

FY2007-2008 Tennessee Judicial Weighted Caseload Study Update

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Introduction and Background

The 1997 appropriations bill¹ passed by the General Assembly required the Comptroller's Office to conduct a judicial weighted caseload study to provide policymakers an objective means to determine the need for judicial resources. The Comptroller's Office contracted with the National Center for State Courts in 1998 to conduct a time study to determine the case weights that are used to calculate workload and full time equivalent judges (FTE judges) needed by each judicial district. In 2007, the Comptroller's Office contracted with the National Center of State Courts to develop a revised weighted caseload model for Tennessee's general jurisdiction trial judges based on a new time study and case filings in FY 2006.² *Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.)* 16-2-513 requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to update the judicial weighted caseload study annually to assess the

workload and need for judicial resources, or FTE judges. This update provides estimates based on cases filed in FY 2008 using the revised model.

The estimated number of FTE judges that courts need is calculated by multiplying the total number of case filings by case weights (average minutes per case for each type of case) and dividing that number by the judges' annual availability for case-specific work.

The quantitative weighted caseload model can approximate judicial workload and the need for judicial resources, but it has limitations. Other factors, such as availability of judicial support staff and the local legal practices, also affect judicial resources. State officials should always consider these and other court-specific factors when assessing the need for judicial resources.

Analysis and Conclusions

Case Filings

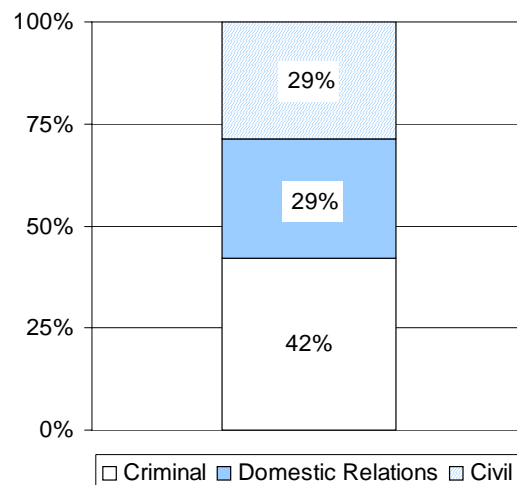
In FY 2008, 199,554 cases were filed in Tennessee's state courts. Criminal cases accounted for 42 percent of cases, followed by domestic relations cases and civil cases at 29 percent each. (See Exhibit 1.)

Overall, filings decreased from the previous year by 587 cases (less than one percent). Criminal cases increased two percent, civil cases decreased two percent, and domestic relations cases decreased one percent. The number of major felony, damages/tort, workers compensation, divorce, and other domestic relations cases decreased substantially. The number of other felony (C,D,E), DUI, probation violation, contract/debt, and child support (outside of divorce) cases increased substantially. Exhibit 2 shows the changes in case filings by type of case.

Full Time Equivalent Judges

Based on FY 2008 case filing data and workload, the state has an estimated net excess of 3.03 FTE judges. (See Exhibit 3.) The decrease in more time-intensive cases, such as major felonies, medical malpractice, contracts, and divorce with children, resulted in an estimated 3.03 excess FTE judges compared to the 1.59 excess in FY 2007.

Exhibit 1: Filings by Case Type, FY 2008



Source: Chart produced by Office of Research staff with data provided by the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

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Exhibit 2: Changes in Trial Court Case Filings by Case Type, FY 2006 – FY 2008

Case Type	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	Change 07-08	Percent Change
Criminal	81,970	81,865	83,904	2,039	2.5%
Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	9,483	9,309	8,649	-660	-7.1%
Other Felony (C, D, E)	32,127	32,675	33,539	864	2.6%
DUI	4,321	4,047	4,409	362	8.9%
Drug Court	831	831	841	10	1.2%
Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	642	542	551	9	1.7%
Other Misdemeanor	11,700	10,787	10,702	-85	-0.8%
Probation Violation	22,866	23,674	25,213	1,539	6.5%
Civil	60,685	58,208	57,243	-965	-1.7%
Administrative Hearings Davidson County	201	182	171	-11	-6.0%
Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	7,790	7,027	8,193	1,166	16.6%
Damages/Tort	12,147	11,399	10,634	-765	-6.7%
Guardianship/Conservatorship	2,098	2,188	2,308	120	5.5%
Judicial Hospitalization	837	753	826	73	9.7%
Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	194	204	260	56	27.5%
Medical Malpractice	638	584	537	-47	-8.0%
Probate/Trust	11,106	10,708	10,836	128	1.2%
Other General Civil	14,258	14,327	14,001	-326	-2.3%
Real Estate	2,356	2,178	1,986	-192	-8.8%
Workers Compensation	9,060	8,658	7,491	-1,167	-13.5%
Domestic Relations	60,480	58,894	58,407	-487	-0.8%
Child Support (outside of divorce)	11,391	11,127	12,026	899	8.1%
Divorce with Children	14,922	14,410	14,073	-337	-2.3%
Divorce without Children	17,285	17,513	17,003	-510	-2.9%
Protection of Children	4,505	4,035	4,073	38	0.9%
Orders of Protection	7,015	7,113	7,399	286	4.0%
Other Domestic Relations	5,362	4,696	3,833	-863	-18.4%
Total Filings	203,135	198,967	199,554	587	0.3%

Note: Beginning in FY 2008, the AOC added parental residential plans as original case filings under Child Support increasing these filings by 132 cases.

Source: Calculations by Office of Research staff based on data provided by the AOC.

Exhibit 3: Yearly Trend in Number of Judicial Resources (FTE Judges)

State Net FTE Judges	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	Revised FY 06	FY 07	FY 08
Total Judicial Resources (FTE Judges)	151.00	151.00	153.25	154.00	152.00	152.00	152.00
Total Judicial Resources Needed (FTE Judges)	149.78	154.32	157.21	157.28	155.33	150.41	148.97
Net excess or deficit in Judicial Resources (FTE Judges)	1.22	-3.32	-3.96	-3.28	-3.33	1.59	3.03

Note: The estimates for FY 2006 through FY 2008 are based on the 2007 weighted caseload model. Total judicial resources no longer include two locally-funded probate judges or their cases in District 30.

Source: Calculations by Office of Research staff based on data provided by the AOC.

Exhibit 4: Difference between Actual Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Judges and Need for FTE Judges by District, FY 2004 – FY 2008

Judicial District (Counties)	FY 2004	FY 2005	New Model FY 2006 (a)	New Model FY 2007	New Model FY 2008
District 1 (Carter, Johnson, Unicoi, and Washington)	0.07	0.33	-0.49	-0.04	0.35
District 2 (Sullivan)	-0.32	-0.41	0.56	0.26	0.40
District 3 (Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, and Hawkins)	-0.12	-0.57	0.56	0.62	0.64
District 4 (Cooke, Grainger, Jefferson, and Sevier)	-0.74	-0.72	0.38	0.04	-0.14
District 5 (Blount)	0.47	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.28
District 6 (Knox)	-0.59	0.06	-0.17	0.13	0.11
District 7 (Anderson)	-0.46	-0.28	0.41	0.37	0.10
District 8 (Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott, and Union)	-0.39	-0.54	-0.29	-0.26	-0.29
District 9 (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan, and Roane)	0.79	0.76	0.96	1.22	1.11
District 10 (Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk)	-0.45	-0.64	-0.48	-0.17	0.03
District 11 (Hamilton)	-0.52	-0.05	-0.56	0.23	0.70
District 12 (Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea, and Sequatchie)	-1.07	-1.06	-0.73	-0.47	-0.14
District 13 (Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, and White)	0.02	0.03	0.39	0.56	-0.08
District 14 (Coffee)	0.21	0.32	0.59	0.62	0.81
District 15 (Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson)	-0.38	-0.22	-0.33	0.08	0.00
District 16 (Cannon and Rutherford)	-0.02	-0.04	-0.58	-0.32	-0.13
District 17 (Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore)	-0.48	-0.88	0.15	0.07	0.48
District 18 (Sumner)	-0.62	-0.77	-0.91	-0.59	-0.51
District 19 (Montgomery and Robertson)	-0.14	-0.29	-1.46	-1.77	-1.80
District 20 (Davidson)	0.11	0.57	-1.43	-0.74	-0.75
District 21 (Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson)	0.13	0.05	-0.36	-0.45	-0.66
District 22 (Giles, Lawrence, Maury, and Wayne)	-1.36	-1.62	-1.02	-0.97	-0.98
District 23 (Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart)	-0.83	-0.83	-0.43	-0.26	-0.43
District 24 (Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, and Henry)	0.35	0.60	0.60	0.47	0.60
District 25 (Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton)	-0.16	0.03	0.18	0.38	-0.07
District 26 (Chester, Henderson, and Madison)	-0.07	0.07	0.19	0.39	0.37
District 27 (Obion and Weakley)	-0.30	-0.35	0.31	0.43	0.46
District 28 (Crockett, Gibson, and Haywood)	-0.43	-0.51	0.09	0.15	0.45
District 29 (Dyer and Lake)	0.16	0.19	0.41	0.45	0.33
District 30 (Shelby) (b)	3.54	3.65	0.09	0.98	1.84
District 31 (Van Buren and Warren)	-0.33	-0.43	-0.17	-0.07	-0.01
Statewide Excess or Deficit FTE Judges	-3.96	-3.28	-3.33	1.59	3.03

Notes: (a) FY 2006 through FY 2008 based on 2007 weighted caseload model; prior years based on 1999 model.
(b) The estimates for FY 2006 through FY 2008 exclude two locally-funded probate judges and their cases.

Source: Calculations by Office of Research staff based on data provided by the AOC.

Exhibit 4 shows the estimated deficit or excess of FTE judges by district over time.^{3,4} According to the weighted caseload model, three districts are under the estimated need for judges in FY 2008 by 0.7 FTE judge or more:

- District 19 (Montgomery and Robertson counties) shows a need for 1.8 FTE judges in FY 2008 and over one judge for the last three years.
- District 22 (Giles, Lawrence, Maury, and Wayne counties) shows a need for 0.98 FTE judge in FY 2008 and has had a need for about one additional judge for the last five years.
- District 20 (Davidson County) shows a need for 0.75 FTE judge for FY 2008 and 0.74 FTE judge in FY 2007.

Four districts are over the estimated need for judges in FY 2008 by 0.7 FTE judge or more:

- District 30 (Shelby County) shows an excess of 1.84 FTE judges in FY 2008 compared to an excess of 0.98 in FY 2007.
- District 9 (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan, and Roane) shows an excess of 1.11 FTE judges in FY 2008 compared to an excess of 1.22 in FY 2007.
- District 14 (Coffee County) shows an excess of 0.81 FTE judge in FY 2008 compared to an excess of 0.62 in FY 2007.
- District 11 (Hamilton County) shows an excess of 0.7 FTE judge in FY 2008 compared to an excess of 0.23 in FY 2007.

Endnotes

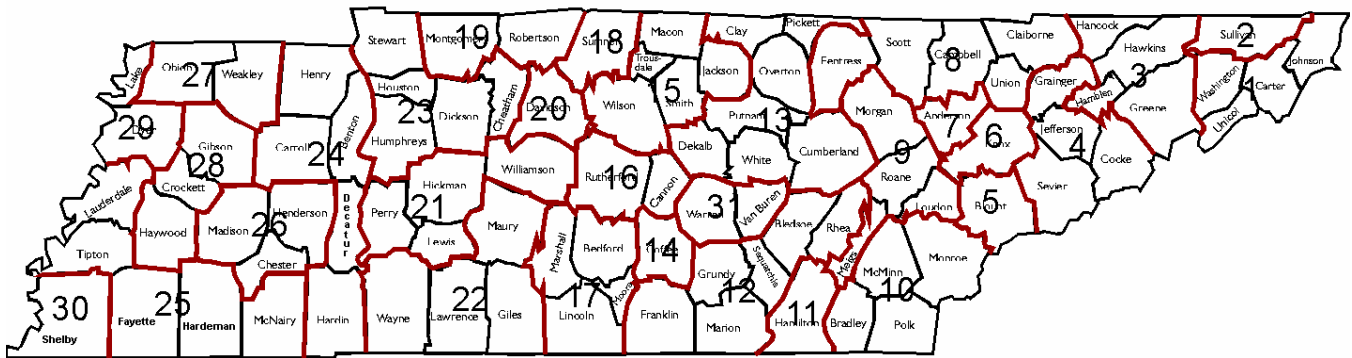
¹ Public Chapter 552 (1997), Section 12, Item 35.

² National Center for State Courts, *Tennessee Trial Courts, Judicial Weighted Caseload Study, 2007*, www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/RA_RE/ORreports.asp. See study for a complete explanation of methodology and qualitative issues to consider.

³ See Appendix A for a map of Tennessee Judicial Districts.

⁴ See Appendix B for the detailed calculations of judicial resource need statewide and by judicial district.

Appendix A: Tennessee Judicial Districts



- District 1 - Carter, Johnson, Unicoi, and Washington Counties
- District 2 - Sullivan County
- District 3 - Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, and Hawkins Counties
- District 4 - Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson, and Sevier Counties
- District 5 - Blount County
- District 6 - Knox County
- District 7 - Anderson County
- District 8 - Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott, and Union Counties
- District 9 - Loudon, Meigs, Morgan, and Roane Counties
- District 10 - Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties
- District 11 - Hamilton County
- District 12 - Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties
- District 13 - Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, and White Counties
- District 14 - Coffee County
- District 15 - Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson Counties
- District 16 - Cannon and Rutherford Counties
- District 17 - Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore Counties
- District 18 - Sumner County
- District 19 - Montgomery and Robertson Counties
- District 20 - Davidson County
- District 21 - Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson Counties
- District 22 - Giles, Lawrence, Maury, and Wayne Counties
- District 23 - Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart Counties
- District 24 - Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, and Henry Counties
- District 25 - Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, and Tipton Counties
- District 26 - Chester, Henderson, and Madison Counties
- District 27 - Obion and Weakley Counties
- District 28 - Crockett, Gibson, and Haywood Counties
- District 29 - Dyer and Lake Counties
- District 30 - Shelby County
- District 31 - Van Buren and Warren Counties

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, 2006.

Appendix B: Tennessee Judicial Weighted Caseload Update, FY 2008, Case Filings per Judicial District

		Case Filings per Judicial District					
	Case Type	Case Weight	1	2	3	4	5
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	182	184	204	191	251	51
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	45	1,075	1,072	1,266	1,241	412
	DUI	74	77	53	87	138	26
	Drug Court	140					30
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	50	35	10	14	25	26
	Other Misdemeanor	24	223	189	270	430	61
	Probation Violation	17	1,033	613	287	1,012	399
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)	304					
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	115	190	126	156	394	125
	Damages/Tort	82	275	218	276	334	202
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	41	65	28	85	38	25
	Judicial Hospitalization	17	1	31	5	0	12
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	35	4	6	21	18	1
	Medical Malpractice	679	22	26	0	1	0
	Probate/Trust	20	539	544	681	166	2
	Other General Civil	42	404	354	339	361	273
	Real Estate	180	66	45	46	100	22
	Workers Compensation	41	79	54	105	96	51
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	20	492	259	1,159	656	247
	Divorce with Children	94	520	405	498	568	173
	Divorce without Children	32	721	489	705	563	186
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	47	156	126	234	123	96
	Orders of Protection	18	55	149	340	489	13
	Other Domestic Relations	6	150	15	355	337	17
	Total Filings			6,366	5,016	7,120	7,341
Workload (Weights x Filings)			309,888	261,496	308,893	359,044	125,860
Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)			94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
Average District Travel per year			8,094.26	2,149.00	3,906.50	4,863.64	1,680.00
Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)			19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
Availability for Case-Specific Work			66,610	72,555	70,797	69,840	73,024
# Judges			5	4	5	5	2
Total Jud. Off. Demand			4.65	3.60	4.36	5.14	1.72
FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess			0.35	0.40	0.64	-0.14	0.28
Criminal Judges Needed			1.70	1.45	1.56	2.02	0.60
Civil Judges Needed			1.58	1.22	1.21	1.66	0.68
Domestic Relations Judges Needed			1.37	0.93	1.59	1.45	0.44
Child Support Referee			No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Case Filings per Judicial District

	Case Type	6	7	8	9	10	11
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	302	62	154	54	245	549
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	1,296	298	937	568	1,044	2,036
	DUI	309	40	59	60	117	367
	Drug Court	80	30	30		30	30
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	2	35	0	1	1	87
	Other Misdemeanor	276	170	138	45	166	1,207
	Probation Violation	1,285	108	725	207	1,147	1,506
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)						
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	751	48	237	145	172	417
	Damages/Tort	1,073	172	248	133	344	635
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	558	35	49	18	48	286
	Judicial Hospitalization	136	0	0	1	0	151
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	25	53	0	1	0	2
	Medical Malpractice	60	7	3	3	9	17
	Probate/Trust	1,277	260	350	74	326	715
	Other General Civil	1,205	352	144	136	337	920
	Real Estate	68	9	96	88	65	61
	Workers Compensation	396	267	114	92	167	554
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	665	408	396	355	850	161
	Divorce with Children	1,023	162	233	70	573	700
	Divorce without Children	1,444	172	251	90	734	944
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	273	167	61	135	149	284
	Orders of Protection	2,473	103	3	0	477	470
	Other Domestic Relations	51	417	147	248	144	199
	Total Filings	15,028	3,375	4,375	2,524	7,145	12,298
	Workload (Weights x Filings)	736,804	141,299	223,768	126,630	335,593	618,462
	Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
	Average District Travel per year	218.46	218.46	6,705.85	7,804.27	7,173.87	218.46
	Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
	Availability for Case-Specific Work	74,485	74,485	67,998	66,900	67,530	74,485
	# Judges	10	2	3	3	5	9
	Total Jud. Off. Demand	9.89	1.90	3.29	1.89	4.97	8.30
	FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess	0.11	0.10	-0.29	1.11	0.03	0.70
	Criminal Judges Needed	2.37	0.53	1.40	0.67	1.91	3.80
	Civil Judges Needed	4.65	0.81	1.28	0.86	1.41	2.86
	Domestic Relations Judges Needed	2.86	0.55	0.62	0.37	1.65	1.64
	Child Support Referee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Case Filings per Judicial District

Case Type		Case Weight	Case Filings per Judicial District				
			12	13	14	15	16
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	182	121	260	49	144	264
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	45	712	1,311	310	798	768
	DUI	74	157	311	48	133	131
	Drug Court	140	25			25	50
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	50	11	10	0	4	6
	Other Misdemeanor	24	258	957	107	519	323
	Probation Violation	17	716	1,135	208	705	1,007
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)	304					
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	115	160	169	39	179	260
	Damages/Tort	82	247	311	111	217	460
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	41	48	87	18	35	24
	Judicial Hospitalization	17	3	12	0	7	17
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	35	13	6	0	4	16
	Medical Malpractice	679	5	9	5	7	19
	Probate/Trust	20	213	223	172	230	19
	Other General Civil	42	259	282	125	222	658
	Real Estate	180	90	151	6	90	79
	Workers Compensation	41	149	181	69	172	241
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	20	634	365	218	150	480
	Divorce with Children	94	433	400	150	523	709
	Divorce without Children	32	427	503	170	609	748
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	47	114	144	25	117	185
	Orders of Protection	18	165	4	1	133	560
	Other Domestic Relations	6	695	25	9	40	81
Total Filings			5,655	6,856	1,840	5,063	7,105
Workload (Weights x Filings)			250,673	347,175	88,414	262,702	379,535
Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)			94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
Average District Travel per year			14,172.68	6,309.21	218.46	9,104.51	721.71
Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)			19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
Availability for Case-Specific Work			60,531	68,395	74,485	65,599	73,982
# Judges			4	5	2	4	5
Total Jud. Off. Demand			4.14	5.08	1.19	4.00	5.13
FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess			-0.14	-0.08	0.81	0.00	-0.13
Criminal Judges Needed			1.46	2.53	0.44	1.53	1.69
Civil Judges Needed			1.36	1.55	0.41	1.25	1.82
Domestic Relations Judges Needed			1.32	1.00	0.34	1.22	1.62
Child Support Referee			Yes	No	No	No	Yes

Case Filings per Judicial District

Case Type		17	18	19	20	21	22
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	127	112	342	1,557	138	308
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	386	710	1,151	3,357	616	1,171
	DUI	5	83	205	512	159	248
	Drug Court		100		150	75	
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	1	34	57	54	8	26
	Other Misdemeanor	33	137	716	543	227	605
	Probation Violation	157	737	929	3,738	446	1,128
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)				171		
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	94	192	188	1,171	409	178
	Damages/Tort	124	237	320	1,271	295	195
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	33	82	57	242	116	68
	Judicial Hospitalization	2	0	13	233	0	0
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	3	5	4	14	6	15
	Medical Malpractice	2	3	7	132	2	12
	Probate/Trust	352	350	400	1,596	467	459
	Other General Civil	285	556	419	1,660	314	406
	Real Estate	29	62	62	99	160	67
Workers Compensation	169	102	104	2,922	89	240	
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	565	332	360	525	470	535
	Divorce with Children	348	431	821	972	559	429
	Divorce without Children	328	449	859	1,460	487	501
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	60	188	169	148	158	108
	Orders of Protection	83	409	7	951	9	216
	Other Domestic Relations	69	46	8	335	113	101
Total Filings		3,255	5,357	7,198	23,813	5,323	7,016
Workload (Weights x Filings)		159,330	261,774	382,745	1,385,099	307,867	336,153
Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)		94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
Average District Travel per year		11,465.78	218.46	8,695.76	831.35	8,629.71	7,268.07
Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)		19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
Availability for Case-Specific Work		63,238	74,485	66,008	73,873	66,074	67,436
# Judges		3	3	4	18	4	4
Total Jud. Off. Demand		2.52	3.51	5.80	18.75	4.66	4.98
FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess		0.48	-0.51	-1.80	-0.75	-0.66	-0.98
Criminal Judges Needed		0.70	1.22	2.51	7.79	1.34	2.42
Civil Judges Needed		0.87	1.25	1.46	8.59	2.01	1.43
Domestic Relations Judges Needed		0.94	1.05	1.82	2.37	1.30	1.14
Child Support Referee		No	No	Yes	No	No	No

Case Filings per Judicial District

Case Type		Case Weight	Case Filings per Judicial District				
			23	24	25	26	27
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	182	142	188	243	198	94
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	45	972	515	736	628	253
	DUI	74	149	24	71	62	8
	Drug Court	140	35			60	40
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	50	27	6	1	1	8
	Other Misdemeanor	24	347	37	70	155	31
	Probation Violation	17	794	395	577	592	166
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)	304					
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	115	165	95	383	237	49
	Damages/Tort	82	147	134	208	274	63
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	41	31	24	76	17	35
	Judicial Hospitalization	17	0	1	199	0	0
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	35	7	2	12	1	1
	Medical Malpractice	679	5	8	3	5	3
	Probate/Trust	20	146	233	314	101	203
	Other General Civil	42	235	214	326	574	148
	Real Estate	180	66	53	62	36	28
	Workers Compensation	41	80	109	72	149	253
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	20	316	131	83	134	177
	Divorce with Children	94	372	213	367	509	170
	Divorce without Children	32	408	217	820	819	188
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	47	195	57	68	74	37
	Orders of Protection	18	35	1	70	4	1
	Other Domestic Relations	6	35	3	43	18	66
Total Filings			4,709	2,660	4,804	4,648	2,022
Workload (Weights x Filings)			237,937	156,066	266,632	265,150	106,667
Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)			94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
Average District Travel per year			5,362.22	9,760.73	9,213.92	1,655.21	5,620.91
Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)			19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
Availability for Case-Specific Work			69,342	64,943	65,490	73,049	69,083
# Judges			3	3	4	4	2
Total Jud. Off. Demand			3.43	2.40	4.07	3.63	1.54
FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess			-0.43	0.60	-0.07	0.37	0.46
Criminal Judges Needed			1.58	1.04	1.45	1.25	0.56
Civil Judges Needed			0.92	0.87	1.60	1.27	0.58
Domestic Relations Judges Needed			0.93	0.50	1.03	1.11	0.40
Child Support Referee			Yes	No	No	No	No

		Case Filings per Judicial District				Statewide Totals
Case Type		28	29	30	31	
Criminal	Major Felony (A, B, capital cases)	107	146	1,809	53	8,649
	Other Felony (C, D, E)	294	520	6,859	227	33,539
	DUI	43	23	641	63	4,409
	Drug Court		26		25	841
	Criminal Appeals (including juvenile delinquency)	29	8	16	8	551
	Other Misdemeanor	171	95	2,046	150	10,702
	Probation Violation	287	209	2,759	206	25,213
General Civil/Other	Administrative Hearings Davidson County (Appeals)					171
	Contract/Debt/Specific Performance	74	32	1,315	43	8,193
	Damages/Tort	84	62	1,895	69	10,634
	Guardianship/Conservatorship	59	8	2	11	2,308
	Judicial Hospitalization	0	1	0	1	826
	Juvenile Court Appeal (Civil)	1	1	18	0	260
	Medical Malpractice	1	5	155	1	537
	Probate/Trust	269	21	3	131	10,836
	Other General Civil	148	399	1,875	71	14,001
	Real Estate	17	18	124	21	1,986
	Workers Compensation	48	43	285	39	7,491
Domestic Relations	Child Support (outside of divorce)	316	270	226	91	12,026
	Divorce with Children	156	126	1,380	80	14,073
	Divorce without Children	146	159	1,326	80	17,003
	Protection of Children (paternity, adoption, legitimation, surrender, TPR)	28	81	267	46	4,073
	Orders of Protection	1	32	4	141	7,399
	Other Domestic Relations	8	12	30	16	3,833
Total Filings		2,287	2,297	23,035	1,573	199,554
Workload (Weights x Filings)		109,045	123,631	1,501,793	75,152	10,551,278
Judge Year (210 days per year, 7.5 hrs per day)		94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
Average District Travel per year		4,508.05	625.94	215.19	362.25	3,836
Non-case related Time (1.57 hrs/day)		19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796	19,796
Availability for Case-Specific Work		70,196	74,078	74,489	74,342	70,868
# Judges		2	2	22	1	152
Total Jud. Off. Demand		1.55	1.67	20.16	1.01	148.97
FTE Judge(s) Deficit or Excess		0.45	0.33	1.84	-0.01	3.03
Criminal Judges Needed		0.66	0.83	10.54	0.48	60.04
Civil Judges Needed		0.50	0.47	7.07	0.31	53.81
Domestic Relations Judges Needed		0.39	0.36	2.55	0.22	35.11
Child Support Referee		No	No	No	No	

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