

Chart showing 2025 hourly rates of pay for assigned counsel for MA and other states for criminal cases.

STATE:	MD	MA	CT	NJ	VT	DC	RI	MI Some counties	MI Macomb county	VA	NH	ME	NY	AK	Federal Rates
Higher rates for more diff matters	60 75	65 85 120	88 102	100	100	110	112 112 142	100 120	132 192	120	125 150	150	158	125 - 1-5 Atty years of practice 135 - 6-10 145 - 11-15 155 - 16+	175 223

MD: The District Court of Maryland Appointed Attorney Program was created in 2014. The rates have not changed since the inception.

MA: MGL chapter 211, section 11(a)

CT: Connecticut Public Defender office. Passed in State budget in 2023

NJ: Increased the hourly rate for **appointed criminal attorneys** in 2013

VT: Supreme Court's July term 2023, Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, §§ 30, 37. Effective July 1, 2023

DC: Superior Court of The District of Columbia Administrative Order 24-10. Effective 9/1/24

RI: Chief Justice Paul Suttell issued an Executive Order No. 2025-02 on April 4, 2025

MI: Each county has different rates

VA: § 19.2-163. (Effective until January 1, 2025) Compensation of court-appointed counsel. Then raise the cap per type of case.

NH: Adopted Pursuant to Part II, Article 73-a of the New Hampshire Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 51, the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. Effective 1/1/25

ME: State raised the pay effective March 1, 2023

NY: FY 2023-24 State Budget, County Law § 722-b was amended to increase the hourly rate for all other types of assigned counsel matters under County Law Article 18-B. Effective 4/1/2023

AK: Office of Public Advocacy, Effective July 17, 2024

FED: The federal Criminal Justice Act (CJA) hourly rates for appointed criminal attorneys increased on January 1, 2025