Vacancies and representation

Data as on 22.11.2026. Source: LawInC analysis of Department of Justice data.

Sitting strength of each High Court, the number of sitting Supreme Court judges and High Court Chief Justices who come from that Parent High Court, and each Court's entitlement out of the 63 posts of Supreme Court judges (38) and High Court Chief Justices (25). The method is explained below the table. Total in SC is the cumulative number of Supreme Court judges drawn from that High Court, as maintained in the LawInC book.

SC sanctioned: 38 · SC sitting: 37 · SC vacancies: 1 · HC sanctioned: 1122 · HC sitting: 818 · HC vacancies: 304

High Court	Sitting	SC judges	CJs	SC+CJ	Entitlement (of 60)	Advantage	Total in SC
Allahabad	101	4	2	6	5	+1	23
Andhra Pradesh	30	1	0	1	3	-2	16
Bombay	75	2	4	6	4	+2	29
Calcutta	49	2	1	3	3	0	25
Chhattisgarh	13	1	2	3	2	+1	1
Delhi	48	2	2	4	3	+1	16
Gauhati	25	1	1	2	2	0	9
Gujarat	32	3	1	4	3	+1	11
Himachal Pradesh	15	0	0	0	2	-2	2
Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	14	0	0	0	2	-2	6
Jharkhand	16	2	0	2	2	0	2
Karnataka	57	2	0	2	3	-1	14
Kerala	35	1	1	2	3	-1	14
Madhya Pradesh	37	3	1	4	3	+1	10
Madras	67	2	1	3	4	-1	21
Manipur	3	1	0	1	—	+1	1
Meghalaya	4	0	0	0	—	0	0
Orissa	13	0	2	2	2	0	8
Patna	43	1	1	2	3	-1	18
Punjab and Haryana	64	3	2	5	4	+1	16
Rajasthan	38	2	2	4	3	+1	8
Sikkim	2	0	0	0	—	0	0
Telangana	26	1	1	2	3	-1	2
Tripura	4	0	0	0	—	0	0
Uttarakhand	7	0	1	1	1	0	1
Bar (direct appointment)		3	—	3	3	0	
Total	818	37	25	62	63		253

Entitlement: the 63 posts of Supreme Court judges (38) and High Court Chief Justices (25) are shared as follows. 3 Supreme Court posts are kept for direct appointment from the Bar. The remaining 60 are shared among the High Courts in proportion to the square root of each Court's sanctioned strength, so that the larger Courts receive more posts without crowding out the middle-sized ones. High Courts with a sanctioned strength below 10 (Sikkim, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura) are not allotted a post. Advantage = posts held now (SC judges + Chief Justices / Acting Chief Justices from that Parent High Court) minus Entitlement. LawInC analysis; not an official formula.

Three Supreme Court posts are kept for direct appointment from the Bar. Three sitting Supreme Court judges were so appointed: Justices P.S. Narasimha, K.V. Viswanathan and V.S. Mohana.