MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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 GEOGRAPHIC AREA	
COURT LOCATIONS	

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 E	xams\$4,273,635
Capital	\$771,567

FY19 EXPENDITURES	TOTAL:	\$81,304,931
% of State General Fund:		2.2%

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

TOTAL: 518.5

63
39
17
7
8
447.5
254.5
83
37.5
25

Violations Bureau & Service Center......17.5

Finance & Human Resources......II

JUDICIAL OFFICERS & STAFF

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.

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 Revocation	s 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	
Adoptions321	
Foreign Judgments145	
Guardianships116	
Emancipations109	
Other Family Matters83	
Name Changes	
Grandparents' Rights16	

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)5,5	94
Protection from Harassment	
(District Court)2,I	17
Mental Health (District Court)1,0	53

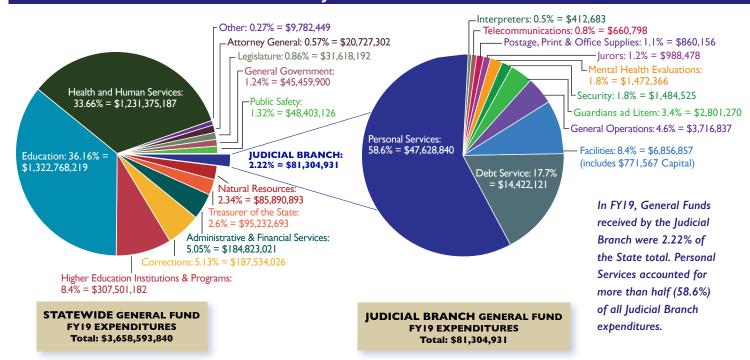
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Supreme Judicial Court 552

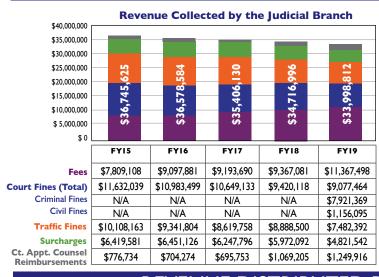
VIOLATIONS BUREAU

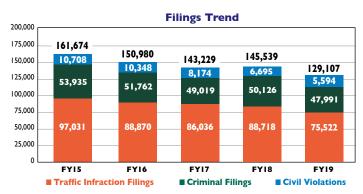
Traffic Infractions75,522

GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES



FY19 REVENUE



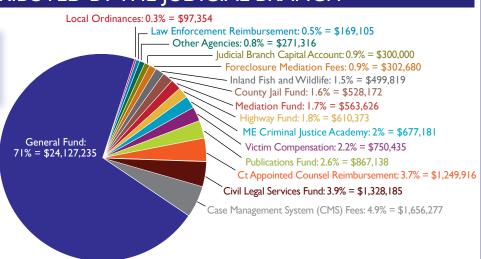


REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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 REGION 8 CASE TOTAL 14,750 CASE TOTAL6,359 **REGIONAL POPULATION......167.896** REGIONAL POPULATION.......67,111 COURT LOCATIONS......5 COURT LOCATIONS..... Madawaska **PENOBSCOT** 3,397 sq. miles/pop. 151,096 AROOSTOOK 6,671 sq. miles/pop. 67,111 Fort Kent Bangor Superior......254 Caribou/Houlton Superior......390 Penobscot UCD......7,240 Aroostook UCD3,512 Caribou 🍁 Bangor District.....4,104 Caribou District623 Newport District......I,028 Presque Isle District832 Presque Isle Lincoln/Millinocket District...696 Houlton District......594 Fort Kent/Madawaska District.... 408 PISCATAQUIS 3,961 sq. miles/pop. 16,800 Dover-Foxcroft Superior...... 20 **REGION 7** Piscataquis UCD.....685 CASE TOTAL6,023 Dover-Foxcroft District......723 REGIONAL POPULATION......86,301 Houlton 🎪 COURT LOCATIONS..... **REGION 4** CASE TOTAL 15,056 HANCOCK 1,587 sq. miles/pop. 54,811 REGIONAL POPULATION......172,675 Ellsworth Superior.....90 COURT LOCATIONS..... Hancock UCD2,037 **SOMERSET** 3,924 sq. miles/pop. 50,592 Millinocket Skowhegan Superior......109 **WASHINGTON** 2,563 sq. miles/pop. 31,490 Somerset UCD2,388 Machias Superior.....70 Lincoln Washington UCD......1,308 Dover-Foxcroft **KENNEBEC** 868 sq. miles/pop. 122,083 Machias District.....591 Augusta Superior.....423 Calais District.....450 Kennebec UCD4,846 Calais Augusta District.....3,256 Waterville District2,177 Skowhegan **REGION 3** CASE TOTAL 16,106 REGIONAL POPULATION......195,176 Waterville • **REGION 6** COURT LOCATIONS.....7 CASE TOTAL 10,219 Augusta **FRANKLIN** 1,697 sq. miles/pop. 29,879 REGIONAL POPULATION......149,441 Farmington Superior......33 COURT LOCATIONS......5 Franklin UCD 1,478 Rockland **WALDO** 730 sq. miles/pop. 39,694 Belfast Superior......69 **OXFORD** 2,077 sq. miles/pop. 57,618 Wiscasset Waldo UCD......1,012 South Paris Superior......132 Bath Belfast District......1,341 Oxford UCD......1.954 South Paris District......907 KNOX 365 sq. miles/pop. 39,771 Alfred Biddeford Rumford District675 Rockland Superior......123 Knox UCD......1,357 ANDROSCOGGIN 468 sq. miles/pop. 107,679 Rockland District......1,299 Auburn Superior......331 Androscoggin UCD4,588 **LINCOLN** 456 sq. miles/pop. 34,342 Lewiston District......5,002 Wiscasset Superior87 Lincoln UCD804 **REGION 2** Wiscasset District863 CASE TOTAL 17.702 **SAGADAHOC** 254 sq. miles/pop. 35,634 REGIONAL POPULATION.....293,557 **KEY** Bath Superior......79 COURT LOCATIONS......2 District Court Sagadahoc UCD......1.117 Counties grouped together **CUMBERLAND** 835 sq. miles/pop. 293,557 -Superior Court West Bath District2.068 by color are part of a single Portland Superior.....832 **District and Superior** court **REGION**, where Cumberland UCD......9,807 in the same city/town resources and scheduling are Portland District......5,872 District and Superior Court coordinated. Total: 75,522 occupy the same building **REGION I** CASE TOTAL 16,067 FOR MORE INFORMATION: **REGIONAL POPULATION.....206,229** Visit the website: courts.maine.gov COURT LOCATIONS....

For more information about the Courts

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

PO Box 4820 Portland, ME 04112-4820 (207) 822-0792 711 (Maine Relay) or scan the QR code





YORK 991 sq miles/pop 206 229

771 sq. Illies/pop. 200,227	
Alfred Superior	509
York UCD	8,994
Biddeford District	2,873
Springvale District	2,677
York District	1.014

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