

**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	2015 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2015 No. of judges	Term (years)
Alabama.....	Court of Criminal Appeals	5	6	Circuit Court	144	6
Alaska.....	Court of Civil Appeals	5	6	Superior Court	42	6
Arizona.....	Court of Appeals	3	8	Superior Court	174	4
Arkansas.....	Court of Appeals	22	6	Tax Court	1	4 (a)
California.....	Court of Appeals	12	8	Circuit Court	121	6
Colorado.....	Courts of Appeal	96	12	Superior Court	1,695	6
Connecticut.....	Court of Appeals	22	8	District Court	168 (b)	6
Delaware.....	Appellate Court	9	8	Denver Juvenile Court	3	6
Florida.....	...	...	...	Denver Probate Court	1	6
Georgia.....	District Courts of Appeals	61	6	Superior Court	165	8
Hawaii.....	Court of Appeals	12	6	Superior Court	21	12
Idaho.....	Intermediate Court of Appeals	6	10	Court of Chancery	5	12
Illinois.....	Court of Appeals	4	6	Circuit Court	599	6
Indiana.....	Appellate Court	54	10	Superior Court	209	4
Iowa.....	Court of Appeals	15	10	Circuit Court	31	10
Kansas.....	Tax Court	1	10	District Court	45	4
Kentucky.....	Court of Appeals	9	6	Circuit Court	916 (c)	6
Louisiana.....	Courts of Appeal	14	8	Superior Court, Probate Court and Circuit Court	315	6
Maine.....	...	...	...	District Court	337 (d)	6
Maryland.....	Court of Special Appeals	12	10	District Court	248 (e)	4
Massachusetts.....	Appellate Court	28	To age 70	Circuit Court	94	8
Michigan.....	Court of Appeals	28	6	Family Court	51	8
Minnesota.....	Court of Appeals	19	6	District Court	218	6
Mississippi.....	Court of Appeals	10	8	Juvenile & Family Court	18	6
Missouri.....	Court of Appeals	32	12	Superior Court	17	7
Montana.....	...	...	...	District Court	36	7
Nebraska.....	Court of Appeals	6	6	Circuit Court	157	15
Nevada.....	Court of Appeals	3	6	Superior Court	80	To age 70
New Hampshire.....	Appellate Division of Superior Court	33	7 / To age 70 (i)	Circuit Court	218	6
New Jersey.....	...	...	...	Court of Claims	4	6
				District Court	280	6
				Circuit Court	53	4
				Circuit Court	354 (f)	6 (g)
				District Court	46 (h)	6
				Water Court	5	4
				Workers' Compensation Court	1	6
				District Court	55	6
				District Court	82	6
				Superior Court	22	To age 70
				Superior Court	409	7 / To age 70 (i)

See footnotes at end of table.

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	Name of court	2015 No. of judges	Term (years)	Name of court	2015 No. of judges	Term (years)
New Mexico.....	Court of Appeals	10	8	District Court	75	6
New York.....	Appellate Division of Supreme Court	55	5 (l)	Supreme Court	269	14
	Appellate Terms of Supreme Court	11	Duration of term	County Court	127	10
North Carolina.....	Court of Appeals	15	8	Superior Court	112 (k)	8 (l)
North Dakota.....	Temporary Court of Appeals	3	1 (m)	District Court	44	6
Ohio.....	Courts of Appeals	69	6	Court of Common Pleas	384	6
Oklahoma.....	Court of Civil Appeals	12	6	District Court	241 (n)	4 (o)
Oregon.....	Court of Appeals	13	6	Circuit Court	173	6
				Tax Court	1	6
Pennsylvania.....	Superior Court	23	10	Court of Common Pleas	449 (p)	10
	Commonwealth Court	9	10			
Rhode Island.....	...	...	...	Superior Court	25 (q)	Life
South Carolina.....	Court of Appeals	9	6	Circuit Court	47	6
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	458	4
Utah.....	Court of Appeals	7	6	District Court	75	6
				Superior Court	32	6
Vermont.....	...	...	...	Circuit Court	158	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	338 (r)	12 (s)
Puerto Rico.....	Court of Appeals	39	16			

Sources: S. Strickland, R. Schauffler, R. LaFountain and K. Holt, eds, *State Court Organization*, Last updated April 8, 2016, National Center for State Courts, [www.ncsc.org/ncsc](http://www.ncsc.org/ncsc).

Key:

... Court does not exist in jurisdiction or not applicable.

(a) Unless related to a different court by the presiding judge.

(b) Judges also serve Water Court.

(c) 514 Circuit Court Judges and 378 Associate Judges.

(d) 146 of these are part-time judicial magistrates.

(e) Includes both district judges and district magistrate judges.

(f) The number of Circuit Court judges includes associate judges.

(g) Associate Circuit judges serve a term of four years.

(h) Three of those judges serve the Water Court.

(i) 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.

(j) Or duration.

(k) The number of Superior Court judges includes special judges.

(l) Special judges serve a term of four years.

(m) 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.

(n) The number of District Court judges includes associate judges and special judges.

(o) District and associate judges serve four-year terms; special judges serve at pleasure.

(p) Includes both active and senior judges.

(q) The number of judges includes magistrates.

(r) The number of Court of First Instance judges includes Municipal Division judges.

(s) Municipal judges serve a term of eight years.