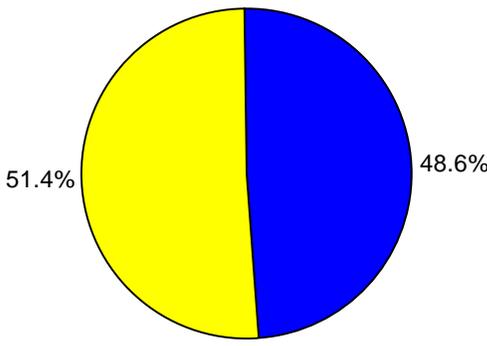


General District Court

85-01-Operational Support for the General District Court

Fund/Agency: 001/85	General District Court	
Personnel Services	\$182,290	<p>CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p>  <p>51.4% 48.6%</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>■ Operational Support for the General District Court</p> <p>■ All Other Agency CAPS</p> </div>
Operating Expenses	\$603,709	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$0	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$785,999	
Federal Revenue	\$0	
State Revenue	\$0	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$6,582,799	
Total Revenue:	\$6,582,799	
Net CAPS Cost:	(\$5,796,800)	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	3/3	

► CAPS Summary

The Fairfax County General District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction which hears matters involving adults charged with traffic violations and criminal misdemeanors, civil suits and small claims cases, and conducts preliminary hearings in felony cases according to authority granted in the Code of Virginia. The three clerical divisions of the Court include:

CRIMINAL: Two courtrooms are used each day for criminal cases involving adults charged with misdemeanor offenses involving a penalty of up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500. Approximately 100 to 150 misdemeanor cases are scheduled on the daily criminal docket. Six courtrooms are used Monday through Wednesday to conduct preliminary hearing of felony cases. Felony cases average 130 cases per day.

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TRAFFIC: Adult traffic matters are heard in five or six courtrooms each day. Traffic violations include infractions, punishable by a fine only, and more serious misdemeanors, such as DWI and reckless driving. Traffic dockets vary in size a great deal with anywhere from 800 to 2,000 total cases docketed each day.

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS: The Court has exclusive jurisdiction in civil cases involving \$3,000 or less and concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court in cases involving more than \$3,000 and up to and including \$15,000. Small Claims hears unrepresented civil matters (attorneys are not allowed) involving amounts of \$1,000 or less. The Court hears approximately 150 to 200 Civil cases each day and less than 100 Small Claims matters one day each week.

► Method of Service Provision

The Fairfax County General District Court provides service to the citizens of Fairfax County and all persons having matters before the court by utilizing a staff of 83 State of Virginia employees and three Fairfax County employees. The Virginia General Assembly elects ten judges for a term of six years. The Chief Judge determines the time and location where court will be held. Currently, court is conducted at the Judicial Center five days a week, in Fairfax City twice a week, and in the towns of Vienna and Herndon once a week. Under the provision of Code of Virginia Section 16.1-69.38 the Court has established a voluntary mediation program for the alternate resolution of civil disputes.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Civil/Small Claims Div.	49,608	45,940	45,933	43,932	43,932
Criminal Division Cases	26,402	25,215	25,172	28,336	28,336
Traffic Division Cases	187,394	200,318	207,512	217,531	217,532

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► **Mandate Information**

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State code and a brief description of the code follows:

- Section 16.1-69.6 of the Code of Virginia establishes the 19th district court to serve the County of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax.
- Code of Virginia Section 16.1-69.10 states that the General Assembly shall determine the number of judges of the Court.
- Code of Virginia Section 16.1-69.33 states that the Committee on District Courts shall authorize the establishment of clerk's offices in the counties or cities as may be requisite, determine when such offices shall be open for business, authorize the appointment of personnel for the district courts, fix salary classification schedules of court personnel, and establish leave benefits.
- Code of Virginia Section 16.1-69.50 states each county having a general district court shall provide suitable quarters for such court and its clerk and social services staff and necessary furniture, filing cabinets and other equipment necessary for the efficient operation of the court.