



Legislative Budget Office of LSC

Ohio Courts: Judicial Salaries

The salaries of judges in Ohio are set by statute. Senate Bill 296 of the 132nd General Assembly includes a series of 1.75% annual pay increases over a nine-year period (2020-2028). The table below shows the total base salary for judges and justices of the state's various courts from 2024 through 2028 and beyond. Salaries for judges of the courts of common pleas and municipal and county courts are comprised of a portion paid by the state and a portion paid by the local governments under the jurisdiction of the court as described below the table.

JUDICIAL SALARIES, CYs 2024 – 2028 and beyond

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 +
Supreme Court: Chief Justice	\$200,074	\$203,575	\$207,138	\$210,763	\$214,451
Supreme Court: Justice	\$187,805	\$191,092	\$194,436	\$197,838	\$201,300
Courts of Appeals	\$175,045	\$178,108	\$181,225	\$184,397	\$187,624
Courts of Common Pleas	\$160,975	\$163,792	\$166,658	\$169,575	\$172,543
Municipal Courts: Full-time Judges	\$151,379	\$154,028	\$156,724	\$159,466	\$162,257
Municipal & County Courts: Part-time Judges	\$87,141	\$88,666	\$90,218	\$91,796	\$93,403

BASE SALARY PROPORTIONAL COSTS

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES & COURTS OF APPEALS JUDGES

100% of salary and benefits paid by the state

COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGES

Salaries paid to judges of the courts of common pleas consist of:

- a county-paid local share calculated at 18¢ per capita, and
- a state share which is the remainder of the statutory salary not paid by the county

The local share cannot be lower than **\$3,500** or higher than **\$14,000**.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY COURTS JUDGES

Salaries paid to judges of the municipal and county courts consist of:

Full-Time :

- a local share set at **\$61,750**, and
- a state share which is the remainder of the statutory salary not paid locally, ranging from **\$89,629** in 2024 to **\$100,507** in 2028

Part-Time:

- a local share set at **\$35,500**, and
- a state share which is the remainder of the statutory salary not paid locally, ranging from **\$51,641** in 2024 to **\$57,903** in 2028

OTHER BENEFITS

Retirement: In addition to the base salary amounts above, the state and local jurisdictions also pay an additional 14% contribution on their respective salary portions to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

Insurance: Judges are eligible for health and life insurance coverage under either the state or the relevant local jurisdiction, as applicable. For FY 2024, the Supreme Court reports state-provided health insurance costs of \$8,224 for single coverage and \$22,573 for family coverage. Insurance costs fluctuate from year to year.