SURVEY OF Judicial Salaries

This graphic depicts the rankings of judicial salaries, with the highest salary for each of the three positions having a rank of "1." General jurisdiction judge salaries, adjusted for cost of living, are also included in this graphic. Empty squares represent states without an intermediate appellate court.



Judicial Salaries at a Glance

	Mean	Median	Range	
Chief, Highest Court	\$184,430	\$182,030	\$125,000 to	\$265,508
Associate Justice, COLR	\$178,346	\$172,998	\$120,000 to	\$253,189
Judge, Intermediate Appellate Court	\$170,171	\$169,212	\$105,000 to	\$237,365
Judge, General Jurisdiction Trial Courts	\$160,069	\$160,000	\$89,600 to	\$210,900
State Court Administrators	\$159,821	\$150,822	\$70,000 to	\$288,888

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Salaries and Rankings for Appellate and General-Jurisdiction Judges - Listed Alphabetically by State Name

The table below lists the salaries and rankings for associate justices of the courts of last resort, associate judges of intermediate appellate courts, and judges of general jurisdiction trial courts (actual salaries and cost-of-living-adjusted salaries as of July 1, 2019). Salaries are ranked from highest to lowest, with the highest salary for each position having a rank of "1." The lowest salary has a rank of "55" except for intermediate appellate courts, which exists in only 40 states.

	Highest	Court	Intermediate Appellate Court		General-Juris	salction Cour	L Adjusted to	r Cost-oi-Li	-Living Inde
	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Factor	Salary	Rank
Alabama	\$172,998	32	\$169,212	22	\$133,901	47	94.3	\$141,971	32
Alaska	\$205,176	10	\$193,836	8	\$189,720	8	129.1	\$146,900	26
Arizona	\$159,685	39	\$154,534	31	\$149,383	35	108.1	\$138,174	38
Arkansas	\$174,925	30	\$169,672	20	\$168,096	21	90.2	\$186,434	3
California	\$253,189	1	\$237,365	1	\$207,424	3	144.9	\$143,143	30
Colorado	\$188,151	18	\$180,697	13	\$173,248	17	111.6	\$155,242	18
Connecticut	\$191,178	17	\$179,552	14	\$172,663	18	130.9	\$131,875	44
Delaware	\$196,245	15			\$184,444	10	110.2	\$167,381	7
District of Columbia	\$223,700	5			\$210,900	1	158.5	\$133,053	41
Florida	\$220,600	6	\$169,554	21	\$160,688	26	104.3	\$154,135	19
Georgia	\$175,600	28	\$174,500	17	\$173,714	16	96.8	\$179,405	5
Guam	\$151,008	45	\$151,008	32	\$150,010	34			
Hawaii	\$229,668	4	\$212,784	4	\$207,084	5	135.0	\$153,373	20
daho	\$155,200	41	\$145,200	36	\$139,200	43	97.4	\$142,870	31
llinois	\$240,016	2	\$225,900	2	\$207,291	4	112.9	\$183,658	4
ndiana	\$182,030	23	\$176,948	16	\$151,137	32	95.9	\$157,658	13
owa	\$178,304	25	\$161,588	27	\$150,444	33	96.6	\$155,743	16
Kansas	\$145,641	49	\$140,940	39	\$128,636	52	96.7	\$133,009	42
Kentucky	\$142,362	50	\$136,631	41	\$130,926	51	95.4	\$137,288	39
ouisiana	\$174,583	31	\$163,331	25	\$156,972	30	99.6	\$157,578	14
Vlaine	\$142,210	51			\$133,286	49	118.9	\$112,088	51
Maryland	\$186,433	21	\$173,633	18	\$164,433	23	131.1	\$125,405	49
Massachusetts	\$200,984	14	\$190,087	10	\$184,694	9	131.5	\$140,463	34
Michigan	\$164,610	37	\$160,695	28	\$146,721	39	93.6	\$156,771	15
<i>A</i> innesota	\$182,139	22	\$171,624	19	\$161,108	25	105.1	\$153,274	21
Mississippi	\$152,250	44	\$144,827	37	\$136,000	45	89.4	\$152,077	23
Missouri	\$178,641	24	\$163,301	26	\$153,957	31	92.9	\$165,760	8
Vontana	\$149,681	46			\$136,896	44	100.1	\$136,714	40
Nebraska	\$176,299	26	\$167,484	23	\$163,077	24	98.5	\$165,631	9
Nevada	\$170,000	34	\$165,000	24	\$160,000	27	110.0	\$145,468	27
New Hampshire	\$175,837	27			\$164,911	22	124.8	\$132,172	43
New Jersey	\$201,842	13	\$191,534	9	\$181,000	12	124.7	\$145,146	28
New Mexico	\$148,207	48	\$140,797	40	\$133,757	48	101.7	\$131,520	45
New York	\$233,400	3	\$215,700	3	\$210,900	1	146.9	\$143,583	29
North Carolina	\$149,115	47	\$142,947	38	\$135,236	46	95.9	\$141,000	33
North Dakota	\$160,149	38			\$146,746	38	104.7	\$140,195	35
Northern Mariana Islands	\$126,000	54	\$126,000	42	\$120,000	54			
Ohio	\$172,200	33	\$160,500	29	\$147,600	37	94.9	\$155,485	17
Oklahoma	\$154,174	42	\$146,059	35	\$139,298	42	93.9	\$148,378	25
Oregon	\$154,040	43	\$150,980	33	\$142,136	40	115.6	\$122,926	50
Pennsylvania	\$211,027	7	\$199,116	6	\$183,184	11	107.1	\$171,061	6
Puerto Rico	\$120,000	55	\$105,000	43	\$89,600	55	101.5	\$400 0F5	07
Rhode Island	\$187,549	19		_	\$168,856	20	121.8	\$138,653	37
South Carolina	\$202,057	12	\$197,005	7	\$191,954	6	100.3	\$191,349	1
South Dakota	\$140,315	52	+107 A · ·	44	\$131,059	50	100.4	\$130,501	46
Tennessee	\$193,488	16	\$187,044	11	\$180,600	13	95.1	\$189,888	2
lexas	\$168,000	35	\$158,500	30	\$149,000	36	99.5	\$149,680	24
Jtah (ormant	\$187,500	20	\$178,950	15	\$170,450	19	104.3	\$163,495	11
/ermont	\$166,868	36			\$158,635	29	123.0	\$128,983	48
/irgin Islands	\$209,805	9	#100 (00	10	\$178,240	14	400 5	#105 005	10
/irginia	\$202,896	11	\$186,426	12	\$175,826	15	106.5	\$165,095	10
Vashington	\$210,732	8	\$200,603	5	\$190,985	7	119.3	\$160,125	12
Vest Virginia	\$136,000	53	A100 000	0.4	\$126,000	53	97.3	\$129,535	47
Visconsin	\$159,297	40	\$150,280	34	\$141,773	41	101.1	\$140,194	36
Nyoming	\$175,000	29			\$160,000	27	104.4	\$153,223	22
Mean	\$ 178,346		\$ 170,171		\$ 160,069				
Median	\$ 172,998		\$ 169,212		\$ 160,000				

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