

Judicial Department

Judges' Salaries

Tables 1.1 and 1.2 below show the historical judges' salary increases in recent fiscal years and average wage growth in Connecticut over roughly the same period. The judges salary increases can be found in the budget books from the respective fiscal years and there is also a [fact sheet on OFA's website](#) with more information. The Connecticut wages growth figures are from page A 10 of the [Economic Report of the Governor](#).

Table 1.1 Judges' Salary Increases in Recent Fiscal Years (FY)

	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26
Judges' Salary Increase	4.5%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.5%

Table 1.2 Connecticut Wage Growth in Recent Calendar Years (CY)

	CY 21	CY 22	CY 23	CY 24	CY 25
Total	3.6%	8.2%	5.0%	5.8%	6.3%
Manufacturing	(1.2%)	4.2%	4.8%	4.4%	3.9%
Non-Manufacturing	4.2%	8.7%	5.0%	5.9%	6.6%

Next, **Table 1.3** shows a comparison between judges' salaries in Connecticut with other state judges in the Northeastern United States Region. More information on these figures can be found on the [National Center for State Courts' website](#).

Table 1.3 Northeastern United States Regional Comparison of State Judge Salaries In Dollars

State	Supreme Court*	Appellate Court	Superior Court
Connecticut	230,334	216,336	208,059
Maine	177,424	N/A	166,316
Massachusetts	226,187	213,924	207,855
New Hampshire	201,903	N/A	189,365
New Jersey	235,434	224,254	212,415
New York	257,500	245,100	232,600
Pennsylvania	270,622	255,346	234,916
Rhode Island	249,661	N/A	224,776
Vermont	215,280	N/A	204,651
Regional Average	229,372	230,992	208,995
Regional Median	230,334	224,254	208,059

*Excluding the Chief Justice's Salary

Finally, the last table in this section shows the estimated state-wide effect of a 4.6% increase to judges' salaries in FY 27.

Table 1.4 Estimated FY 27 Cost of 4.6% Judge Salary Increase
In Dollars

Agency	Amount
Judicial Department	2,318,280
Governor	11,451
Lt. Governor	9,571
Treasurer	9,571
Secretary	9,571
Comptroller	9,571
Attorney General	9,571
Comptroller - Fringe	314,305
Probate Courts	482,008
Workers' Compensation Commission	199,683
General Fund Total	2,691,890
Probate Court Administration Fund Total	482,008
Workers Compensation Fund Total	199,683
TOTAL	3,373,581

Judicial Grants in Other Expenses

The following is a list of all grants within the Judicial Department's Other Expenses SID for FY 26. This list includes both the grants that were added in the 2025 Legislative session as well as grants that are built into the base budget.

Table 2 Judicial Department Other Expenses Grants in FY 26
In Dollars

Recipient	Amount
Basket Of Love, Inc.	20,000
Casa Otonal	100,000
Catalyst CT- Juvenile Court Mediation	130,024
Central Connecticut Coastal Youth Men's Christian Association, Inc. (Ralphola Taylor Community Center -Bridgeport)	124,585
Child Advocates of Connecticut -Stamford/Norwalk & Danbury	41,528
Children in Placement	150,000
Children in Placement, Inc (CIP)-Danbury	41,528
Connecticut CASA	250,000
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)	205,151
CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence	1,250,000

CT Women's Education and Legal Fund	200,000
Village Initiative Project	50,000
Chrysalis Center	15,000
Stamford Police Activities, Inc.	300,000
EMERGE CT	600,000
Hispanic Health Council	20,764
Interval House	200,000
Justice Education Center	2,429,000
Lawyers for Children America	300,000
Middletown Racial Justice Coalition	20,000
She Leads Justice	100,000
Survivors of Homicide, Inc	115,000
The University of Connecticut-Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy-Judicial Policy Division	1,210,000
Virtual Reality CJR Skills Training for Justice Involved Youth	150,000
Youth Business Initiative	40,000
TOTAL	8,062,580

Costs Related to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

The Judicial Department requested 12 positions for compliance with Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023: 6 Administrative Trainees, 3 Associate Program Managers, 2 IT Specialists, and 1 Attorney. There are additional details on the breakdown of these costs in an attachment to this email.