

STATE COURTS

**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	Chief/Presiding salaries			
Eastern Region								
Connecticut.....	Supreme Court	\$175,645	\$162,520	Appellate Court	\$160,722	\$152,637	Superior courts	\$146,780
Delaware.....	Supreme Court	194,750	185,050	...	...	...	Superior courts	168,850
Maine.....	Supreme Judicial Court	138,138	119,476	Court of Special Appeals	152,552	149,552	Superior courts	111,969
Maryland.....	Court of Appeals	181,352	162,352	Appellate Court	140,358	135,087	Circuit courts	140,352
Massachusetts.....	Supreme Judicial Court	151,239	145,984	...	...	...	Superior courts	129,694
New Hampshire.....	Supreme Court	151,477	146,917	Appellate division of	175,534	175,534	Superior courts	137,084
New Jersey.....	Supreme Court	192,795	185,482	Appellate divisions of	148,000	144,000	Superior courts	165,000
New York.....	Court of Appeals	156,000	151,200	Superior Court	181,349	175,923	Supreme courts	136,700
Pennsylvania.....	Supreme Court	191,876	186,450	...	...	...	Courts of common pleas	161,850
Rhode Island.....	Supreme Court	171,835	156,213	...	...	...	Superior courts	140,642
Vermont.....	Supreme Court	135,421	129,245	...	...	...	Superior/District/Family	122,867
Regional averages.....		166,821	156,898		159,753	155,456		141,981
Midwestern Region								
Illinois.....	Supreme Court	207,066	207,066	Court of Appeals	194,888	194,888	Circuit courts	178,835
Indiana.....	Supreme Court	151,328	151,328	Court of Appeals	147,103	147,103	Circuit courts	125,647
Iowa.....	Supreme Court	170,850	163,200	Court of Appeals	153,000	147,900	District courts	137,700
Kansas.....	Supreme Court	139,310	135,905	Court of Appeals	134,750	131,518	District courts	120,037
Michigan.....	Supreme Court	164,610	164,610	Court of Appeals	151,441	151,441	Circuit courts	139,919
Minnesota.....	Supreme Court	160,579	145,981	Court of Appeals	144,429	137,552	District courts	129,124
Nebraska.....	Supreme Court	142,760	142,760	Court of Appeals	135,622	135,622	District courts	132,053
North Dakota.....	Supreme Court	133,968	130,228	...	...	...	District courts	119,330
Ohio.....	Supreme Court	150,850	141,600	Court of Appeals	132,000	132,000	Courts of common pleas	121,350
South Dakota.....	Supreme Court	120,173	118,173	...	...	...	Circuit courts	110,377
Wisconsin.....	Supreme Court	152,495	144,495	Court of Appeals	136,316	136,316	Circuit courts	128,600
Regional averages.....		153,999	149,577		147,728	146,038		131,179
Southern Region								
Alabama.....	Supreme Court	(a)	(b)	Court of Criminal Appeals	(c)	(d)	Circuit courts	(e)
Arkansas.....	Supreme Court	156,864	145,204	Court of Appeals	142,969	140,732	Chancery courts	136,257
Florida.....	Supreme Court	157,976	157,976	District Court of Appeals	150,077	150,077	Circuit courts	142,178
Georgia.....	Supreme Court	167,210	167,210	Court of Appeals	166,186	166,186	Superior courts	(f)
Kentucky.....	Supreme Court	140,504	135,504	Court of Appeals	133,044	130,044	Circuit courts	124,620
Louisiana.....	Supreme Court	157,050	149,572	Court of Appeals	149,570	142,477	District courts	136,544
Mississippi.....	Supreme Court	115,390	112,330	Court of Appeals	108,130	105,050	Chancery courts	104,170
Missouri.....	Supreme Court	139,534	137,034	Court of Appeals	128,207	128,207	Circuit courts	120,484
North Carolina.....	Supreme Court	140,932	137,249	Court of Appeals	135,061	131,531	Superior courts	124,382
Oklahoma.....	Supreme Court	147,000	137,655	Court of Appeals	132,825	130,410	District courts	124,373
South Carolina.....	Supreme Court	144,029	137,171	Court of Appeals	135,799	133,741	Circuit courts	130,312
Tennessee.....	Supreme Court	170,340	165,336	Court of Appeals	162,336	159,840	Chancery courts	154,320
Texas.....	Supreme Court	152,500	150,000	Court of Appeals	(e)	(g)	District courts	(h)
Virginia.....	Supreme Court	183,839	178,043	Court of Appeals (i)	168,322	161,650	Circuit courts	158,134
West Virginia.....	Supreme Court	121,000	121,000	...	...	...	Circuit courts	116,000
Regional averages.....		149,583	145,106		141,955	138,484		129,770

See footnotes at end of table.

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State or other jurisdiction	Appellate courts							Salary
	Court of last resort	Chief Justice salaries	Associate Justice salaries	Intermediate appellate court	Chief/Presiding salaries	Judges salaries	General trial courts	
Western Region								
Alaska.....	Supreme Court	189,156	188,604	Court of Appeals	178,188	178,188	Superior courts	174,396
Arizona.....	Supreme Court	160,000	155,000	Court of Appeals	150,000	150,000	Superior courts	145,000
California.....	Supreme Court	228,856	218,237	Court of Appeals	204,599	204,599	Superior court	178,789
Colorado.....	Supreme Court	142,708	139,660	Court of Appeals	137,201	134,128	District courts	128,598
Hawaii.....	Supreme Court	156,727	151,118	Intermediate Court	145,532	139,924	Circuit courts	136,127
Idaho.....	Supreme Court	121,006	119,506	Court of Appeals	118,506	118,506	District courts	112,043
Montana.....	Supreme Court	115,160	113,964	...	...	...	District courts	106,870
Nevada.....	Supreme Court	170,000	170,000	...	...	...	District courts	160,000
New Mexico.....	Supreme Court	125,691	123,691	Court of Appeals	119,406	117,506	District courts	111,631
Oregon.....	Supreme Court	128,556	125,688	Court of Appeals	125,688	122,820	Circuit courts	114,468
Utah.....	Supreme Court	147,350	145,350	Court of Appeals	140,750	138,750	District courts	132,150
Washington.....	Supreme Court	164,221	164,221	Court of Appeals	156,328	156,328	Superior courts	148,832
Wyoming.....	Supreme Court	126,500	126,500	...	...	...	District courts	120,400
Regional averages.....		150,494	147,628		107,769	105,923		126,769
Regional averages..... w/o California.....		135,000	133,167		137,937	142,425		130,140
Dist. of Columbia.....	Court of Appeals	180,000	179,500	...	...	...	Superior courts	169,300
American Samoa.....	High Court	125,000	119,000	...	...	...	District courts	97,000
Guam.....	Supreme Court	133,000	131,000	...	...	...	Superior courts	112,486
No. Mariana Islands.....	Commonwealth Supreme Court	130,000	126,000	...	...	...	Superior courts	120,000
Puerto Rico.....	Supreme Court	125,000	120,000	Appellate Court	105,000	105,000	Superior courts	90,000
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	Territorial Court	186,300	181,300	...	...	...	...	...

Source: National Center for State Courts, July 1, 2010.
 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.

Key:
 (a) Salary range is between \$161,002–\$201,252.
 (b) Salary range is between \$160,003–\$200,007.
 (c) Salary range is between \$159,503–\$199,378.
 (d) Salary range is between \$159,003–\$198,753.
 (e) Salary range is between \$119,949–\$149,936.
 (f) Salary range is between \$120,252–\$187,352.
 (g) Salary range is between \$137,500–\$145,000.
 (h) Salary range is between \$125,000–\$140,000.
 (i) Plus \$13,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.
 (j) Plus \$6,500 in lieu of travel, lodging, and other expenses.