

## Financial Data

Courts statewide are not part of county government, but are instead a state-funded entity under the direction of the California Judicial Council. The trial courts receive an annual allocation from the Judicial Council based on appropriations in the state budget for statewide trial court operations. The funding formula has recently been revised to be more responsive to the actual workflow of each court.

The trial courts' primary source of state funding is the Trial Court Trust Fund, which is administered by the Judicial Council. The courts may also receive state funding for specific purposes from other sources including the Trial Court Improvement Fund, and the Judicial Administration Efficiency and Modernization Fund. In addition, various grants are received by the Judicial Council and passed through to the trial courts. The trial courts may also receive revenues from the county depending on the terms of its Memorandum of Understanding with the county.

The Judicial Council is responsible for allocating funds from the Trial Court Trust Fund to the individual trial courts.

The Trial Court Trust Fund has two main revenue sources:

- Annual transfer appropriation from the State General Fund
- County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) payments to the state

Each trial court develops its own budget with the assistance of the Judicial Council.

Each trial court is responsible for managing its budget within available resources and in compliance with prescribed rules and regulations.

## Ventura Superior Court Budget

	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16
Expenditures	43,958.8	45,107.5	48,485.8
Revenue	(46,253.3)	(45,232.4)	(47,991.3)
Net	(2,294.5)	(124.9)	494.5

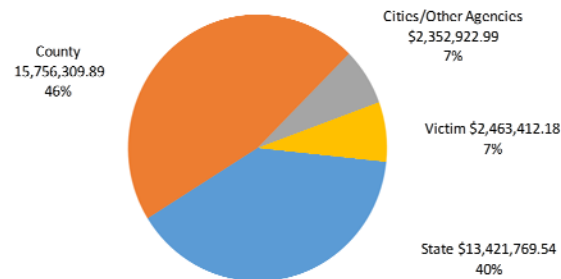
	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19
Expenditures	48,418.3	53,673.8	58,827.9
Revenue	(50,128.6)	(51,171.2)	(58,627.8)
Net	(1,710.3)	2,502.6	200.1

Figures are in millions of dollars.

Trial courts are responsible for the collection and processing of fees, fines, forfeitures, restitution, penalties and assessments associated with traffic, civil, or criminal cases.

Payments collected are distributed to a number of recipients as provided by the law.

### Distribution FY 2017 / 2018 33,994,414.60



Distribution of all revenue collected by the Ventura Superior Court for Fiscal Year 2017/18

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*Superior Court  
of California  
County of Ventura*

## Overview of the Ventura Superior Court



*Our Court is Here for the  
People We Serve*

## Introduction to the Ventura Superior Court

- 33 judicial officers: 29 judges and four commissioners
- 404 staff: judicial assistants and secretaries, clerical, filing, records, collections
- Volume: 150,000 total filings and 146,000 dispositions each year
- Three courthouses:
  - Hall of Justice in Ventura
  - East County Courthouse in Simi Valley (Part-time)
  - Juvenile and Probate Courthouse at the Juvenile Justice Center in Oxnard

## Divisions

**CRIMINAL DIVISION:** 18 courtrooms

- 10 – Infraction and Misdemeanor Traffic Arraignments
- 11 – Misdemeanor In-Custody and Non-Traffic Out-of-Custody Arraignments
- 12 – Felony Arraignments, Early Disposition Conferences, Pre-Trial Conferences
- 13 – Felony Preliminary Hearings, Felony Violation of Probation Hearings; Parole Violations
- 14 – Master Trial Department (Misdemeanor and Felony Trials)

- Criminal Trial Departments: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48
- Traffic Trials: J5 (JJC, Oxnard) and S1 (ECC, Simi)
- Homeless Court, Veteran’s Court, Domestic Violence Court, Mental Health Court: 37

**CIVIL DIVISION:** Eight courtrooms

- 22 – Mandatory Settlement Conference Calendar, Trials
- 22 B – Case Management Calendar
- Civil Trial Departments: 20, 21, 40, 41, 42, 43
- E2 (ECC, Simi) - Small Claims

**FAMILY LAW:** Five courtrooms

- Family Law Departments: 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
- Family Law Self-Help Center: provides free information to self-represented litigants on all aspects of family law through walk-in, webinar and on-line services

**JUVENILE COURT:** Three courtrooms

- J1, J3, J4 (JJC, Oxnard)

**PROBATE COURT:** One courtroom

- J6 (JJC, Oxnard)

**EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE** (Monday - Tuesday only, Simi Valley): Small Claims and Traffic Trials

**APPELLATE DIVISION** (four Judges): Misdemeanor, Traffic and Limited Civil Appeals

**SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTER (HOJ):** provides free assistance and legal information to self-represented litigants in all areas other than family law.

## Jury Services

- The Jury Assembly Room is located on the first floor of the Hall of Justice in Ventura.
- 200 to 300 citizens report for jury service daily.
- They serve in civil and criminal cases.

Fiscal Year	Summons Mailed	Summoned to Serve in Person	Service Completed in One Day
15-16	226,451	54,700	42,874
16-17	220,647	60,754	50,217
17-18	198,631	56,061	45,750

Fiscal Year	Called to Courtroom	Number of Jurors Sworn
15-16	28,559	3,905
16-17	27,666	3,714
17-18	26,412	3,888

- Each month, more than 40 juror panels are sent to courtrooms, 4,500 pieces of mail are processed, and 3,000 phone calls are answered.
- Wireless Network for Jurors in the Jury Assembly Room is free and can serve 400 users.
- Individual workstations are available for prospective jurors waiting to be called to a courtroom.