

Colorado Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation



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**2024 JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION STATISTICAL REPORT**  
*Pursuant to §13-5.5-114(1), C.R.S. (2017)*

Of the 130 judicial officers eligible to stand for retention in 2024, 120 were evaluated by State and District Commissions. One hundred and sixteen (116) judicial officers declared their intent to stand for retention and appeared on the ballot in 2024. (See Table A for a breakdown by judge type.) Commissions evaluated four additional judges not standing for retention.

State and District Commissions determined 115 (99%) judicial officers met performance standards.

Table A Justices and Judges Standing for Retention in 2024			
Judge Type	Regular	Provisional*	Total
Supreme Court	2	1	3
Court of Appeals	3	2	5
District Court	19	32	51
County Court	25	32	57
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>116</b>

\*Judges are first appointed by the Governor to serve a provisional term of office of at least two years before appearing on the ballot for retention. If retained, they next appear on the ballot after having served a regular term of office.

**RETENTION ELECTION RESULTS**

In 2024, Colorado voters retained 116 (100%) judicial officers who were on the ballot in State, District, and County elections.

Dating back to the first retention election with commission input held in 1990, 1,914 judicial officers have stood for retention in 17 election cycles.

Colorado voters elected to retain 1,898 of the 1,914 (99.2%) judicial officers standing for retention since 1990. As shown in Table B, Colorado voters retained 99.7% of the judges receiving “Retain” recommendations, 63.6% of those receiving “Do Not Retain” recommendations, and retained all judicial officers where commissions offered no opinion. Since 2018, Colorado voters retained 99.8% of the judges receiving “Meets Performance” and 40 % of the judges receiving a "Does Not Meet Performance" recommendation from commissions.

Table B Commission Recommendations and Election Results: 1990 - 2024					
Commission Recommendation	Total # of Recommendations	Election Results			
		Total Retained	Retained %	Total Not Retained	Not Retained %
Retain	1396	1,392	99.7%	4	0.2%
Do Not Retain	22	14	63.6%	8	36.4%
No Opinion	13	13	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotals '90 to '16</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Meets Performance	478	477	99.8%	1	0.3%
Does Not Meet	5	2	40%	3	60%
<b>Subtotals '18 to '24</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.8%</b>