



MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

2014 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.....	1,328,302
GEOGRAPHIC AREA.....	30,843 sq. mi.
COURT LOCATIONS.....	38

FY'14 EXPENDITURES:

Judicial Branch Operations.....	\$49,022,141
Personal Services.....	\$36,057,292
All Other Operation Expenses.....	\$12,964,849
Guardians ad Litem and Psychological Exams.....	\$3,376,468
Debt Service.....	\$9,331,106

TOTAL: \$61,729,715

% of State General Fund.....2.0%

FY'14 REVENUE:

Deposited to Maine's General Fund.....	\$30,486,369
Deposited to State Dedicated Revenue Accounts.....	\$8,392,945

TOTAL: \$38,879,314

JUDGES (Total).....	60
Supreme Judicial Court Justices.....	7
Superior Court Justices.....	17
District Court Judges.....	36

FAMILY LAW MAGISTRATES.....	8
STAFF (clerks, security, and administration).....	423.5

Clerks' Offices.....	258.5
Marshals.....	63
Administration (Tech, HR, Finance, Facilities, etc.)....	102

TOTAL: 491.5

TOTAL 2014 CASES FILED.....	229,972
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Supreme Judicial Court.....	607
Superior Court.....	14,389
Unified Criminal Dockets.....	24,314
District Court.....	87,546
Violations Bureau.....	103,116



LAWYERS DONATE LEGAL SERVICES

In 2014, Maine lawyers donated the equivalent of over \$2,386,000 worth of civil legal services to elderly and low-income people who could not afford legal assistance. In October, the Supreme Judicial Court's Katahdin Counsel Recognition Program honored 136 attorneys and seven law students who had each donated at least 50 hours of free legal services for a total of 15,909 hours assisting Maine people in matters involving children, domestic violence, and housing.



Ceremony honoring pro bono work

INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY

In 2013, with the fiscal support of Governor LePage and the 126th Legislature, the biennial state budget included a substantial increase in resources for court security. With increased entry screening, courthouses are safer for Maine people using the courts, especially those under stress, including victims of domestic violence.



Entry screening in Bangor

Entry screening is now provided in Maine courthouses on approximately 70% of all court days. It is now measurably safer for the public and all who work in, use, or visit courthouses in Maine each year.

NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

L.D. 1789, *An Act To Modernize and Improve the Efficiency of Maine's Courts*, the Governor's bill, was enacted with overwhelming bipartisan support to become P.L. 2013, ch. 571 in April. It made funding available to the state courts for the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing, and implementing a new case management system (CMS) in preparation for electronic filing in the Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court, District Court, and the Violations Bureau.



Paper files

Currently, most records are on paper, and the Maine courts process five million pieces of paper each year. The new case management system will include automation of traditional activities such as case initiation, docketing and scheduling of events, workflow, financial record keeping and management, and statistical reporting.

When the e-filing and case management system is implemented, court data and records, including all new case filings, will be in electronic format. This will improve court efficiency, make the courts more accessible to the public, assist in communications among the parties and with the court, and eliminate the need for additional storage space. Court personnel have been busy meeting with stakeholders to determine their needs and create an information system that best serves the public.

THE COURTS OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



Front Row: Justice Donald G. Alexander, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley, Justice Warren M. Silver Back Row: Justice Joseph M. Jabar, Justice Andrew M. Mead, Justice Ellen A. Gorman, Justice Jeffrey L. Hjelm

CHIEFS



From Left to Right: Jeffrey Moskowitz, Deputy Chief Judge, District Court; Charles C. LaVerdiere, Chief Judge, District Court; Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice, Supreme Judicial Court; Thomas E. Humphrey, Chief Justice, Superior Court

STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR



Ted Glessner, State Court Administrator

TRIAL COURT CASE FILINGS FY'14 TOTAL: 229,365

CRIMINAL FILINGS: 55,749

District Court Criminal.....	24,889
District Court Probation Revocations.....	328
Superior Court Criminal.....	8,206
Superior Court Probation Revocations.....	2,418
Unified Criminal Dockets (UCD).....	18,962
UCD Probation Revocations.....	946

DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION: 23,798

Juvenile.....	2,419
Divorce.....	5,879
Other Family Matters.....	2,432
Family Post-Judgment.....	6,431
Child Protective.....	1,008
Protection from Abuse.....	5,629

CIVIL FILINGS: 31,626

	SUPERIOR	DISTRICT
Contract	419	4,488
Foreclosure	1,196	3,499
Tort	821	135
Other Civil	1,329	943
Small Claims		9,563
Money Judgments		3,157
FEDs (Eviction)		6,076
TOTAL(S):	3,765	27,861

OTHER ACTIONS: 15,076

Mental Health (District Court).....	929
Protection from Harassment (District Court).....	2,359
Civil Violations (District Court & UCDs).....	11,788

VIOLATIONS BUREAU: 103,116

Traffic Infractions.....	103,116
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NEW CAPITAL JUDICIAL CENTER (CJC)

The Judicial Branch took ownership of the Capital Judicial Center (CJC) in December. The CJC contains 125,000 square feet of modern, safe, and secure space for litigants, prisoners, jurors, members of the public, and staff. It has seven courtrooms, including the recently renovated historic Superior Court courtroom, and is attached to the old Kennebec County Courthouse by a bridgeway, allowing the public to conduct business without leaving the building. As 2015 unfolds, more than 100 Judicial Branch staff from the Kennebec County Superior Court, Augusta District Court, and Administrative Office of the Courts currently housed in several buildings on Stone Street, will begin working together to provide greater public service in more efficient office space.



Architectural rendition of the new Capital Judicial Center in Augusta

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENTS



A new law requires those who set bail to consider the results of an evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment. Maine has adopted the ODARA assessment. It is a 13-question tool that provides a prediction of a defendant's risk of reoffending. Police officers

must make a good faith effort to administer it and provide the results to bail commissioners, prosecutors, and judges. The Branch secured a federal grant to provide training to all bail commissioners and judges. Last fall, all the judges, justices, and family court magistrates were trained. Judge James Cawthorn from Idaho provided valuable insight. 101 bail commissioners were trained at 10 sites across Maine. A slide show explaining ODARA is available to clerks and administrators. Training for police officers was coordinated by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE

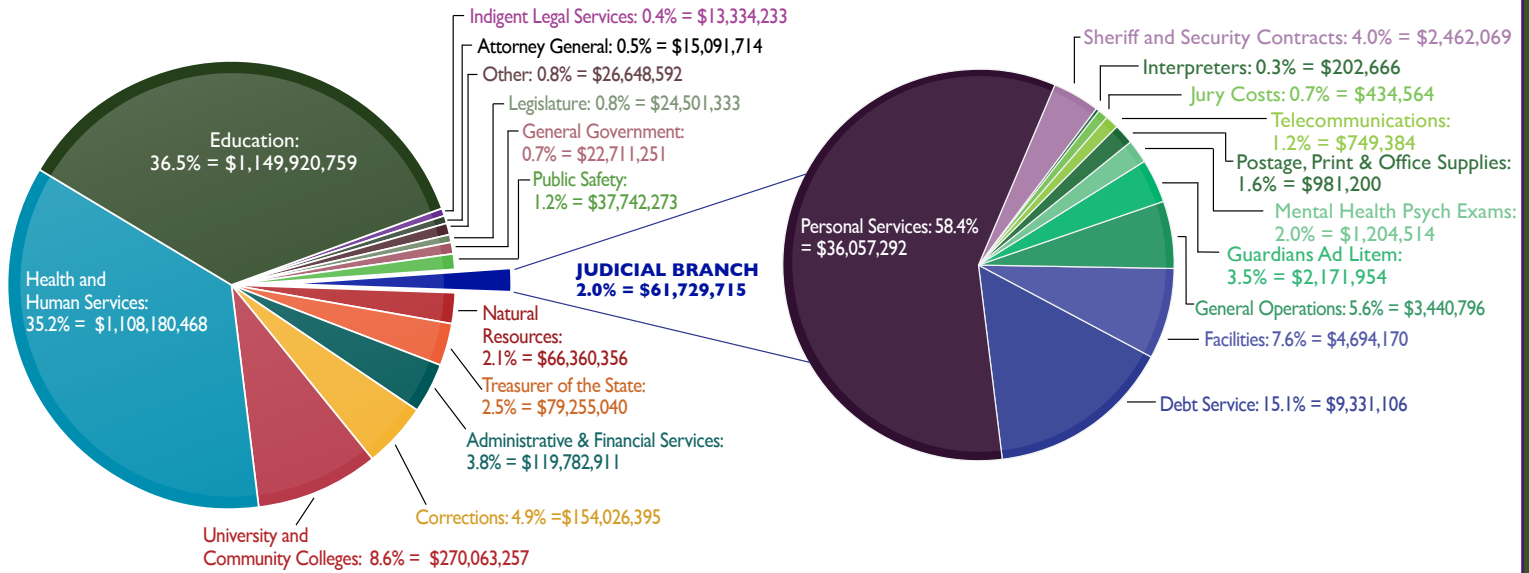
If You Are In Immediate Danger, Call 9-1-1

For information about Protection Orders visit

courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/district/protection_orders.html

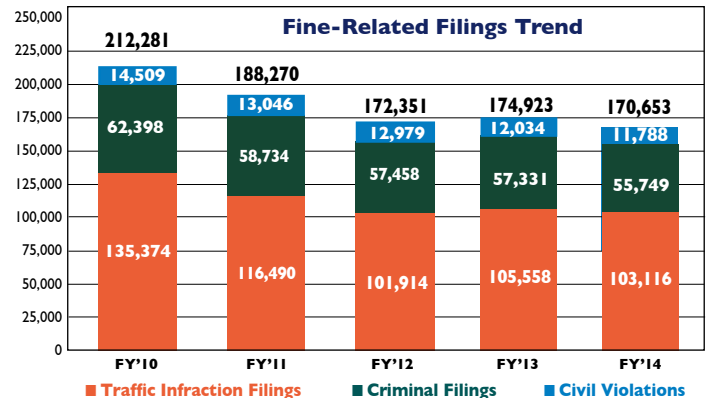
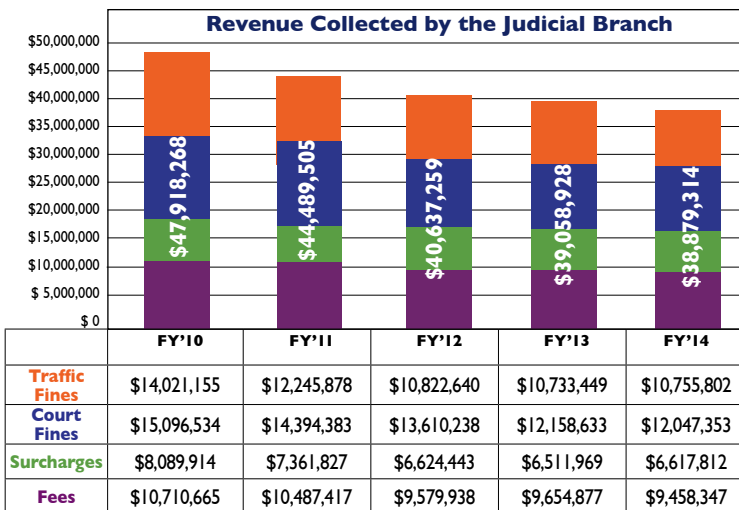
FISCAL INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND AND JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES



In FY'14, General Funds received by the Judicial Branch were 2% of the State total. Personal Services accounted for more than half (58.4%) of Judicial Branch expenditures.

FY'14 REVENUE

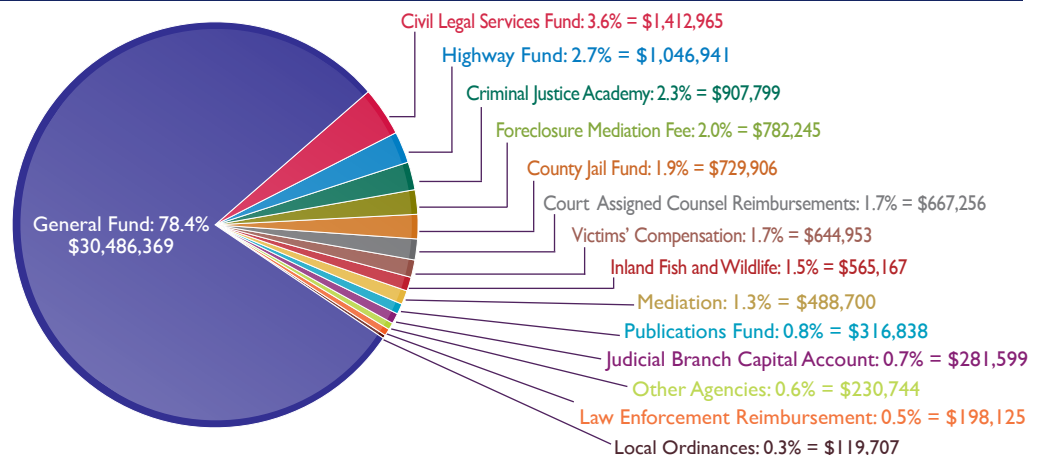


Fine and related surcharge revenue has decreased in recent years. A primary cause for the reduction is the decline in the number of criminal cases, civil violations, and traffic infractions filed in the courts, as illustrated by the chart above.

REVENUE DISTRIBUTED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

FY'14 Revenue Distribution
Total: \$38,879,314

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 16,729
REGIONAL POPULATION 170,488
COURT LOCATIONS 5

PENOBSCOT 3,397 square miles
 Bangor Superior.....401
 Penobscot UCD.....6,081
 Bangor District.....4,673
 Newport District.....2,273
 Lincoln/Millinocket District... 1,754

PISCATAQUIS 3,961 square miles
 Dover-Foxcroft Superior.....58
 Piscataquis UCD.....836
 Dover-Foxcroft District.....653

REGION 4

CASE TOTAL 18,619
REGIONAL POPULATION 172,870
COURT LOCATIONS 6

SOMERSET 3,924 square miles
 Skowhegan Superior.....277
 Somerset UCD.....2,521
 Skowhegan District.....2,313

KENNEBEC 868 square miles
 Augusta Superior.....2,070
 Augusta District.....6,505
 Waterville District.....4,933

REGION 3

CASE TOTAL 20,128
REGIONAL POPULATION 195,376
COURT LOCATIONS 7

FRANKLIN 1,697 square miles
 Farmington Superior.....101
 Franklin UCD1,425
 Farmington District.....1,179

OXFORD 2,077 square miles
 South Paris Superior.....777
 South Paris District.....1,928
 Rumford District.....1,766

ANDROSCOGGIN 468 square miles
 Auburn Superior.....2,134
 Lewiston District.....10,818

REGION 2

CASE TOTAL 22,001
REGIONAL POPULATION 285,456
COURT LOCATIONS 2

CUMBERLAND 835 square miles
 Portland Superior.....1,064
 Cumberland UCD10,499
 Portland District.....7,691
 Bridgton District.....2,747

REGION 1

CASE TOTAL 20,803
REGIONAL POPULATION 199,431
COURT LOCATIONS 4

YORK 991 square miles
 Alfred Superior.....4,049
 Biddeford District8,129
 Springvale District.....5,271
 York District.....3,354

REGION 8

CASE TOTAL 6,884
REGIONAL POPULATION 70,055
COURT LOCATIONS 5

AROOSTOOK 6,671 square miles
 Caribou/Houlton Superior.....1,247
 Caribou District.....1,316
 Houlton District.....1,354
 Presque Isle District.....1,935
 Fort Kent/Madawaska District... 1,032

REGION 7

CASE TOTAL 6,796
REGIONAL POPULATION 87,035
COURT LOCATIONS 3

HANCOCK 1,587 square miles
 Ellsworth Superior.....264
 Hancock UCD.....1,456
 Ellsworth District.....2,237

WASHINGTON 2,563 square miles
 Machias Superior.....310
 Machias District.....1,409
 Calais District.....1,120

REGION 6

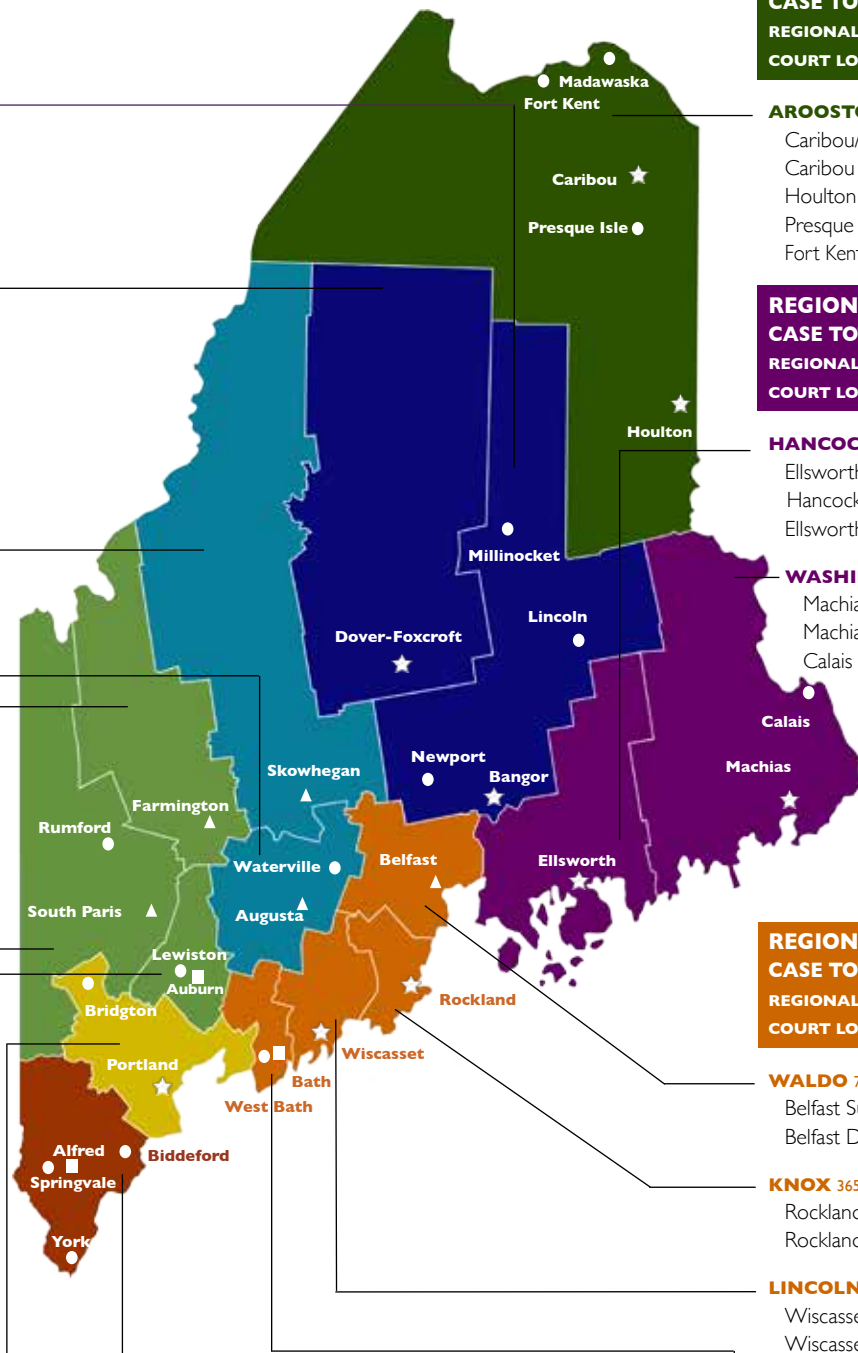
CASE TOTAL 14,289
REGIONAL POPULATION 146,841
COURT LOCATIONS 6

WALDO 730 square miles
 Belfast Superior.....377
 Belfast District.....2,696

KNOX 365 square miles
 Rockland Superior.....523
 Rockland District.....3,113

LINCOLN 456 square miles
 Wiscasset Superior.....582
 Wiscasset District.....2,183

SAGADAHOC 254 square miles
 Bath Superior.....155
 Sagadahoc UCD.....1,496
 West Bath District.....3,164



KEY	
● District Court	Counties grouped together by color are part of a single court REGION , where resources and scheduling are coordinated.
■ Superior Court	
▲ District and Superior in the same city/town	
★ District and Superior Court occupy the same building	

TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS
 Total: 103,116



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about the Courts

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Visit the Court's website: courts.maine.gov
 or scan the QR code

* Population statistics/square mileage data source: US Census Bureau