



## SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (OVERVIEW - 2026)

The 17th Judicial District encompasses Adams and Broomfield counties. As of July 1, 2024, Adams County had an estimated population of 542,973, and Broomfield County had 78,323, for a combined total population of approximately 621,296. The district is composed of two main organizational units: the Trial Courts and the Probation Department.

During the 2025 fiscal year (FY25), the 17<sup>th</sup> processed the highest number of new case filings statewide – 86,648 – surpassing even the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, currently the largest judicial district. From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, a total of 18,878 cases were filed in district court and 67,770 at the county court level. This significant caseload is managed by 38 Judicial Officers: 12 magistrates, 9 county court judges and 17 district court judges. Two of the district court judges, one county court judges, and one magistrate are assigned to Broomfield County. The rest are assigned to Adams County.

County Court Judges handle a substantial workload consisting of traffic and misdemeanor cases, along with small claims and civil cases that do not reach the jurisdictional dollar threshold for district court. In FY 2025, county court judges presided over 112 jury trials and 158 court trials. District Court Judges manage domestic relations, felony, juvenile, probate, mental health, and civil dockets. In FY25, 126 jury trials and 19 court trials were held in district court. Five Magistrates are currently assigned to the county court and 7 to district court.

In addition to Judicial Officers, the Trial Courts employs approximately 180 staff members, including Judicial Clerks (courtroom clerks and Clerk's Office staff), court administrators and administrative staff, Clerks of Court, Supervisors and Court Operations Analysts, Protected Proceedings Monitors, Family Court Facilitators, Problem Solving Court Coordinators, Court Reporters, Interpreters, Law Clerks, and Collection Investigators. During FY25, the 17<sup>th</sup> collected \$5,098,196.00 in restitution and interest for victims of crimes.

The Probation Department employs 158 employees in four office locations: Brighton, Westminster, Commerce City, and in the Adams County Justice Center. In FY 2025, the probation department conducted 1,352 adult and juvenile offender pre-sentence investigations, post-sentence assessments, screenings, drug screens, and other reports. The department also completed 1,827 alcohol evaluations. The department received 5,268 new adult cases for probation supervision 528 of which were referred to private probation and terminated 3,807 from state probation with an additional 552 terminated from private probation. The department received 183 new juvenile cases for probation supervision and terminated 161. There were 252 probationers supervised in intensive programs. As of March 16, 2026, there were 8,498 active adult and juvenile probationers being supervised in the district. The Probation Department employs two Victim Service officers. In FY 2025, 2077 initial notifications were sent to victims of crime in associated probation cases. 535 notification requests were returned. A total of 2,629 victim notifications of critical stages of probation supervision were completed.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is also home to several specialized programs aimed at improving the justice system. These include a Family Treatment Court; an adult Judicial District Recovery Court; an adult treatment court focused on the unique needs of female offender (Judicial District Women's Recovery Court); a Veteran's Treatment Court; an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA); a court liaison program (BRIDGES) that facilitates communication between judicial and behavioral health systems; and a Competency Court docket. These specialty courts operate through collaborative partnerships between the district, local and state agencies, and community stakeholders. In addition, the district offers an eviction defense program and employs 3 Self Represented Litigant Coordinators to assist self-represented parties.

The 17<sup>th</sup> is one of the fastest growing judicial districts in the state of Colorado and continues to demonstrate its commitment to efficient and accessible justice, as well as procedural fairness, through active judicial case management and oversight.

For further information regarding the Trial Court, please contact the Court Executive, Patricia Kmitta, at 303-659-1161 or [patricia.kmitta@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:patricia.kmitta@judicial.state.co.us). Questions regarding Probation may be directed to Marcy Becker, Chief Probation Officer, at [marcy.becker@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:marcy.becker@judicial.state.co.us).