



Key Statistics for CY 2017

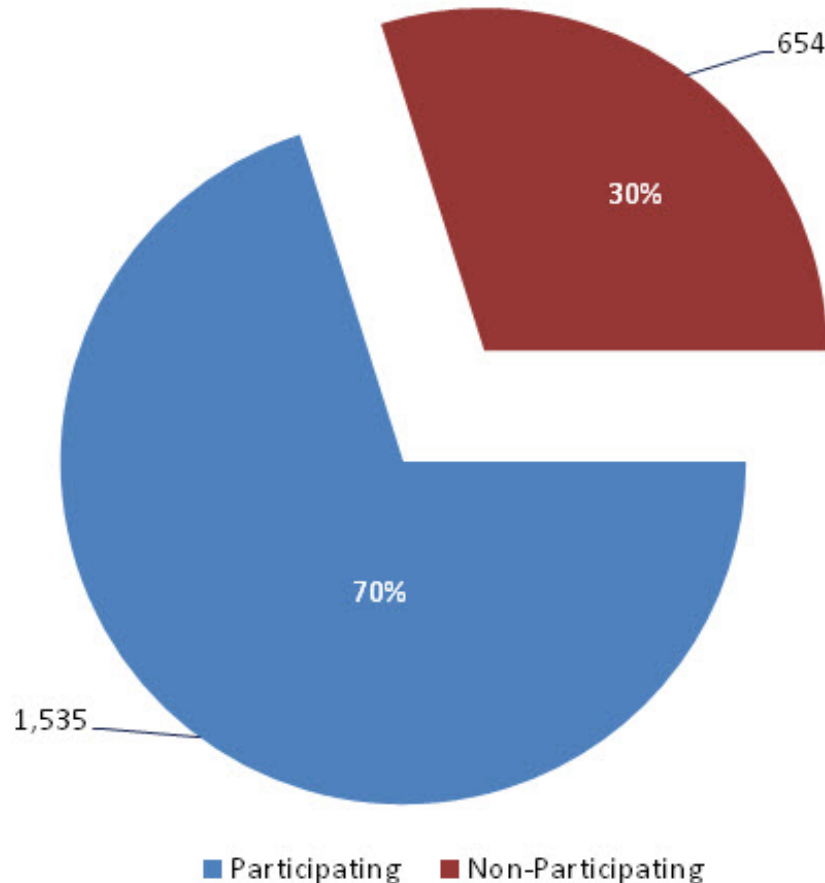
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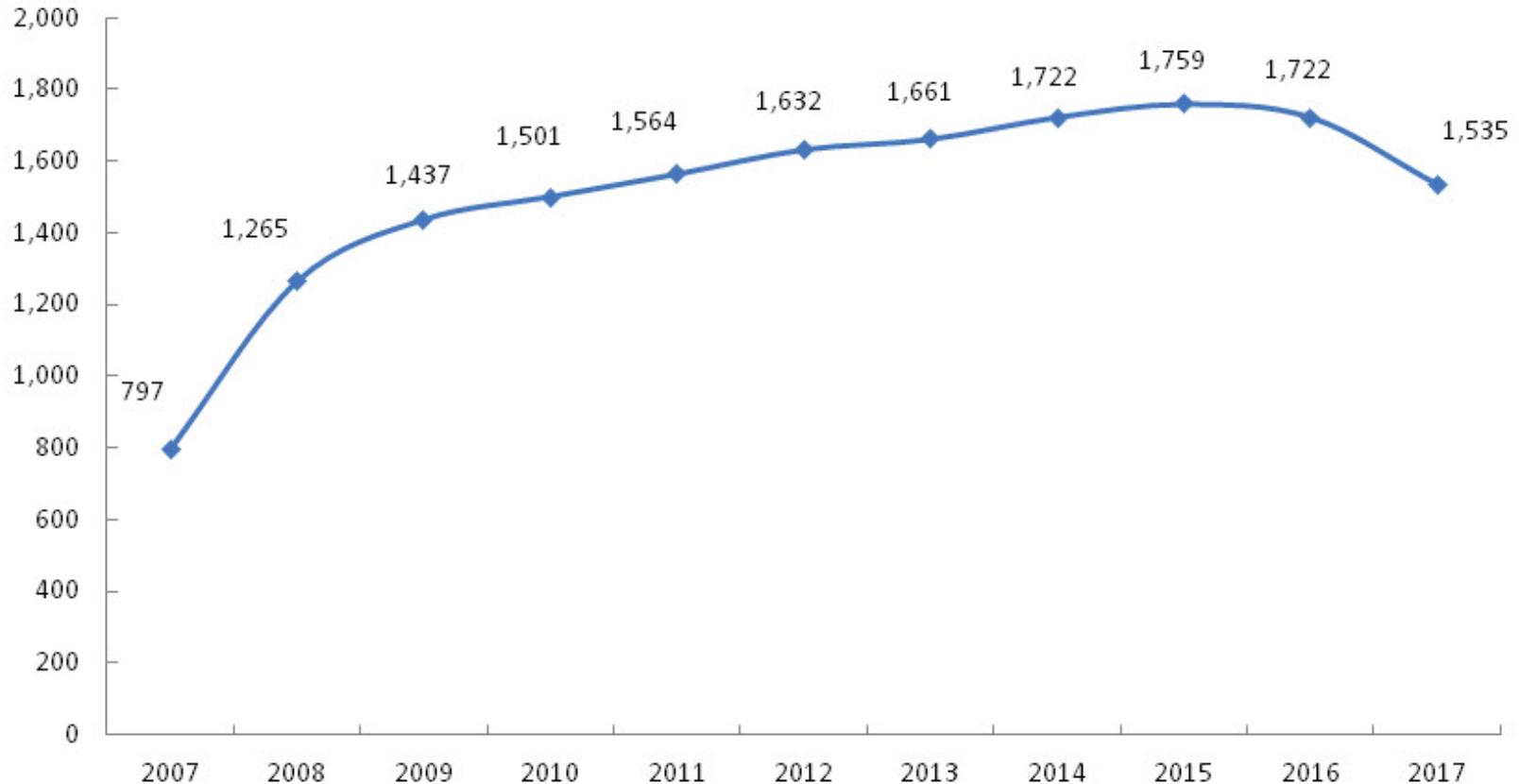
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Judge Participation in OSCAR (2017)



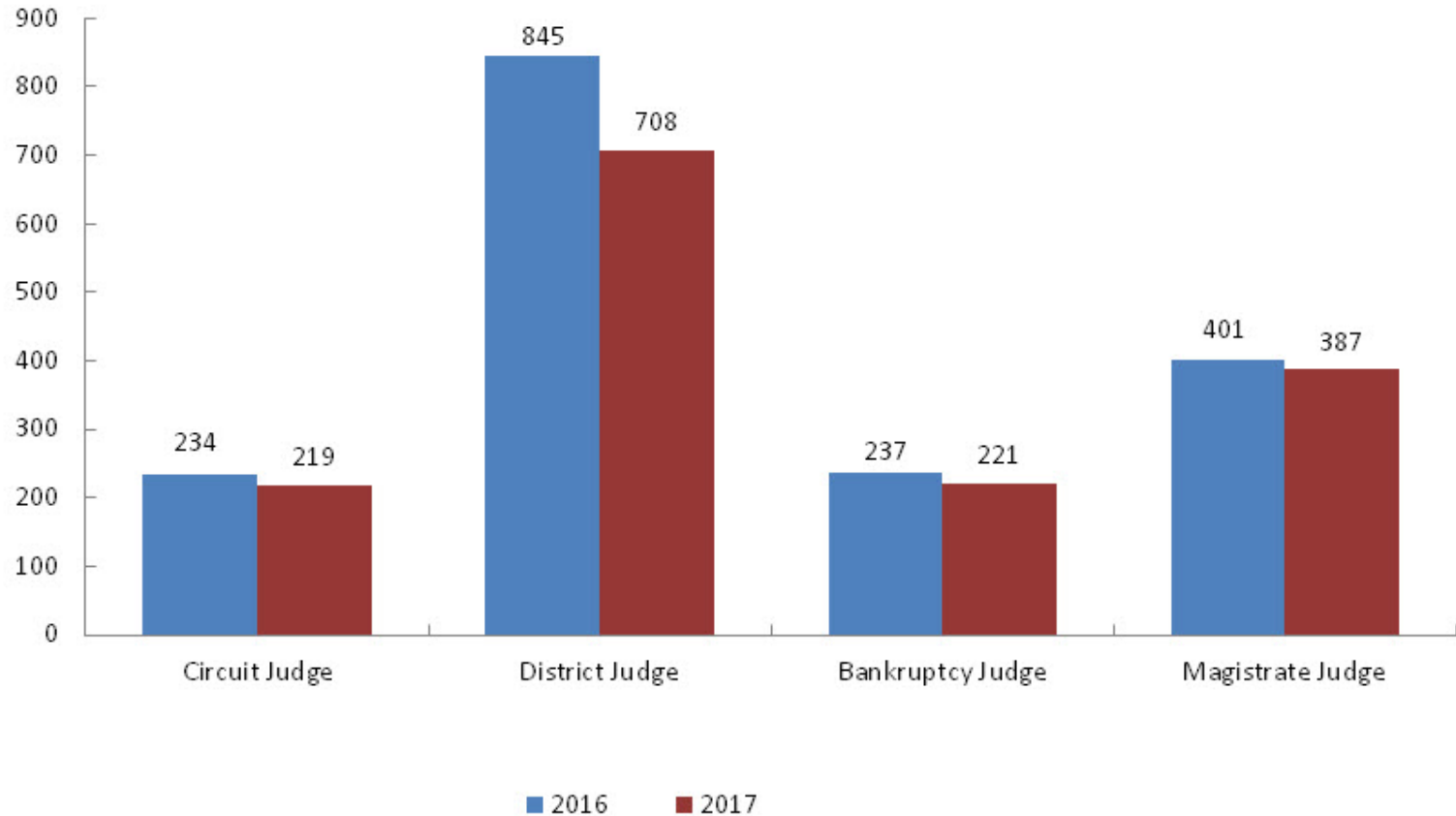
For the year, 1,535 of 2,189 judges, or 70 percent, actively participated in OSCAR. The Administrative Office created 102 new judge accounts, 51 of them for previously non-participating judges. Net participation decreased by 71 judges, partly due to retirement, death, or separation from the judiciary.

Judge Participation in OSCAR (2007 – 2017)



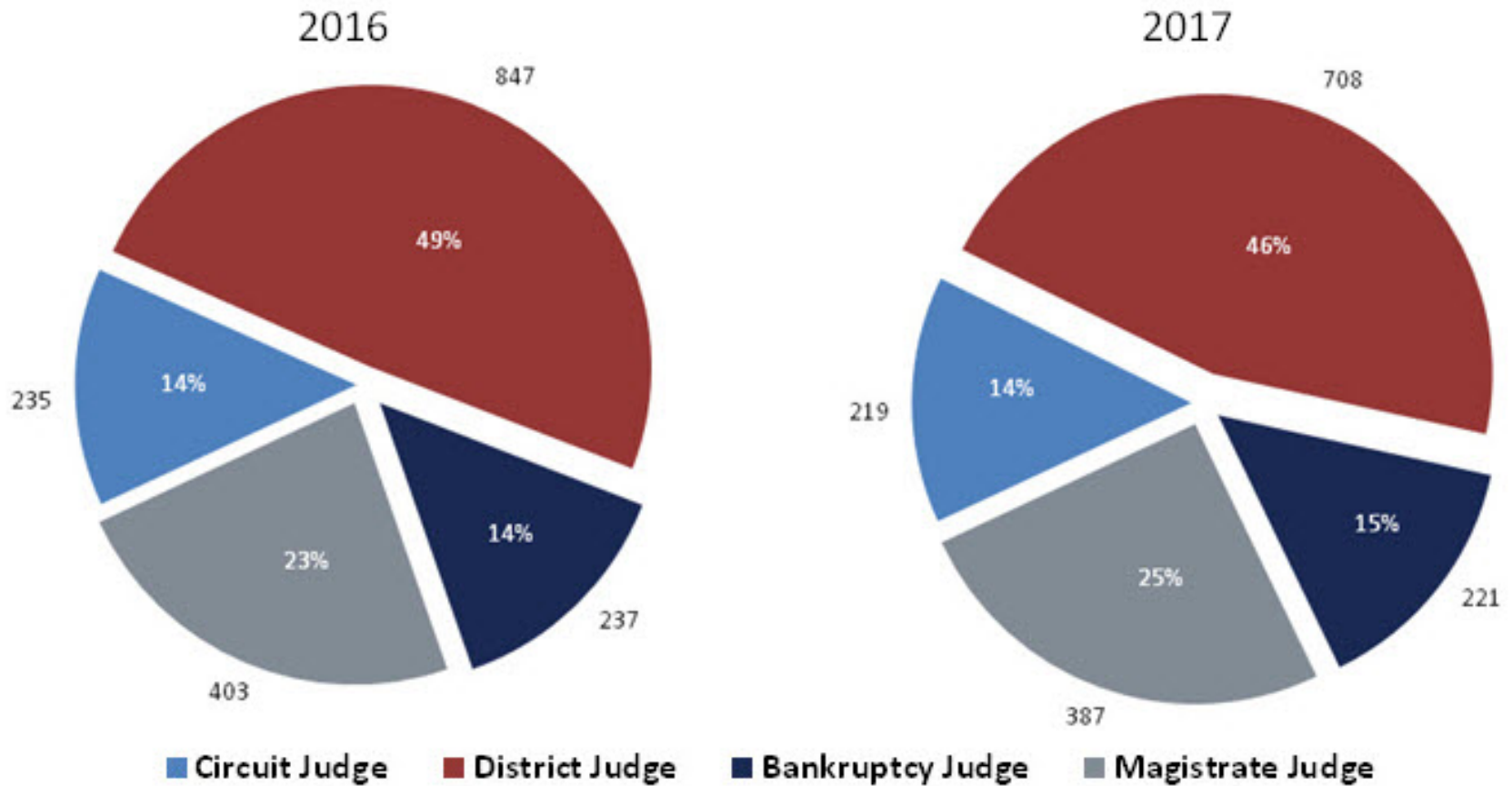
During 2017, the OSCAR Program Office contacted judges who had not updated their profile for at least two years. Staff offered to assist these chambers with profile updates; however, many of these judges had not been using OSCAR and chose to deactivate their account. In calendar year 2017, the Administrative Office deactivated 224 judge accounts due to inactivity. These judges had no registered activity for at least two years. While the number of participating judges dropped from 1,722 in 2016 to 1,535 in 2017, the total number now represents only those judges who are actively using OSCAR.

Total Participation by Judge Type (2016 vs 2017)



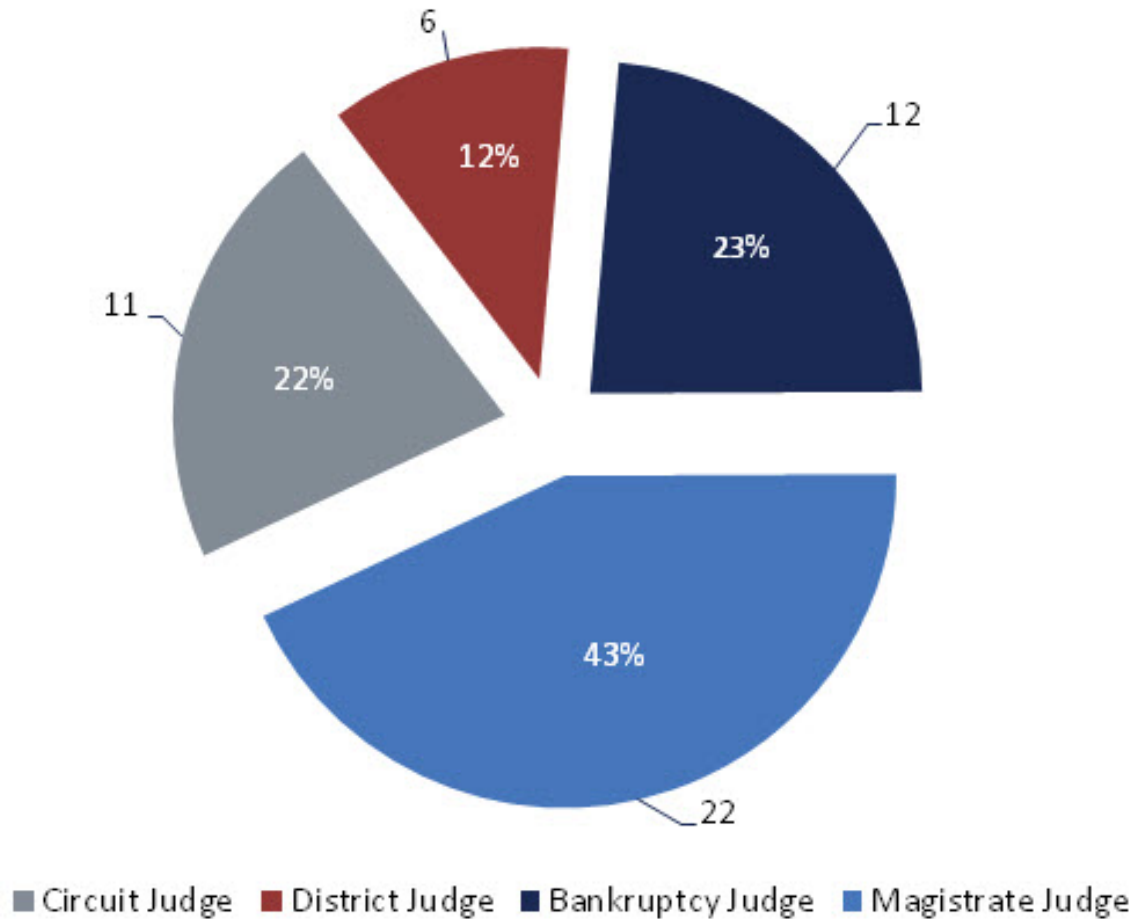
In 2017, circuit judges had the highest OSCAR participation rate, with 84 percent maintaining a profile in OSCAR, followed by district judges with 73 percent participation, and bankruptcy and magistrate judges with 63 percent participation each.

Percentage of Total Participation by Judge Type (2016 vs 2017)



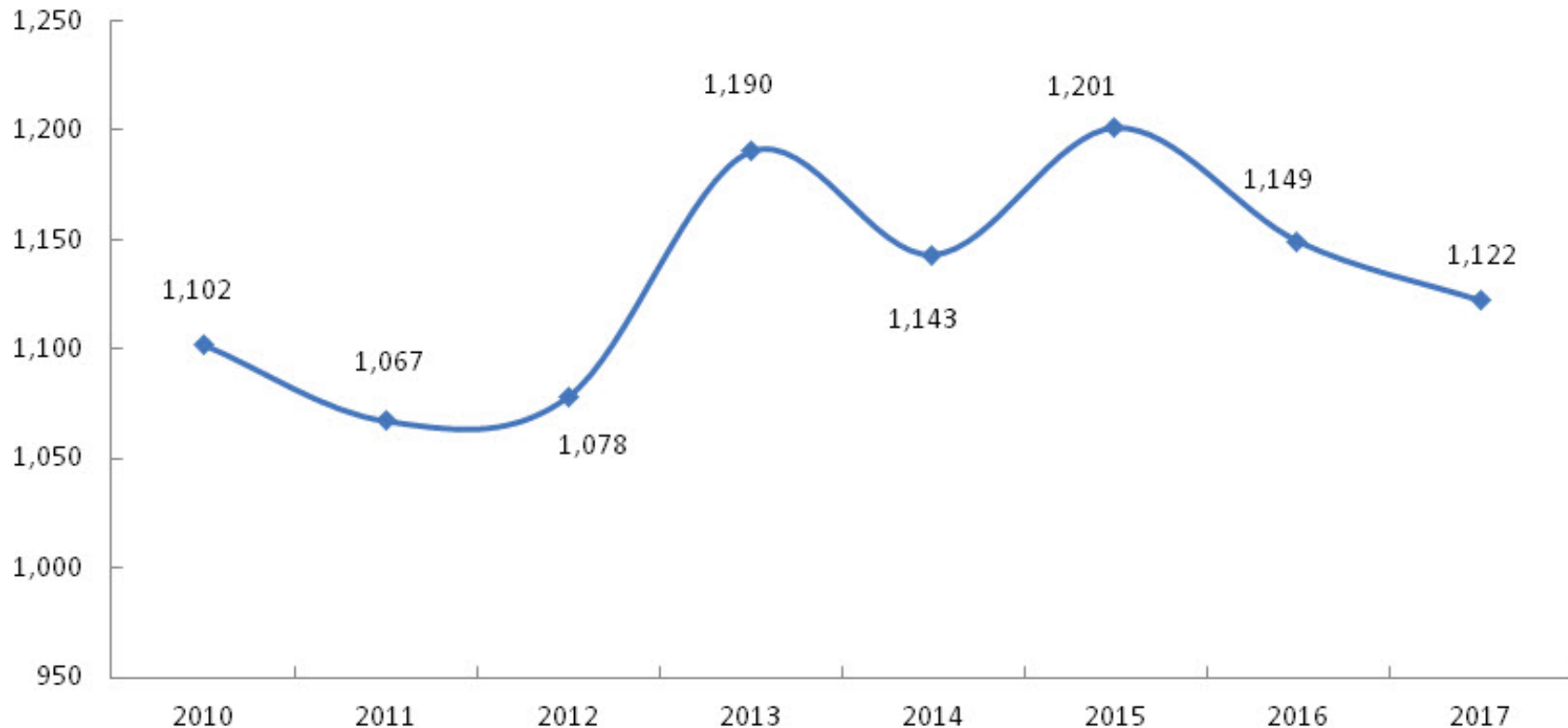
As a percentage of the total number of participating judges, district judge participation went down slightly, magistrate and bankruptcy judge participation went up slightly, and circuit judge participation stayed the same.

New Participating Judges Added by Judge Type



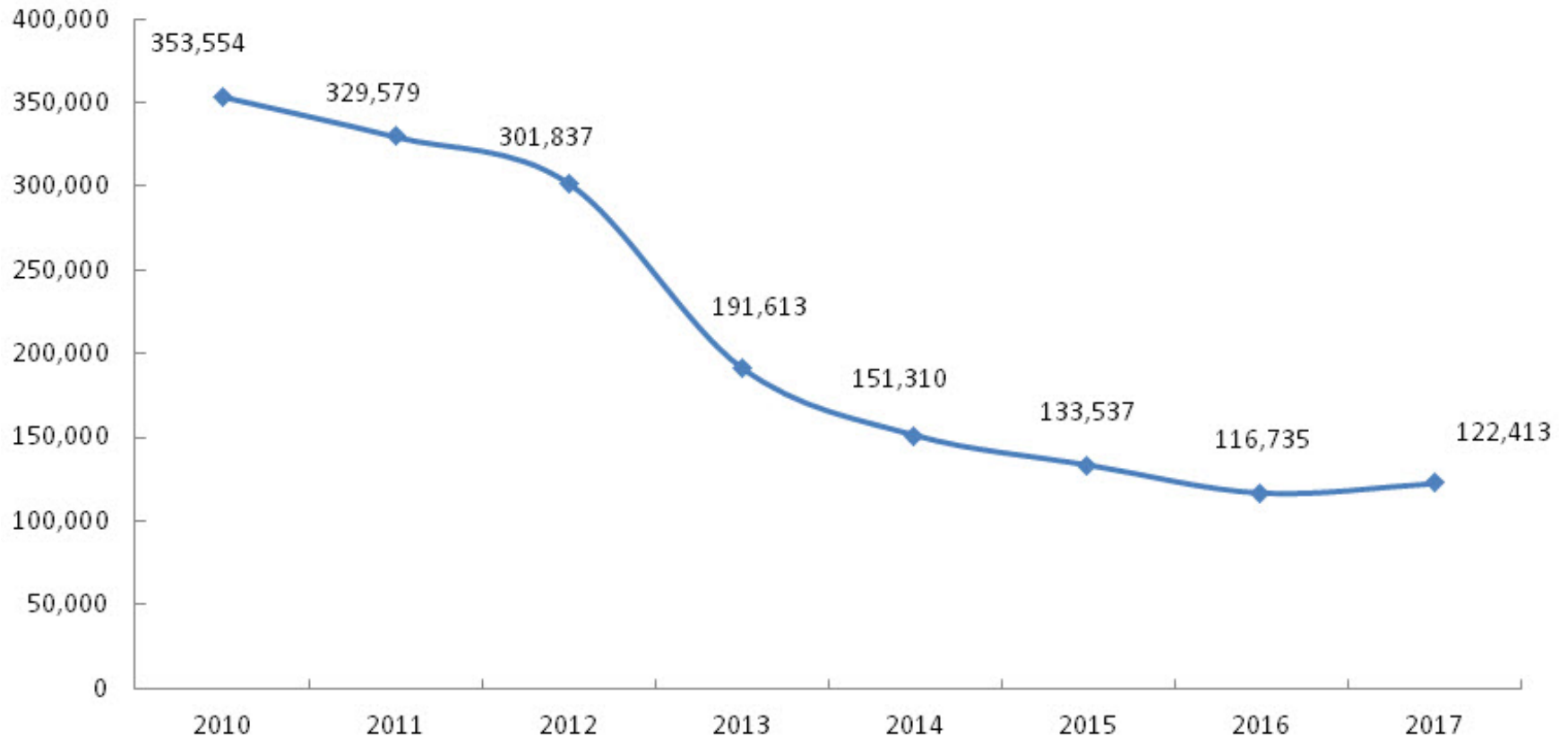
Of the 51 new judges, there were 11 circuit judges, six district judges, 12 bankruptcy judges, and 22 magistrate judges. Throughout 2017, all new incoming judges were automatically issued an OSCAR account.

Position Postings per Year (2010 – 2017)



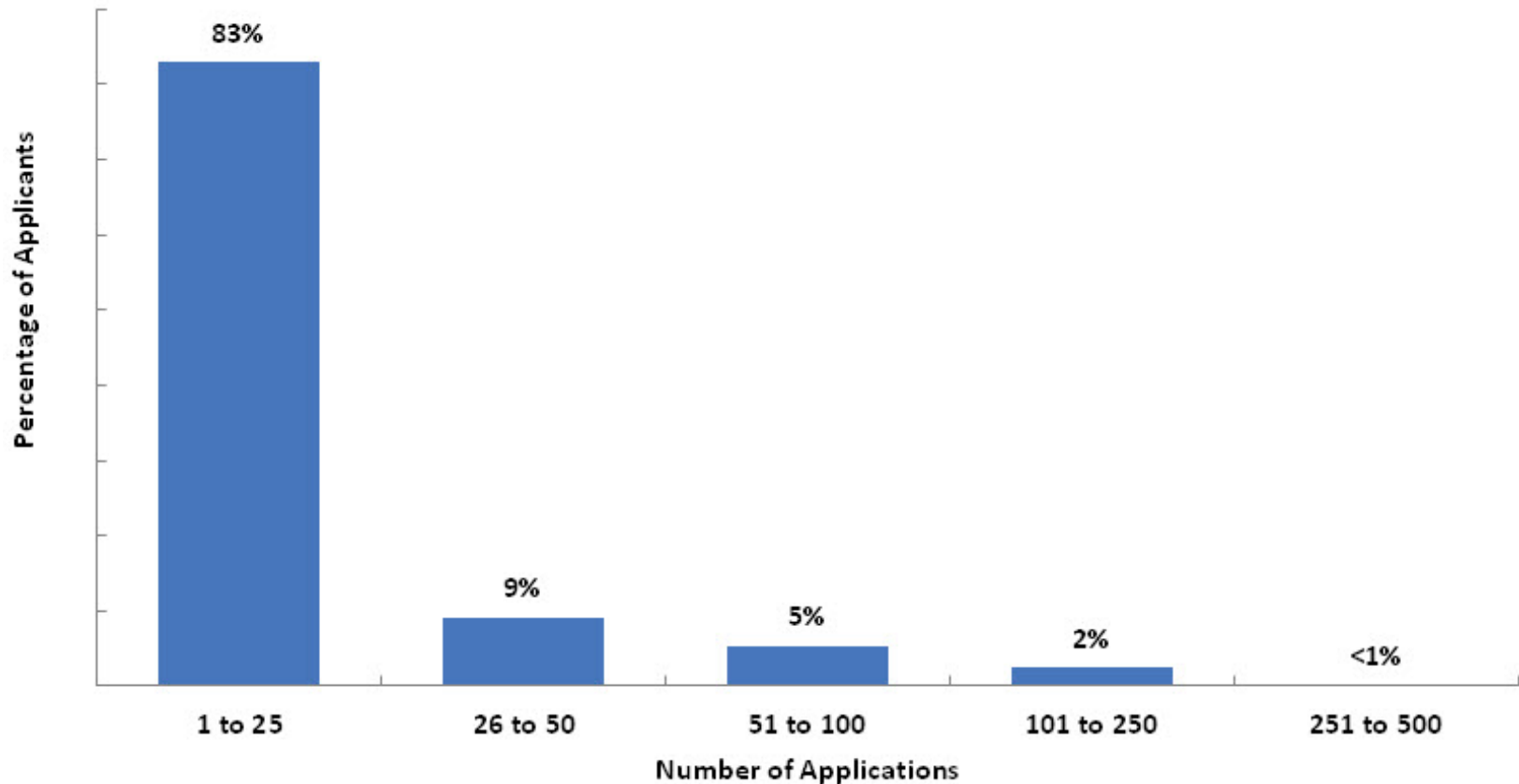
Seven hundred eighty-seven judges (51 percent of participating judges) posted 1,122 positions in 2017, approximately a two percent decrease from the number of positions posted in 2016; the number of postings remains relatively high, demonstrating continued adoption of OSCAR as the primary means of law clerk hiring in the judiciary.

Total Online Applications Created (2010 – 2017)



Total online applications increased from 116,735 in 2016 to 122,413 in 2017, an increase of nearly five percent. This increase can be attributed, in part, to an increase in the average number of applications per posted position from 102 in 2016 to 109 in 2017.

Range of Applications per Applicant (includes draft applications)



Continuing the trend from 2016, most applicants—83 percent—created 25 or fewer online applications. Fewer than three percent of the applicants created more than 100 applications throughout the year. Applicants created an average of 16 applications each in 2017, increasing slightly from the average of 15 per applicant in 2016. Twenty-six percent of applicants submitted only a single application.