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Foreword

This is the ninth survey of judicial salaries in state court systems published by the National Center for State Courts; it covers the period from April through July 1976. All salary changes from the previous edition have been set in italics to make them more noticeable.

The "Judicial Salaries in Appellate and Trial Courts" table lists for each state court system the date of last salary change mandated by state law. This table, like the "Rank Order of Judicial Salaries" table, 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. Salaries including supplements appear in parentheses immediately following the figures for the state paid salary.

The section dealing with judicial salaries in courts of limited or special jurisdiction is divided into seven categories on a jurisdictional basis.

Appendix I lists, on a state by state basis, salaries scheduled to take effect in the future and pending legislation which could affect judicial salaries. Appendix II indicates those states which provide for "floating" judicial salaries on the consumer price index or other cost of living adjuster.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the survey data, and each state's figures have been verified with the person who submitted the data for the state court system. If errors have occurred or if the data is not completely accurate, please notify us promptly.

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RANK ORDER OF JUDICIAL SALARIES, POPULATION, AND PER CAPITA PERSONAL 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.

JUDICIAL SALARIES

State	Highest Appellate Courts	General Trial Courts	Per Capita Personal Income ^a	Population ^a
ALABAMA	39*	48	47	21
ALASKA	4	2	1	50
ARIZONA	29	24	29	32
ARKANSAS	45	39	48	33
CALIFORNIA	2	3	8	1
COLORADO	17*	25	16	28
CONNECTICUT	33	18	2	24
DELAWARE	15	12	3	46*
FLORIDA	17*	15	20	8
GEORGIA	17*	26	35	14
HAWAII	10	6*	7	40
IDAHO	44	40	34	42
ILLINOIS	5*	13	5	5
INDIANA	27	43 ^b	28	12
IOWA	24*	23	25	25
KANSAS	41*	41	17	30
KENTUCKY	24*	17	43	23
LOUISIANA	5*	6*	44	20
MAINE	50	47	38	38
MARYLAND	12	11	10	18

^a U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 24, 1976, statistics for 1974 (most recent year final statistics available).

^b Rank is based on salary of \$26,500.

* Another state has the same rank.

State	Highest Appellate Courts	General Trial Courts	Per Capita Personal Income	Population
MASSACHUSETTS	16	14	12	10
MICHIGAN	14	44	11	7
MINNESOTA	30*	29	19	19
MISSISSIPPI	38	34	50	29
MISSOURI	30*	31	30	15
MONTANA	49	49	31	43
NEBRASKA	34	27	26	35
NEVADA	35*	35	9	46*
NEW HAMPSHIRE	37	22	33	41
NEW JERSEY	7	9	4	9
NEW MEXICO	39*	33	49	37
NEW YORK	1	1	6	2
NORTH CAROLINA	21	28	37	11
NORTH DAKOTA	43	36	14	45
OHIO	17*	21	15	6
OKLAHOMA	28	50 ^c	39	27
OREGON	26	16	24	31
PENNSYLVANIA	3	4	18	4
RHODE ISLAND	32	20	22	39
SOUTH CAROLINA	23	10	46	26
SOUTH DAKOTA	48	45	36	44
TENNESSEE	8	5	40	17
TEXAS	9	32	32	3
UTAH	46	42	42	36
VERMONT	47	46	41	48
VIRGINIA	13	8	23	13
WASHINGTON	22	19	13	22
WEST VIRGINIA	35*	30	45	34
WISCONSIN	11	38	27	16
WYOMING	41*	37	21	49
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO	43 ^{d*}	45 ^{d*}		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	16 ^{d*}	11 ^d		
FEDERAL SYSTEM	1 ^d	6 ^d		

^c Rank is based on salary of \$21,000.

^d 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	\$ 33,000	\$ 25,000 (35,000)	12/1/75
ALASKA	52,992		48,576	6/1/75
ARIZONA	37,000	35,000	33,000	1/6/75
ARKANSAS	31,189		29,013	7/1/76
CALIFORNIA	57,985	54,361	45,299	9/1/75
COLORADO	40,000	37,000	33,000	7/1/76
CONNECTICUT	36,000		34,500	1/3/73
DELAWARE	42,000		39,000	7/1/75
FLORIDA	40,000	38,000	36,000	1/1/75
GEORGIA	40,000	39,500	32,500 (44,600)	7/1/75
HAWAII	45,000		42,500	1/1/76
IDAHO	31,500		28,500	7/1/76
ILLINOIS	50,000	45,000	37,000	7/1/75
INDIANA	38,100	38,100	26,500- 31,500	6/1/75
IOWA	39,000		33,072	7/1/76
KANSAS	32,500		27,500 (30,032)	7/1/75
KENTUCKY	39,000	37,000	35,000	6/30/76
LOUISIANA	50,000	47,500	42,500	8/1/75
MAINE	26,000		25,500	4/1/74
MARYLAND	44,100	41,400	39,200	7/1/75
MASSACHUSETTS	40,788	37,771	36,203	1/1/74
MICHIGAN	43,500	41,961	26,500 (41,759)	1/1/76
MINNESOTA	36,500		32,000	7/1/73
MISSISSIPPI	34,000		30,000	7/1/74
MISSOURI	36,500	34,000	31,000	7/1/75
MONTANA	27,000		25,000	7/1/75

Note: Salaries including supplements are shown in parentheses immediately beneath the figures for state-paid salaries.

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
NEBRASKA	35,500		32,500 (34,000)	2/1/76
NEVADA	35,000		30,000	1/1/75
NEW HAMPSHIRE	34,060		33,956	1/1/76
NEW JERSEY	48,000	45,000	40,000	6/28/74
NEW MEXICO	33,500	32,000	31,000	7/1/76
NEW YORK	60,575	51,627	48,998	7/1/74
NORTH CAROLINA	39,816	37,224	32,016	7/1/76
NORTH DAKOTA	32,000		30,000	7/1/76
OHIO	40,000	37,000	34,000	11/16/73
OKLAHOMA	38,000	35,000	21,000- 32,000	7/1/76
OREGON	38,720	37,510	35,090	7/1/76
PENNSYLVANIA	55,000	53,000	45,000	12/1/72
RHODE ISLAND	36,300		34,100	6/20/76
SOUTH CAROLINA	39,272		39,272	7/1/76
SOUTH DAKOTA	28,000		26,000	4/1/75
TENNESSEE	47,629	43,659	39,690	9/1/75
TEXAS	45,600	40,000 (44,600)	31,000 (43,600)	9/1/75
UTAH	30,000		27,500	7/1/75
VERMONT	29,900		25,800	7/1/74
VIRGINIA	44,000		41,000	7/1/76
WASHINGTON	39,412	36,325	34,250	7/1/75
WEST VIRGINIA	35,000		31,500	7/1/76
WISCONSIN	44,160		29,940 (38,036)	7/1/75
WYOMING	32,500		30,000	7/1/75
NATIONAL AVERAGE	39,321 ^a	40,317 ^b	34,310 ^a	NA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	40,140		37,800	10/1/75
FEDERAL SYSTEM COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO	63,000	44,600	42,000	10/1/75
	32,000		26,000	7/31/74

Key to Abbreviations

AC	Appellate Court	DCA	District Court of Appeals
AdDirCt	Administrative Director of the Court	DistJ	District Judge
ADistJ	Associate District Judge	DpCJ	Deputy Chief Judge
AJ	Associate Judge, Justice	Equity C	Equity Court
AppDiv	Appellate Division	ExecOff	Executive Officer
AsstJ	Assistant Judge	GenSessCt	General Sessions Court
CA	Court of Appeals	J	Judge
CC	Circuit Court	JC	Justice Courts
CCivA	Court of Civil Appeals	JDRC	Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
CCrA	Court of Criminal Appeals	JP	Justice of the Peace
Ch	Chancellor	Juv	Juvenile Court
ChC	Chancery Court	MC	Municipal Court
CirJ	Circuit Judge	PC	Probate Court
CJ	Chief Judge, Justice	PCirJ	Presiding Circuit Judge
Co	County	PJ	Presiding Judge
CoC	County Court	PoC	Police Court
CoDC	County District Court	SC	Superior Court
Comm	Commissioner	SCA	State Court Administrator
Comp	Compensation	SCoC	Superior County Court
CP	Court of Common Pleas	SpecJ	Special Judge
CrC	Criminal Court	SrC	Surrogate Court
CrDC	Criminal District Court	StIndustCt	State Industrial Court
CSA	Court of Special Appeals	SupCt	Supreme Court
Ct	Court	Supp	Supplement
DC	District Court	VCh	Vice Chancellor

Note: Salaries including supplements are shown in parentheses immediately beneath the figures for state-paid salaries.

^aArithmetic average figured for the 50 states.

^bArithmetic average figured for the 25 states that have intermediate appellate courts.

Salaries — Courts of Appellate and General Jurisdictions and State Court Administrators

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	CJ	AJ					
ALABAMA	33,500	33,500	AdDirCt 26,650 SCA 20,500	CCivA CCrA	33,000 33,000	State CC Local Supps.	25,000 0-40% of state pd. salary*
ALASKA†	52,992	52,992	50,784			SC	48,576
ARIZONA	37,000	37,000	32,659	CA	35,000	SC Comm.	33,000 26,400*
ARKANSAS	34,024	31,189	25,064			CC ChC	29,013 29,013
CALIFORNIA†	61,609	57,985	45,504	CA	54,361	SC	45,299
COLORADO	42,500	40,000	37,000	CA: CJ AJ	37,500 37,000	DC	33,000
CONNECTICUT†	40,000	36,000	38,000* * SCA is also a SupCt AJ			SC: CJ J	35,000 34,500

DELAWARE	42,500	42,000	30,107			SC: PJ AJ ChC: Ch VCh	39,500 39,000 39,500 39,000
FLORIDA	40,000	40,000	32,000	DCA	38,000	CC	36,000
GEORGIA	40,000	40,000	24,500		39,500	SC Local supps. to	32,500 12,100
HAWAII	47,500	45,000	40,000			CC	42,500
IDAHO	31,500	31,500	29,000			DC	28,500
ILLINOIS	50,000	50,000	45,000	AC	45,000	CC: J AJ	42,500 37,000
INDIANA	38,100 Subsistence allowance 3,000	38,100 3,000	28,963 SupCtAdm 23,149 ExDir-StCt Administration	CA	38,100 Subsistence allowance 3,000	CC+SC+CrimC	26,500-31,500* * depends on pop. of county
IOWA†	40,000	39,000	24,700			DC: CJ AJ	34,072 33,072
KANSAS†	35,000	32,500 Comm 32,000	27,500			DC Local supps.	27,500 1,266-2,532*
KENTUCKY†	39,500	39,000	30,000	CJ J	37,500 37,000	CC	35,000

† See Appendix I

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	CJ	AJ					
LOUISIANA	50,000	50,000	43,450	CA	47,500	DC base	42,500 45,000*
						* where pop. exceeds 225,000	
MAINE	27,500	26,000	24,500			SC	25,500
MARYLAND	45,200	44,100	39,200	CSA: CJ AJ	42,500 41,400	CC	39,200
MASSACHUSETTS	42,236	40,788	30,691	AC: CJ AJ	39,220 37,771	SC: CJ AJ	37,771 36,203
MICHIGAN†	43,500	43,500 Comm 27,123- 33,261	40,799	CA	41,961	CC Local supps. Recorders Court* * Detroit	26,500 3,500-17,557 44,446
MINNESOTA	40,000	36,500	32,000			DC Ramsey, Hennepin, St. Louis counties DC other counties	33,500 32,000
MISSISSIPPI	CJ 35,000 PJ 34,500	34,000				CC ChC	30,000 30,000
MISSOURI	36,500	36,500 Comm 36,500	27,025	CA	34,000	CC	31,000
MONTANA	28,000	27,000	14,000			DC	25,000

NEBRASKA†	35,500	35,500	30,000			DC Local supps. * where pop. over 150,000 DC	32,500 1,500* 30,000
NEVADA	35,000	35,000				SC: CJ AJ	34,164 33,956
NEW HAMPSHIRE†	34,268	34,060				SC: (assignment judges) SC CoC	43,000 40,000 40,000
NEW JERSEY	50,500	48,000	AdDirCt 37,770-50,993 Acting AdDirCt 45,000	SCAppDiv	45,000	DC	31,000
NEW MEXICO	33,500	33,500	28,900	CA	32,000	DC	31,000
NEW YORK	63,143	60,575	57,000	AppDiv, SupCt 1, 2, 3, 4th Depts PJ AJ	55,266 51,627	SC 1st through 11th Judicial Districts	48,998
NORTH CAROLINA	40,860	39,816	34,104	CA: CJ AJ	38,256 37,224	SC	32,016
NORTH DAKOTA	33,500	32,000	28,800			DC	30,000
OHIO	43,500	40,000	37,232	CA	37,000	CC Pleas	23,500-34,000
OKLAHOMA	38,000 CCrA 38,000	38,000 CCrA 38,000	35,000	CA	35,000	DC: Distj ADistj Pop. over 300,000 30,000 to 300,000 10,000 to 29,999 Under 10,000 Specj (lawyer and nonlawyer)	32,000 28,000 26,000 24,000 21,000 21,000
† See Appendix I							

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	CJ	AJ					
OREGON	38,720	38,720	36,132	CA	37,510	CC	35,090
PENNSYLVANIA	57,500	55,000	42,500	SC: PJ AJ	54,500* 53,000*	CP: PJ J	45,000-47,500* 45,000
				* same salary for Commonwealth Ct.		* depends on number of judges and population	
RHODE ISLAND	37,400	36,300	23,860-27,873			SC: PJ AJ	35,200 34,100
SOUTH CAROLINA	45,049	39,272	31,127			CC	39,272
SOUTH DAKOTA	29,000	28,000	22,500			PCirj Cirj Law Trained Magistrate up to Magistrate part-time	27,000 26,000 22,500 500-9,298
TENNESSEE	51,598	47,629	40,018	CA: PJ AJ	45,247* 43,659*	CC ChC CrC EquityC	39,690 39,690 39,690 39,690
				* same figures for CCrA			
TEXAS†	46,100 CCrA 46,100	45,600 CCrA 45,600		CCivA: CJ AJ	40,500 40,000	DC statè salary Local supps. up to Same figures for CrDC	31,000 12,600
				Local supps. to 5,600 for CJ 4,600 for AJ			

UTAH	30,000	30,000	27,500			DC: CJ & Chmn. Jud. Cncl. J	28,500 27,500
VERMONT	31,400	29,900	25,800			SCC: PJ J Asstj	26,800 25,800 25 per day
VIRGINIA	45,000	44,000	34,987			CC	41,000
WASHINGTON	39,412	39,412	30,825	CA	36,325	SC: ProTemj ProTemAtty	34,250 82.20 per day 137.00 per day
WEST VIRGINIA	35,000	35,000	31,500			CC	31,500
WISCONSIN	49,920	44,160	40,404			CC: State pay Local supps. to	29,940 8,096
WYOMING	32,500	32,500	25,000			DC	30,000
PUERTO RICO	32,600	32,000	30,600			SC DC	26,000 19,300
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	40,640 D.C. Court of Appeals	40,140	37,800 ExecOff of D.C. Courts			SC: CJ AJ	38,300 37,800
FEDERAL SYSTEM	65,600	63,000	AdDirCt 42,000	CA	44,600	DC	42,000

† See Appendix I

Salaries — Courts of Special or Limited Jurisdiction

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

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State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
ALABAMA†		PC 300-45,000		Inferior Ct. CoC 300-31,500		Recorders Ct. 300-22,000	
ALASKA†				Magistrate Ct. 6,464-30,590	DC 41,068		
ARIZONA†			JC 6,000-15,000 based on registered voters in precinct			PoC 300-36,525 set by Mayor and City Council	
ARKANSAS†			1,200-2,400 10.00 per case	3,000-5,000		MC 2,400- 24,500 PoC 1,200- 3,600* City Court 1,200-3,600 * Beebe and Crossett Counties	100-900 based on cases* * This court is presided over by the CoC Judge who receives this in add. to his regular salary.
CALIFORNIA†			JC 1,200- 34,098			MC 41,677	
COLORADO	Juv* 33,000 SC* 33,000 *Denver	PC* 33,000 *Denver		Denver 30,000 Others 3,000- 30,000		MC 500- 30,000	

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CONNECTICUT†	Juv: CJ 32,500 J 28,500	PC Fees up to 34,500					CJ 32,500 J 28,500
DELAWARE	Family Court: CJ 38,500 AJ 38,000		JP 13,397			MC Wilmington CJ 32,748 AJ 31,579 AJ 13,684* * part-time	CJ 38,500 AJ 38,000
FLORIDA				Pop. less than 40,000: 26,000 Pop. more than 40,000: 34,000			
GEORGIA	JC: Full-time 9,600-33,450 Part-time 2,400-21,000	3,600-30,500	JP fees amount unavailable	2,400-33,450		16,000-18,000	
HAWAII					DC 40,000		
IDAHO					Magistrate Div. of DC Lawyers full-time 23,100 Lay full-time 12,600-17,850 part-time 9,000-10,000		
ILLINOIS							
INDIANA	Juv 26,500- 31,500* * depends on pop. of cnty.	PC 26,500- 31,500* * depends on pop. of cnty.		23,500		MC: PJ 30,500 AJ 29,500	
† See Appendix I							

State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
IOWA					ADistJ 25,500	Magistrates full-time 25,500 part-time 6,750	
KANSAS†	JC 23,374 - 30,032 Depends on cnty. Shawnee, Wyandotte, Johnson and Sedgwick Counties only	PC* 9,000 - 30,032 Depends on pop. * In 93 counties the Probate Judge also acts as the Juvenile and CoC Judge		The salaries of county court judges are merged into their salaries as probate judges since they fill both positions		City Courts: 4,140-9,744 Magistrate Cts. 8,455-27,029 Municipal Cts.* 0-17,544 * all part-time	
KENTUCKY		Co PC up to 14,300	JC: Co. over 250,000: 9,600 Co. 60,000- 250,000: 3,600 Co. 20,000- 60,000: 2,400 Co. less than 20,000: 1,200			PoC: 1st class cities 25,000 2nd class cities 21,500	Quarterly Courts up to 14,300
LOUISIANA	Juv 42,500		JP (average) 1,200-1,800	Parish Court Jefferson 44,500		New Orleans: MC 34,000 Traffic Ct. (N.O.) 34,000 City Court Under 100,000 pop. 7,600 - 11,200 plus fees	

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MAINE		PC 4,500-12,020			DC: CJ 24,000 DpCj 23,500 J 23,000	Over 100,000 pop. New Orleans 35,500	
MARYLAND		Orphans Court part-time: salaried 600-18,500 others 15-22.50/day			DC: CJ 41,400 AJ 33,300		
MASSACHUSETTS	Juv: Boston 31,738 others 30,168	PC: CJ 32,944 AJ 31,738 part-time* 11,343 * 1 part-time J		Hampden Co. Housing Ct. 36,203 City of Boston Housing Ct. J 36,203 AJ 32,583	DC: CJ 31,738 AJ 30,168 part-time 9,171-12,189 spec. per diem 61-100	MC: (Boston) CJ 31,738 AJ 30,168	Land Court 36,203
MICHIGAN†		PC 9,075-39,000* * some part-time			DC: 23,850 local supp. up to 12,500	MC part-time 5,000-20,000	Detroit 35,500
MINNESOTA		PC 33,500* * Hennepin and Ramsey Counties only	JC fees* * extremely limited duties amount unavailable	27,500- 29,000* * learned in the law 23,500* * not learned in the law		MC 29,000* * Hennepin and Ramsey Counties only	

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State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
MISSISSIPPI	Family Court 29,000* * Harrison Co		JP fees amount unavailable	5,400-29,000* * depends on population			
MISSOURI†		PC 16,200-31,000* * based on pop.			St. Louis Ct. of Criminal Corrections 29,000	Magistrate Ct: 16,200-22,400* * based on pop. PC up to 28,000	
MONTANA			JP up to 16,500			City Ct up to 15,600	
NEBRASKA†	Juv 32,500 Supp* 1,500 * pop. over 150,000	PC 24,000-29,000 based on pop. AJ up to 18,000				MC 29,500	Workmen's Comp Ct 30,500
NEVADA				JC set locally 421-23,500		MC set locally 1,200-26,500	
NEW HAMPSHIRE†		PC 11,357			DC 3,700-30,000	MC 150-5,100* * by ordinance	
NEW JERSEY†	JDRC 40,000	SrC up to 27,000		CoDC 37,000		MC up to 27,500	
NEW MEXICO		PC 1,000-7,040		Magistrate Ct. 5,100-19,950		MC Albuquerque only:	Small Claim Ct. Albuquerque only: 8,000
NEW YORK	Family Court NYC 42,451 other 36,000-48,998	SrC NYC 48,998 others 36,000-48,998	JC varies amount unavailable	(outside NYC) 36,000-48,998	Nassau CoDC PJ 44,500 AJ 42,000	NYC Civil Ct 42,451 NYC CrimCt 42,451	Ct. of Claims Pj 51,627 AJ 48,998

NORTH CAROLINA					Suffolk Co PJ 45,330 AJ 40,990		
NORTH DAKOTA			CoJC up to 7,000	Of increased jurisdiction: 15,500-23,000 others: 7,600-9,900	DC CJ 25,776 AJ 24,744	MC set by gov. body of each munic.	
OHIO	Juv 23,500-34,000 DR 23,500-34,000	PC 23,500-34,000		8,000 part-time		MC 21,000-31,000 part-time 11,000-20,000	
OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma has special courts manned by District Judges who receive only expenses. Courts of Tax Review and Bank Review.					MC set locally by ordinance amount unavailable	StIndustCt 30,000
OREGON			JP 960-11,750		DC 31,460	MC & City Cts 3,000-23,000	Tax Court 35,090
PENNSYLVANIA†			JP 7,500-16,500* * excluding Philadelphia depending on magisterial district size			MC Philadelphia Atty. Judges: PJ 41,500 AJ 40,000 Lay Judges: 21,000 Traffic Ct. PJ 22,000 AJ 21,000	
† See Appendix I							

State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
RHODE ISLAND	Family Court CJ 35,200 AJ 34,100	PC up to 11,440 Probate Judges are part-time			DC CJ 32,472 AJ 31,372		
SOUTH CAROLINA	Family Ct. set locally amount unavailable	PC set locally amount unavailable		set locally amount unavailable		MC set locally amount unavailable	
SOUTH DAKOTA			Lay Magistrate 500-9,298				
TENNESSEE†	JC set locally amount unavailable	PC set locally amount unavailable		GenSessCt 1,800-36,380		MC set locally amount unavailable	
TEXAS* * all set locally	DR and JC same as DC in county up to 40,000	PC 5,764-39,088	JP 18.00-24,000	"Constitutional" 600-40,000 Civil, Crim, Crim Appeals, Statutory: 5,764-39,088		MC 0-26,500	
UTAH	Juv 27,500		JP fees determined by city comm., town council. Subject to review annually			City Cts set by city ordinance 15,000-24,750	
VERMONT		PC 5,700-21,600			DC: CJ 23,700 J 22,700		

VIRGINIA	JDRC DC 29,900-36,900				GenDC 29,900-36,900 Part-time 8,396-27,830		
WASHINGTON			JP based on pop. If Justice receives more than 15,000 is considered full-time. Range: 1,000-15,000		DC 29,000	MC Seattle 34,250 other 9,000* * not to exceed Superior Ct	
WEST VIRGINIA						Magistrates 5,000-17,500* * based on pop.	
WISCONSIN				state pay: 13,728 county pay: 13,728 local supps up to 10,580		MC set locally amount unavailable	
WYOMING			JP 2,500-7,200			MC set locally amount unavailable	
PUERTO RICO			JP 6,000-8,400			MC 12,000-13,000	
FEDERAL SYSTEM				Court of Claims 44,600	Court of Customs and Patent Appeals 44,600	Customs Court 42,000	

Appendix I

Future Salaries and Pending Legislation

Alabama

The District Court will replace Inferior Courts (County Courts) on January 16, 1977. District Court judges salaries will be \$22,500 plus available local supplements.

Alaska

Legislation which would create a salary commission to oversee salary and retirement provisions of the judiciary, legislature, cabinet members, lieutenant governor and governor is pending. If this commission concept passes the legislature, the commission will make its initial recommendations during the first part of the January 1977 session.

Arizona

An increase in the salary range for justices of the peace will be effective January 3, 1977. The range is from \$6,600 to \$17,500 based on registered voters.

Arkansas

Under existing legislation, the following salary changes will take place on January 1, 1977: County Court judges salaries will range from \$9,000 to \$24,000 and justices of the peace will get \$10 a case.

California

Salaries effective September 1, 1976, are as follows: Supreme Court Chief Justice, \$66,869, and Associate Justices, \$62,935; Court of Appeals, \$59,002; Superior Court, \$49,166; Municipal Court, \$45,235; Justice Court, \$5,500 to \$36,580; and Administrative Director of the Courts, \$46,344.

Connecticut

The Court of Common Pleas, the Juvenile Court, and the Probate Courts will be merged into one court, the Superior Court, as of July 1, 1978, at which time the lower courts will attain the salary of the present Superior Court judges over a period of five years.

Iowa

Salaries for the new appellate court which will be operative January 1, 1977, are as follows: Chief Justice of the Appellate Court, \$37,000 and Associate Justices, \$36,000.

Kansas

The following new salaries will be effective January 10, 1977. Supreme Court Chief Justice, \$35,000 and Associate Justices, \$34,000; Court of Appeals Chief Judge, \$34,000 and Judges, \$33,000; District Judges, \$30,500 with local supplement in certain urban counties of \$1,500 and Associate District Judges, \$22,000 with local supplement up to \$8,400; State Court Administrator, \$27,500. Salaries for District Magistrate Judges will be established locally.

Kentucky

The General Assembly will meet later this year to set the salary for District Court judges. All the courts now listed as Limited or Special Jurisdiction courts (Quarterly Courts, County Probate Courts, Police Courts, Justice Courts) will be consolidated into one court.

Michigan

HB 6107, which has passed the House and Senate, would raise the salary of Court of Appeals judges to \$44,478, the state pay of Circuit judges to \$27,700, and the state pay of District judges to \$24,390 effective January 1, 1977.

HB 6235, which has passed the House and Senate, would raise the minimum statutory salary for Probate judges to \$9,000, 1/2 to be paid by the state and 1/2 by the county effective January 1, 1977.

Scheduled increases of October 1, 1976, would raise the Court Administrator's salary to \$44,102 and the Commissioner's salary range to \$29,468 to \$36,037.

Missouri

Recently enacted legislation will make the judges of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Corrections Acting Circuit Judges at a salary of \$31,000 in September.

Also, the salary range for Magistrates will increase by \$3,000 in September. This will raise the low figure for Probate Courts to \$19,200.

Nebraska

The following salaries become effective January 1, 1977, as a result of 1976 legislative action: Supreme Court, \$39,750; District Court, \$36,500 (same supplement as now); County Court, \$25,440 and \$30,740 (higher amount in districts over 100,000 population), associate county judges, up to \$19,080; Municipal Court, \$33,000; Juvenile Court, \$36,500 (same supplement); Workmen's Compensation Court, \$34,250.

New Hampshire

The Judicial Council, Office of the Secretary, has prepared for introduction into the next legislature a new formula based upon ratio of population and caseload rather than the present caseload system.

New Jersey

Legislation seeking to increase the salaries of County District Court judges from \$37,000 to \$40,000 is pending in committee.

Pennsylvania

Effective September 1976 will be an annual pay raise to district magistrates, boosting salaries to a range of \$9,000 to \$19,500.

Texas

Existing legislation provides for the following salaries, effective September 1, 1976: Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals — the Chief Justice and Presiding Judge \$47,900 and Associate Justices and Judges \$47,400; Court of Civil Appeals — Chief Justice \$42,300 and Associate Justices \$41,800; District Courts \$32,800.

Appendix II

Floating Salary Statutes

California, Massachusetts and Tennessee provide for judicial salary increases based on a consumer price index. California utilizes the California consumer price index while Massachusetts and Tennessee use the U.S. consumer price index. Maryland provides automatic salary increases for the judiciary based on general salary increases awarded to all state employees. 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, 1964, as amended, (Supp 1976) 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 to 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, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, § 1-703, 1974, 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, 1946, as amended, (Supp 1976-77) provides:

"The personnel administrator 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: Personnel Rules and Regulations of the State of Rhode Island provide:

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: Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-2303, 1973, as amended (Supp 1975) provides:

"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."

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