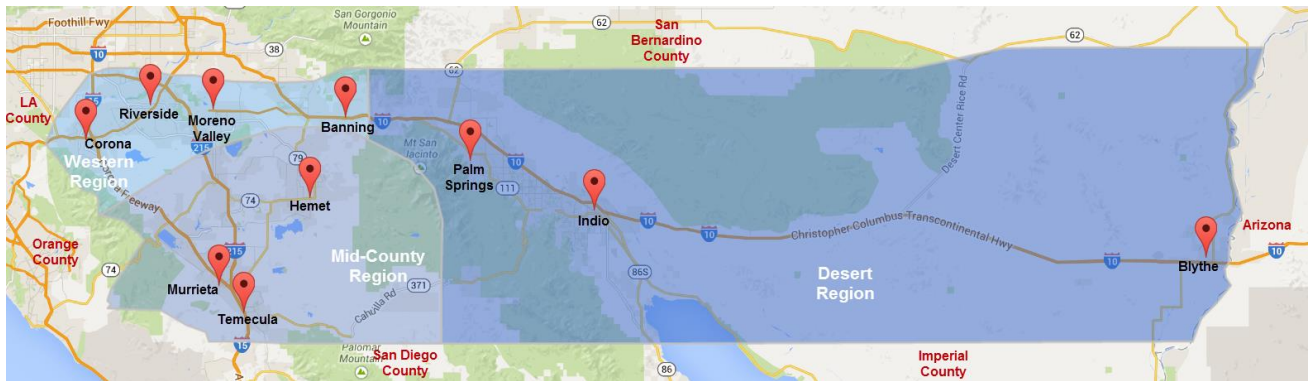




## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FAST FACTS

### Riverside County Superior Court

- The court has 14 courthouses, spread over 7,300 square miles in three regions, to serve Riverside County's 2.4 million residents.



- The court's current complement of 90 judicial officers is comprised of 75 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 63 percent increase in population since 2000. Its population more than doubled between 1989 (1 million residents) and 2024 (2.4 million residents), while the number of judicial positions has increased by only 55 percent since 1989.

### **Caseload Data**

- In fiscal year 2022-23, the latest year for which there is published data, the court had 277,689 filings of all types, including: 11,980 felonies; 23,463 misdemeanors; 47,399 civil; 22,663 family law and juvenile; 3,917 probate; 1,028 mental health; 130 appellate; 456 criminal habeas corpus; and 163,612 infractions.
- According to the Judicial Council of California's 2024 Court Statistics Report, Riverside County Superior Court had 3,120 filings per judicial position, the 6<sup>th</sup> highest number amongst the state's 58 counties.

### **Resource Needs**

- According to the Judicial Council's 2022 update of the Judicial Needs Assessment, Riverside County Superior Court has a need for 111.7 judges. With only 75 judges and 14 commissioners, the court needs 22.7 additional judges to provide appropriate access to justice for Riverside County residents. These additional positions represent 25% of the total judgeships needed statewide.
- 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 2022 funding for 23 new judgeships. Based on the most recent Judicial Needs Assessment and priority rankings, the Riverside Superior Court received four of these judgeships (July 2022).