

Mississippi
Circuit and Chancery
Court Systems

Population and Caseload
Analysis

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Summary Statistics: Population and Caseload averages

Population Averages

CHANCERY POPULATION AVERAGE FOR DISTRICTS (20 Districts)

State Pop:	Avg pop by district(AVG)	10% range value(+/- 5%)	Population Range
2,961,279	148,064	7,403	140,661 to 155,467

Formula : (state population/number of chancery districts)

CIRCUIT POPULATION AVERAGE FOR DISTRICTS (23 Districts)

State Pop:	Avg pop by district(AVG)	10% range value(+/- 5%)	Population Range
2,961,279	128,751	6,438	122,268 to 135,189

Formula : (state population/number of circuit districts)

Caseload Averages

CHANCERY AVERAGE CASES BY DISTRICT (20 Dist.) (55,839 cases)

Total Judges	AVG Cases per judge	AVG 10% range value(+/- 5%)
52	1074	1020-1128

Formula : (total number of cases/number of judges)

CIRCUIT AVERAGE CASES BY DISTRICT (23 Dist.)(34,637 cases)

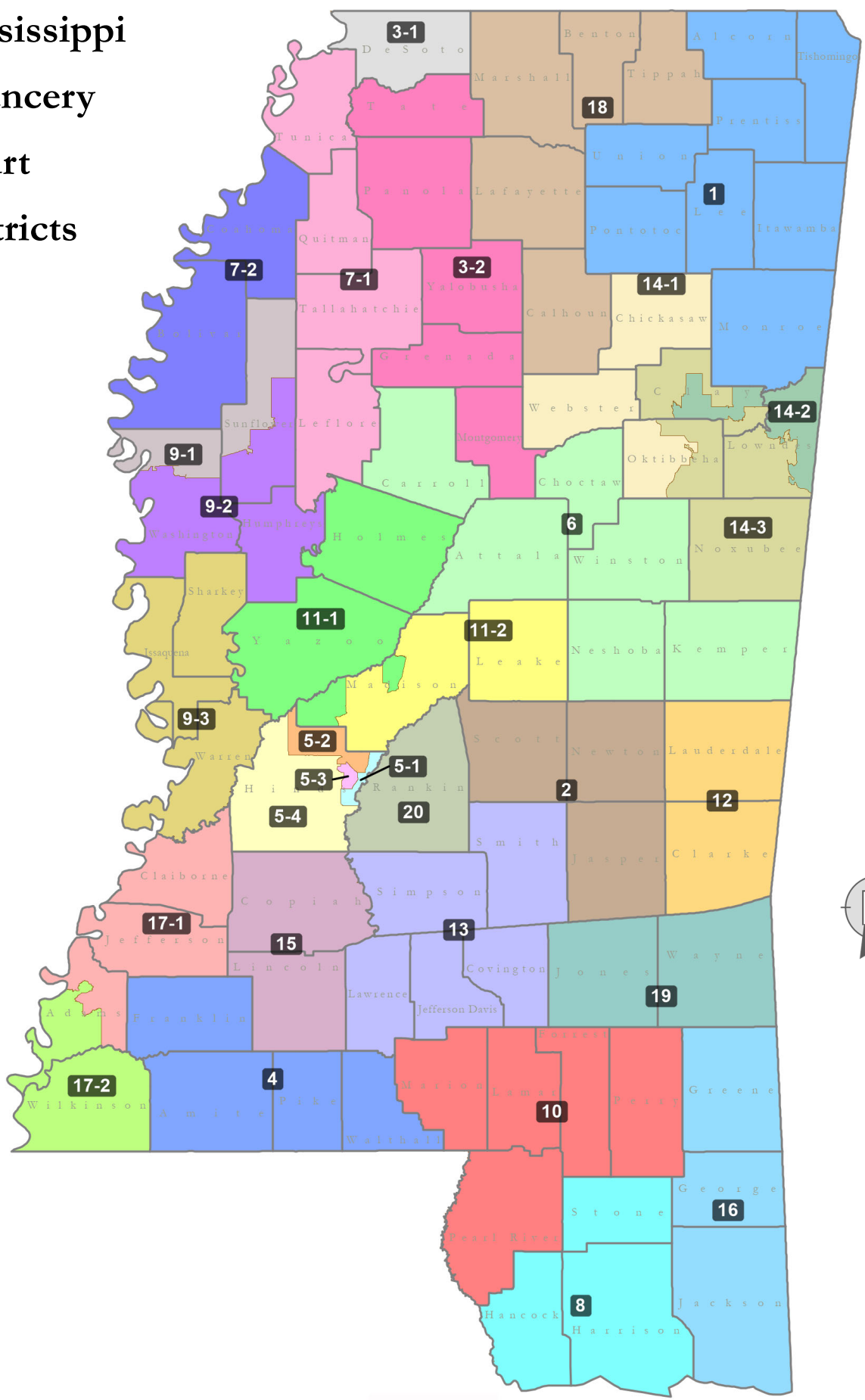
Total Judges	AVG CIVIL Cases per judge	AVG CRIM cases per judge	AVG Cases Total per judge
55	322	308	630

CIVIL 10% range value(+/- 5%)	CRIM 10% range value(+/- 5%)	AVG 10% range value(+/- 5%)
306-338	293-323	599-662

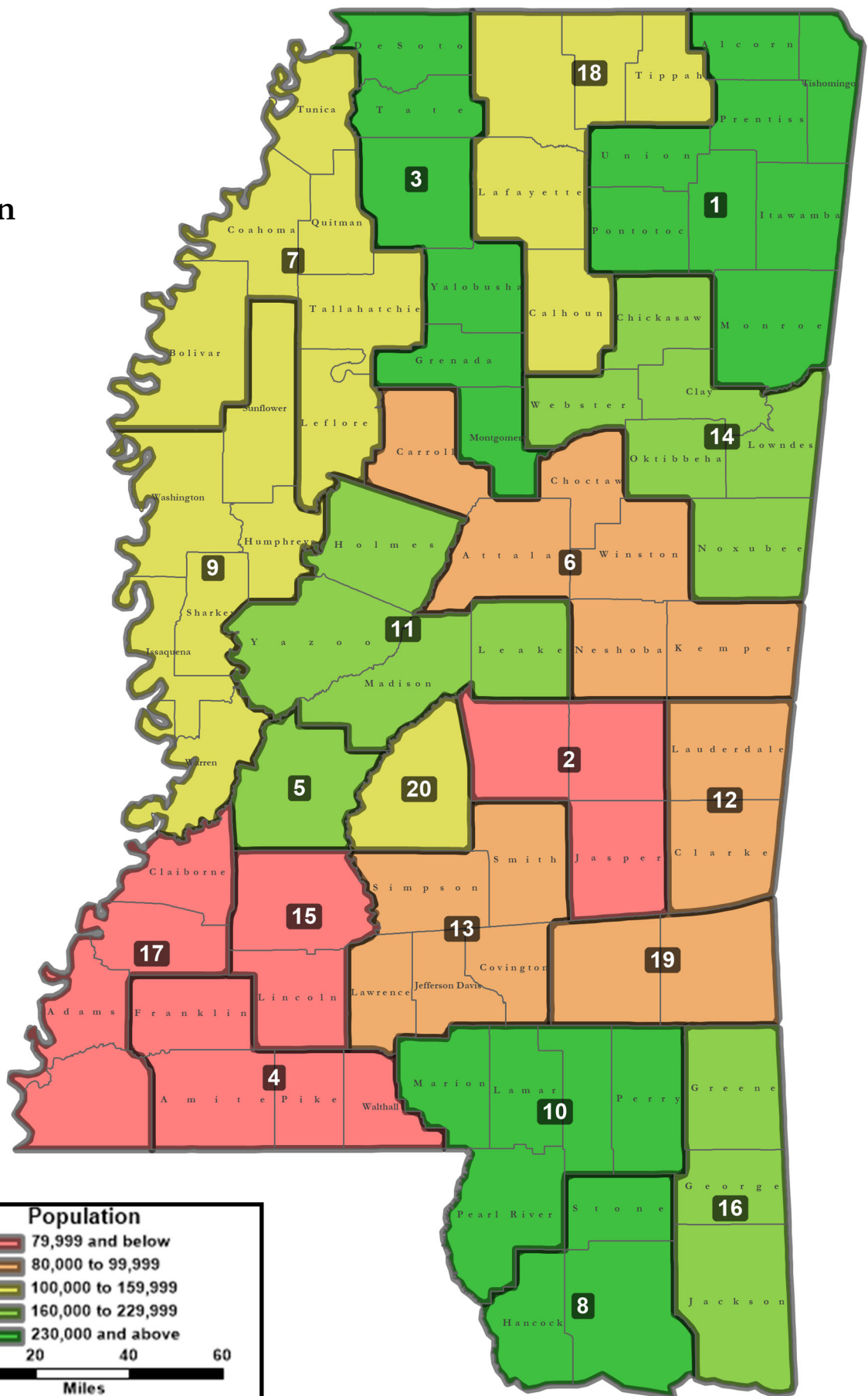
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- In legislative redistricting , “The 10% rule” is a guideline that states the difference between your smallest districts and largest district should not be more than 10% of the total. That guideline has been used to generate 10% ranges for both population and caseload in this document.
- The 23rd Circuit District was created in 2023. No annual caseload data is available, but population was calculated for this new district.
- Sources: US Bureau of the Census (PL 94-171) and the Supreme Court of MS 2022 annual report.

Mississippi Chancery Court Districts



**Chancery
Court:
Total
Population**



Chancery Population by District: Total Population and Deviation from Average Population per District

State Pop:	Avg pop by district(AVG)	10% range value(+/- 5%)	Population Range
2,961,279	148,064	7,403	140,661 to 155,467

Formula : (state population/number of chancery districts)

District	Population	Percent deviation from AVG
1	278,945	88.39
2	65,648	-55.66
3	290,518	96.21
4	74,603	-49.61
5	227,742	53.81
6	91,922	-37.92
7	109,387	-26.12
8	273,007	84.38
9	128,538	-13.19
10	234,477	58.36
11	174,163	17.63
12	88,599	-40.16
13	81,835	-44.73
14	166,620	12.53
15	63,275	-57.27
16	181,132	22.33
17	54,520	-63.18
18	132,292	-10.65
19	87,025	-41.22
20	157,031	6.06

Selected Chancery District and Sub-District Population Demographics

District	Population	White	Black	18+_Pop	18+_Wht	18+_Blk	% 18+_Blk
1	278,945	208,762	52,749	214,453	164,530	39,023	18.20%
2	65,648	33,869	24,825	49,153	26,828	18,171	36.97%
3-1	185,314	110,064	56,205	138,014	85,937	39,772	28.82%
3-2	105,204	57,767	42,774	81,265	46,769	31,474	38.73%
4	74,603	36,866	34,733	57,785	30,044	25,672	44.43%
5-1	54,918	17,719	34,309	42,697	15,316	25,233	59.10%
5-2	45,638	6,592	37,297	35,591	5,567	28,735	80.74%
5-3	39,310	2,012	35,825	30,214	1,877	27,258	90.22%
5-4	87,876	32,321	50,681	68,923	27,317	38,146	55.35%
6	91,922	49,813	33,085	70,100	40,117	24,351	34.74%
7-1	57,012	14,410	40,454	43,129	12,282	29,308	67.95%
7-2	52,375	14,423	35,646	39,577	11,908	25,956	65.58%
8	273,007	179,878	58,916	209,959	144,821	41,727	19.87%
9-1	36,194	7,824	27,178	28,215	6,872	20,497	72.65%
9-2	42,484	11,772	29,138	32,390	9,756	21,477	66.31%
9-3	49,860	22,626	24,863	38,388	18,546	18,136	47.24%
10	234,477	157,648	59,132	179,920	124,406	43,565	24.21%
11-1	56,081	15,199	39,249	43,236	13,025	29,097	67.30%
11-2	118,082	68,160	37,820	89,678	53,641	28,128	31.37%
12	88,599	46,907	37,248	67,621	37,588	27,087	40.06%
13	81,835	49,921	28,712	62,886	39,406	21,365	33.97%
14-1	60,849	37,037	19,779	49,216	31,216	15,077	30.63%
14-2	53,833	31,029	19,789	42,062	25,084	14,875	35.36%
14-3	51,938	17,578	32,010	40,421	14,628	24,122	59.68%
15	63,275	35,396	24,884	48,579	28,025	18,562	38.21%
16	181,132	125,669	35,001	138,753	98,569	26,311	18.96%
17-1	27,654	4,484	21,838	21,831	3,848	16,851	77.19%
17-2	26,866	10,909	14,914	21,377	9,324	11,290	52.81%
18	132,292	85,938	35,890	106,048	70,646	28,161	26.56%
19	87,025	53,428	26,971	65,808	42,381	19,324	29.36%
20	157,031	112,872	32,566	120,310	88,484	24,212	20.12%

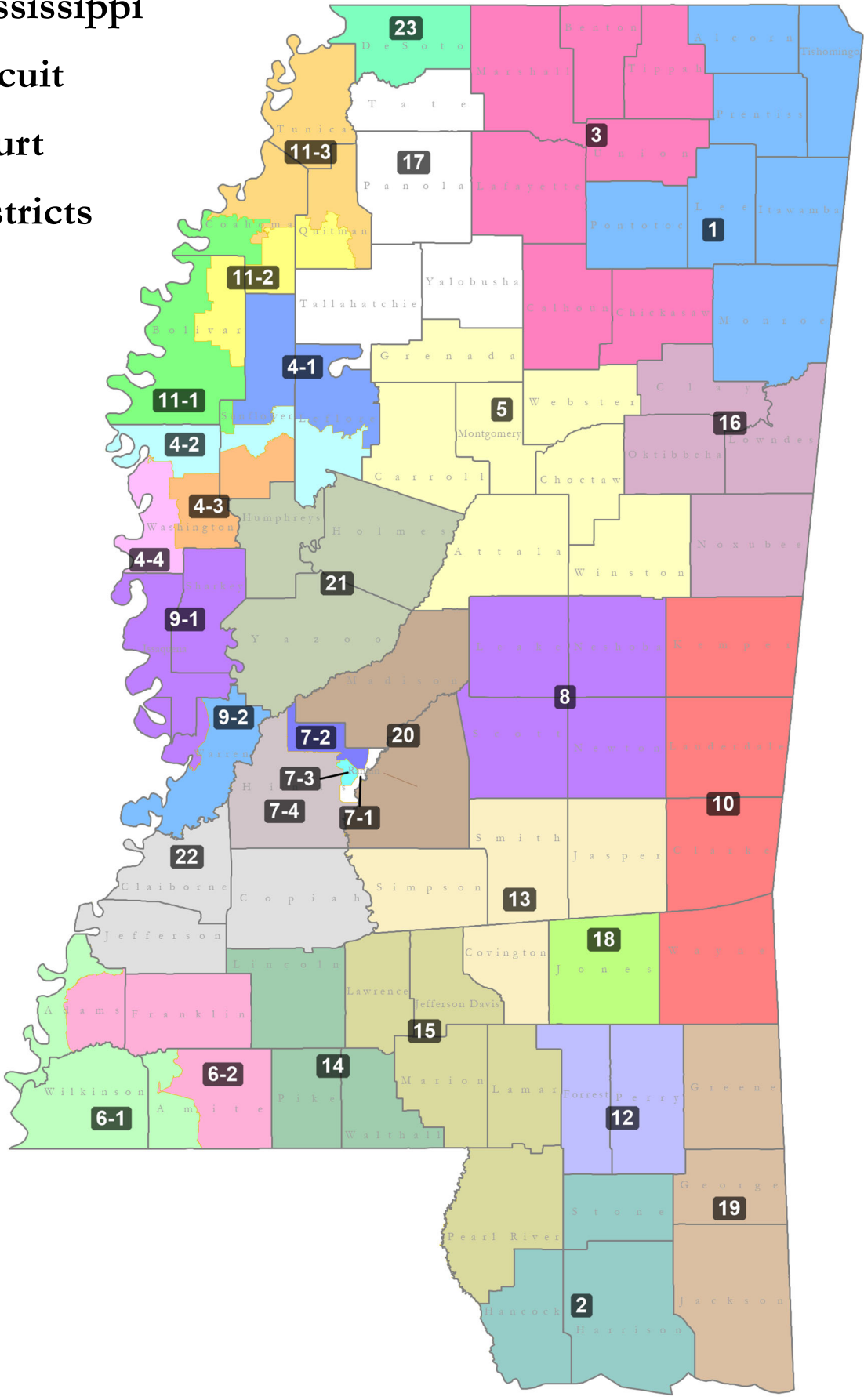
Chancery Caseload Analysis

Total Judges	AVG Cases per judge	AVG 10% range value(+/- 5%)
52	1074	1020-1128

Formula: (total cases/number of judges)

District	No. of Judges	Total Cases Filed	Cases Filed per Judge	Numeric Difference from AVG	%Deviation from AVG
1	4	5562	1,391	317	29.52
2	1	1349	1,349	275	25.61
3	3	5154	1,718	644	59.96
4	2	1463	732	-342	-31.84
5	4	5263	1,316	242	22.53
6	2	1555	778	-296	-27.56
7	3	2309	770	-304	-28.31
8	4	5758	1,440	366	34.08
9	3	2038	679	-395	-36.78
10	4	4106	1,027	-47	-4.38
11	3	2494	831	-243	-22.63
12	2	1634	817	-257	-23.93
13	2	1723	862	-212	-19.74
14	3	2931	977	-97	-9.03
15	1	1479	1,479	405	37.71
16	3	3934	1,311	237	22.07
17	2	1190	595	-479	-44.60
18	2	2049	1,025	-49	-4.56
19	1	1489	1,489	415	38.64
20	3	2359	786	-288	-26.82
Totals:	52	55839			

**Mississippi
Circuit
Court
Districts**

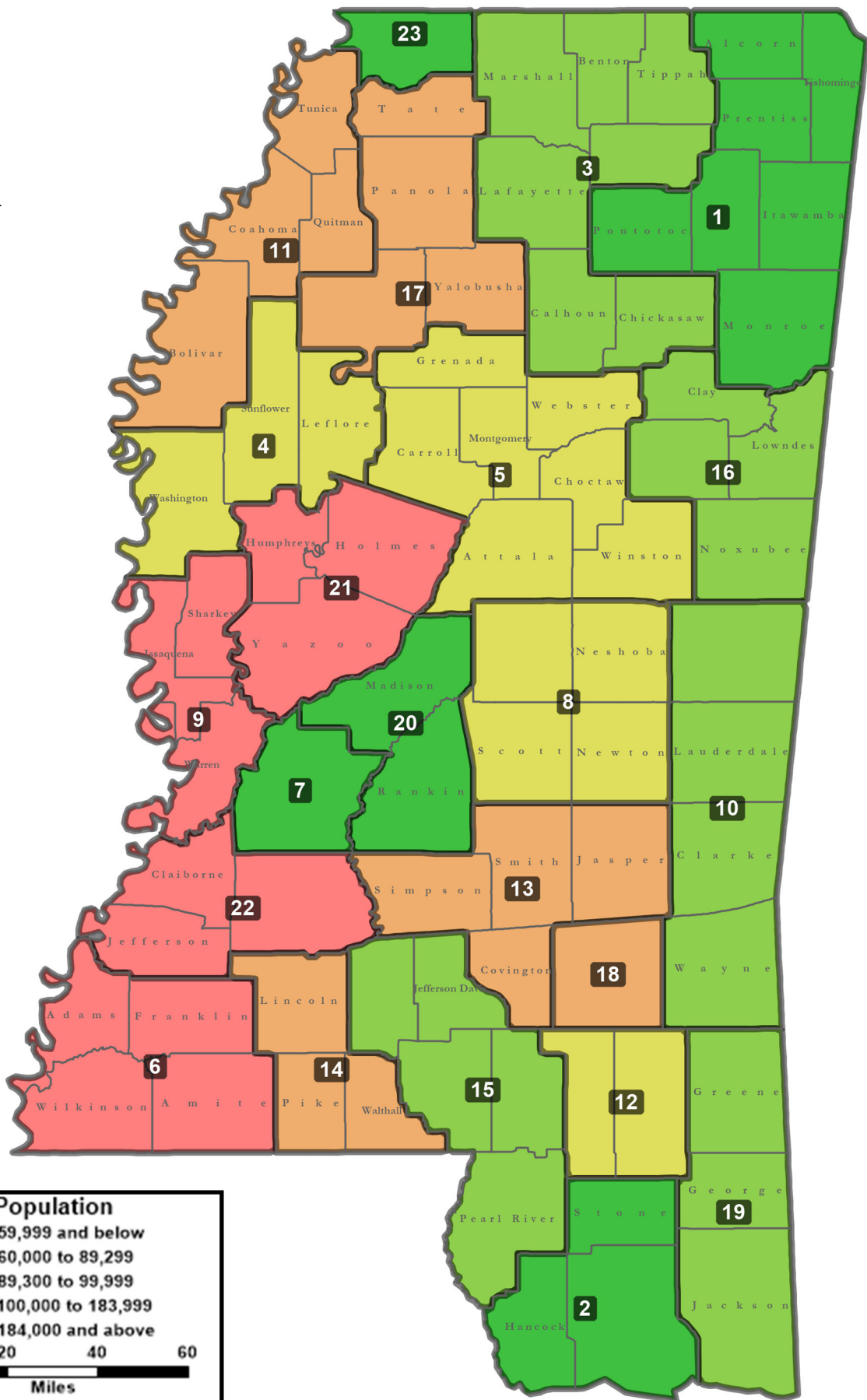


Circuit

Court:

Total

Population



Circuit Population by District: Total Population and Deviation from Average Population per District

State Pop:	Avg pop by district(AVG)	10% range value(+/- 5%)	Population Range
2,961,279	128,751	6,438	122,268 to 135,189

District	Population	Percent deviation from AVG
1	251,168	95.08
2	273,007	112.04
3	177,175	37.61
4	99,232	-22.93
5	95,224	-26.04
6	58,520	-54.55
7	227,742	76.89
8	99,643	-22.61
9	49,860	-61.27
10	117,366	-8.84
11	68,333	-46.93
12	89,669	-30.35
13	74,865	-41.85
14	89,115	-30.79
15	168,145	30.60
16	86,468	-32.84
17	271,782	111.09
18	67,246	-47.77
19	181,132	40.68
20	266,176	106.74
21	51,528	-59.98
22	44,763	-65.23
23	185,314	43.93

Circuit Court Districts and Sub-Districts with Selected Demographics

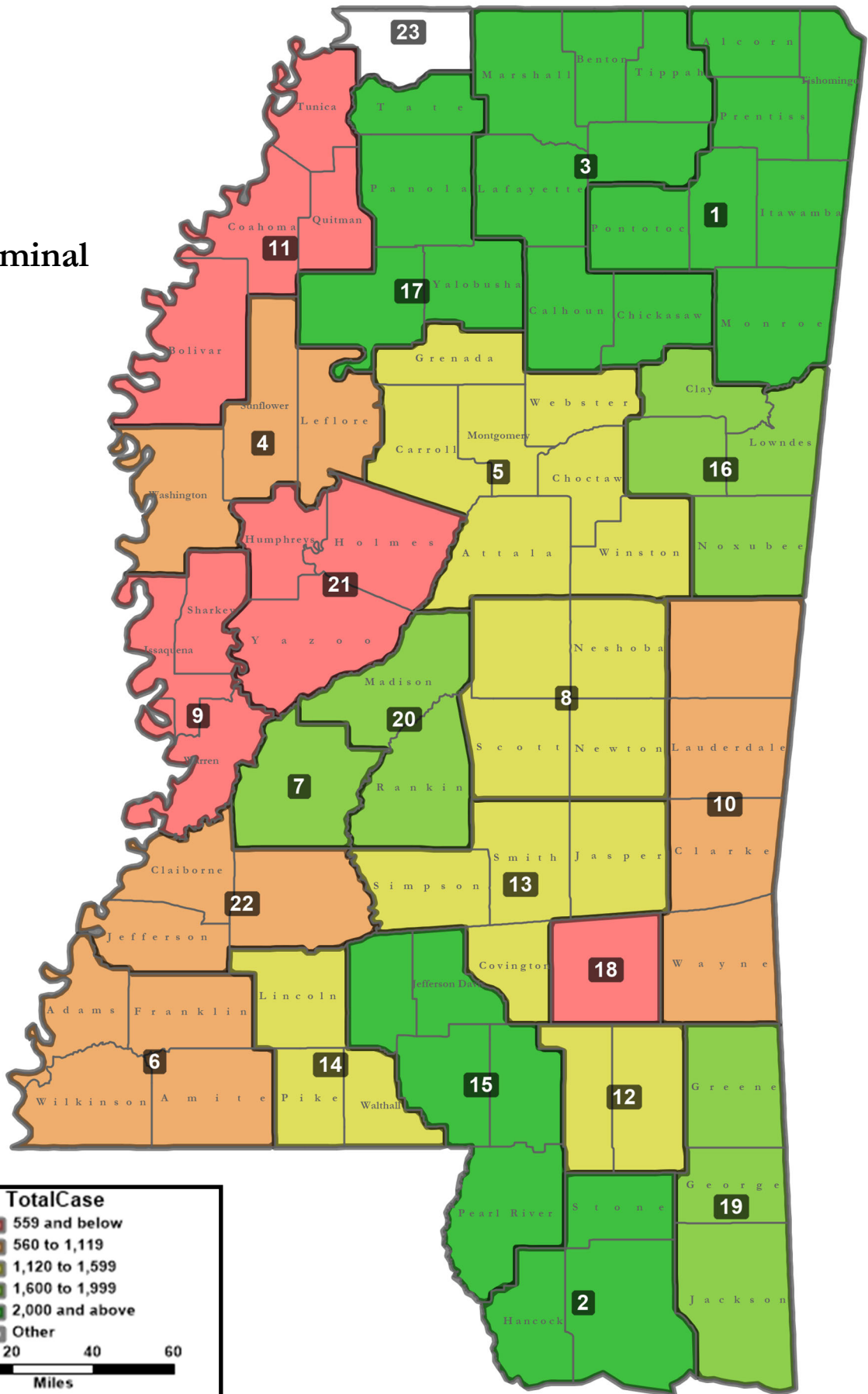
District	Population	White	Black	18+_Pop	18+_Wht	18+_Blk	% 18+_Blk
1	251,168	187,010	48,775	193,333	147,648	36,044	18.64%
2	273,007	179,878	58,916	209,959	144,821	41,727	19.87%
3	177,175	116,354	47,300	140,390	94,558	36,709	26.15%
4-1	27,254	8,785	17,120	21,335	7,571	12,804	60.01%
4-2	35,336	5,327	28,766	26,294	4,512	20,903	79.50%
4-3	11,798	2,304	9,162	9,046	1,871	6,914	76.43%
4-4	24,686	7,642	16,024	18,919	6,365	11,819	62.47%
5	95,224	54,649	36,753	73,771	44,087	27,223	36.90%
6-1	23,520	6,640	16,106	18,776	5,660	12,518	66.67%
6-2	35,000	19,269	13,905	27,939	15,944	10,497	37.57%
7-1	54,918	17,719	34,309	42,697	15,316	25,233	59.10%
7-2	45,638	6,592	37,297	35,591	5,567	28,735	80.74%
7-3	39,310	2,012	35,825	30,214	1,877	27,258	90.22%
7-4	87,876	32,321	50,681	68,923	27,317	38,146	55.35%
8	99,643	52,976	31,123	73,507	41,763	22,410	30.49%
9-1	16,217	3,910	11,732	12,400	3,379	8,609	69.43%
9-2	33,643	18,716	13,131	25,988	15,167	9,527	36.66%
10	117,366	61,079	50,475	89,822	48,990	36,980	41.17%
11-1	23,919	10,217	12,459	18,329	8,293	9,110	49.70%
11-2	20,635	2,625	17,317	15,492	2,222	12,777	82.47%
11-3	23,937	5,062	18,004	17,861	4,382	12,817	71.76%
12	89,669	52,539	30,427	70,231	42,667	22,860	32.55%
13	74,865	45,278	26,707	57,588	35,936	19,778	34.34%
14	89,115	47,573	37,836	67,991	37,807	27,705	40.75%
15	168,145	117,313	39,051	127,695	91,359	28,534	22.35%
16	139,588	69,254	62,357	110,856	57,865	47,149	42.53%
17	86,468	46,343	36,446	66,990	37,792	26,830	40.05%
18	67,246	42,076	19,239	50,776	33,431	13,700	26.98%
19	181,132	125,669	35,001	138,753	98,569	26,311	18.96%
20	266,176	173,699	71,213	203,271	136,310	52,857	26.00%
21	51,528	13,825	36,297	39,982	11,945	27,052	67.66%
22	44,763	14,173	28,522	34,866	11,830	21,655	62.11%
23	185,314	110,064	56,205	138,014	85,937	39,772	28.82%

Circuit Court Cases: Civil, Criminal, and Total Averages

Total Judges	AVG CIVIL Cases per judge	CIVIL 10% range value(+/-)	AVG CRIM cases per judge	CRIM 10% range value(+/- 5%)	AVE Cases Total per judge	AVE 10% range value(+/- 5%)
55	322	290-354	308	290-339	630	567-693

District	No. of Judges	Total Civil Cases Filed	Total Criminal Cases Disposed	Civil Cases Filed per Judge Formula:(Civ Cases/Number of Judges)	Criminal Cases Disposed per Judge Formula:(Crim Cases/Number of Judges)	Total Caseload (ALL CASES—CIVIL FILED+CRIMINAL DISPOSED)	Total Cases per Judge (Total Caseload/number of Judges)	% Deviation CIVIL per Judge	% Deviation CRIM per Judge	% Deviation Total per Judge
1	4	1577	2801	394	700	4378	1095	22.36	127.27	73.73
2	4	1047	1956	262	489	3003	751	-18.63	58.77	19.17
3	3	1664	1293	555	431	2957	986	72.36	39.94	56.46
4	4	531	260	133	87	791	198	-58.70	-71.75	-68.61
5	2	1062	377	531	189	1439	720	64.91	-38.64	14.21
6	2	430	138	215	69	568	284	-33.23	-77.60	-54.92
7	4	943	730	236	183	1673	418	-26.71	-40.58	-33.61
8	2	1238	280	619	140	1518	759	92.24	-54.55	20.48
9	2	263	293	132	147	556	278	-59.01	-52.27	-55.87
10	2	520	592	260	296	1112	556	-19.25	-3.90	-11.75
11	3	382	144	127	48	526	175	-60.56	-84.42	-72.17
12	2	334	787	167	394	1121	561	-48.14	27.92	-11.03
13	2	1043	404	522	202	1447	724	62.11	-34.42	14.84
14	2	824	445	412	223	1269	635	27.95	-27.60	0.71
15	3	1009	1372	336	457	2381	794	4.35	48.38	25.98
16	3	1068	537	356	179	1605	535	10.56	-41.88	-15.08
17	2	1197	1855	599	928	3052	1526	86.02	201.30	142.22
18	1	150	212	150	212	362	362	-53.42	-31.17	-42.54
19	3	625	989	208	330	1614	538	-35.40	7.14	-14.60
20	3	660	1263	220	421	1923	641	-31.68	36.69	1.75
21	1	371	118	371	118	489	489	15.22	-61.69	-22.38
22	1	738	115	738	115	853	853	129.19	-62.66	35.40
Totals	55	17,676	16,961			34,637				

Circuit
Court:
Total
Cases
Civil & Criminal
2022



Circuit

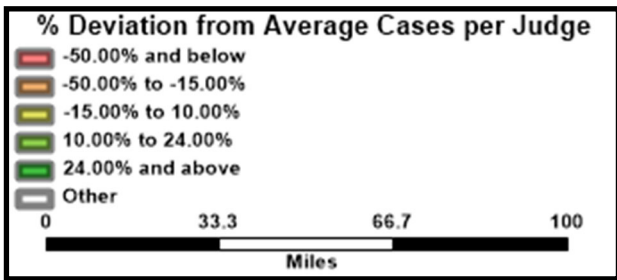
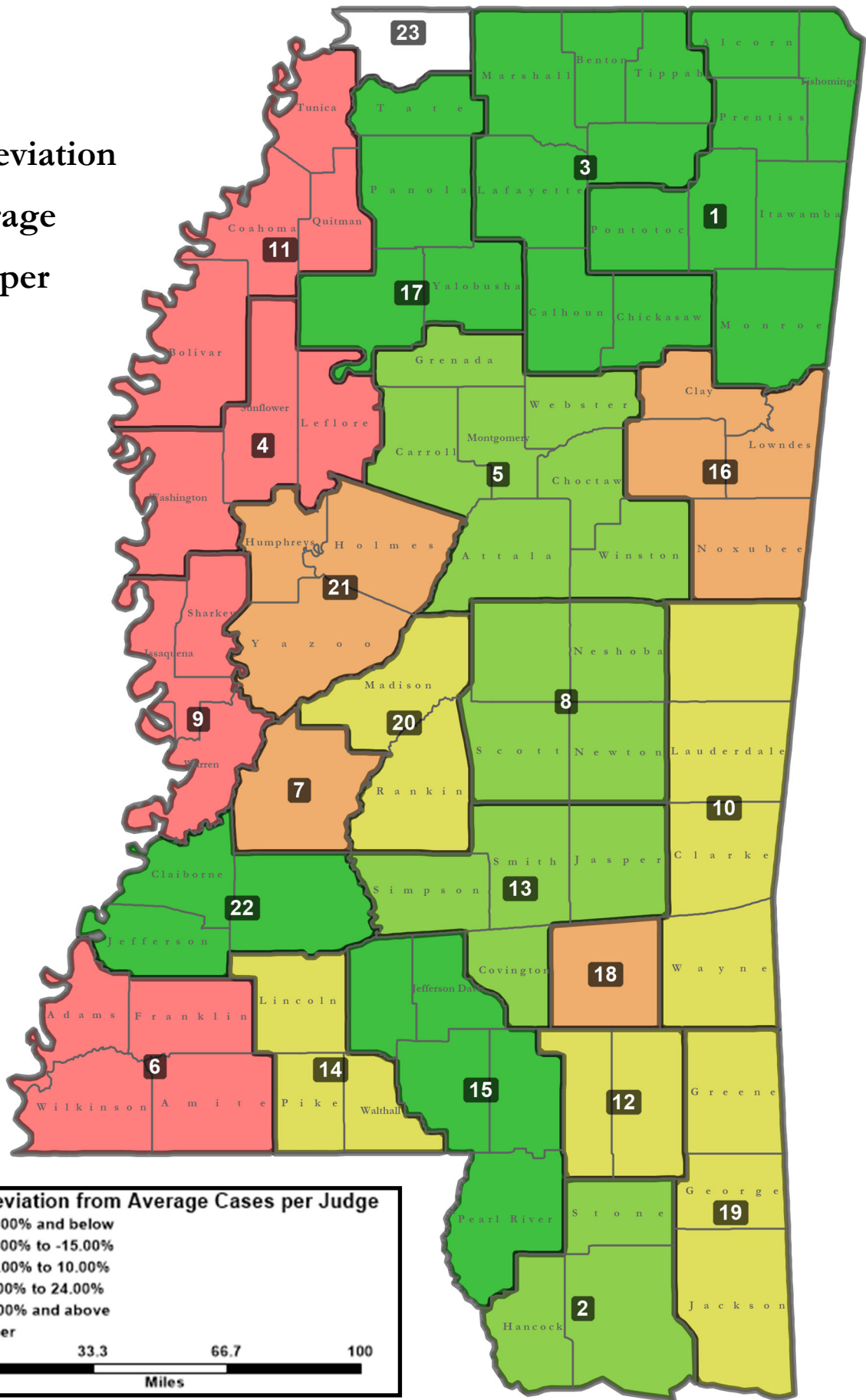
Court:

Percent Deviation

From Average

For Cases per

Judge



Average Cases Per Judge: 630 (total of Civil and Criminal)