

Municipal Courts Survey

October 2014



***For the purpose of this survey, please note that a citation means one ticket or one order that may contain multiple charges or violations.**

Municipality	Approximately, what was the total number of all municipal court citations issued during the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Approximately, what was the total number of parking citations during the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Regarding parking citations, does your city issue paper, electronic, or both?	Approximately, what was the total number of traffic citations issued during the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Regarding traffic citations, does your city issue paper, electronic, or both?	Approximately, what was the total number of code enforcement citations issued during the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Regarding code enforcement citations, does your city issue paper, electronic, or both?
Brentwood	4,179	96	Electronic	4,179	Both	10	Both
Centerville	325	0		300	Paper	0	
Chattanooga	107,839	1,507	Paper	49,325	Paper	4,336	Paper
Clarksville	29,515	N/A	Both	17,464	Both	40	Paper
Dickson	6,000	35	Paper	3,600	Paper	50	Paper
Fairview	1,120	0	Paper	1,118	Paper	2	Paper
Franklin	7,290	4,263	Both	11,553	Paper	228	Paper
Gallatin	11,400	423	Paper	11,375	Paper	21	Paper
Mt. Juliet	6,521	902	Both	7,423	Both	0	Paper
Murfreesboro	17,010	1,546	Both	13,880	Both	40	Paper
Nolensville	1,631	19	Paper	1,612	Paper	6	Paper
Smyrna	7,809	236	Paper	7,455	Paper	277	Paper
Spring Hill	2,436	167	Paper	2,407	Paper	29	Paper

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Municipality	Does your city plan to add electronic citations within the next five years?	Which citations do you plan to start issuing electronically?	Approximately, how many unpaid traffic citations did your city have in the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Approximately, how many unpaid parking citations did your city have in the last fiscal year (2013-2014)?	Does your city have a city litigation tax?	What is your city litigation tax?	What are the total court costs per citation (including litigation tax plus any other fees, but excluding fines)?
Brentwood	Yes	Traffic, parking, code enforcement	175	6	No	N/A	75.00
Centerville	No	N/A	75	0	Yes	13.75	106.50
Chattanooga	Yes	Traffic, parking	The It department has not returned this number at this time but several thousand dollars	no reply at this time from the It department	Yes	5.25	119.00
Clarksville			3,107		Yes	2.00	85.75
Dickson	Yes	Traffic, parking, code enforcement	no way to calculate. Probably 1/3	unknown	Yes	13.75	Depends on the charge, 168.25 on basic citation. We have General Sessions jurisdiction.
Fairview	Yes	Traffic	18	0	Yes	13.75	151.00
Franklin	Yes	Traffic, parking, code enforcement, fire	1,494	396	Yes	13.75	76.00
Gallatin			1,129		Yes	13.75	93.50
Mt. Juliet	Yes	Traffic, parking, city ordinances	2,072	560	No	N/A	162.75
Murfreesboro					Yes	13.75	113.50
Nolensville	Yes	Traffic, parking	122	2	Yes	13.75	102.50
Smyrna	Yes	Traffic, parking	615	29	Yes	13.75	bond forfeiture 88.75 – guilty-137.50

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Spring Hill	Yes	Traffic			No	N/A	88.75

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Municipality	What is the court's budget for this fiscal year (2014-2015)?	How many full-time court clerks does the city employ?	How many part-time court clerks does the city employ?	What is the salary of the Chief Clerk?	What is the average salary of court clerks (excluding the Chief Clerk's salary)?	Does your city use a collection agent or outside attorney to collect unpaid citations?	What percentage of the total collected does the collection agent/attorney keep?
Brentwood		2	0	38,000.00	36,000.00	No	N/A
Centerville	10,000.00	1	0	1,800.00	N/A	Yes	5%
Chattanooga	1,100,000.00	14	3	70,000.00	31,000.00	Yes	16.75% on primary placements
Clarksville	421,986.00	5 (including the Chief Court Clerk)	0	51,000.00	35,000.00	Yes	0
Dickson	Over 600,000	5	0	49,864.00	30,500.00	Yes	19%
Fairview	est rev 200,000 and expenditures 118,000 (we do have General Sessions powers too)	1	1	49,000.00	20,000.00	No	N/A
Franklin	231,335.00	2	2	42,400.00	31,096.00	Yes	20%
Gallatin		1	0	45,000.00	N/A	Yes	They charge \$50 or 4%
Mt. Juliet	16,775.00	3	0	32,000.00	2,000.00	No	N/A
Murfreesboro	446,000.00	3	0	50,630.00	34,500.00	Yes	23.50%
Nolensville	81,699.93	1	1	37,419.20	15,933.20	No	N/A
Smyrna	Traffic Court 217,696.00 General Sessions 635,421.00	9 - split between general sessions and Traffic includes elected court clerk	1	54,411.50	43,955.00	Yes	Have not signed final contract at this time because of the change of the law in January - 23.5%

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Spring Hill	Anticipated Court Revenue: 225,000 / Anticipated Court Expenditures: 69,000	1	0	Deputy Court Clerk 17.55 per hour (36,504.00 gross annual)	N/A	Yes	