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2022 Superior Court Workload Assessment

The purpose of the following tables is to provide Judicial Council members, chief judges, and court administrators with an understanding of the judicial resources needed to operate Georgia's superior courts. The Administrative Office of the Courts annually publishes data on the workloads, caseloads, population, and resources for Georgia's fifty judicial circuits.

This report includes five tables that are organized by circuit and aggregated to show statewide totals and averages. The tables have been updated this year to allow for better comparison among the circuits. These data are the basis for recommendations for new superior court judgeships made by the Judicial Council.

Table 1 shows the number of authorized superior court judgeships in the state by circuit, the average number of cases heard annually per superior court judge by circuit, the workload value for each circuit, and the necessary workload value required to qualify for a new judgeship (threshold to qualify). The judge workload value is calculated by dividing the time it takes to process the entire circuit caseload by the total work time of the superior court judges in a geographical circuit.

Table 2 shows the three-year average of serious felonies, felonies, misdemeanors, probation revocations, and death penalty (unified appeals) cases for each circuit. The table also includes the average number of criminal defendants per circuit along with statewide average for each case type.

Table 3 shows the three-year average of civil cases by circuit. The table provides values for general civil cases and domestic relations cases by circuit as well as the statewide average for both case types.

Table 4 shows the 2022 population estimate and the 2027 projected population for each circuit and circuit ranks for each value.

Table 5 lists the number of counties and limited jurisdiction court judges for each circuit and the statewide totals for each class of court.

For more information about the workload analysis methodology and procedure, please contact the Administrative Office of the Courts at casecount@georgiacourts.gov.

Superior Workload Assessment- Total Cases per Judge Distribution (Table 1)

Circuit	Number of Judges in 2022	Cases Per Judge Three Year Average	Judge Workload Value	Workload Value per Judge
Alapaha	2	2,121	2.5	1.24
Alcovy	5	1,842	5.8	1.15
Appalachian	3	1,229	3.1	1.03
Atlanta	20	1,410	23.4	1.17
Atlantic	4	1,601	5.3	1.32
Augusta	5	1,781	6.6	1.32
Bell-Forsyth	3	1,198	2.6	0.86
Blue Ridge	3	1,768	4.2	1.41
Brunswick	5	1,376	5.3	1.05
Chattahoochee	7	1,129	6.9	0.98
Cherokee	4	2,338	5.7	1.42
Clayton	5	1,718	6.7	1.34
Cobb	11	1,625	12.3	1.12
Columbia	3	1,681	2.7	0.91
Conasauga	4	1,533	3.6	0.91
Cordele	3	1,150	2.5	0.83
Coweta	7	1,573	8.7	1.24
Dougherty	3	1,317	5.8	1.94
Douglas	3	2,099	4.1	1.36
Dublin	3	1,141	2.4	0.81
Eastern	6	1,359	5.7	0.96
Enotah	3	1,743	3.6	1.21
Flint	4	1,336	3.5	0.88
Griffin	5	1,232	4.9	0.99
Gwinnett	11	1,814	13.9	1.26
Houston	3	1,406	4.2	1.40
Lookout Mountain	4	1,436	4.2	1.05
Macon	5	1,252	4.5	0.91
Middle	2	2,106	2.7	1.33
Mountain	2	1,702	2.7	1.37
Northeastern	5	1,279	5.8	1.15
Northern	3	1,960	3.7	1.25
Ocmulgee	5	1,558	6.5	1.30
Oconee	3	1,107	2.6	0.86
Ogeechee	4	1,568	4.7	1.16
Pataula	2	1,360	1.8	0.91
Paulding	3	1,734	3.2	1.08
Piedmont	4	1,868	4.4	1.10
Rockdale	2	1,357	1.9	0.93
Rome	4	2,038	5.4	1.34
South Georgia	2	1,397	2.7	1.33
Southern	5	1,349	5.6	1.11
Southwestern	3	1,043	3.4	1.14
Stone Mountain	10	1,498	12.5	1.25
Tallapoosa	2	1,952	2.5	1.25
Tifton	2	1,756	2.8	1.41
Toombs	2	1,072	1.5	0.74
Towaliga	2	1,856	2.4	1.18
Waycross	4	1,399	4.3	1.06
Western	4	1,321	3.4	0.86
Statewide Totals	219	1,550	251.0	1.1

Superior Workload Assessment- Criminal Cases Three-Year Average (Table 2)

Circuit	Serious Felony	Felony	Serious Traffic	Misdemeanor	Death Penalty	Probation Revocation	Total Criminal Defendants
Alapaha	45	938	81	1,102	0.7	543	2,710
Alcovy	72	1,352	91	1,123	0.0	1,612	4,251
Appalachian	50	732	33	469	0.0	539	1,823
Atlanta	989	5,905	0	62	1.0	3,038	9,996
Atlantic	118	2,186	156	424	0.0	254	3,137
Augusta	108	2,321	93	117	0.0	1,018	3,657
Bell-Forsyth	27	946	0	0	0.0	473	1,446
Blue Ridge	97	1,582	15	164	0.0	903	2,761
Brunswick	86	1,453	43	518	0.0	949	3,049
Chattahoochee	193	2,675	16	371	0.0	581	3,835
Cherokee	54	1,914	249	1,968	0.0	1,866	6,051
Clayton	279	2,765	46	278	1.0	759	4,127
Cobb	247	5,395	9	163	0.3	2,483	8,296
Columbia	23	911	72	1,109	0.0	275	2,390
Conasauga	54	1,514	72	1,417	0.0	480	3,538
Cordele	52	802	15	354	0.3	1,023	2,247
Coweta	240	3,118	12	475	0.0	1,116	4,962
Dougherty	462	1,537	129	234	0.7	398	2,761
Douglas	61	1,586	10	329	0.7	1,465	3,452
Dublin	52	595	19	394	0.0	475	1,535
Eastern	183	2,229	47	85	0.0	1,464	4,008
Enotah	83	1,189	133	1,315	0.0	749	3,469
Flint	68	1,199	168	54	0.3	524	2,014
Griffin	165	1,479	54	288	0.0	793	2,780
Gwinnett	299	3,535	22	176	0.3	1,490	5,522
Houston	224	945	31	90	0.3	837	2,127
Lookout Mountain	70	1,713	0	190	0.0	973	2,946
Macon	104	1,475	4	116	0.0	609	2,307
Middle	55	1,328	0	139	0.0	580	2,102
Mountain	44	813	1	330	0.0	547	1,736
Northeastern	113	1,924	90	502	0.3	604	3,234
Northern	74	1,623	147	821	0.0	831	3,495
Ocmulgee	117	1,881	117	989	1.3	1,651	4,757
Oconee	39	965	117	406	0.3	299	1,826
Ogeechee	124	2,032	27	260	0.7	533	2,977
Pataula	30	638	175	416	0.0	447	1,707
Paulding	27	740	28	626	0.3	242	1,663
Piedmont	44	1,670	0	903	0.0	1,477	4,094
Rockdale	36	509	13	6	0.0	389	953
Rome	151	2,435	0	1,407	0.0	1,515	5,509
South Georgia	110	676	151	220	0.0	357	1,514
Southern	145	2,495	20	212	0.3	457	3,329
Southwestern	158	426	113	337	0.3	388	1,422
Stone Mountain	622	2,417	9	19	0.0	916	3,984
Tallapoosa	27	1,044	0	868	0.3	324	2,263
Tifton	106	1,015	106	468	0.7	492	2,188
Toombs	21	424	12	283	0.0	279	1,018
Towaliga	21	1,136	16	546	0.0	257	1,976
Waycross	55	1,476	31	89	0.0	1,001	2,652
Western	57	1,168	21	381	0.0	1,411	3,038
Statewide Average	134	1,657	56	472	0.2	854	3,173

Superior Workload Assessment- Civil Cases Three-Year Average (Table 3)

Circuit	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Civil Cases
Alapaha	546	976	1,522
Alcovy	2,084	2,804	4,888
Appalachian	671	1,078	1,749
Atlanta	7,719	10,381	18,099
Atlantic	651	2,561	3,213
Augusta	1,017	4,136	5,153
Bell-Forsyth	529	1,564	2,093
Blue Ridge	589	1,873	2,463
Brunswick	995	2,731	3,726
Chattahoochee	1,123	2,874	3,997
Cherokee	1,145	2,076	3,220
Clayton	842	3,580	4,422
Cobb	2,918	6,579	9,497
Columbia	845	1,793	2,638
Conasauga	1,256	1,359	2,615
Cordele	464	706	1,170
Coweta	1,310	4,492	5,802
Dougherty	362	912	1,274
Douglas	811	1,948	2,759
Dublin	591	1,238	1,829
Eastern	1,172	2,845	4,017
Enotah	664	1,000	1,664
Flint	671	2,735	3,406
Griffin	902	2,472	3,374
Gwinnett	3,969	10,368	14,336
Houston	293	1,781	2,075
Lookout Mountain	875	1,852	2,727
Macon	1,145	2,721	3,866
Middle	362	1,722	2,084
Mountain	377	1,096	1,473
Northeastern	652	2,284	2,936
Northern	670	1,714	2,384
Ocmulgee	1,132	1,812	2,944
Oconee	618	935	1,554
Ogeechee	728	2,370	3,097
Pataula	331	795	1,126
Paulding	1,395	2,116	3,511
Piedmont	1,068	2,238	3,307
Rockdale	321	1,409	1,730
Rome	923	1,522	2,446
South Georgia	380	974	1,354
Southern	1,223	2,039	3,263
Southwestern	838	933	1,771
Stone Mountain	1,728	9,228	10,956
Tallapoosa	618	878	1,497
Tifton	566	815	1,381
Toombs	382	717	1,098
Towaliga	754	941	1,696
Waycross	682	2,199	2,881
Western	801	1,387	2,188
Statewide Averages	1,054	2,431	3,485

Superior Workload Assessment- Population Projections (Table 4)

Circuit	2022 Population Estimate*	Rank	2027 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	62,896	47	64,100	47	2%
Alcovy	216,772	16	233,225	15	8%
Appalachian	92,094	36	93,334	37	1%
Atlanta	1,105,574	1	1,173,073	1	6%
Atlantic	176,921	22	183,268	23	4%
Augusta	226,772	15	232,138	16	2%
Bell-Forsyth	264,936	10	301,122	8	14%
Blue Ridge	272,840	8	292,971	9	7%
Brunswick	206,092	17	210,260	17	2%
Chattahoochee	269,168	9	276,471	10	3%
Cherokee	170,796	25	177,765	25	4%
Clayton	299,405	6	315,482	6	5%
Cobb	779,374	3	817,352	3	5%
Columbia	164,598	28	174,762	27	6%
Conasauga	144,836	30	147,086	31	2%
Cordele	60,409	48	60,494	48	<1%
Coweta	383,445	5	402,146	5	5%
Dougherty	85,570	40	83,358	40	<1%
Douglas	150,914	29	157,974	29	5%
Dublin	72,506	46	73,288	46	1%
Eastern	295,759	7	310,723	7	5%
Enotah	103,929	33	107,167	33	3%
Flint	248,293	11	270,385	11	9%
Griffin	233,082	13	243,396	13	4%
Gwinnett	966,057	2	1,022,607	2	6%
Houston	162,690	28	169,668	27	4%
Lookout Mountain	180,494	21	184,197	21	2%
Macon	194,001	18	196,271	20	1%
Middle	96,244	35	97,028	35	1%
Mountain	90,234	38	92,226	38	2%
Northeastern	240,365	12	257,811	12	7%
Northern	116,722	32	120,729	32	3%
Ocmulgee	167,481	26	169,364	28	1%
Oconee	77,081	43	76,794	43	-0.4%
Ogechee	173,075	23	183,323	22	6%
Pataula	43,958	50	43,575	50	-1%
Paulding	181,267	20	200,667	19	11%
Piedmont	187,993	19	204,622	18	9%
Rockdale	91,945	37	94,515	36	3%
Rome	99,310	34	101,058	34	2%
South Georgia	81,941	41	82,264	41	0%
Southern	230,366	14	237,050	14	3%
Southwestern	86,557	39	86,303	39	0%
Stone Mountain	776,792	4	810,561	4	4%
Tallapoosa	74,109	44	76,269	44	3%
Tifton	78,476	42	79,561	42	1%
Toombs	48,697	49	48,629	49	0%
Towaliga	73,560	45	75,656	45	3%
Waycross	143,699	31	147,135	30	2%
Western	172,725	24	182,959	24	6%
Population Totals	10,922,820		11,442,182		
Circuit Population Average	222,915		233,514		5%

*Source: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Superior Workload Assessment- Number of Judges per Class of Court (Table 5)

Circuit	Number of Counties	State Court Judges	Juvenile Court Judges	Probate Court Judges	Magistrate Court Judges
Alapaha	5	0	2	7	11
Alcovy	2	0	3	5	10
Appalachian	3	0	4	6	8
Atlanta	1	10	10	2	34
Atlantic	6	6	3	9	17
Augusta	2	5	4	2	7
Bell-Forsyth	1	2	2	1	8
Blue Ridge	1	3	2	2	10
Brunswick	5	4	6	7	13
Chattahoochee	6	2	4	7	10
Cherokee	2	0	4	3	11
Clayton	1	5	5	2	6
Cobb	1	12	4	2	19
Columbia	1	0	2	2	7
Conasauga	2	0	1	3	7
Cordele	4	0	1	4	7
Coweta	5	4	4	5	13
Dougherty	1	1	2	1	3
Douglas	1	2	3	1	3
Dublin	4	1	1	4	7
Eastern	1	3	6	2	4
Enotah	4	0	2	7	11
Flint	1	4	2	2	6
Griffin	4	2	2	5	11
Gwinnett	1	7	5	3	22
Houston	1	1	3	1	3
Lookout Mountain	4	3	3	5	12
Macon	3	2	3	3	9
Middle	5	5	1	5	11
Mountain	3	2	1	5	7
Northeastern	2	3	4	3	7
Northern	5	1	1	6	12
Ocmulgee	8	2	1	8	24
Oconee	6	0	1	6	8
Ogeechee	4	4	2	5	7
Pataula	7	2	2	8	12
Paulding	1	1	2	1	3
Piedmont	3	2	2	4	12
Rockdale	1	2	2	2	4
Rome	1	0	2	1	3
South Georgia	5	3	2	5	8
Southern	5	5	6	5	11
Southwestern	6	1	1	6	14
Stone Mountain	1	11	13	2	25
Tallapoosa	2	0	2	2	5
Tifton	4	3	2	4	8
Toombs	6	0	1	8	11
Towaliga	3	0	1	3	7
Waycross	6	5	3	7	16
Western	2	2	2	2	5
Statewide Totals	159	133	147	201	509