

Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment

The weighted caseload formula consists of three critical elements:

1. Case filings, or the number of new cases of each type opened each year;
2. Case weights, which represent the average amount of judge time required to handle cases of each type over the life of the case; and
3. The year value, or the amount of time each judicial officer has available for case-related work in one year.

Exhibit 1: Calculation of Judicial Need, 1st Judicial Circuit

	Filings	*	Case Weights (minutes)	=	Workload (minutes)	
Capital Murder	0	*	867	=	0	
Non-Capital Felonies and Related Matters	4,425	*	45	=	199,125	
Misdemeanor	1,533	*	10	=	15,330	
Other Criminally Related Matters	580	*	26	=	15,080	
Administrative Law	22	*	49	=	1,078	
Contested Divorce	289	*	95	=	27,455	
Uncontested Divorce	715	*	12	=	8,580	
Domestic and Family - Level 1	208	*	103	=	21,424	
Domestic and Family - Level 2	95	*	64	=	6,080	
General Civil - Level 1	38	*	544	=	20,672	
General Civil - Level 2	481	*	64	=	30,784	
General Civil - Level 3	206	*	51	=	10,506	
Probates/Wills and Trusts - Level 1	8	*	289	=	2,312	
Probates/Wills and Trusts - Level 2	76	*	25	=	1,900	
Protective Orders	47	*	45	=	2,115	
Miscellaneous	4,760	*	2	=	9,520	
	13,483				371,961	
				÷	75,168	Judge Year Value
					4.9	
				+	.1	Chief Judge Adjustment
					5.0	

Exhibit 2: Circuit Court Implied Need

Circuit	Authorized Judgeships (FTE)	Funded Judges (FTE)	Total Need (FTE)	Current Workload per Judge	Judge Need (FTE) rounded 1.15/9	Final Workload per Judge
1	5	4	5.05	1.26	5	1.01
2	9	9	7.43	.83	8	.93
3	4	4	3.69	.92	4	.92
4	8	8	7.95	.99	8	.99
5	3	3	3.50	1.17	4	.87
6	3	2	2.45	1.23	3	.82
7	6	5	4.80	.96	5	.96
8	3	3	3.01	1.00	3	1.00
9	4	4	4.32	1.08	4	1.08
10	4	4	4.12	1.03	4	1.03
11	3	3	2.76	.92	3	.92
12	6	6	6.15	1.03	6	1.03
13	8	7	6.50	.93	7	.93
14	5	5	4.82	.96	5	.96
15	11	11	11.93	1.08	11	1.08
16	6	5	5.89	1.18	6	.98
17	3	3	3.74	1.25	4	.93
18	4	3	2.35	.78	3	.78
19	15	15	14.12	.94	15	.94
20	5	4	4.60	1.15	5	.92
21	2	3	2.75	.92	3	.92
22	5	4	4.54	1.14	4	1.14
23	5	5	5.38	1.08	5	1.08
24	5	5	5.78	1.16	6	.96
25	5	5	5.99	1.20	6	1.00
26	8	8	8.64	1.08	8	1.08
27	7	6	6.79	1.13	6	1.13
28	4	3	3.47	1.16	4	.87
29	5	5	5.58	1.12	5	1.12
30	4	4	4.03	1.01	4	1.01
31	6	6	5.48	.91	6	.91
	171	162	167.59	1.03	170	.99

Exhibit 3: General District Court Implied Need

District	Authorized Judgeships (FTE)	Funded Judges (FTE)	Total Need (FTE)	Current Workload per Judge	Judge Need (FTE) rounded 1.15/.9	Final Workload per Judge
1	4	4	4.16	1.04	4	1.04
2	7	7	6.43	.92	7	.92
3	2	3	1.88	.63	2	.94
4	6	5	5.75	1.15	6	.96
5	2	2	2.62	1.31	3	.87
6	4	4	5.01	1.25	5	1.00
7	4	4	3.44	.86	4	.86
8	3	3	2.80	.93	3	.93
9	3	3	3.13	1.04	3	1.04
10	3	3	2.52	.84	3	.84
11	3	3	2.48	.83	3	.83
12	5	5	5.53	1.11	5	1.11
13	6	6	6.05	1.01	6	1.01
14	5	5	4.80	.96	5	.96
15	8	7	8.06	1.15	8	1.01
16	4	4	4.01	1.00	4	1.00
17	3	3	2.54	.85	3	.85
18	2	2	1.61	.80	2	.80
19	11	10	12.07	1.21	11	1.10
20	4	4	3.44	.86	4	.86
21	1	1	1.25	1.25	2	.63
22	2	2	2.22	1.11	2	1.11
23	4	4	3.79	.95	4	.95
24	3	3	3.05	1.02	3	1.02
25	3	3	3.45	1.15	4	.86
26	5	5	5.33	1.07	5	1.07
27	5	4	5.05	1.26	5	1.01
28	2	2	2.46	1.23	3	.82
29	2	2	1.70	.85	2	.85
30	2	2	1.42	.71	2	.71
31	5	5	5.05	1.01	5	1.01
32	1	1	1.30	1.30	2	.65
	124	121	124.42	1.03	130	.96

Exhibit 4: Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Implied Need

District	Authorized Judgeships (FTE)	Funded Judges (FTE)	Total Need (FTE)	Current Workload per Judge	Judge Need (FTE)	Final Workload per Judge
1	4	3	3.53	1.18	4	.88
2	7	6	6.20	1.03	6	1.03
3	3	3	2.61	.87	3	.87
4	5	5	4.76	.95	5	.95
5	2	2	2.28	1.14	2	1.14
6	2	2	2.39	1.20	3	.80
7	4	4	3.54	.88	4	.88
8	3	3	2.93	.98	3	.98
9	4	3	3.82	1.27	4	.95
10	4	3	3.11	1.04	3	1.04
11	3	2	2.44	1.22	3	.81
12	6	6	5.77	.96	6	.96
13	4	4	4.69	1.17	5	.94
14	5	5	5.15	1.03	5	1.03
15	10	9	9.62	1.07	9	1.07
16	6	5	6.14	1.23	6	1.02
17	2	2	1.60	.80	2	.80
18	2	2	1.83	.91	2	.91
19	7	7	8.82	1.26	8	1.10
20	3	3	3.33	1.11	3	1.11
21	2	2	2.20	1.10	2	1.10
22	4	4	3.62	.91	4	.91
23	5	5	4.78	.96	5	.96
24	6	5	5.86	1.17	6	.98
25	5	4	4.62	1.16	5	.92
26	7	6	7.11	1.19	7	1.02
27	5	5	4.83	.97	5	.97
28	3	3	2.67	.89	3	.89
29	3	3	3.27	1.09	3	1.09
30	2	2	2.30	1.15	3	.77
31	5	5	5.39	1.08	5	1.08
32	1	1	.84	.84	1	.84
	134	124	132.06	1.06	135	.98