

Summary of the Types of Courts in Illinois

1818	1835	1838	1848	1870
Supreme Court 4 Judges	Supreme Court 4 Judges	Supreme Court 9 Judges	Supreme Court 3 Judges 3 Divisions	Supreme Court 7 Judges 3 Divisions (7 districts for election purposes)
Justices of the Peace	Circuit Court 6 Circuits 6 Judges	Justices of the Peace	Circuit Court 9 Circuits 9 Judges	Appellate Court 12 Judges 4 Districts
	Justices of the Peace		Justices of the Peace	Circuit Courts 18 Circuits 56 Judges
			Police Magistrates	Superior Court of Cook County
			Courts of Common Pleas	Criminal Court of Cook County
				County Court (100 Judges)
				Justices of the Peace
				Probate Court
				Police Magistrates

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1907	1964	1985	2000
Supreme Court 4 Judges 3 Divisions (7 districts for election purposes)	Supreme Court 7 Justices	Supreme Court 7 Justices 5 Districts	Supreme Court 7 Justices 5 Districts
Appellate Court 12 Judges 4 Districts	Appellate Court 24 Justices	Appellate Court 42 Justices 5 Districts	Appellate Court 24 Justices 5 Districts
Circuit Courts 18 Circuits 56 Judges	Circuit Courts 18 Circuits 56 Circuit Judges Associate Judges Magistrates	Circuit Courts 22 Circuits 386 Circuit Judges 375 Associate Judges	Circuit Courts 22 Circuits 496 Circuit Judges 370 Associate Judges
Superior Court of Cook County			
Criminal Court of Cook County			
County Court (100 Judges)			
Justices of the Peace			
Probate Court			
Police Magistrates			
Juvenile Court of Cook			

County			
Court of Claims			