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2018 Superior Court Workload Assessment

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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 forty-nine 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 and approved by the legislature.

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 averages for both case types.

Table 4 shows the 2018 population estimate and the 2023 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

Circuit	Number of Judges in 2018	Cases Per Judge Three Year Average	Judge Workload Value	Workload Value per Judge
Alapaha	2	2,031	2.45	1.22
Alcovy	5	1,971	5.62	1.12
Appalachian	3	1,434	3.60	1.20
Atlanta	20	1,699	24.14	1.21
Atlantic	4	1,586	7.42	1.85
Augusta	8	1,437	8.84	1.10
Bell-Forsyth	3	1,243	2.65	0.88
Blue Ridge	3	1,796	3.93	1.31
Brunswick	5	1,757	5.98	1.20
Chattahoochee	7	1,405	7.49	1.07
Cherokee	4	2,409	4.73	1.18
Clayton	5	1,730	6.51	1.30
Cobb	10	1,917	13.09	1.31
Conasauga	4	1,667	3.68	0.92
Cordele	3	1,117	2.18	0.73
Coweta	7	1,850	9.06	1.29
Dougherty	3	1,121	2.99	1.00
Douglas	3	2,050	3.76	1.25
Dublin	3	1,217	2.06	0.69
Eastern	6	1,491	6.15	1.03
Enotah	3	1,607	3.48	1.16
Flint	3	1,904	4.00	1.33
Griffin	4	1,889	6.20	1.55
Gwinnett	10	2,372	14.78	1.48
Houston	3	1,213	2.42	0.81
Lookout Mountain	4	1,515	6.42	1.61
Macon	5	1,452	4.63	0.93
Middle	2	1,888	2.27	1.14
Mountain	2	1,658	2.62	1.31
Northeastern	5	1,402	5.13	1.03
Northern	3	2,206	3.73	1.24
Ocmulgee	5	1,596	4.99	1.00
Oconee	3	1,242	2.77	0.92
Ogeechee	3	1,831	4.54	1.51
Pataula	2	1,157	1.49	0.74
Paulding	3	2,118	3.42	1.14
Piedmont	4	1,553	2.99	0.75
Rockdale	2	1,496	2.10	1.05
Rome	4	1,621	3.51	0.88
South Georgia	2	1,142	2.58	1.29
Southern	5	1,595	5.91	1.18
Southwestern	3	902	2.53	0.84
Stone Mountain	10	1,818	13.55	1.35
Tallapoosa	2	1,686	2.15	1.07
Tifton	2	1,215	2.23	1.12
Toombs	2	1,081	1.27	0.64
Towaliga	2	1,501	2.02	1.01
Waycross	4	1,262	4.08	1.02
Western	4	1,646	3.59	0.90
Statewide Totals	214	1,602	247.71	1.16

Superior Workload Assessment- Criminal Cases Three-Year Average

Circuit	Serious Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Death Penalty	Probation Revocation	Total Criminal Defendants
Alapaha	51	852	1,042	0.0	422	2,367
Alcovy	127	1,325	1,238	0.3	2,178	4,867
Appalachian	127	1,014	752	0.0	586	2,478
Atlanta	680	8,532	304	2.0	3,235	12,752
Atlantic	485	1,109	111	0.0	1,306	3,010
Augusta	350	2,564	794	0.3	300	4,008
Bell-Forsyth	37	809	29	0.0	499	1,372
Blue Ridge	103	1,328	114	0.0	1,145	2,690
Brunswick	125	2,124	567	0.0	1,374	4,190
Chattahoochee	162	3,020	600	0.0	1,138	4,920
Cherokee	42	2,086	1,962	0.0	2,410	6,500
Clayton	231	2,208	321	0.0	682	3,442
Cobb	263	5,145	150	0.3	2,610	8,169
Conasauga	36	1,492	1,445	0.0	1,111	4,083
Cordele	78	785	680	0.0	498	2,041
Coweta	133	3,984	666	0.0	1,292	6,075
Dougherty	161	925	81	1.0	580	1,748
Douglas	71	1,537	65	0.0	1,731	3,403
Dublin	39	608	521	0.0	592	1,758
Eastern	183	2,474	36	1.3	1,652	4,346
Enotah	86	1,002	1,250	0.0	774	3,112
Flint	81	1,013	54	0.3	673	1,821
Griffin	268	1,655	308	0.0	1,483	3,715
Gwinnett	255	3,880	129	1.0	3,900	8,164
Houston	81	809	62	0.0	844	1,795
Lookout Mountain	470	1,392	137	0.0	919	2,918
Macon	130	1,409	281	0.3	872	2,692
Middle	64	660	26	0.3	441	1,191
Mountain	95	655	311	0.0	623	1,684
Northeastern	90	1,778	478	0.0	1,503	3,848
Northern	68	1,447	855	0.7	1,650	4,021
Ocmulgee	96	1,801	1,106	1.0	1,616	4,620
Oconee	126	958	682	0.3	368	2,134
Ogeechee	174	2,108	200	0.3	422	2,904
Pataula	40	526	395	0.0	372	1,333
Paulding	41	859	1,111	0.0	1,094	3,105
Piedmont	30	834	884	0.0	1,748	3,496
Rockdale	32	744	1	0.0	442	1,220
Rome	52	1,425	1,442	0.0	921	3,840
South Georgia	140	543	97	0.0	159	939
Southern	147	2,121	211	0.3	1,147	3,626
Southwestern	107	628	235	0.0	269	1,239
Stone Mountain	533	3,276	78	0.0	1,243	5,130
Tallapoosa	40	865	933	0.0	88	1,925
Tifton	100	619	66	0.0	208	993
Toombs	24	378	350	0.0	171	923
Towaliga	47	651	410	0.0	179	1,286
Waycross	90	1,379	207	0.3	685	2,362
Western	38	1,874	548	0.0	1,418	3,877
Statewide Average	143	1,657	496	0.2	1,052	3,349

Superior Workload Assessment- Civil Cases Three-Year Average

Circuit	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Civil Cases
Alapaha	345	1,323	1,668
Alcovy	1,990	2,949	4,939
Appalachian	621	1,096	1,717
Atlanta	7,455	13,593	21,048
Atlantic	635	2,640	3,275
Augusta	2,586	4,831	7,417
Bell-Forsyth	469	1,829	2,299
Blue Ridge	599	2,047	2,646
Brunswick	819	3,685	4,503
Chattahoochee	1,338	3,491	4,829
Cherokee	976	2,102	3,078
Clayton	1,090	4,082	5,172
Cobb	2,724	8,160	10,884
Conasauga	843	1,689	2,532
Cordele	483	823	1,306
Coweta	1,192	5,558	6,750
Dougherty	306	1,296	1,602
Douglas	596	2,070	2,666
Dublin	444	1,438	1,882
Eastern	1,330	3,203	4,533
Enotah	517	1,118	1,635
Flint	909	2,948	3,857
Griffin	989	2,805	3,794
Gwinnett	4,973	10,472	15,444
Houston	246	1,577	1,823
Lookout Mountain	634	2,496	3,130
Macon	835	3,651	4,487
Middle	435	2,147	2,582
Mountain	384	1,195	1,579
Northeastern	658	2,318	2,976
Northern	593	1,991	2,583
Ocmulgee	1,020	2,282	3,302
Oconee	450	1,143	1,593
Ogeechee	538	2,048	2,586
Pataula	263	701	964
Paulding	1,303	1,919	3,223
Piedmont	811	1,865	2,675
Rockdale	277	1,434	1,711
Rome	750	1,871	2,621
South Georgia	347	961	1,308
Southern	1,090	3,209	4,299
Southwestern	492	948	1,440
Stone Mountain	2,278	10,733	13,010
Tallapoosa	459	967	1,426
Tifton	392	1,026	1,418
Toombs	309	921	1,230
Towaliga	610	1,076	1,686
Waycross	626	2,004	2,630
Western	848	1,821	2,668
Statewide Averages	1,038	2,807	3,845

Superior Workload Assessment- Population Projections

Circuit	2018 Population Estimate*	Rank	2023 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	63,295	47	64,399	47	2%
Alcovy	210,631	16	230,987	16	10%
Appalachian	85,298	40	87,753	40	3%
Atlanta	1,087,425	1	1,174,318	1	8%
Atlantic	177,167	20	187,507	20	6%
Augusta	386,483	5	408,591	5	6%
Bell-Forsyth	237,439	12	278,320	11	17%
Blue Ridge	258,943	10	289,943	10	12%
Brunswick	207,966	17	216,910	17	4%
Chattahoochee	283,672	8	292,311	8	3%
Cherokee	166,752	23	174,301	25	5%
Clayton	280,140	9	291,543	9	4%
Cobb	772,545	3	815,773	3	6%
Conasauga	147,590	29	151,347	29	3%
Cordele	64,453	46	64,585	46	<1%
Coweta	378,195	6	404,434	6	7%
Dougherty	93,393	36	93,301	36	<1%
Douglas	153,091	28	167,535	28	9%
Dublin	74,103	43	74,787	43	1%
Eastern	300,863	7	318,767	7	6%
Enotah	96,230	34	100,617	33	5%
Flint	237,005	13	260,081	12	10%
Griffin	225,662	15	232,826	15	3%
Gwinnett	966,881	2	1,060,245	2	10%
Houston	161,245	27	172,202	26	7%
Lookout Mountain	180,448	19	184,131	22	2%
Macon	197,610	18	199,249	18	1%
Middle	100,721	32	102,563	32	2%
Mountain	88,483	38	91,201	38	3%
Northeastern	232,408	14	251,523	13	8%
Northern	112,172	31	113,795	31	1%
Ocmulgee	166,050	24	168,775	27	2%
Oconee	79,202	42	79,132	42	-0.1%
Ogeechee	162,852	26	174,913	23	7%
Pataula	46,043	49	44,908	49	-2%
Paulding	167,306	22	185,617	21	11%
Piedmont	172,304	21	191,625	19	11%
Rockdale	94,077	35	100,087	34	6%
Rome	98,206	33	99,862	35	2%
South Georgia	87,103	39	88,097	39	1%
Southern	237,595	11	248,515	14	5%
Southwestern	89,891	37	91,259	37	2%
Stone Mountain	750,778	4	776,529	4	3%
Tallapoosa	72,528	44	74,550	45	3%
Tifton	80,411	41	81,143	41	1%
Toombs	49,473	48	49,062	48	-1%
Towaliga	71,804	45	74,759	44	4%
Waycross	146,412	30	151,028	30	3%
Western	165,776	25	174,893	24	5%
Population Totals	10,766,121		11,410,598		
Circuit Population Average	219,717		232,869		6%

*Source: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Superior Workload Assessment- Number of Judges per Class of Court

Circuit	Number of Counties	State Court Judges	Juvenile Court Judges	Probate Court Judges	Magistrate Court Judges
Alapaha	5	0	2	5	11
Alcovy	2	0	3	2	7
Appalachian	3	0	2	4	10
Atlanta	1	10	7	1	24
Atlantic	6	6	3	8	17
Augusta	3	5	4	4	14
Bell-Forsyth	1	2	2	1	6
Blue Ridge	1	3	2	2	9
Brunswick	5	4	6	6	14
Chattahoochee	6	2	3	6	10
Cherokee	2	0	3	2	11
Clayton	1	5	3	1	4
Cobb	1	12	4	1	15
Conasauga	2	0	1	2	6
Cordele	4	0	1	5	8
Coweta	5	4	4	5	12
Dougherty	1	1	2	1	4
Douglas	1	2	2	1	3
Dublin	4	1	1	4	6
Eastern	1	3	3	1	4
Enotah	4	0	1	4	11
Flint	1	4	1	1	6
Griffin	4	2	2	4	12
Gwinnett	1	6	3	2	19
Houston	1	1	1	1	4
Lookout Mountain	4	3	3	4	11
Macon	3	2	2	3	7
Middle	5	5	1	5	13
Mountain	3	2	2	3	9
Northeastern	2	3	3	2	7
Northern	5	1	1	5	12
Ocmulgee	8	2	1	8	25
Oconee	6	0	1	6	9
Ogeechee	4	4	3	4	6
Pataula	7	2	2	7	12
Paulding	1	0	1	1	3
Piedmont	3	1	2	3	6
Rockdale	1	1	1	1	3
Rome	1	0	2	1	3
South Georgia	5	3	2	5	9
Southern	5	5	4	5	11
Southwestern	6	1	2	6	14
Stone Mountain	1	11	4	1	20
Tallapoosa	2	0	2	2	5
Tifton	4	3	1	4	8
Toombs	6	0	1	6	12
Towaliga	3	0	1	3	7
Waycross	6	5	3	6	15
Western	2	2	3	2	4
Statewide Totals	159	129	114	167	478