

Vermont Judicial Needs Model Based on 2015 filings WITHOUT law clerk time

Case Filings per Unit (County)

Case Type Category	Case Weight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Environ. Division	Jud. Bureau	FY 15 Filings		
	Unit (County)	Addison	Bennington	Caledonia	Chittenden	Essex	Franklin	Grand Isle	Lamoille	Orange	Orleans	Rutland	Washington	Windham	Windsor	State	State	Total		
Civil	Small claims	13	236	413	293	1,297	64	431	61	226	245	347	614	518	477	534	0	0	5,756	
	Stalking/Sexual assault	24	24	83	59	100	4	100	4	35	34	53	125	11	26	48	0	0	706	
	Other civil	84	263	456	314	1,327	49	596	87	231	240	351	761	799	563	656	0	0	6,693	
Criminal	Misdemeanor	28	491	833	597	3,351	72	1,124	102	470	437	516	1,412	1,138	1,072	1,146	0	0	12,761	
	Felony	130	124	274	143	756	34	249	25	102	93	140	319	229	305	317	0	0	3,110	
	Adult treatment courts ¹	273	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	20	0	21	0	0	227	
	Civil suspension	6	82	76	89	455	5	127	18	99	65	40	167	102	113	172	0	0	1,610	
	Search warrants, inquests, NTO	14	69	138	124	640	17	107	8	13	60	22	75	226	116	173	0	0	1,788	
	Other miscellaneous criminal	24	33	24	25	179	9	62	14	27	25	66	51	30	44	58	0	0	647	
Family	Domestic (without child support)	126	188	343	246	822	39	328	42	184	189	194	521	428	341	398	0	0	4,263	
	Child support	46	340	525	480	1,789	66	752	87	343	359	434	840	721	489	637	0	0	7,862	
	Relief from abuse	31	184	274	206	540	37	276	33	112	128	180	481	324	235	268	0	0	3,278	
	Juvenile CHINS (Abuse & Neglect, Unmanageable)	332	78	60	79	185	9	158	6	41	46	48	82	114	84	150	0	0	1,140	
	Juvenile delinquency	59	61	64	29	154	1	60	1	31	31	21	62	101	60	66	0	0	742	
	Juvenile truancy	103	1	12	2	37	0	1	1	4	4	1	34	5	5	5	0	0	112	
	Juvenile TPR	309	26	20	36	42	6	52	7	11	16	6	23	22	22	46	0	0	335	
	Juvenile treatment court ¹	273	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	
	Mental health	64	19	25	22	202	4	15	0	6	27	21	169	193	308	47	0	0	1,058	
Probate	Estates	101	123	173	122	447	30	129	22	102	111	124	250	285	193	275	0	0	2,386	
	Trusts ²	49	24	184	164	59	4	101	14	22	79	59	140	101	67	175	0	0	1,193	
	Adult guardianship	429	33	36	36	84	12	35	2	19	29	33	64	49	41	50	0	0	523	
	Minor guardianship	203	17	38	20	79	1	27	4	14	10	17	47	42	37	48	0	0	401	
	Adoptions: agency, private & TPR	130	18	15	20	98	3	38	1	4	9	9	20	22	25	32	0	0	314	
Other probate ³	39	58	82	57	261	6	63	13	42	48	48	96	100	115	91	0	0	1,080		
Environ.	De novo	1,038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	88	
	On the record	278	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
	Enforcement actions	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	68	
JB	Contested	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,940	14,940	
	Uncontested	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68,061	68,061	
Judicial Demand Computations	Total filings		2,492	4,148	3,163	12,988	472	4,840	552	2,138	2,285	2,730	6,455	5,580	4,738	5,413	159	83,001	141,154	
	Workload (weights x filings)		177,543	270,942	214,601	787,614	35,419	331,588	34,708	137,627	151,393	176,576	433,989	376,355	313,950	381,517	108,906	157,701	4,090,429	
	Judge year (208 days per year, 8 hours per day)		99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840	99,840
	Average annual rotational travel (35 minutes per day)		7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280	7,280
	Average annual non-rotational travel per unit (8 minutes/day)		1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664	1,664
	Non-case-related time (45 minutes per day)		9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360	9,360
	Availability for case-specific work		81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536	81,536
	# Superior judges currently allocated per unit ⁴		1.22	2.41	1.64	6.78	0.15	2.68	0.20	1.09	1.00	1.52	3.09	2.91	2.50	2.81				30.00
	# Environmental Division judges currently allocated																	2.00		2.00
	# Probate judges currently allocated per unit		0.470	0.600	0.420	1.000	0.062	0.470	0.062	0.330	0.170	0.385	0.850	0.650	0.530	0.700				6.70
	# Magistrates currently allocated per unit		0.25	0.25	0.20	1.40	0.05	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.40				5.00
	# Hearing officers currently allocated																		2.00	2.00
	Total judicial officers available by unit		1.94	3.26	2.26	9.18	0.26	3.40	0.36	1.67	1.27	2.16	4.44	4.06	3.53	3.91	2.00	2.00		45.70
	Judge demand by unit		2.18	3.32	2.63	9.66	0.43	4.07	0.43	1.69	1.86	2.17	5.32	4.62	3.85	4.68	1.34	1.93		50.17
	Judge FTE deficit (-) or surplus (+)		-0.24	-0.06	-0.37	-0.48	-0.17	-0.67	-0.06	-0.02	-0.59	-0.01	-0.88	-0.56	-0.32	-0.77	0.66	0.07		-4.47
	Judge demand by division:																			
	Judge demand: Civil division		0.32	0.56	0.39	1.60	0.06	0.71	0.10	0.28	0.30	0.43	0.92	0.91	0.66	0.78	0.00	0.00		8.02
	Judge demand: Criminal division		0.39	0.76	0.47	2.83	0.08	0.83	0.08	0.34	0.32	0.43	1.38	0.88	0.90	1.03	0.00	0.00		10.72
	Judge demand: Family division (w/o child support)		0.84	1.04	0.96	2.70	0.14	1.54	0.13	0.57	0.64	0.62	1.63	1.56	1.33	1.59	0.00	0.00		15.28
	Magistrate demand: Family division (child support only)		0.19	0.30	0.27	1.01	0.04	0.42	0.05	0.19	0.20	0.24	0.47	0.41	0.28	0.36	0.00	0.00		4.44
	Judge demand: Probate division		0.44	0.67	0.55	1.51	0.11	0.56	0.06	0.30	0.40	0.44	0.93	0.86	0.68	0.92	0.00	0.00		8.44
	Judge demand: Environmental division																1.34	0.00		1.34
	Hearing officer demand: Judicial bureau																		1.93	1.93
Total judge demand		2.18	3.32	2.63	9.66	0.43	4.07	0.43	1.69	1.86	2.17	5.32	4.62	3.85	4.68	1.34	1.93		50.17	

Notes:

1. The adult and juvenile treatment court caseload numbers are based on individuals, not cases filed.
2. Trust cases are based on pending cases at the beginning of the year.
3. The *Other Probate* case type does not include *Wills Filed for Safekeeping* in the judge/law clerk need models; 2,653 of these cases are included in the court staff model.
4. 32 Superior Judge FTE positions are funded, 1.0 serves as Chief Superior Judge and 1.0 has historically remained vacant due to lack of funding, leaving 30 available.