



Judicial Resources Commission

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2026 Annual Meeting

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FY2026 caseloads

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

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New Cases Filed in FY2026

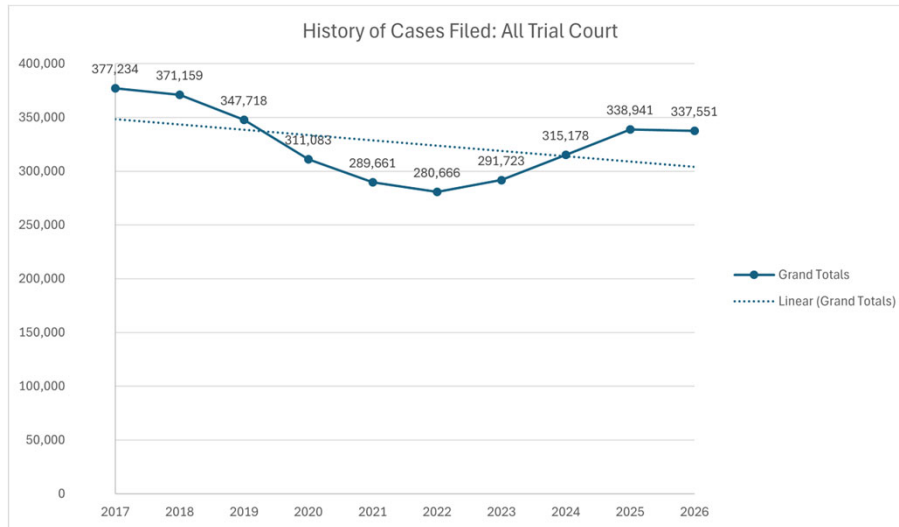
In FY2026, there were a total of **337,551** cases filed* in the district, county, and separate juvenile courts.

District Courts:	35,554 cases filed
County Courts:	298,061 cases filed
Separate Juvenile Courts:	3,936 cases filed*

* Data on juvenile abuse/neglect cases count children rather than cases

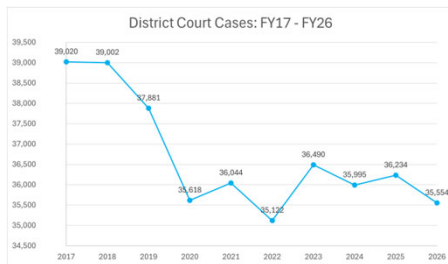
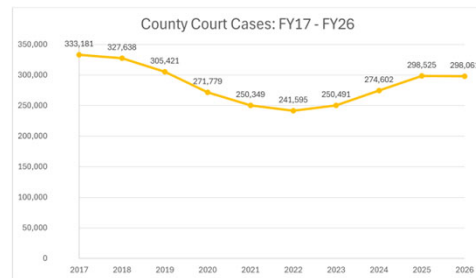
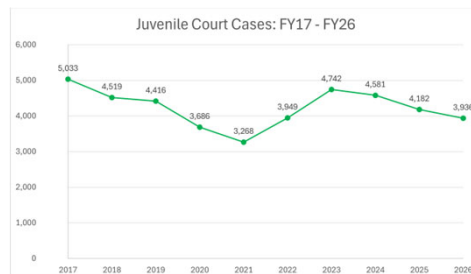
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History of Cases Filed: All Trial Courts



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10-Year Trend Lines



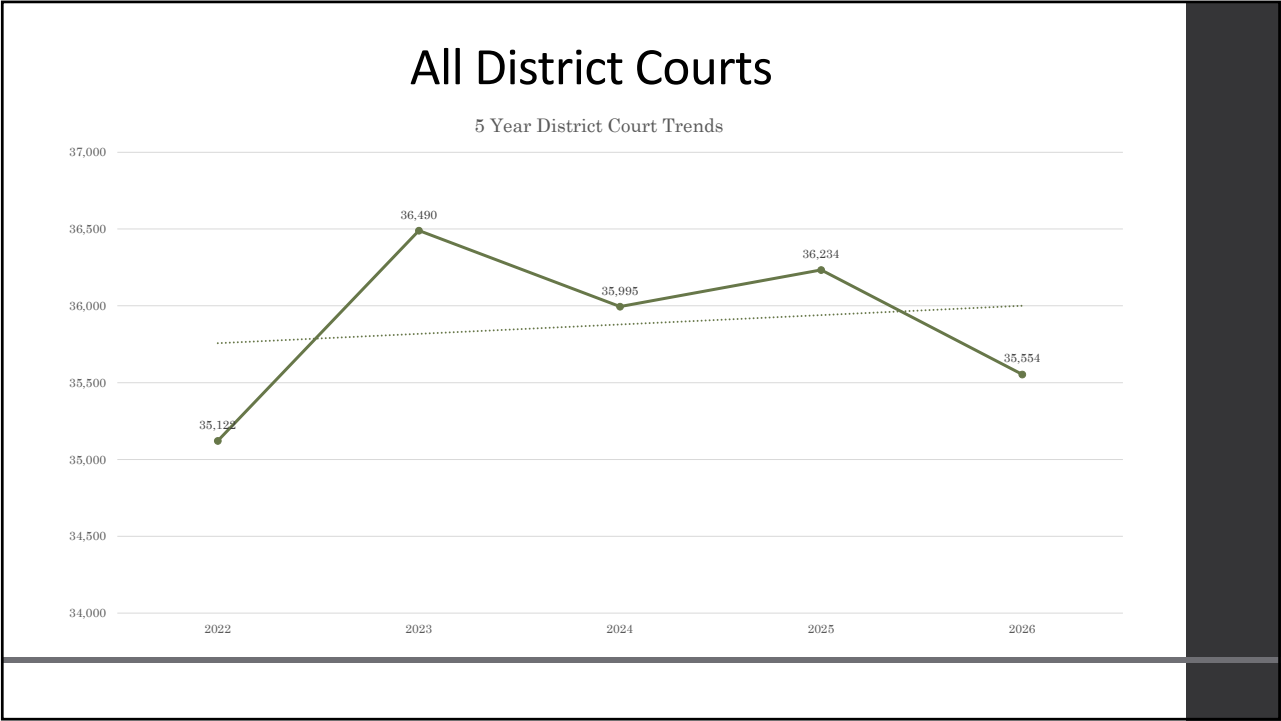
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A Closer Look at Caseload Trends

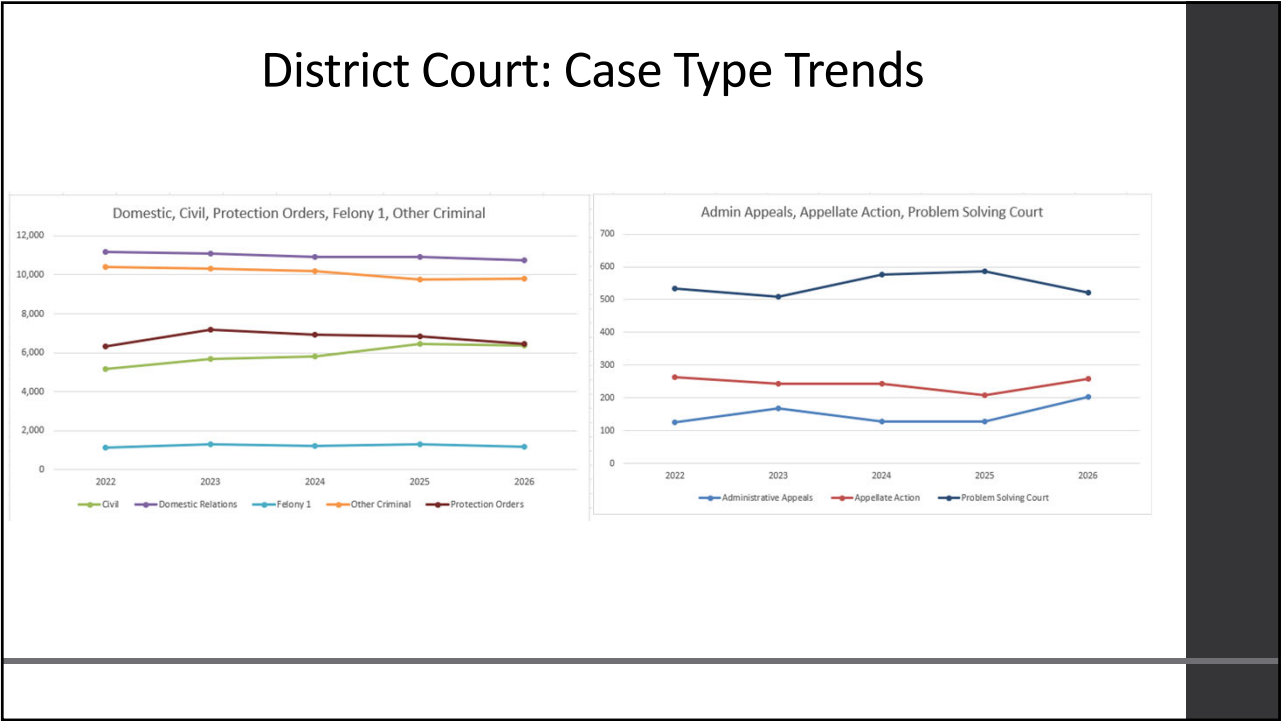
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DISTRICT COURTS

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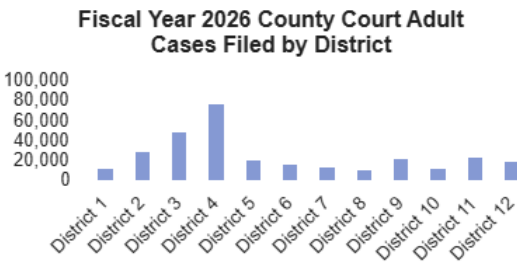


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COUNTY COURTS

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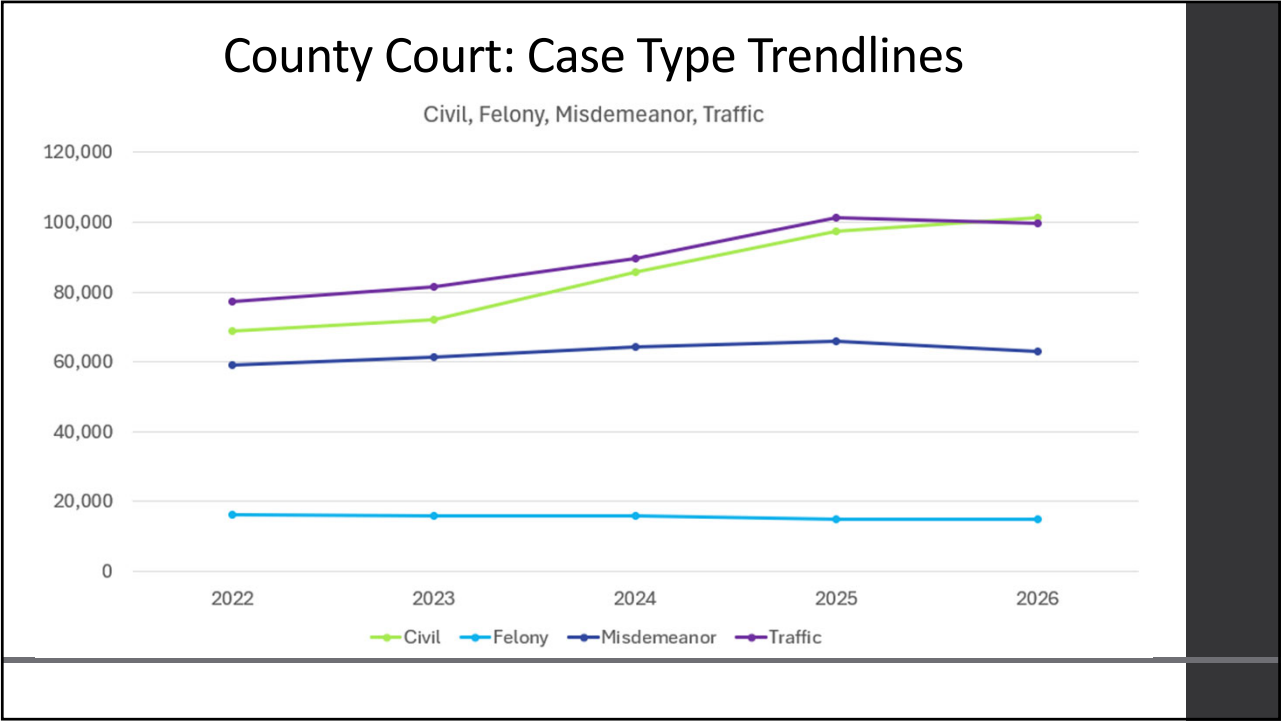
County Court Caseloads



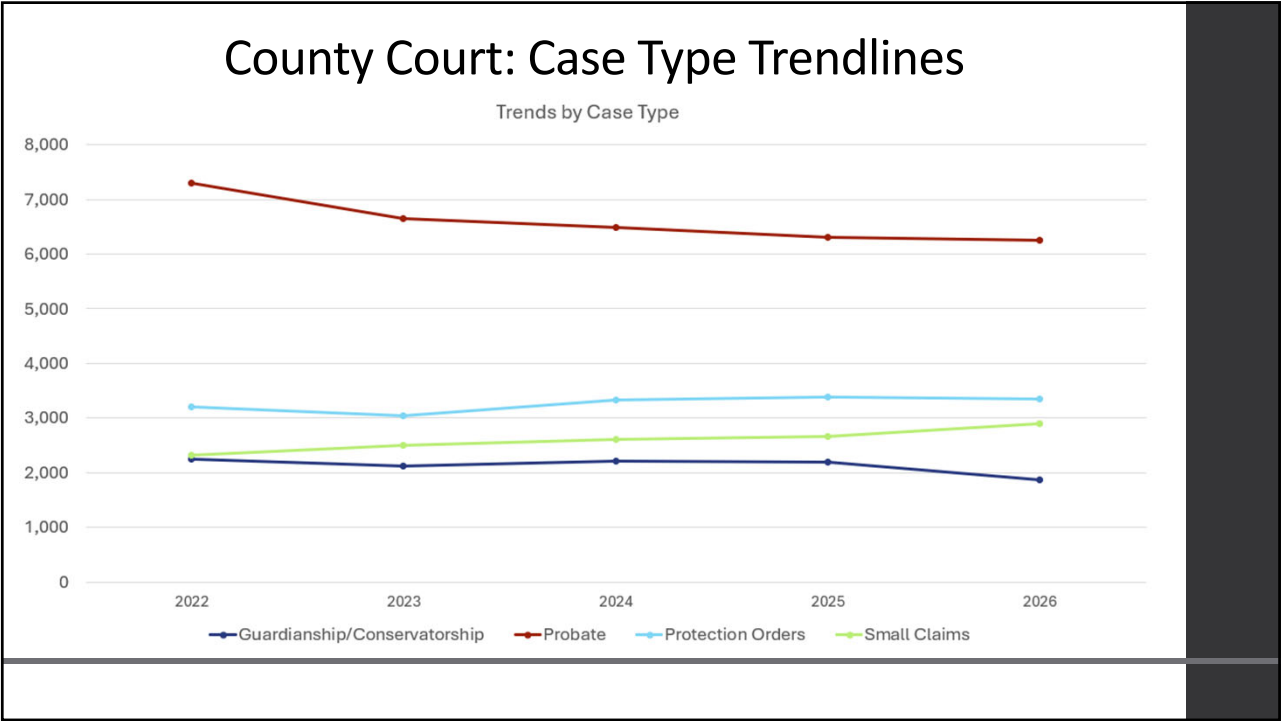
Historical Case Filed			
Fiscal Year	Adult Count	Juvenile Count	Total Case Filings
2017	328,004	5,177	333,181
2018	322,805	4,833	327,638
2019	300,974	4,447	305,421
2020	267,278	4,501	271,779
2021	246,057	4,292	250,349
2022	236,954	4,641	241,595
2023	245,723	4,768	250,491
2024	270,301	4,301	274,602
2025	294,260	4,265	298,525
2026	293,882	4,179	298,061

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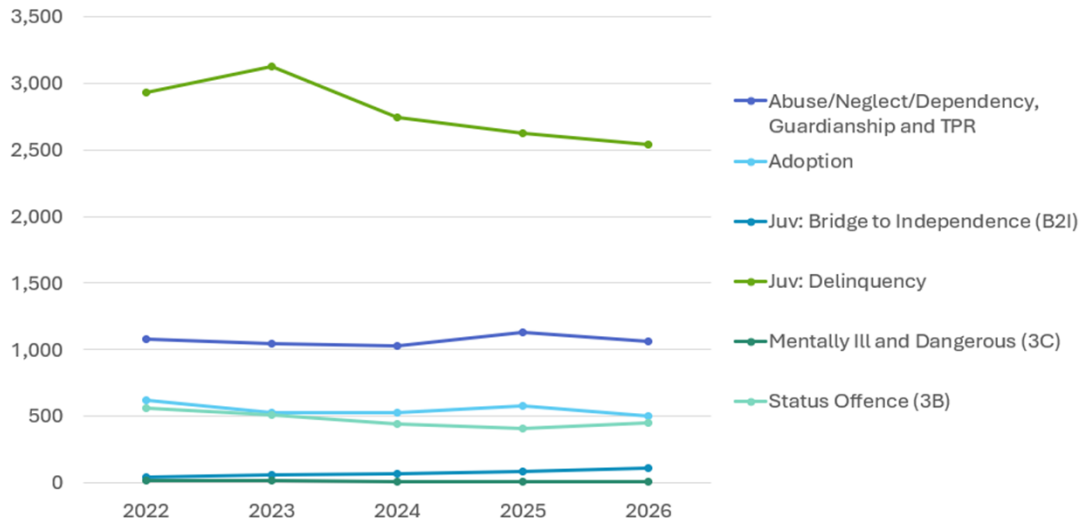
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County Court: Juvenile Caseloads

Trends by Case Type



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County Court 5-Year Summary

Overall, from 2022 to 2026, county courts experienced a 19.25% increase in cases filed.

Juvenile: 3A Children	-1.39%
Adoption	-18.88%
Civil	+47.13%
Domestic Relations*	100%
Felony	-7.81%
Guardianship/Conservatorship	-16.64%
Felony IV	-100%
Juvenile: Bridge to Independence (B2I)	+129.17%
Juvenile: Delinquency	-13.35%
Juvenile: Mentally Ill and Dangerous 3C	-27.78%
Misdemeanor	6.53%
Probate	-14.29%
Problem Solving Court	+170%
Protection Orders	+4.42%
Small Claims	+25.41%
Juvenile: Status Offender 3B	-20%
Traffic	+29.32%

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SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS

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Separate Juvenile Court Caseloads

2026 County Separate Juvenile Court

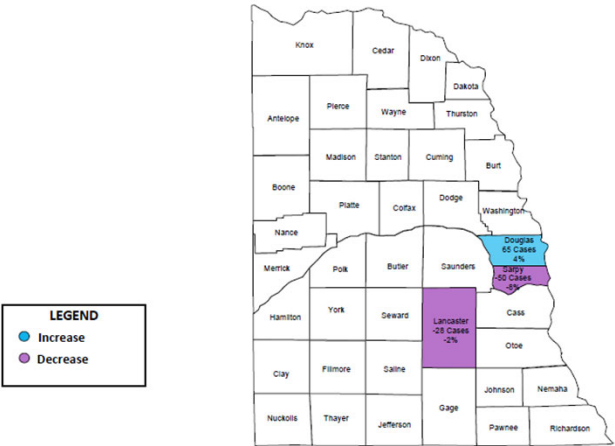
Separate Juvenile Courts Cases Filed - 10 Year History

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Sarpy	871	853	825	734	527	655	786	784	591	605
Lancaster	1,304	942	980	827	942	1,465	1,474	1,428	1,529	1,437
Douglas	2,858	2,724	2,611	2,125	1,799	1,829	2,482	2,369	2,062	1,894
Total	5,033	4,519	4,416	3,686	3,268	3,949	4,742	4,581	4,182	3,936

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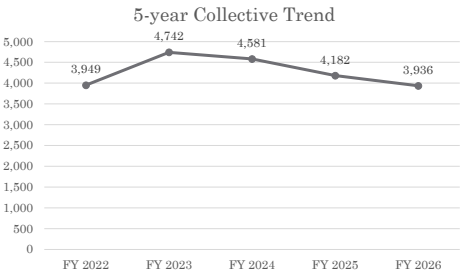
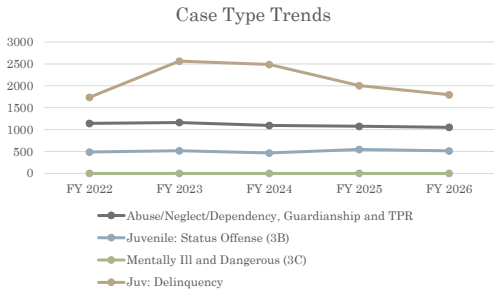
5-Year Juvenile Court Change

2022-2026
Statewide 13 decrease (-0.33% Change)

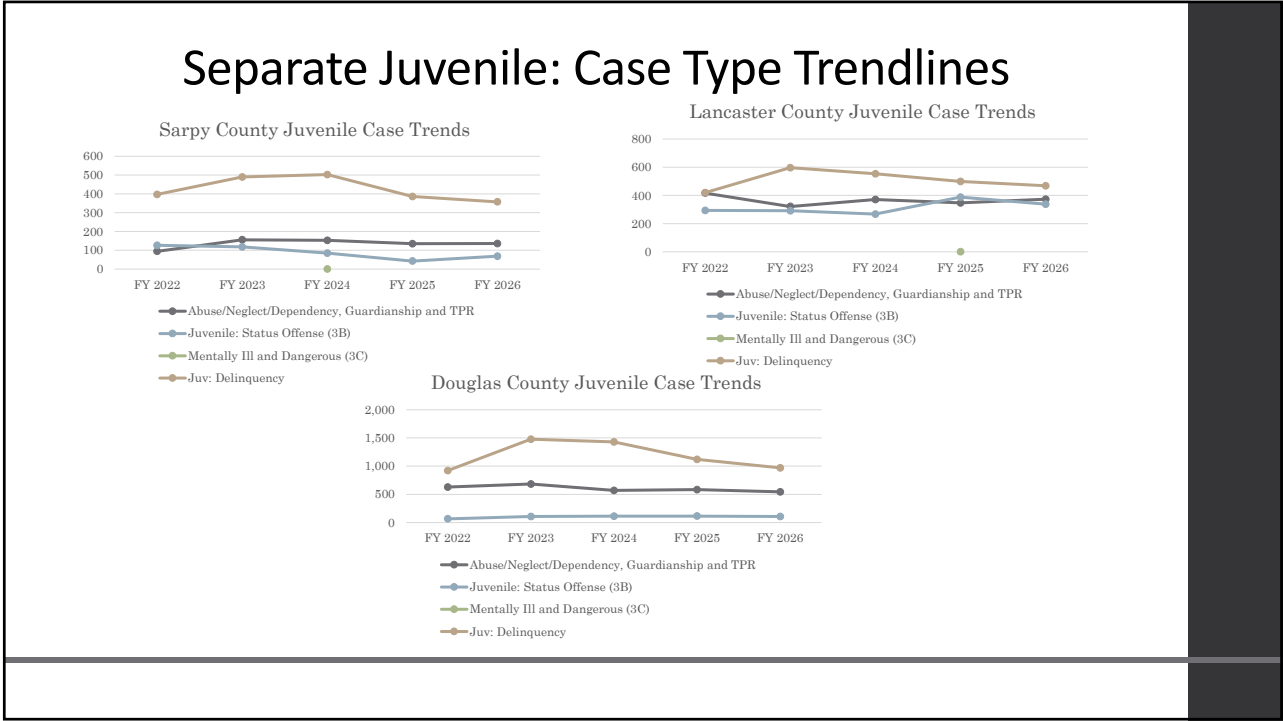


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Separate Juvenile Court: Collective Trendlines



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FY2026 Judicial Workload Statistics

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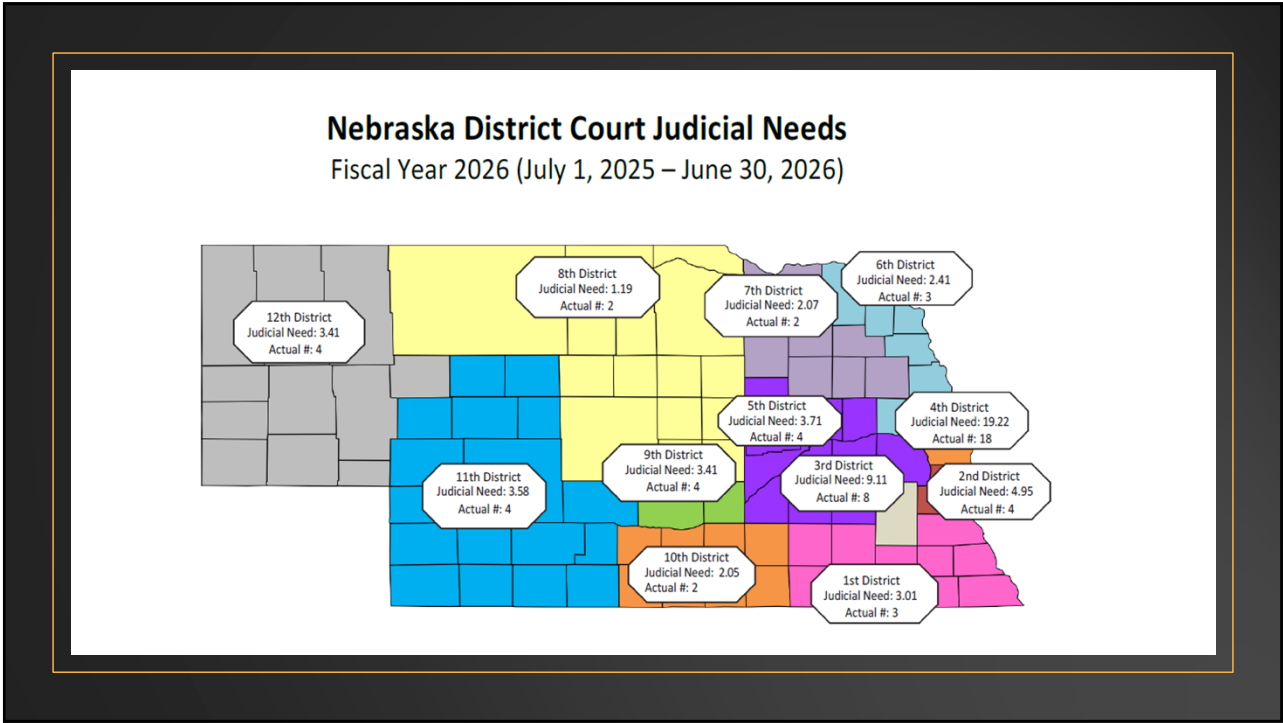
Judicial Workload Statistics Terminology

- ❖ **“Judicial Need”** is the number of cases by type, multiplied by corresponding case weights*, summed to calculate total time, and divided by judicial worktime (*based on the time study)
- ❖ **“Workload per judge” (WPJ)** is calculated by dividing the judicial need by the actual number of judges.
- ❖ Apply the **“Rounding Rule”**:
 - ❖ If $WPJ \geq 1.15$, consider adding a judge
 - ❖ If $WPJ < 0.6$, consider reducing a judge

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District Courts Judicial Workload Statistics

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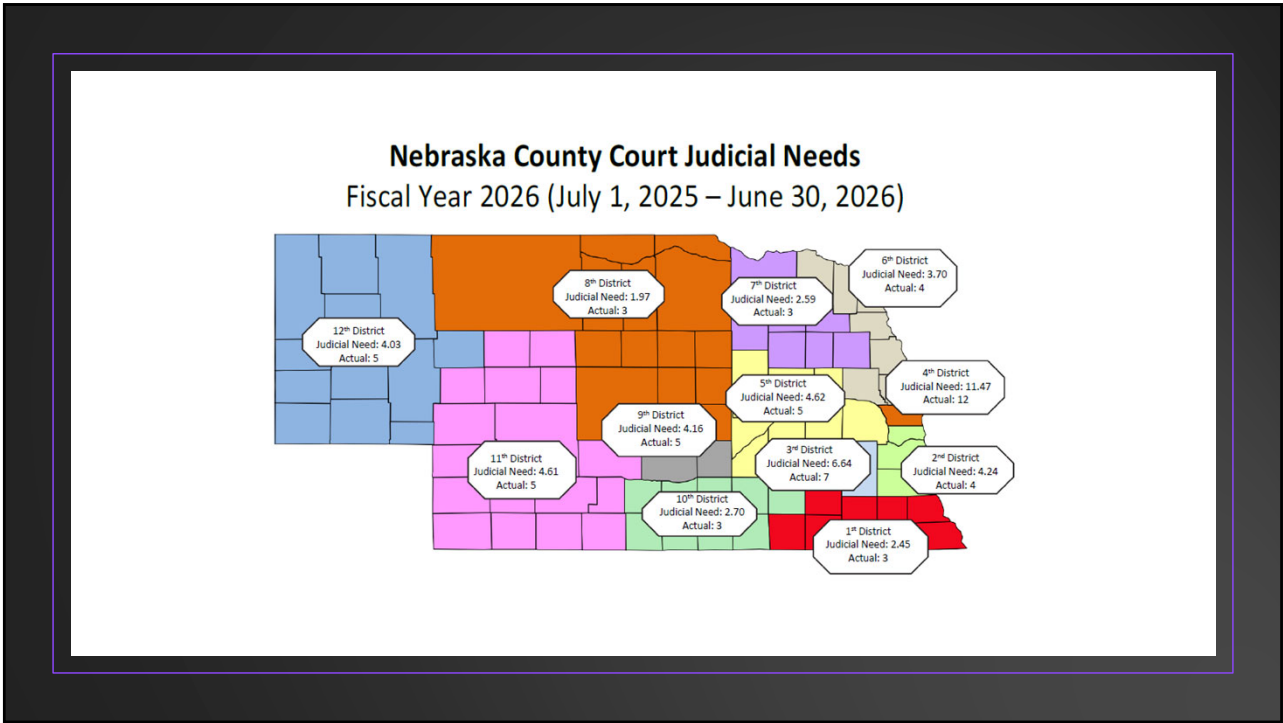
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Average Workload Per Judge District Court	
First Judicial District:	1.00
Second Judicial District	1.24
Third Judicial District:	1.14
Fourth Judicial District:	1.07
Fifth Judicial District:	0.93
Sixth Judicial District:	0.80
Seventh Judicial District:	1.04
Eighth Judicial District:	0.59
Ninth Judicial District:	0.85
Tenth Judicial District:	1.03
Eleventh Judicial District:	0.90
Twelfth Judicial District:	0.85

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County Courts Judicial Workload Statistics

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Average Workload Per Judge County Court

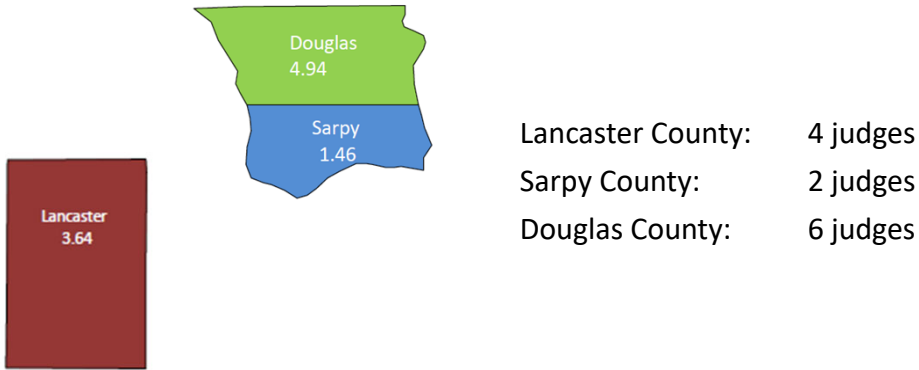
First Judicial District:	0.82
Second Judicial District:	1.06
Third Judicial District:	0.95
Fourth Judicial District:	0.96
Fifth Judicial District:	0.92
Sixth Judicial District:	0.93
Seventh Judicial District:	0.86
Eighth Judicial District:	0.66
Ninth Judicial District:	0.83
Tenth Judicial District:	0.90
Eleventh Judicial District:	0.92
Twelfth Judicial District:	0.81

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Separate Juvenile Courts Judicial Workload Statistics

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FY2026 Judicial Workload Statistics Separate Juvenile Courts



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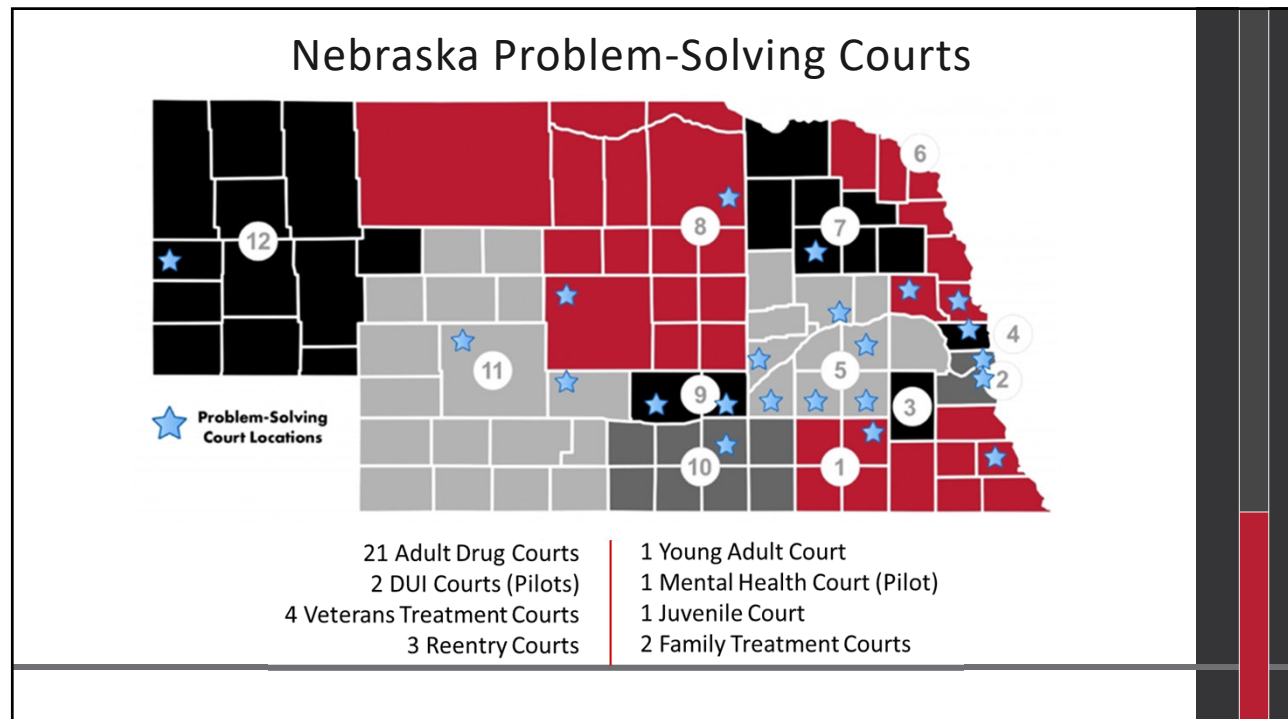
Average Workload Per Judge Separate Juvenile Court

Lancaster County	0.91
Sarpy County	0.73
Douglas County	0.82

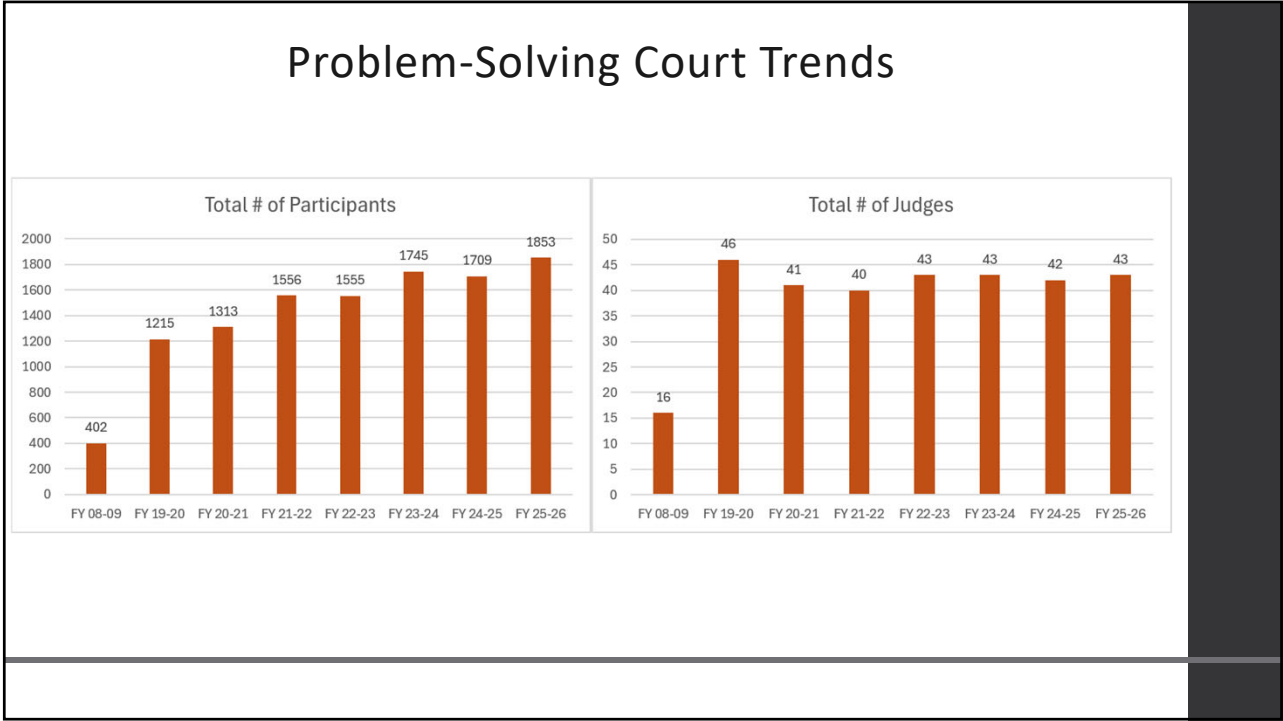
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Nebraska Problem-Solving Courts

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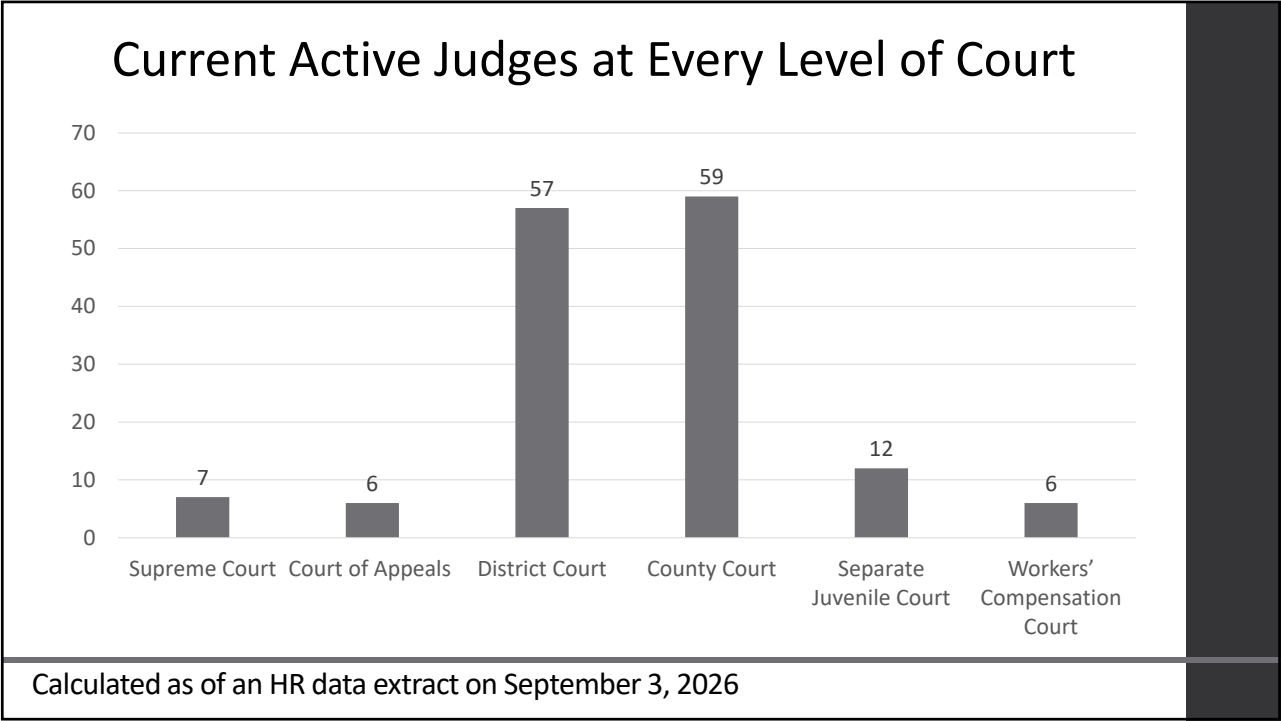
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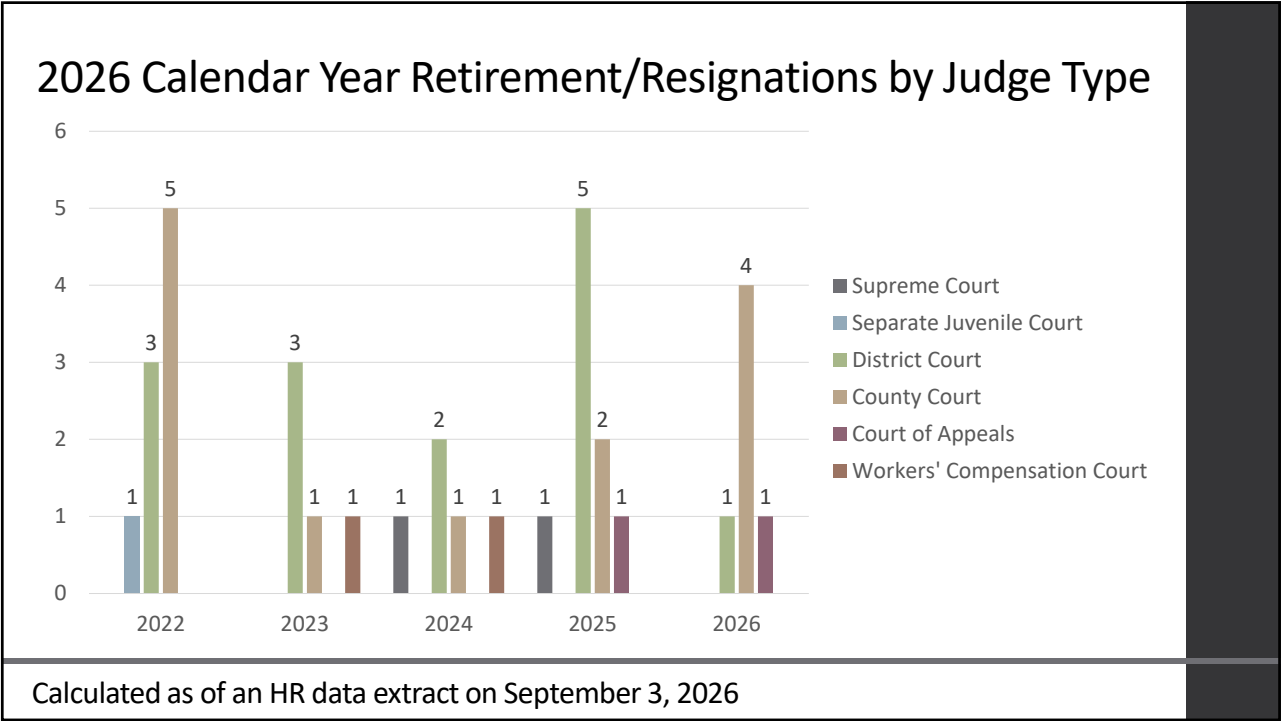
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Judicial Retirement Forecast

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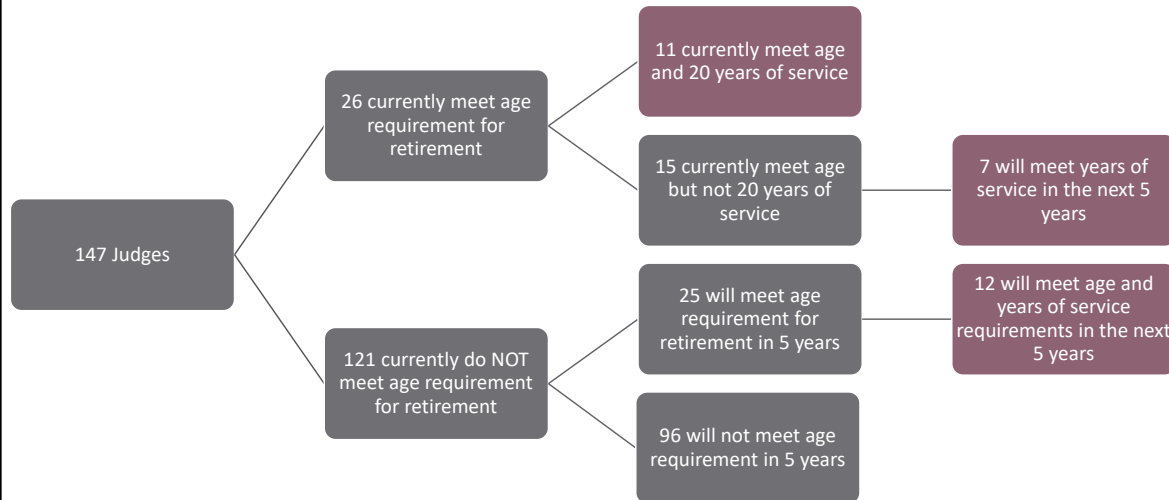


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30 Judicial Retirements Forecasted



Projected status of December 30th, 2026 (HR data extract on September 3, 2026)

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Other Factor Affecting Judicial Resources

- Nebraska Population Increases
- Changing Court Users
- Available Attorneys
- Changing Technology

Note: See handouts for details

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