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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	1,566	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	1,495	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	39	1,981	494	3,992
Cordele	0.0	39	735	9	410	972	2,165
Coweta	0.3	68	1,821	36	151	739	2,814
DeKalb	0.3	710	3,081	0	13	517	4,322
Dougherty	0.0	91	695	2	22	405	1,215
Douglas	0.0	69	1,870	1	64	509	2,512
Dublin	0.0	64	649	76	271	418	1,478
Eastern	0.0	159	1,455	142	3	1,661	3,419
Enotah	0.0	31	807	186	583	558	2,165
Flint	0.0	68	1,014	34	29	455	1,600
Griffin	0.3	297	1,562	22	335	833	3,050
Gwinnett	0.0	349	4,161	56	166	2,062	6,794
Houston	0.0	137	1,716	26	224	709	2,813
Lookout Mountain	0.0	63	1,917	1	83	1,115	3,178
Macon	0.0	117	1,981	0	215	268	2,581
Middle	0.3	66	1,354	7	17	686	2,130
Mountain	0.0	88	984	53	314	702	2,141
Northeastern	0.0	71	2,010	286	344	1,446	4,156
Northern	0.0	27	1,290	147	522	1,086	3,072
Ocmulgee	0.0	52	1,758	128	961	1,744	4,643
Oconee	0.3	31	983	39	400	311	1,764
Ogeechee	0.0	62	2,640	128	179	972	3,981
Pataula	0.0	27	624	62	381	368	1,462
Paulding	0.3	147	747	0	19	283	1,196
Piedmont	0.0	33	1,247	18	260	1,191	2,748
Rockdale	0.0	24	620	0	26	424	1,094
Rome	0.0	43	1,470	289	1,132	1,692	4,626
South Georgia	0.0	49	890	41	163	301	1,445
Southern	0.3	89	2,220	100	125	1,238	3,773
Southwestern	0.3	56	569	10	220	342	1,198
Tallapoosa	0.3	17	901	217	630	738	2,504
Tifton	0.0	33	939	17	83	716	1,789
Toombs	0.0	15	550	34	290	260	1,148
Towaliga	0.0	28	944	51	620	233	1,875
Waycross	0.3	44	1,356	30	80	1,034	2,544
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	69	424	880	3,123

Superior Workload Assesment- 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	995	2,311	3,306
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	2,230	3,459

Superior Workload Assessment - Population Projections (Table 4)

Circuit	2024 Population Estimate*	Rank	2029 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	62,105	48	63,388	48	2%
Alcovy	230,801	16	249,938	14	8%
Appalachian	95,731	39	99,876	38	4%
Atlanta	1,094,693	1	1,163,931	1	6%
Atlantic	187,541	19	198,990	20	6%
Augusta	231,220	15	236,454	16	2%
Bell-Forsyth	279,366	8	312,489	8	12%
Blue Ridge	291,481	7	315,387	7	8%
Brunswick	211,183	17	220,781	17	5%
Chattahoochee	269,567	9	275,207	10	2%
Cherokee	177,408	24	189,430	24	7%
Clayton	302,512	6	320,400	6	6%
Cobb	783,536	3	818,891	3	5%
Columbia	167,374	28	177,815	28	6%
Conasauga	145,965	30	151,794	30	4%
Cordele	56,423	49	55,657	49	-1%
Coweta	251,228	12	266,562	12	6%
DeKalb	768,134	4	796,348	4	4%
Dougherty	82,793	42	82,540	43	0%
Douglas	150,796	29	157,985	29	5%
Dublin	73,561	46	74,635	46	1%
Eastern	307,912	5	327,141	5	6%
Enotah	106,107	35	112,969	35	6%
Flint	257,669	10	275,464	9	7%
Griffin	244,627	13	255,930	13	5%
Gwinnett	992,705	2	1,039,429	2	5%
Houston	174,694	26	186,281	26	7%
Lookout Mountain	181,162	23	187,014	25	3%
Macon	198,870	18	203,857	19	3%
Middle	96,381	38	97,182	39	1%
Mountain	114,499	34	119,670	34	5%
Northeastern	252,557	11	269,658	11	7%
Northern	122,068	33	130,141	33	7%
Ocmulgee	172,923	27	178,650	27	3%
Oconee	69,229	47	68,006	47	-2%
Ogeechee	181,723	22	197,025	22	8%
Pataula	45,102	51	43,805	51	-3%
Paulding	185,677	20	198,697	21	7%
Piedmont	185,069	21	205,281	18	11%
Rockdale	96,730	37	100,247	37	4%
Rome	100,416	36	102,024	36	2%
South Georgia	84,568	41	85,067	41	1%
Southern	233,791	14	239,368	15	2%
Southwestern	86,404	40	86,256	40	0%
Tallapoosa	76,964	45	80,044	45	4%
Tifton	80,034	43	80,267	44	0%
Toombs	49,042	50	49,423	50	1%
Towaliga	79,039	44	83,398	42	6%
Waycross	143,905	31	146,843	32	2%
West Georgia	141,223	32	150,684	31	7%
Western	176,856	25	189,948	23	7%
Population Totals	11,151,364		11,718,267		5%
Circuit Population Average	218,654		229,770		

*Source: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Superior Workload Assesment- 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	7
Alcovy	2	0	4	4	8
Appalachian	3	0	4	7	9
Atlanta	1	10	12	2	24
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	6	12
Chattahoochee	6	2	4	7	8
Cherokee	2	0	4	3	12
Clayton	1	5	9	2	9
Cobb	1	12	4	3	22
Columbia	1	0	2	2	6
Conasauga	2	0	1	3	7
Cordele	4	0	1	4	8
Coweta	3	4	4	4	5
DeKalb	1	11	14	3	32
Dougherty	1	1	2	1	3
Douglas	1	2	3	1	4
Dublin	4	1	1	4	6
Eastern	1	3	6	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	3	1	4
Lookout Mountain	4	3	3	6	10
Macon	3	2	3	3	9
Middle	5	5	1	6	12
Mountain	3	2	2	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	14
Paulding	1	2	2	1	3
Piedmont	3	2	2	2	11
Rockdale	1	2	2	1	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	2	7	16
West Georgia	2	1	2	2	7
Western	2	2	2	2	5
Statewide Totals	159	134	156	201	521

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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.

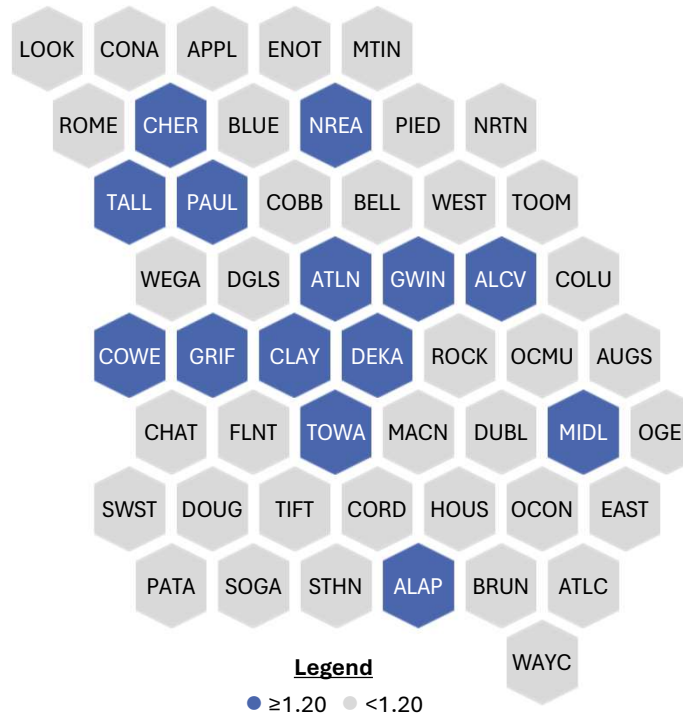
Judge Workload Value (JWV): Measures the number of judges needed to handle the judicial workload in a circuit.

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

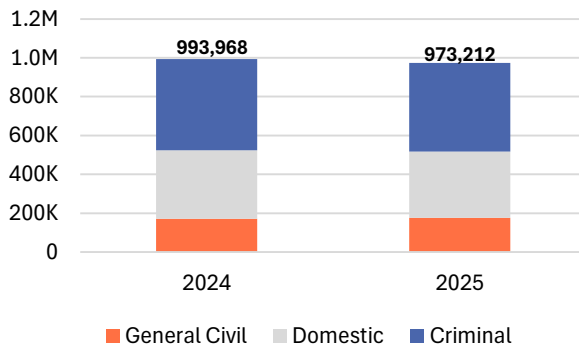


Fig 2. JWV and Judgeships

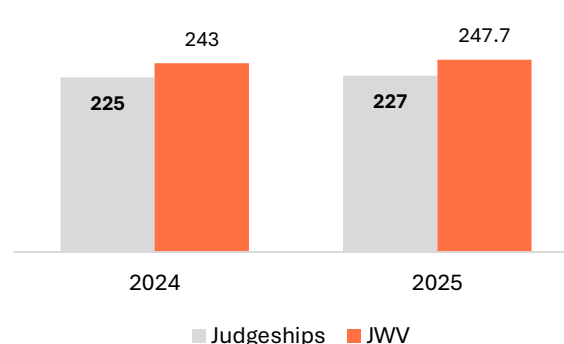


Fig 3. CPJ and WVPJ

