



INDIANA TRIAL COURTS

Indiana has about 400 superior, circuit, town, city, and small claims courts.

There are approximately 550 judges and magistrates and 5,100 court employees statewide.

Most recent data (2014) shows more than 1.3 million new cases were filed in Indiana trial courts.

All data 2014 or fiscal year 2015 estimates. Contact Indiana Supreme Court Public Information Officer at kathryn.dolan@courts.in.gov for more information.

CIVIL & CRIMINAL CASES

- 1,100 jury trials
- 11,000 cases where an interpreter was used
- 135,000 adults and juveniles under probation supervision
- 19,000 mortgage foreclosure filings (55% decrease from 2007)
- 14,000 Child In Need of Services, or CHINS cases

JUDGES

- Most trial court judges are elected to a 6-year term
- There are non-partisan or appointed judges in St. Joseph, Allen, Lake, and Vanderburgh Counties

FUNDING

- Cities, towns, townships, counties and the state spent nearly \$459 million to operate the courts
- Filing fees, court costs, user fees and fines generated about \$173 million in revenue

OFFICE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

- Collects workload and financial data on trial court operations
- Assists trial courts with administration and technology improvements
- Provides grants
- Administers payroll
- Develops educational sessions for judges, probation officers and court personnel
- Conducts legal research for judges and probation officers
- Supports nearly 30 committees that set policy for the Judicial Conference
- Certifies court alcohol and drug programs and problem-solving courts

Information on Indiana Trial Courts: <http://courts.in.gov/2794.htm>