SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
FAST FACTS

Riverside County Superior Court

- The court has 15 courthouses, spread over 7,300 square miles in three regions, to serve Riverside County's 2,415,955 citizens.

- The court's current complement of 81 judicial officers is comprised of 66 judges, 14 commissioners, and 1 hearing officer, although the court maintains a number of vacancies at any given time.

Caseload Data

- In fiscal year 2015-16, the latest year for which there is published data, the court had 426,138 filings of all types, including: 16,084 felonies; 46,452 misdemeanors; 43,204 civil; 33,157 family law and juvenile; and 282,821 infractions. According to the Judicial Council of California 2017 Court Statistics Report, Riverside County Superior Court had 5,607 filings per judicial position, the second highest number amongst the state's 58 counties.
- In fiscal year 2015-16, the court heard 762 jury trials of all types, or 10 per judicial position.

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 66 judges and 14 commissioners, the court needs an additional 43 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 56 percent increase in population since 2000. Its population more than doubled between 1989 (1,057,200 citizens) and 2018 (2,415,955 citizens), while the number of judicial positions has increased by only 40 percent since 1989. Case filings have increased from 358,782 in fiscal year 1993-94, to 426,138 in fiscal year 2015-16, an increase of 19 percent.
- Riverside's ratio of judicial positions per 100,000 of population is 3.4, compared to the statewide average of 5.0.