

Superior Courts - Judicial Needs Estimates by Full-Time Equivalents, 2015 Projected Filings ¹					
	Judges	Authorized Unfilled Judge Positions ²	Full-Time Commissioners	Part-Time Commissioners	Total Estimated Judge Need ³
Adams	1.00				1.51
Asotin, Garfield and Columbia	1.00				2.17
Benton & Franklin	6.00	1.00	2.00	0.50	9.24
Chelan	3.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	3.74
Clallam (updated 10/21/2015)	3.00		1.00	0.25	3.47
Clark	10.00		3.00	0.40	13.69
Cowlitz	4.00	1.00		0.90	5.71
Douglas	1.00			0.09	1.66
Ferry/Stevens/Pend Oreille	2.00			0.50	2.75
Grant	3.00		1.00		4.06
Grays Harbor	3.00				3.44
Island	2.00			0.30	2.77
Jefferson	1.00			2.00	1.92
King	53.00	5.00	12.00		60.12
Kitsap	8.00		1.00		8.00
Kittitas	2.00				1.98
Klickitat/Skamania	1.00			0.30	1.96
Lewis	3.00		1.00		3.82
Lincoln ⁴	1.00				1.13
Mason	2.00		1.00	0.23	3.09
Okanogan	2.00			1.00	2.62
Pacific/Wahkiakum	1.00				1.82
Pierce	22.00	2.00	8.00		30.75
San Juan	1.00				1.25
Skagit	4.00		1.00	0.30	5.67
Snohomish	15.00		5.00		19.46
Spokane	12.00	1.00	6.00		19.67
Thurston	8.00		2.00	0.30	10.51
Walla Walla	2.00			1.00	2.76
Whatcom	3.00		3.00	0.80	6.89
Whitman	1.00				1.75
Yakima	8.00		2.00	0.20	9.24
Statewide Total	189.00	11.00	50.00	9.10	248.62

1. Year 2015 projected filings are based on the previous five-year filing trends of the various case types in a given court. Needs estimates are based on the previous five years of data for the number of total judicial officers and case resolutions.
2. Superior court judge positions authorized by state statute yet unfunded at the county level.
3. This column represents the estimated number of judge positions needed, as required by RCW 2.56.030(11). Individual counties or judicial districts may choose to establish and fund court commissioner positions instead of superior court judge positions. Identical indicators are used to measure the workload of both judges and commissioners.
4. The estimation process eliminates Lincoln County due to caseload anomalies which strongly influence the overall results. In order to obtain a true statewide total, the estimated judge need for Lincoln County is imputed to be identical to the current judicial officer FTE count in that county.

‡ Prior year's figures used.

Notes:

1. Staffing levels measured are those in effect on 12/31/2014.
2. Counts are full time equivalent employees FTEs.