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## FOREWORD

This is the fifth quarterly survey of judicial salaries in state court systems published by the National Center for State Courts. The National Center will continually maintain this data on a current basis so that any state court system desiring information between quarterly issues can contact the National Center directly for the latest changes. All changes in this edition have been typed in italics to make the changes more noticeable.

The "Rank Order of Judicial Salaries, Population, and Per Capita Income in the Fifty States" contained in this volume utilizes the state paid salary without the supplement added for ranking purposes. An explanation of this table immediately precedes the reporting of figures.

The "Judicial Salaries in Appellate and Trial Courts" lists the date of last salary change for each state court system. This table, like the "Rank Order of Judicial Salaries", utilizes salaries paid to associate justices for the highest court and intermediate appellate courts. The general trial court salaries refer to the state-paid salary minus supplements for ranking purposes, supplements appear in parentheses immediately following the figures for the state paid salary.

The section dealing with judicial salaries in courts of limited and special jurisdiction is divided into seven categories on a jurisdictional basis, which is self-explanatory.

In Appendix I we have listed all pending legislation which could affect judicial salaries on a state by state basis. Appendix II indicates those states which provide for "floating" judicial salaries on the consumer price index or other cost of living adjuster.

Although we have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the survey data, and have verified each state's figures with the appropriate Court Administrator or Chief Justice, some errors may occur, and we would very much appreciate notification of any inaccuracies, omissions or further pending legislation which would affect the status of judicial salaries in your state. All such information or suggestions should be forwarded directly to:

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RANK ORDER OF JUDICIAL SALARIES, POPULATION, AND  
PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE FIFTY STATES

The salaries reported for the highest appellate court refer to the salaries paid to associate justices. The general trial court salaries refer to the standard state-paid salary for ranking purposes. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, District of Columbia and United States courts are ranked relative to the states, but did not figure in the initial numbering. A \* means that another state has the same rank.

JUDICIAL SALARIES

State	Highest Appellate Courts	General Trial Courts	Per Capita Income	Population
Alabama	25	34*	48	21
Alaska	5	4*	5	51
Arizona	16	13	28	33
Arkansas	36*	34*	49	32
California	2	3	9	1
Colorado	21*	26*	13	30
Connecticut	19	10	1	24
Delaware	14*	9	4	46
Florida	11*	8	19	9
Georgia	11*	15*	33	15
Hawaii	27	19	8	40
Idaho	32*	28	36	42
Illinois	8	35	6	5
Indiana	34	29*	20	11
Iowa	26*	24*	23	25
Kansas	28	27	18	28
Kentucky	36*	31*	43	23
Louisiana	15	37	46	20
Maine	38	33	42	38
Maryland	7	5	10	18

State	Highest Appellate Courts	General Trial Courts	Per Capita Income	Population
Massachusetts	9	7	12	10
Michigan	6	29*	11	7
Minnesota	17	16	24*	19
Mississippi	23	21*	50	29
Missouri	31	26*	26	13
Montana	37	34*	31	43
Nebraska	20	15*	21	35
Nevada	21*	21*	7	47
New Hampshire	24	12	30	41
New Jersey	4	4*	3	8
New Mexico	30*	23	45	37
New York	1	1	2	2
North Carolina	14*	18*	34	12
North Dakota	30*	21*	37	45
Ohio	11*	11	14	6
Oklahoma	32*	34*	35	27
Oregon	30*	24*	27	31
Pennsylvania	3	2	17	3
Rhode Island	26*	17	15	39
South Carolina	18	6	47	26
South Dakota	35	31*	39	44
Tennessee	13	14	40	17
Texas	11*	34*	32	4
Utah	39	36	38	36
Vermont	33	32	41	48
Virginia	10	22	24*	14
Washington	22	25	44	22
West Virginia	28*	30*	44	34
Wisconsin	12	30*	29	16
Wyoming	29	20	22	49
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	26a*	31a*		
District of Columbia	13a	8a*		
United States	1a	6a*		

\* Another state has the same rank

a After all the states were ranked, these courts were ranked relative to the states.

JUDICIAL SALARIES IN APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURTS

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
Alabama	\$ 33,500		\$ 25,000 (32,500)	1/1/75
Alaska	44,000		40,000	5/1/74
Arizona	37,000	35,000	33,000	1/6/75
Arkansas	27,500		25,000	7/1/74
California	51,615	48,389	40,322	9/1/75
Colorado	35,000	32,000	28,000	7/1/73
Connecticut	36,000		34,500	7/1/74
Delaware	38,000		35,000	6/1/74
Florida	40,000	38,000	36,000	1/1/75
Georgia	40,000	39,500	32,500 (44,600)	6/1/74
Hawaii	32,670		30,250	5/7/75
Idaho	30,000		27,000	7/1/74
Illinois	42,500	40,000	23,500 (28,000)	1/1/75
Indiana	29,500	29,500	26,500	1971
Iowa	33,000		29,000	7/1/74
Kansas	32,500		27,500 (30,032)	1/13/75
Kentucky	27,500		26,000	Acts of 1974 legislature
Louisiana	37,500	35,000	20,500 (33,500)	7/1/70
Maine	26,000		25,500	4/1/74
Maryland	42,800	40,100	38,000	7/1/75
Massachusetts	40,788	37,771	36,203	1/1/74

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
Michigan .....	43,500	41,961	26,500 (41,759)	7/1/75
Minnesota .....	36,500		32,000	7/1/73
Mississippi .....	34,000		30,000	7/1/74
Missouri .....	31,500	30,000	28,000	10/13/72
Montana .....	27,000		25,000	7/1/74
Nebraska .....	35,500		32,500 (35,000)	1/1/75
Nevada .....	35,000		30,000	1/1/75
New Hampshire ...	33,800		33,696	6/1/74
New Jersey .....	48,000	45,000	40,000	5/28/74
New Mexico .....	32,000	30,500	29,500	2/1/75
New York .....	60,575	51,627	48,998	1/1/75
North Carolina ..	38,000	35,500	30,500	7/1/73
North Dakota ....	32,000		30,000	4/8/75
Ohio .....	40,000	37,000	34,000	1972
Oklahoma .....	30,000	26,000	25,000	7/1/74
Oregon .....	32,000	31,000	29,000	7/1/74
Pennsylvania ....	50,000	48,000	41,000	12/1/72
Rhode Island ....	33,000		31,000	5/26/74
South Carolina ..	36,380		36,380	7/1/74
South Dakota .....	28,000		26,000	4/1/75
Tennessee .....	39,330	36,052	32,775	9/1/74
Texas .....	40,000	35,000	25,000 (38,000)	9/1/73
Utah .....	24,000		22,000	7/1/73

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
Vermont .....	\$ 29,900		\$ 25,800	7/1/74
Virginia .....	40,300		29,900 (40,200)	7/1/74
Washington .....	34,825	31,650	28,500	1/1/74
West Virginia ....	32,500		28,500	3/8/75
Wisconsin .....	39,726		26,296 (35,296)	1/1/75
Wyoming .....	32,200		30,200	1/1/75
District of Columbia .....	38,250		36,000	N/A
Federal System ..	60,000		40,000	N/A
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ...	32,000		26,000	7/31/74
National Average ..	36,117		32,485	N/A

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Judges:

C.J. Chief Judge  
 P.J. Presiding Judge  
 A.J. Associate Justices  
 C. Chancellor  
 V.C. Vice Chancellor  
 Comm. Commissioner

Courts:

Sup. Ct. Supreme Court  
 A.C. Appellate Court  
 C.A. Court of Appeals  
 C.C.A. Court of Criminal Appeals  
 C.C. Circuit Court  
 Ch. C. Chancery Court  
 Co. C. County Court  
 C.S.A. Court of Special Appeals  
 C.P. Court of Common Pleas  
 D.C. District Court  
 D.C.A. District Court of Appeals  
 S.C. Superior Court  
 S.C.C. Superior County Court

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.				
Alabama	33,500	33,500	19,500	C.C.A. 33,000 C.A. 33,000	State C.C. 25,000 Local supps. 0-40% of state pd. salary* *Depending on size of county up to 9,000	
Alaska	44,000	44,000	40,000		S.C. 40,000	
Arizona	37,000	37,000	30,240	C.A. 35,000	S.C. 33,000 Comm. 26,400* *Comm. salary set by Presiding Judge not to exceed 80% salary of S.C. Judge	
Arkansas	30,000	27,500	22,100		C.C. 25,000 Ch.C. 25,000	
California	54,841	51,615	45,504	C.A. 48,389	S.C. 40,322	
Colorado	37,500	35,000	32,000	C.A. 32,500 C.J. 32,000 A.J. 32,000	D.C. 28,000	
Connecticut	40,000	36,000	38,000* *Ct. Admin. is also a Sup. Ct. A.J.		S.C.: C.J. 35,000 J. of 34,500	



State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court		
	C.J.	A.J.					
Delaware	38,500 42,500* *7/1/75	38,000 42,000* *7/1/75	25,000 - 31,000		S.C.: P.J. A.J.	35,500 35,000	39,500* 39,000*
					Ch.C.: C. V.C.	35,500 35,000	39,500* 39,000*
							*7/1/75
Florida	40,000	40,000	32,000	D.C.A.	38,000	C.C.	36,000
Georgia	40,000	40,000	30,000		39,500	S.C. Local supps. to	32,500 12,100
Hawaii	33,880	32,670	22,670			C.C.	30,250
Idaho	30,000	30,000	27,000			D.C.	27,000
Illinois	42,500	42,500	40,000	A.C.	40,000	C.C. Judges Supp. A.J. Supp. *Du Page and Cook County Supplement	30,000 7,500* 23,500 4,500*

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court		
	C.J.	A.J.					
Indiana	29,500 Subsistence 3,000	29,500 all.	25,800* * Sup. Ct. Adm.	C.A.	29,500 Subsistence all. 3,000	C.C. + S.C. + Crim. C. County supps. to 400	21,500 - 26,500
Iowa	34,000	33,000	22,000			D.C.: C.J. A.J.	29,500 29,000
Kansas	35,000	32,500 Comm. 32,000	27,500			D.C. Local supps. *only certain urban counties	27,500 1,266 to 2,532*
Kentucky	31,500	27,500	26,000			Circuit Court	26,000
Louisiana	37,500	37,500	33,500	C.A.	35,000	D.C. base Supp. New Orleans Supp. *statewide average with supp.	20,500 18,867 18,180* 33,500
Maine	27,500	26,000	21,000			S.C.	25,500

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.					
Maryland	43,800	42,800	38,000	C.S.A. C.J. 41,200 A.J. 40,100		C.C.	38,000
Massachusetts	42,236	40,788	30,691	A.C. C.J. 39,220 A.J. 37,771		S.C. C.J. 37,771 A.J. 36,203	
Michigan	43,500	43,500 Comm. 27,123 to 33,261	38,314	C.A. 41,961		C.C. 26,500 Local supps. 2,500 to Recorders Court* 15,259 *Detroit 40,157	
Minnesota	40,000	36,500	32,000			D.C. 33,500* D.C. other counties 32,000 *(Ramsey, Hennepin, St. Louis counties)	
Mississippi	C.J. 35,000 P.J. 34,500	34,000				C.C. 30,000 Ch.C. 30,000	
Missouri	31,500	31,500	23,500	C.A. 30,000		C.C. 28,000	

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.					
Montana	28,000	27,000				D.C.	25,000
Nebraska	35,500	35,500	30,000			D.C. 32,500 Local supps. 2,500* *where pop. over 150,000	
Nevada	35,000	35,000				D.C.	30,000
New Hampshire	34,008	33,800				S.C. C.J. 33,904 A.J. 33,696	
New Jersey	50,500	48,000	37,770 - 50,993* *Acting Admin. Dir. 45,000	S.C.A.D. 45,000		S.C. (assignment judges) 43,000 S.C. 40,000 Co.C. 40,000	
New Mexico	32,000	32,000	23,900	C.A. 30,500		D.C. 29,500	

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
New York	63,143	60,575	57,000	S.C.A.D. 1st & 2nd Depts. P.J. 55,266 A.J. 51,627  3rd & 4th Depts. P.J. 55,266 A.J. 51,627	S.C. 1st & 2nd Departments 48,998*  3rd & 4th Departments 48,998* *above figures include local supplements C.C. (outside NYC) 36,000 to 48,998
North Carolina	39,000	38,000	32,500	C.A. C.J. 36,500 A.J. 35,500	S.C. 30,500
North Dakota	33,500	32,000	22,180 24,000* *7/1/75		D.C. 30,000
Ohio	43,500	40,000	34,403	C.A. 37,000	C.C. Pleas 23,500 - 34,000
Oklahoma	30,000 C.C.A. 30,000	30,000 C.C.A. 30,000	24,360	C.A. 26,000	D.C. Dist. Judge 25,000 Assoc. Dist. Judges Pop. over 300,000 23,000 10,000 to 300,000 19,275 under 10,000 16,500 Special Judges 16,500

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Oregon	32,000	32,000	30,000	C.A. 31,000	C.C. 29,000
Pennsylvania	52,500	50,000	42,500	S.C. P.J. 49,500* A.J. 48,000* *same salary for commonwealth ct.	C.C.P. P.J. 40,500 to 42,500* J. 40,000 to 41,000 *depends on number of judges and population
Rhode Island	34,000	33,000	19,604 - 22,360		S.C. P.J. 32,000 A.J. 31,000  *See App. II for effective salaries of Rhode Island court personnel.
South Carolina	41,730	36,380	28,890		C.C. 36,380
South Dakota	29,000	28,000	22,500		P. Cir. J. 27,000 Cir. J. 26,000
Tennessee	42,607	39,330	36,052	C.A. P.J. 37,363 A.J. 36,052 same figures for C.C.A.	C.C. 32,775 Ch.C. 32,775 Crim. C. 32,775 Equity C. 32,775

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Texas	40,500 C.C.A. - 40,500	40,000 C.C.A. - 40,000		C.C.A. C.J. 35,500 A.J. 35,000 Local supps. to \$4,000 for C.J. \$3,500 for A.J.	D.C. state salary 25,000 Local supps. up to 13,000 Same figures for Crim. D.C.
Utah	24,000	24,000	22,000		D.C. C.J. 23,000 J. 22,000
Vermont	31,400	29,900	25,800		S.C.C. P.J. 26,800 J. 25,800 Asst. J. 25 per day
Virginia	41,300 42,300* *7/1/75	40,300 41,300* *7/1/75	29,126		C.C. Base 29,900 Plus local supplements 31,350* *7/1/75
Washington	34,825	34,825	25,650	C.A. 31,650	S.C. 28,500 Pro Tem J. 68 per day Pro Tem Atty. 114 per day
West Virginia	32,500	32,500	30,000		C.C. 28,500

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Wisconsin	44,292	39,726	35,000		C.C. State pay 26,296 Local supps. to 9,000
Wyoming	32,200	32,200			30,200
Puerto Rico	32,600	32,000	30,600		S.C. 26,000
District of Columbia	38,750* *D.C. Court	38,250* of Appeals	36,000* *Exec. Off. of D. C. Courts		S.C. C.J. 36,500 A.J. 36,000
United States	62,500	60,000	40,000* *Admin. Director of the Courts	C.A. 42,500	D.C. 40,000

NOTE: Circuit and district courts shown here are of limited or special jurisdiction. Courts of general jurisdiction are shown in the preceding section.

State	Family Courts A) Juvenile B) Domestic	Probate Courts (PC) Surrogate Crts. (SC)	Justice Courts (JC) Justice of the Peace (JP)	County Courts	Circuit or District Crts. (CC or DC)	Municipal Crts. (MC) Police Crts. (PC)	Common Plea Courts
Alabama		P.C. 300 - 45,000	J.C. 10,000	Inferior Crt. C.C. \$300* to \$31,500 *Judges re- ceiving \$300/ yr receive add. fees & salary as Probate Jd.		Recorders Cts. up to 22,000	
Alaska				Magistrate Ct. 5,500 to 24,000	D.C. 33,500		
Arizona			J.C. 6,000 - 15,000 based on regis- tered voters in J. precinct			P.C. 300 - 31,772 set by Mayor & City Council	
Arkansas			J.P. fees in civil cases - small salary (\$100 - \$200 mo. for crim. cases) Range ,200 to 2,400	3,000 - 5,000		M.C. 2,400 to 22,500 P.C. 1,200 to 3,600 City Court 1,200 to 3,600	100 - 900 based on cases* *This ct. is presided over by the Cnty. Crt. Judge who re- ceives this in add. to his regular salary.

Courts of Limited and Special Jurisdiction

State	Family Courts A) Juvenile B) Domestic	Probate Courts (PC) Surrogate Crts. (SC)	Justice Courts (JC) Justice of the Peace (JP)	County Courts	Circuit or District Crts. (CC or DC)	Municipal Crts. (MC) Police Crts. (PC)	Common Plea Courts
California			J.C. 1,200 32,004			M.C. 37,098	
Colorado	J.C.* 28,000 S.C.* 28,000 *Denver	P.C.* 28,000 *Denver		Denver 25,000 Others 2,500- 25,000		M.C. 500 to 30,000	
Connecticut	J.C. C.J. 32,500 J. of 28,500	P.C. Fees up to 34,500					J. 32,500 J. of 28,500
Delaware	Family Court: C.J. 34,500 38,500* A.J. 34,000 38,000* *7/1/75		J.P. 10,000			M.C. Wilmington C.J. 27,000 A.J. 26,000 A.J. 11,400* *part-time	C.J. 34,500 38,500* A.J. 34,000 38,000* *7/1/75
Florida				Pop. less than 40,000: 26,000 Pop. more than 40,000: 34,000 See App. I			

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Georgia	J.C. 30,500* *counties over 500,000		J.P. fees amount unavailable	8,000 - 25,000* *depends on county. All cts. called State Court of _____ Cnty.		M.C. Augusta: C.J. 11,200 A.J. 9,700 City Courts: 4,600 - 15,000	Civil Court: 30,000 (Fulton) 16,000 (Troup)
Hawaii					D.C. 24,200		
Idaho					Magistrate Div. of D.C. Lawyers full-time 20,000 part-time 10,000 - 12,000 Lay full-time 10,000 - 14,500 part-time 8,000 - 9,000		
Illinois							

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Indiana	J.C. 21,500- 26,500* *depends on pop. of cnty.	P.C. 21,500 - 26,500* *depends on pop. of cnty.	J.P. fees up to 7,500			M.C. Marion County 24,500 Magistrates Ct. 600 - 2,200* *depends on pop. of cnty.	
Iowa					D.A.J. 21,000	Magistrates full-time 21,000 part-time 5,160	
Kansas	J.C. 23,374 30,032 Depends on cnty.	P.C.* 9,000 30,032 Depends on pop. *In 93 counties the Probate Judge also acts as the Juvenile and Cnty Crt. Judge		Nbr. of cases* filed: Less than 250-25% of probate judge salary Each Add'l 250-5% *eliminated effective 7/1/75.		City Courts: 3780 to 8400 Magistrate Cts. 8,455 to 27,029 Municipal Cts* .0 to 12,500 *all part-time	

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Kentucky		Cnty P.C. up to 14,300	J.C. Cntys. over 250,000: 9,600 Cntys. 60,000 - 250,000: 3,600 Cntys. 20,000 - 60,000: 2,400 Cntys. less than 20,000: 1,200			P.C. 1st class cities 25,000 2nd class cities 21,500	Quarterly Courts: up to 14,300
Louisiana	J.C. State sal. 20,500 supp. to 18,867* *statewide ave. w/supp. 32,000		Parish Court Jefferson 37,000 J.P. (average) 1,200 to 1,800			New Orleans: M.C. 22,824 Traffic Ct. (N.O.) 22,824 City Courts 3,600 to 24,000* *depends on pop. + fees	

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Maine		P.C. 4,500 - 12,020			D.C. C.J. 24,000 Dpty. C.J. 23,500 A.J. 23,000		
Maryland	Orphans Court part-time: salaried - 500 to 18,500 others - 8 to 19.50/day				D.C. C.J. 40,100 A.J. 32,300		
Massachusetts	J.C. Boston 31,738 others 30,168	P.C. C.J. 32,944 A.J. 31,738 part-time* 11,343 *1 part-time J.		Hampden Cnty. Housing Ct. 36,203 City of Boston Housing Ct. J. 36,203 A.J. 32,583	D.C. C.J. 31,738 A.J. 30,168 part-time 9,171 - 12,189 spec. per diem \$61 to \$100	M.C. (Boston) C.J. 31,738 A.J. 30,168	Land Court 36,203

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Michigan		P.C. 7,058 - 35,798* *some part-time			D.C. 21,500 local supp. up to 12,500	M.C. part-time 5,000 - 20,000	Detroit 31,873
Minnesota		P.C. 33,500* *Hennepin and Ramsey counties only	J.C. fees* *extremely limited duties amount unavailable	C.C. 27,500 to 29,000* *learned in the law 23,500* not learned in the law		M.C. 29,000* *Hennepin & Ramsey Counties only	
Mississippi	Family Court 29,000* *Harrison Cnty.		J.P. fees amount unavailable	C.C. 5,400 - 29,000			

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Missouri		P.C. 16,200 - 28,000* *based on pop.			St. Louis Ct. of Criminal Corrections 26,000	Magistrate 16,200 - 22,400* *based on pop. P.C. up to 25,000	
Montana			J.P. fees amount unavailable			P.C. up to 5,400 based on pop.	
Nebraska	J.C. 32,500 Supp. 1,500* *pop. over 150,000	C.C. (Probate) 20,000 - 27,500 based on pop. Assoc. up to 15,000				M.C. 29,500	Workmen's Comp. Ct. 30,500
Nevada			J.C. set locally amount unavailable			M.C. set locally amount unavailable	

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New Hampshire		P.C. 11,357			D.C. 2,900 - 24,000	M.C. 150. - 5,100* *by ordinance	
New Jersey	Juv. & Dom. Rel. Crts. 40,000			Cnty. District Cts. 37,000		M.C. up to 25,000	
New Mexico		P.C. 1,000 - 7,040		Magistrate Ct. 3,800 - 16,500		M.C. Albuquerque only 24,000	Small Claim Ct. Albuquerque only 8,000
New York	Family Court NYC 42,451 other 36,000 - 48,998	S.C. NYC 48,998 others 36,000 - 48,998	J.C. varies amount unavailable		Nassau Cty. D.C. P.J. 44,500 A.J. 42,000 Suffolk Cty. P.J. 43,170 A.J. 39,030	NYC Civil Ct. 42,451 NYC Crim. Ct. 42,451	Ct. of Claims P.J. 50,722 A.J. 48,998

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North Carolina					D.C. C.J. 24,500 A.J. 23,500		
North Dakota			Cnty. J.C. - up to 5,000	C.C. Of increased jurisdiction: 13,500-19,000 others: 7,000 - 10,400		M.C. set by gov. body of each munic.	
Ohio	J.C.* 23,500 - 34,000 *Cuyahoga Cnty. D.R. 23,500 - 34,000	P.C. 23,500 - 34,000		C.C. 8,000		M.C. 21,000 - 30,000 part-time 8,000	
Oklahoma	Oklahoma has special courts manned by District Judges who receive only expenses.	Courts of Tax Review and Bank Review.				M.C. set locally by ordinance amount unavailable	St. Indust. Ct. 25,000

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Oregon			J.P. \$960 - 11,750		D.C. 26,000	M.C. & City Crts. 3,000 to 23,000	Tax Court 29,000
Pennsylvania			J.P. 7,500 - 16,500* *excluding Philadelphia depending on magisterial district size			M.C. Philadelphia Atty. Judges: P.J. 36,500 A.J. 35,000 Lay Judges: 18,500 Traffic Ct. P.J. 19,500 A.J. 18,500	
Rhode Island	Family Court C.J. 32,000 A.J. 31,000  *See App. II for	P.C. up to 11,440 Probate Judges are part-time effective salaries of all Rhode Island Court personnel.			D.C. C.J. 29,250 A.J. 28,520		

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South Carolina	Family Ct. set locally* *see pending legislation for impact on courts of limited and special jurisdiction amount unavailable	P.C. set locally* amount unavailable		C.C. set locally* amount unavailable		M.C. set locally* amount unavailable	
South Dakota							Law trained Magistrate: 20,000 Lay Magistrate: 500 - 8,400
Tennessee	J.C. set locally amount unavailable	Cnty. Probate Cts. set locally amount unavailable		Gen. Sessions Court 1,800 - 32,775		M.C. set locally amount unavailable	

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Texas* *all set locally	D.R. and J.C. same as Dist. Ct. in county for Juv. & Dom. Relations Crts. up to 38,000	Probate Court 10,500 - 27,600	J.P. 11.00 - 23,928	C.C. "Constitutional" 1,688 - 31,800 Civil, Crim., Crim. Appeals, Statutory: 10,500 - 27,600		M.C. 300 - 17,376	
Utah	J.C. 22,000		J.P. determined by city comm., town council, etc. Fee system abolished in 1971			City Cts. set by city ordinance 13,000 - 19,800	
Vermont		P.C. 5,700 - 21,600			D.C. C.J. 23,700 J. 22,700		
Virginia	Juv. & Dom. Relations D.C. 26,910+ local supp. 28,215+ local supp. *7/1/75				Gen. D.C. 26,910 28,215* + local supps. *7/1/75		

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Washington			J.P. based on pop. If Justice receives more than 15,000 is considered full- time. Range: 1,000 - 15,000		D.C. 23,250	M.C. Seattle 27,000 other 9,000* *not to exceed Superior Ct.	
West Virginia						Magistrates 5,000 - 17,500* *based on pop.	
Wisconsin				C.C. state pay: 12,060 county pay: 12,060 local supps. up to 10,480. *See Appendix I for limi- tations		M.C. set locally amount unavailable	

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Wyoming* *office of Constable abolished effective 1/1/75			J.P. 2,500 - 7,200			M.C. set locally amount unavailable	
Puerto Rico			J.P. 6,000- 8,400		D.C. 19,300	M.C. 12,000 to 13,000	
United States Courts				Court of Claims 42,500	Court of Cus- toms and Patent Appeals 42,500	Customs Court 40,000	

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Appendix I  
Pending Legislation

Alabama:

During the current legislative session a bill will be introduced to establish a unified court system. This legislation will effect salary changes to the following extent: Judges of district courts, i.e. courts of inferior jurisdictions will receive a salary equal to 90% of the state salary paid to the highest paid circuit judge in their circuit. As proposed, the net effect of this legislation will be to provide salaries for district court judges ranging from 22,500 to 27,000.

Alaska:

S.B. No. 404, presently in the senate, if passed will provide the following salaries effective July 1, 1975:

Highest Court

Supreme Court

Chief Justice .....	52,992
Associates .....	52,992

General Trial Court

Superior Court .....	48,576
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Limited and Special Courts

District Court

District Judges .....	41,068
Magistrate Courts .....	5,595 - 26,160

State Court Administrator

Administrative Director .....	48,570
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Arkansas:

The following changes will be made in Arkansas judicial salaries effective on the dates noted:

		effective date
Limited and Special Courts		
County Courts .....	9,000 to 24,000	1/1/77
Municipal Courts .....	2,400 to 24,500	7/1/75
Justice of the Peace Courts..	\$10.00 per case	1/1/77

California:

California Government Code 68203 provides for statutory automatic salary increases based on The Consumer Price Index. A proposed increase of 12.34% to be effective on September 1, 1975, would provide the following salaries:

Highest Court

Supreme Court

Chief Justice .....	61,609
Associates .....	57,985

Intermediate Appellate Court

Court of Appeal .....	54,361
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General Trial Court

Superior Court .....	45,299
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Limited and Special Courts

Municipal Court .....	41,677
Justice Courts .....	1,200 - 32,004

It should be noted a budget bill before the legislature presently includes an 8.5% increase for statutory salaries [Administrative Director of the Courts] which would be effective July 1, 1975.

Colorado:

The State Court Administrator has advised a 12% across the board salary increase for all judges, which has passed the Senate and is presently before the House.

Hawaii:

S.B. 1645 signed into law on May 7, 1975, provides for the following salary increases on the following dates:

	July 1, 1975	-	January 1, 1976
Highest Court			
Supreme Court			
Chief Justice .....	45,125		47,500
Associate Justices .....	41,400		45,000
General Trial Court			
Circuit Court .....	39,100		42,500
Limited and Special Courts			
District Court .....	36,800		40,000
State Court Administrator			
Administrative Director of the Courts .....	36,800		40,000

Idaho:

An appropriation request to increase magistrate salaries has passed, and the effective figures are:

Magistrate Division of District Court	7/1/75
Lawyers - full-time .....	22,000
Lay - full-time .....	12,500 - 17,000

Illinois:

H.B. 2518 was signed by Governor Daniel Walker on January 1, 1975, increasing judicial salaries to the following levels effective July 1, 1975:

Highest Court

Supreme Court

Supreme Court .....	50,000
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Intermediate Appellate Court

Appellate Court .....	45,000
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General Trial Court

Circuit Court

Judges ..... 42,500
Associate Judges ..... 37,000

State Court Administrator

Administrative Director ..... 45,000

Indiana:

Legislation was passed by each House of the Indiana General Assembly and approved by the Governor and is now law which will become effective July 1, 1975. The effective salaries will be:

7/1/75

Supreme Court ..... 38,100 plus 3,000 annual subsistence allowance

Court of Appeals ..... 38,100 plus 3,000 annual subsistence allowance

General Trial Courts (Circuit Courts, Superior Court, Criminal Courts)

Full-time Judges

Large Counties ..... 26,500 to 34,300
Medium Counties ..... 23,500 to 30,400
Small Counties ..... 21,500 to 27,800

Kansas:

The 1975 legislature killed a bill providing for increases for all elected officials and judicial personnel in April 1975. The legislature is presently adjourned until January 1976.

Louisiana:

Legislation introduced in April 1975 for judicial salary increases at all levels is presently pending.

Maryland:

Maryland Code I-70.3 providing for automatic salary increases has provided for the following salary increases effective July 1, 1975:

Highest Court

Court of Appeals

Chief Judge ..... 45,200
Judges ..... 44,100

Intermediate Appellate Court

Court of Special Appeals

Chief Judge ..... 42,500
Judges ..... 41,400

General Trial Court

Circuit Court

Chief Judge ..... 39,200
Judges ..... 39,200

Limited and Special Courts

District Court

Chief Judge ..... 41,400
Judges ..... 33,300

Orphans Court (part-time)

Salaried ..... 500 to 18,500
Others ..... per day \$8.00 to 19.50

State Court Administrator

Director, Administrative Office of the Courts ..... 39,200

Massachusetts:

Legislation seeking to phase out special justices of the District Court and replace them with full-time justices at full-time pay is still pending, but it is expected to pass.

Michigan:

Legislation under which the state will assume all costs of the District Court, and providing judicial salaries for these courts be set at a uniform \$34,000 with local supplements forbidden is still pending.

Mississippi:

S.B. 2391, which was approved by the Governor on April 3, 1975, provides for increased salaries in the various County Courts:

County Courts

County Courts

Class I Counties .....	29,000
Lying wholly within a Levee district	
Class I Counties .....	13,500
(population of 80,000 or more)	
Class I Counties .....	16,200
(bordering on Mississippi River)	
Class I Counties .....	8,400
(population 45,000 to 80,000)	
Class I Counties .....	7,200
(all others regardless of population)	
Class II Counties .....	6,600
All other Counties not provided for herein .....	5,400

Missouri:

Legislation to raise judicial salaries at the Circuit Court level and above is still pending. The legislation provides for the following salaries.

Highest Court

Supreme Court

Judges .....	36,500
Commissioners .....	36,500

Intermediate Appellate Court

Court of Appeals

Judges .....	34,000
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General Trial Court

Circuit Court .....	31,000
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Nebraska:

L.B. No. 141 has passed as amended, to provide salaries of \$29,000 in counties of over 150,000 population and \$24,000 elsewhere. Optional supplements of \$2,500 are authorized in counties over 150,000 population. Effective date of this increase is indefinite, depending on when a vacancy next occurs.

New Hampshire:

Legislation has been introduced seeking to raise the range of judicial salaries in the District Courts from \$24,000 to \$29,000. It is felt this legislation has a good chance of passing.

New Jersey:

Assembly Bill No. 2052 seeking to increase the salaries of County District Court judges from \$37,000 to \$49,000 is still pending. No definitive action has been taken.

North Dakota:

Legislation was recently passed in North Dakota raising judicial salaries to the following amounts effective July 1, 1975:

Limited and Special Courts

County Court of Increased Jurisdiction ..	15,500 to 23,000
County Courts .....	7,600 to 9,900
County Justice Court .....	up to 7,000

Note: Salaries in these courts may be increased by up to 20% by the Boards of County Commissioners.

Ohio:

Sub. H.B. No. 205 seeks to raise the salaries of Municipal Court judges to the following levels:

Limited and Special Courts

Municipal Court .....	21,000 to 31,000
(full-time)	
Municipal Court .....	\$11,000 plus an amount
(part-time)	not to exceed \$9,000,
	equal to 18¢ per capita
	territory from which
	elected.



Oregon:

There is legislation pending in Oregon that will give a 13% increase for all judicial salaries effective July 1, 1975.

Pennsylvania:

Pending legislation presently under consideration:

H.B. No. 458; P.N. No. 507: An act providing for ongoing cost of living increases all Commonwealth employees, including judges.

H.B. No. 706, P.N. No. 800: An act to increase base, minimum and maximum salaries for district magistrates. Minimum from \$7,500 to \$10,500; maximum from \$16,500 to \$19,500 and base from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

S.B. No. 277, P.N. No. 278: An Act increasing the salaries of Philadelphia Municipal Court judges not learned in the law from \$16,500 to \$21,000.

South Carolina:

The South Carolina General Assembly is currently considering the state general appropriation bill for FY 1975-76. Under the bill the Chief Justice's salary will be \$43,361. The Associate Justices' salary and Circuit Judges' salaries will be \$37,762. Subject to passage in these amounts the increase will be effective July 1, 1975.

The recommendations of the Judicial System Study Committee's phasing in of the district court system met with considerable opposition in the General Assembly. Substitute legislation has been introduced, which calls for an extension of the Family Court system throughout the state effective March 1, 1976.

From the language contained in the proposed legislation, in addition to juvenile and domestic relations matters, the Family Court will take on an additional function relating to judicial commitments to mental health facilities of all persons non compos mentis. It will also be responsible for appointment of and accounting by the personal representatives of mental incompetents.

Texas:

The legislation budget board has recommended to the legislature now in session the following salary increases to be effective September 1, 1975:

Supreme Court

Chief Justice ..... 46,100  
Associate Justices ..... 45,600

Court of Criminal Appeals

Presiding Judge ..... 46,100  
Judges ..... 45,600

Court of Civil Appeals

Chief Justice ..... 40,500  
Associate Justice ..... 40,000  
Local Supplements ..... up to 4,000 for C.J.  
up to 3,500 for A.J.

District Court ..... 31,000

Criminal District Court ..... 31,000

Utah

Legislation has passed increasing judicial salaries to the following amount effective July 1, 1975:

Highest Court

Supreme Court

Chief Justice ..... 30,000  
Associates ..... 30,000

General Trial Court

District Court

Chief Judge ..... 28,500  
Judge ..... 27,500

Limited and Special Courts

Juvenile Court ..... 27,500  
City Court ..... 15,000 to 24,750 \*

\* Various salaries set by the governing body of the city by ordinance.

State Court Administrator

State Court Administrator ..... 27,500

Vermont:

Legislation introduced to amend 32,V.S.A. §1003 (c) is still under consideration. No final action on this legislation is expected until after publication date.

Washington:

Legislation is pending in Washington state to raise judicial salaries. The exact amounts of the proposed increases were unavailable at press time.

## Floating Salary Statutes.

California and Massachusetts provide for judicial salary increases based on a consumer price index. California utilizes the California consumer price index while Massachusetts uses the U.S. consumer price index. Maryland provides automatic salary increases for the judiciary based on general salary increases awarded to all state employees. Tennessee bases its automatic judicial salary increases on the per capita personal income change in the state of Tennessee. Rhode Island provides for longevity increases as shown in this section. The statutory authority for these automatic salary increases follow.

California: The California Government Code 68203 provides:

"In addition to the increase provided under this section on September 1, 1968, on the effective date of the 1969 amendments to this section and on September 1 of each year thereafter, the salary of each justice and judge named in Sections 68200 and 68202, inclusive, shall be increased by that amount which is produced by multiplying the then current salary of each justice or judge by the percentage by which the figure representing the California consumer price index as compiled and reported by the California Department of Industrial Relations has increased in the previous calendar year."

The judges named in 68200 to 68202 include the Chief Justice of California, associate justices of the Supreme Court, justices of courts of appeal, superior court judges and municipal court judges.

Maryland: Maryland Code I-703 Pay Plan; Automatic Salary Increases, provides:

"(a) Pay plan. -- Section 27, Article 64A of the Code applies to judicial salaries, except for its provisions authorizing emergency salary increases with approval of the Board of Public Works.

(b) Automatic salary increases. -- Whenever a general salary increase is awarded to state employees, each judge shall receive the same percentage increase in his salary as awarded to the lowest step of the highest salary grade for classified employees in the state salary plan."

Massachusetts: Massachusetts General Laws Annotated Chapter 30 § 46 provides:

"The director of personnel and standardization shall annually determine the percentum difference between the average cost of living for the next preceding calendar year and the average cost of living for the calendar year next preceding the calendar year during which the weekly rates prescribed in the above salary schedule were last revised, both as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for such years, and shall prepare and submit to the general court a report of such determination within a reasonable time after said Index for the next

preceding calendar year has become available. Whenever such determination indicates a percentum increase or decrease of at least three percentum, such report shall be accompanied by a recommendation for legislation to provide a corresponding percentum increase or decrease in the salaries of all employees in the service of the commonwealth and paid from the treasury thereof...Whenever such determination indicates a percentum increase of at least three percentum, as hereinbefore described, such report shall be accompanied by a recommendation of legislation to provide a corresponding percentum increase in the salaries of the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme judicial court, the appeals court, the superior court and the municipal court of the city of Boston, the judges and associate judges of the land court, the chief judge and the judges of probate and insolvency, the chief justice and the justices of the district courts other than the municipal court of the city of Boston, the justices and special justices of the Boston Juvenile Court, the justices of the Worcester, Bristol County and Springfield juvenile courts, and special justices of the district courts, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, such increase to take effect as of the beginning of the first payroll period of the year in which such report is submitted."

Rhode Island:

Judges as well as all other court personnel are entitled to longevity increments. Longevity after seven years 5%, after eleven years 10%, after fifteen years 15%, after twenty five years 20%.

Tennessee:

Beginning September 1, 1974, the compensation of judges and chancellors shall be the base salaries fixed in this law adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the per capita personal income of the state of Tennessee, as defined and published by the United States Department of Commerce, between that of the calendar year 1970 and the calendar year next preceding September 1 of the year for which the salaries are to be paid. The adjustments shall occur on September 1, 1974 and on September 1 of every year thereafter for the ensuing year commencing September 1. The base salaries per year shall be as follows:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500).

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals and Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500).

Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals, twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500).

Circuit Judges, Criminal Judges and chancellors, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

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