



Los Angeles



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Judicial Branch Budget Snapshot Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

Key Budget Challenges/Priorities

- Due to current staffing inadequacies, irresolvable backlogs exist in many areas
- Caseloads in many courtrooms are unmanageably high
- Motions in civil and family law courts are delayed
- Contemplated closure of ten courthouses and elimination of 511 positions as of July 2013

Budget Impacts

General Budget Reduction Impacts to the Public

- Eliminated 56 staffed courtrooms in criminal, civil, family, probate, and juvenile
- Eliminated court-funded portion of the CASA program
- Eliminated Informal Juvenile Traffic Courts
- Planned re-organization of court to consolidate activities

Reduced Public Access: Self-Help/Mediator/Facilitator Services

- Plan to eliminate all court-supported ADR in civil and juvenile by July 2013

Reduced Public Access: Court Reporters/Interpreters

- Eliminated approximately 174 full-time court reporter positions and created 50 part-time assignments
- Plan to eliminate all court reporter positions in civil courtrooms, with limited exceptions, in July 2013

Reduced Public Access: Public Service Counters and Clerks

- No reduction in clerks' office hours have been implemented at present

Closures: Courtrooms and Courthouses

- Eliminated courtroom staffing from 56 courtrooms: criminal, civil, family, probate, and delinquency
- Consolidation plan currently underway anticipates the closure of 10 of 46 courthouses

Staff Reductions: Furloughs, Layoffs, Unfilled Vacancies

- Instituted furloughs in FY 2009-10
- Reduced 616 non-courtroom positions
- Reduced 902 total positions
- Additional reduction of 511 positions planned

Impacts: Court Security Services

- No security service reductions were implemented

Fewer Judicial Officers

- Reduction of nine Commissioner positions
- Reduction of 17 Referee positions
- Will eliminate 11 Referee positions July 1, 2013

Annual Allocation*

Total Allocation FY 2008-2009	\$ 753,862,560
Est. Allocation FY 2012-2013**	\$ 630,167,969
Percentage change	-16.4%

*Does not reflect unfunded cost increases

**For comparison purposes only, includes court security funding

Los Angeles Facilities Overview

Number of courthouses	43
Capital construction projects	6 (3 indefinitely delayed)

Judicial Workload/Employees as of Dec. 2012:

Population served	9,889,056
Judicial officers	586.3
Judicial officers needed	626.4
Filled staff positions FY 08-09	5,368
Filled staff positions FY 12-13	4,425

Case Statistics (Fiscal Year 2010-11)

Felony filings	54,444
Misdemeanor filings (incl. traffic)	495,172
Infraction filings (incl. traffic)	1,872,295
Civil filings	320,407
Family and juvenile filings	148,192

Court Leadership

Presiding Judge	Hon. David S. Wesley
Court Executive Officer	William Mitchell (interim)