

Table 5.2
STATE INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS AND GENERAL TRIAL COURTS: NUMBER OF JUDGES AND TERMS

State or other jurisdiction	Intermediate appellate court			General trial court		
	Name of court	2013 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2013 No. of judges	Term (years)
Alabama	Court of Criminal Appeals	5	6	Circuit Court	144	6
	Court of Civil Appeals	5	6	Superior Court	40	6 (a)
Alaska	Court of Appeals	3	8	Superior Court	174	4
	Court of Appeals	22	6	Tax Court	1	4
Arizona						(unless rotated to a different court by the presiding judge)
Arkansas	Court of Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	121	6
	Courts of Appeal	105	12	Superior Court	1,682	6
California	Court of Appeals	22	8	District Court	160	6 (b)
				Denver Juvenile Court	3	6 (b)
Colorado				Water Court	1	6 (b)
	Appellate Court	9	8	District Court	1	At pleasure of the Supreme Court
	...	...	...	Judges serve	165	8
Connecticut	District Courts of Appeals	61	6	Superior Court	20	12
	Court of Appeals	12	6	Court of Chancery	5	12
Florida	Intermediate Court of Appeals	6	10	Circuit Court	599	6
	Court of Appeals	4	6	Superior Court	207	4
Georgia	Appellate Court	51	10	Circuit Court	33	10
	Court of Appeals	15	10 (c)	District Court	45	4
Hawaii	Tax Court	1	10	Circuit Court	514	6
	Court of Appeals	9	6	Superior Court, Probate Court and Circuit Court	317	6
Idaho	Court of Appeals	14	4	District Court	334 (d)	6 (c)
	Courts of Appeal	14	8	District Court	246 (f)	4
Illinois				Circuit Court	94	8
				Family Court	51	8
Indiana				District Court	218	6
				Juvenile and Family Court	18	6
Iowa				Superior Court	17	7
				District Court	36	7
Kansas	Court of Special Appeals	12	10	Circuit Court	152	15
	Appellate Court	28 (g)	To age 70	Superior Court	80	To age 70
	Court of Appeals	28	6	Circuit Court	217	6
Kentucky				Court of Claims	4	6
				District Court	280	6
Louisiana	Court of Appeals	19	6	Circuit Court	53	4
				Circuit Court	334 (h)	6 (f)
Maine	Court of Appeals	32	12	District Court	46 (j)	6
				Water Court	5	4
Maryland				Workers' Compensation Court	1	6
				District Court	55	6 (l)
Massachusetts				District Court	82	6
				Superior Court	22	To age 70
Michigan				Superior Court	363	7 (n)
Minnesota						
Mississippi						
Missouri						
Montana						
Nebraska						
Nevada						
New Hampshire						
New Jersey						

See footnotes at end of table.

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	Name of court	2013 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2013 No. of judges	Term (years)
New Mexico.....	Court of Appeals	10	8	District Court	75	6
New York.....	Appellate Division of Supreme Court	49	5 (o)	Supreme Court	275	14
	Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	13	Duration of term	County Court	126	10
North Carolina.....	Court of Appeals	15	8	Superior Court	105 (p)	8 (q)
North Dakota.....	Temporary Court of Appeals	3 (r)	1 (s)	District Court	44	6
Ohio.....	Courts of Appeals	69	6	Court of Common Pleas	384	6
Oklahoma.....	Court of Appeals	13	6	District Court	235 (t)	4 (u)
Oregon.....	Court of Appeals	13	6	Circuit Court	173	6
				Tax Court	1	6
Pennsylvania.....	Superior Court	23 (v)	10	Court of Common Pleas	449 (x)	10
	Commonwealth Court	9 (w)	10			
Rhode Island.....	...	...	...	Superior Court	25 (y)	Life
South Carolina.....	Court of Appeals	10	6	Circuit Court	46	6 (aa)
South Dakota.....	...	...	...	Circuit Court	41	8
Tennessee.....	Court of Appeals	12	8	Chancery Court	34	8
	Court of Criminal Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	83	8
				Criminal Court	33	8
				Probate Court	2	8
Texas.....	Courts of Appeals	80	6	District Court	457	4
Utah.....	Court of Appeals	7	6 (aa)	District Court	73	6 (aa)
				Superior Court	32	6 (aa)
Vermont.....	...	...	...	Circuit Court	142	8
Virginia.....	Court of Appeals	11	8	Superior Court	189	4
Washington.....	Courts of Appeal	22	6	Circuit Court	70	8
West Virginia.....	...	...	...	Circuit Court	249	6
Wisconsin.....	Court of Appeals	16	6	District Court	23	6
Wyoming.....	...	...	...	Superior Court	62	15
Dist. of Columbia.....	Court of First Instance	314 (bb)	12 (cc)
Puerto Rico.....	Court of Appeals	39	16			

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- Key:
- (a) The initial term for Superior Court judges is three years.
 - (b) The initial term for District Court, Denver Probate Court, Denver Juvenile Court and County Court judges is two years.
 - (c) Initial term of two years is served prior to the first "full" term, which is not served until after retention election is held.
 - (d) The number of District Court judges includes associate judges and magistrates. Does not include three vacant positions to be filled soon.
 - (e) Initial term of two years is served prior to the first "full" term, which is not served until after retention election is held.
 - (f) The number of District Court judges includes magistrates.
 - (g) The judges of the Appeals Court are assisted by the services on recall of several retired judges.
 - (h) The number of Circuit Court judges includes associate judges.
 - (i) Associate Circuit judges serve a term of four years.
 - (j) Three of those judges serve the Water Court.
 - (k) More than three years for first election and retention is every six years thereafter.
 - (l) The initial term is for three years but not more than five years.
 - (m) Followed by tenure. All judges are subject to gubernatorial reappointment and consent by the Senate after an initial seven-year term; thereafter, they may serve until mandatory retirement at age 70.
 - (n) After an initial seven-year term, the reapportionment term for Superior and Tax Court judges is open-ended until mandatory retirement age at age 70.
 - (o) Or duration.
 - (p) The number of Superior Court judges includes special judges.
 - (q) Special judges serve a term of four years.
 - (r) The Supreme Court may provide for the assignment of active or retired District Court judges, retired justices of the Supreme Court, and lawyers, too.
 - (s) Assignments are for a specified time, not to exceed one year or the completion of one or more cases on the docket of the Supreme Court.
 - (t) The number of District Court judges includes associate judges and special judges.
 - (u) District and associate judges serve four-year terms; special judges serve at pleasure.
 - (v) The judges of the Superior Court are assisted by senior judges specially appointed by the Supreme Court.
 - (w) The judges of the Commonwealth Court are assisted by senior judges specially appointed by the Supreme Court. Also, senior Common Pleas Court judges occasionally serve on the Commonwealth Court.
 - (x) Includes both active and senior judges.
 - (y) The number of judges includes magistrates.
 - (z) Four to five judges are currently working as active retired judges.
 - (aa) The initial term of appointment is until the next general election immediately following the third year from the time of the initial appointment.
 - (bb) The number of Court of First Instance judges includes Municipal Division judges.
 - (cc) Municipal judges serve a term of eight years.