



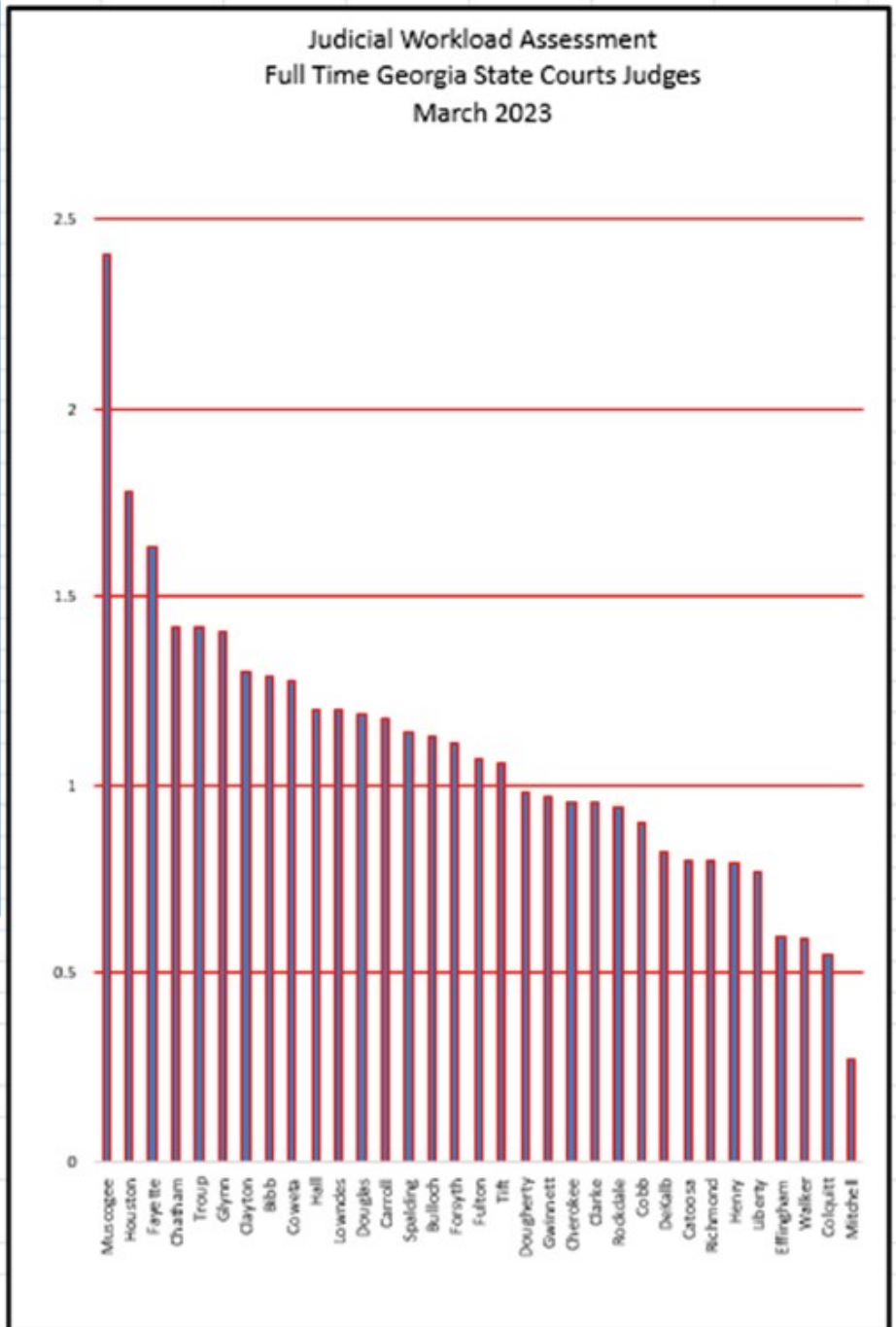
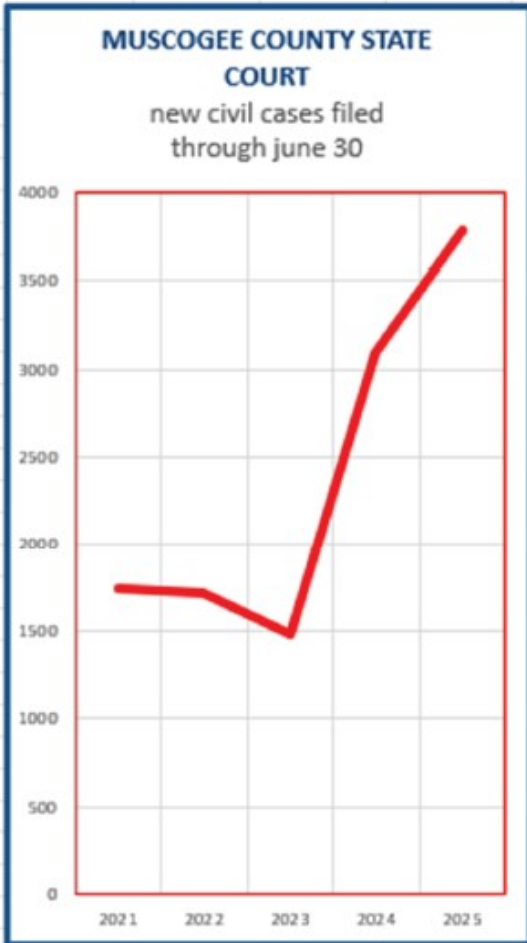
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The Value of the Muscogee County State Court



Muscogee County	1987	2025
Judges per Court		
Superior	4 full-time	7 full-time
Juvenile	1 part-time	2 full-time, 1 part-time
State	2 full-time	2 full-time
Municipal-Magistrate	1 full-time	1 full-time, 4 part-time
Recorder's	2 part-time	3 full-time, 3 part-time
GA statewide		
GA Court of Appeals	9 full time	15 full time

Exhibit 16. Judicial Workload and Need, State Courts

County	Total Judicial Officer Need	Currently Allocated Full-Time Judges	Current Workload per Judge	Full-Time Judge Need with 1.20 FTE Workload per Judge Upper Boundary	Workload per Judge when Upper Boundary is 1.20 or lower
Bibb County	2.57	2.00	1.29	3	0.86
Bulloch County	1.13	1.00	1.13	1	1.13
Carroll County	1.18	1.00	1.18	1	1.18
Catoosa County	0.80	1.00	0.80	1	0.80
Chatham County	4.26	3.00	1.42	4	1.07
Cherokee County	2.84	3.00	0.95	3	0.95
Clarke County	1.90	2.00	0.95	2	0.95
Clayton County	6.50	5.00	1.30	6	1.08
Cobb County	10.79	12.00	0.90	10	1.08
Cokquitt County	0.55	1.00	0.55	1	0.55
Coweta County	2.56	2.00	1.28	3	0.85
DeKalb County	8.99	11.00	0.82	8	1.12
Dougherty County	0.98	1.00	0.98	1	0.98
Douglas County	2.39	2.00	1.19	3	0.80
Effingham County	0.60	1.00	0.60	1	0.60
Fayette County	1.63	1.00	1.63	2	0.82
Forsyth County	2.22	2.00	1.11	2	1.11
Fulton County	10.74	10.00	1.07	10	1.07
Glynn County	1.41	1.00	1.41	2	0.71
Gwinnett County	6.77	7.00	0.97	6	1.13
Hall County	3.60	3.00	1.20	4	0.90
Henry County	3.15	4.00	0.79	3	1.05
Houston County	1.78	1.00	1.78	2	0.89
Liberty County	0.77	1.00	0.77	1	0.77
Lowndes County	2.39	2.00	1.20	3	0.80
Mitchell County	0.27	1.00	0.27	1	0.27
Muscogee County	4.83	2.00	2.41	5	0.97
Richmond County	3.21	4.00	0.80	3	1.07
Rockdale County	1.88	2.00	0.94	2	0.94
Spalding County	1.14	1.00	1.14	1	1.14
Tift County	1.06	1.00	1.06	1	1.06
Troup County	1.42	1.00	1.42	2	0.71
Walker County	0.59	1.00	0.59	1	0.59
State Total Full-time Judges	96.90	93.00		99.00	

Attached is the 2024 Caseload Report of Cases Filed that your clerk submitted to the AOC This year. I used those numbers for the study below. The number of minutes for each case category comes from the Study that we did with the National Center for State Courts in 2022 using caseloads from 2021. Note that the page from that Study on State Courts is also attached. Using the 2024 caseload – you have a need for over 3 Judges at 3.16. You can see from the Study in 2021 by the National Center that you had a need for almost 5 Judges at 4.83.

2024 CASELOAD CALCULATOR

Case Type Categories	NCSC Case Weights	Cases Filed	Total Minutes
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	27.00	2,458	66,366.00
Serious Traffic	48.00	1,345	64,560.00
Other Traffic	2.00	1,364	2,728.00
Accountability Courts	532.00		0.00
Probation Revocation	18.00	419	7,542.00
Complex Tort	1,205.00	23	27,715.00
General Tort	92.00	371	34,132.00
Landlord / Tenant	47.00	13	611.00
Contract	17.00	2,289	38,913.00
Civil Appeals	45.00	2	90.00
Garnishment	3.00	327	981.00
Other Civil	20.00	49	980.00
Total			244,618.00
Judge Year Value Minutes	77,400.00		
Judicial Need			3.16

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Dear Council of State Court Judges,

On behalf of the Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment, the Office of Research and Data Analysis wishes to inform you that your court is recognized as a Clearance Rate Excellence Award recipient. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

The Committee recognizes courts in each class that demonstrate exceptional performance in maintaining clearance rates, a key indicator of a court's ability to effectively manage its caseload. Clearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of disposed cases by the number of filed cases, for calendar years 2022-2024, and expressing the result as a percentage. Cases not disposed of in a timely manner contribute to a backlog of cases awaiting disposition. A clearance rate of 100% or higher demonstrates a court's ability to resolve as many cases as were filed each year.

Your court's outstanding performance in meeting or exceeding 100% clearance rate has distinguished itself amongst its peer courts. This achievement reflects your court's commitment to ensuring the timely resolution of cases.

Thank you for your participation in the annual caseload reporting project and your court's continued efforts to improve the administration of justice in all Georgia Courts.

Sincerely,

Judicial Council of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts
The Office of Research and Data Analysis

<u>Courts</u>	<u>Clearance Rate (%)</u>
State Court of Candler County	103.24
State Court of Carroll County	109.57
State Court of Clarke County	104.51
State Court of Clayton County	102.62
State Court of Cobb County	105.75
State Court of Coffee County	103.52
State Court of Dougherty County	103.44
State Court of Effingham County	100.34
State Court of Habersham County	106.77
State Court of Jeff Davis County	100.55
State Court of Long County	104.38
State Court of Muscogee County	105.63
State Court of Stephens County	103.22
State Court of Treutlen County	104.47