

The Kansas Judicial Branch

An independent and co-equal branch of government

*Administered by the Kansas Supreme Court —
Article 3 of the Kansas Constitution*

The Johnson County District Court:

- Employs **more than 170 court employees** and **23 judges**.
- Is the **Tenth Judicial District** of 31 total districts in Kansas.
- Annually decides **44,079 cases** impacting an estimated Kansas City metropolitan population of 2 million persons.
- Annually decides cases including **1,703 probate**, **10,347 contract and 996 property** disputes, not to mention negligence, malpractice and business disputes.
- Annually protects **1,253 people** by issuing restraining orders. It protects **733 children** who are in need of care.
- Annually grants **296 adoptions and 2,200 divorces**, decides **400 family law**, **267 child support**, **662 paternity cases** and hundred of child focused post-trial motions.
- Annually resolves **2,362 felony** and **10,941 criminal misdemeanor cases**.
- Monthly, court services officers supervise more than **2,500 criminal defendants** on probation.
- In 2015, the Tenth Judicial District held **82 jury trials** served by **5,499 jurors/citizens**.
- In 2015, our Help Center served more than **4,100 individuals** with family law, landlord-tenant and other cases.

95 percent of the Judicial Branch's base budget is for salaries. That makes up less than 1 percent of the entire state budget.

Daily, our Kansas Judicial Branch —

Collects approximately \$700,000 for crime victims, individuals, businesses and parties to litigation, as well as collecting local and state general funds. It has operated with a shortage of **80 employees** for the past seven years.

Salaries and operating costs —

Court employees received no pay increases from 2008 until a net 1 percent increase in 2015. This was a small portion of the 15.75 percent pay increase approved by the 2009 state legislature for underpaid Executive and Judicial Branch employees. The Executive Branch received its full pay increase.

Trial judge pay is now ranked 50th nationally. No raise has occurred since 2008.

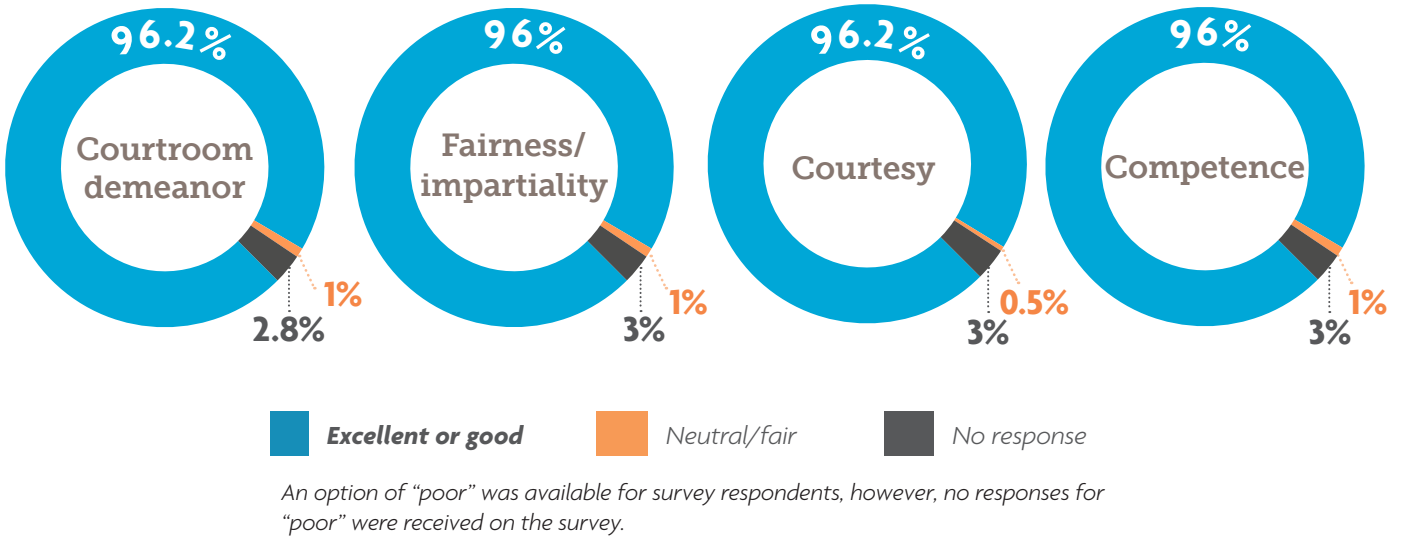
Fiscal Year 2015 filing information, FY 2017 Governor's Comparison Report, data from the National Center for State Courts and information from the Johnson County District Court.

The Johnson County District Court conducts juror exit surveys.

As part of this survey, jurors are asked to rate the district court judges in four categories shown below.

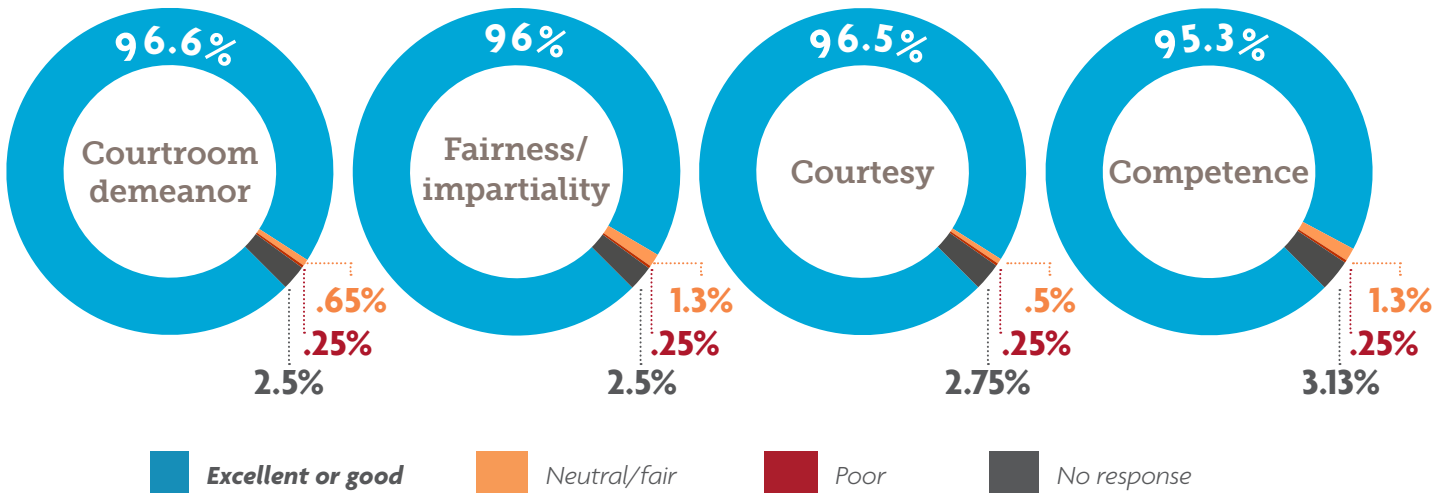
2016 Rate the Judge

Based on 432 surveys administered Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2016:



2015 Rate the Judge

Based on 767 surveys administered over the entire year in 2015:



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