Statewide FTE Needs for the New Mexico Trial Court Judiciary, District Attorneys and Public Defender Department

Description	Total Need
Trial Court Judiciary ¹	
District Court	115
Metropolitan Court	16
Magistrate Court ²	55
District Attorneys ³	
Attorneys	417
Investigators	68
Victim Witness	78
Support Staff ⁴	492
Public Defenders ⁵	
Attorneys	291
Support Staff ⁶	214
Converting Contract Attorneys to Public Defender Offices ⁷	
Attorneys	121
Support Staff ⁸	93

¹ Total judgeship need is based on FY 2015 case filings. Filling counts include civil and domestic relations cases.

² Total need statewide, does not take into account statutory judgeships.

³ Total need in district attorney offices is based on FY 2015 dispositions.

⁴ Excludes FTE counts of financial positions that do not perform case-related work.

⁵ Total need for the defender department is based on FY 2015 opened cases. This count reflects only the work of Law Offices of the Public Defender and excludes lawyers in private practice who provide indigent defense services as contract attorneys. (See Appendix 3-A of the June 2007 Final Report of the Workload Assessment for more on the results of contract attorney participation in the time study for this project.) ⁶ Excludes FTE counts of financial positions that do not perform case-related work.

⁷ Total need is based on FY 2015 opened cases currently served by contract attorneys. This count reflects the number of FTE needed if Public Defender offices were opened in areas currently served by contract attorneys. These counts do not represent the number of contract attorneys needed.

⁸ Total number of support staff needed if Public Defender offices were opened in areas currently served by contract attorneys. Excludes FTE counts of financial positions that do not perform case-related work.