

# Judicial Salaries Reflect Current State Budget Woes


**S**alaries for judges of state general jurisdiction trial courts, intermediate appellate courts, and courts of last resort increased by little more than 2 percent, on average, in 2002, according to the latest *Survey of Judicial Salaries* (vol. 28, no. 1) published by the National Center for State Courts. Increases for state court administrators were a little shy of 4 percent. This is compared to an average increase of 4 percent annually for each group from 1996 to 2001.

Here is a quick look at judicial salaries as of April 1, 2003:

- Salaries of state chief justices ranged from \$90,842 to \$185,773, with a mean of \$128,886 and a median of \$125,018.
- Salaries of associate justices ranged from \$89,381 to \$170,319, with a mean of \$124,738 and a median of \$121,740.
- Salaries of intermediate appellate court judges ranged from \$91,469 to \$159,657, with a mean of \$121,251 and a median of \$116,521.


- Salaries of general jurisdiction trial court judges ranged from \$82,600 to \$154,700, with a mean of \$112,229 and a median of \$109,810.
- Salaries of state court administrators ranged from \$82,567 to \$175,728, with a mean of \$111,664 and a median of \$107,900.

The *Survey* breaks down salaries state by state and provides selected cost-of-living adjusted figures for the 50 states and 30 cities.

NCSC's Knowledge and Information Services publishes the *Survey of Judicial Salaries* twice each year. Printed copies can be obtained for the cost of shipping and handling from NCSC's fulfillment house by calling (888) 228-6272, e-mailing [ncsc.orders@aidcvt.com](mailto:ncsc.orders@aidcvt.com), or using the online Publications Catalog (log on to NCSC's Web site at [www.ncsonline.org](http://www.ncsonline.org) and click on "Publications"). The *Survey* is also available online as a pdf document on NCSC's Web site. 

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communications systems and that many systems for collecting, analyzing, and sharing information would not have been possible without it. However, the survey showed that little emphasis was being placed on interagency communication and that the grantees' efforts so far have improved services to victims but have done little to prevent domestic violence, one of VAWA's major goals.

You can find more information on what courts are doing to improve services to victims of domestic violence by consulting NCSC's CourTopics database at [www.ncsonline.org](http://www.ncsonline.org). Another good source is the Family Violence Community of Practice's *Family Violence Forum* e-newsletter, which can be subscribed to through NCSC's Web site. 

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