# SURVEY OF Judicial Salaries

## Rankings as of January 1, 2018

This graphic depicts the rankings of judicial salaries, with the highest salary for each of the three positions having a rank of "1." General jurisdiction judge salaries, adjusted for cost of living, are also included in this graphic. Empty squares represent states without intermediate appellate courts.



### Judicial Salaries at a Glance

	Mean	Median	Range	
Chief, Highest Court	\$178,049	\$175,600	\$133,174 to	\$256,059
Associate Justice, COLR	\$172,026	\$170,000	\$131,174 to	\$244,179
Judge, Intermediate Appellate Court	\$166,263	\$164,865	\$124,616 to	\$228,918
Judge, General Jurisdiction Trial Courts	\$155,113=	\$151,943	\$118,384 to	\$208,000
State Court Administrators	\$155,163	\$146,494	\$107,000 to	\$288,888

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#### Salaries and Rankings for Appellate and General-Jurisdiction Judges - Listed Alphabetically by State Name

The table below lists the salaries and rankings for associate justices of the courts of last resort, associate judges of intermediate appellate courts, and judges of general jurisdiction trial courts (actual salaries and cost-of-living-adjusted salaries as of January 1, 2018). Salaries are ranked from highest to lowest, with the highest salary for each position having a rank of "1." The lowest salary has a rank of "51" except for intermediate appellate courts, which exists in only 40 states.

	Highest (	Court	Intermediate Appellate Court		General-Juris	General-Jurisdiction Court		General-Jurisdiction Court Adjusted for Cost-of-Living Index		
	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Salary	Rank	Factor	Salary	Rank	
Alabama	\$167,685	30	\$178,878	10	\$134,943	40	96.77	\$139,454	25	
Alaska	\$205,176	7	\$193,836	6	\$189,720	6	136.16	\$139,334	26	
Arizona	\$159,685	35	\$154,534	29	\$149,383	30	110.07	\$135,721	32	
Arkansas	\$169,830	27	\$164,730	21	\$163,200	17	95.10	\$171,611	3	
California	\$244,179	1	\$228,918	1	\$200,042	3	142.78	\$140,108	24	
Colorado	\$177,350	17	\$170,324	16	\$163,303	16	110.31	\$148,037	17	
Connecticut	\$185,610	12	\$174,323	14	\$167,634	14	138.09	\$121,397	44	
Delaware	\$195,245	9			\$183,444	7	110.43	\$166,119	5	
District of Columbia	\$220,600	4			\$208,000	1	150.73	\$137,991	27	
Florida	\$178,420	16	\$169,554	17	\$160,688	19	106.44	\$150,964	12	
Georgia	\$175,600	20	\$174,500	13	\$169,265	12	100.10	\$169,091	4	
Hawaii	\$223,200	3	\$206,652	3	\$201,060	2	149.08	\$134,863	33	
Idaho	\$146,700	42	\$137,700	37	\$131,700	44	96.08	\$137,069	28	
Illinois	\$229,345	2	\$215,856	2	\$198,075	4	111.77	\$177,217	2	
Indiana	\$173,599	24	\$168,752	18	\$144,137	34	96.39	\$149,534	14	
Iowa	\$174,808	21	\$158,420	26	\$147,494	32	99.00	\$148,984	16	
Kansas	\$139,303	46	\$134,806	38	\$123,038	50	100.47	\$122,460	43	
Kentucky	\$135,504	48	\$130,044	39	\$124,620	49	93.92	\$132,689	35	
Louisiana	\$169.125	28	\$158,147	27	\$151.943	26	100.24	\$151,579	11	
Maine	\$134,056	50			\$125,632	48	123.04	\$102,106	51	
Maryland	\$176,433	18	\$163,633	22	\$154,433	23	127.83	\$120,810	45	
Massachusetts	\$194,734	10	\$183,837	7	\$178,444	9	137.11	\$130.146	38	
Michigan	\$164,610	32	\$157,544	28	\$145,578	33	96.54	\$150,790	13	
Minnesota	\$173,363	25	\$163,354	23	\$153,345	24	106.03	\$144,620	19	
Mississippi	\$152,250	38	\$144,827	32	\$136,000	38	91.14	\$149,214	15	
Missouri	\$173,742	22	\$158,848	24	\$149,723	29	97.98	\$152,809	10	
Montana	\$144,061	45	\$100,0 <del>1</del> 0	27	\$132,558	42	103.40	\$128,195	39	
Nebraska	\$173,694	23	\$165,009	19	\$160,667	20	99.47	\$161,527	6	
Nevada	\$170,000	26	\$165,000	20	\$160,000	21	111.18	\$143,909	20	
New Hampshire	\$162,240	34	φ105,000	20	\$152,159	25	128.20	\$118,687	48	
New Jersey	\$185,482	13	\$175,534	12	\$165,000	15	126.67	\$130,264	37	
New Mexico	\$131,174	51	\$124,616	40	\$105,000	51	105.57	\$112,135	50	
New York	\$215,700	5	\$124,010	40	\$110,304	5	145.65	\$133,200	34	
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North Carolina North Dakota	\$146,191	43 37	\$140,144	34	\$132,584 \$143,869	35	100.35 105.90	\$132,122 \$135,853	36	
Ohio	\$157,009	33	¢1E2 0E0	30		37	98.74		22	
	\$164,000		\$152,850		\$140,550			\$142,340		
Oklahoma	\$145,914	44	\$138,235	36	\$131,835	43	96.23	\$136,998	29	
Oregon	\$147,560	40	\$144,536	33	\$135,776	39	116.26	\$116,787	49	
Pennsylvania	\$207,203	6	\$195,978	5	\$180,299	8	111.82	\$161,236	7	
Rhode Island	\$175,870	19	¢4.45.07.4	04	\$158,340	22	127.75	\$123,943	42	
South Carolina	\$148,794	39	\$145,074	31	\$141,354	36	103.42	\$136,686	30	
South Dakota	\$135,270	49	¢170.000	0	\$126,346	46	105.99	\$119,208	47	
Tennessee	\$185,064	14	\$178,908	9	\$172,740	10	96.34	\$179,298	1	
Texas	\$168,000	29	\$158,500	25	\$149,000	31	101.67	\$146,556	18	
Utah	\$178,500	15	\$170,350	15	\$162,250	18	103.26	\$157,121	8	
Vermont	\$158,558	36	****	-	\$150,738	27	125.39	\$120,215	46	
Virginia	\$197,827	8	\$181,610	8	\$171,120	11	109.17	\$156,748	9	
Washington	\$186,681	11	\$177,708	11	\$169,187	13	117.95	\$143,437	21	
West Virginia	\$136,000	47			\$126,000	47	99.85	\$126,184	41	
Wisconsin	\$147,403	41	\$139,059	35	\$131,187	45	103.94	\$126,219	40	
Wyoming	\$165,000	31			\$150,000	28	106.79	\$140,464	23	
Mean	\$ 172,026		\$ 166,263		\$ 155,113					
Median	\$ 170,000		\$ 164,865		\$ 151,943					
Range \$ 131,174		\$ 12	4,616 to \$ 228,918	\$ 118,38						

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