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To: Texas County Judges and Commissioners Courts

RE: Implementation of Judicial Pay Legislation

Dear County Judges and County Commissioners of Texas,

As you decide how best to allocate the taxpayer funds entrusted to your care, I urge you to continue the judicial-pay supplements provided to the judges and justices in your county. The Texas Legislature recently authorized an increase in those county supplements, and I also ask you to consider providing that increase to your local judges, who work hard to deliver equal justice under the law for your constituents.

In a historic vote on the last day of the 89th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature raised the salary of the appellate, district, statutory county, and statutory probate judges throughout Texas by 25% across the board. The change is effective September 1, 2025. The Legislature also amended the pay for constitutional county judges performing judicial functions, who will be compensated based on their years of service and will benefit from the 25% increase. The salary increase also results in an increase in the amount paid to counties by the state for each statutory county and statutory probate judge in the county.

State law authorizes counties to supplement the salary of your local district judges and court of appeals justices. The maximum amount previously allowed was \$18,000 for district judges and \$9,000 for court of appeals justices. Effective September 1, 2025, the maximum county supplement amounts have increased to \$25,000 and \$12,500, respectively.

These reforms were badly needed. Before the 25% pay raise, Texas ranked near the bottom out of the fifty states in judicial pay—even including the county supplements you have historically

provided to your local judges. As the Legislature considered this problem, and as I and other judges worked to inform them of the need to address it, our baseline assumptions about judicial pay included the county supplements currently provided. In other words, the 25% increase was designed to augment the existing pay structure, which includes county supplements. The increase does not alleviate the need for county supplements, and withdrawing or reducing those supplements would only aggravate the problem the Legislature's pay raise was intended to address. For this reason, I urge you to maintain any judicial supplements currently provided to the judges and justices in your counties. If possible, I also ask you to consider increasing those supplements within the allowable range.

The daily work of the judges in your county has an enormous impact on the lives and fortunes of your constituents. For the good of our fellow Texans, who rightfully expect fair and efficient justice to be done in Texas courtrooms, we must do everything we can to recruit and retain the very best people we can find to serve as judges. Together, we all play a role in that effort. The Legislature has done its part by raising judicial salaries. I ask you to do your part by maintaining or increasing the county supplements paid to judges.

Thank you for your service to your county and to our great State. May God bless you in your important work.

Sincerely,

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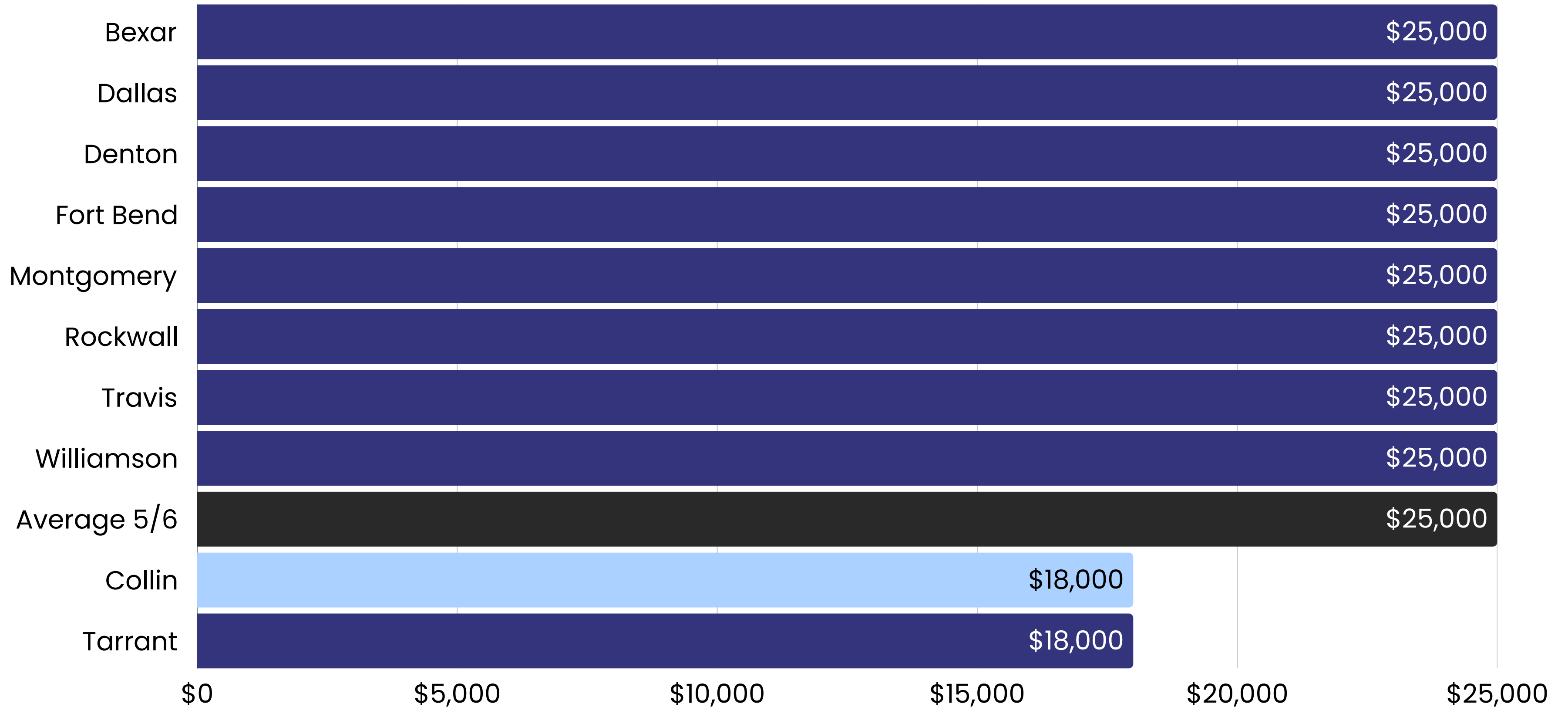
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District Judge Salary Supplements as of March 2026

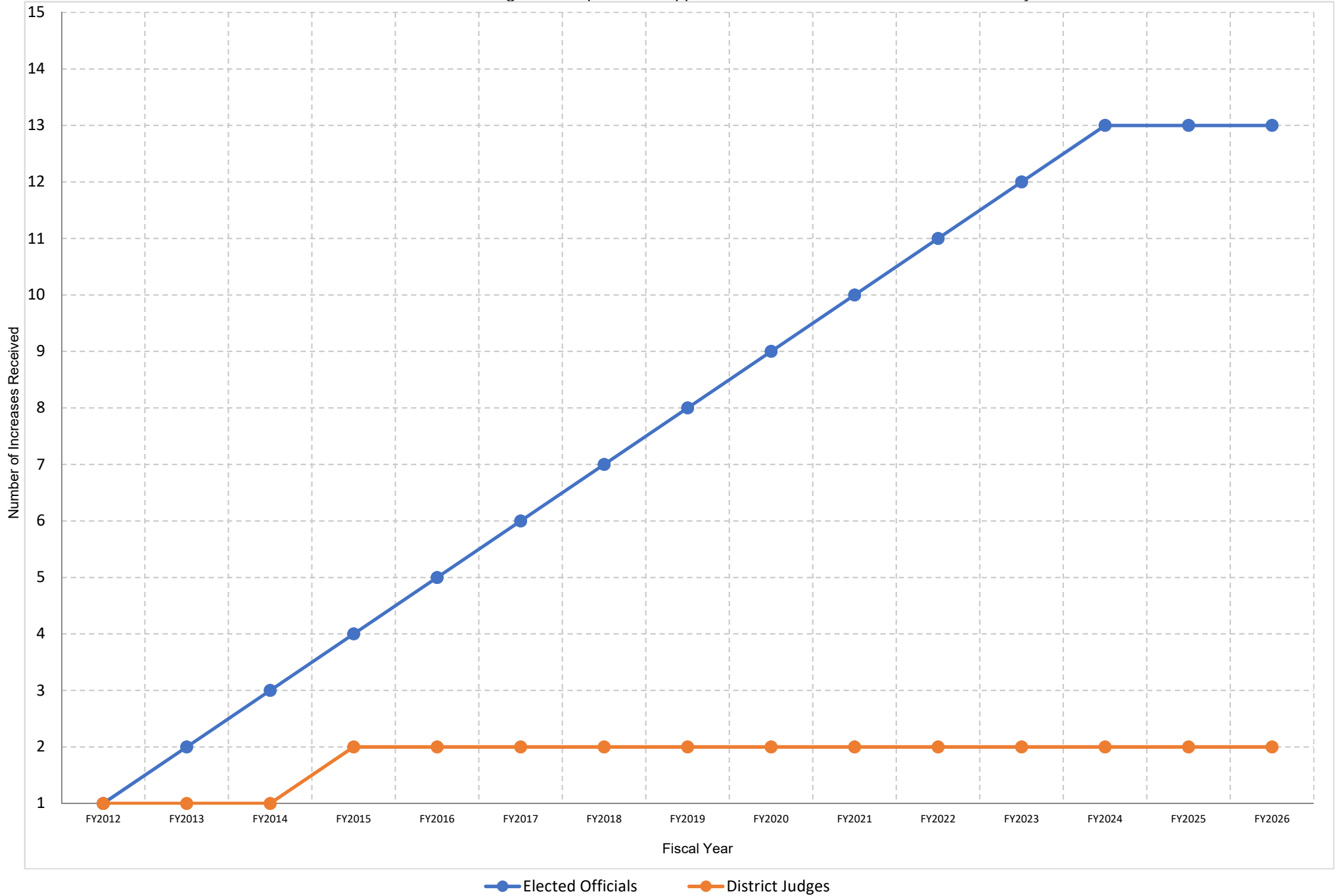
County	County Supplement
Anderson, Cherokee, Leon	\$ 25,000.00
Anderson, Freestone, Leon, Limestone	\$ 26,073.00
Anderson, Henderson, Houston	\$ 23,854.00
Anderson, Houston	\$ 25,000.00
Andrews, Crane, Winkler	\$ 25,000.00
Angelina	\$ 25,000.00
Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, San Patricio	\$ 25,000.00
Archer, Clay, Montague	\$ -
Armstrong, Potter, Randall	\$ 33,012.00
Atascosa, Frio, Karnes, La Salle, Wilson	\$ 24,350.05
Austin, Fayette	\$ 18,600.00
Bailey, Parmer	\$ 900.12
Bandera, Kerr	\$ 25,000.00
Bastrop	\$ 18,000.00
Bastrop	\$ 8,550.00
Bastrop, Burleson, Lee, Washington	\$ 16,595.00
Baylor, Cottle, King, Knox	\$ 4,800.00
Bell	\$ 25,000.00
Bell, Lampasas	\$ 25,000.00
Bexar	\$ 25,000.00
Blanco, Burnet, Llano, San Saba	\$ 25,000.00
Borden, Scurry	\$ 9,600.00
Bosque, Comanche, Hamilton	\$ 18,000.00
Bowie	\$ 25,000.00
Bowie, Cass	\$ 25,000.00
Bowie, Red River	\$ 25,000.00
Brazoria	\$ 25,000.00
Brazos	\$ 25,000.00
Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio	\$ 25,000.00
Briscoe, Dickens, Floyd, Motley	\$ -
Brooks, Jim Wells	\$ 25,000.00
Brown, Mills	\$ 25,000.00
Caldwell	\$ 13,772.16
Hays, Caldwell, Comal	\$ 18,000.00
Comal, Caldwell, Hays	\$ 25,000.00
Calhoun, De Witt, Goliad, Jackson, Refugio, Victoria	\$ 25,000.00
Callahan, Coleman, Taylor	\$ 24,480.00
Cameron	\$ 25,000.00
Chambers, Liberty	\$ 25,000.00
Cherokee	\$ 21,297.00
Cochran, Hockley	\$ 15,672.11
Coke, Irion, Schleicher, Sterling, Tom Green	\$ 25,000.00
Collin	\$ 18,000.00
Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lavaca	\$ 25,000.00
Comal	\$ 25,000.00
Comal, Guadalupe, Hays	\$ 25,000.00
Concho, Runnels, Tom Green	\$ 25,000.00
Cooke	\$ 17,310.25
Coryell	\$ 18,000.00
Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton, Upton	\$ 24,904.00
Crosby, Lubbock	\$ 25,000.00
Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth	\$ 18,000.00
Dallam, Hartley, Moore, Sherman	\$ 12,000.00
Dallas	\$ 25,000.00
Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Lynn	\$ 25,000.00
Deaf Smith, Oldham	\$ 6,480.00
Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar	\$ 25,000.00
Denton	\$ 25,000.00
Duval, Jim Hogg, Starr	\$ 25,000.00
Eastland	\$ 8,606.75
Edwards, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard	\$ 5,700.00
El Paso	\$ 18,000.00
Ellis	\$ 25,000.00
Erath	\$ 25,000.00
Falls, Robertson	\$ 18,524.00
Fannin	\$ 4,496.88
Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan	\$ 21,126.00
Foard, Hardeman, Wilbarger	\$ 25,000.00
Fort Bend	\$ 25,000.00
Freestone, Limestone	\$ 25,000.00
Galveston	\$ 25,000.00
Gillespie, Kerr	\$ 25,000.00
Glasscock, Howard, Martin	\$ 18,000.00
Gray	\$ 12,625.71
Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts, Wheeler	\$ 24,722.45

County	County Supplement
Grayson	\$ 18,900.00
Gregg	\$ 25,000.00
Grimes, Madison, Walker	\$ 25,000.00
Grimes, Waller	\$ 25,000.00
Guadalupe	\$ 25,000.00
Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochiltree	\$ 22,939.20
Hardin	\$ 25,000.00
Hardin, Tyler	\$ 25,000.00
Harris	\$ 25,000.00
Harrison	\$ 18,000.00
Haskell, Kent, Stonewall, Throckmorton	\$ 4,800.00
Hays	\$ 25,000.00
Henderson	\$ 18,000.00
Hidalgo	\$ 25,000.00
Hill	\$ 25,000.00
Hood	\$ 25,000.00
Hunt	\$ 25,000.00
Hunt, Rains	\$ 25,000.00
Hutchinson	\$ 22,140.00
Jack, Wise	\$ 25,000.00
Jasper, Newton, Sabine, San Augustine	\$ 25,227.31
Jasper, Newton, Tyler	\$ 25,303.54
Jefferson	\$ 25,000.00
Johnson	\$ 25,000.00
Johnson, Somervell	\$ 25,000.00
Jones, Shackelford	\$ 4,565.00
Kaufman	\$ 25,000.00
Kendall	\$ 25,000.00
Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces	\$ 25,000.00
Kinney, Terrell, Val Verde	\$ 6,816.00
Lamar, Red River	\$ 25,000.00
Lamb	\$ -
Leon, Madison, Walker	\$ 25,000.00
Liberty	\$ 25,000.00
Loving, Reeves, Ward	\$ 25,000.00
Lubbock	\$ 25,000.00
Marion, Upshur	\$ 19,800.00
Matagorda	\$ 25,000.00
Matagorda, Wharton	\$ 18,000.00
McLennan	\$ 25,000.00
Medina	\$ 20,500.00
Midland	\$ 25,000.00
Milam	\$ 6,000.00
Montgomery	\$ 25,000.00
Nacogdoches	\$ 18,000.00
Navarro	\$ 25,000.00
Nueces	\$ 25,000.00
Orange	\$ 21,500.00
Palo Pinto	\$ 25,000.00
Panola, Shelby	\$ 25,000.00
Parker	\$ 25,000.00
Pecos, Terrell, Val Verde	\$ 24,194.00
Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity	\$ 14,357.00
Potter	\$ 25,000.00
Potter, Randall	\$ 33,012.00
Real, Uvalde	\$ 25,000.00
Rockwall	\$ 25,000.00
Rusk	\$ 25,000.00
Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby	\$ 25,000.00
Smith	\$ 25,000.00
Starr	\$ 25,000.00
Stephens, Young	\$ 1,200.00
Tarrant	\$ 17,999.80
Taylor	\$ 18,000.00
Terry, Yoakum	\$ 25,000.00
Tom Green	\$ 25,000.00
Travis	\$ 25,000.00
Van Zandt	\$ 15,157.88
Victoria	\$ 25,000.00
Webb	\$ 25,000.00
Webb, Zapata	\$ 25,000.00
Wharton	\$ 25,000.00
Wichita	\$ 25,000.00
Williamson	\$ 25,000.00
Wood	\$ 14,843.28

DISTRICT JUDGES – FY2026



Years District Judges Participated in Supplemental Increase vs. Elected Official Salary Increase



District Court Workload Analysis

Collin County

This jurisdiction is currently served by 15 district courts that serve only Collin. Collin County employs a full-time juvenile referee and is also supported by the Office of Court Administration's Child Support courts.

County	Estimated FTEs Needed ¹	% Current FTEs State Funded ²	Filings 2025	Change in Filings 2024-2025	Change in Filings 2021-2025	Clearance Rate 2025	Clearance Rate 2021-2025	Date Last Court Created
Collin	23.2	94%	31,106	4%	24%	102%	99%	2024
Statewide Totals, Change in Filings & Clearance Rates				-1%	9%	107%	99%	

Workload per Judicial Officer	Current	+ 1 FTE	+ 2 FTEs	+ 3 FTEs	+ 4 FTEs	+ 5 FTEs
Estimated Need	23.2					
Existing Resources ²	16.4	17.4	18.4	19.4	20.4	21.4
Workload per Judicial Officer ³	1.41	1.33	1.26	1.20	1.14	1.08

- Based on the application of case weights to filings for calendar year 2025 as reported to the Office of Court Administration. Details regarding case weights can be found in "[Measuring Current Judicial Workload in Texas, 2023](#)," National Center for State Courts.
- District judges as of 5/1/2026. Child protection and child support associate judges based on child protection or child support case filings during the time frame listed above. Other personnel based on survey responses from local jurisdictions.
- The Judicial Needs Assessment Committee adopted a rounding convention that is based upon the workload per judicial officer and puts judicial officers in counties of all sizes on equal footing. Workload per judicial officer is calculated by dividing the total judicial officer need in each county by the number of funded judicial positions. **A court is deemed to have an appropriate number of judicial officers if the workload per judicial officers is less than 1.14 FTE.** According to the rounding convention, when the workload per judicial officer is greater than 1.15 FTE, there is a need for one or more additional judicial positions. The estimated number of judicial officer positions needed is based on the number of judicial officers that brings each county as close to the 1.15 threshold as possible, rounding to the nearest .5 FTE position. Many states have adopted a workload per judicial officer threshold of 1.10; however, JNAC chose to go the more conservative route of adopting a 1.15 workload per judicial officer threshold.



District Court Workload Analysis

Collin County

Estimated Need

	Criminal	Civil	Family	Child Support	CPS	Juvenile	Total
Collin	9.08	5.68	6.61	0.44	0.19	1.16	23.2

Existing Associate Judge/Magistrate Resources

	Criminal	Civil	Family	OCA Child Support	OCA CPS	Juvenile	Total
Collin	-	-	-	0.44	0.19	0.75	1.4

The county employs a full-time juvenile referee. All county-funded positions adjusted to 0.75 per full FTE.

OCA-funded child support and child protection based on the number of filings reported for state CY 2025.

Net Need

	Criminal	Civil	Family	Child Support	CPS	Juvenile	Total	Existing District Judges	Remaining Need
Collin	9.08	5.68	6.61	0.00	0.00	0.41	21.8	15.0	6.8

Actual Reported FTEs	16.6
Adjusted FTEs	16.4



Definitions of Key Data Elements – District Courts

- **Estimated FTEs Needed** – This figure is the result of the application of OCA’s case weights, which were developed in 2023, to case filings over one year from calendar year 2025. The weighted caseload is an objective standard used to estimate judicial need. If the estimated total FTEs needed in the county exceed the reported actual FTEs, it would indicate a need for additional judicial resources.
- **% Current FTEs State Funded** – Some courts employ associate judges and/or magistrates to assist with the caseload. These individuals assist with the workload and count toward the total judicial FTEs in the county. This percentage provides a picture of how much the county is contributing to this judicial function.
- **Actual Reported FTEs** – The number of elected district judges, as well as any county- or OCA-employed associate judges or magistrates serving the district courts.
- **Change in Filings** – The percentage change in case filings. A trend of increasing filings could indicate that additional judicial resources may be needed.
- **Clearance Rate** – The clearance rate measures the relationship between dispositions and filings. A court should attempt to dispose of at least as many cases as are filed to avoid a backlog of cases. This would result in a 100% clearance rate. A clearance rate below 100% might indicate that the court is struggling to keep up with its caseload, which may be due to a lack of judicial resources, or other factors.



District Courts - Collin

Civil					Family				Criminal				Juvenile				Total			
Calender Year	Filings	Disposed	Active Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Active Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Active Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Active Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Active Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate
21	7,228	7,589	4,477	105%	10,397	10,773	5,483	104%	6,680	6,745	6,116	101%	682	612	350	90%	24,987	25,719	16,426	103%
22	7,134	7,402	4,260	104%	10,400	10,526	5,344	101%	6,213	6,321	3,557	102%	647	685	312	106%	24,394	24,934	13,473	102%
23	7,851	7,134	4,969	91%	10,060	10,355	5,064	103%	9,026	6,901	4,400	76%	811	750	373	92%	27,748	25,140	14,806	91%
24	9,504	8,833	5,657	93%	10,108	10,363	4,815	103%	9,434	8,841	4,489	94%	953	836	490	88%	29,999	28,873	15,451	96%
25	10,327	10,176	5,741	99%	10,787	11,036	4,587	102%	9,044	9,537	3,554	105%	948	1,000	436	105%	31,106	31,749	14,318	102%
Trend																				
Average 24-25	9,916	9,505	5,699	96%	10,448	10,700	4,701	102%	9,239	9,189	4,022	99%	951	918	463	97%	30,553	30,311	14,885	99%
Average 21-25	8,409	8,227	5,021	98%	10,350	10,611	5,059	103%	8,079	7,669	4,423	95%	808	777	392	96%	27,647	27,283	14,895	99%
Change 24-25	9%	15%	1%		7%	6%	-5%		-4%	8%	-21%		-1%	20%	-11%		4%	10%	-7%	
Change 21-25	43%	34%	28%		4%	2%	-16%		35%	41%	-42%		39%	63%	25%		24%	23%	-13%	

Statewide Average Clearance Rates: Civil: 106% Family: 109% Criminal: 107% Juvenile: 102% Total: 107%

Source: Office of Court Administration

Prepared: 5/18/2026

Definitions of Key Data Elements

Average Filings 24-25 – The average number of cases filed in the county for 2024 and 2025.

Change in Filings 24-25 – The percentage increase or decrease in filings in the county between 2024 and 2025. A trend of increasing filings would indicate a need for more judicial resources over time.

Change in Filings 21-25 – The percentage increase or decrease in total case filings in the county over the past five years. This percentage is intended to smooth out the one-time aberrations in filings that may occur when comparing one year to the next. A trend of increasing filings would indicate a need for more judicial resources over time.

Clearance Rate 2025 – The clearance rate is a measure of dispositions versus filings. A court should attempt to dispose of at least as many cases as are filed, which would result in a 100% clearance rate, to avoid a backlog of cases. A clearance rate below 100% might indicate that the court is struggling to keep up with its caseload, perhaps due to a judicial resource shortage or other factors.

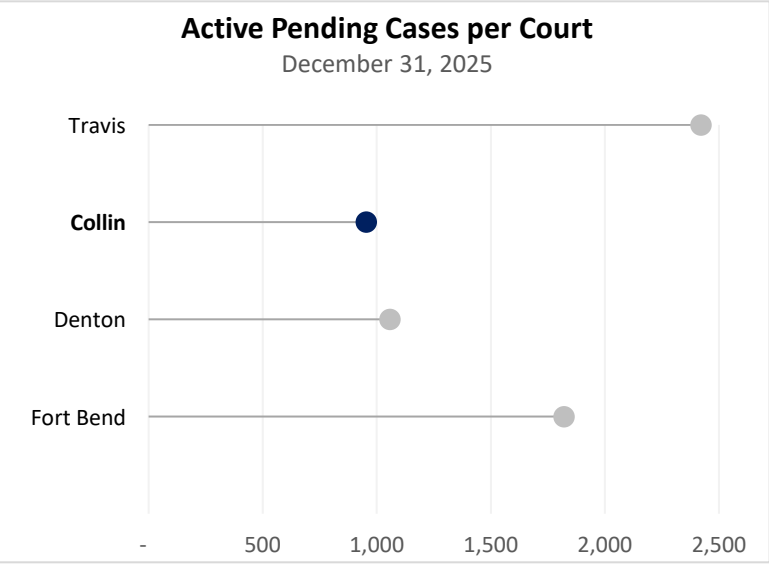
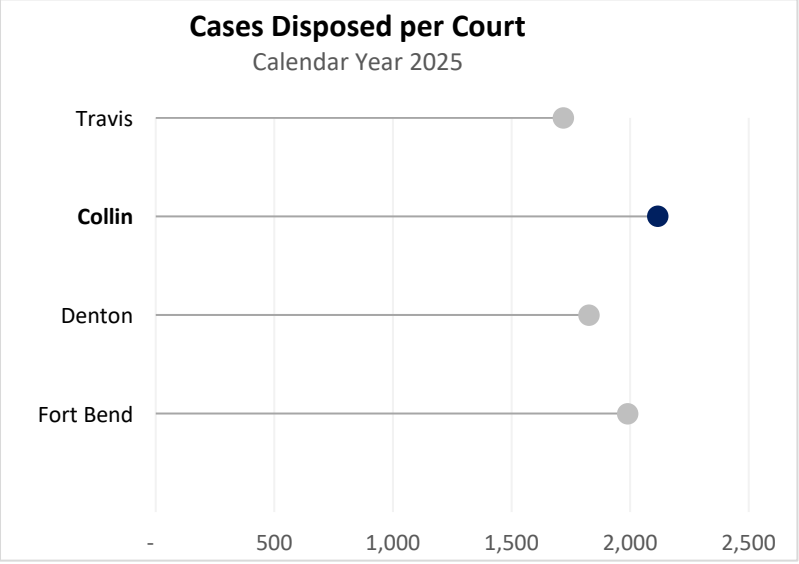
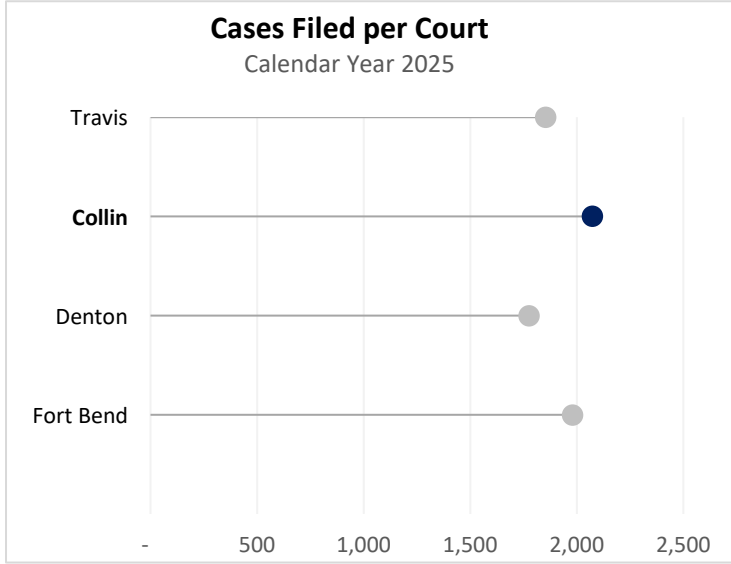
Average Clearance Rate 21-25 – This measure looks at the clearance rate over a five-year period to smooth out aberrations in a single year.

District Courts

Calendar Year 2025

(Counties Listed in Population Order)

			CIVIL			FAMILY			CRIMINAL			JUVENILE			TOTAL		
	2025 Census Population Estimate	District Courts			Active Pending 12/31/25			Active Pending 12/31/25			Active Pending 12/31/25			Active Pending 12/31/25			Active Pending 12/31/25
			Added	Disposed		Added	Disposed		Added	Disposed		Added	Disposed		Added	Disposed	
Travis	1,389,670	21	12,969	11,832	24,702	10,454	11,180	15,004	14,968	12,663	10,761	520	399	351	38,911	36,074	50,818
Collin	1,297,179	15	10,327	10,176	5,741	10,787	11,036	4,587	9,044	9,537	3,554	948	1,000	436	31,106	31,749	14,318
Denton	1,069,346	12	7,187	6,898	4,875	7,785	8,710	4,179	6,335	6,296	3,624	0	0	0	21,307	21,904	12,678
Fort Bend	975,191	10	9,955	9,414	8,928	6,920	7,606	6,635	2,926	2,872	2,638	0	0	0	19,801	19,892	18,201



Source: Office of Court Administration

Prepared 5/18/2026

County Courts at Law Workload Analysis

Collin County Courts at Law

This jurisdiction is currently served by 7 county courts at law.

County	Estimated FTEs Needed ¹	Total Filings in 2025	Change in Filings 2024-2025	Change in Filings 2021-2025	Clearance Rate 2025	Clearance Rate 2021-2025	Date Last Court Created
Collin	9.0	20,775	12%	45%	92%	100%	2015
Statewide Totals, Change in Filings & Clearance Rates			3%	17%	102%	103%	

Workload per Judicial Officer	Current	+ 1 FTE	+ 2 FTEs
Estimated Need	9.0		
Existing Resources ²	7.0	8.0	9.0
Workload per Judicial Officer ³	1.28	1.12	1.00

- Based on the application of case weights to filings for calendar year 2025 as reported to the Office of Court Administration. Details regarding case weights can be found in "Measuring Current Judicial Workload in Texas, 2023," National Center for State Courts.
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County Courts at Law Workload Analysis

Collin County Courts at Law

Estimated Need

	Criminal	Civil	Family	Child Support	CPS	Juvenile	Probate and Guardianship	Mental Health	Total
Collin	6.6	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0

Existing Associate Judge/Magistrate Resources

	Criminal	Civil	Family	OCA Child Support	OCA CPS	Juvenile	Probate and Guardianship	Mental Health	Total
Collin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Net Need

	Criminal	Civil	Family	Child Support	CPS	Juvenile	Probate and Guardianship	Mental Health	Total	Existing CCL Judges	Existing Associate Judge/Magistrate Resources	Remaining Need
Collin	6.6	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	7.0	-	2.0

Actual Reported FTEs	7.0
Adjusted FTEs	7.0



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Collin County Courts at Law

	Civil				Family				Criminal				Juvenile				Total					
CY	Filings	Disposed	Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate	Filings	Disposed	Pending End of Year	Clearance Rate		
21	6,124	6,157	2,035	101%				-	8,207	9,927	9,274	121%				-	14,331	16,084	11,309	112%		
22	5,252	5,908	1,371	112%				-	8,075	8,562	8,803	106%				-	13,327	14,470	10,174	109%		
23	6,155	5,583	1,953	91%				-	11,188	10,600	9,399	95%				-	17,343	16,183	11,352	93%		
24	6,958	6,725	2,159	97%				-	11,563	11,498	7,403	99%				-	18,521	18,223	9,562	98%		
25	8,991	7,595	3,533	84%				-	11,784	11,422	3,521	97%				-	20,775	19,017	7,054	92%		
Trend																						
Average 24-25	7,975	7,160	2,846	90%				-	11,674	11,460	5,462	98%				-	19,648	18,620	8,308	95%		
Average 21-25	6,696	6,394	2,210	95%				-	10,163	10,402	7,680	102%				-	16,859	16,795	9,890	100%		
Change 24-25	29%	13%	64%						2%	-1%	-52%						12%	4%	-26%			
Change 21-25	47%	23%	74%						44%	15%	-62%						45%	18%	-38%			

Statewide Clearance Rates: Civil:102% Family: 107% Criminal: 101% Juvenile: 101% Total: 102%

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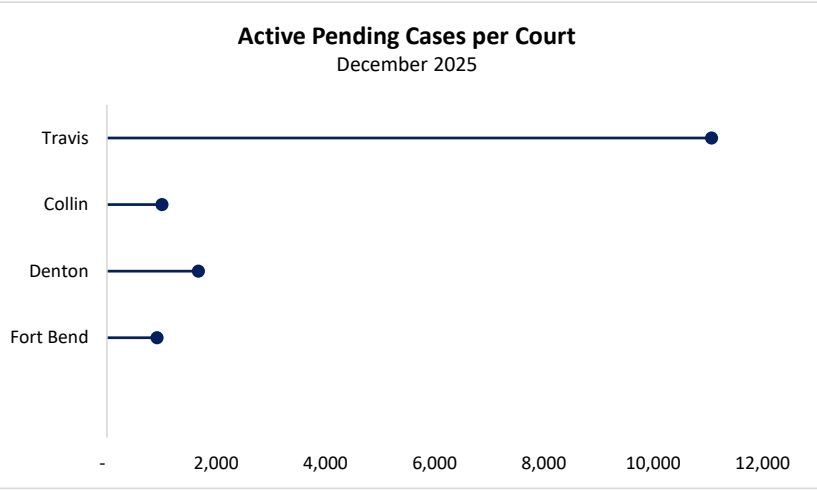
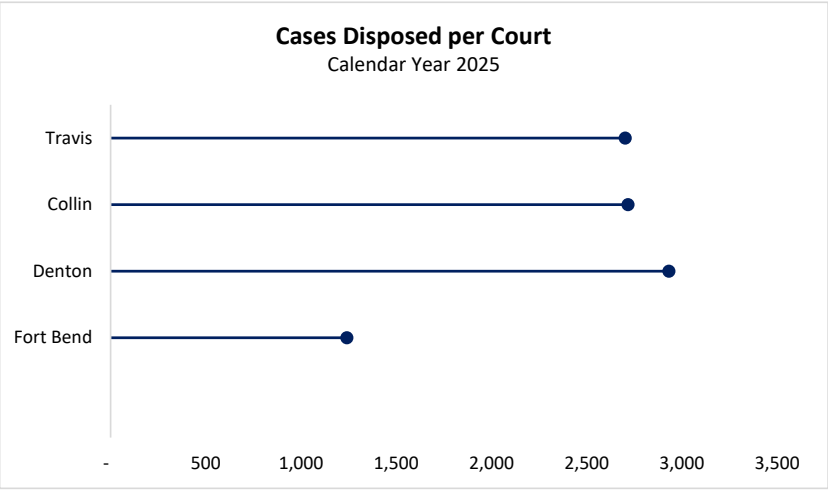
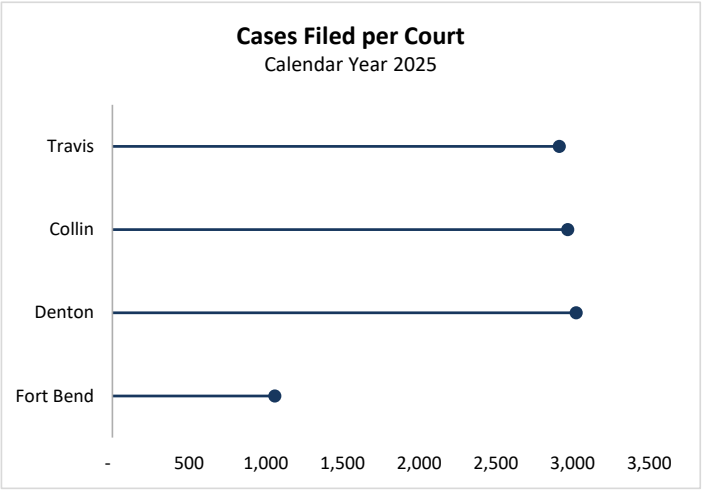
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Clearance Rate 2025 – The clearance rate is a measure of dispositions versus filings. A court should attempt to dispose of at least as many cases as are filed, which would result in a 100% clearance rate, to avoid a backlog of cases. A clearance rate below 100% might indicate that the court is struggling to keep up with its caseload, perhaps due to a judicial resource shortage or other factors.

Average Clearance Rate 21-25 – This measure looks at the clearance rate over a five-year period to smooth out aberrations in a single year.

County Courts at Law
Calendar Year 2025

	2025 Census Population Estimate	County Courts at Law	CIVIL			FAMILY			JUVENILE			CRIMINAL			TOTAL			PROBATE & GUARD- IANSHIP	MENTAL HEALTH	TOTAL ADDED
			Added	Disposed	Active Pending 12/31/25	Added	Disposed	Active Pending 12/31/25	Added	Disposed	Active Pending 12/31/25	Added	Disposed	Active Pending 12/31/25	Added	Disposed	Active Pending 12/31/25	Added	Added	
Travis	1,389,670	9	8,295	7,784	85,117	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,920	16,534	14,497	26,215	24,318	99,614	0	0	26,215
Collin	1,297,179	7	8,991	7,595	3,533	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,784	11,422	3,521	20,775	19,017	7,054	0	0	20,775
Denton	1,069,346	7	8,324	7,394	5,269	0	0	0	1,514	1,610	422	11,322	11,516	6,029	21,160	20,520	11,720	0	0	21,160
Fort Bend	975,191	6	2,250	3,257	2,303	1	0	2	416	398	420	3,685	3,788	2,778	6,352	7,443	5,503	1,588	1,374	9,314



County Courts at Law Workload Analysis

Collin County Statutory Probate Court

This jurisdiction is currently served by 1 statutory probate court.

County	Estimated FTEs Needed ¹	Total Filings in 2025	Change in Filings 2024-2025	Change in Filings 2021-2025	Date Last Court Created
Collin	3.3	6,396	10%	10%	2003
Statewide			2%	1%	

Workload per Judicial Officer	Current	+ 1 FTE	+ 2 FTEs
Estimated Need	3.3		
Existing Resources ²	1.0	2.0	3.0
Workload per Judicial Officer ³	3.30	1.65	1.10

1. Based on the application of case weights to filings for calendar year 2025 as reported to the Office of Court Administration. Details regarding case weights can be found in "[Measuring Current Judicial Workload in Texas, 2023](#)," National Center for State Courts.
2. Elected judges as of 5/1/2026. Other personnel information provided by the county.
3. The Judicial Needs Assessment Committee adopted a rounding convention that is based upon the workload per judicial officer and puts judicial officers in counties of all sizes on equal footing. Workload per judicial officer is calculated by dividing the total judicial officer need in each county by the number of funded judicial positions. **A court is deemed to have an appropriate number of judicial officers if the workload per judicial officers is less than 1.15 FTE.** According to the rounding convention, when the workload per judicial officer is greater than 1.15 FTE, there is a need for one or more additional judicial positions. The estimated number of judicial officer positions needed is based on the number of judicial officers that brings each county as close to the 1.15 threshold as possible, rounding to the nearest .5 FTE position. Many states have adopted a workload per judicial officer threshold of 1.10; however, JNAC chose to go the more conservative route of adopting a 1.15 workload per judicial officer threshold.



County Courts at Law Workload Analysis

Collin County Statutory Probate Court

Estimated Need

	Probate and Guardianship	Mental Health	Total
Collin	1.7	1.6	3.3

Existing Resources

	Statutory Probate Judges	Associate Judge/Magistrate	Remaining Need
Collin	1.0	-	2.3

Actual Reported FTEs	1.0
Adjusted FTEs	1.0



Definitions of Key Data Elements – County Courts at Law

- **Estimated FTEs Needed** – This figure is the result of the application of OCA’s case weights, which were developed in 2023, to case filings over one year for calendar year 2025. The weighted caseload is an objective standard used to estimate judicial need. If the estimated total FTEs needed in the county exceed the reported actual FTEs, it would indicate a need for additional judicial resources.
- **Actual Reported FTEs** – The number of elected judges, as well as any county- or OCA-employed associate judges or magistrates serving the district courts.
- **Change in Filings** – The percentage change in case filings. A trend of increasing filings could indicate that additional judicial resources may be needed.



Collin County Statutory Probate Courts

	CASES ADDED			
Calendar Year	Probate	Guardianship	Mental Health	Total
21	2,524	514	2,775	5,813
22	2,506	603	2,641	5,750
23	2,333	575	2,663	5,571
24	2,441	510	2,868	5,819
25	2,599	614	3,183	6,396
Trend				
Average 24-25	2,520	562	3,026	6,108
Average 21-25	2,481	563	2,826	5,870
Change 24-25	6%	20%	11%	10%
Change 21-25	3%	19%	15%	10%

Data on dispositions and pending cases are not collected for probate, guardianship and mental health cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration

Prepared 5/29/2026

Definitions of Key Data Elements

Average Filings 24-25 – The average number of cases filed in the county for 2024 and 2025.

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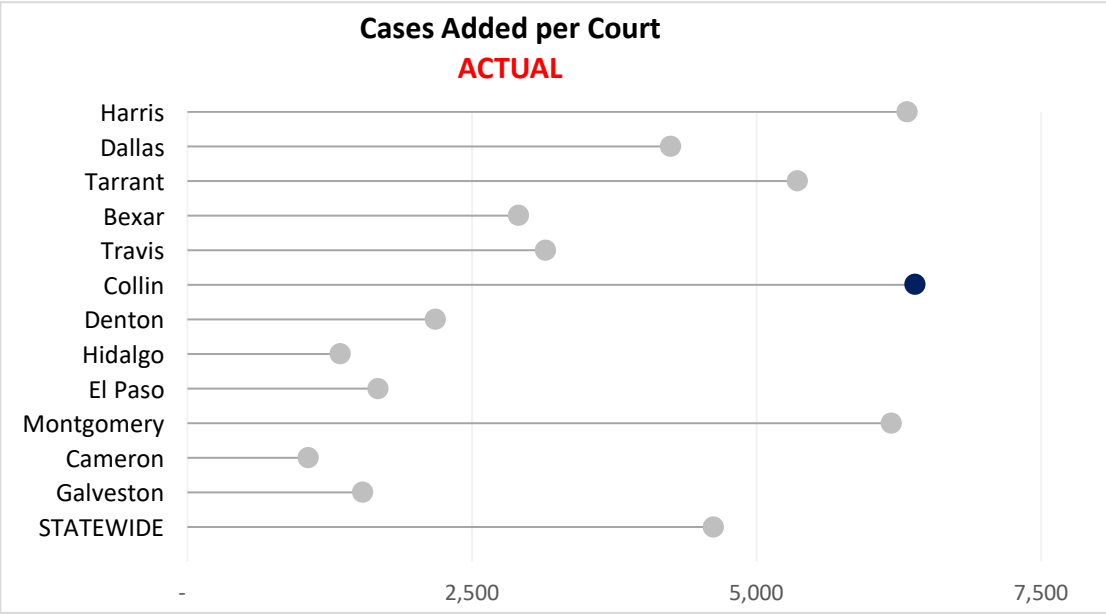
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Statutory Probate Courts Calendar Year 2025 (Counties Listed in Population Order)

ACTUAL

	CASES ADDED						
	2025 Population	Statutory Probate Courts	Probate	Guardianship	Mental Health	Total	Total per Court
Harris	5,045,026	5	9,574	1,074	20,962	31,610	6,322
Dallas	2,661,397	3	5,367	1,284	6,082	12,733	4,244
Tarrant	2,248,466	2	4,473	393	5,851	10,717	5,359
Bexar	2,160,088	3	5,607	790	2,334	8,731	2,910
Travis	1,389,670	2	3,084	470	2,738	6,292	3,146
Collin	1,297,179	1	2,599	614	3,183	6,396	6,396
Denton	1,069,346	2	2,432	586	1,341	4,359	2,180
Hidalgo	921,549	2	1,690	351	645	2,686	1,343
El Paso	877,858	2	1,792	265	1,291	3,348	1,674
Montgomery	781,194	1	2,521	684	2,981	6,186	6,186
Cameron	433,946	1	446	49	567	1,062	1,062
Galveston	372,207	1	1,263	125	153	1,541	1,541
STATEWIDE		25	40,848	6,685	48,128	95,661	3,826

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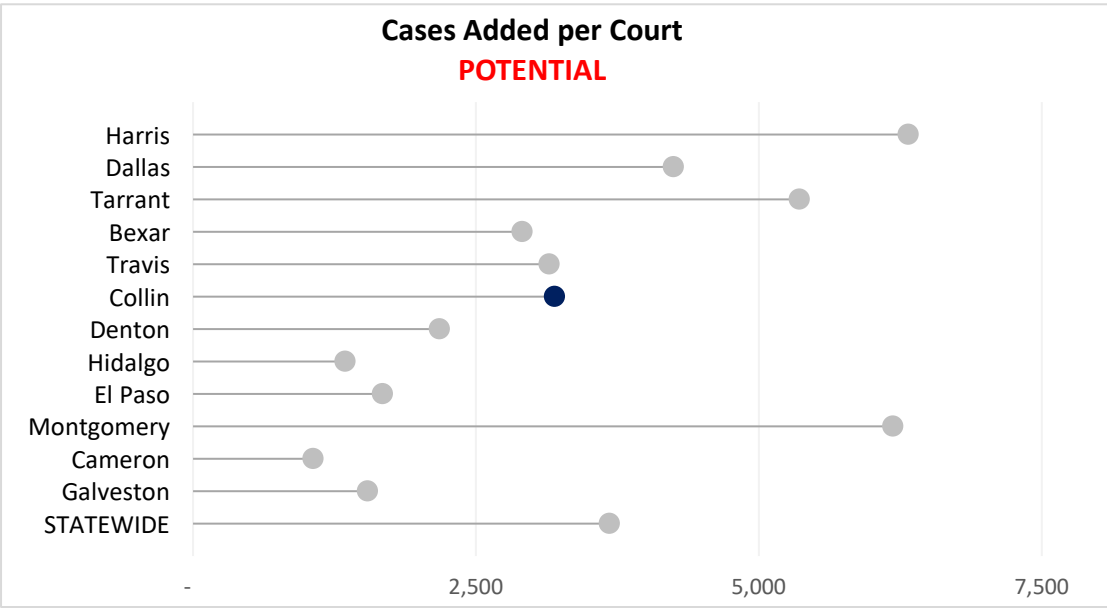
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Statutory Probate Courts Calendar Year 2025 (Counties Listed in Population Order)

POTENTIAL

	CASES ADDED						
	2025 Population	Statutory Probate Courts	Probate	Guardianship	Mental Health	Total	Total per Court
Harris	4,728,030	5	9,574	1,074	20,962	31,610	6,322
Dallas	2,586,050	3	5,367	1,284	6,082	12,733	4,244
Tarrant	2,126,477	2	4,473	393	5,851	10,717	5,359
Bexar	2,028,236	3	5,607	790	2,334	8,731	2,910
Travis	1,305,154	2	3,084	470	2,738	6,292	3,146
Collin	1,109,462	2	2,599	614	3,183	6,396	3,198
Denton	941,647	2	2,432	586	1,341	4,359	2,180
Hidalgo	880,356	2	1,690	351	645	2,686	1,343
El Paso	867,947	2	1,792	265	1,291	3,348	1,674
Montgomery	678,490	1	2,521	684	2,981	6,186	6,186
Cameron	423,029	1	446	49	567	1,062	1,062
Galveston	355,062	1	1,263	125	153	1,541	1,541
STATEWIDE		26	40,848	6,685	48,128	95,661	3,679

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