

Judicial Salaries Since 1968

Year	Senators	Members of the House of Representatives	Circuit Judges	District Judges	Associate Justices	Chief Justice
2008	\$169,300	\$169,300	\$179,500	\$169,300	\$208,100	\$217,400
2007	\$165,200	\$165,200	\$175,100	\$165,200	\$203,000	\$212,100
2006	\$165,200	\$165,200	\$175,100	\$165,200	\$203,000	\$212,100
2005	\$162,100	\$162,100	\$171,800	\$162,100	\$199,200	\$208,100
2004	\$158,100	\$158,100	\$167,600	\$158,100	\$194,300	\$203,000
2003	\$154,700	\$154,700	\$164,000	\$154,700	\$190,100	\$198,600
2002	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$159,100	\$150,000	\$184,400	\$192,600
2001	\$145,100	\$145,100	\$153,900	\$145,100	\$178,300	\$186,300
2000	\$141,300	\$141,300	\$149,900	\$141,300	\$173,600	\$181,400
1999	\$136,700	\$136,700	\$145,000	\$136,700	\$167,900	\$175,400
1998	\$136,700	\$136,700	\$145,000	\$136,700	\$167,900	\$175,400
1997	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600	\$164,100	\$171,500
1996	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600	\$164,100	\$171,500
1995	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600	\$164,100	\$171,500
1994	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600	\$164,100	\$171,500
1993	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$141,700	\$133,600	\$164,100	\$171,500
1992	\$129,500	\$129,500	\$137,300	\$129,500	\$159,000	\$166,200
1991 ¹	\$125,100	\$125,100	\$132,700	\$125,100	\$153,600	\$160,600
1990	\$98,400	\$96,600	\$102,500	\$96,600	\$118,600	\$124,000
1989	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500	\$110,000	\$115,000
1988	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500	\$110,000	\$115,000
1987 ²	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$95,000	\$89,500	\$110,000	\$115,000
1986	\$75,100	\$75,100	\$83,200	\$78,700	\$104,100	\$108,400
1985	\$75,100	\$75,100	\$83,200	\$78,700	\$104,100	\$108,400
1984	\$72,600	\$72,600	\$80,400	\$76,000	\$100,600	\$104,700
1983	\$77,300	\$77,300	\$77,300	\$73,100	\$96,700	\$100,700
1982 ³	\$69,800	\$69,800	\$77,300	\$73,100	\$96,700	\$100,700
1981	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$74,300	\$70,300	\$93,000	\$96,800
1980	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$70,900	\$67,100	\$88,700	\$92,400
1979 ⁴	\$60,663	\$60,663	\$65,000	\$61,500	\$81,300	\$84,700
1978	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$54,500	\$72,000	\$75,000
1977 ⁵	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$57,500	\$54,500	\$72,000	\$75,000
1976 ⁶	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$46,800	\$44,000	\$66,000	\$68,700
1975	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$42,000	\$63,000	\$65,600
1974	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500

1973	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
1972	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
1971	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
1970	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
1969 ⁷	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
1968	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$30,000	\$39,500	\$40,000

Explanatory Notes

Unless otherwise indicated, all increases were the result of annual pay adjustments.

1. This pay raise went into effect on January 1, 1991, and reflects a 25 percent increase provided to judges and other senior Government officials by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, Pub. L. No. 101-194, § 703, 103 Stat. 1716, 1768, and a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment for the 1991 fiscal year.
2. The pay adjustment was actually provided in two steps. First, Public Law Number 99-500, §406, provided a three percent cost-of-living adjustment for the Judiciary as of January 1, 1987, bringing the salaries of circuit judges to \$85,700, district judges (and other top Government officials) to \$81,100, Chief Justice to \$111,700 and the salaries of the Associate Justices to \$107,200. Then President Reagan on January 5, 1987, recommended to Congress further adjustment for justices, judges, and other executive level officers under the Federal Salary Act of 1967, as amended 2 U.S.C. § 358, to the rates shown. These rates became effective March 1, 1987, following Congressional failure to effectively disapprove them. This was the first time since 1978 that congressional members were paid the same as judges; however, their pay only was made equal to district judges, rather than circuit judges as had been the custom prior to 1978.
3. By legislation, salaries for Senators remained at \$60,663 until raised to \$69,800, effective July 1, 1983.
4. *United States v. Will*, 449 U.S. 200 (1980), held that 1979 legislation violated the Non-Diminution clause of Article III in denying judges joint implementation of 1978 and 1979 annual cost-of-living adjustments; congressional members, not covered by the constitutional holding in *Will*, received only the 1978 annual cost-of-living adjustment under this legislation.
5. Quadrennial Commission increases, effective March 1, 1977, not only increasing pay generally, but also restoring parity between the pay of circuit judges and congressional members.
6. Implementation of the 1976 annual cost-of-living adjustment for judges only, pursuant to *United States v. Will, supra*, holding that retroactive cancellation of the 1976 adjustment violated the Non-Diminution Clause of Article III.
7. Quadrennial Commission increases effective March 1, 1969.