

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MISSION: To administer justice by providing a safe, accessible, efficient, and impartial system of dispute resolution that serves the public interest, protects individual rights, and instills respect for the law.

MAINE STATE COURTS: AT A GLANCE



POPULATION OF MAINE.....	1,338,404
GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....	30,843 sq. mi.
COURT LOCATIONS.....	36

FY18 EXPENDITURES:

Judicial Branch Operations.....	\$59,567,912
Personal Services.....	\$45,215,235
All Other/Capital Operation Expenses.....	\$14,352,677
Guardians ad Litem and Psychological Exams.....	\$3,890,054
Debt Service.....	\$11,067,086
TOTAL: \$74,525,053	
% of State General Fund.....	2.18%

FY18 REVENUE:

Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....	\$26,085,957
Deposited to State Dedicated Revenue Accounts.....	\$8,631,039
TOTAL: \$34,716,996	

JUDGES (Total).....	63
Supreme Judicial Court Justices.....	7
Superior Court Justices.....	17
District Court Judges.....	39

FAMILY LAW MAGISTRATES 8
STAFF 447.5

Clerks' Offices.....	254.5
Security.....	83
Administration.....	37.5
Research.....	25
Violations Bureau & Service Center.....	17.5
Finance & Human Resources.....	11
Office of Information Technology.....	11
Official Court Reporters.....	8
TOTAL: 518.5	

TOTAL FY18 CASES FILED 198,790

Supreme Judicial Court.....	574
Superior Court.....	4,036
Unified Criminal Docket.....	55,980
District Court.....	49,482
Violations Bureau.....	88,718



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Waldo Judicial Center Scheduled to Open in March

The Waldo Judicial Center will be open for business in March, 2019.

The brand new facility is a two-story brick and granite courthouse that will house both the Belfast District Court, currently located in a 1930's-era building, and the Superior Court, located in a separate historic building dating from 1853.



The WJC, like its predecessors, is located in downtown Belfast, but features adjacent public and staff parking, enhanced security and entrance screening, an additional courtroom, improved jury deliberation rooms, and additional conference rooms for the public.

The building was designed with high efficiency heating, cooling, lighting, and other technologies.

The support of the 127th Maine Legislature, including Senate President Michael Thibodeau, and Governor LePage was critical to the success of this project, as was the assistance and collaboration of Waldo County government officials and members of Belfast city government.

The focused work of Mark Carter of North Peak Architecture, and the General Contractor, Ganneston Construction Corp., as well as the oversight of the Facilities Team, led by Justice Robert Murray, resulted in the substantial completion of construction in just over a year — on February 11, 2019. The courthouse is expected to be officially open to the public, on time and well within budget, as scheduled in March 2019.

All entrances to the new 38,000 square foot facility are fully handicapped accessible, with improved acoustics and technology in the courtrooms and common areas, including wireless internet access. The Waldo County District Attorney's Office has leased a designated space on the first floor. The building includes two jury courtrooms, one non-jury courtroom and mediation room spaces.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in early April.



The Adult Drug Court Advisory Committee led by Justice Nancy Mills received a Special Service Award in recognition of its significant contribution to improvements in the operation and performance of the Judicial Branch.

THE COURTS OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



From Left to Right: Justice Jeffrey L. Hjelm, Justice Ellen A. Gorman, Justice Donald G. Alexander, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley, Justice Andrew M. Mead, Justice Joseph M. Jabar, Justice Thomas E. Humphrey

TRIAL CHIEFS



Roland A. Cole;
Chief Justice,
Superior Court



Robert Mullen;
Deputy Chief Justice,
Superior Court



Susan Oram; Chief
Judge, District Court



Susan Sparaco;
Deputy Chief Judge,
District Court



STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

James T. Glessner, State Court Administrator

JUDICIAL OFFICERS



Maine Judicial Branch judicial officers gathered at the Judicial College in 2018.

TOTAL FY18 COURT CASE FILINGS: 198,790

CRIMINAL FILINGS: 50,126

Unified Criminal Docket (UCD)	46,271
UCD Probation Revocations.....	3,068
District Court Probation Revocations.....	12
Superior Court Probation Revocations....	829

The Unified Criminal Docket (UCD), completed statewide in 2016, transformed the two-tiered trial court system into a single, more efficient process for criminal and some civil violation cases.

FAMILY DIVISION: 21,698

Divorce	5,229
Family Post-Judgment.....	5,745
Protection from Abuse	5,483
Child Protection.....	908
Juvenile	1,583
Parental Rights & Responsibilities	1,811
Foreign Judgments	129
Adoptions.....	446
Emancipations.....	98
Guardianships	142
Grandparents' Rights	23
Other Family Matters	101

CIVIL FILINGS: 27,600

	SUPERIOR	DISTRICT
Contract	441	2,834
Foreclosure	745	1,722
Tort	870	123
Other Civil	1,151	2,985
Small Claims		9,515
Money Judgments		1,389
FEDs (Eviction)		5,825
TOTAL(S):	3,207	24,393

OTHER ACTIONS: 10,074

Mental Health (District Court)	984
Protection from Harassment (District Court).....	2,395
Civil Violations (UCD).....	6,695

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT: 574

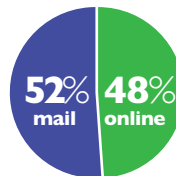
Supreme Judicial Court	574
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VIOLATIONS BUREAU: 88,718

Traffic Infractions	88,718
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Violations Bureau First to Implement Odyssey E-filing

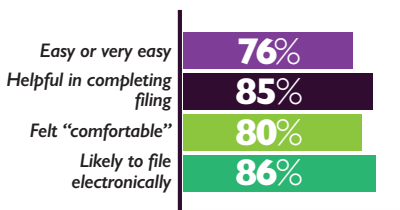
After months of careful planning and testing, the Maine court system's new case management and e-filing system, Odyssey, went "live" for traffic violation cases statewide on October 22, 2018. Individuals are now able to look up a ticket, pay it, or take other action on their cases 24 hours a day, seven days a week using the online system. Parties may still file answers, motions, and documents by mail.



\$1,705,349*
traffic fines paid
*from 10/22/18 to 12/31/18

Tyler Technologies has worked with the Judicial Branch to develop Odyssey under a 2016 contract for a new case management system. The software includes a public portal for searching traffic case records, making an online payment, and

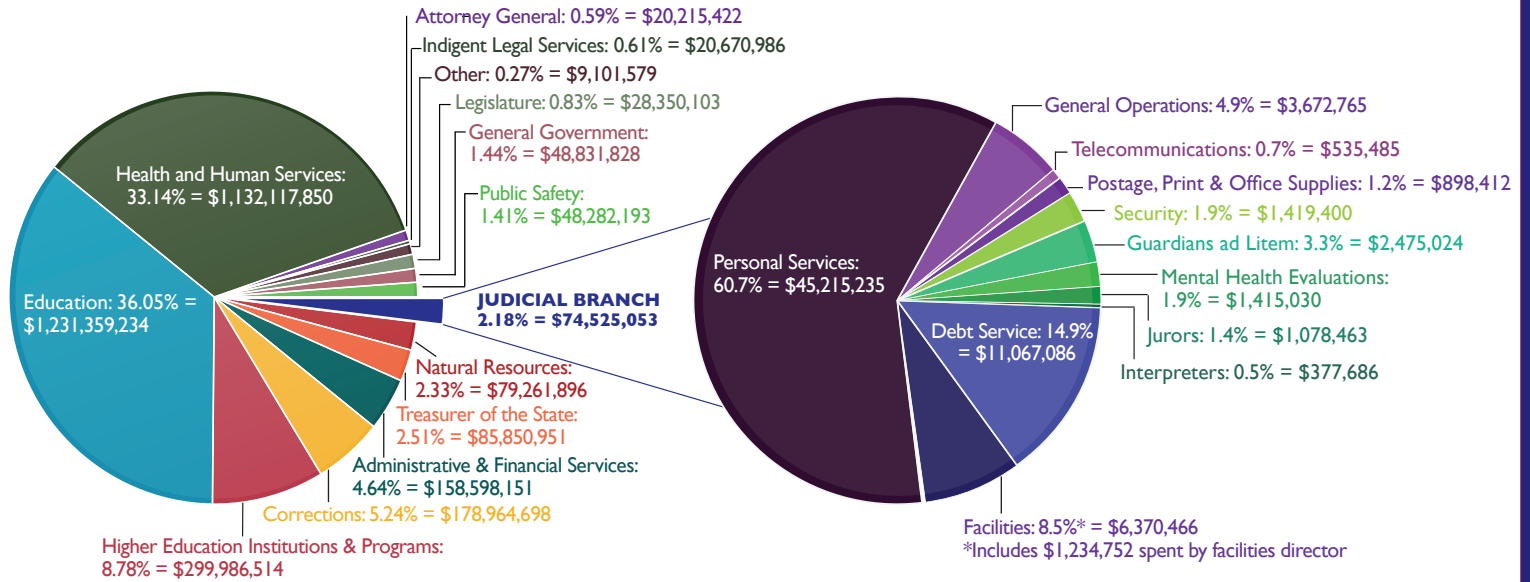
engaging in an interactive, question-and-answer component known as "Guide & File." Guide & File assembles responses into the appropriate court documents and allows the user to file them electronically. The system will expand to cover additional types of court cases over the next several years and include an e-filing application for attorneys.



Guide & File User Feedback
Through 12/31/18

FISCAL INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES



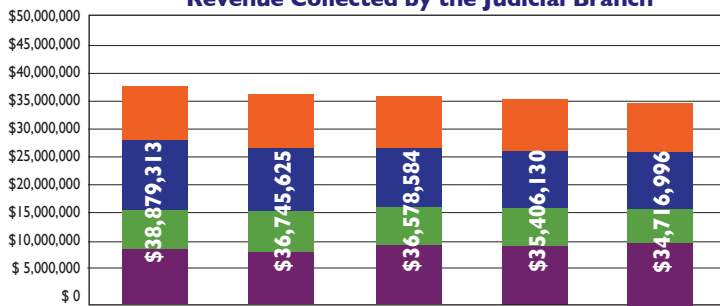
**STATEWIDE GENERAL FUND
FY18 EXPENDITURES
Total: \$3,416,116,456**

**JUDICIAL BRANCH GENERAL FUND
FY18 EXPENDITURES
Total: \$74,525,053**

In FY18, General Funds received by the Judicial Branch were 2.18% of the State total. Personal Services accounted for more than half (60.7%) of Judicial Branch expenditures.

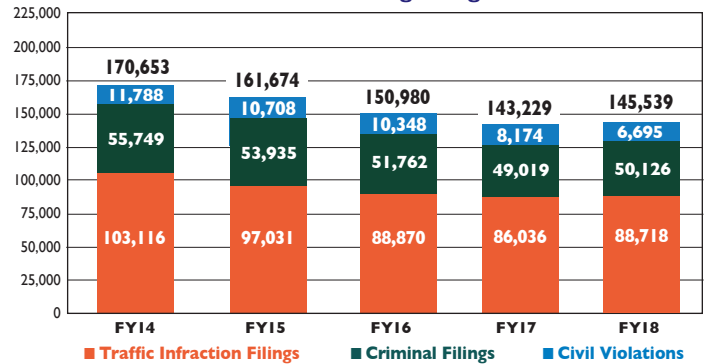
FY18 REVENUE

Revenue Collected by the Judicial Branch



	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Traffic Fines	\$10,755,801	\$10,108,163	\$9,341,804	\$8,619,758	\$8,888,500
Court Fines	\$12,047,353	\$11,632,039	\$10,983,499	\$10,649,133	\$9,420,118
Surcharges	\$6,617,812	\$6,419,581	\$6,451,126	\$6,247,796	\$5,972,092
Fees	\$9,458,347	\$8,585,842	\$9,802,155	\$9,889,443	\$10,436,286

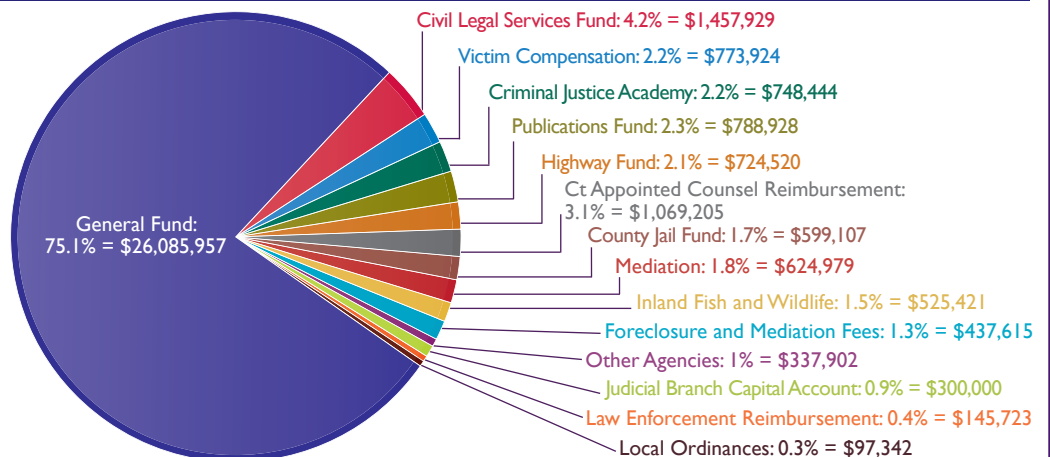
Fine-Generating Filings Trend



REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

**FY18 Revenue Distribution
Total: \$34,716,996**

All revenue collected by the Judicial Branch is deposited into the State's General Fund and to other State-dedicated accounts as required by Maine Statutes. Sources of revenue include fees, fines, and surcharges.



COURT REGIONS AND CASES FILED

REGION 5

CASE TOTAL 16,395
REGIONAL POPULATION 168,730
COURT LOCATIONS 5

PENOBSCOT 3,397 sq. miles/pop. 151,957
 Bangor Superior 295
 Penobscot UCD 8,227
 Bangor District 4,494
 Newport District 1,091
 Lincoln/Millinocket District 817

PISCATAQUIS 3,961 sq. miles/pop. 16,773
 Dover-Foxcroft Superior 16
 Piscataquis UCD 768
 Dover-Foxcroft District 687

REGION 4

CASE TOTAL 15,946
REGIONAL POPULATION 172,447
COURT LOCATIONS 4

SOMERSET 3,924 sq. miles/pop. 50,626
 Skowhegan Superior 88
 Somerset UCD 2,649
 Skowhegan District 2,067

KENNEBEC 868 sq. miles/pop. 121,821
 Augusta Superior 432
 Kennebec UCD 4,816
 Augusta District 3,584
 Waterville District 2,310

REGION 3

CASE TOTAL 17,365
REGIONAL POPULATION 195,078
COURT LOCATIONS 7

FRANKLIN 1,697 sq. miles/pop. 29,988
 Farmington Superior 52
 Franklin UCD 1,546
 Farmington District 1,043

OXFORD 2,077 sq. miles/pop. 57,439
 South Paris Superior 156
 Oxford UCD 1,956
 South Paris District 1,015
 Rumford District 755

ANDROSCOGGIN 468 sq. miles/pop. 107,651
 Auburn Superior 404
 Androscoggin UCD 5,230
 Lewiston District 5,208

REGION 2

CASE TOTAL 18,661
REGIONAL POPULATION 292,500
COURT LOCATIONS 2

CUMBERLAND 835 sq. miles/pop. 292,500
 Portland Superior 916
 Cumberland UCD 9,922
 Portland District 6,453
 Bridgton District 1,370

REGION 1

CASE TOTAL 16,317
REGIONAL POPULATION 204,191
COURT LOCATIONS 4

YORK 991 sq. miles/pop. 204,191
 Alfred Superior 642
 York UCD 8,739
 Biddeford District 3,096
 Springvale District 2,792
 York District 1,048

REGION 8

CASE TOTAL 6,519
REGIONAL POPULATION 67,653
COURT LOCATIONS 5

AROOSTOOK 6,671 sq. miles/pop. 67,653
 Caribou/Houlton Superior 401
 Aroostook UCD 3,382
 Caribou District 653
 Houlton District 595
 Presque Isle District 1,005
 Fort Kent/Madawaska District 483

REGION 7

CASE TOTAL 6,591
REGIONAL POPULATION 86,090
COURT LOCATIONS 3

HANCOCK 1,587 sq. miles/pop. 54,497
 Ellsworth Superior 113
 Hancock UCD 2,227
 Ellsworth District 1,648

WASHINGTON 2,563 sq. miles/pop. 31,593
 Machias Superior 61
 Washington UCD 1,350
 Machias District 700
 Calais District 492

REGION 6

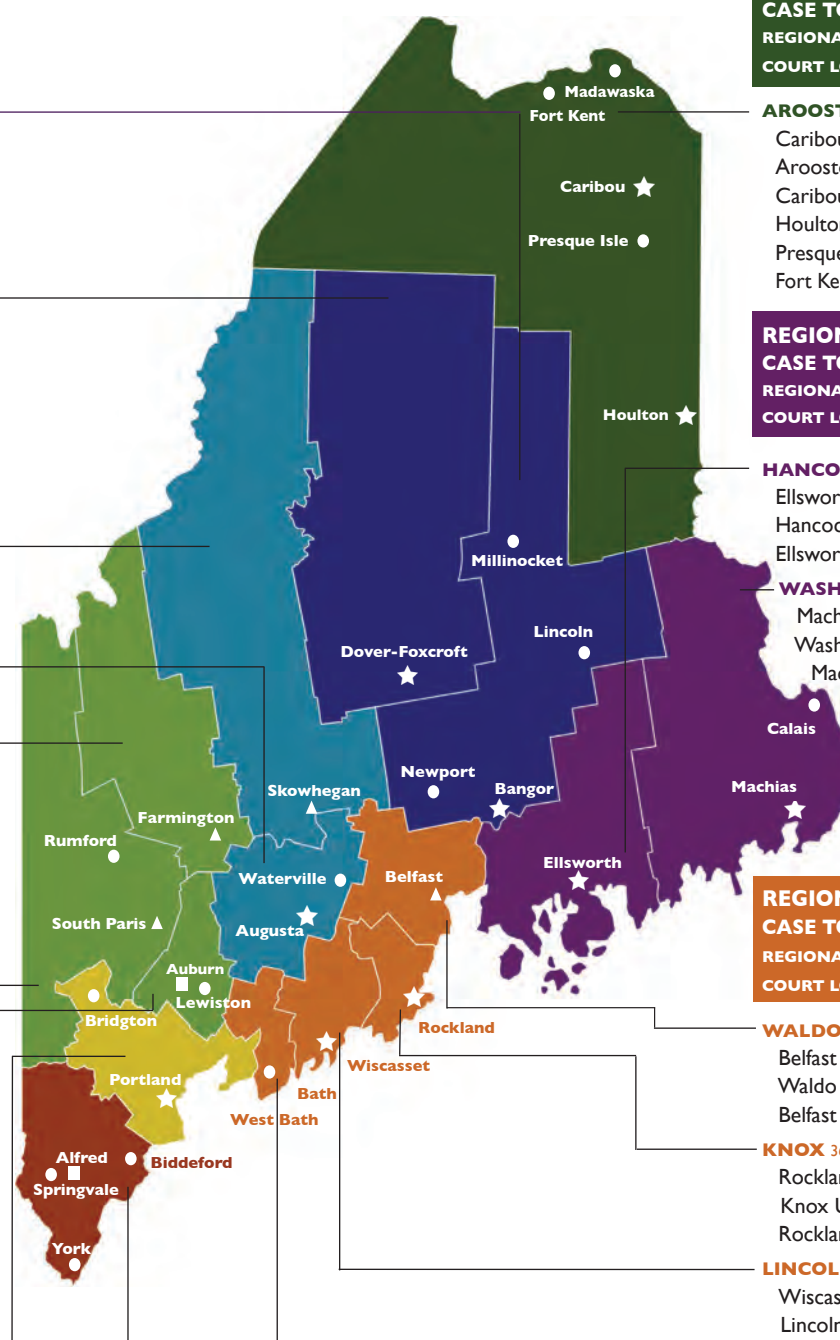
CASE TOTAL 11,704
REGIONAL POPULATION 149,218
COURT LOCATIONS 6

WALDO 730 sq. miles/pop. 39,832
 Belfast Superior 114
 Waldo UCD 1,158
 Belfast District 1,457

KNOX 365 sq. miles/pop. 39,790
 Rockland Superior 165
 Knox UCD 1,495
 Rockland District 1,352

LINCOLN 456 sq. miles/pop. 34,204
 Wiscasset Superior 108
 Lincoln UCD 1,153
 Wiscasset District 987

SAGadahoc 254 sq. miles/pop. 35,392
 Bath Superior 73
 Sagadahoc UCD 1,362
 West Bath District 2,280



KEY	
● District Court	Counties grouped together by color are part of a single court REGION , where resources and scheduling are coordinated.
■ Superior Court	
▲ District and Superior in the same city/town	
★ District and Superior Court occupy the same building	

TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS
 Total: 88,718

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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* Square mileage and population data source: US Census Bureau 2017 Estimates