



# Budget Briefing: Judiciary

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# Judicial Branch: Constitutional Mandate

“The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into the supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.”

*Article VI, Section 1*

*Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963*

# Judiciary Appropriation Areas

The Judiciary budget is allocated into the following major spending areas:

- Supreme Court (includes all FY 2024-25 one-time appropriations)
- Court of Appeals
- Trial Court Operations
- Justices' and Judges' Compensation
- Indigent Defense and Indigent Civil Legal Assistance
- Other (Judicial Tenure Commission and Branchwide Appropriations)

# FY 2024-25 Gross Appropriations

Of the total **\$373.4 million** appropriated in the Judiciary budget, **\$302.2 million**, or **81%**, supports justices' and judges' compensation, the Supreme Court, and trial court operations.

