



**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.....	1,335,907
GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....	30,843 sq. mi.
COURT LOCATIONS.....	36

### FY17 EXPENDITURES:

Judicial Branch Operations.....	\$56,920,645
Personal Services.....	\$42,664,575
All Other/Capital Operation Expenses.....	\$14,256,070
Guardians ad Litem and Psychological Exams.....	\$3,701,782
Debt Service.....	\$10,249,078
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$70,871,505</b>
<b>% of State General Fund.....</b>	<b>2.0%</b>



### FY17 REVENUE:

Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....	\$27,036,686
Deposited to State Dedicated Revenue Accounts.....	\$8,369,444
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$35,406,130</b>

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

<b>FAMILY LAW MAGISTRATES.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>STAFF.....</b>	<b>447.5</b>



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
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>518.5</b>

<b>TOTAL FY17 CASES FILED.....</b>	<b>193,155</b>
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Supreme Judicial Court.....	590
Superior Court.....	3,966
Unified Criminal Docket.....	54,706
District Court.....	47,857
Violations Bureau.....	86,036

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW



### Task Force on Transparency and Privacy in Court Records

As part of the Supreme Judicial Court's effort to gather information and feedback for use when developing digital court record access policies, in early 2017, Chief Justice Saufley convened the Task Force on Transparency and Privacy in Court Records (TAP) to consider relevant issues and make recommendations to the Court. TAP was made up of 20 stakeholders including subject matter experts representing various perspectives. TAP members gathered to review research, and attended public meetings where they weighed and debated the important interests of transparency and privacy.

In early fall, TAP delivered a comprehensive report, including 18 recommendations regarding court record access. In October, the SJC invited the public to submit comments regarding TAP's recommendations and access to digital court record policies in general and will schedule a public hearing to be held in the spring of 2018 regarding this vital topic. For more information, visit TAP's webpage at [www.courts.maine.gov/committees/tap](http://www.courts.maine.gov/committees/tap).



### Farewell Judge Janelle

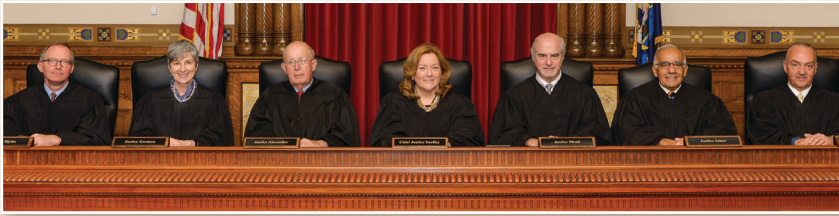
Judge Andre Janelle retired at the end of 2017 after 31 years of service in Maine's District Court. Judge Janelle was appointed to the bench at just 36 years old and, during his many years on the bench, he made a remarkable and lasting impact.

Although there are a few judges who were appointed at a slightly younger age, the Judicial Branch has found no one who has served on the official Maine District Court for as many years as he has. The judge's wisdom, compassion, humor, and, when needed, firmness has created a judicial culture that has earned the respect of all involved.

Through all of these years, Judge Janelle has been a tireless supporter of all of the hard-working members of the Judicial Branch, including the magistrates and judges he has mentored, and especially the clerks and marshals who make it possible for the public to obtain meaningful access to justice.

# 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

## CHIEFS



From Left to Right: Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court; Roland A. Cole, Chief Justice, Superior Court; Susan Oram, Chief Judge, District Court

## STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR



Ted Glessner, State Court Administrator

## JUDICIAL OFFICERS



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

## Court Building Projects

The effort to improve courthouse safety and efficiency is progressing with major building projects in Waldo and Oxford Counties. A new courthouse in Belfast will house the Superior and District Courts in Waldo County with substantially improved accessibility, expanded on-site parking, and ample space for conferencing. Construction is underway in Belfast with projected completion in March 2019. The county courthouse in Oxford County will be renovated and expanded to house the Superior Court and the South Paris District Court, while county office space will be improved. The South Paris project will break ground later this year and be completed in early 2020. People in both counties will benefit from additional courtrooms and space that is larger and better designed to meet the needs of the public.



Architect's rendering of the new courthouse in Belfast.



Architect's rendering of the expanded courthouse in South Paris.

## TOTAL FY17 COURT CASE FILINGS: 193,155

### CRIMINAL FILINGS: 47,140

Unified Criminal Docket (UCD).....	45,251
UCD Probation Revocations.....	1,281
District Court Probation Revocations.....	7
Superior Court Probation Revocations.....	601

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: 22,268

Divorce.....	5,338
Family Post-Judgment.....	6,005
Protection from Abuse.....	5,424
Child Protection.....	975
Juvenile.....	1,660
Parental Rights & Responsibilities.....	1,813
Foreign Judgments.....	140
Emancipations.....	144
Grandparents' Rights.....	29
Other Family Matters.....	740

### CIVIL FILINGS: 25,875

	SUPERIOR	DISTRICT
Contract	434	3,812
Foreclosure	775	1,665
Tort	840	108
Other Civil	1,316	1,513
Small Claims		8,063
Money Judgments		1,568
FEDs (Eviction)		5,781
<b>TOTAL(S):</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>22,510</b>

### OTHER ACTIONS: 11,246

Mental Health (District Court).....	885
Protection from Harassment (District Court).....	2,187
Civil Violations (UCD).....	8,174

### SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT: 590

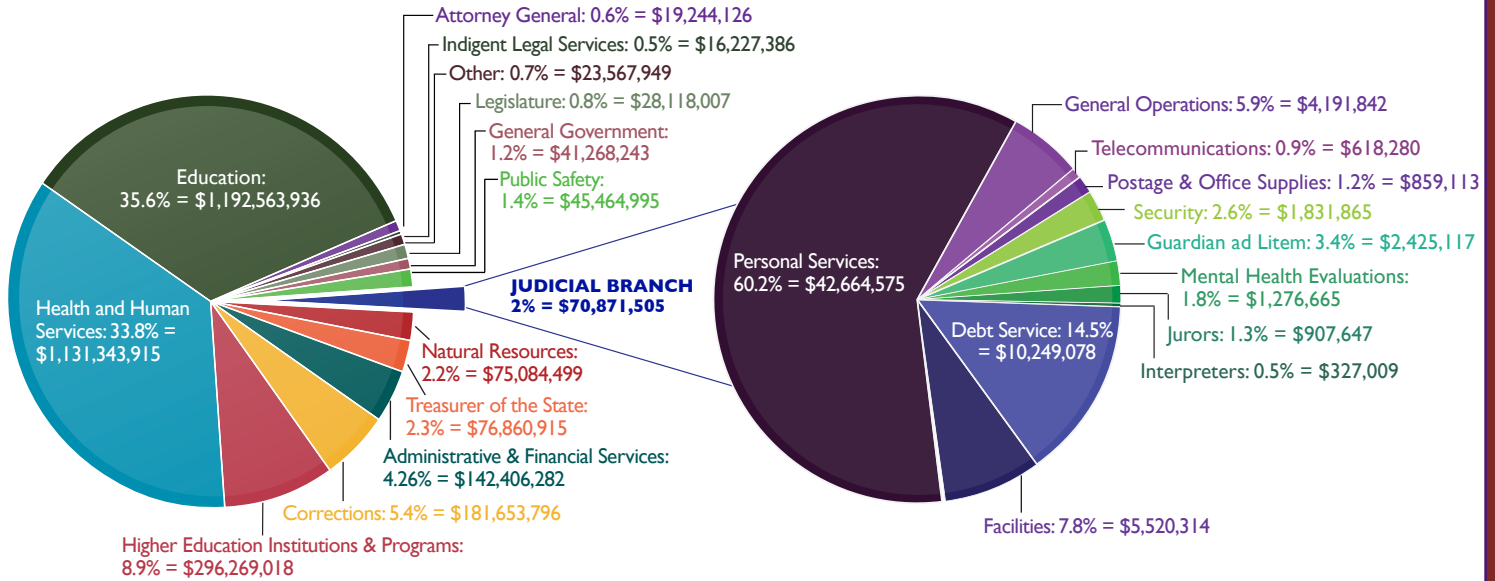
Supreme Judicial Court.....	590
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### VIOLATIONS BUREAU: 86,036

Traffic Infractions.....	86,036
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# FISCAL INFORMATION

## GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES



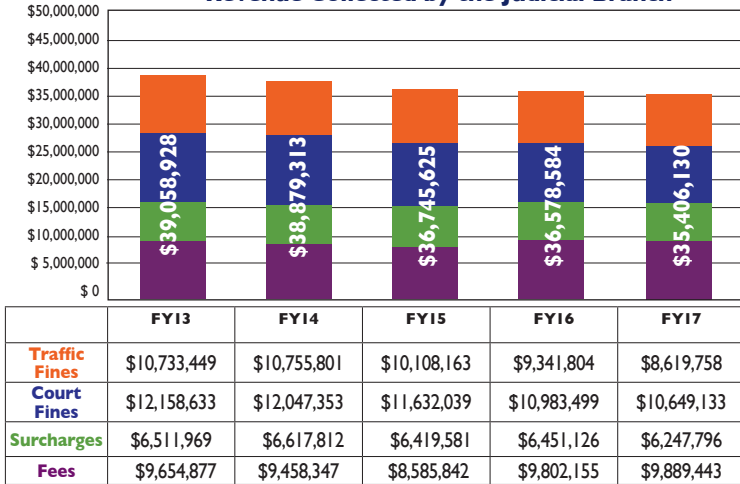
**STATEWIDE GENERAL FUND  
FY17 EXPENDITURES**  
Total: \$3,346,082,365

**JUDICIAL BRANCH GENERAL FUND  
FY17 EXPENDITURES**  
Total: \$70,871,505

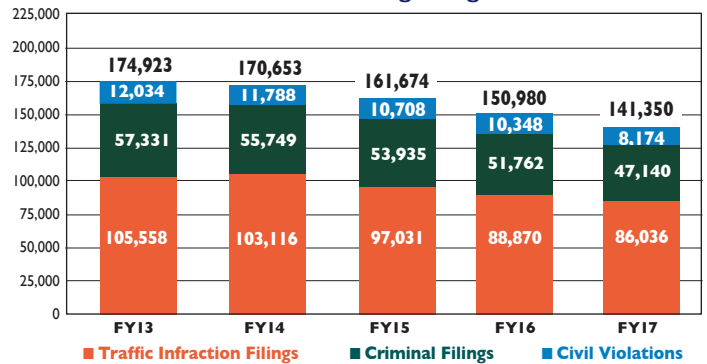
In FY17, General Funds received by the Judicial Branch were 2% of the State total. Personal Services accounted for more than half (60.2%) of Judicial Branch expenditures.

## FY17 REVENUE

### Revenue Collected by the Judicial Branch



### Fine-Generating Filings Trend

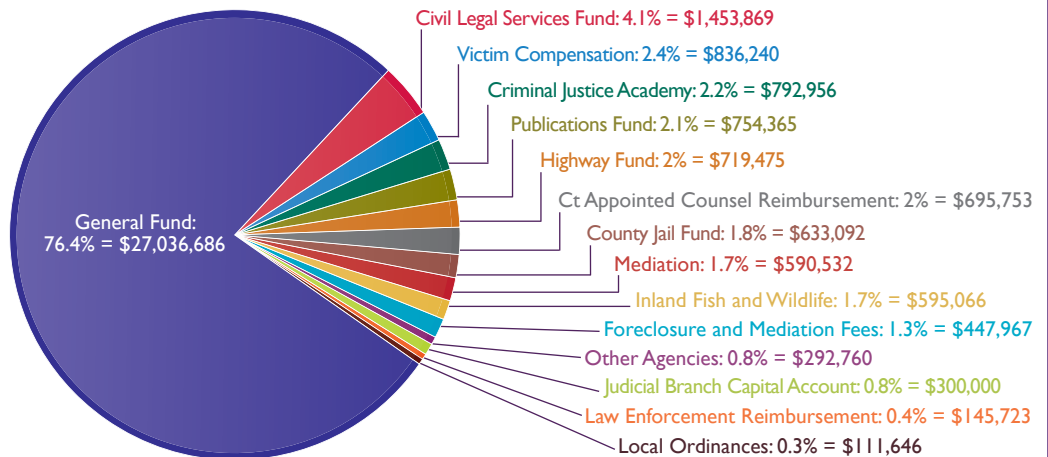


Fine and related surcharge revenue has decreased in recent years. A primary cause for the reduction is the decline in the number of criminal cases, civil violations, and traffic infractions filed in the courts, as illustrated by the chart above.

## REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

**FY17 Revenue Distribution**  
Total: \$35,406,130

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** ..... 15,157  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 168,649  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 5

**PENOBSCOT** 3,397 sq. miles/pop. 151,806  
 Bangor Superior.....330  
 Penobscot UCD.....7,482  
 Bangor District.....4,263  
 Newport District.....972  
 Lincoln/Millinocket District.....751

**PISCATAQUIS** 3,961 sq. miles/pop. 16,843  
 Dover-Foxcroft Superior..... 21  
 Piscataquis UCD.....761  
 Dover-Foxcroft District.....577

**REGION 4**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 15,846  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 171,484  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 4

**SOMERSET** 3,924 sq. miles/pop. 50,915  
 Skowhegan Superior.....107  
 Somerset UCD.....2,531  
 Skowhegan District.....1,981

**KENNEBEC** 868 sq. miles/pop. 120,569  
 Augusta Superior.....477  
 Kennebec UCD.....5,278  
 Augusta District.....3,273  
 Waterville District.....2,199

**REGION 3**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 16,925  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 194,537  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 7

**FRANKLIN** 1,697 sq. miles/pop. 30,001  
 Farmington Superior..... 51  
 Franklin UCD.....1,504  
 Farmington District.....1,050

**OXFORD** 2,077 sq. miles/pop. 57,217  
 South Paris Superior.....154  
 Oxford UCD.....2,118  
 South Paris District.....1,064  
 Rumford District.....714

**ANDROSCOGGIN** 468 sq. miles/pop. 107,319  
 Auburn Superior.....381  
 Androscoggin UCD.....4,501  
 Lewiston District.....5,388

**REGION 2**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 18,571  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 292,041  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 2

**CUMBERLAND** 835 sq. miles/pop. 292,041  
 Portland Superior.....874  
 Cumberland UCD.....10,058  
 Portland District.....6,396  
 Bridgton District.....1,243

**REGION 1**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 16,601  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 202,343  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 4

**YORK** 991 sq. miles/pop. 202,343  
 Alfred Superior.....600  
 York UCD.....9,299  
 Biddeford District.....3,112  
 Springvale District.....2,529  
 York District.....1,061

**REGION 8**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 5,909  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 67,959  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 5

**AROOSTOOK** 6,671 sq. miles/pop. 67,959  
 Caribou/Houlton Superior.....361  
 Aroostook UCD.....2,849  
 Caribou District.....627  
 Houlton District.....628  
 Presque Isle District.....968  
 Fort Kent/Madawaska District.....476

**REGION 7**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 6,325  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 85,869  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 3

**HANCOCK** 1,587 sq. miles/pop. 54,419  
 Ellsworth Superior.....134  
 Hancock UCD.....1,964  
 Ellsworth District.....1,693

**WASHINGTON** 2,563 sq. miles/pop. 31,450  
 Machias Superior.....67  
 Washington UCD.....1,352  
 Machias District.....641  
 Calais District.....474

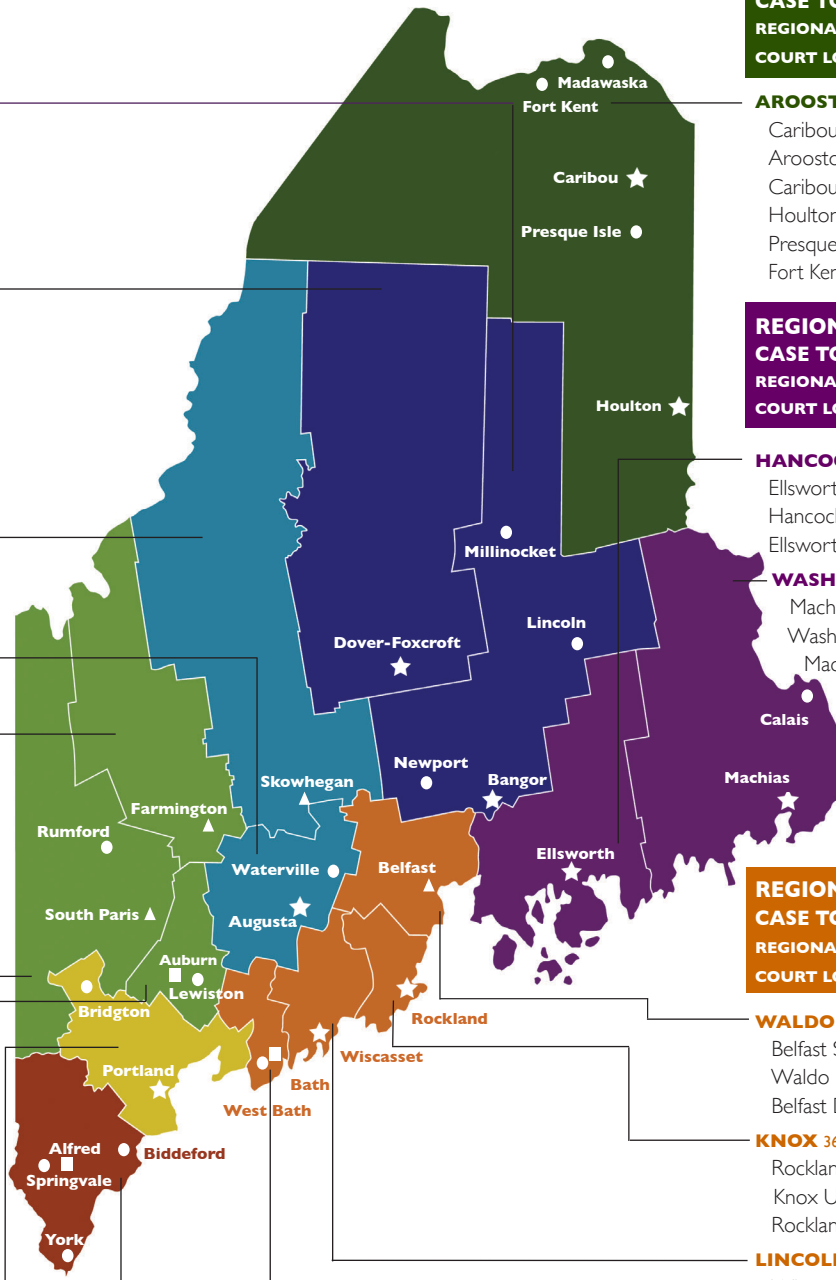
**REGION 6**  
**CASE TOTAL** ..... 11,195  
**REGIONAL POPULATION** ..... 148,597  
**COURT LOCATIONS** ..... 6

**WALDO** 730 sq. miles/pop. 39,364  
 Belfast Superior.....107  
 Waldo UCD.....1,103  
 Belfast District.....1,360

**KNOX** 365 sq. miles/pop. 39,744  
 Rockland Superior.....148  
 Knox UCD.....1,539  
 Rockland District.....1,309

**LINCOLN** 456 sq. miles/pop. 34,216  
 Wiscasset Superior.....84  
 Lincoln UCD.....1,018  
 Wiscasset District.....947

**SAGadahoc** 254 sq. miles/pop. 35,273  
 Bath Superior.....70  
 Sagadahoc UCD.....1,349  
 West Bath District.....2,161



**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:**

For more information about the Courts

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 or scan the QR code

**TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS**  
 Total: 86,036

\* Square mileage and population data source: US Census Bureau 2016 Estimates