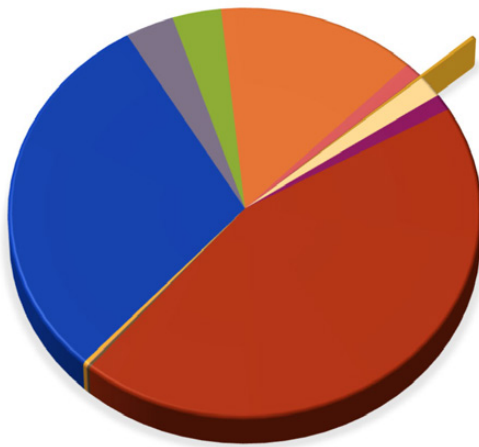


# Circuit Court Judges

## Mission Statement

The 31st Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, including acting as an appellate court for the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, and is a separate and distinct branch of government. ([Article I, Section 5, Constitution of Virginia](#))



**Public Safety Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$381,017,218**

**Expenditure Budget:**  
**\$989,348**

*0.3% of Public Safety*

### Programs:

- Circuit Court Judges Chambers:  
\$989,348

## Mandates

The Code of Virginia requires that every county shall have a courthouse with suitable space and facilities to accommodate the various courts and officials serving the county.

**State Code:** [15.2-1638](#) (County or city governing body to provide courthouse, clerk's office, jail and suitable facilities for attorney for the Commonwealth; acquisition of land)

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## Expenditure and Revenue Summary

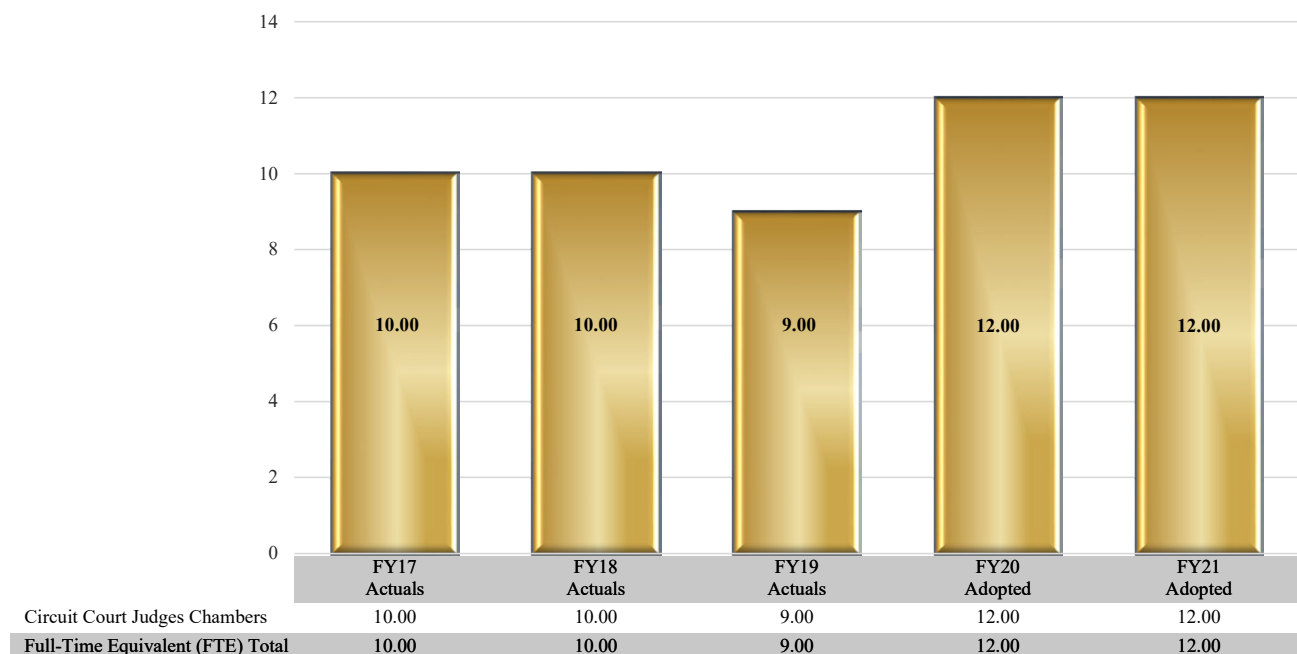


Expenditure by Program	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Adopted	% Change Budget FY20/ Budget FY21
Circuit Court Judges Chambers	\$794,151	\$726,132	\$887,525	\$1,158,437	\$989,348	(14.60%)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$887,525</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>\$989,348</b>	<b>(14.60%)</b>

### Expenditure by Classification

Salaries and Benefits	\$744,224	\$670,522	\$814,404	\$896,411	\$917,423	2.34%
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,818	\$182	\$108,513	\$0	(100.00%)
Internal Services	\$26,383	\$27,378	\$27,378	\$33,588	\$33,588	0.00%
Purchase of Goods & Services	\$21,242	\$22,913	\$42,770	\$117,721	\$33,845	(71.25%)
Leases & Rentals	\$2,302	\$2,501	\$2,792	\$2,204	\$4,492	103.81%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$887,525</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>\$989,348</b>	<b>(14.60%)</b>
<b>Total Designated Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>\$794,151</b>	<b>\$726,132</b>	<b>\$887,525</b>	<b>\$1,158,437</b>	<b>\$989,348</b>	<b>(14.60%)</b>
<b>Net General Tax Support</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

## Staff History by Program



# Circuit Court Judges

## General Overview

- A. Compensation Studies Implementation** – Prince William County implemented the findings of two compensation studies during the past three years. The Public Safety Retention and Recruitment Study findings for public safety sworn personnel were completed in FY20. Findings from the Classification and Compensation Study for general, non-sworn employees began implementation in FY20 and funding is included in the FY2021 Budget for completion in FY21. Salary and benefits increases in the FY2021 Budget are due to implementation of both studies. Please refer to the Compensation section of this document for more information.
- B. Removal of One-Time Costs from Circuit Court Judges Budget** – A total of \$190,101 has been removed from the Circuit Court Judges budget for one-time costs associated with the addition of 2.00 FTEs in FY20 and renovations done to office space.

## Program Summary

### Circuit Court Judges Chambers

The 31st Judicial Circuit Court has general trial court jurisdiction, as well as appellate for General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court. It is a separate and distinct branch of government. Circuit Court in Virginia decides the most serious cases in each jurisdiction presiding over criminal and civil cases. The 31st Judicial Circuit currently has six full-time judges.

Key Measures	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Adopted
Annual criminal disposition percentage	98.2%	87.9%	82.1%	93.1%	83.1%
Annual civil disposition percentage	90.7%	92.8%	92.5%	91.8%	92.0%
Annual miscellaneous disposition percentage	56.0%	51.4%	53.1%	53.7%	55.0%
Total average annual disposition rate	85.7%	82.7%	83.9%	84.2%	84.5%
Annual clearance rates	89.1%	86.3%	87.0%	87.2%	88.2%

Program Activities & Workload Measures (Dollar amounts expressed in thousands)	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Adopted
<b>Court Case Docket Management and Administrative Support</b>	<b>\$794</b>	<b>\$726</b>	<b>\$888</b>	<b>\$1,158</b>	<b>\$989</b>
Cases per Circuit Court Judge	3,082	3,252	3,130	3,378	3,380
Cost per case concluded	\$44	\$45	\$45	\$44	\$45