



OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

A Fact Sheet

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The Judicial Branch is responsible for administering a fair and impartial system of justice that protects constitutional and statutory rights and liberties, assures equal access, provides fair, timely and constructive resolution of cases, enhances public safety, supervises offenders, and facilitates victim and community reparation. The Judicial Branch includes the following divisions: Appellate Courts, Administration, Integrated Information Services, Trial Court, Probation, and separate office for the Public Defender, Alternate Defense Council, and the Office of the Child's Representative.

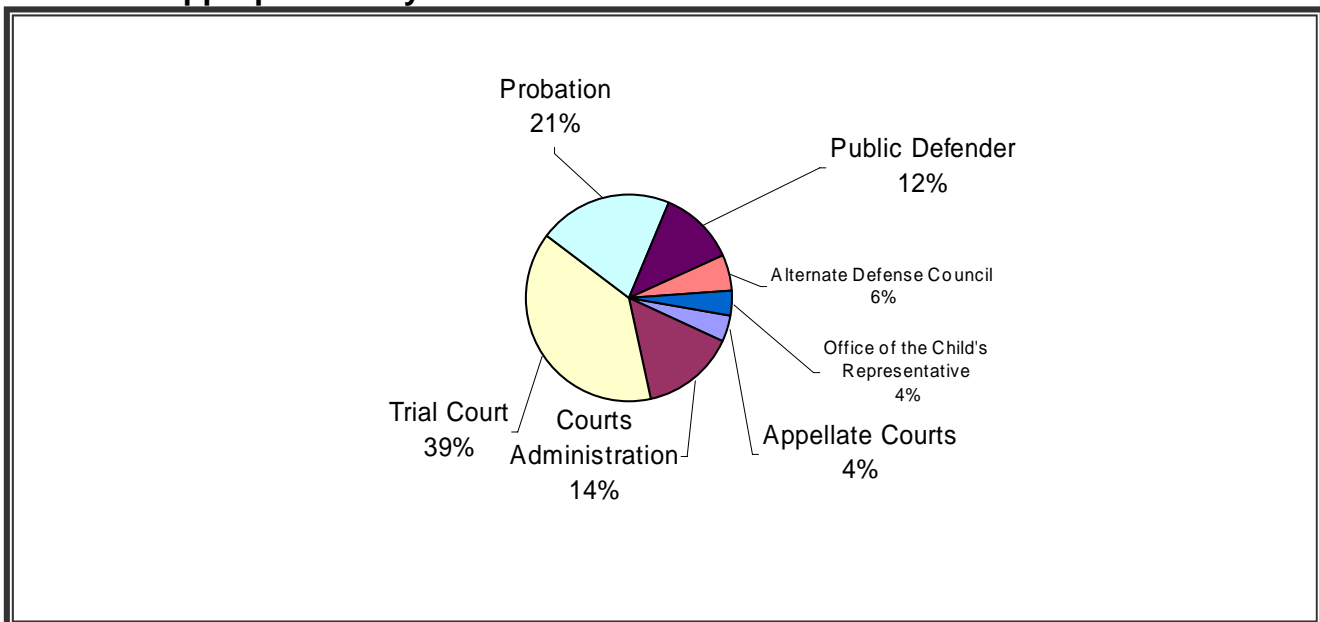
FY 2007-08 Appropriation

Total Appropriation:	\$387,840,279
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	2.3%
General Fund Appropriation:	\$297,821,518
Percent of Statewide General Fund Appropriation:	4.1%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	3,853.7

FY 2008-09 Budget Request

Total Request:	\$425,692,628
Percent of Statewide Total Request:	2.4%
General Fund Request:	\$316,237,681
Percent of Statewide General Fund Request:	4.1%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	3,961.3

FY 2007-08 Appropriation By Area



Department in Summary FY 2008-09

- The Judicial Branch is not required or expected to submit its official budget request through the Office of State Planning and Budgeting or the Governor. However, in balancing the State budget, the Governor's budget request includes assumptions about the funding that may be necessary for this Judicial Branch. Therefore, the numbers compare FY 2008-09 to the FY 2007-08 appropriation are based on the assumptions from the Governor's November 1, 2007 Budget Request and do not reflect the official request of the Judicial Branch.
- The Office of State Planning and Budgeting assumed 6.0% growth, plus increases in for centrally administered benefits and services.
- The projected FY 2008-09 total appropriations is \$425.7 million. This is a projected increase of 9.5%. This increase includes the annualizations of HB 07-1054.
- The Colorado Supreme Court is projecting for 2007 a total of 1,534 filings and 1,450 terminations. This is an increase over 2006 totaling 1,393 for filings and 1,400 terminations.
- The County Court is projecting for 2007 a total of 551,197 filings and 525,547 terminations. This is a decrease from 2006 totaling 556,136 for filings and 536,244 terminations.
- The District Court is projecting for 2007 a total of 189,235 filings and 188,968 terminations. This is close to 2006 totals of 189,415 for filings and 186,392 terminations.

Key Issues and Legislation:

1. SB 07-055 – Increased the costs and surcharges levied for certain criminal actions and traffic offenses and diverted funds to the Crime Victim Compensation Fund.
2. SB 07-118 – Created a Court Security Cash Fund to allow the State Court Administrator's Office to provide grants to locals to improve courthouse security.
3. HB 07-1054 – Increased the number of judges and support staff in the Judicial Branch and the Department of Law. Total increase for FY 2008-09 is 159.6 FTE and \$12.0 million.

Department Wide Performance Measures:

1. Percentage of respondents surveyed indicating positive perception of access and fairness.
2. Percent of pre-sentence investigations reports (PSIR) completed with established time standards.
3. Clearance rate of district court civil cases filed annually.
4. Clearance rate of cases filed annually with the Colorado Supreme Court.
5. Percentage of district court civil dispositions meeting established time standards.

Links to Additional Websites

- [Colorado Judicial Branch](http://www.courts.state.co.us) (*http://www.courts.state.co.us*)
- [Colorado Supreme Court](http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/supctindex.htm) (*http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/supctindex.htm*)
- [Colorado District Courts](http://www.courts.state.co.us/district/districts.htm) (*http://www.courts.state.co.us/district/districts.htm*)
- [Colorado County Courts](http://www.courts.state.co.us/district/counties.htm) (*http://www.courts.state.co.us/district/counties.htm*)

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