

JUDICIARY

TABLE 5.4

Compensation of Judges of Appellate Courts and General Trial Courts

State or other jurisdiction	Court of last resort	Appellate courts			Judges salaries	General trial courts	Salary
		Chief Justice salaries	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court			
Alabama	Supreme Court	\$181,127	\$167,685	Court of Criminal Appeals	\$178,878	Circuit courts	\$134,943
Alaska	Supreme Court	205,776	205,176	Court of Appeals	193,836	Superior courts	189,720
Arizona	Supreme Court	164,836	159,685	Court of Appeals	154,534	Superior courts	149,383
Arkansas	Supreme Court	183,600	169,830	Court of Appeals	164,730	Chancery courts	163,200
California	Supreme Court	256,059	244,179	Court of Appeals	228,918	Superior court	200,042
Colorado	Supreme Court	181,219	177,350	Court of Appeals	170,324	District courts	163,303
Connecticut	Supreme Court	200,599	185,610	Appellate Court	174,323	Superior courts	167,634
Delaware	Supreme Court	204,148	195,245	...	...	Superior courts	183,444
Florida	Supreme Court	178,420	178,420	District Court of Appeals	169,554	Circuit courts	160,688
Georgia	Supreme Court	175,600	175,600	Court of Appeals	174,500	Superior courts	169,265
Hawaii	Supreme Court	231,468	223,200	Intermediate Court	206,652	Circuit courts	201,060
Idaho	Supreme Court	149,700	146,700	Court of Appeals	137,700	District courts	131,700
Illinois	Supreme Court	229,345	229,345	Court of Appeals	215,856	Circuit courts	198,075
Indiana	Supreme Court	173,599	173,599	Court of Appeals	168,752	Circuit courts	144,137
Iowa	Supreme Court	183,001	174,808	Court of Appeals	158,420	District courts	147,494
Kansas	Supreme Court	142,793	139,303	Court of Appeals	134,806	District courts	123,038
Kentucky	Supreme Court	140,508	135,504	Court of Appeals	130,044	Circuit courts	124,620
Louisiana	Supreme Court	177,703	169,125	Court of Appeals	158,147	District courts	151,943
Maine	Supreme Judicial Court	154,981	134,056	...	...	Superior courts	125,632
Maryland	Court of Appeals	195,433	176,433	Court of Special Appeals	163,633	Circuit courts	154,433
Massachusetts	Supreme Judicial Court	199,989	194,734	Appellate Court	183,837	Superior courts	178,444
Michigan	Supreme Court	164,610	164,610	Court of Appeals	157,544	Circuit courts	145,578
Minnesota	Supreme Court	190,699	173,363	Court of Appeals	163,354	District courts	153,345
Mississippi	Supreme Court	159,000	152,250	Court of Appeals	144,827	Chancery courts	136,000
Missouri	Supreme Court	181,677	173,742	Court of Appeals	158,848	Circuit courts	149,723
Montana	Supreme Court	145,621	144,061	...	...	District courts	132,558
Nebraska	Supreme Court	173,694	173,694	Court of Appeals	165,009	District courts	160,667
Nevada	Supreme Court	170,000	170,000	Court of Appeals	165,000	District courts	160,000
New Hampshire	Supreme Court	167,271	162,240	...	...	Superior courts	152,159
New Jersey	Supreme Court	192,795	185,482	Appellate division of	175,534	Superior courts	165,000
New Mexico	Supreme Court	133,174	131,174	Court of Appeals	124,616	District courts	118,384
New York	Court of Appeals	222,500	215,700	Appellate divisions of	205,400	Supreme courts	194,000
North Carolina	Supreme Court	150,086	146,191	Court of Appeals	140,144	Superior courts	132,584
North Dakota	Supreme Court	161,517	157,009	...	...	District courts	143,869
Ohio	Supreme Court	174,700	164,000	Court of Appeals	152,850	Courts of common pleas	140,550
Oklahoma	Supreme Court	155,820	145,914	Court of Appeals	138,235	District courts	131,835
Oregon	Supreme Court	150,572	147,560	Court of Appeals	144,536	Circuit courts	135,776
Pennsylvania	Supreme Court	213,748	207,203	Superior Court	195,978	Courts of common pleas	180,299
Rhode Island	Supreme Court	193,458	175,870	...	...	Superior courts	158,340
South Carolina	Supreme Court	156,234	148,794	Court of Appeals	145,074	Circuit courts	141,354
South Dakota	Supreme Court	137,270	135,270	...	...	Circuit courts	126,346
Tennessee	Supreme Court	190,128	185,064	Court of Appeals	178,908	Chancery courts	172,740
Texas	Supreme Court	170,500	168,000	Court of Appeals	158,500	District courts	149,000
Utah	Supreme Court	180,500	178,500	Court of Appeals	170,350	District courts	162,250
Vermont	Supreme Court	166,130	158,558	...	...	Superior/District/Family	150,738
Virginia	Supreme Court	210,017	197,827	Court of Appeals	181,610	Circuit courts	171,120
Washington	Supreme Court	189,374	186,681	Court of Appeals	177,708	Superior courts	169,187
West Virginia	Supreme Court	136,000	136,000	...	...	Circuit courts	126,000
Wisconsin	Supreme Court	147,403	147,403	Court of Appeals	139,059	Circuit courts	131,187
Wyoming	Supreme Court	165,000	165,000	District courts	150,000

See footnotes at end of table

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Compensation of Judges of Appellate Courts and General Trial Courts (continued)

Source: National Center for State Courts, January 1, 2018.

Note: Compensation is shown rounded to the nearest thousand, and is reported according to most recent legislation, even though laws may not yet have taken effect. There are other non-salary forms of judicial compensation that can be a significant part of a judge's compensation package. It should be noted that many of these can be important to judges or attorneys who might be interested in becoming judges or justices. These include retirement, disability, and death benefits, expense accounts, vacation, holiday, and sick leave and various forms of insurance coverage.