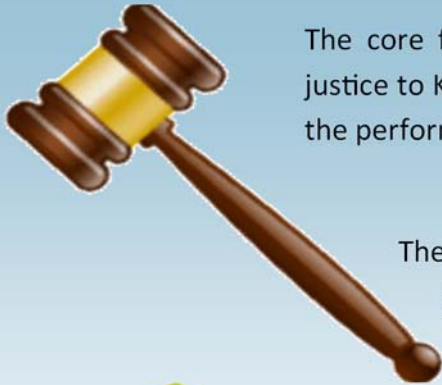


KANSAS JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET

November 2016



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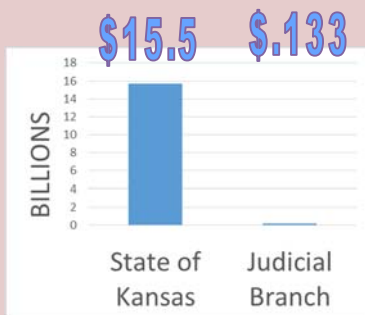
The judiciary receives less than 1% of the state budget. And the judiciary takes seriously its responsibility to be accountable and efficient in its funds management.



Most of our activities are mandated by state or federal law leaving few options available for reducing budgeted costs.

Total State of Kansas Budget

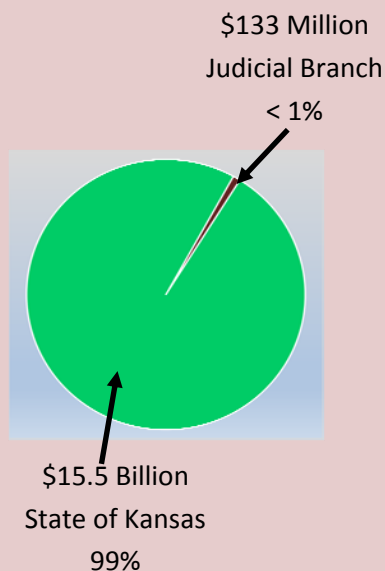
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*State of Kansas Comparison Report- FY 2017

Judicial Portion of State Budget

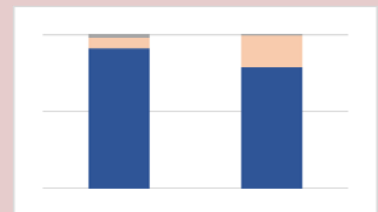
In FY 2016, the Judiciary’s portion (\$133 M) was less than 1% (.85) of the total state budget.



Judicial Branch Funding Sources

Funding is derived from the state general fund, fee funds, and grants/pass-through funds. Judicial Branch reliance on unpredictable fees has increased by 14% since FY 2008.

FY 08	FY 16
SGF	SGF
92%	78%



	FY 2008	FY 2016
SGF	92%	78%
Fees	7%	21%
Grants/Pass-Through	1%	1%



FY 2018—FY 2019 Funding Request

Goals: Raise Kansas judicial branch compensation to a competitive level and adequately staff the workload of the courts.

The biannual budget request asks for funding to:



- 1) increase employee salaries to market levels identified in a recent salary study;
- 2) raise salaries for judges currently ranked among the lowest paid in the nation;
- 3) fill 20 local employee vacancies; and
- 4) create positions for eight judges and accompanying staff.

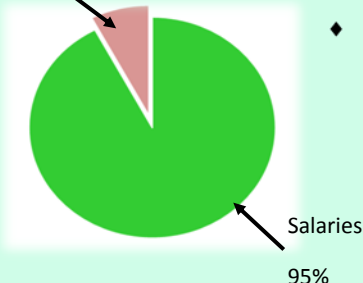
Monies We Collect Exceed Our Budget Request

Increasing collection rates of fines, fees, and restitution is a priority. Each day, courts collect more than \$700,000. **Each year, courts collect far more in fines, fees, costs, and restitution than the Judicial Branch receives through its budget—in FY 2016, \$7 million more than the amount collected the previous year.** Few of these dollars remain with the Judicial Branch. They are distributed to state and local governments, victims, and programs, such as the Law Enforcement Training Center Fund, the KBI-DNA Database Fee Fund, and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Training Fund.



Budget Reductions

Other Expenses
5%



- ◆ About 95% of the Judicial Branch budget is for salaries.
- ◆ Decreased funding would freeze technology improvements and accelerate loss of personnel, both of which would delay the delivery of justice.

