State Court Admin.

Court of Appeals \$147 Associates + \$3 subsistence (\$5.5 Chief

subsistence)

Circuit and Superior \$126 (may be supplemented

Court up to 5k)

Limited and Special

Probate Court \$126 \$126 **County Court**

\$101 (county pays \$41) Juvenile Magistrates

Magistrates



Iowa

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$171 Associate Justice \$163 State Court Admin. \$154

Court of Appeals \$148, Chief \$153

District Court \$138, Chief \$143, Associate \$122,

Part-time Magistrate \$38

Limited and Special

None



Kansas

as of 6-15-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$139 Associate Justice \$136 State Court Admin. \$120

\$132, Chief \$135 Court of Appeals

District Court Judge \$120, Admin. Judge

\$121, Magistrate \$62*

Limited and Special

Municipal Court Set locally

*May be supplemented by county governments.



Kentucky as of 7-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$136 State Court Admin. \$125

\$130, Chief \$133 Court of Appeals Circuit Court \$125, Chief \$126

Limited and Special

District Court \$113, Chief \$114



Louisiana

Appellate and General*

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$150 State Court Admin. \$142

\$142, Chief \$150 Courts of Appeal

District Court \$137 *Includes annual supplements.

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court Municipal/Traffic Court

City Court

\$136 \$43-55, New Orleans (based

> on local supplements) \$43-55 (based on local

supplements)

Parish Court \$81



Maine

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$119 State Court Admin. \$112

Superior Court \$112, Chief \$117

District Court \$112, Deputy Chief \$114,

Chief \$117

Limited and Special

Probate Court Set by legislature for each county

Family Court Magistrate \$73



Maryland

as of 7-1-08

as of 7-1-10

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$181 \$162 Associate Justice State Court Admin. \$142

Court of Special Appeals \$150, Chief \$153

Circuit Court \$140 **Circuit Court Masters** \$85-131

Limited and Special

Orphan's Court Set locally **District Court** \$127, Chief \$150



Massachusetts as of 7-23-06

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$151 Associate Justice \$146 State Court Admin. \$140

\$135, Chief \$140 Appeals Court \$130, Chief \$135 **Superior Court**

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court \$130, Chief \$135 **Probate Court** \$130, Chief \$135 **Housing Court** \$130, Chief \$135 District Court \$130, Chief \$135

Municipal Court \$130 (Boston), Chief \$135

Land Court \$130, Chief \$135



Michigan

as of 4-1-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$165 Associate Justice \$165 State Court Admin. \$148 Court of Appeals \$151 Circuit Court \$140

Limited and Special

Probate Court \$140 (full-time), \$26-63 (part-time)

\$138 District Court **Municipal Court** \$11-30*

*Plus \$400 for each of the first two court dates each month and \$300 for each additional court date each month by a second municipality.



Minnesota

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$161 Associate Justice \$146 State Court Admin. \$97-151 Court of Appeals \$138, Chief \$144 **District Court** \$129, Chief \$136

Magistrate \$116, Referee \$116



Mississippi

as of 7-1-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$115

Presiding \$113

Associate Justice \$113 State Court Admin. \$77

Court of Appeals \$105, Chief \$108

Circuit/Chancery Court \$104

Limited and Special

\$14-56* (part-time) **Justice Court County Court** \$97-104*

Municipal Court Set locally (part-time) 7

*Depends on population.



Missouri as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$137 State Court Admin. \$118 \$128 Court of Appeals

Circuit Court \$120, Associate \$109, Commissioner \$109

Family Court \$109

Probate Court \$120, Deputy \$109

Limited and Special

Municipal Court Set locally



Montana

as of 7-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$114 \$100* State Court Admin. District Court \$107 Water Court \$107 Workers Comp. Court \$107

Limited and Special

Justice of Peace Court Set locally City Court Set locally **Municipal Court** Set locally

*Longevity supplement may apply.



Nebraska

as of 9-1-10

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$143 State Court Admin. \$116 Court of Appeals \$136* **District Court** \$132*

Limited and Special

County Court \$128

*Salary set as % of Associate Justice.



Nevada

as of 1-5-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$170 Associate Justice \$170 State Court Admin. \$124 **District Court** \$160

Limited and Special

District Court \$46-154* City Court \$141-153*

8% after 4 years of service. Each year after an additional 2% up to a maximum of 22% after 11 years of service. For Appellate and General Jurisdiction Judges, 8% after 4 years of service, then 2% yearly up to 22% after 11 years of service; Other judges may get 2% yearly up to 20% after 10 years of service. *Includes supplements.



New Hampshire as of 1-2-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$151 Associate Justice \$147 State Court Admin. \$118

Superior Court \$137, Chief \$147



Probate Court \$137, \$21-56 (part-time) **District Court** \$137, \$16-87 (part-time)



New Jersey

as of 1-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$193 Associate Justice \$185 State Court Admin. \$176 **Superior Court** \$176

Appellate Division

Superior Court \$165, Assignment

Judge \$172

Limited and Special

Surrogate Judge Set locally **Municipal Court** Set locally Tax Court \$165



New Mexico

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$126 Associate Justice \$124 State Court Admin. \$121

Court of Appeals \$118, Chief \$119 **District Court** \$112, Chief \$113

Limited and Special

Probate Court Set locally

Metropolitan Court \$106 (Bernalillo), Chief \$108

Magistrate Court \$79, Presiding \$80 **Municipal Court** Set locally



New York

as of 1-1-99

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$156 Associate Justice \$151 State Court Admin. \$148

Appellate Division \$144, Presiding \$148 Appellate Terms \$140, Presiding \$143 Supreme Court

\$137 \$120-137 (outside NYC) County Court

Limited and Special Court of Claims

\$137, Presiding \$144 Civil and Criminal Court, NYC \$126

District Court

\$123, Presiding \$127 (Nassau &

Suffolk)

\$120-137 (NYC Admin. Judge \$142) **Family Court** Surrogates' Court

\$120-137 Housing Court, NYC \$115 Other City Courts \$109-120



North Carolina as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$137 State Court Admin. \$127

\$132. Chief \$135 Court of Appeals

Superior Court \$124, Senior Judge \$128

Limited and Special

\$109, Chief \$113 **District Court**

Note: Judges/Justices and SCA may receive additional longevity pay at increasing percentages for 5, 10, 15, 20 years of qualifying service.



North Dakota as of 7-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$130 State Court Admin. \$111

District Court \$119, Presiding Judge \$123

Limited and Special

Municipal Court Set locally



Ohio as of 1-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$142 State Court Admin. \$125-145 Court of Appeals \$132 Court of Common Pleas \$121

Limited and Special

Juvenile/Domestic \$121 **Relations Court**

Probate Court \$121

County Court \$66 (part-time)

\$114 (full-time), \$66 (part-time) **Municipal Court**

Mayor's Court Set locally



Oklahoma

as of 7-01-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice, \$147 Supreme Court

Presiding Judge, \$143 Criminal Appeals

Associate Justice \$138

State Court Admin. \$130

Court of Appeals \$130, Presiding Judge \$133 **District Court** \$124, Associate \$115, Special Judge lawyer/nonlawyer \$105

Limited and Special

Municipal Court Set locally Workers' Compensation \$124

Court

Note: District Judges serve on Courts of Tax and Bank Review.



Oregon as of 1-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$129 Associate Justice \$126 State Court Admin. \$97-157

\$123, Chief \$126 Court of Appeals

Tax Court \$118, Magistrates \$65-107

Circuit Court \$114

Limited and Special

Justice of Peace Court Set locally **Municipal Court** Set locally City Court Set locally



Pennsylvania

as of 1-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$192 Associate Justice \$186 State Court Admin. \$171

Superior Court/ \$176, Presiding \$181

Commonwealth Court

Court of Common Pleas \$162, Presiding \$163-165

(based on # of judges/ population)

Limited and Special

District Court

\$81 (excluding Philadelphia and Pittsburgh)

Municipal Court (Phil.) \$158, Presiding \$161 \$85, Presiding \$86 Traffic Court (Phil.)



Rhode Island as of 6-22-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$172 Associate Justice \$156 Special Master \$132 State Court Admin. \$113-125 **Superior Court** \$141, Presiding \$155,

Limited and Special

Family Court \$141, Chief \$155, Magistrates \$132 Probate Court

Set locally

\$135, Chief \$155, Admin. Judge \$141, **District Court** Magistrate \$132, Clerk Magistrate \$132

Note: Judge/Justice may also receive longevity pay. Judges salaries were

reduced from reported figures in 2010 by 8 mandatory furlough days.

Magistrate \$132

Workers' Compensation Court \$135, Chief \$155 Traffic Tribunal \$132, Magistrate \$132, Chief \$135

Municipal Court Set locally

South Carolina as of 6-2-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$144* Associate Justice \$137 State Court Admin. \$123

Court of Appeals \$134,* Chief \$136*

Circuit Court \$130*

Limited and Special

Family Court

Probate Court Set locally by population formula **Municipal Court** Magistrate Court

Set locally by population formula Set locally by population formula

*Set as % of Associate Justices.



South Dakota as of 8-24-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$118 State Court Admin. \$100

Circuit Court \$110, Presiding Judge \$112, Law-Trained Magistrate \$87

Limited and Special

None



Tennessee

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$170 Associate Justice \$165 State Court Admin. \$147

\$160, Presiding \$162 Court of Appeals/Court

of Criminal Appeals

Circuit/Chancery/ \$154 Probate/Criminal

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court Set locally General Sessions Court Set locally **Municipal Court** Set locally



Texas as of 9-1-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$150 State Court Admin. \$130

Court of Appeals \$138-145,* Chief \$140-148*

District Court \$125-140*

Limited and Special

Probate Court Set locally Justice of Peace Court Set locally Set locally **County Court** Set locally **Municipal Court**

*Includes supplements.



Utah

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$147 Associate Justice \$145 State Court Admin. \$132

Court of Appeals \$139, Chief \$141

District Court \$132, Presiding Judge \$134

Limited and Special

Juvenile Court \$132, Presiding Judge \$134 Justice of Peace Court varies



Vermont as of 7-9-07

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$135 Associate Justice \$129 State Court Admin. \$123

Superior/District/ \$123, Admin. Judge \$129 **Family Court** (Asst. Judges \$36-142/day)*

Limited and Special

Child Support Magistrate \$93 Probate Court \$29-91 Traffic/Municipal \$93 **Environmental Court** \$123

*Half-day minimum and hourly thereafter.

Note: Judges subject to one-day furlough each month.



Virginia

as of 11-24-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$195* Associate Justice \$184* State Court Admin. \$165

\$168,** Chief \$171 Court of Appeals

Circuit Court \$158

Limited and Special

Juvenile/Domestic \$142 **Relations Court General District Court** \$142

*Plus \$13,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses. **Plus \$6,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses. Note: A portion of judicial officers did not accept pay increases; additionally, the Chiefs of the Supreme and Intermediate Appellate Courts did not accept pay increases



Washington

as of 9-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$164 Associate Justice \$164 State Court Admin. \$143 Court of Appeals \$156

Superior Court \$149, Pro tem judge (if

> retired judge) \$51/hr, Pro tem judge (if attorney) \$85/hr*

Limited and Special

District Court \$142 **Municipal Court** Set locally

*50% of this salary is paid by the respective counties.



West Virginia as of 1-1-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$121 Associate Justice \$121 State Court Admin. \$122

Circuit Court \$116, Family Court

Judge \$83

Limited and Special

Magistrate Court \$44-50 (depending on

population)



Wisconsin as of 2-9-09

Appellate and General

Chief Justice Associate Justice \$144 State Court Admin. \$136* Court of Appeals \$136 Circuit Court \$129

Limited and Special

Municipal Court Set locally

*Tied to salary of Court of Appeals.



Wyoming

as of 7-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$132 Associate Justice \$132 State Court Admin. \$110 **District Court** \$125

Limited and Special

Magistrates Varies Circuit Court \$103 **Municipal Court** Set locally

District of Columbia as of 1-4-09

Appellate and General

Chief Judge Associate Judge \$185 **Executive Officer** \$174*

Superior Court \$174, Chief \$175, Magistrate

Judge \$153

Limited and Special

*Tied to salary of Superior Court.

Federal System as of 1-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$217 \$208 Associate Justice **Administrative Director** \$169* Court of Appeals \$180 **District Court** \$169

Limited and Special

Claims Court \$169 Courts of International \$169

Trade

U.S. Magistrate Court \$156** (full-time)

U.S. Bankruptcy Court \$156**

*Tied to salary of District Court.

**92% of U.S District Ct. Judge's salary.

American Samoa as of 5-26-06

Appellate and General

Chief Justice

Associate Justice \$119, Acting \$97 Administrator/ \$46 plus \$1,170/hr increment

Comptroller

District Court

Limited and Special

Village Court \$44, Chief \$48

*District Court Judge is also the Acting Associate Justice, and receives an additional \$20,000 for Acting Associate Justice duties.

Guam

as of 10-1-08

Appellate and General*

Chief Justice \$133 Associate Justice \$131 Admin. Director \$120

Superior Court \$104-148, Presiding

Judge \$117 \$113

Administrative Hearing

Officer

*Ranges indicate supplements.

Limited and Special

None

Northern as of 2-26-93 **Mariana Islands**

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$130 Associate Justice \$126 State Court Admin. \$70

Superior Court \$120, Presiding Judge \$123

Limited and Special

None

Puerto Rico as of 8-22-03

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$125 Associate Justice \$120 State Court Admin. \$111 Circuit Court of Appeals \$105 Superior Court \$90 **Municipal Court** \$70

Limited and Special

None

Virgin Islands as of 10-1-08

Appellate and General

Chief Justice \$186 \$181 Associate Administrator-Supreme \$119 Administrator-Superior \$113

Superior Court \$152, Presiding

Judge \$162

Limited and Special

None

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