

Judicial Salary Data – FY24

Judicial Salaries – Courts of General Jurisdiction

| Neighboring States | Salary | Rank | Amount Above Iowa |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Illinois | \$234,380 | 1 | \$76,324 |
| Nebraska | \$196,393 | 17 | \$38,337 |
| Minnesota | \$182,805 | 25 | \$24,749 |
| South Dakota | \$174,448 | 28 | \$16,392 |
| Missouri | \$169,789 | 31 | \$11,742 |
| Wisconsin | \$171,080 | 34 | \$6,431 |
| Iowa | \$158,056 | 41 | |

For FY 2024-2025, the Salary for a General Jurisdiction Judge in Nebraska will increase to \$208,176. Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 24-201.01. (\$50,120 more than current salary in Iowa).

Comparison with State Positions

| Title | Salary Max |
|--|---------------------|
| Utilities Board General Council | \$175,822.40 |
| Deputy AG | \$167,897.60 |
| Attorney Supervisor | \$160,305.60 |
| Public Defender Supervisor 2 | \$160,305.60 |
| Utility Attorney 2 | \$160,305.60 |
| District Court Judge | \$158,056.00 |
| Iowa Finance Authority General Council | \$152,942.40 |
| Pension System Attorney | \$146,016.00 |
| District Associate Judge | \$140,495.00 |
| Assistant AG 3 | \$139,318.40 |
| Public Defender Supervisor 1 | \$139,318.40 |
| Administrative Law Judge | \$135,241.60 |

The max salary of all of the above positions – except judges – will increase with a COLA

Current (FY 24) Judicial Officer Salaries

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Chief Justice | \$196,106 |
| Associate Justice | \$187,326 |
| Chief Judge, Court of Appeals | \$175,619 |
| Court of Appeals Judge | \$169,765 |
| Chief Judge, District Court | \$163,910 |
| District Court Judge | \$158,056 |
| District Associate Judge | \$140,495 |
| Associate Juvenile | \$140,495 |
| Associate Probate Judge | \$140,495 |
| Magistrate | \$43,318 |
| Senior Judge | \$9,366 |

FY24 Elected County Officials

| | Average % Increase |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| County Supervisors | 4.58% |
| County Attorney | 6.48% |
| County Auditor | 6.27% |
| County Recorder | 6.12% |
| County Sheriff | 8.96% |
| County Treasurer | 6.31% |
| JUDGES | 0.00% |

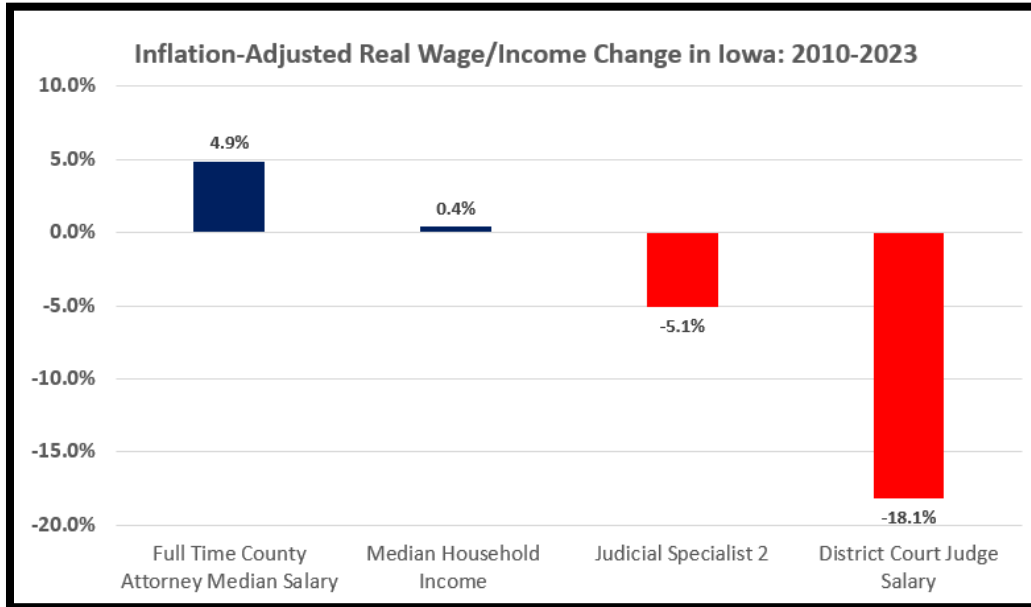
Judicial Salary Increase History

| FY | Amount Requested | Amount Receive |
|----|-------------------|----------------|
| 10 | Unknown | 0 |
| 11 | Unknown | 0 |
| 12 | No formal request | 0 |
| 13 | No formal request | 0 |
| 14 | 9% | 4.5% |
| 15 | 4.5% | 0 |
| 16 | 4.5% | 0 |
| 17 | 5% | 0 |
| 18 | 5% | 2.5% |
| 19 | 2.5% | 0 |
| 20 | 4% | 2% |
| 21 | 2.1% | 0 |
| 22 | 3% | 3% |
| 23 | 5.9% | 2% |
| 24 | 8.7% | 0 |

HF 2006 – Would strike the requirement in Iowa Code Section 331.752 that county attorneys serving in counties with populations of less than 200,000 are limited to earning between 45% and 100% of a district court judge's salary. This would enable counties to pay county attorneys more than district court judges. This would not be necessary if judges had received regular cost of living increases. It would likely reduce the pool of judicial applicants if county attorneys would have to take a pay cut to serve as a judge.

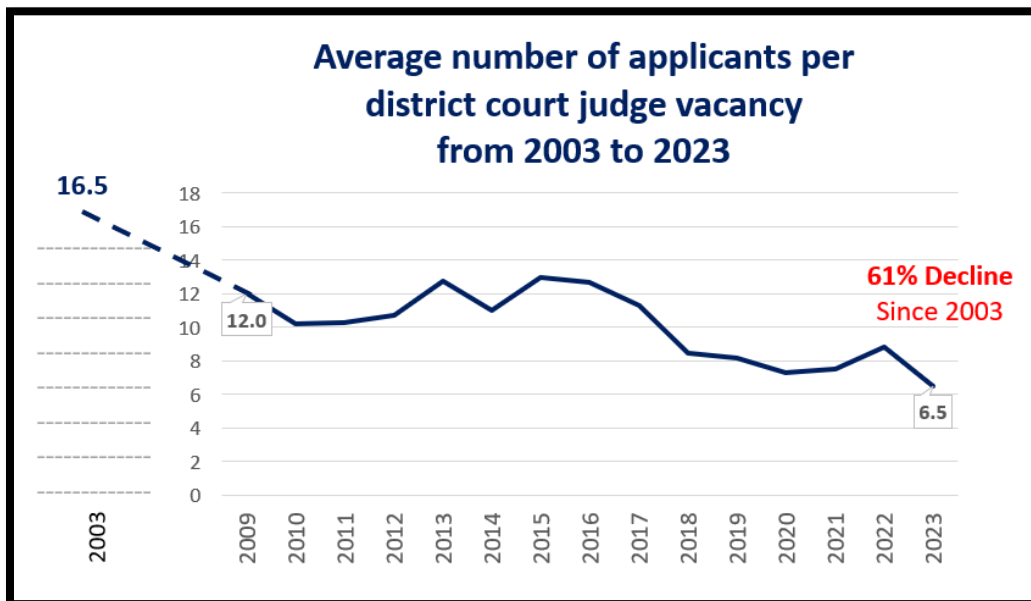
Inflation Adjusted Judicial Salary

The inflation adjusted income of district court judges **decreased 18.1%** from 2010-2023.



Judicial Applications

Note: Data for CY2004-2008 is not available



The average number of applicants per district court judge vacancy **decreased 61%** from 2003-2022.