

ENGAGE GWINNETT

1. Can we get a chart similar to our # of citizens served that shows caseload per judge by County?

See attached charts

2. For a superior, state and magistrate court judges, what is the breakdown of state vs county funding?

	County	State
Superior Court Judge O.G.C.A. §45-7-4	\$48,211.00	\$120,252.06
State Court Judge Ga. L. 698 [7/1/97]	\$160,039.91	\$0.00
Chief Magistrate Ga. L. 200 [4/5/93]	\$134,770.45	\$0.00
Full-time Magistrate BOC	\$126,247.30	\$0.00

3. If we were to hire a new full-time magistrate judge, will the jail population go down? Cause and effect.

All things being equal the jail population would decrease. A magistrate judge does not handle purely criminal cases but would also handle civil. The more judge time that is available, the more inmates that will be placed on probation, work release or transferred into state custody, thereby reducing the inmate count at the Gwinnett Detention Center.

4. For each new full-time magistrate judge hired, how many more cases will they help move. Across all courts?

Cases change over time. Some criminal cases are much more complex than they were 5 to 10 years ago. We know more cases will be moved but it is difficult to quantify as there are too many indefinite values such as language barriers, non-attorney represented cases, multiple defendant cases and limited courtroom space.