

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.....	35



Judicial Branch Operations.....	\$61,837,607
Personal Services.....	\$47,628,840
All Other Operational Expenses.....	\$14,208,767
Debt Service.....	\$14,422,121
Guardians ad Litem and Psychological Exams.....	\$4,273,635
Capital.....	\$771,567

FY19 EXPENDITURES TOTAL: \$81,304,931
% of State General Fund: 2.22%

FY19 REVENUE TOTAL: \$33,998,812
 Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....\$24,127,235
 Deposited to Dedicated Revenue Accounts.....\$9,871,577



JUDICIAL OFFICERS & STAFF TOTAL: 518.5
JUDGES (Total).....63
District Court Judges.....39
Superior Court Justices.....17
Supreme Judicial Court Justices.....7
*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

**One-third General Fund, two-thirds federally funded.*



FY19 CASES FILED TOTAL: 178,356
Violations Bureau.....75,522
Unified Criminal Docket.....53,127
District Court.....45,604
Superior Court.....3,551
Supreme Judicial Court.....552



EMPLOYEE AWARDS

2019 Performance Council

Peer-nominated 'Performance Council' awards recognize employees for their contributions to advancing the mission of the Judicial Branch.

Outstanding Judicial Branch Employee of the Year

Chris Coughlan, Senior Programmer Analyst, was honored for his tireless support and extraordinary contributions to the roll-out of the Odyssey digital case management system for Violations Bureau cases.



Career Performance Awards

Two individuals received this distinction in 2019. Superior Court Justice Nancy D. Mills was honored for her 28 years on the



bench, including a term serving as Chief Justice of the Superior Court. Her many achievements include being a leader and driving force in the creation and expansion of the Maine Veteran's Court and Co-occurring Disorders Court. Karen Simpson, Administrative Clerk of the Violations Bureau, whose career with the Branch has spanned

several decades, was recognized for her exemplary dedication, work ethic, leadership, and commitment.

Roy Rice Award

Robert (Bob) Byron, Judicial Marshal at the Cumberland County Courthouse, was honored for his high degree of professionalism, composure, and dedication in performing the critical duties of a Judicial Marshal.



Special Service Award

Judicial Branch facilities team, including Director Jeff Henthorn and members Lisa Morgan, Curt Lefebvre, Dylan Hanscom, Kevin Fogg, and Ryan Bell (front row, pictured left to right). The team was recognized for their success in managing a wide array of court facilities, including the completion and opening of the new Waldo Judicial Center.

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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.

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Advocate for Justice Award

Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice **Andrew M. Mead** was honored for his important contributions to ensuring and expanding access to justice through his leadership of the Maine Justice Action Group, a coalition of leaders from the Maine legal community, including practicing attorneys, state and federal judges, and Maine's network of nonprofit civil legal aid providers.



2019 Longevity Awards



Jackie Kimball, Judicial Admin. Assistant to the Trial Courts, began her career with the Judicial Branch on June 13, 1979.

40 years

Jackie Kimball
Holly Jarvis

35 years

Deborah Ellis
Gail Merritt
Cynthia Brochu
Cherylee Taylor
Lisa Richardson
Ronda Nelson

30 years

Wendy Ambrose
Tammy Millette
Ellen Gorman
Diana Durgin

25 years

Susan Furbush
Cynthia Bolduc
Vicki Trask
Ellen Hjelm

TOTAL FY19 COURT CASE FILINGS: 178,356

CRIMINAL FILINGS: 47,991

Unified Criminal Docket (UCD)	44,428
Probation Revocations (UCD)	3,105
Superior Court Probation Revocations	453
District Court Probation Revocations	5

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: 21,341

Protection from Abuse	5,445
Family Matters Post-Judgment	5,403
Divorce	5,117
Parental Rights & Responsibilities	1,797
Juvenile	1,450
Child Protection	1,321
Adoptions	321
Foreign Judgments	145
Guardianships	116
Emancipations	109
Other Family Matters	83
Name Changes	18
Grandparents' Rights	16

CIVIL FILINGS: 24,186

	SUPERIOR	DISTRICT
Small Claims		6,501
FEDs (Evictions)		5,376
Contract	471	3,414
Other Civil	1,217	2,633
Money Judgments		1,914
Foreclosure	598	1,148
Tort	812	102
TOTAL(S):	3,098	21,088

OTHER ACTIONS: 8,764

Civil Violations (UCD)	5,594
Protection from Harassment (District Court)	2,117
Mental Health (District Court)	1,053

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

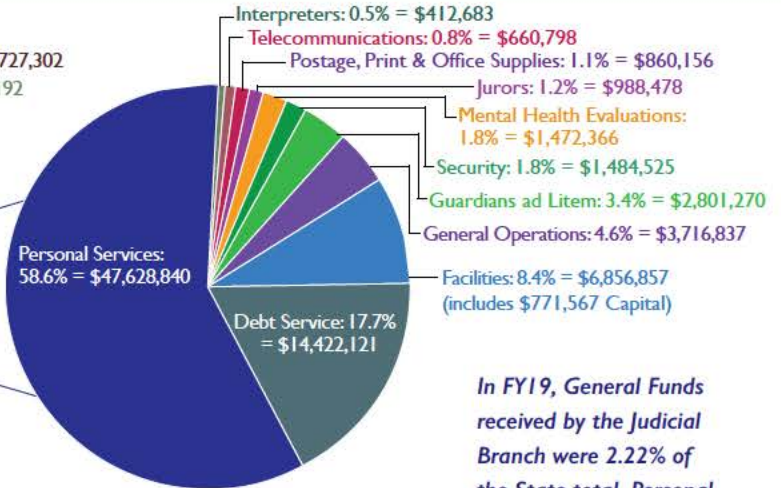
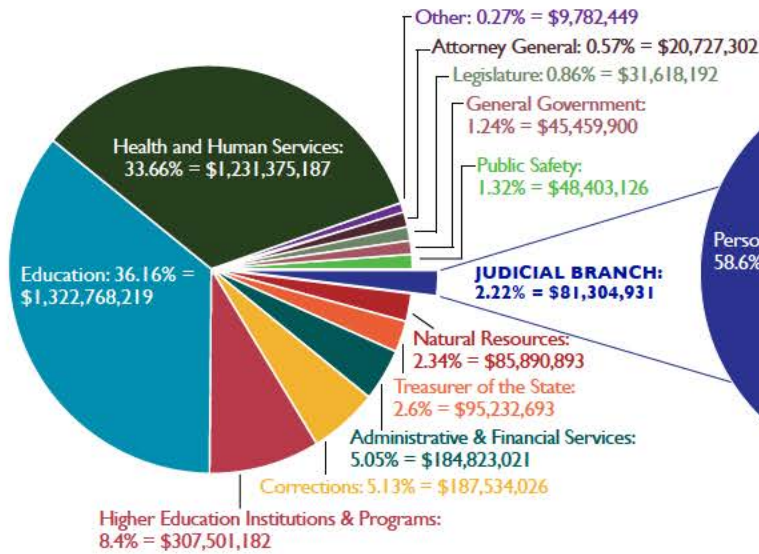
Supreme Judicial Court	552
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VIOLATIONS BUREAU

Traffic Infractions	75,522
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FISCAL INFORMATION

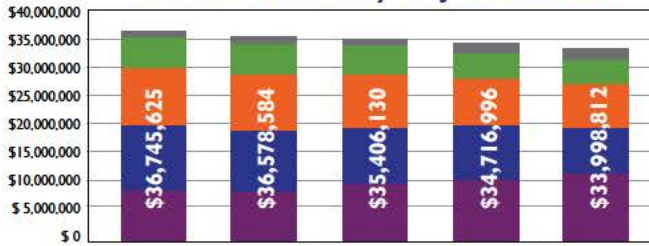
GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES



In FY19, General Funds received by the Judicial Branch were 2.22% of the State total. Personal Services accounted for more than half (58.6%) of all Judicial Branch expenditures.

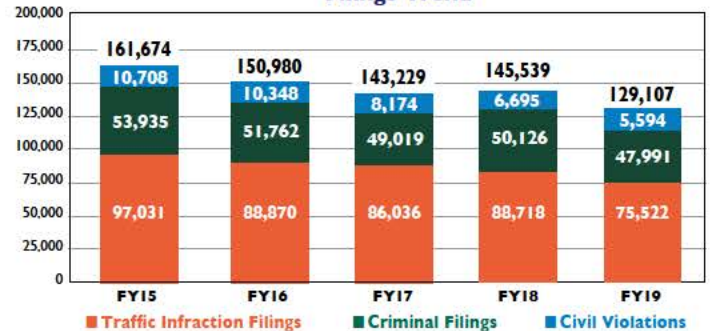
FY19 REVENUE

Revenue Collected by the Judicial Branch



	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Fees	\$7,809,108	\$9,097,881	\$9,193,690	\$9,367,081	\$11,367,498
Court Fines (Total)	\$11,632,039	\$10,983,499	\$10,649,133	\$9,420,118	\$9,077,464
Criminal Fines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$7,921,369
Civil Fines	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,156,095
Traffic Fines	\$10,108,163	\$9,341,804	\$8,619,758	\$8,888,500	\$7,482,392
Surcharges	\$6,419,581	\$6,451,126	\$6,247,796	\$5,972,092	\$4,821,542
Ct. Appt. Counsel Reimbursements	\$776,734	\$704,274	\$695,753	\$1,069,205	\$1,249,916

Filings Trend

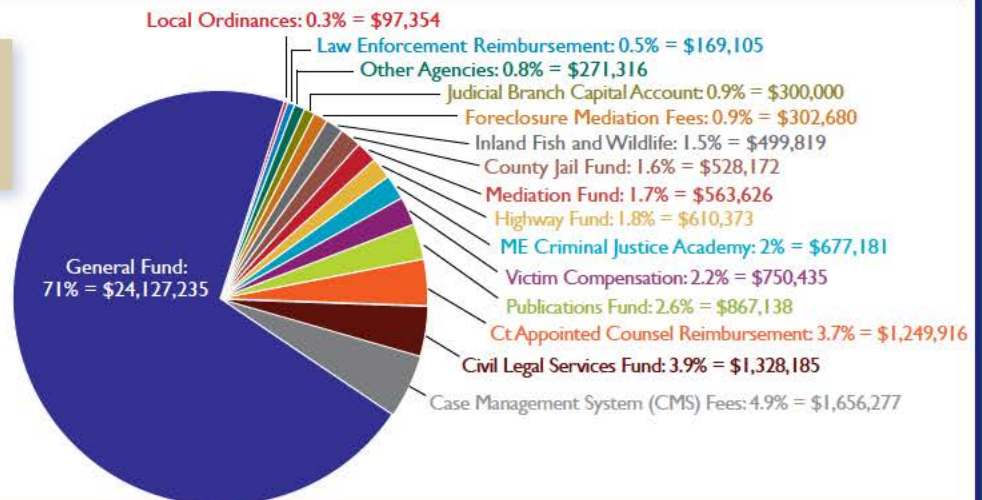


REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

FY19 Revenue Distribution Total: \$33,998,812

Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....\$24,127,235
Deposited to Dedicated Revenue Accounts...\$9,871,577

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.



COURT REGIONS AND CASES FILED

REGION 5

CASE TOTAL 14,750
REGIONAL POPULATION 167,896
COURT LOCATIONS 5

PENOBSCOT 3,397 sq. miles/pop. 151,096
 Bangor Superior 254
 Penobscot UCD 7,240
 Bangor District 4,104
 Newport District 1,028
 Lincoln/Millinocket District .. 696

PISCATAQUIS 3,961 sq. miles/pop. 16,800
 Dover-Foxcroft Superior 20
 Piscataquis UCD 685
 Dover-Foxcroft District 723

REGION 4

CASE TOTAL 15,056
REGIONAL POPULATION 172,675
COURT LOCATIONS 4

SOMERSET 3,924 sq. miles/pop. 50,592
 Skowhegan Superior 109
 Somerset UCD 2,388
 Skowhegan District 1,857

KENNEBEC 868 sq. miles/pop. 122,083
 Augusta Superior 423
 Kennebec UCD 4,846
 Augusta District 3,256
 Waterville District 2,177

REGION 3

CASE TOTAL 16,106
REGIONAL POPULATION 195,176
COURT LOCATIONS 7

FRANKLIN 1,697 sq. miles/pop. 29,879
 Farmington Superior 33
 Franklin UCD 1,478
 Farmington District 1,006

OXFORD 2,077 sq. miles/pop. 57,618
 South Paris Superior 132
 Oxford UCD 1,954
 South Paris District 907
 Rumford District 675

ANDROSCOGGIN 468 sq. miles/pop. 107,679
 Auburn Superior 331
 Androscoggin UCD 4,588
 Lewiston District 5,002

REGION 2

CASE TOTAL 17,702
REGIONAL POPULATION 293,557
COURT LOCATIONS 2

CUMBERLAND 835 sq. miles/pop. 293,557
 Portland Superior 832
 Cumberland UCD 9,807
 Portland District 5,872
 Bridgton District 1,191

REGION 1

CASE TOTAL 16,067
REGIONAL POPULATION 206,229
COURT LOCATIONS 4

YORK 991 sq. miles/pop. 206,229
 Alfred Superior 509
 York UCD 8,994
 Biddeford District 2,873
 Springvale District 2,677
 York District 1,014

REGION 8

CASE TOTAL 6,359
REGIONAL POPULATION 67,111
COURT LOCATIONS 5

AROOSTOOK 6,671 sq. miles/pop. 67,111
 Caribou/Houlton Superior 390
 Aroostook UCD 3,512
 Caribou District 623
 Presque Isle District 832
 Houlton District 594
 Fort Kent/Madawaska District 408

REGION 7

CASE TOTAL 6,023
REGIONAL POPULATION 86,301
COURT LOCATIONS 3

HANCOCK 1,587 sq. miles/pop. 54,811
 Ellsworth Superior 90
 Hancock UCD 2,037
 Ellsworth District 1,477

WASHINGTON 2,563 sq. miles/pop. 31,490
 Machias Superior 70
 Washington UCD 1,308
 Machias District 591
 Calais District 450

REGION 6

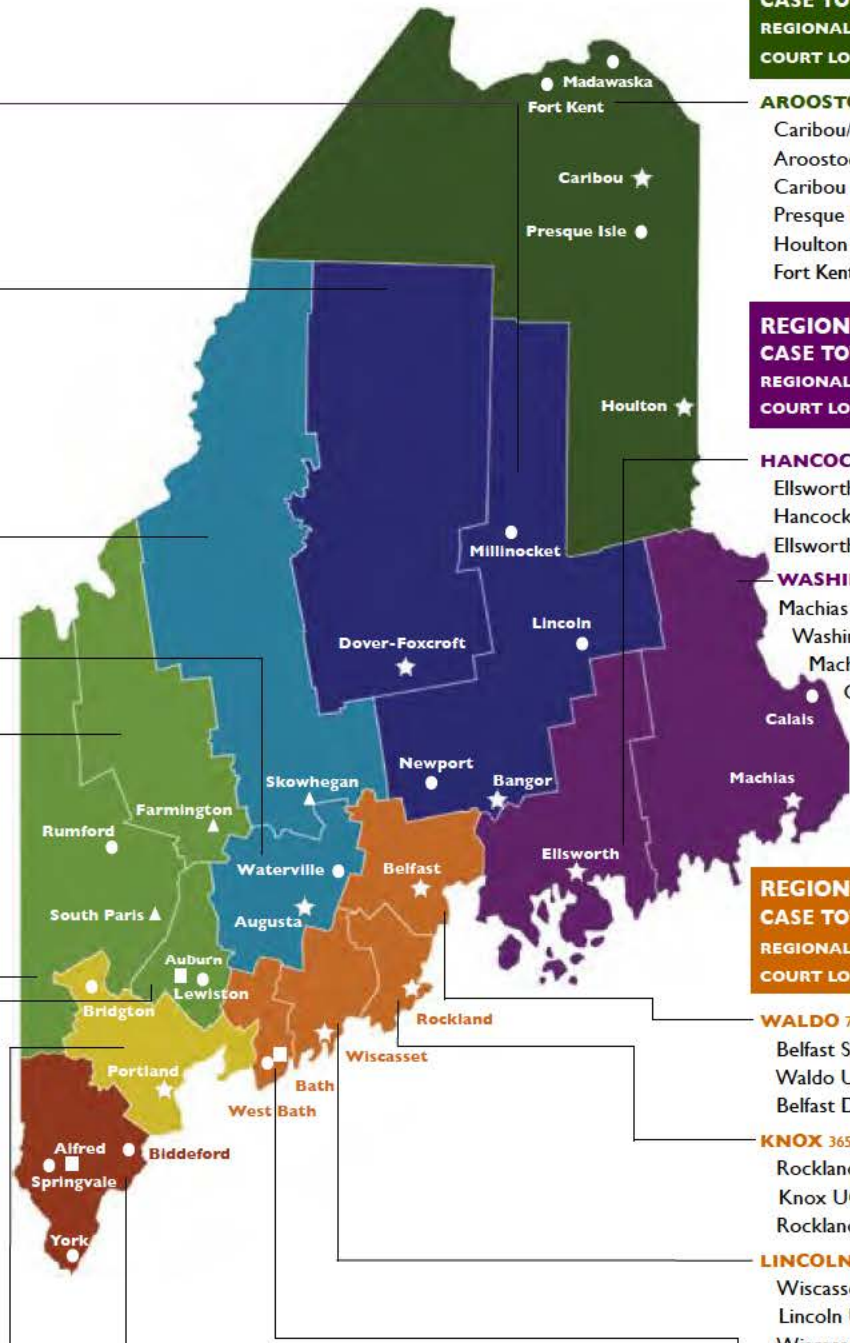
CASE TOTAL 10,219
REGIONAL POPULATION 149,441
COURT LOCATIONS 5

WALDO 730 sq. miles/pop. 39,694
 Belfast Superior 69
 Waldo UCD 1,012
 Belfast District 1,341

KNOX 365 sq. miles/pop. 39,771
 Rockland Superior 123
 Knox UCD 1,357
 Rockland District 1,299

LINCOLN 456 sq. miles/pop. 34,342
 Wiscasset Superior 87
 Lincoln UCD 804
 Wiscasset District 863

SAGadahOC 254 sq. miles/pop. 35,634
 Bath Superior 79
 Sagadahoc UCD 1,117
 West Bath District 2,068



KEY

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

Total: 75,522



* Square mileage and population data source: US Census Bureau 2018 Estimates