

2026 DISTRICT COURT WORKLOAD REVIEW

JUDICIAL RESOURCE NEEDS

The District Court Council tracks and reviews judicial resource needs using case filing statistics and a weighted workload formula approved by the Council. The following table summarizes the results of each review year, 2015 - 2025. The number represents the estimated number of judicial resources (FTE) needed to meet workload demands. The data is sorted on CY2025 data (largest to smallest). The sparkline is a line graph of the data for each district – a red dot marks the highest number recorded for the district. CY2025 values are also depicted on the map on page 2.

Judicial Resource Need

Judicial District	CY2016	CY2017	CY2018	CY2019	CY2020	CY2021	CY2022	CY2023	CY2024	CY2025	Sparkline
18	1.45	1.58	2.36	2.89	3.28	2.31	0.30	0.97	1.70	2.00	
4	2.39	2.26	3.01	2.03	2.17	1.79	2.40	1.71	1.80	1.40	
13	6.70	7.14	7.75	4.46	5.18	4.73	4.15	4.61	5.10	1.25	
11	2.39	2.42	2.44	2.70	2.59	2.51	2.20	0.85	1.00	1.20	
5	0.40	0.59	0.52	0.43	0.53	0.52	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.90	
8	2.08	2.39	2.35	3.60	2.59	1.08	1.10	1.25	1.50	0.50	
2	0.28	0.49	0.80	0.80	0.74	0.35	0.20	0.11	0.30	0.40	
3	0.49	0.34	0.52	0.32	0.37	0.33	0.30	0.18	0.10	0.30	
19	0.32	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.00	0.01	0.20	0.30	
22	0.25	0.15	0.43	0.36	0.43	0.31	0.05	0.10	0.40	0.25	
1	2.25	1.38	2.79	4.12	5.27	2.91	1.50	0.42	0.50	0.20	
6	0.14	0.05	0.22	0.23	0.32	0.22	0.20	0.03	0.10	0.10	
12	0.31	0.21	0.25	0.25	0.29	0.25	0.40	0.32	0.20	0.10	
9	0.25	0.35	0.48	0.22	0.34	0.23	0.15	0.09	0.00	0.05	
20	0.55	0.26	0.44	0.43	0.19	0.10	0.00	0.03	-0.10	-0.10	
21	-0.05	-0.15	0.11	-0.04	-0.12	0.00	0.10	-0.01	-0.10	-0.10	
10	-0.09	-0.11	0.06	-0.14	-0.08	-0.22	-0.10	-0.23	-0.30	-0.20	
17	-0.05	-0.09	-0.06	0.05	-0.11	-0.18	-0.30	-0.37	-0.10	-0.30	
15	-0.14	-0.16	-0.16	-0.11	-0.13	-0.22	-0.40	-0.49	-0.50	-0.40	
7	0.22	0.08	0.11	-0.02	0.08	-0.22	-0.80	-0.72	-0.30	-0.60	
14	-0.42	-0.56	-0.46	-0.44	-0.37	-0.41	-0.50	-0.53	-0.60	-0.60	
16	0.00	-0.13	-0.06	0.07	-0.02	-0.27	-0.70	-0.67	-0.70	-0.70	
All	19.72	18.73	24.13	22.44	23.76	16.35	10.95	8.36	11.00	5.95	

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2026 Judicial Resource Needs Map

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