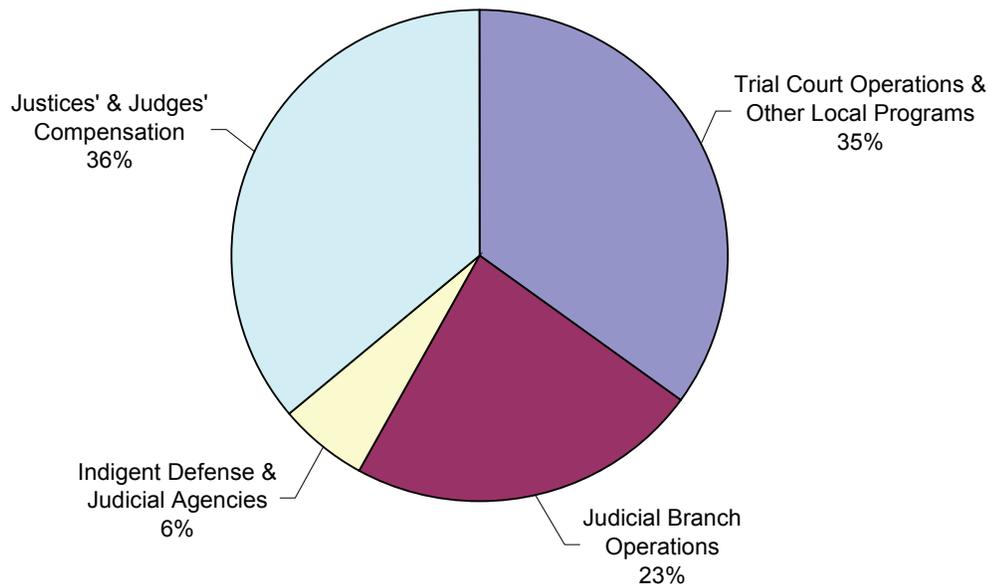


# Judiciary

The Michigan Constitution vests the judicial power of the state exclusively in a court system composed of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Court (which is the trial court of general jurisdiction, including the Family Court division), the Probate Court, and courts of limited jurisdiction such as the Court of Claims, District Court and municipal courts. The statewide court system is administered by the Supreme Court Justices through the State Court Administrative Office. *The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 recommends total funding of \$262.1 million, of which \$158.8 million is general fund.*

## Over One-Third of Budget Supports Local Trial Court Operations



**Total: \$262.1 million**

## Highlights of Governor's Budget Recommendation for the Judiciary

- Recommends \$95.5 million for judicial salaries.
- Supports local trial court operations with an appropriation of \$84.3 million.
- Provides \$19.2 million for the Court of Appeals.
- Allocates \$15.0 million to indigent legal assistance through the State Appellate Defender Office, the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System and through contracts with local legal aid agencies.
- Continues over \$5.0 million for specialized drug treatment courts that provide alternatives to incarceration for offenders with drug and alcohol problems.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Governor's Recommendation  
Judiciary  
(\$ in Thousands)**

	<b>FY09 Current Law</b>	<b>FY10 Recommendation</b>
GF/GP	\$159,320.6	\$158,785.9
All Funds	\$261,904.0	\$262,083.2
	% Change - GF/GP	-0.3%
	% Change - All Funds	0.1%

<b>Programs</b>	<b>GF/GP</b>	<b>All Funds</b>
Justices' and Judges' Compensation	\$88,445.6	\$95,535.8
Trial Courts and Other Local Programs	\$16,621.9	\$84,327.3
Judicial Branch Operations	\$46,660.4	\$62,098.0
Indigent Defense and Judicial Agencies	\$6,415.7	\$14,959.3
Drug Treatment Courts	\$642.3	\$5,162.8
<b>Total FY 2010 Recommendation</b>	<b>\$158,785.9</b>	<b>\$262,083.2</b>