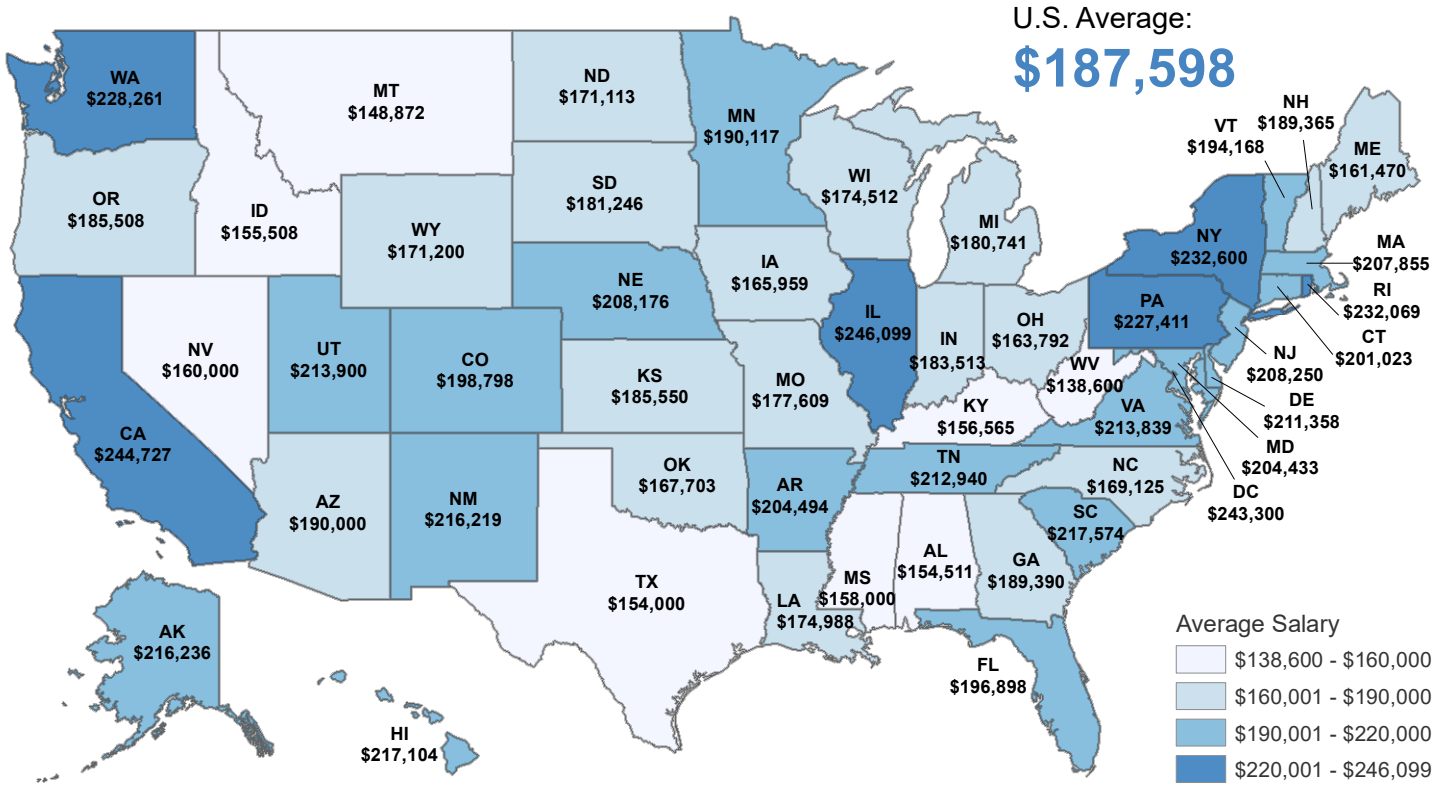
U.S. General Jurisdiction Trial Court or District Court Judicial Salaries — FY 2025

Judicial salaries in Iowa are determined by the General Assembly. The following map represents the rankings of judicial salaries across the U.S. See the *Annual Salaries of Judges* Factbook page for more information regarding judicial salaries in Iowa: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FCTA/1460501.pdf.

Average Salary by State — as of January 1, 2025



HIGHEST TEN:

1. Illinois - $246,099
2. California - $244,727
3. District of Columbia - $243,300
4. New York - $232,600
5. Rhode Island - $232,069
6. Washington - $228,261
7. Pennsylvania - $227,411
8. South Carolina - $217,574
9. Hawaii - $217,104
10. Alaska - $216,236

LOWEST TEN*:

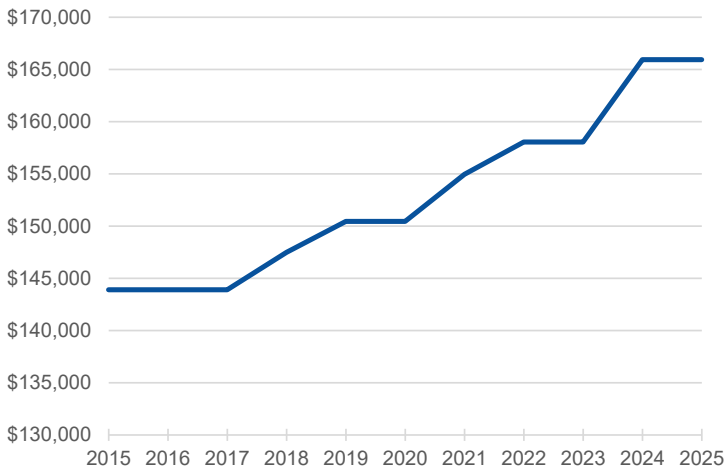
53. West Virginia - $138,600
52. Montana - $148,872
51. Texas - $154,000
50. Alabama - $154,511
49. Idaho - $155,508
48. Kentucky - $156,565
47. Mississippi - $158,000
46. Nevada - $160,000
45. Maine - $161,470
44. Ohio - $163,792

43. Iowa - $165,959

*Salary ranking data includes the U.S. Virgin Islands (12) and Guam (38) and excludes the jurisdictions of American Samoa (56), Northern Mariana Islands (55), and Puerto Rico (54).

Iowa Average District Court Judge Salary

FY 2015 - 2025



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