

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
December 19, 2017

ORDER

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature enacted Act No. 2017-42, which creates the Judicial Resources Allocation Commission and requires the Commission to review annually the need for increasing or decreasing the number of judgeships in each district court and circuit court in the State; and

WHEREAS Act No. 2017-42 requires the Judicial Resources Allocation Commission in its deliberations to consider, among other criteria, the yearly Judicial Weighted Caseload Study, as adopted by the Alabama Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS the Administrative Director of Courts and the Director for Case and Jury Management for the Administrative Office of Courts have certified that the formula adopted by this Court's order of June 23, 2017, has been applied to the data for 2017 and that the results accurately reflect the judgeship needs in each district court and circuit court in the State; and

WHEREAS the Administrative Director of Courts and the Director for Case and Jury Management for the Administrative Office of Courts have submitted to this Court a certified copy of the Judicial Weighted Caseload Study for 2017(attached as an appendix to this order); and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Court that the Judicial Weighted Caseload Study for 2017 properly applies the formula previously adopted by this Court to the data collected for the year 2017 and that the results calculated accurately reflect the judgeship needs for each district court and circuit court in the State for the year 2017;

IT IS ORDERED that the Judicial Weighted Caseload Study for the year 2017 attached as an appendix to this order is hereby ADOPTED by this Court and will be published on the Administrative Office of Courts' Web site.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be placed on the minutes of this Court.

Stuart, C.J., and Bolin, Parker, Shaw, Main, Wise, Bryan,
and Sellers, JJ., concur.

I, Julia Jordan Weller, as Clerk of the Supreme Court
of Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a full, true and correct copy of the instrument(s)
herewith set out as same appear(s) of record in said
Court.

Witness my hand this 19th day of December, 2017

Julia Jordan Weller

Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

**JUDICIAL WEIGHTED CASELOAD STUDY
2017**

I, Cary McMillan, do hereby certify that the formula adopted by the Supreme Court of Alabama in its order issued on June 21, 2017, has been accurately applied to the data for 2017 and that the attached results reflect to the best of my knowledge the judicial needs for 2017.

Submitted this the 15th day of December, 2017.

Cary McMillan
Cary McMillan
Director for Case and Jury
Management
Administrative Office of Courts

I, Randy Helms, do hereby certify that the formula adopted by the Supreme Court of Alabama in its order issued on June 21, 2017, has been accurately applied to the data for 2017 and that the attached results reflect to the best of my knowledge the judicial needs for 2017.

Submitted this the 15th day of December, 2017.

Randy Helms
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Administrative Director of Courts

Alabama FY2017 Circuit Court Judicial Weighted Caseload Implied Need

Circuit	County	Region	Workload (minutes)	Judge Year Value	Overall Judicial Officer Need (FTE)	District Court Judges (FTE)	Referees (FTE)	Circuit Judge Implied Need (FTE)	Actual Circuit Court Judges	Difference (+ = surplus; - = deficit)	Rank
	Alabama		15,354,490		173.3	10.0	7.3	156.0	146	-10.01	
1	Choctaw, Clarke, Washington	Multiple	198,067	83,850	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.4	2	-0.36	14
2	Butler, Crenshaw, Lowndes	Multiple	113,438	83,850	1.4	0.4	0.0	1.0	1	0.05	26
3	Barbour, Bullock	Multiple	88,274	83,850	1.1	0.1	0.0	1.0	1	0.05	27
4	Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, Wilcox	Multiple	275,594	83,850	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3	3	-0.29	18
5	Chambers, Macon, Randolph, Tallapoosa	Multiple	314,597	83,850	3.8	0.0	0.0	3.8	3	-0.75	9
6	Tuscaloosa	Single	852,823	90,300	9.4	0.0	1.0	8.4	6	-2.44	4
7	Calhoun, Cleburne	Multiple	516,160	83,850	6.2	1.0	0.1	5.1	5	-0.06	23
8	Morgan	Single	307,912	90,300	3.4	0.0	0.0	3.4	3	-0.41	11
9	Cherokee, DeKalb	Multiple	226,657	83,850	2.7	0.1	0.0	2.6	3	0.40	35
10	Jefferson	Single	2,210,397	90,300	24.5	2.4	1.9	20.2	27	6.82	41
11	Lauderdale	Single	412,289	90,300	4.6	0.0	0.1	4.5	3	-1.47	6
12	Coffee, Pike	Multiple	209,453	83,850	2.5	0.1	0.0	2.4	3	0.60	37
13	Mobile	Single	1,638,168	90,300	18.1	1.0	3.0	14.1	11	-3.14	2
14	Walker	Single	182,253	90,300	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	3	0.98	40
15	Montgomery	Single	875,235	90,300	9.7	0.0	1.0	8.7	9	0.31	32
16	Etowah	Single	389,316	90,300	4.3	0.3	0.0	4.0	4	-0.01	24
17	Greene, Marengo, Sumter	Multiple	81,536	83,850	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1	0.03	25
18	Shelby	Single	377,357	90,300	4.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	4	-0.18	21
19	Autauga, Chilton, Elmore	Multiple	493,509	83,850	5.9	0.1	0.0	5.8	3	-2.79	3
20	Henry, Houston	Multiple	578,422	83,850	6.9	0.9	0.0	6.0	5	-1.00	7
21	Escambia	Single	155,561	90,300	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	2	0.28	31
22	Covington	Single	122,083	90,300	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	2	0.65	38
23	Madison	Single	1,002,261	90,300	11.1	0.2	0.0	10.9	7	-3.90	1
24	Fayette, Lamar, Pickens	Multiple	161,497	83,850	1.9	0.4	0.0	1.5	1	-0.53	10
25	Marion, Winston	Multiple	236,220	83,850	2.8	0.5	0.0	2.3	2	-0.32	15
26	Russell	Single	161,713	90,300	1.8	0.1	0.0	1.7	2	0.31	33
27	Marshall	Single	240,135	90,300	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.7	3	0.34	34
28	Baldwin	Single	741,965	90,300	8.2	0.8	0.1	7.3	5	-2.32	5
29	Talladega	Single	166,548	90,300	1.8	0.6	0.0	1.2	2	0.76	39
30	St. Clair	Single	209,422	90,300	2.3	0.4	0.0	1.9	2	0.08	28
31	Colbert	Single	156,087	90,300	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	2	0.27	30
32	Cullman	Single	208,992	90,300	2.3	0.0	0.0	2.3	2	-0.31	16
33	Dale, Geneva	Multiple	198,860	83,850	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.4	2	-0.37	12
34	Franklin	Single	110,947	90,300	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1	-0.23	19
35	Conecuh, Monroe	Multiple	94,716	83,850	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	1	-0.13	22
36	Lawrence	Single	106,685	90,300	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1	-0.18	20
37	Lee	Single	397,350	90,300	4.4	0.5	0.1	3.8	3	-0.80	8
38	Jackson	Single	156,247	90,300	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	2	0.27	29
39	Limestone	Single	213,631	90,300	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.4	2	-0.37	13
40	Clay, Coosa	Multiple	54,112	83,850	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.5	1	0.45	36
41	Blount	Single	118,001	90,300	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	1	-0.31	17

Alabama FY2017 District Court Judicial Weighted Caseload Time Study

County Number	County	Workload (minutes)	Judge Year Value	Overall Judicial Officer Need (FTE)	District Court Judges assigned to Circuit (FTE)	Referees (FTE)	District Judge Implied Need (FTE)	Actual District Court Judges	Difference (+ = surplus; - = deficit)	Rank
	Alabama	9,136,724		101.18	10.00	1.70	109.48	106.00	-3.48	
1	Jefferson-Birmingham	592,513	90,300	6.56	1.40	0.00	7.96	10.00	2.04	68
2	Mobile	499,615	90,300	5.53	1.00	0.00	6.53	5.00	-1.53	3
3	Montgomery	292,745	90,300	3.24	0.00	0.00	3.24	3.00	-0.24	25
4	Autauga	121,045	90,300	1.34	0.00	0.10	1.24	1.00	-0.24	26
5	Baldwin	254,564	90,300	2.82	0.80	0.00	3.62	2.00	-1.62	2
6	Barbour	59,821	90,300	0.66	0.10	0.00	0.76	1.00	0.24	43
7	Bibb	93,058	90,300	1.03	0.00	0.00	1.03	1.00	-0.03	30
8	Blount	126,499	90,300	1.40	0.00	0.00	1.40	1.00	-0.40	20
9	Bullock	17,668	90,300	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.00	0.80	67
10	Butler	70,540	90,300	0.78	0.10	0.00	0.88	1.00	0.12	39
11	Calhoun	206,754	90,300	2.29	1.00	0.00	3.29	3.00	-0.29	23
12	Chambers	131,797	90,300	1.46	0.00	0.00	1.46	1.00	-0.46	18
13	Cherokee	95,225	90,300	1.05	0.00	0.00	1.05	1.00	-0.05	29
14	Chilton	127,539	90,300	1.41	0.00	0.10	1.31	1.00	-0.31	22
15	Choctaw	30,365	90,300	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.34	1.00	0.66	62
16	Clarke	50,619	90,300	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.56	1.00	0.44	52
17	Clay	27,664	90,300	0.31	0.10	0.00	0.41	1.00	0.59	60
18	Cleburne	88,543	90,300	0.98	0.00	0.00	0.98	1.00	0.02	34
19	Coffee	125,304	90,300	1.39	0.10	0.00	1.49	1.00	-0.49	16
20	Colbert	140,349	90,300	1.55	0.00	0.00	1.55	1.00	-0.55	13
21	Conecuh	39,975	90,300	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.44	1.00	0.56	58
22	Coosa	38,095	90,300	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.42	1.00	0.58	59
23	Covington	106,782	90,300	1.18	0.00	0.00	1.18	1.00	-0.18	27
24	Crenshaw	41,639	90,300	0.46	0.20	0.00	0.66	1.00	0.34	46
25	Cullman	242,752	90,300	2.69	0.00	0.00	2.69	2.00	-0.69	10
26	Dale	109,003	90,300	1.21	0.00	0.00	1.21	2.00	0.79	65
27	Dallas	99,527	90,300	1.10	0.00	0.10	1.00	1.00	0.00	33
28	Dekalb	183,229	90,300	2.03	0.10	0.00	2.13	1.00	-1.13	5
29	Elmore	168,216	90,300	1.86	0.10	0.10	1.86	2.00	0.14	40
30	Escambia	127,678	90,300	1.41	0.00	0.00	1.41	1.00	-0.41	19
31	Etowah	297,332	90,300	3.29	0.30	0.10	3.49	2.00	-1.49	4
32	Fayette	46,926	90,300	0.52	0.10	0.00	0.62	1.00	0.38	48
33	Franklin	81,815	90,300	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.91	1.00	0.09	37
34	Geneva	83,052	90,300	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.92	1.00	0.08	36
35	Greene	27,846	90,300	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.31	1.00	0.69	63
36	Hale	40,289	90,300	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.00	0.55	57
37	Henry	71,612	90,300	0.79	0.10	0.00	0.89	1.00	0.11	38
38	Houston	195,714	90,300	2.17	0.80	0.00	2.97	2.00	-0.97	8
39	Jackson	155,885	90,300	1.73	0.00	0.00	1.73	1.00	-0.73	9
40	Lamar	36,589	90,300	0.41	0.20	0.00	0.61	1.00	0.39	50
41	Lauderdale	125,694	90,300	1.39	0.00	0.00	1.39	1.00	-0.39	21
42	Lawrence	91,463	90,300	1.01	0.00	0.00	1.01	1.00	-0.01	32
43	Lee	160,522	90,300	1.78	0.50	0.00	2.28	2.00	-0.28	24
44	Limestone	164,627	90,300	1.82	0.00	0.00	1.82	2.00	0.18	42
45	Lowndes	33,976	90,300	0.38	0.10	0.00	0.48	1.00	0.52	56
46	Macon	46,668	90,300	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.52	1.00	0.48	55
47	Madison	535,290	90,300	5.93	0.20	1.00	5.13	4.00	-1.13	6
48	Marengo	54,972	90,300	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.61	1.00	0.39	49
49	Marion	106,963	90,300	1.18	0.30	0.00	1.48	1.00	-0.48	17
50	Marshall	236,756	90,300	2.62	0.00	0.00	2.62	2.00	-0.62	12
51	Monroe	47,365	90,300	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.52	1.00	0.48	54
52	Morgan	272,201	90,300	3.01	0.00	0.00	3.01	3.00	-0.01	31
53	Perry	21,476	90,300	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.24	1.00	0.76	64
54	Pickens	39,257	90,300	0.43	0.10	0.00	0.53	1.00	0.47	53
55	Pike	74,915	90,300	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.83	1.00	0.17	41
56	Randolph	56,689	90,300	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.63	1.00	0.37	47
57	Russell	134,410	90,300	1.49	0.10	0.00	1.59	2.00	0.41	51
58	Shelby	356,231	90,300	3.94	0.00	0.10	3.84	2.00	-1.84	1
59	St. Clair	201,118	90,300	2.23	0.40	0.10	2.53	2.00	-0.53	14
60	Sumter	17,986	90,300	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.00	0.80	66
61	Talladega	182,992	90,300	2.03	0.60	0.00	2.63	2.00	-0.63	11
62	Tallapoosa	101,710	90,300	1.13	0.00	0.00	1.13	1.00	-0.13	28
63	Tuscaloosa	280,521	90,300	3.11	0.00	0.00	3.11	2.00	-1.11	7
64	Walker	150,628	90,300	1.67	0.00	0.00	1.67	2.00	0.33	45
65	Washington	63,627	90,300	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.70	1.00	0.30	44
66	Wilcox	31,315	90,300	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.00	0.65	61
67	Winston	65,843	90,300	0.73	0.20	0.00	0.93	1.00	0.07	35
68	Jefferson-Bessemer	135,326	90,300	1.50	1.00	0.00	2.50	2.00	-0.50	15