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Re: 2022_p3_JUD_Judgeship Need for Fiscal Year 2024

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with the procedure established by the Judiciary to certify judgeships to the General Assembly, the Judiciary submits this annual certification of need for judgeships. While certifying the need for seven additional judgeships for FY 2024 based on our needs analysis, the Judiciary is requesting one trial court judgeship and one magistrate position. The Judiciary is requesting both of these positions in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, the location deemed to be in most critical need of additional judicial resources.

Additional need has been certified in the Circuit Court for Kent County and four District Court locations: Cecil, Frederick, Washington, and Wicomico. However, mindful of budgetary considerations, existing space within those courthouses, and other factors, we are declining to request judgeships in those jurisdictions at this time. The study also shows that judicial resources in some courts exceed the need anticipated in FY 2024. We do not think the analysis is necessarily reflective of long-term needs in those jurisdictions and, therefore, are not proposing any reduction in the number of judicial resources in those jurisdictions at this time. Attached, for your convenience, is the report detailing the workload analysis conducted as the basis for this certification.

The underlying model for establishing judicial officer need was most recently updated by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in November 2022. We have included a copy

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of the NCSC's *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers*, a report that details the NCSC recommendations underlying the most recent model update. As recommended by the NCSC, this model relies predominately on new case filings from FY 2018 to FY 2020, the most recent three years least unaffected or mostly unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The experience with the COVID-19 pandemic has injected more uncertainty into this process than there has been in previous years. Although we have attempted to account for that, future trends may alter our analysis of future needs more suddenly than it has in the past. The NCSC has encouraged the Judiciary to monitor filing trends for future certification periods. To that end, we note that circuit court new case filings have increased during the first four months of FY 2023 (July to October 2022) more than fifteen percent compared to the same four-month period in 2020.

Also included are an executive summary and draft legislation for the requested additional judgeship positions. The Judiciary requests your assistance in introducing this bill. I look forward to working with each of you this session and appreciate your willingness to consider this request.

Please contact our State Court Administrator, Pamela Harris, 410-260-1295, should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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ANALYSIS OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Fiscal Year 2024



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the comprehensive evaluation of need for additional judgeships in Maryland for fiscal year 2024. The report details the history and current established process for determining need. Although Maryland has projected judicial need since 1979, this report benefits from its most current and comprehensive judgeship need evaluation using a national model in judgeship certifications.

Using national best practices developed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), the Maryland Judiciary carefully evaluated predominant indicators of future judicial work and corresponding judgeship need. The determination of need for FY 2024 is based on the most recent recommendations established by the NCSC in November 2022, which seek to account for the extraordinary circumstances brought on by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. This model relies primarily on the average number and type of cases originally filed in the three most recent years least affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, FY 2018 to FY 2020. Through extensive research, the NCSC guided the Judiciary in determining the amount of judicial work generated on average per case filing within each distinct case type. A preliminary determination of need for each jurisdiction and within trial court level (District and circuit) was achieved by combining the projected number of filings with the average time a judge will spend on each case, from initiation through any post-judgment activity, to ensure proper administration of justice. After the projected need was established, each county and district administrative judge provided input on the most immediate need for additional judgeships in FY 2024.

Appendices A and B detail the projected filings and corresponding judicial work in the trial courts for FY 2024. Tables 1 and 2 identify the current judgeships, projected need, and requested additional positions for the circuit courts and the District Court, respectively.

For FY 2024, there is a projected need of seven additional judgeships, including three in the circuit courts across two counties, and four in the District Court across four counties. These numbers are largely on par with the additional need identified in the FY 2021 report, the last full analysis completed prior to the COVID-19 onset. Typically, differences from one year to another are a result of updated filings data and adjusted use of quasi-judicial resources to ensure judicial resources are fully utilized. The FY 2024 report benefits from the NCSC recommended interim adjustments that were not in place for the FY 2021 report. Mindful of the many budgetary considerations in Maryland, although certifying a need for seven additional judgeships for FY 2024, the Judiciary is requesting one trial court judgeship and one

magistrate in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, the location deemed to be in most critical need of additional judicial resources.

The report also identifies filing trends in the trial courts. Active monitoring of the judicial workload aids the Judiciary's continuous efforts to utilize existing judicial resources most efficiently. Continuing to monitor judgeship need will help ensure fair, effective, and efficient access to justice in all trial courts across the state.

In addition to the information provided in this document, the *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers*, authored in November 2022 by the NCSC, outlines the most recent update to the underlying Judicial Needs Assessment model.

CERTIFYING TRIAL COURT JUDGESHIP NEED

In 1979, the Maryland Judiciary began an annual process to certify to the General Assembly the need for additional judges in the trial courts. Over time, that process has been refined to ensure the Judiciary has the judicial resources to manage effectively and resolve court business without delay while delivering quality service to the public. From 2015 to 2017, the National Center for State Courts performed an intensive judicial needs assessment to equip Maryland with the most current and precise tools to calculate judicial need. The results of that comprehensive research and methodology for calculating judicial need are detailed in the *Maryland Judiciary Workload Assessment Final Report, December 2017*. Beginning in 2021, the NCSC performed an interim model assessment, with the goal of updating any deficiencies in the 2017 model. This interim update sought to account for any changes in legislation, court practices, filings trends, and other relevant factors for projecting need. In addition, the NCSC sought to determine to what extent COVID-19 has impacted filings and court practices and how the model should account for that impact. This interim update was completed in November 2022 and is summarized in the *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers*. Since the weighted caseload model relies on new case filings to calculate workload, it is not designed to account for surges in backlogs due to extended times with limited court activity, such as what occurred during the pandemic. Based on the recommendation of the NCSC, judicial need for FY 2024 has been calculated based on a three-year filings average from FY 2018 to FY 2020 to avoid giving undue influence to historically low filings during FY 2021 and FY 2022 that are likely to rebound.

The FY 2024 certification of need for additional judgeships is guided by three key factors: (1) analyzing court workload and current resources to quantify judicial officer need; (2) assessing the ability of local governments to provide financial support for judicial staff specifically in the circuit courts as well as considering magistrate resources as an alternative to judgeships; and (3) determining if available courthouse space exists to accommodate additional judges in both trial courts.

Trial Court Certification Process

The annual process employed by the Judiciary affords the opportunity to present the need for judgeships based on a review of comprehensive quantitative and qualitative factors relating to the capacity with which the judicial system is able to adjudicate cases in a timely manner. Three different steps are involved in the chief judge's certification process. The starting point, and the subject of this report, is an empirical analysis prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts. In 2021, the Judiciary engaged the NCSC to develop an interim adjustment to the weighted caseload methodology, enhancing the last full model that was finalized in 2017, to determine judgeship needs. As with the previous model, this methodology objectively determines case weights based on judicial time by case type and provides a more informed and comprehensive reflection of a court's capacity to address its workload than do other models that rely on filings alone. Three key enhancements developed by the NCSC through the 2022 interim adjustment were: (1) qualitative review of case weights to determine where adjustments were needed to fully account for current practices¹, (2) accounting for the significant impact of COVID-19 on new case filings and overall case processing beginning in March 2020 and continuing into FY 2021 and FY 2022, and (3) temporarily adjusting the lower limit threshold of the model to ensure sufficient resources are available as courts continue to navigate the case backlog and changes circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The second phase of the certification process involves the individual trial courts. At this point, circuit court administrative judges and administrative judges in the District Court may be asked to provide input on the need for additional judgeships. In preparation of this response, the administrative judge is

¹ Based on a statewide sufficiency of time survey sent to all judges and magistrates, three focus groups, and final recommendations from the Judicial Needs Assessment Advisory Work Group, the NCSC recommended case weight adjustments in three District Court case types: Domestic Violence Protective Orders, Large Claims/Other Civil, and DUI/DWI. The NCSC recommended case weight adjustments in two case types in the circuit courts: Family Law and Domestic Violence Protective Orders. The details of the basis for those adjustments are outlined in the *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers (November 2022)*.

advised to: (1) seek the views of judges from that jurisdiction; (2) solicit opinions from members of the local bar; and (3) in the case of the circuit courts, consult with the local government with respect to funding support for staff, as well as the availability of additional courthouse space, and to consider if using magistrates will address the resource need. Administrative judges are required to conduct a thorough review of local conditions, as well as other pertinent factors that may supplement the quantitative analysis, particularly if they could result in specific recommendations relating to the need for additional judicial resources.

- Circuit court administrative judges respond directly to the Administrative Office of the Courts, which prepares recommendations to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.
- District Court administrative judges respond directly to the Chief Judge of the District Court, who prepares a final recommendation to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

The final phase of the certification process occurs when the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland reviews the analysis, any responses from administrative judges, and the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the District Court and approves the certification and budgetary request.

Methodology

In brief, the weighted caseload model weights case filings to account for the varying degrees of complexity associated with specific case types and the amount of judicial time required to process the workload. Case weights represent the average bench and non-bench time (in minutes) required to reach a disposition in each case type. Different types of cases create different amounts of judicial work: for example, a felony case typically requires more judge time than a routine traffic case. Unlike methods of judicial resource allocation that are based on population or raw, unweighted caseloads, the weighted caseload method explicitly incorporates the differences in judicial workload associated with different types of cases, producing a more accurate and nuanced profile of the need for judges in each court. The weighted caseload method calculates judicial need based on each court's total workload. The weighted caseload formula consists of three critical elements:

1. Case filings, or the number of new cases of each type projected to be opened each year.

2. Case weights, which represent the average amount of judicial officer time required to handle cases of each type over the life of the case.
3. The year value, or the amount of time each judicial officer has available for case-related work in one year.

Total annual workload is calculated by multiplying the projected filings for each case type by the corresponding case weight, then summing the workload across all case types. Per the NCSC, the weighted caseload methodology requires the periodic reassessment of the case weights to validate their accuracy in light of legislative actions and other case-related changes over which a court effectively has little or no control. Such changes may affect the time it takes a judge to properly adjudicate a matter. The work by the NCSC to develop preliminary case weights is detailed in the *Maryland Judiciary Workload Assessment Final Report, December 2017*. The current case weights were originally established in 2017 through an intensive time study with significant judicial officer participation rates. All case weights went under through a thorough quality adjustment process, initially in 2017 and most recently in 2022. This interim update was completed in November 2022 and is summarized in the *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers, November 2022*.

After a court's total workload is established, it is then divided by the judge year value to determine the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) judges needed to handle the workload². An additional layer of analysis is required in the circuit courts where judicial work is performed by both judges and magistrates. Primary analysis is first conducted by subtracting the work handled by a circuit court's current complement of magistrates from the total workload, where each magistrate is assumed to work a 1.0 magistrate FTE. The remaining workload is then divided by the current complement of judges to determine if the estimated per-judge workload falls within the acceptable range of 0.8 to 1.1 FTE³. Jurisdictions that currently fall within the 0.8 to 1.1 FTE per-judge workload range are considered properly resourced. Where per-judge workload is greater than 1.1 FTE, the primary analysis indicates the

² The judge year value is based on a rigorous analysis conducted in 2017 combining elements of the time study as well as an analysis of judge leave data. The year value was adjusted in 2022 based on the recognition of the Juneteenth National Independence Day as a Maryland state holiday.

³ The 2017 model update established an acceptable range of 0.9 FTE 1.1 FTE for judicial resources. In 2022, the NCSC recommended temporarily adjusting the lower limit of the threshold from 0.9 FTE to 0.8 FTE to account for the impact of the pandemic on both new case filings and existing case backlog. The NCSC recommends gradually increasing this lower threshold by 0.025 FTE each year until a return to 0.9 FTE is reached in FY 2028. The upper limit, 1.1 FTE, used to indicate a need for additional judgeships remains unchanged.

need for additional resources. Where per-judge workload is below 0.8 FTE, the primary analysis indicates a decreased need for resources.

As prescribed by the NCSC, where the primary analysis shows a decreased need for resources, a secondary analysis should be employed in the circuit courts. Although the primary analysis is useful to determine whether a court has the correct amount of resources, a secondary analysis is required to identify which type of resource, either magistrate or judge, should be adjusted to ensure the court is properly resourced. In accordance with the NCSC's guidance that the secondary analysis should also take into consideration the fact that magistrates are not authorized to perform the full range of judicial functions, the secondary analysis is conducted by first assigning work to existing judges, with each judge working within the acceptable workload range developed by the NCSC. Next, remaining work is assigned to magistrates to determine resulting magistrate need rounded up to the nearest 0.25 FTE. See Table 1 and Appendix A for judgeship needs in each circuit court. See Table 2 and Appendix B for the District Court judgeship needs.

Total circuit court judgeship need is projected to be 177 judges statewide, a net increase of three judges from the current number with one judgeship needed in Kent County and two in Baltimore County. The overall statewide increase in judges needed reflects the application of the most recently developed case weights, incorporation into the model of current availability and use of magistrate resources and applying nationally regarded best practices for determining need on an individual judge workload basis. Filing increases in key case types, as well as addressing chronic need where there has been a history of under-resourced courts, support the increase of overall judge need in these counties. This projection is largely consistent with the previous FY 2021 report which also projected additional need for two circuit court judgeships⁴ in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County⁵.

Total judgeship need in the District Court is projected to be 119 judges statewide. Judge need was determined using the most current weighted caseload methodology, applying nationally regarded best

⁴ The FY 2021 Analysis of Need for Additional Judgeships was the last full judgeship report completed. Analysis was halted for the FY 2022 and 2023 as the NCSC worked on guidance to adjust the model to account for the COVID-19 pandemic. The FY 2021 Report indicated a need for two additional judgeships in Baltimore County and one additional judgeship in Allegany County. Based on the current projections, the FY 2024 per-judge workload for Allegany County judges is expected to be 1.07 FTE slightly under the upper limit of 1.10 FTE. Future workload projects may show a renewed need judicial resources in future years.

⁵ The FY 2021 report estimated per-judge workload in the Circuit Court for Kent County to be 1.09 FTE, just within the acceptable limit compared to FY 2024 projects of a 1.14 FTE. While the specifications of the model interpret this as an increase in need for one judgeship, this need could be satisfied with the addition of part-time magistrate resources.

practices for determining need on an individual judge workload basis. From a jurisdiction-specific perspective, the model indicates a decreased need for judges in Baltimore City and Howard County and a need for additional judges across four different counties: Cecil, Frederick, Washington, and Wicomico.

**TABLE 1. JUDGESHIPS REQUESTED IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS
FY 2024
BASED ON WEIGHTED CASELOAD METHODOLOGY**

Jurisdiction	FY 2023 Judges	FY 2023 Magistrates	FY24 Projected Need ⁶	Additional Judges Needed in FY 2024	FY 2024 Requested Judgeships	FY 2024 Requested Magistrates
Allegany	2	1.6	2	-	-	-
Anne Arundel	13	6	13	-	-	-
Baltimore City	35	14	35	-	-	-
Baltimore Co. ⁷	20	8	22	2	1	1
Calvert	3	1	3	-	-	-
Caroline	1	1	1	-	-	-
Carroll	4	2	4	-	-	-
Cecil	4	1	4	-	-	-
Charles	5	3	5	-	-	-
Dorchester	1.5	0.9	1.5	-	-	-
Frederick	6	2	6	-	-	-
Garrett	1	1	1	-	-	-
Harford	6	3	6	-	-	-
Howard	5	3	5	-	-	-
Kent ⁸	1	0	2	1	0	0
Montgomery	24	6	24	-	-	-
Prince George's	24	8	24	-	-	-
Queen Anne's	1	1	1	-	-	-
St. Mary's	3	1	3	-	-	-
Somerset	1	0.9	1	-	-	-
Talbot	1	1	1	-	-	-
Washington	6	1	6	-	-	-
Wicomico	3.5	1.2	3.5	-	-	-
Worcester	3	1	3	-	-	-
Statewide	174	68.6	177	3	1	1

⁶ Per the recommendation of the National Center for State Courts, where primary analysis predicts a decreased need for judicial resources, a secondary analysis is performed to analyze both current judge and magistrate resources to determine where resource adjustments should be made. The secondary analysis used requires first assigning work to existing judges until an average per-judge workload within the acceptable range is reached and then assigning remaining work to magistrates, rounding magistrate need up to the nearest 0.25 FTE. Based on this secondary analysis, magistrate need decreases in Worcester County (decrease from 1 magistrate to 0.5 magistrates).

⁷ While the model certifies a need for two additional judgeships in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, based on court space and other considerations the Circuit Court for Baltimore County will seek one additional judgeship and one additional magistrate position.

⁸ The FY 2024 current per-judge workload in the Circuit Court for Kent County is estimated to be 1.14 FTE, above the upper limit of 1.10 FTE. While the model certifies additional judgeship is certified, this need could be satisfied by the additional of a part-time magistrate.

**TABLE 2. JUDGESHIPS REQUESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FY 2024
BASED ON WEIGHTED CASELOAD METHODOLOGY**

Jurisdiction	FY 2023 Judges	FY 2024 Projected Need	Additional Judges Needed in FY 2024⁹	FY 2024 Requested Judgeships
Allegany	2	2	-	-
Anne Arundel	10	10	-	-
Baltimore City	28	21	-	-
Baltimore County	15	15	-	-
Calvert	2	2	-	-
Caroline	1	1	-	-
Carroll	2	2	-	-
Cecil	2	3	1	0
Charles	3	3	-	-
Dorchester	1	1	-	-
Frederick	3	4	1	0
Garrett	1	1	-	-
Harford	4	4	-	-
Howard	5	4	-	-
Kent	1	1	-	-
Montgomery	13	13	-	-
Prince George's	19	19	-	-
Queen Anne's	1	1	-	-
St. Mary's	2	2	-	-
Somerset	1	1	-	-
Talbot	1	1	-	-
Washington	2	3	1	0
Wicomico	2	3	1	0
Worcester	2	2	-	-
Statewide	123	119	4	0

⁹ Additional Judges Needed Statewide total shows sum of all counties where additional judges are needed. When including counties where the model suggests a decreased judge need, the statewide total need for FY 2024 is projected to be 119 judges.

General Trends in the Circuit Courts

Following a peak in FY 2014 in which circuit court original filings exceeded 196,000 statewide, original filings decreased every year from FY 2015 to FY 2021. This decrease was most extreme from FY 2019 to FY 2020, where annual filings decreased nearly 20%. This decrease in new filings coincided with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Prior to that time the largest year-over-year change had been an 8% decrease from FY 2016 to FY 2017. Another significant decrease in new filings was seen in FY 2021, with case filings down nearly 12% from the previous year, a 29% from FY 2019. Case filings have increased in FY 2022, up more than 10% from FY 2021, but have not yet returned to pre-COVID-19 levels. Table 3 presents the new case filings by case category from FY 2014 to FY 2022.¹⁰

TABLE 3. CIRCUIT COURT STATEWIDE ORIGINAL FILINGS FY 2014 TO FY 2022

Fiscal Year	Criminal	Civil	Family	Juvenile	Total Filings	% Change From Previous Year
FY 2014	53,403	65,969	61,261	16,078	196,711	<i>N/A</i>
FY 2015	48,008	60,001	60,060	14,430	182,499	-7.2%
FY 2016	45,698	56,483	62,694	13,701	178,576	-2.1%
FY 2017	41,390	48,002	61,613	13,021	164,026	-8.1%
FY 2018	39,387	48,512	59,493	11,480	158,872	-3.1%
FY 2019	37,632	48,333	59,817	9,840	155,622	-2.0%
FY 2020	27,393	40,080	49,501	8,172	125,146	-19.6%
FY 2021	26,300	28,833	50,041	5,139	110,313	-11.9%
FY 2022	27,539	33,069	55,250	5,740	121,598	10.2%

The current analysis of the circuit courts reflects a comparison of case filings by case category from FY 2017 to FY 2022 with a focus on three single-year periods: (1) FY 2019, the most recent full year of data unaffected by COVID-19, (2) FY 2021, the year with the lowest number of new filings recorded, and (3) FY 2022, the most recent complete year of data. Total circuit court new filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 3% from the annual

¹⁰ Circuit court case types and categories as defined in the NCSC report are as follows: 1) The Criminal case category includes: Criminal Indictments and Informations; Jury Trial Prayer and Criminal Appeals; Adult Drug Court; Other Problem-Solving Courts. (2) the Civil case category includes: Foreclosures; Contracts; Torts; Other Civil; and Civil Appeals. (3) the Juvenile case category includes: CINA; CINS/Other Juvenile; Delinquency; TPR and Guardianships; Juvenile Drug Court; and Truancy Reduction Program. (4) The Family case category includes: Domestic Violence Protective Orders; Family Law; Civil Adoptions; Paternity and Non-Support; and Other Guardianships.

average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 20% decrease in overall filings compared to FY 2019. The approximately 121,600 filings in FY 2022 marked a 3% decrease from FY 2020 and a 21.9% decrease from FY 2019. Juvenile was the case category with the greatest percentage decrease in filings from FY 2019 to FY 2022 (41.7% decrease, 4,100 fewer filings). Civil was the case category with the greatest decrease in number of filings and the second greatest percentage decrease in filings from FY 2019 to FY 2022 (31.6% decrease, nearly 15,300 fewer filings). The family case category saw the smallest percentage decline in filings (7.6% decrease, approximately 4,600 fewer filings). FY 2022 saw a 10% increase in overall filings compared to FY 2021, with increases seen in every case category. As detailed more fully below, there are indicators that the decrease in new case filings seen beginning in March 2020 and continuing into FY 2021 began to recover in FY 2022.

Criminal. Criminal case filings decreased 9.1% from FY 2017 to FY 2019. FY 2020 saw a 27% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 4% decrease in filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 5% increase in filings compared to FY 2021. This increase was driven in part by a 23% increase in the Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals case type and a 9% increase in the Other Problem-Solving Courts case type. While the Criminal Indictments and Information case type saw a 7% decrease from FY 2021 to FY 2022, the more than 14,600 new cases filed in that case type during FY 2022 represents an 11% increase from FY 2020, the time period low during for this case category.

Civil. Civil case filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 1% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 17% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw the lowest number of filings in the period, with 28,800 new filings marking a 28% decrease compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 15% increase in filings compared to FY 2021. This increase was driven in part by a 93% increase in Foreclosure case filings, a 9% increase in civil appeals, and a 7% increase in Other civil cases.¹¹

As detailed in the *FY 2021 Analysis of Need for Additional Judgeships in the Judicial Branch* report, using a weighted caseload model does not accurately depict judicial workload for asbestos cases based on filings. While the Circuit Court for Baltimore City continues to process the backlog of asbestos cases, the current model reserves two judges and one magistrate in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City

¹¹ The Other Civil case type encompasses a variety of matters including: Habeas Corpus, Independent Proceedings, Confessed Judgments, Declaratory Judgments, Emergency Evaluations, and Register of Wills cases, to name a few. The 2022 model include an update to the original 2017 Other Civil case weight to more accurately reflect only those Register of Wills matters handled by the Circuit Court.

specifically to handle asbestos matters. Therefore, asbestos filings have been removed from the overall count of civil case filings during these periods.

Family. Across the COVID-19 period, the smallest decrease in case filings was in the family law case category, with overall only a 7.6% decrease in filings in FY 2022 compared to FY 2019. Family case filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 2.2% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 17% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 1% increase in filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 10.4% increase in filings compared to FY 2021. From FY 2021 to FY 2022, increases were seen across all case types within the family case category including a 34% increase in Paternity and Non-Support cases, a 13% increase in Domestic Violence Protective Orders, a 9% increase in Other Guardianships, a 7% increase in Family Law cases and a 3% increase in Civil Adoptions.

Juvenile. Juvenile case filings saw a decrease of 24.4% from FY 2017 to FY 2019. FY 2020 saw a 17% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 37.1% decrease in filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 11.7% increase in filings compared to FY 2021. This increase was driven in part by a 22.9% increase in Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) and Guardianships, a 15% increase in Delinquency filings, and an 11% increase in CINA filings.

FY 2023 Year to Date. There is some evidence that the increase in circuit court filings seen in FY 2022, compared to FY 2021, will continue into FY 2023. Original filings from July 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, the first four months of FY 2023 were analyzed. After filings decreased 26% from July to October 2020 compared to July to October 2019, filings increased July to October 2021 and again during July to October 2022. The nearly 43,000 average monthly new case filings from July to October 2022 represents an almost 7% increase compared to the same time period in 2021, a 15.3% increase compared to 2020, and is 14% less than the approximately 50,400 filings during the same months in 2019. New filings exceeded 11,000 in consecutive months (August 2022 and September 2022), something that hadn't happened since January and February 2020, the last two months prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Trends in the District Court

Original filings in the District Court declined each year from FY 2011 to FY 2015, a nine percent decrease in statewide total filings over a five-year period. From FY 2015 to FY 2019, filings in the District Court showed signs of leveling off, with no single year in the time period experiencing a more than one percent variance from the five-year average of 1.66 million filings. The District Court experienced a nearly 15% decrease in filings from FY 2019 to FY 2020. This decrease in new filings coincided with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Prior to that time, the largest year-over-year change had been a 2.1% decrease from FY 2014 to FY 2015. An even more significant decrease in new filings was seen in FY 2021, with case filings down nearly 29% from the previous year and 39.6% from FY 2019. The approximately 997,000 case filings in FY 2022 were a 0.5% decrease from FY 2021. Table 4 presents new case filings in the District Court by case category from FY 2014 to FY 2022.¹²

TABLE 4. DISTRICT COURT STATEWIDE ORIGINAL FILINGS FY 2014 TO FY 2022

Fiscal Year	Civil	Landlord-Tenant	Traffic	Criminal	DVPO	Total Filings	% Change From Previous Year
FY 2014	230,814	640,950	532,424	235,055	44,099	1,683,342	<i>N/A</i>
FY 2015	255,214	623,464	530,422	194,911	44,821	1,648,832	-2.1%
FY 2016	280,442	647,714	502,879	191,652	47,444	1,670,131	1.3%
FY 2017	306,617	650,549	477,016	181,050	48,263	1,663,495	-0.4%
FY 2018	305,380	663,348	486,895	174,981	47,021	1,677,625	0.8%
FY 2019	297,547	674,162	479,629	158,589	47,135	1,657,062	-1.2%
FY 2020	314,608	514,856	399,958	132,548	47,621	1,409,591	-14.9%
FY 2021	197,528	327,995	313,674	110,667	51,428	1,001,292	-29.0%
FY 2022	228,074	320,646	295,541	110,996	41,355	996,612	-0.5%

The current analysis of the District Court reflects a comparison of case filings by case category from FY 2017 to FY 2022 with a focus on three single-year periods: (1) FY 2019, the most recent full year of data unaffected by COVID-19, (2) FY 2021, first full year since the start of the COVID-19

¹² District Court case types and categories as defined in the NCSC report are as follows: 1) The Criminal case category includes: Other Criminal; Violations of Probation; Drug Court; Mental Health Court. (2) the Civil case category includes: Civil Infractions/Regulations; Small Claims; and Large Claims/Other Civil. (3) the Landlord-Tenant case category includes: Failure to Pay Rent; as well as Rent Escrow and Other Landlord-Tenant (4) The Traffic case category includes: Serious Traffic; Routine Traffic; and DUI/DWI. (5) The Domestic Violence Protective Orders (“DVPO”) category includes: Domestic Violence Protective Orders; and Peace Orders.

pandemic, and (3) FY 2022, the most recent complete year of data. Total new filings in the District Court remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 0.7% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 14.9% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 29.0% decrease compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 0.5% decrease in filings compared to FY 2021. The 996,612 filings in FY 2022 marked a 29.3% decrease from FY 2020 and a 39.9% decrease from FY 2019. Landlord Tenant was the case category with the greatest percentage and numeric decrease in filings from FY 2019 to FY 2022 (52.4% decrease, 353,500 fewer filings). Traffic was the case category with the second greatest percentage decrease in filings from FY 2019 to FY 2022 (38.4% decrease, 184,000 fewer filings). The Domestic Violence Protective Order case category saw the smallest percentage decline (12.3% decrease, 5,800 fewer filings), followed by Civil (23.3% decrease, 69,500 fewer filings).

Civil. Civil case filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 2% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 5.7% increase compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 37.2% decrease compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 15.5% increase in filings compared to FY 2021, the only case category with a significant increase in filings between these two years. The 228,074 filings in FY 2022 marked a 27.5% decrease from FY 2020 and a 23.3% decrease from FY 2019.

Landlord Tenant. Landlord Tenant case filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 2% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 23.6% decrease compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 36.3% decrease in filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 2.2% decrease in filings compared to FY 2021. The 320,600 filings in FY 2022 marked a 37.7% decrease from FY 2020 and a 52.4% decrease from FY 2019, the largest case category decrease between those two years.

Traffic. Traffic case filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 2% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 16.6% decrease in case filings compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 21.6% decrease in case filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 5.8% decrease in filings compared to FY 2021. The 295,500 filings in FY 2022 marked a 26.1% decrease from FY 2020 and a 38.4% decrease from FY 2019.

Criminal. Criminal case filings decreased by 12.4% from FY 2017 to FY 2019. FY 2020 saw a 16.4% decrease in criminal filings compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw a 16.5% decrease in criminal

filings compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 0.3% increase in criminal filings compared to FY 2021. The 110,900 filings in FY 2022 marked a 16.3% decrease from FY 2020 and a 30.0% decrease from FY 2019.

Domestic Violence Protective Orders. Domestic Violence Protective Orders and Peace Orders (DVPO) filings remained relatively steady from FY 2017 to FY 2019, with no single year deviating more than 2% from the annual average during that time period. FY 2020 saw a 1.0% increase in DVPO filings compared to FY 2019. FY 2021 saw an 8.0% increase compared to FY 2020. FY 2022 saw a 19.6% decrease in filings compared to FY 2021. The 41,400 filings in FY 2022 represents a 13.2% decrease from FY 2020 and a 12.3% decrease from FY 2019. While the DVPO was the case category with the largest percentage decrease in filings from FY 2021 to FY 2022, it was also the only case category that saw an increase from FY 2018 to FY 2021, with the more than 51,400 filings in FY 2021 marking a 9% increase from the approximately 47,000 filings in FY 2018.

Bail Review and Expungements

Judicial case processing work on criminal and some traffic matters may not be declining at a rate commensurate with the decline in criminal filings. The original case weights in the current model were based on data collected on judge case processing work in 2016, coupled with case filing averages from FY 2013 to 2015. As noted previously, that work established the case weights, or average judge time per case type. As the NCSC identified in the *2017 Maryland Judiciary Workload Assessment Final Report*, interim adjustments to the workload formula that reflect changes in legislation and court practices should be implemented where appropriate. In February 2017, new laws were adopted to change the bail review process. This has led to a notable increase in the amount of time judges and commissioners spend reviewing and properly documenting bail for each case. In October 2017 and 2018, Maryland's expungement laws changed, expanding the list of criminal offenses eligible for expungement. This increased the expungement caseloads for judges hearing criminal and criminal traffic cases. In FY 2019, 74,508 expungements were addressed by the District Court, more than doubling the number handled in FY 2015 (32,726). Expungements have decreased in FY 2020 (55,105), in FY 2021 (39,061), and again in FY 2022 (32,874). However, the three-year average from FY 2020 to 2022 (42,347) is still nearly 17% greater than the FY 2013 to FY 2015, the time period that the original case weights were based upon.

The number of bail review events increased by nearly 9% from FY 2021 to FY 2022. During the 2022 model interim update evaluation, several judges noted bail review has become more complex

compared to the last full time-study period. While no bail review or expungement specific adjustments were made as part of the 2022 interim update, the NCSC advised the Judiciary to explicitly track bail review activity in the next weighted caseload study to determine whether, and by how much, these changes have impacted case processing times in criminal cases. The next full model update, slated for 2027 will seek to separately account for judge work associated with bail review and expungement activity.

Interim Update and Next Steps

For the FY 2024 budget, the NCSC specifically recommended that the Judiciary use FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020 filings to determine judicial staffing needs, since these are the most recent three years of data least affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. For future budget years, the NCSC provided broader guidance, instructing the Judiciary to monitor filing trends and case backlog to make the most accurate assessment of future workload. Based on the NCSC's recommendation this analysis might include (a) holding new filings steady at the current three-year average (such as FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2023), (b) temporarily moving to a five-year case filing average, and/or (c) introducing, a slight increase in workload estimates that could address the backlog associated with casework and trials that had to be postponed during the pandemic.

While the 2022 interim update resulted in case weight adjustments across a select few case types, judges did express concern about the increased complexity of certain case types such as criminal cases in the District Court and Jury Trial Prayer and Criminal Appeals in the circuit courts. The workgroup ultimately decided to wait until the next full model update to determine if those numbers need to be adjusted.

When determining judicial resource need levels, the NCSC is recommending that the Judiciary temporarily decrease the lower limit that determines the threshold of appropriate resourcing levels. During the 2017 model update, a rounding convention for determining judge need was established in which the average workload per-judge in each court should not exceed 1.1 FTE and where possible should not fall below 0.90 FTE. While this rounding convention is a useful tool to monitor workload across courts, the face of the current fluctuation in new case filings, in the *State of Maryland Limited Scope Workload Adjustment for District and Circuit Court Judicial Officers (November 2022)* the NCSC recommends that the Judiciary temporarily reduce the lower end of the range from which to determine need from 0.90 FTE

to 0.80 FTE for the FY 2024 budget year. The NCSC recommends that the Judiciary incrementally increase the lower range by 0.025 FTE for each subsequent projection year until a return to 0.90 FTE is achieved.¹³ The Judiciary will abide by this recommendation to ensure there are sufficient resources in each jurisdiction to serve people who come before the courts.

Despite the utility of the 2022 interim model update, the NCSC has recommended a full workload assessment study, with a full time study to be conducted no later than 2027. Best practices indicate a workload assessment model be updated every seven to ten years, to ensure current practices are incorporated into the case weights that determine judicial workload. As the last model update featuring a statewide time study was completed in 2017, conducting a new full-scale model update no later than 2027 would meet the ten-year timeframe.

¹³ The NCSC recommends the following incremental increases in applying the lower range of workload to judicial officer need: FY 2024 budget = 0.80 FTE lower limit; FY 2025 budget = 0.825 FTE lower limit; FY 2026 budget = 0.85 FTE lower limit; FY 2027 budget = 0.875 FTE lower limit; FY 2028 budget and beyond = 0.9 FTE lower limit.

**APPENDIX A: CIRCUIT COURTS – JUDGE NEED BY
COUNTY/CITY**

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Dorchester	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Magistrates 0.9
	CINA	3	1,560	1.5
	CINS/Other Juvenile	25	2,609	
	Civil Adoptions	8	414	
	Civil Appeals	29	1,173	
	Contract	11	1,179	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	118	21,533	
	Delinquency	144	15,588	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	59	4,400	
	Family Law	293	51,861	
	Foreclosure	150	1,347	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	183	7,333	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	66	6,895	
	Other Guardianships	14	717	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	131	5,096	
	Torts	26	2,849	
	TPR and Guardianships	2	537	
	Truancy Reduction Program	28	7,276	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405		
Total		1,290	150,772	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
		72,252	78,520	1.5

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Somerset	Adult Drug Court	8	4,352	1
	CINA	5	2,184	Current Magistrates 0.9
	CINS/Other Juvenile	24	2,438	
	Civil Adoptions	3	162	
	Civil Appeals	66	2,627	
	Contract	14	1,456	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	105	19,215	
	Delinquency	68	7,344	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	36	2,700	
	Family Law	181	32,096	
	Foreclosure	121	1,086	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	133	5,307	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	56	5,915	
	Other Guardianships	9	467	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	132	5,148	
	Torts	13	1,480	
	TPR and Guardianships	5	1,073	
	Truancy Reduction Program	21	5,611	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		1,000	119,065	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
119,065		72,252	46,813	1.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Wicomico	Adult Drug Court	15	8,341	Current Judges 3.5
	CINA	10	4,680	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	37	3,777	Current Magistrates 1.2
	Civil Adoptions	12	648	
	Civil Appeals	71	2,840	
	Contract	32	3,328	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	503	92,110	
	Delinquency	220	23,760	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	109	8,200	
	Family Law	777	137,588	
	Foreclosure	264	2,373	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	233	9,333	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	103	10,850	
	Other Guardianships	43	2,133	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	302	11,778	
	Torts	85	9,398	
	TPR and Guardianships	8	1,917	
	Truancy Reduction Program	36	9,556	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405		
Total		2,861	361,015	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
361,015		96,336	264,679	3.5

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Worcester	Adult Drug Court	8	4,533	3
	CINA	21	9,672	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	31	3,159	1
	Civil Adoptions	5	288	
	Civil Appeals	39	1,547	
	Contract	38	3,987	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	249	45,628	
	Delinquency	89	9,648	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	22	1,625	
	Family Law	324	57,348	
	Foreclosure	190	1,710	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	154	6,147	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	85	8,890	
	Other Guardianships	12	617	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	151	5,876	
	Torts	61	6,771	
	TPR and Guardianships	13	3,067	
	Truancy Reduction Program	31	8,241	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		1,523	197,157	3.0
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
		32,112	165,045	3.0

* Magistrate Work is shown in minutes based on the proposed number of magistrates needed given the current number of judges working within the per judge workload range established by the National Center for State Courts. Rounded up to the nearest 0.25 FTE, current magistrate need can be satisfied with 0.5 magistrates.

Judge Need By Court

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Second Circuit**

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges Current Magistrates
Caroline	Adult Drug Court	9	4,715	1
	CINA	6	2,808	1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	1	103	
	Civil Adoptions	6	306	1
	Civil Appeals	20	800	
	Contract	15	1,560	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	95	17,446	
	Delinquency	47	5,076	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	65	4,900	
	Family Law	305	53,985	
	Foreclosure	120	1,077	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	230	9,213	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	34	3,535	
	Other Guardianships	12	600	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	116	4,537	
	Torts	19	2,146	
	TPR and Guardianships	7	1,533	
	Truancy Reduction Program <i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
		<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405	
	Total	1,107	132,745	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	132,745	80,280	52,465	1.0

Judge Need By Court

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Second Circuit**

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Cecil	Adult Drug Court	34	18,677	4
	CINA	43	20,280	Current Magistrates 1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	2	240	
	Civil Adoptions	20	1,062	
	Civil Appeals	64	2,573	
	Contract	57	5,963	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	400	73,200	
	Delinquency	121	13,104	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	88	6,575	
	Family Law	727	128,738	
	Foreclosure	271	2,442	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	1,147	45,880	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	113	11,865	
	Other Guardianships	48	2,417	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	360	14,027	
	Torts	115	12,728	
	TPR and Guardianships	35	8,127	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405	
	Total	3,647	386,303	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	386,303	80,280	306,023	4.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Second Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Kent	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges 1
	CINA	3	1,404	Current Magistrates 0
	CINS/Other Juvenile	28	2,850	
	Civil Adoptions	1	36	
	Civil Appeals	10	387	
	Contract	15	1,560	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	52	9,516	
	Delinquency	9	972	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	30	2,250	
	Family Law	129	22,833	
	Foreclosure	60	540	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	179	7,160	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	41	4,305	
	Other Guardianships	9	467	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	36	1,391	
	Torts	10	1,147	
	TPR and Guardianships	1	153	
	Truancy Reduction Program	32	8,328	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405		
Total		644	83,704	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
		0	83,704	2.0

Judge Need By Court

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Second Circuit**

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Queen Anne's	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges 1
	CINA	4	2,028	Current Magistrates 1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	-	-	
	Civil Adoptions	6	342	
	Civil Appeals	22	880	
	Contract	26	2,739	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	100	18,300	
	Delinquency	21	2,268	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	28	2,075	
	Family Law	285	50,386	
	Foreclosure	137	1,230	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	511	20,440	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	152	15,995	
	Other Guardianships	15	733	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	44	1,729	
	Torts	41	4,588	
	TPR and Guardianships	3	613	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		1,395	142,751	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
		80,280	62,471	1.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Second Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Talbot	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges 1
	CINA	3	1,248	Current Magistrates 1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	0	34	
	Civil Adoptions	3	180	
	Civil Appeals	28	1,133	
	Contract	18	1,872	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	126	23,119	
	Delinquency	37	3,960	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	26	1,950	
	Family Law	241	42,598	
	Foreclosure	79	711	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	164	6,573	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	42	4,375	
	Other Guardianships	11	567	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	9	2,934	
	Paternity and Non-Support	57	2,223	
	Torts	31	3,404	
	TPR and Guardianships	1	307	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405	
	Total	877	115,593	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	115,593	80,280	35,313	1.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Third Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Baltimore	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Magistrates 8
	CINA	350	163,800	20
	CINS/Other Juvenile	14	1,476	
	Civil Adoptions	116	6,246	
	Civil Appeals	652	26,093	
	Contract	544	56,576	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	2,728	499,285	
	Delinquency	1,220	131,760	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	461	34,600	
	Family Law	5,070	897,331	
	Foreclosure	1,999	17,991	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	2,598	103,907	
	Juvenile Drug Court	13	3,560	
	Other Civil	1,601	168,070	
	Other Guardianships	413	20,650	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	16	5,325	
	Paternity and Non-Support	1,058	41,249	
	Torts	1,084	120,361	
	TPR and Guardianships	81	18,707	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	36,810	
	Total	20,019	2,353,797	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work 642,240	Judge Work 1,711,557	Rounded Judge Need 22.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Third Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Harford	Adult Drug Court	7	3,989	Current Judges 6
	CINA	115	53,664	Current Magistrates 3
	CINS/Other Juvenile	10	1,030	
	Civil Adoptions	59	3,186	
	Civil Appeals	133	5,307	
	Contract	105	10,920	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	442	80,947	
	Delinquency	211	22,824	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	230	17,250	
	Family Law	1,506	266,562	
	Foreclosure	566	5,097	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	904	36,147	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	329	34,580	
	Other Guardianships	91	4,567	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	14	4,455	
	Paternity and Non-Support	511	19,942	
	Torts	209	23,236	
	TPR and Guardianships	30	6,823	
	Truancy Reduction Program	7	1,753	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		5,480	620,684	
Total Work		Magistrate Work 192,672	Judge Work 428,012	Rounded Judge Need 6.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Fourth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Allegany	Adult Drug Court	17	9,429	2
	CINA	54	25,272	1.6
	CINS/Other Juvenile	-	-	
	Civil Adoptions	12	666	
	Civil Appeals	160	6,413	
	Contract	14	1,421	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	269	49,227	
	Delinquency	109	11,808	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	41	3,050	
	Family Law	525	92,984	
	Foreclosure	196	1,761	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	664	26,547	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	109	11,410	
	Other Guardianships	27	1,350	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	344	13,416	
Torts	60	6,697		
TPR and Guardianships	29	6,747		
Truancy Reduction Program	-	-		
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		2,631	286,603	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
286,603		128,448	158,155	2.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Fourth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Garrett	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges
	CINA	41	19,032	1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	1	137	Current Magistrates
	Civil Adoptions	6	342	1
	Civil Appeals	11	440	
	Contract	11	1,179	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	75	13,664	
	Delinquency	20	2,124	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	7	500	
	Family Law	181	32,037	
	Foreclosure	70	627	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	54	2,160	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	46	4,795	
	Other Guardianships	3	167	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	114	4,433	
	Torts	16	1,776	
	TPR and Guardianships	23	5,290	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		678	107,108	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
107,108		80,280	26,828	1.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Fourth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Washington	Adult Drug Court	8	4,171	6
	CINA	56	26,208	1
	CINS/Other Juvenile	2	206	
	Civil Adoptions	18	990	
	Civil Appeals	129	5,147	
	Contract	50	5,200	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	508	93,025	
	Delinquency	232	25,020	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	138	10,325	
	Family Law	1,170	207,090	
	Foreclosure	330	2,970	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	341	13,640	
	Juvenile Drug Court	2	445	
	Other Civil	129	13,580	
	Other Guardianships	38	1,917	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	826	32,227	
	Torts	120	13,320	
	TPR and Guardianships	33	7,513	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		4,130	481,398	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
		80,280	401,118	6.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Fifth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Anne Arundel	Adult Drug Court	65	35,541	Current Judges 13
	CINA	55	25,740	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	2	240	Current Magistrates 6
	Civil Adoptions	85	4,572	
	Civil Appeals	350	13,987	
	Contract	328	34,077	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	1,399	256,017	
	Delinquency	581	62,712	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	327	24,550	
	Family Law	3,658	647,466	
	Foreclosure	1,179	10,608	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	1,303	52,133	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	1,417	148,750	
	Other Guardianships	215	10,733	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	506	19,747	
	Torts	659	73,149	
	TPR and Guardianships	22	5,137	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	<i>36,810</i>		
Total	12,151	1,461,970		
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need	
1,461,970	481,680	980,290	13.0	

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Fifth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Carroll	Adult Drug Court	32	17,589	4
	CINA	34	15,912	Current Magistrates 2
	CINS/Other Juvenile	3	309	
	Civil Adoptions	27	1,458	
	Civil Appeals	98	3,933	
	Contract	63	6,517	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	153	27,938	
	Delinquency	85	9,180	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	176	13,225	
	Family Law	955	169,094	
	Foreclosure	284	2,559	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	677	27,067	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	126	13,195	
	Other Guardianships	63	3,133	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	185	7,215	
	Torts	107	11,914	
	TPR and Guardianships	14	3,297	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		3,083	351,941	
Total Work		Magistrate Work 128,448	Judge Work 223,493	Rounded Judge Need 4.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Fifth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Howard	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges
	CINA	31	14,352	5
	CINS/Other Juvenile	1	103	Current Magistrates
	Civil Adoptions	30	1,602	3
	Civil Appeals	195	7,800	
	Contract	212	22,048	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	384	70,333	
	Delinquency	259	28,008	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	180	13,500	
	Family Law	1,690	299,189	
	Foreclosure	371	3,339	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	502	20,093	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	297	31,150	
	Other Guardianships	197	9,833	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	214	8,346	
	Torts	258	28,638	
	TPR and Guardianships	7	1,687	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total	4,828	578,426		
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need	
578,426	240,840	337,586	5.0	

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Sixth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Frederick	Adult Drug Court	26	13,963	6
	CINA	35	16,380	Current Magistrates 2
	CINS/Other Juvenile	2	172	
	Civil Adoptions	37	1,998	
	Civil Appeals	124	4,973	
	Contract	104	10,781	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	437	80,032	
	Delinquency	209	22,536	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	252	18,900	
	Family Law	1,608	284,557	
	Foreclosure	430	3,867	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	820	32,787	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	181	18,970	
	Other Guardianships	81	4,033	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	394	15,353	
	Torts	171	18,981	
	TPR and Guardianships	24	5,597	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total	4,933	572,285		
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need	
572,285	160,560	411,725	6.0	

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Sixth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Montgomery	Adult Drug Court	31	17,045	24
	CINA	190	88,764	6
	CINS/Other Juvenile	134	13,836	
	Civil Adoptions	92	4,968	
	Civil Appeals	336	13,440	
	Contract	1,377	143,243	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	1,347	246,562	
	Delinquency	617	66,600	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	415	31,100	
	Family Law	5,865	1,038,164	
	Foreclosure	1,204	10,836	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	457	18,267	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	4,005	420,525	
	Other Guardianships	450	22,483	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	4	1,413	
	Paternity and Non-Support	1,005	39,195	
	Torts	969	107,522	
	TPR and Guardianships	29	6,747	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	<i>36,810</i>		
Total	18,527	2,327,520		
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need	
	481,680	1,845,840	24.0	

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Seventh Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Calvert	Adult Drug Court	32	17,227	Current Judges 3
	CINA	25	11,544	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	1	69	Current Magistrates 1
	Civil Adoptions	15	810	
	Civil Appeals	60	2,387	
	Contract	43	4,437	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	176	32,147	
	Delinquency	72	7,740	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	85	6,375	
	Family Law	532	94,223	
	Foreclosure	278	2,499	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	129	5,147	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	121	12,740	
	Other Guardianships	28	1,400	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	-	-	
	Paternity and Non-Support	142	5,525	
	Torts	97	10,804	
	TPR and Guardianships	9	1,993	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total		1,842	235,471	
Total Work		Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
235,471		64,224	171,247	3.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Seventh Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Charles	Adult Drug Court	-	-	Current Judges 5
	CINA	28	12,948	Current Magistrates 3
	CINS/Other Juvenile	2	206	
	Civil Adoptions	24	1,296	
	Civil Appeals	135	5,387	
	Contract	86	8,979	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	514	94,062	
	Delinquency	177	19,152	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	292	21,875	
	Family Law	1,299	229,982	
	Foreclosure	592	5,325	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	472	18,880	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	145	15,225	
	Other Guardianships	126	6,283	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	21	6,846	
	Paternity and Non-Support	270	10,530	
	Torts	208	23,125	
	TPR and Guardianships	16	3,680	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	<i>18,405</i>		
Total	4,407	502,186		
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need	
502,186	192,672	309,514	5.0	

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Seventh Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Prince George's	Adult Drug Court	22	11,787	Current Judges 24
	CINA	233	108,888	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	10	1,030	Current Magistrates 8
	Civil Adoptions	58	3,114	
	Civil Appeals	509	20,360	
	Contract	554	57,581	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	1,666	304,817	
	Delinquency	504	54,396	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	741	55,550	
	Family Law	6,870	1,216,049	
	Foreclosure	3,200	28,797	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	2,372	94,893	
	Juvenile Drug Court	7	1,958	
	Other Civil	1,250	131,250	
	Other Guardianships	668	33,383	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	5	1,521	
	Paternity and Non-Support	1,547	60,333	
	Torts	1,758	195,101	
	TPR and Guardianships	28	6,440	
	Truancy Reduction Program	35	9,293	
<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>		36,810	
Total		22,035	2,433,352	
Total Work		Magistrate Work 642,240	Judge Work 1,791,112	Rounded Judge Need 24.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Seventh Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
St. Mary's	Adult Drug Court	16	8,704	3
	CINA	26	12,168	
	CINS/Other Juvenile	-	-	Current Magistrates
	Civil Adoptions	14	774	1
	Civil Appeals	45	1,813	
	Contract	23	2,357	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	250	45,689	
	Delinquency	84	9,036	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	140	10,525	
	Family Law	652	115,345	
	Foreclosure	248	2,229	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	115	4,587	
	Juvenile Drug Court	0	89	
	Other Civil	90	9,450	
	Other Guardianships	34	1,700	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	10	3,369	
	Paternity and Non-Support	200	7,787	
	Torts	112	12,395	
	TPR and Guardianships	10	2,377	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.25 FTE</i>	18,405	
	Total	2,068	268,799	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	268,799	80,280	188,519	3.0

Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
Eighth Circuit

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Baltimore City	Adult Drug Court	44	24,117	35
	CINA	913	427,128	Current Magistrates 14
	CINS/Other Juvenile	158	16,240	
	Civil Adoptions	29	1,548	
	Civil Appeals	729	29,147	
	Contract	384	39,936	
	Criminal Indictments and Informations	3,883	710,650	
	Delinquency	1,099	118,728	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	371	27,825	
	Family Law	3,527	624,220	
	Foreclosure	4,299	38,694	
	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	3,890	155,600	
	Juvenile Drug Court	-	-	
	Other Civil	2,054	215,670	
	Other Guardianships	410	20,517	
	Other Problem-Solving Courts	137	44,771	
	Paternity and Non-Support	1,235	48,165	
	Torts**	2,048	454,811	
	TPR and Guardianships	182	41,783	
	Truancy Reduction Program	-	-	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	36,810	
	Total	25,392	3,076,359	35.0
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	3,076,359	899,136	2,177,223	35.0

** This analysis includes reserving two judges and one specially assigned magistrate to handle asbestos matters. The workload of those resources is included within the Torts case category. New asbestos case filings have been excluded from the FY18 to FY20 filings count.

**APPENDIX B: DISTRICT COURT – JUDGE NEED BY
COUNTY/CITY**

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

First District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Baltimore City	DUI/DWI	736	13,242	28
	Other Criminal	21,895	284,631	
	Serious Traffic	9,773	87,960	
	Routine Traffic	13,394	10,715	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	25,443	50,887	
	Drug Court	65	27,113	
	Mental Health Court	124	25,352	
	Violations of Probation	2,686	21,485	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	5,188	197,157	
	Peace Orders	2,500	35,000	
	Failure to Pay Rent	121,033	48,413	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	2,560	76,810	
	Small Claims	16,622	83,110	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	8,799	175,973	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	33,743	
	Total	230,817	1,171,590	
			Total Work	Rounded Judge Need 21
			1,171,590	

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Second District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Dorchester	DUI/DWI	264	4,746	1
	Other Criminal	1,251	16,263	
	Serious Traffic	1,128	10,152	
	Routine Traffic	3,609	2,887	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,118	2,237	
	Drug Court	25	10,237	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	438	3,504	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	203	7,727	
	Peace Orders	138	1,937	
	Failure to Pay Rent	2,280	912	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	40	1,190	
	Small Claims	840	4,202	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	256	5,127	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	11,591	71,119	
		Total Work	71,119	Rounded Judge Need
				1

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Second District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Somerset	DUI/DWI	149	2,688	1
	Other Criminal	762	9,910	
	Serious Traffic	928	8,349	
	Routine Traffic	5,680	4,544	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	422	843	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	195	1,557	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	144	5,472	
	Peace Orders	90	1,255	
	Failure to Pay Rent	2,386	954	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	30	900	
	Small Claims	857	4,287	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	171	3,413	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
Total	11,813	44,174		
Total Work			44,174	Rounded Judge Need
			1	

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Second District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Wicomico	DUI/DWI	500	8,994	2
	Other Criminal	3,159	41,063	
	Serious Traffic	2,168	19,515	
	Routine Traffic	9,088	7,270	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,086	2,171	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	839	6,709	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	572	21,736	
	Peace Orders	307	4,298	
	Failure to Pay Rent	10,442	4,177	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	109	3,270	
	Small Claims	5,633	28,167	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	830	16,600	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	34,733	163,970	
			Total Work	Rounded Judge Need
			163,970	3

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Second District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges	
Worcester	DUI/DWI	823	14,814	2	
	Other Criminal	3,084	40,092		
	Serious Traffic	2,042	18,375		
	Routine Traffic	15,643	12,515		
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	2,429	4,858		
	Drug Court	8	3,458		
	Mental Health Court	-	-		
	Violations of Probation	269	2,149		
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	202	7,676		
	Peace Orders	154	2,161		
	Failure to Pay Rent	913	365		
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	45	1,350		
	Small Claims	1,413	7,067		
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	348	6,967		
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871		
	Total	27,374	138,718		
			Total Work		2
			138,718		

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Third District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Caroline	DUI/DWI	205	3,684	1
	Other Criminal	914	11,882	
	Serious Traffic	844	7,593	
	Routine Traffic	3,757	3,006	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	523	1,047	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	141	1,131	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	179	6,802	
	Peace Orders	110	1,535	
	Failure to Pay Rent	750	300	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	33	980	
	Small Claims	742	3,708	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	195	3,907	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	8,392	45,574	
			Total Work	
			Rounded Judge Need	1

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Third District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Cecil	DUI/DWI	475	8,556	2
	Other Criminal	3,439	44,703	
	Serious Traffic	2,777	24,993	
	Routine Traffic	13,938	11,151	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,257	2,514	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	331	2,651	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	577	21,926	
	Peace Orders	208	2,912	
	Failure to Pay Rent	4,888	1,955	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	107	3,210	
	Small Claims	2,008	10,038	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	669	13,380	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
	Total	30,674	164,860	
Total Work			164,860	3
Rounded Judge Need				3

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Third District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges	
Kent	DUI/DWI	86	1,554	1	
	Other Criminal	375	4,871		
	Serious Traffic	423	3,807		
	Routine Traffic	1,925	1,540		
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	264	528		
	Drug Court	-	-		
	Mental Health Court	-	-		
	Violations of Probation	107	853		
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	61	2,331		
	Peace Orders	48	667		
	Failure to Pay Rent	249	100		
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	21	640		
	Small Claims	334	1,668		
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	85	1,707		
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-		
	Total	3,979	20,266		
			Total Work		Rounded Judge Need
			20,266		1

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Third District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Queen Anne's	DUI/DWI	166	2,982	1
	Other Criminal	846	11,002	
	Serious Traffic	1,052	9,471	
	Routine Traffic	6,287	5,029	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	909	1,818	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	286	2,288	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	176	6,701	
	Peace Orders	86	1,199	
	Failure to Pay Rent	319	127	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	33	990	
	Small Claims	655	3,273	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	267	5,333	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	11,081	50,215	
			Total Work	
			50,215	1

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Third District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges	
Talbot	DUI/DWI	236	4,248	1	
	Other Criminal	1,004	13,052		
	Serious Traffic	905	8,142		
	Routine Traffic	5,943	4,754		
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,043	2,087		
	Drug Court	-	-		
	Mental Health Court	-	-		
	Violations of Probation	260	2,077		
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	147	5,573		
	Peace Orders	60	840		
	Failure to Pay Rent	558	223		
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	27	800		
	Small Claims	699	3,493		
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	195	3,893		
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-		
	Total	11,075	49,183		
			Total Work		Rounded Judge Need
			49,183		1

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Fourth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges	
Calvert	DUI/DWI	616	11,094	2	
	Other Criminal	2,312	30,056		
	Serious Traffic	1,581	14,232		
	Routine Traffic	7,896	6,317		
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,048	2,095		
	Drug Court	-	-		
	Mental Health Court	-	-		
	Violations of Probation	661	5,285		
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	427	16,239		
	Peace Orders	287	4,023		
	Failure to Pay Rent	929	371		
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	60	1,810		
	Small Claims	1,573	7,863		
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	468	9,367		
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-		
	Total	17,859	108,753		
			Total Work		Rounded Judge Need
			108,753		2

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Fourth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Charles	DUI/DWI	591	10,632	3
	Other Criminal	3,890	50,566	
	Serious Traffic	3,474	31,263	
	Routine Traffic	13,625	10,900	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,370	2,741	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	409	3,275	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	1,061	40,331	
	Peace Orders	658	9,217	
	Failure to Pay Rent	8,610	3,444	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	204	6,110	
	Small Claims	4,356	21,782	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	1,572	31,433	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	39,820	221,692	
			Total Work	
			221,692	3

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Fourth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
St. Mary's	DUI/DWI	462	8,316	2
	Other Criminal	2,289	29,757	
	Serious Traffic	1,853	16,674	
	Routine Traffic	10,100	8,080	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,154	2,307	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	610	4,877	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	704	26,752	
	Peace Orders	366	5,129	
	Failure to Pay Rent	4,349	1,739	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	104	3,110	
	Small Claims	1,998	9,988	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	625	12,500	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
	Total	24,612	146,101	
			Total Work	Rounded Judge Need
			146,101	2

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Fifth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Prince George's	DUI/DWI	2,204	39,672	19
	Other Criminal	18,195	236,531	
	Serious Traffic	16,968	152,715	
	Routine Traffic	48,113	38,491	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	24,034	48,068	
	Drug Court	23	9,407	
	Mental Health Court	127	25,967	
	Violations of Probation	668	5,341	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	6,633	252,067	
	Peace Orders	3,569	49,961	
	Failure to Pay Rent	140,847	56,339	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	1,745	52,360	
	Small Claims	24,185	120,925	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	13,044	260,880	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	33,743	
	Total	300,354	1,382,465	
			Total Work	19
			1,382,465	

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Sixth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Montgomery	DUI/DWI	2,748	49,470	13
	Other Criminal	12,739	165,611	
	Serious Traffic	7,531	67,776	
	Routine Traffic	38,609	30,887	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	41,610	83,220	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	32	6,492	
	Violations of Probation	6,057	48,459	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	3,101	117,838	
	Peace Orders	2,200	30,795	
	Failure to Pay Rent	45,711	18,285	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	713	21,400	
	Small Claims	11,942	59,708	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	6,849	136,973	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	33,743	
	Total	179,842	870,657	13
			Total Work	870,657
			Rounded Judge Need	13

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Seventh District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Anne Arundel	DUI/DWI	1,904	34,266	10
	Other Criminal	13,008	169,104	
	Serious Traffic	10,797	97,170	
	Routine Traffic	28,427	22,742	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	5,092	10,183	
	Drug Court	110	45,788	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	2,619	20,952	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	2,404	91,365	
	Peace Orders	1,577	22,073	
	Failure to Pay Rent	41,132	16,453	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	458	13,730	
	Small Claims	9,360	46,798	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	4,178	83,567	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	33,743	
	Total	121,065	707,934	
			Total Work	
			707,934	

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Eighth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Baltimore County	DUI/DWI	2,168	39,030	15
	Other Criminal	13,501	175,509	
	Serious Traffic	13,409	120,678	
	Routine Traffic	35,274	28,219	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	7,666	15,333	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	7,599	60,792	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	3,639	138,295	
	Peace Orders	2,316	32,424	
	Failure to Pay Rent	167,696	67,078	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	940	28,200	
	Small Claims	26,497	132,485	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	9,442	188,833	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	<i>0.50 FTE</i>	33,743	
	Total	290,147	1,060,618	
			Total Work	
			1,060,618	

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Ninth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Harford	DUI/DWI	755	13,590	4
	Other Criminal	4,214	54,786	
	Serious Traffic	2,596	23,361	
	Routine Traffic	18,158	14,527	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,091	2,182	
	Drug Court	14	5,948	
	Mental Health Court	9	1,845	
	Violations of Probation	1,910	15,277	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	925	35,150	
	Peace Orders	527	7,383	
	Failure to Pay Rent	15,013	6,005	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	265	7,960	
	Small Claims	4,812	24,060	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	1,750	34,993	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
Total		52,040	263,939	
Total Work			263,939	Rounded Judge Need 4

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DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Tenth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Carroll	DUI/DWI	524	9,432	2
	Other Criminal	2,287	29,735	
	Serious Traffic	1,415	12,732	
	Routine Traffic	10,938	8,750	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	397	794	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	903	7,224	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	489	18,582	
	Peace Orders	405	5,670	
	Failure to Pay Rent	2,056	822	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	90	2,690	
	Small Claims	2,374	11,870	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	735	14,700	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	22,612	123,002	
			Total Work	
			123,002	2

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DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Tenth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Howard	DUI/DWI	880	15,846	5
	Other Criminal	2,874	37,366	
	Serious Traffic	3,131	28,176	
	Routine Traffic	21,485	17,188	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	995	1,989	
	Drug Court	24	9,822	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	445	3,563	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	752	28,563	
	Peace Orders	425	5,945	
	Failure to Pay Rent	21,422	8,569	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	208	6,250	
	Small Claims	3,899	19,493	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	1,890	37,800	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
	Total	58,429	237,442	
			Total Work	Rounded Judge Need
			237,442	4

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Eleventh District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Frederick	DUI/DWI	836	15,054	3
	Other Criminal	4,354	56,602	
	Serious Traffic	2,896	26,064	
	Routine Traffic	15,140	12,112	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	1,614	3,229	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	1,381	11,048	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	715	27,183	
	Peace Orders	523	7,322	
	Failure to Pay Rent	7,245	2,898	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	150	4,500	
	Small Claims	3,294	16,472	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	1,432	28,647	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
Total	39,582	228,001		
Total Work			228,001	
Rounded Judge Need			4	

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DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Eleventh District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Washington	DUI/DWI	456	8,202	2
	Other Criminal	3,551	46,159	
	Serious Traffic	1,905	17,142	
	Routine Traffic	8,953	7,163	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	776	1,552	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	955	7,643	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	1,138	43,257	
	Peace Orders	536	7,504	
	Failure to Pay Rent	9,049	3,620	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	267	8,020	
	Small Claims	2,856	14,280	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	931	18,613	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	31,373	183,154	
			Total Work	Rounded Judge Need
			183,154	3

Judgeship Need by County

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Twelfth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Allegany	DUI/DWI	229	4,116	2
	Other Criminal	2,563	33,315	
	Serious Traffic	904	8,133	
	Routine Traffic	6,007	4,805	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	534	1,068	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	1,492	11,933	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	345	13,123	
	Peace Orders	181	2,539	
	Failure to Pay Rent	1,074	429	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	66	1,980	
	Small Claims	1,015	5,075	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	306	6,127	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	0.25 FTE	16,871	
Total	14,715	109,514	2	
Total Work			109,514	Rounded Judge Need
			109,514	2

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Twelfth District

County	Case type	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	Current Judges
Garrett	DUI/DWI	96	1,722	1
	Other Criminal	636	8,264	
	Serious Traffic	259	2,328	
	Routine Traffic	4,640	3,712	
	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	514	1,029	
	Drug Court	-	-	
	Mental Health Court	-	-	
	Violations of Probation	412	3,296	
	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	149	5,662	
	Peace Orders	54	756	
	Failure to Pay Rent	203	81	
	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	28	840	
	Small Claims	343	1,713	
	Large Claims/ Other Civil	113	2,267	
	<i>Administrative Adjustment</i>	-	-	
	Total	7,447	31,670	
Total Work			31,670	Rounded Judge Need
			31,670	1