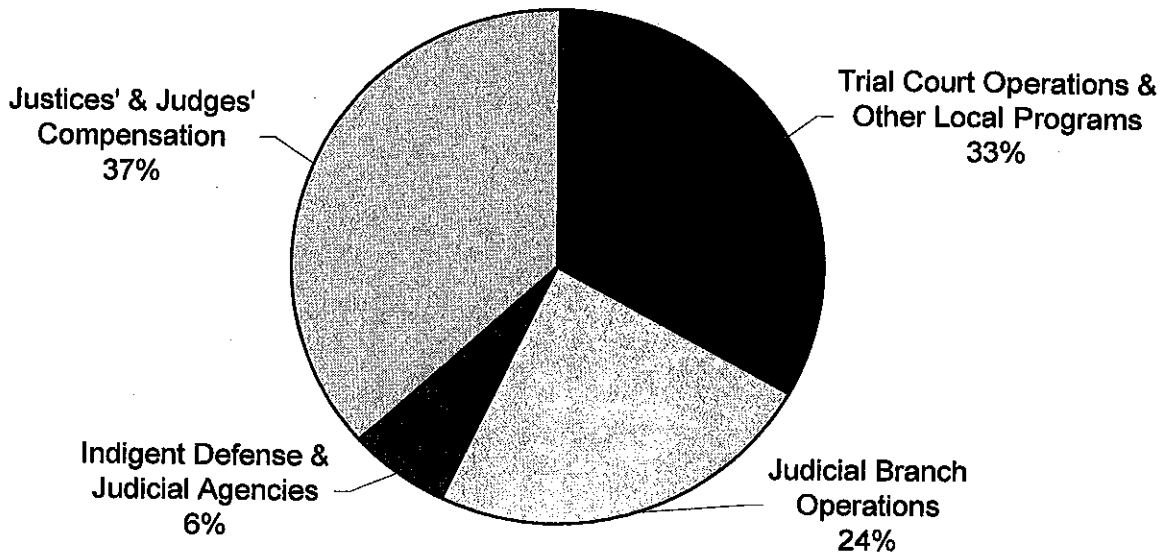


# Judiciary

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 2011 recommends total funding of \$258.8 million, of which \$152.7 million is general fund.*

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



**Total: 258.8 million**

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

- The Governor recommends \$95.3 million for judicial salaries.
- Local trial courts are supported with \$81.6 million.
- The Executive Budget provides \$18.5 million for the Court of Appeals.
- The State Appellate Defender Office (SADO), the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System, and local legal aid agencies are funded with \$15 million to provide indigent legal assistance. In addition, the Governor is recommending a fiscal year 2010 supplemental to recognize \$250,000 in federal revenue for two SADO pilot projects.
- Specialized drug treatment courts receive \$5.1 million to continue providing alternatives to incarceration for offenders with drug and alcohol problems. The Governor's recommendation also includes a one-time fiscal year 2010 supplemental which provides \$200,000 in additional federal Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant support for drug treatment courts.

**Fiscal Year 2011 Governor's Recommendation  
Judiciary  
(\$ in Thousands)**

	<b>FY10 Current Law</b>	<b>FY11 Recommendation</b>
GF/GP	\$153,132.8	\$152,731.1
All Funds	\$258,762.3	\$258,823.8
	% Change - GF/GP	-0.3%
	% Change - All Funds	0.0%

<b>Programs</b>	<b>GF/GP</b>	<b>All Funds</b>
Justices' and Judges' Compensation	\$88,199.8	\$95,290.0
Trial Courts and Other Local Programs	\$12,482.6	\$81,562.2
Judicial Branch Operations	\$45,238.0	\$61,846.8
Indigent Defense and Judicial Agencies	\$6,228.1	\$15,021.7
Drug Treatment Courts	\$582.6	\$5,103.1
<b>Total FY 2011 Recommendation</b>	<b>\$152,731.1</b>	<b>\$258,823.8</b>