

COURT PROGRESS IN PROVIDING INTERPRETERS IN CIVIL CASES

(as of December 31, 2016)

Strategic Plan Goal: "By 2017, and beginning immediately where resources permit, qualified interpreters will be provided in the California Courts to LEP court users in all courtroom proceedings."*

47 courts
(81% of 58 courts)

Expansion into all 8 priority levels
(Priorities 1–8)

As of December 31, 2016, 47 of 56 responding courts indicated that they were able to provide interpreters under all 8 priorities (Priorities 1–8). The languages provided, and the estimated interpreter coverage for each priority, vary by court. Recent information gathered regarding each court's estimated coverage will help the Judicial Council with funding and other targeted efforts designed to help all 58 courts reach full expansion.

Priority 1: *Domestic violence, civil harassment where fees are waived*
(Code Civ. Proc., § 527.6(x)), *elder abuse (physical abuse or neglect)*

Priority 2: *Unlawful detainer*

Priority 3: *Termination of parental rights*

Priority 4: *Conservatorship, guardianship*

Priority 5: *Sole legal or physical custody, visitation*

Priority 6: *Other elder abuse, other civil harassment*

Priority 7: *Other family law*

Priority 8: *Other civil*

6 courts
(10.3% of 58 courts)

Expansion into
5 or more
priority levels
(subset of
Priorities 1–8)

As of
December 31, 2016,
6 courts
(2 medium-sized
courts, 1 small/
medium-sized court,
and 3 small-sized
courts) indicated
they have expanded
into 5 or more
priority levels (a subset
of Priorities 1–8).

3 courts
(5.2% of
58 courts)

Expansion into
3 to 4 priority
levels
(subset of
Priorities 1–8)

As of Decem-
ber 31, 2016,
3 small-
sized courts
indicated that
they are able
to expand into
3 to 4 priority
levels (a subset
of Priorities
1–8).

2 courts
(3.5% of
58 courts)

No response

Two courts
(1 small-sized
court and 1
small/medium-
sized court)
did not
respond
to the recent
survey.

* Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts, Goal 2