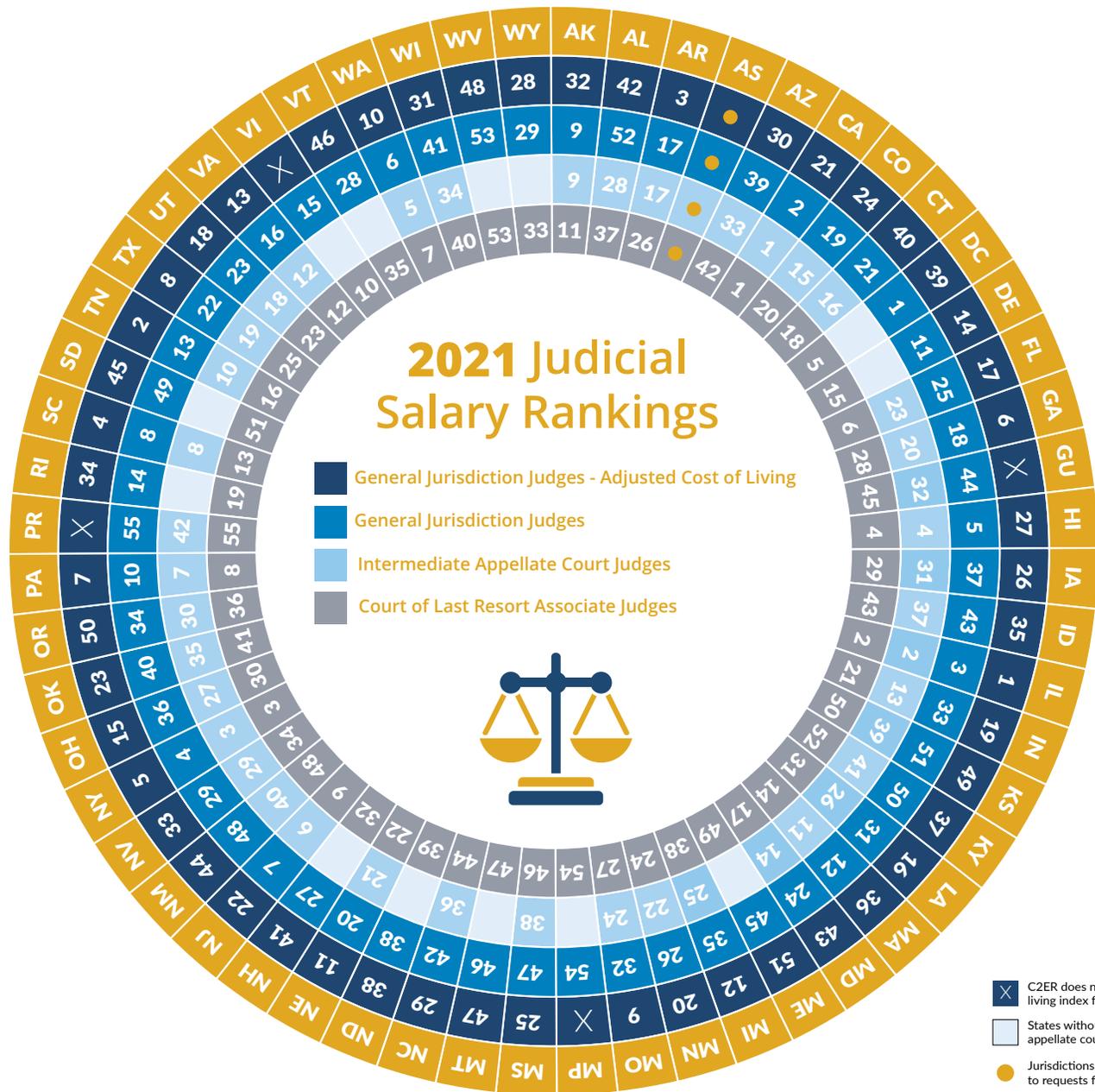


SURVEY OF Judicial Salaries

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Data and Rankings as of January 1, 2021

This graphic depicts the rankings of judicial salaries, with the highest salary for each position having a rank of "1." Data is reported by each jurisdiction to NCSC.



Judicial Salaries at a Glance

	Mean	Median	Range
Chief, Highest Court	\$187,965	\$187,588	\$125,000 to \$274,695
Associate Justice, COLR	\$181,525	\$179,112	\$120,000 to \$261,949
Judge, Intermediate Appellate Court	\$175,196	\$176,800	\$105,000 to \$245,578
Judge, General Jurisdiction Trial Courts	\$162,973	\$160,777	\$89,600 to \$216,400
State Court Administrators	\$164,009	\$155,347	\$70,000 to \$299,004



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Salaries and Rankings - Listed Alphabetically by Jurisdiction 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 January 1, 2021). 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 the intermediate appellate courts, which exist in only 42 jurisdictions, and adjusted general jurisdiction, for which the adjustment factor is only available for 51 of the jurisdictions.

	Court of Last Resort		Intermediate Appellate Court		General-Jurisdiction Court		General-Jurisdiction Court <i>Adjusted for Cost-of-Living Index</i>		
	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Factor	Salary	Rank
Alabama	\$166,072	37	\$165,072	28	\$126,018	52	93.9	\$134,159	42
Alaska	\$205,176	11	\$193,836	9	\$189,720	9	132.0	\$143,781	32
American Samoa	No Response		No Response		No Response		No Response		
Arizona	\$159,685	42	\$154,534	33	\$149,383	39	102.2	\$146,159	30
Arkansas	\$184,588	26	\$179,123	17	\$174,883	17	89.8	\$194,824	3
California	\$261,949	1	\$245,578	1	\$214,601	2	135.9	\$157,961	21
Colorado	\$188,151	20	\$180,679	15	\$173,248	19	111.7	\$155,089	24
Connecticut	\$191,178	18	\$179,552	16	\$172,663	21	127.1	\$135,866	40
Delaware	\$197,245	15	Not Applicable		\$185,444	11	109.9	\$168,760	14
District of Columbia	\$229,500	5	Not Applicable		\$216,400	1	155.3	\$139,342	39
Florida	\$227,218	6	\$174,641	23	\$165,509	25	100.9	\$164,043	17
Georgia	\$179,112	28	\$177,990	20	\$173,715	18	93.2	\$186,335	6
Guam	\$155,660	45	\$155,660	32	\$138,324	44	Not Applicable		
Hawaii	\$229,668	4	\$212,784	4	\$207,084	5	135.6	\$152,689	27
Idaho	\$157,800	43	\$147,800	37	\$141,800	43	100.1	\$141,677	35
Illinois	\$246,256	2	\$231,773	2	\$212,681	3	99.9	\$212,847	1
Indiana	\$188,037	21	\$182,787	13	\$156,125	33	95.3	\$163,893	19
Iowa	\$178,304	29	\$161,588	31	\$150,444	37	98.3	\$153,060	26
Kansas	\$145,641	50	\$140,940	39	\$128,636	51	97.9	\$131,355	49
Kentucky	\$142,362	52	\$136,632	41	\$130,926	50	92.6	\$141,420	37
Louisiana	\$177,717	31	\$166,184	26	\$159,666	31	97.2	\$164,272	16
Maine	\$146,474	49	Not Applicable		\$137,280	45	116.7	\$117,604	51
Maryland	\$191,433	17	\$181,633	14	\$169,433	24	126.8	\$133,646	43
Massachusetts	\$200,984	14	\$190,087	11	\$184,694	12	130.5	\$141,542	36
Michigan	\$164,610	38	\$167,187	25	\$154,467	35	90.5	\$170,609	12
Minnesota	\$186,692	24	\$175,915	22	\$165,136	26	102.4	\$161,241	20
Mississippi	\$152,250	46	\$144,827	38	\$136,000	47	88.2	\$154,268	25
Missouri	\$183,264	27	\$167,535	24	\$157,972	32	89.9	\$175,623	9
Montana	\$149,681	47	Not Applicable		\$136,896	46	103.3	\$132,508	47
Nebraska	\$187,588	22	\$177,684	21	\$173,008	20	100.1	\$172,889	11
Nevada	\$170,000	34	\$165,000	29	\$160,000	29	111.5	\$143,558	33
New Hampshire	\$175,837	32	Not Applicable		\$164,911	27	122.3	\$134,863	41
New Jersey	\$213,240	9	\$203,114	6	\$192,391	7	121.8	\$157,920	22
New Mexico	\$148,207	48	\$140,797	40	\$133,757	48	100.1	\$133,606	44
New York	\$233,400	3	\$222,200	3	\$210,900	4	111.8	\$188,612	5
North Carolina	\$156,664	44	\$150,184	36	\$142,082	42	95.4	\$148,950	29
North Dakota	\$163,394	39	Not Applicable		\$149,926	38	107.5	\$139,503	38
Northern Mariana Islands	\$126,000	54	Not Applicable		\$120,000	54	Not Applicable		
Ohio	\$178,280	30	\$166,167	27	\$152,811	36	92.3	\$165,488	15
Oklahoma	\$161,112	41	\$152,632	35	\$145,566	40	93.2	\$156,154	23
Oregon	\$167,232	36	\$164,004	30	\$154,692	34	120.5	\$128,346	50
Pennsylvania	\$215,037	8	\$202,898	7	\$186,665	10	102.1	\$182,793	7
Puerto Rico	\$120,000	55	\$105,000	42	\$89,600	55	Not Applicable		
Rhode Island	\$189,424	19	Not Applicable		\$181,008	14	126.9	\$142,630	34
South Carolina	\$202,057	13	\$197,005	8	\$191,954	8	99.5	\$192,999	4
South Dakota	\$143,122	51	Not Applicable		\$133,680	49	100.1	\$133,533	45
Tennessee	\$196,968	16	\$190,416	10	\$183,852	13	92.2	\$199,316	2
Texas	\$184,800	25	\$178,400	19	\$172,000	22	96.8	\$177,753	8
Utah	\$187,500	23	\$178,950	18	\$170,450	23	103.9	\$163,992	18
Vermont	\$169,121	35	Not Applicable		\$160,777	28	120.6	\$133,290	46
Virgin Islands	\$211,476	10	Not Applicable		\$178,240	15	Not Applicable		
Virginia	\$202,896	12	\$186,426	12	\$175,826	16	103.6	\$169,647	13
Washington	\$220,320	7	\$209,730	5	\$199,675	6	113.9	\$175,356	10
West Virginia	\$136,000	53	Not Applicable		\$126,000	53	95.6	\$131,868	48
Wisconsin	\$162,483	40	\$153,286	34	\$144,608	41	100.0	\$144,589	31
Wyoming	\$175,000	33	Not Applicable		\$160,000	29	107.3	\$149,110	28
Mean	\$181,525		\$175,196		\$162,973				
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