

Seventeenth Judicial District Overview

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The Seventeenth Judicial District encompasses all of Adams County and the City and County of Broomfield. Adams County is the fifth largest county in Colorado with an estimated population of 503,167. The City and County of Broomfield has an estimated population of 88,341. In fiscal year 2018 there were 54,562 county court filings and 22,813 district court filings. This caseload is the responsibility of magistrates, county court judges and district court judges.

At the present time there are seven full time and one part time magistrate. Magistrates are non-elected judicial officers who are responsible to the district's chief judge. Magistrates handle a variety of caseloads, including temporary domestic relations orders, juvenile defendants, small claims, probate, and traffic matters.

There are currently eight county court judges in Adams and one county court judge in Broomfield who are responsible for traffic and misdemeanor matters in addition to small claims and civil matters that do not reach the jurisdictional dollar amount of the district court. The bulk of the county court judges' duties consist of processing the large caseload for traffic and criminal matters.

There are fifteen district court judges who handle a caseload of domestic relations, felony criminal matters, juvenile matters, and civil filings which exceed the county court jurisdictional amounts. There are a number of specialized projects aimed at improving our system, including a family treatment court, an adult drug court, a veteran's court, an India Child Welfare Act court, a navigator program, a court liaison pilot which facilitates communication and collaboration between judicial and behavioral health systems, an eviction defense pilot, and two self-help centers to assist pro se litigants.

In addition to 32 judges and magistrates, there are 327 support staff positions. These positions include division clerks, case processing clerks, court professionals, court reporters, law clerks, collection investigators and probation officers. The Seventeenth Judicial District is one of the largest and fastest growing districts in the state of Colorado. The District continues to demonstrate its commitment to efficient and accessible justice through active judicial case management and oversight.