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2020 Superior Court Workload Assessment **November 3, 2021**

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 two-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 two-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 2020 population estimate and the 2025 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 2020	Cases Per Judge Two Year Average	Judge Workload Value	Workload Value per Judge
Alapaha	2	2,226	2.6	1.3
Alcovy	5	1,965	5.7	1.1
Appalachian	3	1,387	3.4	1.1
Atlanta	20	1,664	25.0	1.2
Atlantic	4	1,501	5.0	1.2
Augusta	5	1,736	6.8	1.4
Bell-Forsyth	3	1,264	2.7	0.9
Blue Ridge	3	1,847	4.7	1.6
Brunswick	5	1,627	6.4	1.3
Chattahoochee	7	1,410	8.3	1.2
Cherokee	4	2,531	5.1	1.3
Clayton	5	1,871	7.0	1.4
Cobb	10	1,871	13.0	1.3
Columbia	3	1,533	2.7	0.9
Conasauga	4	1,581	3.5	0.9
Cordele	3	1,259	2.4	0.8
Coweta	7	1,682	10.3	1.5
Dougherty	3	1,034	3.5	1.2
Douglas	3	2,102	3.7	1.2
Dublin	3	1,153	2.2	0.7
Eastern	6	1,590	5.9	1.0
Enotah	3	1,813	3.6	1.2
Flint	3	1,915	3.6	1.2
Griffin	5	1,331	6.5	1.3
Gwinnett	11	2,064	14.9	1.4
Houston	3	1,319	3.3	1.1
Lookout Mountain	4	1,359	6.2	1.6
Macon	5	1,202	3.8	0.8
Middle	2	1,924	2.5	1.3
Mountain	2	1,713	2.8	1.4
Northeastern	5	1,272	4.9	1.0
Northern	3	2,100	3.7	1.2
Ocmulgee	5	1,488	4.9	1.0
Oconee	3	1,119	2.8	0.9
Ogeechee	3	1,897	5.1	1.7
Pataula	2	1,150	1.5	0.7
Paulding	3	2,031	3.5	1.2
Piedmont	4	1,921	4.0	1.0
Rockdale	2	1,496	2.0	1.0
Rome	4	1,799	4.9	1.2
South Georgia	2	1,233	3.6	1.8
Southern	5	1,544	7.2	1.4
Southwestern	3	988	3.3	1.1
Stone Mountain	10	1,737	14.0	1.4
Tallapoosa	2	1,980	2.5	1.2
Tifton	2	1,425	2.7	1.3
Toombs	2	1,067	1.3	0.7
Towaliga	2	1,678	2.3	1.2
Waycross	4	1,421	4.0	1.0
Western	4	1,451	3.3	0.8
Statewide Totals	216	1,605	258.7	1.2

Superior Workload Assessment- Criminal Cases Two-Year Average

Circuit	Serious Felony	Felony	Misdemeanor	Death Penalty	Probation Revocation	Total Criminal Defendants
Alapaha	67	949	1,224	0.0	639	2,877
Alcovy	120	1,435	1,195	0.5	2,152	4,901
Appalachian	95	972	912	0.0	516	2,495
Atlanta	811	9,064	219	0.0	3,637	13,730
Atlantic	104	2,171	187	0.0	208	2,669
Augusta	346	1,939	13	0.0	1,049	3,347
Bell-Forsyth	38	905	11	0.0	546	1,499
Blue Ridge	157	1,477	143	0.0	1,126	2,903
Brunswick	125	2,177	580	0.0	1,409	4,290
Chattahoochee	245	3,391	673	0.0	1,084	5,392
Cherokee	45	2,224	2,035	0.0	2,405	6,708
Clayton	249	2,459	330	1.0	1,211	4,250
Cobb	243	5,566	197	0.0	2,943	8,948
Columbia	18	861	945	0.0	163	1,986
Conasauga	35	1,548	1,798	0.0	533	3,913
Cordele	57	806	523	0.5	1,174	2,560
Coweta	318	3,568	437	0.0	1,199	5,521
Dougherty	264	938	41	0.0	551	1,794
Douglas	63	1,564	67	0.5	1,960	3,654
Dublin	42	582	375	0.0	589	1,587
Eastern	117	2,894	6	0.0	2,055	5,071
Enotah	106	1,179	1,417	0.0	1,002	3,703
Flint	60	1,216	34	0.5	737	2,047
Griffin	323	1,694	281	0.0	1,088	3,385
Gwinnett	289	3,681	172	1.5	3,278	7,420
Houston	164	814	54	0.0	860	1,892
Lookout Mountain	455	1,271	68	0.0	959	2,752
Macon	69	1,129	124	0.0	923	2,244
Middle	65	951	52	0.0	540	1,608
Mountain	95	745	326	0.0	591	1,757
Northeastern	100	1,886	529	0.5	719	3,233
Northern	63	1,576	874	0.0	1,405	3,917
Ocmulgee	118	1,673	842	0.5	1,732	4,364
Oconee	114	924	496	0.0	372	1,905
Ogeechee	203	1,959	130	0.5	582	2,873
Pataula	38	524	413	0.0	396	1,371
Paulding	27	899	1,095	0.0	651	2,671
Piedmont	38	1,640	1,330	0.0	1,514	4,520
Rockdale	29	693	2	0.0	471	1,195
Rome	200	1,480	1,177	0.0	1,675	4,531
South Georgia	249	449	46	0.0	216	960
Southern	251	2,658	235	1.0	387	3,531
Southwestern	191	436	337	0.0	234	1,197
Stone Mountain	611	3,113	43	0.0	1,427	5,193
Tallapoosa	32	1,281	1,263	0.0	90	2,666
Tifton	136	832	76	0.5	291	1,336
Toombs	27	419	363	0.0	247	1,056
Towaliga	50	845	525	0.0	199	1,618
Waycross	44	1,551	133	0.5	1,191	2,918
Western	61	1,292	480	0.0	1,436	3,269
Statewide Average	155	1,726	496	0.2	1,047	3,424

Superior Workload Assessment- Civil Cases Two-Year Average

Circuit	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Civil Cases
Alapaha	450	1,107	1,557
Alcovy	2,018	2,851	4,868
Appalachian	561	974	1,535
Atlanta	7,017	12,399	19,415
Atlantic	649	2,641	3,289
Augusta	2,462	2,795	5,256
Bell-Forsyth	513	1,725	2,238
Blue Ridge	650	1,907	2,557
Brunswick	987	2,743	3,730
Chattahoochee	1,089	3,294	4,383
Cherokee	1,057	2,304	3,360
Clayton	964	4,095	5,059
Cobb	2,974	6,676	9,650
Columbia	884	1,698	2,581
Conasauga	995	1,368	2,363
Cordele	469	724	1,193
Coweta	1,290	4,813	6,103
Dougherty	233	1,059	1,292
Douglas	500	2,095	2,594
Dublin	551	1,300	1,851
Eastern	1,305	3,096	4,401
Enotah	606	1,094	1,700
Flint	845	2,823	3,668
Griffin	844	2,371	3,215
Gwinnett	4,770	10,415	15,184
Houston	294	1,747	2,041
Lookout Mountain	615	2,037	2,652
Macon	912	2,781	3,693
Middle	371	1,862	2,233
Mountain	413	1,198	1,611
Northeastern	668	2,344	3,012
Northern	599	1,764	2,363
Ocmulgee	1,142	1,898	3,039
Oconee	608	828	1,435
Ogeechee	688	2,073	2,760
Pataula	329	580	908
Paulding	1,667	1,726	3,393
Piedmont	937	2,190	3,127
Rockdale	308	1,449	1,756
Rome	967	1,666	2,633
South Georgia	408	1,052	1,460
Southern	1,343	2,797	4,140
Southwestern	701	1,042	1,742
Stone Mountain	2,065	10,065	12,130
Tallapoosa	498	765	1,263
Tifton	477	1,023	1,500
Toombs	318	751	1,068
Towaliga	688	1,020	1,707
Waycross	659	2,037	2,696
Western	1,001	1,497	2,498
Statewide Averages	1,067	2,531	3,598

Superior Workload Assessment- Population Projections

Circuit	2020 Population Estimate*	Rank	2025 Projected Population**	Rank	Percent change over 5 years
Alapaha	61,822	47	62,098	47	0%
Alcovy	209,588	16	227,999	16	9%
Appalachian	91,242	37	96,290	36	6%
Atlanta	1,072,696	1	1,145,768	1	7%
Atlantic	172,571	21	181,294	24	5%
Augusta	224,877	15	228,913	15	2%
Bell-Forsyth	250,298	10	285,085	8	14%
Blue Ridge	260,189	8	271,775	9	4%
Brunswick	204,353	17	211,248	17	3%
Chattahoochee	256,737	9	255,472	11	0%
Cherokee	166,907	25	176,547	26	6%
Clayton	301,087	6	338,797	6	13%
Cobb	766,481	4	812,725	4	6%
Columbia	162,542	27	179,423	25	10%
Conasauga	144,964	30	149,294	30	3%
Cordele	60,840	48	60,431	48	<1%
Coweta	374,446	5	397,469	5	6%
Dougherty	87,352	39	84,664	40	<1%
Douglas	147,529	29	155,878	29	6%
Dublin	71,897	45	71,500	46	-1%
Eastern	290,550	7	303,392	7	4%
Enotah	101,784	33	108,542	33	7%
Flint	238,285	11	260,832	10	9%
Griffin	227,536	13	239,541	13	5%
Gwinnett	949,438	2	1,029,880	2	8%
Houston	159,117	28	167,781	27	5%
Lookout Mountain	178,236	20	183,260	22	3%
Macon	192,452	18	193,773	19	1%
Middle	95,967	35	96,564	35	1%
Mountain	88,731	38	91,338	38	3%
Northeastern	233,526	12	253,899	12	9%
Northern	114,314	32	118,436	32	4%
Ocmulgee	164,525	26	166,460	28	1%
Oconee	76,875	43	76,046	43	-1.1%
Ogeechee	169,090	24	184,319	21	9%
Pataula	43,968	50	43,320	50	-1%
Paulding	172,105	22	191,401	20	11%
Piedmont	179,881	19	205,013	18	14%
Rockdale	91,437	36	96,125	37	5%
Rome	98,410	34	101,079	34	3%
South Georgia	81,657	41	80,865	41	-1%
Southern	227,533	14	233,685	14	3%
Southwestern	86,478	40	85,568	39	-1%
Stone Mountain	770,800	3	826,794	3	7%
Tallapoosa	72,460	44	74,305	44	3%
Tifton	78,105	42	78,497	42	1%
Toombs	48,417	49	47,875	49	-1%
Towaliga	71,759	46	73,864	45	3%
Waycross	142,106	31	144,684	31	2%
Western	170,246	23	182,824	23	7%
Population Totals	10,704,206		11,332,632		
Circuit Population Average	218,453		231,278		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	7	10
Alcovy	2	0	3	3	9
Appalachian	3	0	2	5	8
Atlanta	1	10	9	1	32
Atlantic	6	6	2	8	18
Augusta	2	5	3	3	7
Bell-Forsyth	1	2	2	1	8
Blue Ridge	1	3	1	3	9
Brunswick	5	4	7	6	14
Chattahoochee	6	2	3	7	11
Cherokee	2	0	3	2	10
Clayton	1	5	3	2	6
Cobb	1	12	4	2	17
Columbia	1	0	2	2	7
Conasauga	2	0	1	3	7
Cordele	4	0	1	4	8
Coweta	5	4	4	5	13
Dougherty	1	1	2	1	3
Douglas	1	2	2	1	3
Dublin	4	1	1	4	7
Eastern	1	3	3	2	4
Enotah	4	0	1	5	11
Flint	1	4	1	2	9
Griffin	4	2	2	6	12
Gwinnett	1	6	4	2	20
Houston	1	1	1	1	3
Lookout Mountain	4	3	2	5	12
Macon	3	2	2	3	9
Middle	5	5	1	5	10
Mountain	3	2	1	4	6
Northeastern	2	3	3	2	8
Northern	5	1	1	6	12
Ocmulgee	8	2	1	8	23
Oconee	6	0	1	6	8
Ogeechee	4	4	2	4	7
Pataula	7	2	2	6	12
Paulding	1	0	1	1	3
Piedmont	3	2	2	3	9
Rockdale	1	1	1	2	3
Rome	1	0	2	1	3
South Georgia	5	3	2	5	8
Southern	5	5	4	5	12
Southwestern	6	1	1	6	13
Stone Mountain	1	11	5	1	20
Tallapoosa	2	0	2	2	5
Tifton	4	3	1	4	8
Toombs	6	0	1	7	11
Towaliga	3	0	1	3	7
Waycross	6	5	3	7	15
Western	2	2	2	2	5
Statewide Totals	159	130	113	186	495