

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..... 1,330,089
 GEOGRAPHIC AREA..... 30,843 sq. mi.
 COURT LOCATIONS..... 36

FY15 EXPENDITURES:

Judicial Branch Operations.....\$50,116,371
 Personal Services.....\$37,502,245
 All Other Operation Expenses.....\$12,614,126
 Guardians ad Litem and Psychological Exams.....\$3,500,915
 Debt Service.....\$10,267,986

TOTAL: \$63,885,272

% of State General Fund.....2.0%

FY15 REVENUE:

Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....\$28,907,084
 Deposited to State Dedicated Revenue Accounts.....\$7,838,541

TOTAL: \$36,745,625

JUDGES (Total).....60

Supreme Judicial Court Justices.....7
 Superior Court Justices.....17
 District Court Judges.....36

FAMILY LAW MAGISTRATES.....8

STAFF (clerks, security, and administration).....425

Clerks' Offices.....258.5
 Marshals.....63
 Administration (Tech, HR, Finance, Facilities, etc.).....103.5

TOTAL: 493

TOTAL FY15 CASES FILED.....217,117

Supreme Judicial Court..... 625
 Superior Court.....13,117
 Unified Criminal Docket.....27,644
 District Court.....78,700
 Violations Bureau.....97,031



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Domestic violence interpreter grant-funded training with presentations by: Faye Luppi, Director, Violence Intervention Partnership; Fatuma Hussein, Executive Director, United Somali Women of Maine; and Dolgormaa Hersom, Founding Director, House of Languages.



Chris Oberg, 2015 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year, with Deputy Chief Judge Moskowitz, Chief Justice Cole, and Chief Judge LaVerdiere.



The Washington County Courthouse in Machias renovations and new addition, including the clerks' office, two new courtrooms, judicial chambers, a large conference room, and attorney-client conference rooms, were completed in July 2015.



In 2015, Maine lawyers donated 14,793 hours of free civil legal assistance. These donated legal services have an estimated market value of more than \$2,000,000, but, more importantly, these hours are of great value to low-income, elderly, and needy Maine people. This fall, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court recognized 152 lawyers and three law students as Katahdin Counsel for their voluntary contributions statewide.

THE COURTS OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



Front Row: Justice Donald G. Alexander, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley, Justice Andrew M. Mead Back Row: Justice Jeffrey L. Hjelm, Justice Ellen A. Gorman, Justice Joseph M. Jabar, Justice Thomas E. Humphrey

CHIEFS



From Left to Right: Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court; Roland A. Cole, Chief Justice, Superior Court; Charles C. LaVerdiere, Chief Judge, District Court; Jeffrey Moskowitz, Deputy Chief Judge, District Court

JUDICIAL OFFICERS



Maine Judicial Branch judicial officers gathered at the Capital Judicial Center, March 2015

STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR



Ted Glessner, State Court Administrator, (right) congratulates Bob Weigelt, the 2015 Roy Rice Award recipient.

TOTAL FY15 COURT CASE FILINGS: 217,117

CRIMINAL FILINGS: 53,935

District Court Criminal.....	20,977
District Court Probation Revocations.....	269
Superior Court Criminal.....	7,451
Superior Court Probation Revocations.....	2,397
Unified Criminal Docket (UCD).....	21,680
UCD Probation Revocations.....	1,161

The Unified Criminal Docket (UCD) transformed the two-tiered trial court system into a single more efficient process for criminal and some civil violation cases by eliminating duplicative case processing and the need to file once in the District Court and once in Superior Court. The increased efficiency gained by eliminating the duplicative clerical workload allows court staff to focus on the needs of the public and reduces the number of court appearances in individual cases.

FAMILY DIVISION: 22,781

Divorce.....	5,672
Family Post-Judgment.....	6,028
Protection from Abuse.....	5,558
Child Protective.....	1,034
Juvenile.....	2,128
Other Family Matters.....	2,361

CIVIL FILINGS: 28,616

	<u>SUPERIOR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Contract	485	3,403
Foreclosure	695	980
Tort	826	94
Other Civil	1,263	860
Small Claims		11,260
Money Judgments		2,573
FEDs (Eviction)		6,177
TOTAL(S):	3,269	25,347

OTHER ACTIONS: 14,129

Mental Health (District Court).....	897
Protection from Harassment (District Court).....	2,524
Civil Violations (District Court & UCD).....	10,708

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT: 625

Supreme Judicial Court.....	625
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VIOLATIONS BUREAU: 97,031

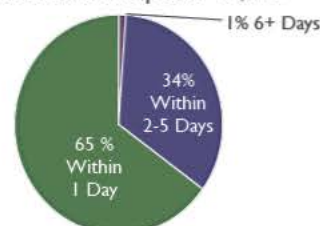
Traffic Infractions.....	97,031
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SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

The Judicial Branch Service Center was first established as a pilot project in 2012 to streamline and improve public service by allowing staff to focus on assisting people and processing cases. The Service Center's primary objective was to promptly answer calls to participating courthouses so callers could obtain accurate information quickly. Today the Service Center is taking calls for more courts, performs records searches, and sends information to jurors providing public service in all trial courts.

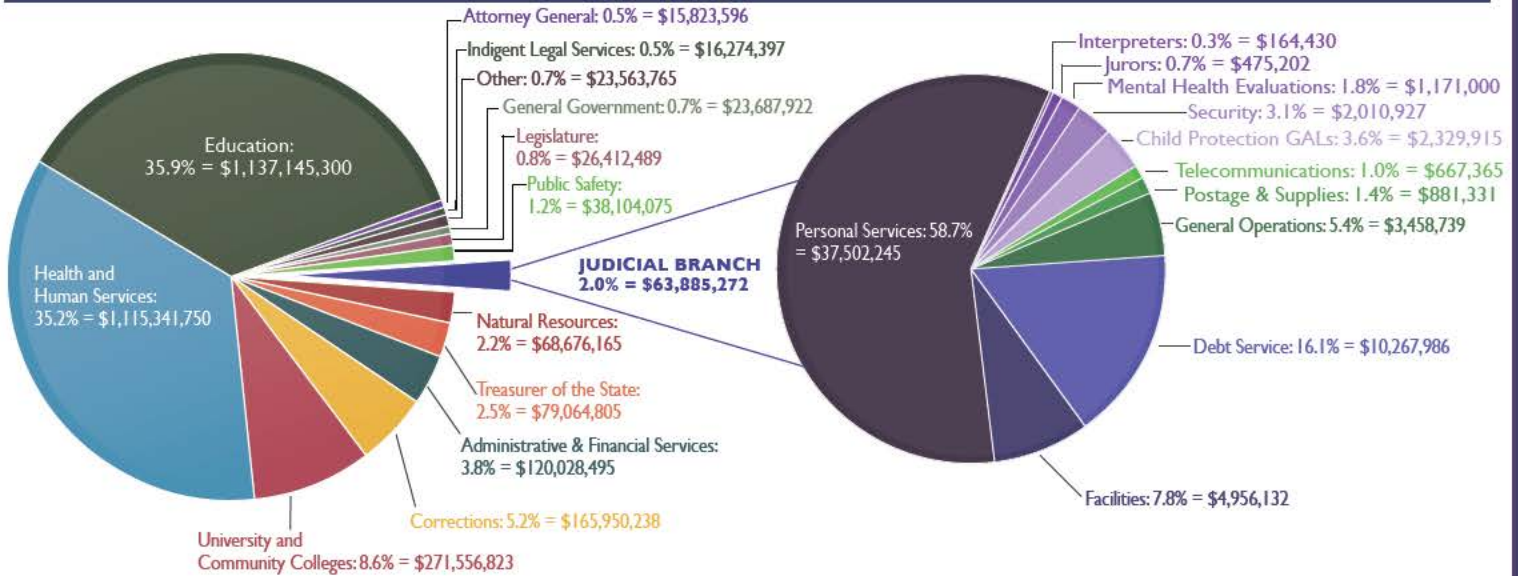
Public Calls Answered: 86,919

Records Search Requests: 78,530



FISCAL INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES

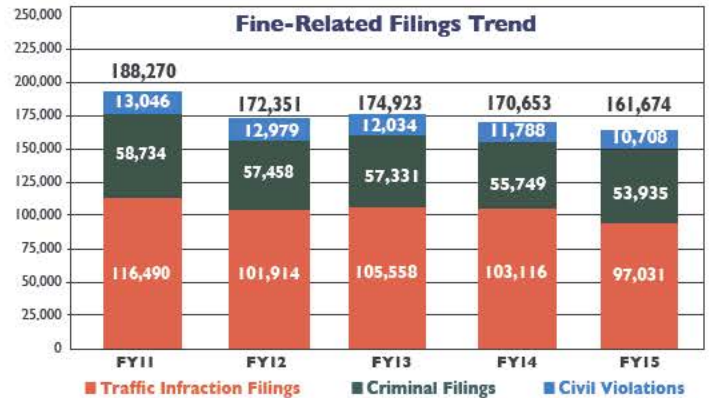
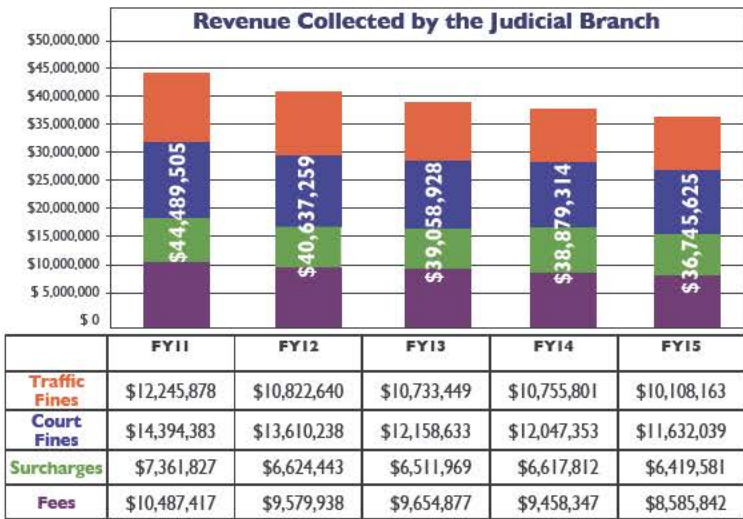


**STATEWIDE GENERAL FUND
FY15 EXPENDITURES
Total: \$3,165,515,092**

**JUDICIAL BRANCH GENERAL FUND
FY15 EXPENDITURES
Total: \$63,885,272**

In FY15, General Funds received by the Judicial Branch were 2% of the State total. Personal Services accounted for more than half (58.7%) of Judicial Branch expenditures.

FY15 REVENUE

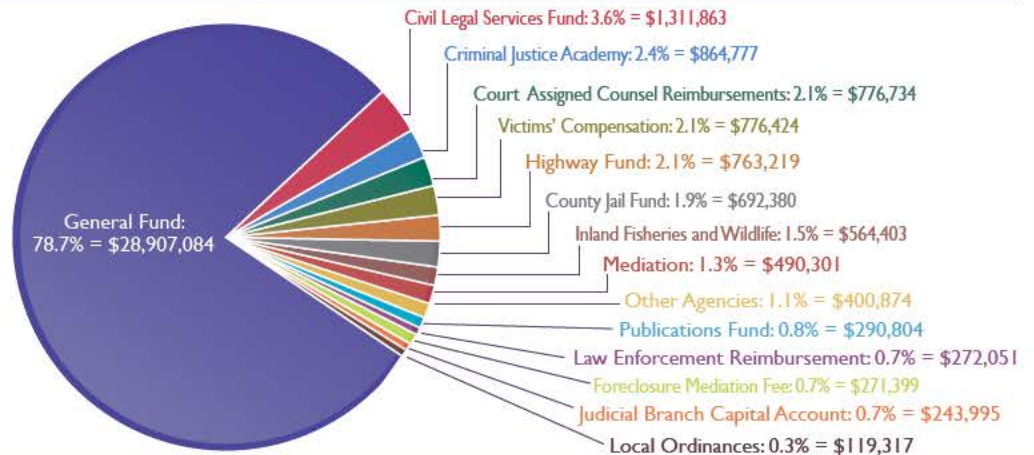


Fine and related surcharge revenue has decreased in recent years. A primary cause for the reduction is the decline in the number of criminal cases, civil violations, and traffic infractions filed in the courts, as illustrated by the chart above.

REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

**FY15 Revenue Distribution
Total: \$36,745,625**

All revenue collected by the Judicial Branch is deposited in the State's General Fund and in 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 15,955
REGIONAL POPULATION.....170,440
COURT LOCATIONS..... 5

PENOBSCOT 3,397 sq. miles/pop. 153,414
 Bangor Superior.....322
 Penobscot UCD.....6,873
 Bangor District.....4,602
 Newport District.....1,562
 Lincoln/Millinocket District... 1,226

PISCATAQUIS 3,961 sq. miles/pop. 17,026
 Dover-Foxcroft Superior..... 43
 Piscataquis UCD.....719
 Dover-Foxcroft District.....608

REGION 4

CASE TOTAL 17,437
REGIONAL POPULATION.....172,275
COURT LOCATIONS..... 4

SOMERSET 3,924 sq. miles/pop. 51,163
 Skowhegan Superior.....175
 Somerset UCD.....2,241
 Skowhegan District.....2,424

KENNEBEC 868 sq. miles/pop. 121,112
 Augusta Superior.....1,664
 Kennebec UCD.....1,594
 Augusta District.....5,498
 Waterville District.....3,841

REGION 3

CASE TOTAL 19,096
REGIONAL POPULATION.....194,974
COURT LOCATIONS..... 7

FRANKLIN 1,697 sq. miles/pop. 30,296
 Farmington Superior..... 75
 Franklin UCD.....1,498
 Farmington District.....1,190

OXFORD 2,077 sq. miles/pop. 57,238
 South Paris Superior.....774
 South Paris District.....1,909
 Rumford District.....1,501

ANDROSCOGGIN 468 sq. miles/pop. 107,440
 Auburn Superior.....2,153
 Lewiston District.....9,996

REGION 2

CASE TOTAL 20,620
REGIONAL POPULATION.....287,797
COURT LOCATIONS..... 2

CUMBERLAND 835 sq. miles/pop. 287,797
 Portland Superior.....816
 Cumberland UCD.....10,107
 Portland District.....7,229
 Bridgton District.....2,468

REGION 1

CASE TOTAL 19,509
REGIONAL POPULATION.....200,710
COURT LOCATIONS..... 4

YORK 991 sq. miles/pop. 200,710
 Alfred Superior.....4,075
 Biddeford District.....7,614
 Springvale District.....4,814
 York District.....3,006

REGION 8

CASE TOTAL 6,317
REGIONAL POPULATION.....69,447
COURT LOCATIONS..... 5

AROOSTOOK 6,671 sq. miles/pop. 69,447
 Caribou/Houlton Superior..... 1,109
 Caribou District.....1,099
 Houlton District.....1,347
 Presque Isle District.....1,835
 Fort Kent/Madawaska District.....927

REGION 7

CASE TOTAL 6,753
REGIONAL POPULATION.....86,504
COURT LOCATIONS..... 3

HANCOCK 1,587 sq. miles/pop. 54,696
 Ellsworth Superior.....186
 Hancock UCD.....2,215
 Ellsworth District.....1,792

WASHINGTON 2,563 sq. miles/pop. 31,808
 Machias Superior.....280
 Machias District.....1,232
 Calais District.....1,048

REGION 6

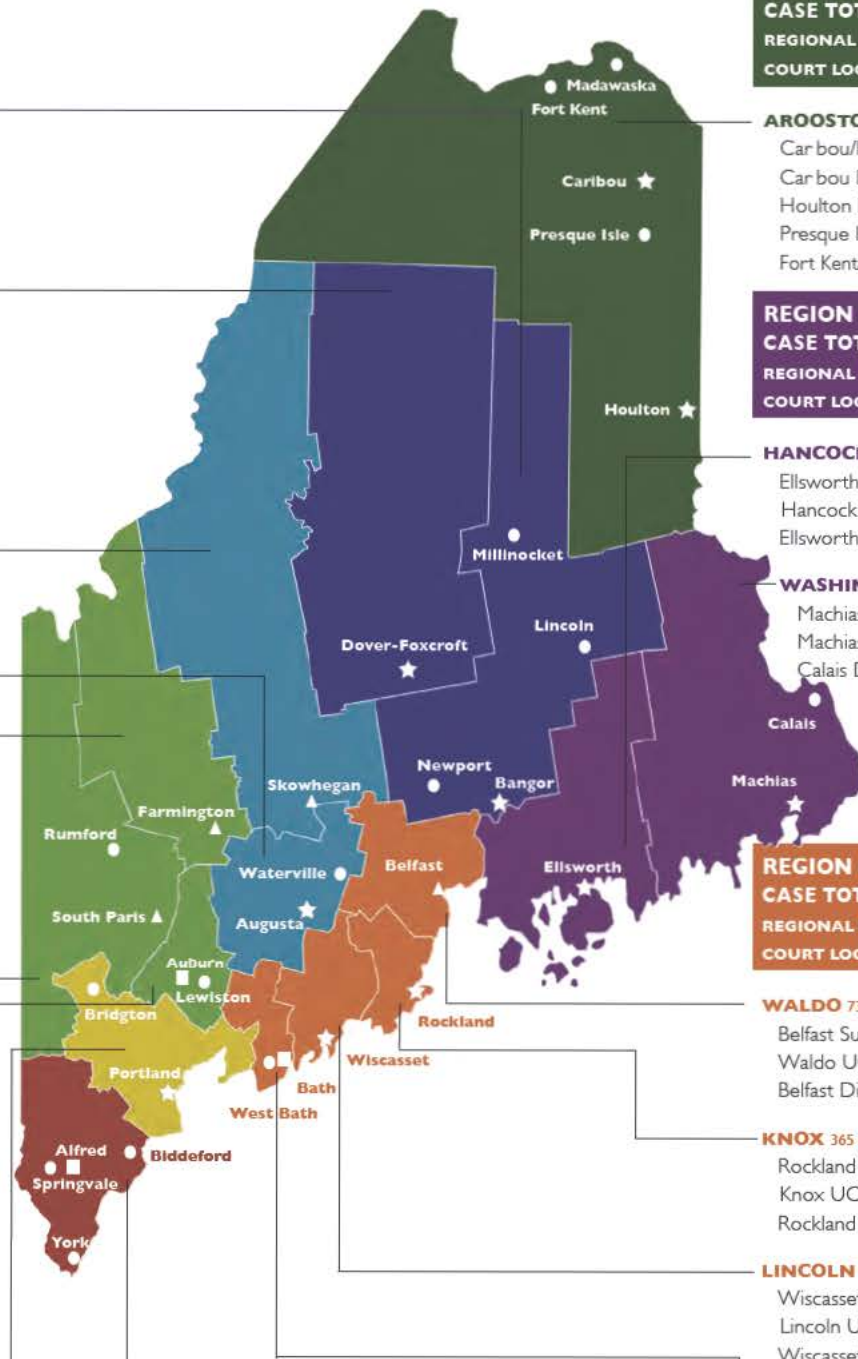
CASE TOTAL 13,774
REGIONAL POPULATION.....147,942
COURT LOCATIONS..... 6

WALDO 730 sq. miles/pop. 39,051
 Belfast Superior.....321
 Waldo UCD.....334
 Belfast District.....2,332

KNOX 365 sq. miles/pop. 39,676
 Rockland Superior.....522
 Knox UCD.....422
 Rockland District.....2,635

LINCOLN 456 sq. miles/pop. 34,170
 Wiscasset Superior.....490
 Lincoln UCD.....312
 Wiscasset District.....1,914

SAGadahoc 254 sq. miles/pop. 35,045
 Bath Superior.....112
 Sagadahoc UCD.....1,329
 West Bath District.....3,051



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: 97,031



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<p>For more information about the Courts</p> <p align="center">ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS PO Box 4820 Portland, ME 04112-4820 (207) 822-0792 711 (Maine Relay)</p>	<p>Visit the website: courts.maine.gov or scan the QR code</p>
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* Square mileage and population data source: US Census Bureau 2014 Estimates