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## Methodology

### Court Statistics Project: Goals and Organization

The Court Statistics Project of the National Center for State Courts compiles and reports comparable court caseload data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Project publications and technical assistance encourage greater uniformity in how individual state courts and state court administrative offices collect and publish caseload information. Progress toward these goals should result in more meaningful and useful caseload information for judges, court managers, and court administrators.

The *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report* series is a cooperative effort of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Responsibility for project management and staffing is assumed by the NCSC's Court Statistics Project. COSCA, through its Court Statistics Committee, provides policy guidance and review. The Court Statistics Committee includes members of COSCA and representatives of state court administrative offices, the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, the National Association for Court Management, and the academic community. Preparation of this caseload report was funded by an ongoing grant from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2008-BJ-CX-K054) to the NCSC.

In addition to producing publications, the Court Statistics Project responds to thousands of requests for information and assistance each year. These requests come from a variety of sources, including state court administrative offices, local courts, individual judges, federal and state agencies, legislators, the media, academic researchers, students, and NCSC staff.

### Evolution of the Court Statistics Project

During the Court Statistics Project's original data compilation efforts, the *State of the Art* and *State Court Caseload Statistics: 1975 Annual Report*, classification problems arose from the multitude of categories and terms used by the states to report their caseloads. This suggested the need for a model annual report and a statistical dictionary of terms for court usage.

The *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*, published in 1980, provided the first set of common terminology, definitions, and usage for reporting appellate and trial court caseloads. Terms for reporting data on case disposition methods were provided in the *Dictionary* and in other project publications. The classification scheme and associated definitions served as a model framework for developing comparable and useful data. A second edition, *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, 1989*, consolidated the original 1980 version with the 1984 *Supplement*.

Once a set of recommended terms was adopted, the project's focus shifted to assessing the comparability of caseload data reported by the courts to those terms. It became particularly important to detail the subject matter jurisdiction and methods of counting cases in each state court. Problems related to categorizing and counting cases in the trial and appellate courts were resolved through the development of the *1984 State Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting* and the *1984 State Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide for Statistical Reporting*. The 1981 annual report detailed the impact of the *Trial Court Jurisdiction Guide* on the Court Statistics Project data collection and the 1984 annual report described the effect of the *Appellate Court Jurisdiction Guide*.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting (Guide)*, originally published in 2004, represents the Court Statistics Project's new data reporting format. Building upon the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*, the *Guide* includes expanded case type classification matrices, definitions for case types that were not included in the original *Dictionary*, and more detailed manner of disposition categories. The *Guide* serves as the model reporting framework for developing comparable and useful data.

The *State Court Organization* series is a valuable complement to the annual report series. *State Court Organization 2004* describes in great depth the structure, organization, and management of the state trial and appellate courts.

### **Sources of Data**

Information for the national caseload databases comes from published and unpublished sources provided by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. Published data typically come from official state court annual reports, which vary in form and detail. Although constituting the most reliable and valid data available at the state level, they arrive from statistical data filed monthly, quarterly, or annually by numerous local jurisdictions and, in most states, several trial and appellate court systems. Moreover, many of these caseload statistics are primarily collected to assist states in managing their own systems and are not prepared specifically for inclusion in the COSCA/NCSC caseload statistics report series.

Some states do not publish an annual report or publish only limited caseload statistics for either trial or appellate courts. The Court Statistics Project receives unpublished data from those states in a wide range of forms, including internal management memos, computer-generated output, and the project's statistical and jurisdictional profiles, which are updated by state court administrative office staff.

Extensive telephone contact and follow-up correspondence are used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and determine the legal jurisdiction of each court. Information is also collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate court clerks); the state population (based on Bureau of the Census revised estimates); and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. Appendix 2 lists the source of each state's 2007 caseload statistics.

### **Data Collection Procedures**

The 2007 data collection marked the fifth year of use for the trial court "Caseload Summary" matrices of the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* as well as the first use of the appellate court "Caseload Summary," "Manner of Disposition," "Type of Court Opinion," and "Case Outcome" matrices. The implementation of the *Guide's* appellate matrices necessitated a review of all the appellate court data elements reported by each state to ensure that the 2007 data was consistent with the *Guide's* recommended case type definitions and classifications. Trial court trend data continues to be reviewed and updated, when needed, to provide consistency with the *Guide* recommendations over time. Appellate court trend data is not included in the current volume.

The following outline summarizes the major tasks involved in compiling the 2007 caseload data reported in this volume:

- A.** The 2007 state reports were evaluated to note changes in the categories and terminology used for data reporting, changes in the range of available data, and changes in the state's court organization or jurisdiction. This entailed a direct comparison of the 2007 material with the contents of individual states' 2006 annual reports. Project staff used a copy of each state's 2006 trial and appellate court statistical spreadsheets, trial and appellate court jurisdiction guides, and the state court structure chart as worksheets for gathering the 2007 data. Use of the previous year's spreadsheets provides the data collector with a reference point to identify and replicate the logic used in the data collection and ensures consistency over time in the report series. The caseload data were entered onto the 2007 spreadsheets. Caseload terminology is defined by the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*.
- B.** Caseload numbers were screened for significant changes from the previous year. A record that documents and, where possible, explains such changes is maintained. This process serves as another reliability check by identifying statutory, organizational, or procedural changes that potentially had an effect on the size of the reported court caseload.
- C.** The data were then transferred from the handwritten copy to computer databases that are created as Excel spreadsheets. Mathematical formulas are embedded in each spreadsheet to compute the caseload totals. Linked spreadsheets contain the information on the number of judges, court jurisdiction, and state population needed to generate caseload tables for the 2007 report.

**D.** After the data were entered and checked for entry errors and internal consistency, spreadsheets were generated for the appellate and trial courts using Excel software. The spreadsheet relates the total for each model reporting category to the category or categories the state used to report its caseload numbers.

**E.** Trial and appellate court spreadsheets for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are sent directly to the states' administrative offices of the courts and/or the appellate court clerks' offices for verification. This step in the data collection process (which began with the 1989 report) provides further assurance of data accuracy and often yields the bonus of additional caseload data or improved information on the content and accuracy of the data. If the states' administrative office of the courts and/or the appellate court clerks' office did not verify the spreadsheets, then the data obtained from the 2007 state reports are considered to be complete and the way in which the CSP staff has matched the case types listed in the state's report to the *Guide's* case types are considered to be accurate.

**F.** The final databases are stored in SPSS and Excel at the NCSC. The annual CSP databases are also archived with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan.

### **Ongoing Data Collection**

Four basic types of data elements are collected by the Court Statistics Project: (1) trial court caseload statistics, (2) trial court jurisdictional/organizational information, (3) appellate court caseload statistics, and (4) appellate court jurisdictional/organizational information.

For trial courts, emphasis is placed on reporting the total number of civil, domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, and traffic/other violations cases according to the model reporting format. Each of these major case categories can be reduced to more specific case sub-categories and/or case types. For example, civil consists of the sub-categories of tort, contract, real property, probate/estate, civil appeals, and miscellaneous civil as well as the case types of small claims, mental health, and "other" civil. The sub-categories, however, can be further refined into specific case types; for example, the tort sub-category can be divided into automobile tort, intentional tort, medical and legal malpractice, premises liability, product liability, and slander/libel/defamation cases.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* recommends that trial court caseload statistics be collected for "pending," "incoming," "outgoing," and "set for review" cases. Pending caseloads are the sum of active and inactive pending cases at the beginning and end of the reporting period. Incoming caseloads are the sum of those cases that are *newly filed, reopened, and reactivated*. Outgoing caseloads are the sum of *entries of judgment, reopened dispositions, and cases that were placed on inactive status*. Set for review caseloads report the number of cases which have received an initial disposition, but for which there are scheduled regular, additional judicial reviews. With the implementation of the *Guide's* trial court "Caseload Summary" matrix, project staff requested that each state report caseloads in each of these status categories. All case counts that are received are entered into the database for each case type.

The trial court jurisdictional profile collects an assortment of information relevant to the organization and jurisdiction of each trial court system. Before the use of Excel spreadsheets for reporting statistical data, the main purpose of the profile was to translate the terminology used by the states when reporting statistical information into generic terms recommended by the *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary, 1989*. The jurisdictional profile currently collects information on number of courts, number of judges, methods of counting cases, availability of jury trials, and dollar amount jurisdiction of the court.

There are also statistical spreadsheets and jurisdiction guides for each state appellate court. For appellate courts, emphasis is placed on reporting the total number of appeal by right, appeal by permission, death penalty, and original proceeding cases according to the model reporting format. Each of these major case categories can be reduced to more specific case sub-categories and/or case types. For example, both appeal by right and appeal by permission contain the sub-categories of criminal, civil, and administrative agency appeals as well as an "other appeal by right/permission" case type. The sub-categories, however, can be further refined into specific case

types; for example, the civil sub-category can be divided into tort, contract, and real property; probate; family; juvenile; and other civil appeals.

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* recommends that appellate court caseload statistics be collected for "pending," "incoming," "outgoing," and "interlocutory" cases. Pending caseloads are the sum of active and inactive pending cases at the beginning and end of the reporting period. Incoming caseloads are the sum of those cases that are *filed* and *reactivated*. Outgoing caseloads are the sum of *disposed* and cases that were *placed on inactive status*. Interlocutory caseloads report the number of filed appeals that originated from a non-final trial court or administrative agency order. With the implementation of the *Guide's* appellate court "Caseload Summary" matrix, project staff requested that each state report caseloads in each of these status categories.

In addition to the "Caseload Summary," the *Guide* recommends that appellate court caseload statistics be collected for "Manner of Disposition," "Type of Court Opinion," and "Case Outcome." These three matrices provide additional detail that describes the characteristics of the court's disposed appeals/proceedings. The "Manner of Disposition" matrix records whether or not the appeal/proceeding was disposed by a *decision*. Dispositions that occur prior to *decision* include *permission denied (applicable only to appeal by permission cases)*, *dismissed prior to decision*, *settled/withdrawn*, *court ADR*, and *transferred*. Court opinions are reported as *full opinion*, *memorandum*, or *summary/dispositional* orders. Case outcomes include *affirmed/granted*, *reversed/denied*, *modified/granted in part*, and *dismissed*. All case counts that are received are entered into the database for each case type.

The appellate court jurisdiction guide contains information about each court, including number of court locations, number of justices/judges, unit of count for each case category, point at which appeals/proceedings are counted as cases, and use of panels.

### **Supplementary Data Collection**

The Court Statistics Project historically supplemented its ongoing, general data collection efforts by collecting manner of disposition data from the state courts. All of the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were asked to supply manner of disposition data for both their trial and appellate courts. Disposition statistics are useful in comparing court backlogs, case management systems, and the impact of specialized programs such as arbitration and mediation.

Several obstacles hinder the achievement of comprehensive national statistics on manner of disposition for court cases. First, some states do not collect any disposition data. Second, other states define disposition categories differently, so information may not be comparable. For example, many trial courts have a different definition of what a bench trial is and what is considered a hearing before a judge. States with a very high bench trial rate are typically using a more liberal definition of what constitutes a bench trial. As an additional example, some appellate courts may consider the granting of an appeal by permission as a disposition while others do not. Such a practice results in the double counting of an appeal's disposition since it is first counted as disposed when review is granted and again once the appeal is reviewed. Third, the mix of cases included in disposition totals may vary. For example, some states report contested and uncontested divorce cases together, while others do not. Also, differences in subject matter jurisdiction, court structure, and units for counting cases will affect the use of manner of disposition statistics.

In an effort to overcome these obstacles, the Court Statistics Project has taken a two phase approach to manner of disposition data collection. The first phase focuses on the collection of appellate court manner of disposition data, and the "Manner of Disposition," "Type of Court Opinion," and "Case Outcome" matrices (described above) are included in the implementation of the appellate section of the *Guide*. The second phase will focus on the collection of trial court manner of disposition data, determining from the trial courts the types of manner of disposition data that they are most likely to collect and the best means for defining those disposition types. The collection of trial court manner of disposition data is temporarily suspended while the Court Statistics Project focuses on the implementation of the appellate court manner of disposition matrices.

## Comparability

Comparability is possible when states use similar methods for counting cases and report information for a similar range of case types. The unit of count for a criminal case, as well as the point at which states count criminal cases as being filed, provide good examples of the variations that can affect comparability. The table below shows the unit of counts and points of filing used by the states.

The criminal case count will vary significantly depending on the unit of count and point of filing definitions that a state employs. For example, if there are two defendants that commit three criminal offenses, the count of criminal cases can range from 1 (one or more defendants/single incident) to 6 (single defendant/single charge). The recommended unit of count (single defendant/single incident) would render 2 criminal cases.

<u>Definitions for unit of count—Criminal</u>	<u>Number of states</u>
Single Defendant/Single Charge	3
Single Defendant/Single Incident (Recommended)	28
Single Defendant/One or More Incidents	8
Single Defendant/Varies with Prosecutor	3
One or More Defendants/Single Incident	4
One or More Defendants/One or More Incidents	5
Varies with Prosecutor/Varies with Prosecutor	1

<u>Definition of point of count—Criminal</u>	<u>Number of states</u>
At the filing of the Information or Indictment	38
At the filing of the Information or Complaint	1
At the filing of Complaint (Warrant/Accusation)	6
At the Arraignment (First Appearance)	5
Varies (at filing of the complaint, information, indictment)	2

The point at which a state counts a jury trial provides another example of how the use of different procedures affects comparability. The table below shows the relative use of alternative trial definitions.

The definitional differences for trials explain some of the variation in trial rates. Generally, most states providing data define a trial in a way that inflates the number of cases disposed at trial.

<u>Definitions</u>	<u>Number of states which use definition for criminal</u>	<u>Number of states which use definition for civil</u>
A) A jury trial is counted when a jury is selected, impaneled, or sworn. A nonjury (bench) trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or first witness is sworn. (Recommended)	36	35
B) A jury trial is counted at introduction or swearing of first witness. A nonjury (bench) trial is counted when evidence is first introduced or swearing of first witness.	2	2
C) A jury trial is counted at verdict or decision. A nonjury (bench) trial is counted at the decision.	14	15

## **Footnotes**

Footnotes indicate the degree to which a court's statistics conform to the Court Statistics Project's reporting categories defined in the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. Footnoted caseload statistics are either overinclusive, in that they contain case types other than those defined for the term in the *Guide*, or incomplete, in that some case types defined for the term in the *Guide* are not included. It is possible for a caseload statistic to contain inapplicable case types while also omitting those which are applicable, making the total or subtotal simultaneously overinclusive and incomplete.

This volume uses a simplified system of footnotes. An "A" footnote indicates that the caseload statistic for a statewide court system does not include some of the recommended case types; a "B" footnote indicates that the statistic includes some extraneous case types; a "C" footnote indicates that the data are both incomplete and overinclusive. The text of the footnote explains for each court system how the caseload data differ from the term defined by the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting*. Caseload statistics that are not qualified by a footnote conform to the *Guide's* definition.

Incoming and outgoing caseloads are also affected by the unit and method of count used by the states, differing subject matter and dollar amount jurisdiction, and different court system structures. Most of these differences are described in the figures found in this volume and are summarized in the court structure chart for each state. The most important differences are reported in summary form in the main caseload tables.

## **Variations in Reporting Periods**

As indicated in Figure A, some states report data by calendar year, others by fiscal year, and a few appellate courts by court term. Therefore, the 12-month period covered in this report is not the same for all courts.

This report reflects the 2007 organization and jurisdiction of the state courts. Since 1975, courts have dissolved, new courts have been created at both the appellate and trial level, courts have changed counting or reporting methods, and additional courts have reported data to the Court Statistics Project. Also, the dollar amount limits of civil jurisdiction in many trial courts vary. Care is therefore required when comparing 2007 data to previous years. The trend analysis used in this report offers a model for undertaking such comparisons.

## **Final Note**

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## Sources of 2007 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Alabama	Data provided by Supreme Court staff	Data provided by the Clerks of the Court of Civil Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals	FY2007 Annual Report & Statistics <a href="http://www.alacourt.gov">www.alacourt.gov</a>	FY2007 Annual Report & Statistics <a href="http://www.alacourt.gov">www.alacourt.gov</a>
Alaska	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and the Alaska Court System	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and the Alaska Court System	Data provided by the Office of Administrative Director	Data provided by the Office of Administrative Director
Arizona	Data provided by Supreme Court staff and The Arizona Courts, 2007 Data Book Volume 1 <a href="http://www.supreme.state.az.us">www.supreme.state.az.us</a>	Data provided by Supreme Court staff and The Arizona Courts, 2007 Data Book Volume 1 <a href="http://www.supreme.state.az.us">www.supreme.state.az.us</a>	The Arizona Courts, 2007 Data Book Volume 1 <a href="http://www.supreme.state.az.us">www.supreme.state.az.us</a>	The Arizona Courts, 2007 Data Book Volume 2 <a href="http://www.supreme.state.az.us">www.supreme.state.az.us</a>
Arkansas	Statistical Supplement to the 2007 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary <a href="http://www.courts.state.ar.us">www.courts.state.ar.us</a>	Statistical Supplement to the 2007 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary <a href="http://www.courts.state.ar.us">www.courts.state.ar.us</a>	Statistical Supplement to the 2007 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary <a href="http://www.courts.state.ar.us">www.courts.state.ar.us</a>	Statistical Supplement to the 2007 Annual Report of the Arkansas Judiciary <a href="http://www.courts.state.ar.us">www.courts.state.ar.us</a>
California	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and Judicial Council of California, 2007 Court Statistics Report <a href="http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov">www.courtinfo.ca.gov</a>	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and Judicial Council of California, 2007 Court Statistics Report <a href="http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov">www.courtinfo.ca.gov</a>	2007 Court Statistics Report, Statewide Caseload Trends, 1996-1997 through 2005-2007 <a href="http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov">www.courtinfo.ca.gov</a>	_____
Colorado	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Colorado Judicial Branch FY2007 Annual Statistical Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.co.us">www.courts.state.co.us</a>	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the Colorado Judicial Branch FY2007 Annual Statistical Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.co.us">www.courts.state.co.us</a>	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2007 Annual Statistical Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.co.us">www.courts.state.co.us</a>	Colorado Judicial Branch FY2007 Annual Statistical Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.co.us">www.courts.state.co.us</a>  For Denver County Court, Annual Report 2007 <a href="http://www.denvergov.org/CourtyCourt/">www.denvergov.org/CourtyCourt/</a>
Connecticut	Data provided by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Supreme Court and the Biennial Report of the Judicial Branch, 2004-2007 <a href="http://www.jud.ct.gov">www.jud.ct.gov</a>	Biennial Report of the Judicial Branch, 2004-2007 <a href="http://www.jud.ct.gov">www.jud.ct.gov</a>	Data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator
Delaware	2007 Annual Statistical Report of the Delaware Judiciary <a href="http://www.courts.state.de.us">www.courts.state.de.us</a>	_____	2007 Annual Report and Statistical Information for the Delaware Judiciary <a href="http://courts.delaware.gov">http://courts.delaware.gov</a>	2007 Annual Report and Statistical Information for the Delaware Judiciary <a href="http://courts.delaware.gov">http://courts.delaware.gov</a>
District of Columbia	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and District of Columbia Courts, 2007 Annual Report <a href="http://www.dccourts.gov">www.dccourts.gov</a>	_____	District of Columbia Courts, 2007 Annual Report <a href="http://www.dccourts.gov">www.dccourts.gov</a>	_____
Florida	Data provided by Supreme Court staff	Data provided by Supreme Court staff	Trial court statistics query tool: <a href="http://www.flcourts.org">www.flcourts.org</a>	Trial court statistics query tool: <a href="http://www.flcourts.org">www.flcourts.org</a>

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Georgia	Supreme Court of Georgia Caseload Report for CY 2007 <a href="http://www.gasupreme.us">www.gasupreme.us</a>	Data provided by Court of Appeals staff	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Hawaii	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, 2007 Annual Report Statistical Supplement <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us">www.courts.state.hi.us</a>	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, 2007 Annual Report Statistical Supplement <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us">www.courts.state.hi.us</a>	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, 2007 Annual Report Statistical Supplement <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us">www.courts.state.hi.us</a>	The Judiciary, State of Hawaii, 2007 Annual Report Statistical Supplement <a href="http://www.courts.state.hi.us">www.courts.state.hi.us</a>
Idaho	Data provided by Supreme Court staff and Appendix to the Idaho Courts Annual Report for 2007 <a href="http://www.isc.idaho.gov">www.isc.idaho.gov</a>	Data provided by Supreme Court staff and Appendix to the Idaho Courts Annual Report for 2007 <a href="http://www.isc.idaho.gov">www.isc.idaho.gov</a>	Appendix to the Idaho Courts Annual Report for 2007 <a href="http://www.isc.idaho.gov">www.isc.idaho.gov</a>	Appendix to the Idaho Courts Annual Report for 2007 <a href="http://www.isc.idaho.gov">www.isc.idaho.gov</a>
Illinois	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2007 <a href="http://www.state.il.us/court">www.state.il.us/court</a>	Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2007 <a href="http://www.state.il.us/court">www.state.il.us/court</a>	Annual Report of the Illinois Courts, Statistical Summary 2007 <a href="http://www.state.il.us">www.state.il.us</a>	_____
Indiana	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk	2007 Indiana Judicial Service Report, Volume II <a href="http://www.in.gov/judiciary">www.in.gov/judiciary</a>	2007 Indiana Judicial Service Report, Volume II <a href="http://www.in.gov/judiciary">www.in.gov/judiciary</a>
Iowa	Data provided by State Court Administration staff	Data provided by State Court Administration staff	Data provided by State Court Administration staff	_____
Kansas	Data provided by the Office of Judicial Administration and Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas, FY2007 <a href="http://www.kscourts.org">www.kscourts.org</a>	Data provided by the Office of Judicial Administration and Annual Report of the Courts of Kansas, FY2007 <a href="http://www.kscourts.org">www.kscourts.org</a>	Data provided by the Office of Judicial Administration	Data provided by the Office of Judicial Administration
Kentucky	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Louisiana	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator's Office	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator's Office	Data provided by the Judicial Administrator's Office
Maine	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	_____	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Maryland	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Maryland Judiciary, Annual Statistical Abstract, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.md.us">www.courts.state.md.us</a>	Maryland Judiciary, Annual Statistical Abstract, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.md.us">www.courts.state.md.us</a>
Massachusetts	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appeals Court	Trial Court Case Statistics Directory, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.mass.gov">www.mass.gov</a>	Trial Court Case Statistics Directory, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.mass.gov">www.mass.gov</a>

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Minnesota	Data provided by the State Court Administrator's Office	Data provided by the State Court Administrator's Office	Data provided by the State Court Administrator's Office	_____
Mississippi	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk	Data provided by the Appellate Court Clerk	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Date provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Missouri	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Montana	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 2007 Annual Report of the Judiciary of the State of Montana <a href="http://www.courts.mt.gov">www.courts.mt.gov</a>	_____	2007 Annual Report for Montana Courts <a href="http://www.courts.mt.gov">www.courts.mt.gov</a>	2007 Annual Report for Montana Courts <a href="http://www.courts.mt.gov">www.courts.mt.gov</a>
Nebraska	Data provided by the Supreme Court Clerk and The Courts of Nebraska, 2007 Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://court.nol.org/">http://court.nol.org/</a>	Data provided by the Supreme Court Clerk and The Courts of Nebraska, 2007 Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Annual Caseload Report <a href="http://court.nol.org/">http://court.nol.org/</a>	2007 Annual Caseload Report for all Nebraska Courts <a href="http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov">www.supremecourt.ne.gov</a>	2007 Annual Caseload Report for all Nebraska Courts <a href="http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov">www.supremecourt.ne.gov</a>
Nevada	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	_____	Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary, FY 2007 <a href="http://www.nvsupremecourt.us">www.nvsupremecourt.us</a>	Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary, FY 2007 <a href="http://www.nvsupremecourt.us">www.nvsupremecourt.us</a>
New Hampshire	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	_____	_____	_____
New Jersey	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
New Mexico	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals	New Mexico State Court 2007 Annual Report <a href="http://www.nmcourts.gov">www.nmcourts.gov</a>	New Mexico State Court 2007 Annual Report <a href="http://www.nmcourts.gov">www.nmcourts.gov</a>
New York	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration
North Carolina	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals	North Carolina Statistical and Operational Summary of the Judicial Branch of Government, FY 2006-2007 <a href="http://www.nccourts.org">www.nccourts.org</a>	North Carolina Statistical and Operational Summary of the Judicial Branch of Government, FY 2006-2007 <a href="http://www.nccourts.org">www.nccourts.org</a>
North Dakota	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data not available

## Sources of 2007 State Court Caseload Statistics

State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Ohio	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and The 2007 Ohio Courts Summary <a href="http://www.sconet.state.oh.us">www.sconet.state.oh.us</a>	The 2007 Ohio Courts Summary <a href="http://www.sconet.state.oh.us">www.sconet.state.oh.us</a>	Ohio Courts Summary 2007 <a href="http://www.supremecourtofohio.gov">www.supremecourtofohio.gov</a>	Ohio Courts Summary 2007 <a href="http://www.supremecourtofohio.gov">www.supremecourtofohio.gov</a>
Oklahoma	Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma Annual Report FY 2007	Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma Annual Report FY 2007	Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma Annual Report FY 2007	Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma Annual Report FY 2007
Oregon	Data provided by the Director of Appellate Court Services	Data provided by the Director of Appellate Court Services	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Pennsylvania	Data provided by the Office of the Prothonotary	Data provided by the Office of the Prothonotary, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania Annual Report 2007, and the Commonwealth Court 2007 Statistical Report	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Puerto Rico	Data provided by the Office of the Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the Court Administrator	Data provided by the Office of the Court Administrator	_____
Rhode Island	Data provided by staff of the Judicial Planning Unit	_____	Data provided by staff of the Judicial Planning Unit	Data provided by staff of the Judicial Planning Unit
South Carolina	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	Data provided by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration.
South Dakota	Data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the FY 2007 Annual Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System	_____	FY 2007 Annual Statistical Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System	_____
Tennessee	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.  Some Juvenile Court data provided by Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Statistical Report
Texas	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration and the Annual Report of the Texas Judicial System, FY 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Data provided by the Office of Court Administration and the Annual Report of the Texas Judicial System, FY 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>	Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary, Fiscal Year 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us">www.courts.state.tx.us</a>
Utah	Data provided by the Appellate Court Administrator	Data provided by the Appellate Court Administrator	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts

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State	Courts of Last Resort	Intermediate Appellate	General Jurisdiction	Limited Jurisdiction
Vermont	Data provided by the Office of the Court Administrator and Supreme Court FY2007 Statistics <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>	_____	FY2007 Statistics <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>	FY2007 Statistics <a href="http://www.vermontjudiciary.org">www.vermontjudiciary.org</a>
Virginia	2007 Virginia State of the Judiciary Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	2007 Virginia State of the Judiciary Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	2007 Virginia State of the Judiciary Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>	2007 Virginia State of the Judiciary Report <a href="http://www.courts.state.va.us">www.courts.state.va.us</a>
Washington	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and The Supreme Court Annual Tables, 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and The Supreme Court Annual Tables, 2007 <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	2007 Annual Caseload Reports <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>	2007 Annual Caseload Reports <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov">www.courts.wa.gov</a>
West Virginia	West Virginia Court System 2007 Annual Report <a href="http://www.state.wv.us/wvsca">www.state.wv.us/wvsca</a>	_____	Data provided by Division of Court Services, WV Supreme Court of Appeals	Data provided by Division of Court Services, WV Supreme Court of Appeals
Wisconsin	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts	Data provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts	Circuit Court Statistical Reports, 2007, <a href="http://www.wicourts.gov">www.wicourts.gov</a>	Data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Wyoming	Data provided by the Supreme Court of Wyoming	_____	Data not available	Data provided by the Supreme Court of Wyoming

## Resident Population, 2007

State or territory	Population (in thousands)		
	2007 Juvenile	2007 Adult	2007 Total
ALABAMA	1,171	3,457	4,628
ALASKA	208	476	683
ARIZONA	1,686	4,653	6,339
ARKANSAS	720	2,115	2,835
CALIFORNIA	9,979	26,574	36,553
COLORADO	1,245	3,617	4,862
CONNECTICUT	865	2,637	3,502
DELAWARE	214	650	865
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	118	470	588
FLORIDA	4,161	14,090	18,251
GEORGIA	2,529	7,015	9,545
HAWAII	313	970	1,283
IDAHO	427	1,072	1,499
ILLINOIS	3,355	9,498	12,853
INDIANA	1,643	4,702	6,345
IOWA	750	2,238	2,988
KANSAS	736	2,040	2,776
KENTUCKY	1,043	3,198	4,241
LOUISIANA	1,172	3,121	4,293
MAINE	311	1,006	1,317
MARYLAND	1,438	4,180	5,618
MASSACHUSETTS	1,522	4,928	6,450
MICHIGAN	2,629	7,443	10,072
MINNESOTA	1,362	3,836	5,198
MISSISSIPPI	797	2,122	2,919
MISSOURI	1,499	4,379	5,878
MONTANA	244	714	958
NEBRASKA	467	1,308	1,775
NEVADA	657	1,909	2,565
NEW HAMPSHIRE	329	987	1,316
NEW JERSEY	2,154	6,532	8,686
NEW MEXICO	552	1,418	1,970
NEW YORK	4,767	14,531	19,298
NORTH CAROLINA	2,211	6,850	9,061
NORTH DAKOTA	160	480	640
OHIO	2,913	8,554	11,467
OKLAHOMA	937	2,680	3,617
OREGON	926	2,822	3,747
PENNSYLVANIA	2,959	9,474	12,433
PUERTO RICO	1,131	2,811	3,942
RHODE ISLAND	250	808	1,058
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,111	3,297	4,408
SOUTH DAKOTA	213	583	796
TENNESSEE	1,515	4,642	6,157
TEXAS	6,741	17,163	23,904
UTAH	852	1,794	2,645
VERMONT	150	471	621
VIRGINIA	1,897	5,815	7,712
WASHINGTON	1,662	4,806	6,468
WEST VIRGINIA	404	1,408	1,812
WISCONSIN	1,428	4,173	5,602
WYOMING	136	386	523
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,659</b>	<b>226,903</b>	<b>305,562</b>

Source for 2007 total population: Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007, released December 27, 2007.

## Total State Population for Trend Tables, 1998-2007

State or territory	Population (in thousands)									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alabama	4,352	4,370	4,447	4,464	4,487	4,501	4,530	4,558	4,590	4,628
Alaska	614	620	627	635	644	649	655	664	677	683
Arizona	4,669	4,778	5,131	5,307	5,456	5,581	5,744	5,939	6,166	6,339
Arkansas	2,538	2,551	2,673	2,692	2,710	2,726	2,753	2,779	2,809	2,835
California	32,667	33,145	33,872	34,501	35,116	35,484	35,894	36,132	36,250	36,553
Colorado	3,971	4,056	4,301	4,418	4,507	4,551	4,601	4,665	4,766	4,862
Connecticut	3,274	3,282	3,406	3,425	3,461	3,483	3,504	3,510	3,496	3,502
Delaware	744	754	784	796	807	817	830	844	853	865
District of Columbia	523	519	572	572	571	563	554	551	585	588
Florida	14,916	15,111	15,982	16,397	16,713	17,019	17,397	17,790	18,058	18,251
Georgia	7,642	7,788	8,186	8,384	8,560	8,560	8,829	9,073	9,342	9,545
Hawaii	1,193	1,185	1,212	1,224	1,245	1,258	1,263	1,275	1,279	1,283
Idaho	1,229	1,252	1,294	1,321	1,341	1,366	1,393	1,429	1,464	1,499
Illinois	12,045	12,128	12,419	12,482	12,601	12,654	12,714	12,763	12,777	12,853
Indiana	5,899	5,943	6,080	6,115	6,159	6,196	6,238	6,272	6,303	6,345
Iowa	2,862	2,869	2,926	2,923	2,937	2,944	2,954	2,966	2,973	2,988
Kansas	2,629	2,654	2,688	2,695	2,716	2,724	2,736	2,745	2,756	2,776
Kentucky	3,936	3,961	4,042	4,066	4,093	4,118	4,146	4,173	4,204	4,241
Louisiana	4,369	4,372	4,469	4,465	4,483	4,496	4,516	4,524	4,243	4,293
Maine	1,244	1,253	1,275	1,287	1,294	1,306	1,317	1,322	1,315	1,317
Maryland	5,135	5,172	5,296	5,375	5,458	5,509	5,558	5,600	5,602	5,618
Massachusetts	6,147	6,175	6,349	6,379	6,428	6,433	6,417	6,399	6,434	6,450
Michigan	9,817	9,864	9,938	9,991	10,050	10,080	10,113	10,121	10,102	10,072
Minnesota	4,725	4,776	4,919	4,972	5,020	5,059	5,101	5,133	5,155	5,198
Mississippi	2,752	2,769	2,845	2,858	2,872	2,881	2,903	2,921	2,899	2,919
Missouri	5,439	5,468	5,595	5,630	5,673	5,704	5,755	5,800	5,838	5,878
Montana	880	883	902	904	909	918	927	936	947	958
Nebraska	1,663	1,666	1,711	1,713	1,729	1,739	1,747	1,759	1,764	1,775
Nevada	1,747	1,809	1,998	2,106	2,173	2,241	2,335	2,415	2,492	2,565
New Hampshire	1,185	1,201	1,236	1,259	1,275	1,288	1,300	1,310	1,312	1,316
New Jersey	8,115	8,143	8,414	8,484	8,590	8,638	8,699	8,718	8,666	8,686
New Mexico	1,737	1,740	1,819	1,829	1,855	1,875	1,903	1,928	1,942	1,970
New York	18,175	18,197	18,976	19,011	19,158	19,190	19,227	19,255	19,282	19,298
North Carolina	7,546	7,651	8,049	8,186	8,320	8,407	8,541	8,683	8,869	9,061
North Dakota	638	634	642	634	634	634	634	637	637	640
Ohio	11,209	11,257	11,353	11,374	11,421	11,436	11,459	11,464	11,464	11,467
Oklahoma	3,347	3,358	3,451	3,460	3,494	3,512	3,524	3,548	3,578	3,617
Oregon	3,282	3,316	3,421	3,473	3,522	3,560	3,595	3,641	3,691	3,747
Pennsylvania	12,001	11,994	12,281	12,287	12,335	12,365	12,406	12,430	12,403	12,433
Puerto Rico	3,857	3,890	3,809	3,857	3,859	3,879	3,895	3,912	3,926	3,942
Rhode Island	988	991	1,048	1,059	1,070	1,076	1,081	1,076	1,062	1,058
South Carolina	3,836	3,886	4,012	4,063	4,107	4,147	4,198	4,255	4,330	4,408
South Dakota	738	733	755	757	761	764	771	776	788	796
Tennessee	5,431	5,484	5,689	5,740	5,797	5,842	5,901	5,963	6,075	6,157
Texas	19,760	20,044	20,852	21,325	21,780	22,119	22,490	22,860	23,408	23,904
Utah	2,100	2,130	2,233	2,270	2,316	2,351	2,389	2,470	2,580	2,645
Vermont	591	594	609	613	617	619	621	623	621	621
Virginia	6,791	6,873	7,079	7,188	7,294	7,386	7,460	7,567	7,640	7,712
Washington	5,689	5,756	5,894	5,988	6,069	6,131	6,204	6,288	6,375	6,468
West Virginia	1,811	1,807	1,808	1,802	1,802	1,810	1,815	1,817	1,809	1,812
Wisconsin	5,224	5,250	5,364	5,402	5,441	5,472	5,509	5,536	5,573	5,602
Wyoming	481	480	494	494	499	501	507	509	513	523
<b>Total</b>	<b>274,156</b>	<b>276,580</b>	<b>285,231</b>	<b>288,654</b>	<b>292,228</b>	<b>294,564</b>	<b>297,550</b>	<b>300,322</b>	<b>302,681</b>	<b>305,562</b>

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