



ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

House Finance Committee Alaska Court System Overview

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Alaska Court System is to provide an accessible and impartial forum for the just resolution of all cases that come before it, and to decide such cases in accordance with the law, expeditiously and with integrity.

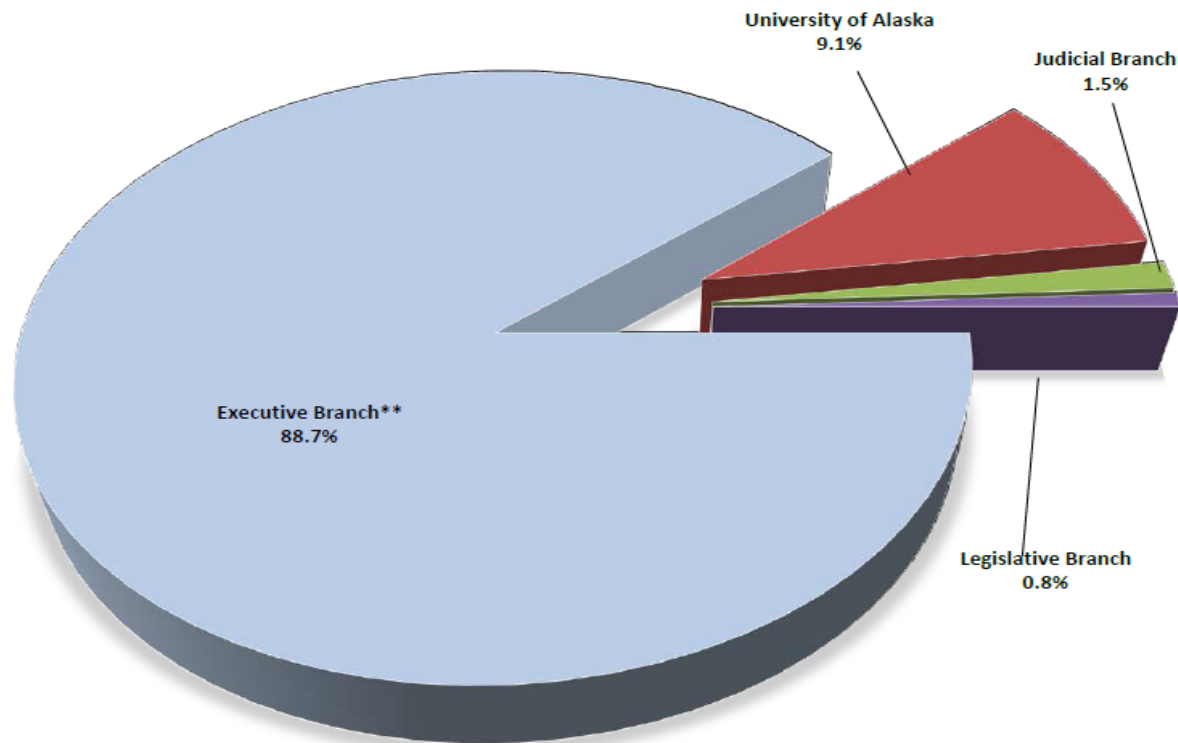
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FY24 State of Alaska Operating Budget Request - All Funding Sources



**Total excludes PFD, Debt Service, and Special Appropriations

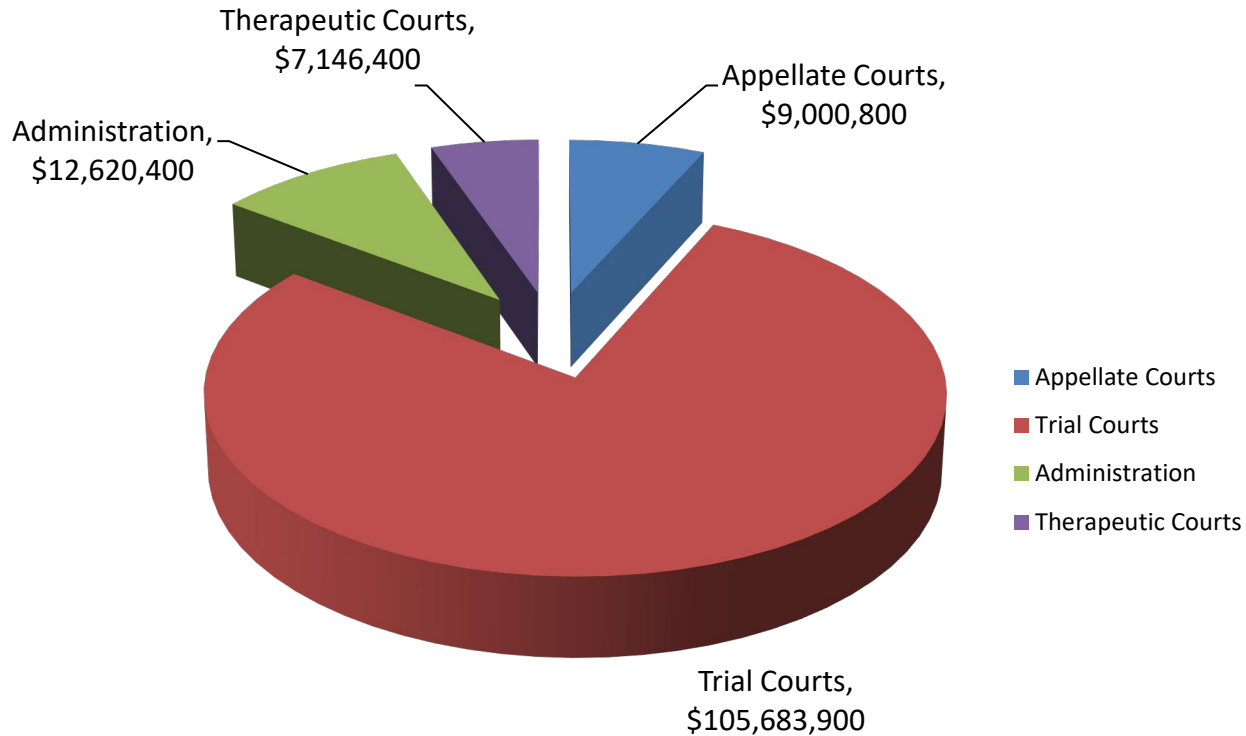
Source: Office of Management & Budget,
UGF/DGF/Other/Fed Summary by Department (1088)
Released December 15, 2022

Total FY24 Agency Operating Requests = \$9,649,845,600
Judiciary Budget = \$140,537,500
(includes Judicial Council & Judicial Conduct)



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FY23 Operating Budget by Appropriation All Fund Types



Total FY23 Funding = \$134,451,500
(Excludes \$1,783,000 supplemental)

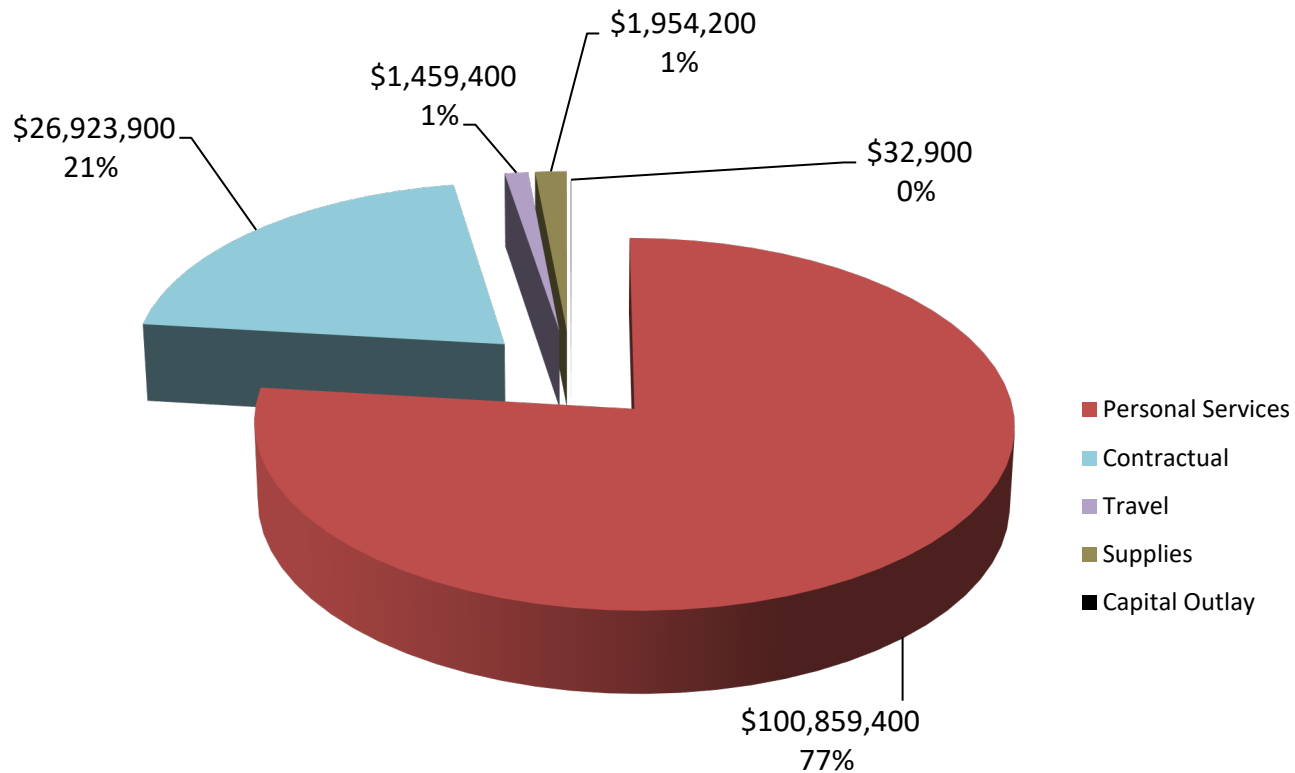


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FY23 Authorized Budget Overview

All Budget Units

(Unrestricted General Funds, Designated General Funds, and **ARPA Funds**)



Total FY23 Funding = \$131,229,800
(Excludes Interagency, Grants, and Mental Health Trust Authority Revenues, and Supplemental)



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Distinguishing Characteristics of the Alaska Court System

- State Funded – No County or Municipal Courts
- Unified Judiciary





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Factors Impacting Workloads

- Population
- Police
- Economy
- Statutory Changes
- Other





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FY23 Court System Employees – 772 Authorized Positions

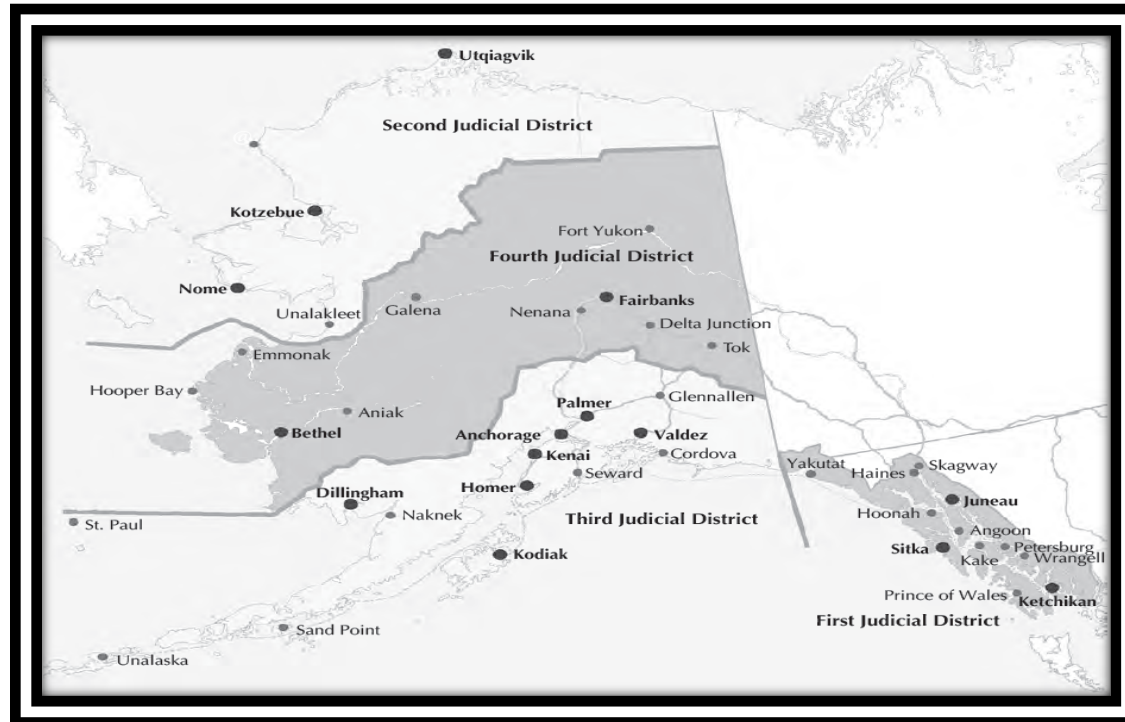
- Primarily Clerical Employees
- Five Supreme Court Justices
- Four Court of Appeal Judges
- 45 Superior Court Judges
- 20 District Court Judges
- 38 Magistrate Judges





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FY23 Court Locations & Authorized Positions by District



District	Appellate Court Judges	Trial Court Judges	Magistrate Judges	Non-Judicial Employees	Total
1	1	10	6	64	81
2		4	4	26	34
3	6	46	21	460	533
4	3	14	7	100	124
Total	10	74	38	650	772



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Contacts with Alaskans in 2022

- 107,184 new cases filed (trial and appellate)
- 6,268 contacts thru the Family Law Self-Help Center
- 3,526 Alaskans served on juries
- 6,877,425 visits to the court's website
- 1,846,301 CourtView searches
- 23,632 online payments made
- 386 therapeutic court participants
- Tens of thousands of on-line court forms accessed or downloaded





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Trial Court Caseloads – FY21 vs. FY22

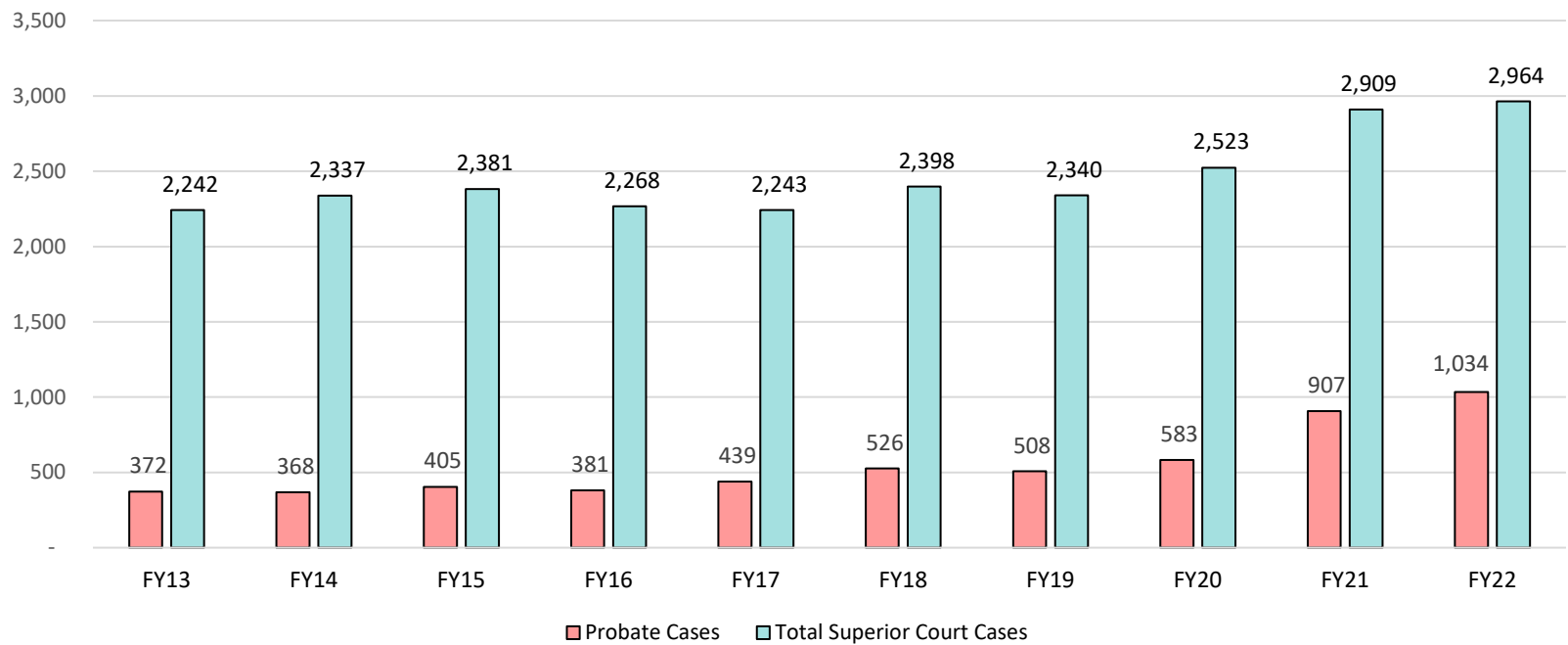
- FY22 Trial Court Case Filings Totaled 106,690
 - Up 4.8% from FY21 Total Trial Court Filings
- FY22 Superior Court Cases Totaled 22,215
 - Up 0.3% from FY21 Superior Court Case Totals
- FY22 District Court Cases Totaled 84,475
 - Up 6.1% from FY21 District Court Case Totals





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Palmer Superior Court Caseload FY13 - FY22




Probate Cases % of Total Superior Court Cases	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
	17%	16%	17%	17%	20%	22%	22%	23%	31%	35%



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FY24 Proposed Operating Budget Requests (UGF):


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- \$ 750,800 Facility Maint & Operating Costs
 - 551,400 Therapeutic Courts RSA's,
Treatment, Visitation, Urinalyses
 - 470,000 Security Screening Costs
 - 294,300 Palmer Standing Master & Clerk
 - 123,200 Court Appointed Attorney Costs
 - 66,300 Juror Meals
 - \$2,256,000 Total FY24 UGF Increase Requested

(FY22 and FY22/23 Supplemental UGF Lapse = \$2,512,200)



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FY24 Proposed Operating Budget Requests (Non-UGF):

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- \$ 450,000 Federal Child Support Interagency
 - 304,700 Federal Grant Receipt Authority
 - 304,400 Mental Health Trust Authority
 - (250,000) Other Grant Receipts (non-federal)
- \$ 809,100 Total FY24 Non-UGF Increase
Requested



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Therapeutic Courts – FY24 Funding Allocation

Personal Services (Court System)

1,876,200

Contractual & Other Services

Treatment & Urinalyses 1,185,700

RSA - DBH Probation Officers & Staff 1,615,800

RSA - Law & Public Defender Attorneys 1,696,600

RSA - DHSS Client Support Services 415,000

Other - Leases, Peer Support, Travel, Training,
Supplies, Data Services, Other Misc. 432,600

Total Contractual & Other Services 5,345,700

Non-GF Grant Receipt Authority

600,000

Total FY24 Therapeutic Courts Budget Request 7,821,900





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Thank you for your
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Questions?

