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The Honorable William C. Ferguson IV President of the Senate H-107 State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

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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

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FY 2024 Analysis of Need for Additional Judgeships in the Judicial Branch

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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.

	FY		FY24	AD METHODOLOGY Additional	FY 2024	FY 2024
Jurisdiction	2023 Judges	FY 2023 Magistrates	FY24 Projected Need ⁶	Judges Needed in FY 2024	Requested Judgeships	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

TABLE 1. JUDGESHIPS REQUESTED IN THE CIRCUIT COURTSFY 2024

BASED ON WEIGHTED CASELOAD METHODOLOGY

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.

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).

TABLE 2. JUDGESHIPS REQUESTED IN THE DISTRICT COURTFY 2024BASED ON WEIGHTED CASELOAD METHODOLOGY

Jurisdiction	FY 2023 Judges	FY 2024 Projected Need	Additional Judges Needed in FY 2024 ⁹	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

Fiscal Year	Criminal	Civil	Family	Juvenile	Total Filings	% Change From Previous Year
FY 2014	53,403	65,969	61,261	16,078	196,711	N/A
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%

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

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

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	N/A
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%

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

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

Case fyne	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	Minutes of Work	
Dorchester Adult Drug Court			Current Judges
	ω	1,560	1.5
CINS/Other Juvenile	25	2,609	Current Magistrates
Civil Adoptions	8	414	0.9
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	ı	ı	
Other Civil	66	6,895	
Other Guardianships	14	717	
Other Problem-Solving Courts	I	·	
Paternity and Non-Support	131	5,096	
Torts	26	2,849	
TPR and Guardianships	2	537	
Truancy Reduction Program	28	7,276	
Administrative Adjustment	0.25 FTE	18,405	
Total	1,290	150,772	
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
150.772	72,252	78,520	1.5

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>First Circuit</u>

			Current Judges	1	Current Magistrates	0.9																			Rounded Judge Need	1.0
	Minutes of	Work	4,352	2,184	2,438	162	2,627	1,456	19,215	7,344	2,700	32,096	1,086	5,307	·	5,915	467		5,148	1,480	1,073	5,611	18,405	119,065	Judge Work	46,813
	FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	8	5	24	3	99	14	105	68	36	181	121	133	ı	56	6	ı	132	13	5	21	$0.25 \ FTE$	1,000	Magistrate Work	72,252
First Circuit		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	119,065
		County	Somerset																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS First Circuit

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	FIRST CITCUIL	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract		Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	361 015

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>First Circuit</u>

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

* 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.

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Judge Need By Court

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS First Circuit

		Current Judges	1	Current Magistrates	1																			Rounded Judge Need	1.0
Minutes of	Work	4,715	2,808	103	306	800	1,560	17,446	5,076	4,900	53,985	1,077	9,213	ı	3,535	009	ı	4,537	2,146	1,533	ı	18,405	132,745	Judge Work	52,465
FV2018 to FV2020	Average Filings	6	9	1	6	20	15	95	47	65	305	120	230	I	34	12	I	116	19	7	I	$0.25 \ FTE$	1,107	Magistrate Work	80,280
Decourd CH CHI	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	132,745
	County	Caroline																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Second Circuit</u>

FY2018 to FY2020Minutes of Adult Drug CourtCase typeAverage FilingsWorkAdult Drug Court 34 18,677US677CINAAdult Drug Court 34 18,677US677CINACINA 34 18,677US677CINACINA 34 18,677240Civil Adoptions 64 $2,573$ 240 $1,062$ Civil Adoptions 64 $2,573$ $5,963$ $2,573$ Contract 20 $1,211$ $13,104$ $35,063$ Criminal Indictments and Informations 64 $2,573$ $5,963$ Delinquency 64 $2,573$ $5,963$ $2,442$ Domestic Violence Protective Orders 88 $6,575$ $5,963$ Family Law 727 121 $13,104$ $2,442$ Domestic Violence Protective Orders 88 $2,711$ $2,442$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $45,880$ $1,147$ $45,880$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $45,880$ $1,127$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $45,880$ $1,126$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $2,442$ $1,1865$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $45,880$ $1,127$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $2,142$ $1,126$ Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals $1,147$ $2,142$ $1,126$ Other			Current Judges	4	Current Magistrates	1																			Rounded Judge Need	4.0
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	Second Circuit	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract		Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	386 303

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Second Circuit

			Current Judges	1	Current Magistrates	0																			Rounded Judge Need	2.0
	Minutes of	Work		1,404	2,850	36	387	1,560	9,516	972	2,250	22,833	540	7,160	·	4,305	467	ı	1,391	1,147	153	8,328	18,405	83,704	Judge Work	83,704
	FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	1	3	28	1	10	15	52	6	30	129	60	179	I	41	6	I	36	10	1	32	$0.25 \ FTE$	644	Magistrate Work	0
Second Circuit		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	83,704
		County	Kent																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Second Circuit

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

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Second Circuit

		Current Judges	1	Current Magistrates	1																			Rounded Judge Need	1.0
Minutes of	Work	1	1,248	34	180	1,133	1,872	23,119	3,960	1,950	42,598	711	6,573	ı	4,375	567	2,934	2,223	3,404	307	ı	18,405	115,593	Judge Work	35,313
FV2018 to FV2020	Average Filings	1	ξ	0	ω	28	18	126	37	26	241	79	164	I	42	11	6	57	31	1	I	$0.25 \ FTE$	877	Magistrate Work	80,280
Second Circuit	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	115,593
	County	Talbot																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Second Circuit</u>

		FV2018 to FV2020	Minutes of	
County	Case type	Average Filings	Work	
Baltimore	Adult Drug Court	1	I	Current Judges
	CINA	350	163,800	20
	CINS/Other Juvenile	14	1,476	Current Magistrates
	Civil Adoptions	116	6,246	8
	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	ı	ı	
	Administrative Adjustment	0.50 FTE	36,810	
	Total	20,019	2,353,797	
	Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
	2,353,797	642,240	1,711,557	22.0

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Third Circuit</u>

		Current Judges	9	Current Magistrates	3																			Rounded Judge Need	6.0
Minited of	Work	3,989	53,664	1,030	3,186	5,307	10,920	80,947	22,824	17,250	266,562	5,097	36,147	ı	34,580	4,567	4,455	19,942	23,236	6,823	1,753	18,405	620,684	Judge Work	428,012
EV7018 +2 EV7070	Average Filings	7	115	10	59	133	105	442	211	230	1,506	566	904	ı	329	91	14	511	209	30	7	$0.25 \ FTE$	5,480	Magistrate Work	192,672
Third Circuit	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	620,684
	County	Harford																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Third Circuit</u>

		- 	Current Judges	2	Current Magistrates	1.6																			Rounded Judge Need	, n
Minutes of	Work		9,429	25,272		666	6,413	1,421	49,227	11,808	3,050	92,984	1,761	26,547	ı	11,410	1,350		13,416	6,697	6,747	·	18,405	286,603	Judge Work	150 155
EV2018 +2 EV2020	Average Filings		17	54	I	12	160	14	269	109	41	525	196	664	I	109	27	ı	344	60	29	ı	$0.25 \ FTE$	2,631	Magistrate Work	011 011
FOULUI CITCUIL	Case type		Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	202 202
	County	11	Allegany																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Fourth Circuit</u>

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

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Fourth Circuit

			Current Judges	6	Current Magistrates	1																			Rounded Judge Need	6.0
Miniter of	Minutes of	Work	4,171	26,208	206	066	5,147	5,200	93,025	25,020	10,325	207,090	2,970	13,640	445	13,580	1,917	ı	32,227	13,320	7,513	ı	18,405	481,398	Judge Work	401,118
EV7018 +- EV7030	FY 2018 to FY 2020	Average Filings	8	56	2	18	129	50	508	232	138	1,170	330	341	2	129	38	I	826	120	33	I	$0.25 \ FTE$	4,130	Magistrate Work	80,280
		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	481,398
		County	Washington																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Fourth Circuit</u>

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int a set d]	$EV2018 \leftrightarrow EV2020$	Average Filings	65	55	2	85	350	328	1,399	581	327	3,658	1,179	1,303	ı	1,417	215	ı	506	659	22	ı	$0.50 \ FTE$	12 151	161,21
		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract		Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure		Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Fifth Circuit</u>

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		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract		Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	274 014

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Fifth Circuit</u>

	FY2018 to FY2020	Minutes of	
Case type	Average Filings	Work	
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	I	ı	
Other Civil	297	31,150	
Other Guardianships	197	9,833	
Other Problem-Solving Courts	I		
Paternity and Non-Support	214	8,346	
Torts	258	28,638	
TPR and Guardianships	7	1,687	
Truancy Reduction Program	I		
Administrative Adjustment	$0.25 \ FTE$	18,405	
Total	4,828	578,426	
Total Work	Magistrate Work	Judge Work	Rounded Judge Need
578.426	240,840	337,586	5.0

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Fifth Circuit</u>

		ſ	Current Judges	6	Current Magistrates	2																			Rounded Judge Need	6.0
	Minutes of	Work	13,963	16,380	172	1,998	4,973	10,781	80,032	22,536	18,900	284,557	3,867	32,787	ı	18,970	4,033		15,353	18,981	5,597	ı	18,405	572,285	Judge Work	411,725
	FY 2018 to FY 2020	Average Filings	26	35	7	37	124	104	437	209	252	1,608	430	820	ı	181	81	ı	394	171	24	ı	$0.25 \ FTE$	4,933	Magistrate Work	160,560
SIXUL CITCULL	;	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	572.285
	i	County	Frederick																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Sixth Circuit</u>

			Current Judges	24	Current Magistrates	6																			Rounded Judge Need	24.0
	Minutes of	Work	17,045	88,764	13,836	4,968	13,440	143,243	246,562	66,600	31,100	1,038,164	10,836	18,267	ı	420,525	22,483	1,413	39,195	107,522	6,747	ı	36,810	2,327,520	Judge Work	1,845,840
	FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	31	190	134	92	336	1,377	1,347	617	415	5,865	1,204	457	ı	4,005	450	4	1,005	696	29	ı	$0.50\ FTE$	18,527	Magistrate Work	481,680
Sixth Circuit		Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	2,327,520
		County	Montgomery																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Sixth Circuit

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MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Seventh Circuit

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Orders	Minutes of	Work		12,948	206	1,296	5,387	8,979	94,062	19,152	21,875	229,982	5,325	18,880	ı	15,225	6,283	6,846	10,530	23,125	3,680	ı	18,405	502,186	Judge Work	309,514
Case type Adult Drug Court CINA CINA CINS/Other Juvenile Civil Adoptions Civil Adoptions Civil Adoptions Civil Appeals Contract C	FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	I	28	0	24	135	86	514	177	292	1,299	592	472	I	145	126	21	270	208	16	I	$0.25 \ FTE$	4,407	Magistrate Work	192.672
	Seventi Circuit	Case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract		Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	502.186

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS Seventh Circuit

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

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Seventh Circuit</u>

			Current Judges	3	Current Magistrates	1																			Rounded Judge Need	3.0
Minutes of	Work 01	W OLK	8,704	12,168	ı	774	1,813	2,357	45,689	9,036	10,525	115,345	2,229	4,587	89	9,450	1,700	3,369	7,787	12,395	2,377	ı	18,405	268,799	Judge Work	188,519
EV2018 + EV2020	1. 1 2010 W 1. 1 2020 Average Filings	Average 1 milles	16	26	I	14	45	23	250	84	140	652	248	115	0	90	34	10	200	112	10	ı	$0.25 \ FTE$	2,068	Magistrate Work	80,280
<u>Seventin Ch cuit</u>	Case trine	case type	Adult Drug Court	CINA	CINS/Other Juvenile	Civil Adoptions	Civil Appeals	Contract	Criminal Indictments and Informations	Delinquency	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Family Law	Foreclosure	Jury Trial Prayer/Criminal Appeals	Juvenile Drug Court	Other Civil	Other Guardianships	Other Problem-Solving Courts	Paternity and Non-Support	Torts	TPR and Guardianships	Truancy Reduction Program	Administrative Adjustment	Total	Total Work	268,799
	Country	COULLY	St. Mary's																							

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS <u>Seventh Circuit</u>

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

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

Judge Need By Court

** 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

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l	Minutes of Work	13,242 Current Judges	284,631 28	87,960	10,715	50,887	27,113	25,352	21,485	197,157	35,000	48,413	76,810	83,110	175,973	33,743	1,171,590	
Case type DUI/DWI Other Criminal Serious Traffic Routine Traffic Routine Traffic Civil Infractions/ Regulations Drug Court Mental Health Court Violations of Probation Domestic Violence Protective Orders Peace Orders Peace Orders Failure to Pay Rent Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant Small Claims Large Claims/ Other Civil Administrative Adjustment Total	20	736	21,895	9,773	13,394	25,443	65	124	2,686	5,188	2,500	121,033	2,560	16,622	8,799	$0.50\ FTE$		
	Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total	

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

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		Current Judges	1															Rounded Judge Need	1
Minutes of	Work	2,688	9,910	8,349	4,544	843	ı		1,557	5,472	1,255	954	006	4,287	3,413	I	44,174	Total Work	44,174
FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	149	762	928	5,680	422	ı		195	144	90	2,386	30	857	171		11,813		
	Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
	County	Somerset																	

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

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

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

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

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

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	Current Judges	1															Rounded Judge Need	1
Minutes of Work	2,982	11,002	9,471	5,029	1,818			2,288	6,701	1,199	127	066	3,273	5,333	·	50,215	Total Work	50,215
FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	166	846	1,052	6,287	606			286	176	86	319	33	655	267		11,081		
Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
County	Queen Anne's																	

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	Current Judges	1															Rounded Judge Need	1
Minutes of Work	4,248	13,052	8,142	4,754	2,087			2,077	5,573	840	223	800	3,493	3,893		49,183	Total Work	49,183
FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	236	1,004	905	5,943	1,043			260	147	60	558	27	669	195		11,075		
Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
County	Talbot																	

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		Current Judges	2															Rounded Judge Need	2
Minutes of	W OFK	11,094	30,056	14,232	6,317	2,095			5,285	16,239	4,023	371	1,810	7,863	9,367	·	108,753	Total Work	108,753
FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	616	2,312	1,581	7,896	1,048			661	427	287	929	09	1,573	468		17,859		
	Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
C	County	Calvert																	

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Fourth District

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

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Fourth District

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

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

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		Current Judges	15															Rounded Judge Need	15
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Case type DUI/DWI Other Criminal Serious Traffic Routine Traffic Routine Traffic Civil Infractions/ Regulations Drug Court Mental Health Court Violations of Probation Domestic Violence Protective Orders Peace Orders Failure to Pay Rent Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant Small Claims I arge Claims/ Other Landlord Tenant Small Claims I arge Claims/ Other Civil Administrative Adjustment Total	FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	2,168	13,501	13,409	35,274	7,666			7,599	3,639	2,316	167,696	940	26,497	9,442	$0.50 \ FTE$	290,147		
	Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		

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Ninth District

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

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Tenth District

	Current Indoes	2															Rounded Judge Need	2
Minutes of	0 437	29.735	12,732	8,750	794		·	7,224	18,582	5,670	822	2,690	11,870	14,700		123,002	Total Work	123,002
FY2018 to FY2020	774 574	2.287	1,415	10,938	397			903	489	405	2,056	90	2,374	735	•	22,612		
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Country	County Carroll																	

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Tenth District

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

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

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Eleventh District

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

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		Current Judges	2															Rounded Judge Need	2
Minutes of	Work	4,116	33,315	8,133	4,805	1,068	ı	ı	11,933	13,123	2,539	429	1,980	5,075	6,127	16,871	109,514	Total Work	109,514
FY2018 to FY2020	Average Filings	229	2,563	904	6,007	534			1,492	345	181	1,074	99	1,015	306	$0.25 \; FTE$	14,715		
	Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
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	Current Judges	1															Rounded Judge Need	1
Minutes of Work	1,722	8,264	2,328	3,712	1,029			3,296	5,662	756	81	840	1,713	2,267		31,670	Total Work	31,670
FY2018 to FY2020 Average Filings	96	636	259	4,640	514			412	149	54	203	28	343	113		7,447		
Case type	DUI/DWI	Other Criminal	Serious Traffic	Routine Traffic	Civil Infractions/ Regulations	Drug Court	Mental Health Court	Violations of Probation	Domestic Violence Protective Orders	Peace Orders	Failure to Pay Rent	Rent Escrow and Other Landlord Tenant	Small Claims	Large Claims/ Other Civil	Administrative Adjustment	Total		
County	Garrett																	