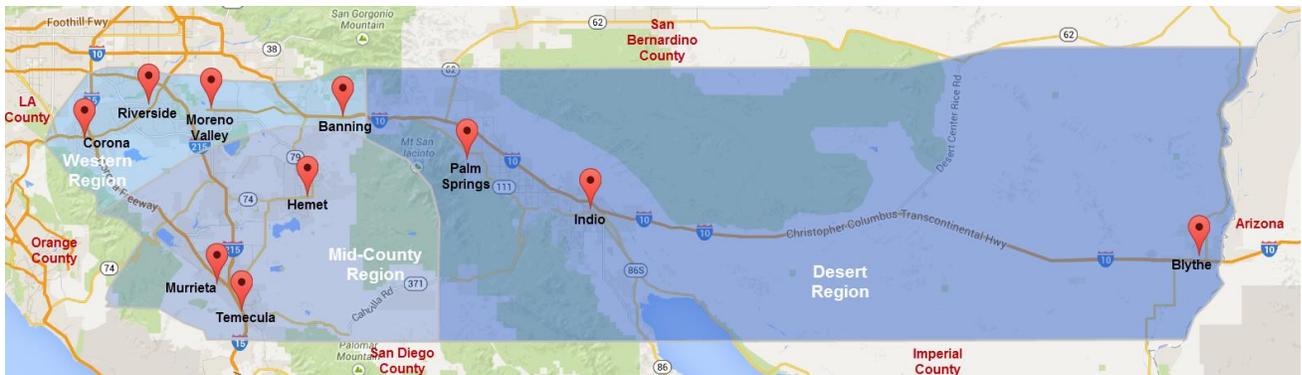




SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FAST FACTS

Riverside County Superior Court

- The court has 15 courthouses, spread over 7,300 square miles in three regions, to serve Riverside County's 2,440,124 residents.



- The court's current complement of 81 judicial officers is comprised of 66 judges, 14 commissioners, and 1 hearing officer, although the court maintains a number of vacancies at any given time.

Demographic Trends

- Riverside County has experienced a 56 percent increase in population since 2000. Its population more than doubled between 1989 (1,057,200 residents) and 2019 (2,440,124 residents), while the number of judicial positions has increased by only 40 percent since 1989.
- Riverside's ratio of judicial positions per 100,000 of population is 3.2, compared to the statewide average of 5.5.

Caseload Data

- In fiscal year 2017-18, the latest year for which there is published data, the court had 365,743 filings of all types, including: 13,004 felonies; 39,062 misdemeanors; 44,450 civil; 28,988 family law and juvenile; and 235,151 infractions.
- According to the Judicial Council of California's 2019 Court Statistics Report, Riverside County Superior Court had 4,689 filings per judicial position, the fourth highest number amongst the state's 58 counties.
- In fiscal year 2017-18, the court heard 563 jury trials of all types, or roughly 7 per judicial position.

Resource Needs

- According to the Judicial Council's 2019 update of the Judicial Needs Assessment, Riverside County Superior Court has a need for 117 judges. With only 66 judges and 14 commissioners, the court needs 37 additional judges to provide appropriate access to justice for Riverside County residents.
- Over the last several years the Legislature, Governor, and Judicial Council have taken meaningful steps to address the shortage of judges in Riverside County and the Inland Empire. Most recently, the Legislature included in the Budget Act of 2019 funding for 25 new judgeships, which will be allocated to courts with the greatest need as determined by the Judicial Council's prioritization and ranking methodology. The Riverside Superior Court will likely receive five of these 25 new judgeships, based upon the most recent judicial needs assessment and priority rankings (November 2019).