



# Judicial Council of Georgia

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### **2019 Superior Court Workload Assessment** **October 1, 2020**

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.

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 2019 population estimate and the 2024 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](mailto:casecount@georgiacourts.gov).

Superior Workload Assessment- Total Cases per Judge Distribution

Circuit	Number of Judges in 2019	Cases Per Judge Three Year Average	Judge Workload Value	Workload Value per Judge
Alapaha	2	2,175	2.7	1.3
Alcovy	5	1,990	5.7	1.1
Appalachian	3	1,399	3.4	1.1
Atlanta	20	1,683	25.6	1.3
Atlantic	4	1,507	4.9	1.2
Augusta	8	1,610	9.5	1.2
Bell-Forsyth	3	1,270	2.7	0.9
Blue Ridge	3	1,863	4.6	1.5
Brunswick	5	1,574	6.3	1.3
Chattahoochee	7	1,440	8.5	1.2
Cherokee	4	2,513	5.0	1.2
Clayton	5	1,800	6.9	1.4
Cobb	10	1,862	13.1	1.3
Conasauga	4	1,601	3.5	0.9
Cordele	3	1,241	2.2	0.7
Coweta	7	1,682	10.2	1.5
Dougherty	3	1,011	3.6	1.2
Douglas	3	2,115	3.6	1.2
Dublin	3	1,118	2.1	0.7
Eastern	6	1,565	5.9	1.0
Enotah	3	1,711	3.6	1.2
Flint	3	1,824	3.6	1.2
Griffin	4	1,895	6.7	1.7
Gwinnett	10	2,308	15.0	1.5
Houston	3	1,311	3.3	1.1
Lookout Mountain	4	1,397	6.2	1.6
Macon	5	1,264	3.8	0.8
Middle	2	1,876	2.5	1.2
Mountain	2	1,686	2.7	1.4
Northeastern	5	1,333	5.0	1.0
Northern	3	1,933	3.6	1.2
Ocmulgee	5	1,482	5.0	1.0
Oconee	3	1,170	2.7	0.9
Ogeechee	3	1,848	4.9	1.6
Pataula	2	1,144	1.5	0.7
Paulding	3	1,941	3.4	1.1
Piedmont	4	1,972	4.1	1.0
Rockdale	2	1,472	1.9	1.0
Rome	4	1,712	4.9	1.2
South Georgia	2	1,377	3.5	1.8
Southern	5	1,569	7.1	1.4
Southwestern	3	933	3.1	1.0
Stone Mountain	10	1,729	14.2	1.4
Tallapoosa	2	1,896	2.4	1.2
Tifton	2	1,402	2.7	1.4
Toombs	2	1,077	1.3	0.7
Towaliga	2	1,633	2.2	1.1
Waycross	4	1,393	3.9	1.0
Western	4	1,507	3.3	0.8
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>

Superior Workload Assessment- Criminal Cases Three-Year Average

Circuit	Serious Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Death Penalty	Probation Revocation	Total Criminal Defendants
Alapaha	67	949	1,183	0.0	537	2,735
Alcovy	120	1,435	1,263	0.3	2,119	4,937
Appalachian	95	972	777	0.0	559	2,402
Atlanta	811	9,064	277	1.7	3,385	13,539
Atlantic	104	2,171	137	0.0	274	2,684
Augusta	364	2,800	923	0.0	1,026	5,112
Bell-Forsyth	38	905	16	0.0	511	1,469
Blue Ridge	157	1,477	140	0.0	1,131	2,904
Brunswick	125	2,177	538	0.0	1,166	4,006
Chattahoochee	245	3,391	643	0.0	1,094	5,372
Cherokee	45	2,224	2,018	0.0	2,401	6,687
Clayton	249	2,459	338	0.7	807	3,854
Cobb	243	5,566	175	0.0	2,780	8,763
Conasauga	35	1,548	1,873	0.0	555	4,011
Cordele	57	806	578	0.3	983	2,424
Coweta	318	3,568	537	0.0	1,039	5,461
Dougherty	264	938	44	1.0	573	1,819
Douglas	63	1,564	64	0.3	2,000	3,692
Dublin	42	582	464	0.0	401	1,489
Eastern	117	2,894	29	1.3	1,846	4,887
Enotah	106	1,179	1,391	0.0	818	3,493
Flint	60	1,216	36	0.3	713	2,025
Griffin	323	1,694	307	0.0	1,735	4,058
Gwinnett	289	3,681	155	1.0	3,495	7,620
Houston	164	814	54	0.0	840	1,872
Lookout Mountain	455	1,271	82	0.0	960	2,768
Macon	69	1,129	201	0.3	922	2,321
Middle	65	951	44	0.0	434	1,494
Mountain	95	745	281	0.0	595	1,715
Northeastern	100	1,886	490	0.3	1,081	3,556
Northern	63	1,576	771	0.0	1,088	3,498
Ocmulgee	118	1,673	899	1.0	1,520	4,211
Oconee	114	924	595	0.3	380	2,013
Ogeechee	203	1,959	127	0.7	509	2,798
Pataula	38	524	423	0.0	387	1,373
Paulding	27	899	1,101	0.0	434	2,460
Piedmont	38	1,640	1,195	0.0	1,749	4,621
Rockdale	29	693	19	0.0	464	1,206
Rome	200	1,480	1,300	0.0	1,261	4,241
South Georgia	249	449	124	0.0	369	1,190
Southern	251	2,658	210	1.0	622	3,741
Southwestern	191	436	310	0.0	289	1,226
Stone Mountain	611	3,113	38	0.0	1,352	5,114
Tallapoosa	32	1,281	1,117	0.0	72	2,502
Tifton	136	832	68	0.3	246	1,283
Toombs	27	419	350	0.0	203	998
Towaliga	50	845	466	0.0	154	1,514
Waycross	44	1,551	125	0.3	1,069	2,789
Western	61	1,292	562	0.0	1,459	3,374
Statewide Average	158	1,761	507	0.2	1,029	3,455

Superior Workload Assessment- Civil Cases Three-Year Average

Circuit	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Civil Cases
Alapaha	410	1,177	1,587
Alcovy	2,039	2,918	4,957
Appalachian	624	1,048	1,672
Atlanta	7,011	12,898	19,909
Atlantic	669	2,630	3,298
Augusta	2,892	4,779	7,670
Bell-Forsyth	515	1,772	2,287
Blue Ridge	620	1,991	2,611
Brunswick	945	2,796	3,741
Chattahoochee	1,163	3,439	4,602
Cherokee	1,041	2,278	3,319
Clayton	1,011	4,097	5,109
Cobb	2,866	6,875	9,741
Conasauga	894	1,456	2,350
Cordele	459	821	1,281
Coweta	1,258	4,903	6,161
Dougherty	261	938	1,199
Douglas	531	2,066	2,597
Dublin	502	1,345	1,847
Eastern	1,334	3,104	4,437
Enotah	552	1,050	1,602
Flint	647	2,764	3,411
Griffin	929	2,540	3,469
Gwinnett	4,906	10,456	15,362
Houston	289	1,746	2,035
Lookout Mountain	674	2,118	2,793
Macon	868	3,061	3,929
Middle	379	1,872	2,252
Mountain	418	1,179	1,598
Northeastern	679	2,296	2,975
Northern	592	1,692	2,284
Ocmulgee	1,087	2,053	3,140
Oconee	553	933	1,486
Ogeechee	656	2,050	2,706
Pataula	346	545	892
Paulding	1,530	1,803	3,333
Piedmont	1,039	2,184	3,223
Rockdale	280	1,419	1,699
Rome	855	1,720	2,575
South Georgia	375	1,146	1,521
Southern	1,248	2,803	4,051
Southwestern	595	955	1,550
Stone Mountain	2,142	9,962	12,105
Tallapoosa	469	792	1,261
Tifton	446	1,057	1,503
Toombs	315	830	1,145
Towaliga	690	1,034	1,724
Waycross	680	2,035	2,715
Western	889	1,730	2,619
<b>Statewide Averages</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>3,701</b>

Superior Workload Assessment- Population Projections

Circuit	2019 Population Estimate*	Rank	2024 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	63,528	47	64,572	47	2%
Alcovy	214,641	16	235,301	15	10%
Appalachian	85,807	40	88,171	40	3%
Atlanta	1,104,788	1	1,191,759	1	8%
Atlantic	179,230	20	189,596	20	6%
Augusta	390,898	5	413,041	5	6%
Bell-Forsyth	245,429	11	287,240	11	17%
Blue Ridge	265,020	10	296,634	8	12%
Brunswick	209,780	17	218,596	17	4%
Chattahoochee	285,447	8	293,849	9	3%
Cherokee	168,290	23	175,695	25	4%
Clayton	282,488	9	293,556	10	4%
Cobb	781,311	3	823,935	3	5%
Conasauga	148,374	29	151,969	29	2%
Cordele	64,486	46	64,583	46	<1%
Coweta	383,430	6	409,735	6	7%
Dougherty	93,385	36	93,243	36	<1%
Douglas	155,959	28	170,510	27	9%
Dublin	74,256	43	74,862	45	1%
Eastern	304,482	7	322,197	7	6%
Enotah	97,116	34	101,460	33	4%
Flint	241,568	12	264,906	12	10%
Griffin	227,133	15	234,107	16	3%
Gwinnett	985,396	2	1,079,546	2	10%
Houston	163,444	27	174,362	26	7%
Lookout Mountain	181,217	19	184,741	22	2%
Macon	197,968	18	199,455	18	1%
Middle	101,107	32	102,863	32	2%
Mountain	89,027	38	91,746	37	3%
Northeastern	236,204	14	255,455	13	8%
Northern	112,519	31	114,030	31	1%
Ocmulgee	166,637	25	169,153	28	2%
Oconee	79,190	42	79,110	42	-0.1%
Ogeechee	165,262	26	177,333	23	7%
Pataula	45,828	49	44,633	49	-3%
Paulding	170,901	22	189,548	21	11%
Piedmont	176,108	21	195,729	19	11%
Rockdale	95,285	35	101,263	34	6%
Rome	98,546	33	100,159	35	2%
South Georgia	87,318	39	88,233	39	1%
Southern	239,813	13	250,562	14	4%
Southwestern	90,172	37	91,504	38	1%
Stone Mountain	756,138	4	780,837	4	3%
Tallapoosa	72,950	44	74,886	44	3%
Tifton	80,571	41	81,236	41	1%
Toombs	49,403	48	48,930	48	-1%
Towaliga	72,397	45	75,343	43	4%
Waycross	147,351	30	151,888	30	3%
Western	167,618	24	176,644	24	5%
<b>Population Totals</b>	<b>10,895,213</b>		<b>11,538,707</b>		
<b>Circuit Population Average</b>	<b>222,351</b>		<b>235,484</b>		<b>6%</b>

\*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
<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>478</b>