

JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court exercises original jurisdiction over cases involving persons less than 18 years of age and all members of their families regardless of age. This court also holds jurisdiction over other cases involving adults related by blood or marriage to persons under the age of 18, including spousal abuse, custody, visitation, and support. The Juvenile Court differs from other courts in their commitment to rehabilitate those who come before the court, in addition to protecting the public and holding juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.

The Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are elected by the General Assembly for a term of six years. The Judges, Clerk, and Deputy Clerks are paid directly by the Commonwealth. The County provides space, furniture, and support for the court. Currently, five full-time judges preside over the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

OBJECTIVES

- To continue making enhancements to the customer service area of the Clerk's office to provide more efficient service delivery to the public.
- To evaluate and implement innovative technology available for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.
- To continue to provide training opportunities to staff to improve services to the public.
- To ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the citizens of Henrico County.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY19 Actual	FY20 Original	FY21 Approved	Change 20 to 21
Personnel	\$ 18,886	\$ 0	\$ 0	100.0%
Operation	84,388	197,275	97,275	(50.7%)
Capital	5,305	3,750	3,750	0.0%
Total	\$ 108,579	\$ 201,025	\$ 101,025	(49.7%)
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Full-time personnel expenses are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>Change 20 to 21</u>
Workload Measures				
Cases filed in Juvenile Court	16,869	14,349	15,000	651
Efficiency Measures				
Caseload per Judge*	3,374	2,870	3,000	130

*Note: These estimates are prepared by State Supreme Court Personnel.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The FY2020-21 budget for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is \$101,025. These funds support the operational needs of the five judges and their staff, whose salaries are funded by the State. The reduction of \$100,000 in operating expenses is a part of necessary cost savings in response to the projected effects of COVID-19 on revenues.