# Location and Jurisdiction of U.S. “Circuit” Courts and Pennsylvania Districts

## About the Circuits in the U.S. Court of Appeals

There are 13 appellate courts that sit below the U.S. Supreme Court, and they are called the U.S. Courts of Appeals. The 94 federal judicial districts are organized into 12 regional circuits, each of which has a court of appeals. The appellate court’s task is to determine whether or not the law was applied correctly in the trial court. Appeals courts consist of three judges and do not use a jury.

–[U.S. Courts.gov](https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure)



See the list of circuits and districts on the next page.

## List of Circuits

The circuits and the subsidiary jurisdictions are listed below:

### Circuit Table

**Note:** Numbers in parentheses are used for states with multiple districts.

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| Circuit | Primary Duty Station | States/Territories |
| 1st | Boston | Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico |
| 2nd | New York | New York (4), Connecticut, Vermont |
| 3rd | Philadelphia | Pennsylvania (3), New Jersey, Delaware, U.S. Virgin Islands |
| 4th | Richmond | Virginia (2), Maryland, West Virginia (2), North Carolina (3), South Carolina |
| 5th | New Orleans | Louisiana (3), Texas (4), Mississippi (2) |
| 6th | Cincinnati | Ohio (2), Michigan (2), Kentucky (2), Tennessee (3) |
| 7th | Chicago | Illinois (3), Indiana (2), Wisconsin (2) |
| 8th | St. Louis | Missouri (2), Arkansas (2), Nebraska, Iowa (2), Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota |
| 9th | San Francisco | California (4), Oregon, Washington (3), Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands |
| 10th | Denver | Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma (3), Kansas |
| 11th | Atlanta | Georgia (3), Alabama (3), Florida (3) |
| DC | Washington DC | District of Columbia |

## Circuits and Districts

### First Circuit (Boston)

* District of Maine
* District of Massachusetts
* District of New Hampshire
* District of Puerto Rico
* District of Rhode Island

### Second Circuit (New York City)

* District of Connecticut
* Eastern District of New York
* Northern District of New York
* Southern District of New York
* Western District of New York
* District of Vermont

### \*Third Circuit (Philadelphia)

* District of Delaware
* District of New Jersey
* **\*\*Eastern District of Pennsylvania**
* **\*\*Middle District of Pennsylvania**
* **\*\*Western District of Pennsylvania**
* District of the Virgin Islands

### Fourth Circuit (Richmond)

* District of Maryland
* Eastern District of North Carolina
* Middle District of North Carolina
* Western District of North Carolina
* District of South Carolina
* Eastern District of Virginia
* Western District of Virginia
* Northern District of West Virginia
* Southern District of West Virginia

### Fifth Circuit (New Orleans)

* Eastern District of Louisiana
* Middle District of Louisiana
* Western District of Louisiana
* Northern District of Mississippi
* Southern District of Mississippi
* Eastern District of Texas
* Northern District of Texas
* Southern District of Texas
* Western District of Texas

### Sixth Circuit (Cincinnati)

* Eastern District of Kentucky
* Western District of Kentucky
* Eastern District of Michigan
* Western District of Michigan
* Northern District of Ohio
* Southern District of Ohio
* Eastern District of Tennessee
* Middle District of Tennessee
* Western District of Tennessee

### Seventh Circuit (Chicago)

* Central District of Illinois
* Northern District of Illinois
* Southern District of Illinois
* Northern District of Indiana
* Southern District of Indiana
* Eastern District of Wisconsin
* Western District of Wisconsin

### Eighth Circuit (St. Louis)

* Eastern District of Arkansas
* Western District of Arkansas
* Northern District of Iowa
* Southern District of Iowa
* District of Minnesota
* Eastern District of Missouri
* Western District of Missouri
* District of Nebraska
* District of North Dakota
* District of South Dakota

### Ninth Circuit (San Francisco)

* District of Alaska
* District of Arizona
* Central District of California
* Eastern District of California
* Northern District of California
* Southern District of California
* District of Guam
* District of Hawaii
* District of Idaho
* District of Montana
* District of Nevada
* District of the Northern Mariana Islands
* District of Oregon
* Eastern District of Washington
* Western District of Washington

### Tenth Circuit (Denver)

* District of Colorado
* District of Kansas
* District of New Mexico
* Eastern District of Oklahoma
* Northern District of Oklahoma
* Western District of Oklahoma
* District of Utah
* District of Wyoming

### Eleventh Circuit (Atlanta)

* Middle District of Alabama
* Northern District of Alabama
* Southern District of Alabama
* Middle District of Florida
* Northern District of Florida
* Southern District of Florida
* Middle District of Georgia
* Northern District of Georgia
* Southern District of Georgia

### District of Columbia Circuit (Washington)

* District of Columbia

### Federal Circuit (Washington)

#### Courts

* Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
* Court of Federal Claims
* Court of International Trade

#### Administrative agencies

* Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals
* Bureau of Justice Assistance
* Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
* International Trade Commission
* Merit Systems Protection Board
* Office of Congressional Workplace Rights[E]
* Patent Trial and Appeal Board
* Personnel Appeals Board
* Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

## Pennsylvania District Courts

### Eastern District of Pennsylvania

#### E.D. Courts

* Allentown
* Philadelphia
* Reading

#### E.D. Counties

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton

### Middle District of Pennsylvania

#### M.D. Courts

* Harrisburg
* Scranton
* Wilkes-Barre
* Williamsport

#### M.D. Counties

Adams, Bradford, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, and York.

### Western District of Pennsylvania

#### W.D. Courts

* Erie
* Johnstown
* Pittsburgh

#### W.D. Counties

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland