

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA  
January 8, 2020

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 21, 2017, has been applied to the data for 2019 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 Studies for the year 2019 (attached as an appendix to this order); and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Court that the Judicial Weighted Caseload Study for the year 2019 properly apply the formula previously adopted by this Court to the data collected for the year 2019 and that the results calculated accurately reflect the judgeship needs for each district court and circuit court in the State for the year 2019;

IT IS ORDERED that the Judicial Weighted Caseload Study for the year 2019 is 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.

Parker, C.J., and Bolin, Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers,  
Mendheim, Stewart, and Mitchell, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand this 8th day of January, 2020.



Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

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January 8, 2020  
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Clerk  
Supreme Court of Alabama

# Judicial Weighted Caseload Study 2019

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 2019 and that the attached results reflect to the best of my knowledge the judicial needs for 2019.

Submitted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020.

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

I, RICH HOBSON, 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 2019 and that the attached results reflect to the best of my knowledge the judicial needs for 2019.

Submitted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020.

Rich Hobson  
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Administrative Director of Courts

**Alabama FY2019 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		15,287,037		172.6	10.0	7.3	155.3	146	-9.35	
1	Choctaw, Clarke, Washington	Multiple	131,962	83,850	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.6	2	0.43	31
2	Butler, Crenshaw, Lowndes	Multiple	118,369	83,850	1.4	0.4	0.0	1.0	1	-0.01	24
3	Barbour, Bullock	Multiple	75,833	83,850	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.8	1	0.20	28
4	Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, Wilcox	Multiple	276,799	83,850	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3	3	-0.30	16
5	Chambers, Macon, Randolph, Tallapoosa	Multiple	385,997	83,850	4.6	0.0	0.0	4.6	3	-1.60	8
6	Tuscaloosa	Single	794,236	90,300	8.8	0.0	1.0	7.8	6	-1.80	6
7	Calhoun, Cleburne	Multiple	584,891	83,850	7.0	1.0	0.1	5.9	5	-0.88	9
8	Morgan	Single	339,777	90,300	3.8	0.0	0.0	3.8	3	-0.76	10
9	Cherokee, Dekalb	Multiple	223,809	83,850	2.7	0.1	0.0	2.6	3	0.43	32
10	Jefferson	Single	2,105,993	90,300	23.3	2.4	1.9	19.0	27	7.98	41
11	Lauderdale	Single	445,749	90,300	4.9	0.0	0.1	4.8	3	-1.84	5
12	Coffee, Pike	Multiple	209,675	83,850	2.5	0.1	0.0	2.4	3	0.60	37
13	Mobile	Single	1,591,722	90,300	17.6	1.0	3.0	13.6	11	-2.63	4
14	Walker	Single	196,091	90,300	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	3	0.83	40
15	Montgomery	Single	900,207	90,300	10.0	0.0	1.0	9.0	9	0.03	26
16	Etowah	Single	344,986	90,300	3.8	0.3	0.0	3.5	4	0.48	33
17	Greene, Marengo, Sumter	Multiple	81,039	83,850	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1	0.03	27
18	Shelby	Single	397,109	90,300	4.4	0.0	0.0	4.4	4	-0.40	15
19	Autauga, Chilton, Elmore	Multiple	493,747	83,850	5.9	0.1	0.0	5.8	3	-2.79	2
20	Henry, Houston	Multiple	544,526	83,850	6.5	0.9	0.0	5.6	5	-0.59	12
21	Escambia	Single	120,965	90,300	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	2	0.66	38
22	Covington	Single	128,619	90,300	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	2	0.58	36
23	Madison	Single	943,660	90,300	10.5	0.2	0.0	10.3	7	-3.25	1
24	Fayette, Lamar, Pickens	Multiple	267,173	83,850	3.2	0.4	0.0	2.8	1	-1.79	7
25	Marion, Winston	Multiple	228,027	83,850	2.7	0.5	0.0	2.2	2	-0.22	19
26	Russell	Single	206,489	90,300	2.3	0.1	0.0	2.2	2	-0.19	20
27	Marshall	Single	233,447	90,300	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.6	3	0.41	30
28	Baldwin	Single	771,886	90,300	8.5	0.8	0.1	7.6	5	-2.65	3
29	Talladega	Single	165,840	90,300	1.8	0.6	0.0	1.2	2	0.76	39
30	St. Clair	Single	238,968	90,300	2.6	0.4	0.0	2.2	2	-0.25	17
31	Colbert	Single	135,853	90,300	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	2	0.50	34
32	Cullman	Single	216,827	90,300	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.4	2	-0.40	13
33	Dale, Geneva	Multiple	182,820	83,850	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	2	-0.18	21
34	Franklin	Single	98,461	90,300	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	1	-0.09	23
35	Conecuh, Monroe	Multiple	84,340	83,850	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1	-0.01	25
36	Lawrence	Single	111,585	90,300	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	1	-0.24	18
37	Lee	Single	381,818	90,300	4.2	0.5	0.1	3.6	3	-0.63	11
38	Jackson	Single	156,291	90,300	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	2	0.27	29
39	Limestone	Single	194,769	90,300	2.2	0.0	0.0	2.2	2	-0.16	22
40	Clay, Coosa	Multiple	50,395	83,850	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.5	1	0.50	35
41	Blount	Single	126,287	90,300	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	1	-0.40	14

## Alabama FY2019 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	9,483,692		105.02	10.00	1.70	113.32	106.00	-7.32	
1	Jefferson-Birmingham	611,504	90,300	6.77	1.40	0.00	8.17	10.00	1.83	68
2	Mobile	522,349	90,300	5.78	1.00	0.00	6.78	5.00	-1.78	4
3	Montgomery	287,885	90,300	3.19	0.00	0.00	3.19	3.00	-0.19	28
4	Autauga	115,260	90,300	1.28	0.00	0.10	1.18	1.00	-0.18	29
5	Baldwin	287,611	90,300	3.19	0.80	0.00	3.99	2.00	-1.99	1
6	Barbour	71,113	90,300	0.79	0.10	0.00	0.89	1.00	0.11	37
7	Bibb	91,761	90,300	1.02	0.00	0.00	1.02	1.00	-0.02	35
8	Blount	139,671	90,300	1.55	0.00	0.00	1.55	1.00	-0.55	15
9	Bullock	20,370	90,300	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.23	1.00	0.77	66
10	Butler	63,367	90,300	0.70	0.10	0.00	0.80	1.00	0.20	41
11	Calhoun	216,255	90,300	2.39	1.00	0.00	3.39	3.00	-0.39	21
12	Chambers	134,456	90,300	1.49	0.00	0.00	1.49	1.00	-0.49	17
13	Cherokee	104,006	90,300	1.15	0.00	0.00	1.15	1.00	-0.15	31
14	Chilton	134,924	90,300	1.49	0.00	0.10	1.39	1.00	-0.39	22
15	Choctaw	31,760	90,300	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.00	0.65	63
16	Clarke	52,427	90,300	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.00	0.42	48
17	Clay	27,582	90,300	0.31	0.10	0.00	0.41	1.00	0.59	60
18	Cleburne	76,194	90,300	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.84	1.00	0.16	39
19	Coffee	123,640	90,300	1.37	0.10	0.00	1.47	1.00	-0.47	18
20	Colbert	125,214	90,300	1.39	0.00	0.00	1.39	1.00	-0.39	23
21	Conecuh	44,785	90,300	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	1.00	0.50	54
22	Coosa	36,059	90,300	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.40	1.00	0.60	61
23	Covington	104,428	90,300	1.16	0.00	0.00	1.16	1.00	-0.16	30
24	Crenshaw	42,596	90,300	0.47	0.20	0.00	0.67	1.00	0.33	46
25	Cullman	295,095	90,300	3.27	0.00	0.00	3.27	2.00	-1.27	7
26	Dale	130,011	90,300	1.44	0.00	0.00	1.44	2.00	0.56	59
27	Dallas	111,117	90,300	1.23	0.00	0.10	1.13	1.00	-0.13	32
28	Dekalb	199,351	90,300	2.21	0.10	0.00	2.31	1.00	-1.31	6
29	Elmore	212,187	90,300	2.35	0.10	0.10	2.35	2.00	-0.35	24
30	Escambia	121,864	90,300	1.35	0.00	0.00	1.35	1.00	-0.35	25
31	Etowah	285,568	90,300	3.16	0.30	0.10	3.36	2.00	-1.36	5
32	Fayette	43,122	90,300	0.48	0.10	0.00	0.58	1.00	0.42	49
33	Franklin	92,978	90,300	1.03	0.00	0.00	1.03	1.00	-0.03	34
34	Geneva	66,369	90,300	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.73	1.00	0.27	42
35	Greene	22,895	90,300	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.00	0.75	64
36	Hale	40,392	90,300	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.00	0.55	58
37	Henry	52,628	90,300	0.58	0.10	0.00	0.68	1.00	0.32	44
38	Houston	182,720	90,300	2.02	0.80	0.00	2.82	2.00	-0.82	11
39	Jackson	168,936	90,300	1.87	0.00	0.00	1.87	1.00	-0.87	10
40	Lamar	43,267	90,300	0.48	0.20	0.00	0.68	1.00	0.32	45
41	Lauderdale	126,928	90,300	1.41	0.00	0.00	1.41	1.00	-0.41	19
42	Lawrence	112,826	90,300	1.25	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.00	-0.25	27
43	Lee	171,670	90,300	1.90	0.50	0.00	2.40	2.00	-0.40	20
44	Limestone	163,910	90,300	1.82	0.00	0.00	1.82	2.00	0.18	40
45	Lowndes	31,564	90,300	0.35	0.10	0.00	0.45	1.00	0.55	57
46	Macon	47,917	90,300	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.53	1.00	0.47	52
47	Madison	599,585	90,300	6.64	0.20	1.00	5.84	4.00	-1.84	3
48	Marengo	47,883	90,300	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.53	1.00	0.47	53
49	Marion	120,177	90,300	1.33	0.30	0.00	1.63	1.00	-0.63	13
50	Marshall	230,037	90,300	2.55	0.00	0.00	2.55	2.00	-0.55	14
51	Monroe	42,721	90,300	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.00	0.53	55
52	Morgan	276,130	90,300	3.06	0.00	0.00	3.06	3.00	-0.06	33
53	Perry	21,611	90,300	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.24	1.00	0.76	65
54	Pickens	41,690	90,300	0.46	0.10	0.00	0.56	1.00	0.44	51
55	Pike	76,483	90,300	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.85	1.00	0.15	38
56	Randolph	52,600	90,300	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.58	1.00	0.42	47
57	Russell	132,066	90,300	1.46	0.10	0.00	1.56	2.00	0.44	50
58	Shelby	365,281	90,300	4.05	0.00	0.10	3.95	2.00	-1.95	2
59	St. Clair	215,495	90,300	2.39	0.40	0.10	2.69	2.00	-0.69	12
60	Sumter	16,426	90,300	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.00	0.82	67
61	Talladega	173,986	90,300	1.93	0.60	0.00	2.53	2.00	-0.53	16
62	Tallapoosa	117,664	90,300	1.30	0.00	0.00	1.30	1.00	-0.30	26
63	Tuscaloosa	282,519	90,300	3.13	0.00	0.00	3.13	2.00	-1.13	8
64	Walker	154,269	90,300	1.71	0.00	0.00	1.71	2.00	0.29	43
65	Washington	40,846	90,300	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.45	1.00	0.55	56
66	Wilcox	34,360	90,300	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.38	1.00	0.62	62
67	Winston	65,161	90,300	0.72	0.20	0.00	0.92	1.00	0.08	36
68	Jefferson-Bessemer	188,170	90,300	2.08	1.00	0.00	3.08	2.00	-1.08	9