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2025 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-one 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's 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 death penalty (unified appeals), serious felonies, felonies, serious traffic, misdemeanors, probation revocations, and cases for each circuit. The table also includes the average number of criminal defendants per circuit along with the 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 2025 population estimate and the 2030 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	Cases Per Judge Three Year Average	Judge Workload Value (Judicial Need)	Workload Value per Judge
Alapaha	2	3,438	3.0	1.48
Alcovy	5	2,019	6.3	1.25
Appalachian	3	1,238	3.2	1.07
Atlanta	20	1,625	25.8	1.29
Atlantic	5	1,075	4.5	0.91
Augusta	5	1,809	5.8	1.16
Bell-Forsyth	3	1,193	2.7	0.89
Blue Ridge	4	1,322	4.0	0.99
Brunswick	5	1,342	5.5	1.10
Chattahoochee	7	1,192	6.5	0.93
Cherokee	4	2,394	5.7	1.42
Clayton	5	1,791	6.9	1.37
Cobb	11	1,549	11.4	1.04
Columbia	3	1,869	3.3	1.08
Conasauga	4	1,674	3.7	0.93
Cordele	3	1,093	2.2	0.73
Coweta	4	1,573	5.1	1.27
DeKalb	10	1,534	13.5	1.35
Dougherty	4	609	2.1	0.53
Douglas	3	1,620	3.5	1.17
Dublin	3	1,096	2.6	0.87
Eastern	6	1,242	5.5	0.91
Enotah	3	1,377	2.9	0.95
Flint	4	1,359	3.5	0.88
Griffin	5	1,342	6.3	1.27
Gwinnett	11	1,960	15.3	1.39
Houston	4	1,241	3.9	0.98
Lookout Mountain	4	1,538	4.4	1.11
Macon	5	1,292	4.7	0.94
Middle	2	2,014	2.8	1.39
Mountain	3	1,364	3.4	1.14
Northeastern	5	1,493	7.1	1.41
Northern	3	1,794	3.1	1.02
Ocmulgee	5	1,524	5.7	1.15
Oconee	3	1,143	2.7	0.89
Ogeechee	4	1,774	4.4	1.09
Pataula	2	1,461	2.0	1.00
Paulding	3	1,688	4.0	1.33
Piedmont	4	1,462	3.7	0.93
Rockdale	2	1,456	1.9	0.96
Rome	4	1,735	4.1	1.02
South Georgia	3	912	2.2	0.73
Southern	5	1,579	5.7	1.14
Southwestern	3	884	2.3	0.75
Tallapoosa	2	2,010	2.6	1.28
Tifton	3	955	1.8	0.60
Toombs	2	1,077	1.4	0.72
Towaliga	2	1,740	2.5	1.24
Waycross	4	1,307	4.2	1.05
West Georgia	4	1,145	3.2	0.80
Western	4	1,304	3.5	0.87
Statewide Totals	227	1,495	247.7	1.09

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

Circuit	Death Penalty	Serious Felony	Felony	Serious Traffic	Misdemeanor	Probation Revocation	Total Criminal Defendants
Alapaha	0.0	26	709	114	3,943	733	5,525
Alcovy	0.0	66	1,251	112	1,052	1,635	4,116
Appalachian	0.0	35	663	114	406	396	1,614
Atlanta	0.0	1,060	8,032	0	0	3,090	12,182
Atlantic	0.0	93	1,649	108	60	317	2,226
Augusta	0.0	59	2,208	22	156	644	3,088
Bell-Forsyth	0.0	30	851	0	0	471	1,353
Blue Ridge	0.0	82	1,403	37	177	875	2,573
Brunswick	0.0	102	1,413	48	238	1,077	2,878
Chattahoochee	0.0	128	2,943	17	317	851	4,257
Cherokee	0.0	39	1,652	346	1,800	2,368	6,205
Clayton	0.0	306	2,952	74	200	674	4,205
Cobb	0.0	252	5,114	48	355	2,197	7,967
Columbia	0.0	15	883	87	941	453	2,380
Conasauga	0.0	43	1,435	87	1,981	494	4,040
Cordele	0.0	39	735	39	410	972	2,195
Coweta	0.3	68	1,821	9	151	739	2,788
DeKalb	0.3	710	3,081	36	13	517	4,358
Dougherty	0.0	91	695	0	22	405	1,213
Douglas	0.0	69	1,870	2	64	509	2,514
Dublin	0.0	64	649	1	271	418	1,403
Eastern	0.0	159	1,455	76	3	1,661	3,353
Enotah	0.0	31	807	142	583	558	2,121
Flint	0.0	68	1,014	186	29	455	1,752
Griffin	0.3	297	1,562	34	335	833	3,062
Gwinnett	0.0	349	4,161	22	166	2,062	6,760
Houston	0.0	137	1,716	56	224	709	2,843
Lookout Mountain	0.0	63	1,917	26	83	1,115	3,204
Macon	0.0	117	1,981	1	215	268	2,582
Middle	0.3	66	1,354	0	17	686	2,124
Mountain	0.0	88	984	7	314	702	2,095
Northeastern	0.0	71	2,010	53	343	1,437	3,913
Northern	0.0	27	1,290	286	522	1,086	3,211
Ocmulgee	0.0	52	1,758	147	961	1,744	4,662
Oconee	0.3	31	983	128	400	311	1,854
Ogeechee	0.0	62	2,640	39	179	972	3,891
Pataula	0.0	27	624	128	381	368	1,529
Paulding	0.3	147	747	62	19	283	1,258
Piedmont	0.0	33	1,247	0	260	1,191	2,731
Rockdale	0.0	24	620	18	26	424	1,112
Rome	0.0	43	1,470	0	1,132	1,692	4,337
South Georgia	0.0	49	890	289	163	301	1,692
Southern	0.3	89	2,220	41	125	1,238	3,715
Southwestern	0.3	56	569	100	220	342	1,287
Tallapoosa	0.3	17	901	10	630	738	2,297
Tifton	0.0	33	939	217	83	716	1,988
Toombs	0.0	15	550	17	290	260	1,132
Towaliga	0.0	28	944	34	620	233	1,858
Waycross	0.3	44	1,356	51	80	1,034	2,565
West Georgia	0.0	57	1,514	23	333	351	2,277
Western	0.0	53	1,357	86	305	1,244	3,045
Statewide Average	0.1	112	1,639	70	423	879	3,124

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

Circuit	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Three-Year Average
Alapaha	506	832	1,338
Alcovy	3,352	2,567	5,919
Appalachian	940	1,022	1,962
Atlanta	8,674	11,501	20,175
Atlantic	734	2,364	3,098
Augusta	1,481	4,410	5,890
Bell-Forsyth	662	1,493	2,154
Blue Ridge	699	1,937	2,636
Brunswick	1,223	2,465	3,688
Chattahoochee	1,429	2,595	4,024
Cherokee	1,674	1,638	3,312
Clayton	1,097	3,608	4,705
Cobb	3,373	5,626	8,999
Columbia	1,323	1,874	3,197
Conasauga	1,456	1,212	2,668
Cordele	542	546	1,089
Coweta	996	2,335	3,331
DeKalb	2,339	8,617	10,956
Dougherty	316	885	1,201
Douglas	644	1,648	2,291
Dublin	657	1,109	1,766
Eastern	1,335	2,632	3,967
Enotah	1,036	872	1,908
Flint	842	2,952	3,794
Griffin	1,223	2,392	3,616
Gwinnett	4,350	10,273	14,623
Houston	481	1,618	2,099
Lookout Mountain	915	1,989	2,904
Macon	1,268	2,537	3,805
Middle	399	1,479	1,878
Mountain	660	1,189	1,850
Northeastern	783	2,205	2,989
Northern	759	1,530	2,288
Ocmulgee	1,393	1,492	2,885
Oconee	703	927	1,630
Ogeechee	765	2,318	3,083
Pataula	446	986	1,432
Paulding	1,845	1,980	3,824
Piedmont	978	2,055	3,033
Rockdale	417	1,347	1,764
Rome	1,142	1,103	2,246
South Georgia	461	790	1,251
Southern	1,353	2,687	4,040
Southwestern	677	752	1,429
Tallapoosa	712	761	1,474
Tifton	478	580	1,058
Toombs	455	465	920
Towaliga	887	919	1,806
Waycross	760	833	1,594
West Georgia	347	397	744
Western	716	1,413	2,128
Statewide Averages	1,229	2,231	3,460

Superior Workload Assessment - Population Projections (Table 4)

Circuit	2025 Population Estimate*	Rank	2030 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	62,795	48	64,297	48	2%
Alcovy	238,517	14	260,674	13	9%
Appalachian	96,975	38	102,350	37	6%
Atlanta	1,105,562	1	1,175,226	1	6%
Atlantic	189,716	21	201,841	21	6%
Augusta	231,793	16	235,843	16	2%
Bell-Forsyth	285,433	8	314,908	8	10%
Blue Ridge	298,066	7	321,297	6	8%
Brunswick	213,568	17	222,430	17	4%
Chattahoochee	270,019	9	275,664	11	2%
Cherokee	180,764	24	192,195	23	6%
Clayton	300,697	6	315,926	7	5%
Cobb	794,879	3	826,788	3	4%
Columbia	169,468	28	180,330	28	6%
Conasauga	147,449	30	152,670	31	4%
Cordele	56,407	49	55,822	49	-1%
Coweta	254,578	12	268,793	12	6%
DeKalb	779,692	4	818,748	4	5%
Dougherty	82,462	42	82,445	43	0%
Douglas	153,749	29	161,700	29	5%
Dublin	73,858	46	74,870	46	1%
Eastern	310,554	5	325,637	5	5%
Enotah	108,255	35	114,898	35	6%
Flint	262,586	10	280,729	10	7%
Griffin	246,744	13	256,977	14	4%
Gwinnett	1,013,725	2	1,061,486	2	5%
Houston	177,118	26	186,509	25	5%
Lookout Mountain	180,883	23	186,059	26	3%
Macon	199,269	18	202,148	20	1%
Middle	96,902	39	97,725	39	1%
Mountain	116,609	34	121,993	34	5%
Northeastern	260,580	11	281,167	9	8%
Northern	124,208	33	132,836	33	7%
Ocmulgee	175,035	27	180,784	27	3%
Oconee	69,404	47	68,737	47	-1%
Ogeechee	184,858	22	199,407	22	8%
Pataula	45,154	51	43,883	51	-3%
Paulding	191,476	20	205,263	19	7%
Piedmont	194,723	19	217,346	18	12%
Rockdale	98,124	37	100,757	38	3%
Rome	101,922	36	104,212	36	2%
South Georgia	84,428	41	85,263	41	1%
Southern	236,799	15	243,803	15	3%
Southwestern	87,004	40	88,096	40	1%
Tallapoosa	77,973	45	81,585	44	5%
Tifton	80,413	43	81,357	45	1%
Toombs	49,278	50	49,919	50	1%
Towaliga	80,188	44	84,407	42	5%
Waycross	144,600	31	147,479	32	2%
West Georgia	144,183	32	153,563	30	7%
Western	177,190	25	188,390	24	6%
Population Totals	11,306,632		11,877,232		5%
Circuit Population Average	221,699		232,887		

*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	1	6	8
Alcovy	2	0	3	4	8
Appalachian	3	0	4	7	9
Atlanta	1	10	13	2	25
Atlantic	6	6	3	7	15
Augusta	2	5	4	3	10
Bell-Forsyth	1	2	2	1	8
Blue Ridge	1	3	2	2	10
Brunswick	5	4	6	7	12
Chattahoochee	6	2	3	7	9
Cherokee	2	0	4	3	12
Clayton	1	5	10	2	9
Cobb	1	12	4	3	24
Columbia	1	0	2	2	6
Conasauga	2	0	1	3	7
Cordele	4	0	1	4	8
Coweta	3	4	4	5	5
DeKalb	1	11	14	3	31
Dougherty	1	1	1	1	3
Douglas	1	3	3	1	4
Dublin	4	1	1	4	6
Eastern	1	3	5	2	4
Enotah	4	0	2	6	11
Flint	1	4	2	2	9
Griffin	4	2	2	5	12
Gwinnett	1	7	6	3	22
Houston	1	1	2	1	4
Lookout Mountain	4	3	3	6	10
Macon	3	2	4	3	9
Middle	5	5	1	7	12
Mountain	3	2	3	5	7
Northeastern	2	3	4	3	9
Northern	5	1	1	6	13
Ocmulgee	8	2	1	9	23
Oconee	6	0	1	6	9
Ogeechee	4	4	1	4	7
Pataula	7	1	2	9	15
Paulding	1	2	2	1	3
Piedmont	3	2	2	2	11
Rockdale	1	2	2	2	4
Rome	1	0	2	1	3
South Georgia	5	3	2	5	8
Southern	5	5	6	5	14
Southwestern	6	1	1	7	14
Tallapoosa	2	0	2	3	5
Tifton	4	3	2	4	8
Toombs	6	0	1	7	15
Towaliga	3	0	1	3	8
Waycross	6	5	3	8	16
West Georgia	2	2	2	2	7
Western	2	2	2	2	6
Statewide Totals	159	136	156	206	527



2025 Judicial Workload Assessment

Methodology

The Office of Research and Data Analysis (ORDA) conducts the Judicial Workload Assessment on an annual basis to capture the activity and judicial resource need of all Judicial Circuits statewide. The assessment calculates judicial need metrics based on the weighted caseload model set forth by the National Center for State Courts. The most recent year of the three-year period becomes the titled year and only circuits with a WVPJ ≥ 1.20 qualify for a new judgeship. The metrics are as follows:

Filings: The average of the most recent three-years of case filings and criminal case defendants for each case type.

Case Weight: The average number of minutes needed to dispose of a particular case type.

Judge Year Value: The average number of minutes per calendar year a judge is available to do case work.

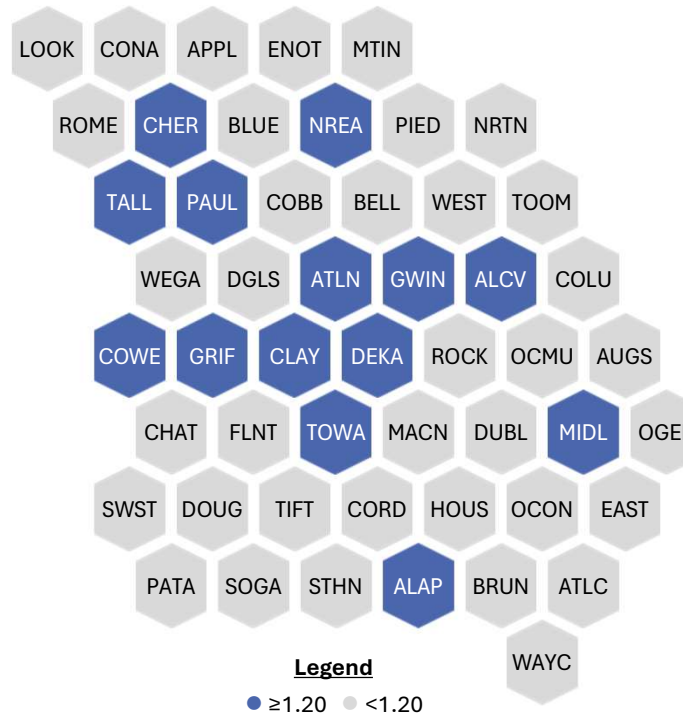
Judge Workload Value (JWV): Measures the number of judges needed to handle the judicial workload in a circuit.

Workload Value per Judge (WVPJ): Measures the percentage of time judges currently spend on judicial work in their circuit.

Cases per Judge (CPJ): Calculates the average number of cases per judge by dividing the total caseload in the circuit by the total number of judges in the circuit.

$$\frac{\text{Filings} \times \text{Case Weights}}{\text{Judge Year Value}} = JWV$$

Circuits by WVPJ



Statewide Judicial Metrics

227

Judgeships

1,495

Cases per Judge

247.7

Judge Workload Value

1.09

Workload Value Per Judge

51

Circuits

14 Circuits

Over 1.20 Threshold

Case Type Trends (2024-2025)

Civil Appeal	+ 16%	Death Penalty/Habeas	- 33%
Contract	+ 15%	Misdemeanor	- 20%
Complex Tort	+ 14%	PAC	- 10%
CACJ	+ 7%	Modification Domestic	- 8%
Real Property	+ 1%	Adoption	- 8%

Fig 1. Workload Assessment by Caseload

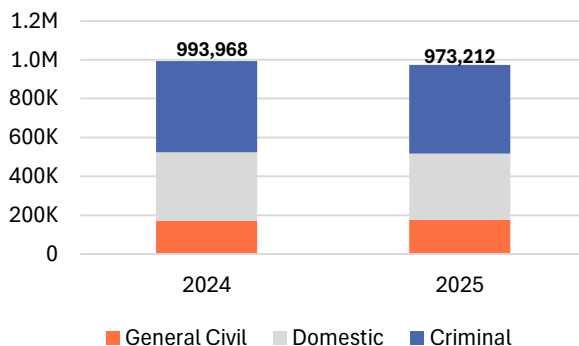


Fig 2. JWV and Judgeships

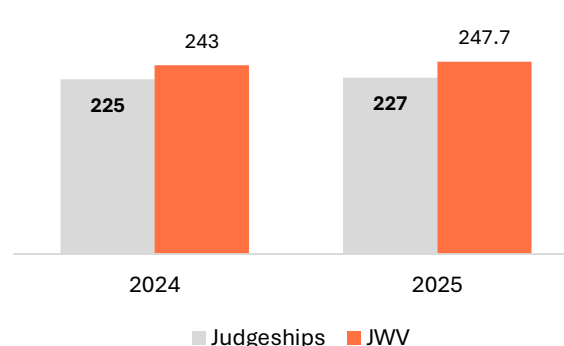


Fig 3. CPJ and WVPJ

