



Superior Court

Expenditures	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages	1,405,535	1,395,032	1,485,259	1,367,549
Personnel Benefits	175,627	190,708	205,986	188,479
Supplies	94,817	103,804	73,385	45,000
Other Services & Charges	951,095	941,947	825,889	873,212
Total	2,827,074	2,631,491	2,590,519	2,474,240
Staffing / FTE	26.10	27.00	24.33	22.83

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Program Description:

The function of the Superior Court is to hear and dispose of legal issues within the County of Yakima in and for the State of Washington. The general jurisdiction includes unlimited amount of civil actions, domestic relations matters criminal felonies, all juvenile litigation and issues involving mental health.

The mission of the Yakima County Courts is to:

Provide effective and timely resolution of legal matters, assuring dignified and fair treatment to all participants while promoting respect for the justice system and maintaining the independence of the judiciary.

Major Objectives:

The major objective of the Superior Court is to continue to provide quality services to the citizens of Yakima County with the limited resources allotted by implementing modern computer scheduling and case management programs targeted at improved services.

Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

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Superior Court operations are governed by state statute and the constitution. Most expenses are beyond the control of the Court

In order to increase efficiencies and reduce costs, the Court shares its Court Administrator, Assistant Court Administrator, and other integrated staff with District Court in an unprecedented administrative consolidation in Washington State. As compared to 16 other counties like Yakima in size, demographics and income, Yakima County Superior Court averages far fewer staff, far more cases per capita and higher crime rates than any of these comparable counties.

The Superior Court generates revenues through the budget year as fines and court costs that appear as revenue under the County Clerk's revenue stream. The only revenues credited to the Superior Court are those generated by grants.