



Legislative Budget Office of LSC

Ohio Courts: Judicial Salaries

The salaries of judges in Ohio are set by statute. House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly includes a series of 5% annual pay increases over a four-year period (2026-2029). The table below shows the total base salary for judges and justices of the state's various courts from 2025 through 2029 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 2025 – 2029 and beyond

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 +
Supreme Court: Chief Justice	\$203,575	\$213,754	\$224,442	\$235,665	\$247,449
Supreme Court: Justice	\$191,092	\$200,647	\$210,680	\$221,214	\$232,275
Courts of Appeals	\$178,108	\$187,014	\$196,365	\$206,184	\$216,494
Courts of Common Pleas	\$163,792	\$171,982	\$180,582	\$189,612	\$199,093
Municipal Courts: Full-time Judges	\$154,028	\$161,730	\$169,817	\$178,308	\$187,224
Municipal & County Courts: Part-time Judges	\$88,666	\$93,100	\$97,755	\$102,643	\$107,776

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 **\$92,278** in 2025 to **\$125,474** in 2029

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 **\$53,166** in 2025 to **\$72,276** in 2029

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 2026, the Department of Administrative Services reports annual state-provided health insurance costs for full-time employees of between \$10,970 and \$11,653 for single coverage and between \$30,116 and \$34,947 for family coverage. Insurance costs fluctuate from year to year and are dependent on plan selection.