SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FAST FACTS

Riverside County Superior Court

- The court has 14 courthouses, spread over 7,300 square miles in three regions, to serve Riverside County's 2,347,828 citizens.

- The court's current complement of 77 judicial officers is comprised of 62 judges, 14 commissioners, and one hearing officer, although the court maintains a number of vacancies at any given time.

Caseload Data

- In fiscal year 2014-15, the court had 399,948 filings of all types, including: 13,543 felonies; 41,871 misdemeanors; 42,738 civil; 33,868 family law and juvenile; and 263,866 infractions. According to the Judicial Council of California 2016 Court Statistics Report, Riverside County Superior Court had 5,262 filings per judicial position, the second highest number amongst the state's 58 counties.
- In fiscal year 2014-15, the court heard 500 jury trials of all types, or 6.5 per judicial position.
- Due to the economic downturn, the court has seen filing spikes in a number of specific case types over the last several years, including unlawful detainers, limited civil and family law.

Resource Needs

- According to the Judicial Council's 2016 update of the Judicial Needs Assessment, Riverside County Superior Court has a need for 123 judges. With only 62 judges and 14 commissioners, the court needs an additional 47 judges to provide appropriate access to justice for Riverside County residents. Assembly Bill (AB) 159 authorized seven additional judgeships, effective June 2008, however due to state budget constraints, these appointments were delayed until July 1, 2009. The appointments have been delayed through several budget cycles.
- Riverside County has seen a 52 percent increase in population since 2000. Its population more than doubled between 1989 (1,057,200 citizens) and 2016 (2,347,828 citizens), while the number of judicial positions has increased by only 31 percent since 1989. Case filings have increased from 358,782 in fiscal year 1993-94, to 399,948 in fiscal year 2014-15, an increase of 11 percent.
- Riverside's ratio of judicial positions per 100,000 of population is 3.3, compared to the statewide average of 5.2.