

THE STATE OF IDAHO  
SUPREME COURT



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As part of the Idaho Courts' commitment to promoting the effective recruitment of highly-qualified applicants for all judgeships, this document summarizes the compensation package as of July 1, 2016, for district judges.

### **Judicial Salaries:**

The salaries of the judges of the Idaho Courts are set by the Idaho Legislature, currently at the following levels:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>
Magistrate Judge	\$116,500
District Judge	\$128,500
Administrative District Judge	\$130,500
Court of Appeals Judge	\$130,000
Court of Appeals Chief Judge	\$132,000
Supreme Court Justice	\$140,000
Supreme Court Chief Justice	\$142,000

### **Retirement Plans:**

The Judges' Retirement Fund, or JRF, is a defined benefit plan that district and appellate judges are eligible to participate in. The JRF is funded by civil filing fees as well as employer and employee contributions. As of July 1, 2014, the employee contributes 10.23%. Employee contributions to the JRF are limited to 20 years of contributions.

The retirement benefit under the JRF is a 5% benefit per year for each of the first 10 years and then a 2.5% benefit per year for the next 10 years, up to a maximum of a 75% benefit, which is based on the salary of the highest-paid judicial position held. There are age and years of service requirements in order to qualify for a retirement benefit, as follows:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
65	4 years of service
60	10 years of service
55	15 years of service
Any age	20 years of service