

## 2026 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE FOR PROBATION OFFICERS

### Judicial Conference of Indiana

#### Probation Officer Base Salary

Years of Experience	Minimum Annual Salary
0	\$42,311
1	\$45,548
2	\$50,669
3	\$56,628
4-9*	\$58,473
10-14*	\$64,321
15-19*	\$70,755
20 +*	\$77,828

#### Administrative Stipend Based on Number of Probation Officers in the Probation Department

	1-3	4-8	9-15	16+
Chief Probation Officer *	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$15,000
Assistant Chief Probation Officer*			\$5,000	\$10,000
Supervisor Probation Officer *				\$5,000

**NOTE:** The amounts for supervisory roles are in addition to the minimum salary based on years of experience.

\*Probation officers having a master's or doctorate degree from an accredited college or university in a relevant course of study as determined by the supervising judge and a minimum of 5 years as an Indiana probation officer shall receive an additional 5% of their base salary each year. For example, the minimum salary for a probation officer with 5 years of experience in 2026 would be \$58,473. If that officer had a master's degree, then the minimum salary would be \$61,397 in 2026.

- ◆ As used in this schedule, salary means the gross salary paid to a probation officer and does not include the employer's contributions to PERF/retirement program, disability, medical or other insurance programs, or deferred compensation.
- ◆ In the years following the implementation of the schedule, the Indiana Office of Court Services will provide each chief probation officer with a revised Minimum Salary Schedule based on the pay increase awarded to state judicial employees. This schedule will be provided in time to prepare the next year's budget. The salaries for **all** probation officers shall be adjusted to meet the schedule provided each year.
- ◆ The salary schedule was effective beginning January 1, 2004 for full time probation officers. Part-time probation officers shall be paid according to the schedule on a pro rata basis. In each year following the implementation of the 2004 schedule, the revised schedules are effective January 1. Years of service are determined according to I.C. 5-10.3-7-2 for part-time probation officers.
- ◆ Departments shall not reduce the salaries of probation officers who are paid above the minimum salary schedule.
- ◆ Departments that do not comply with the Minimum Salary Schedule will not be permitted to send new probation officers to orientation. The probation officer's supervising judge must affirm compliance with the minimum salary schedule for purposes of orientation.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SCHEDULE:**

1. This minimum salary schedule is based upon years of experience. Therefore, as a probation officer's experience increases his or her salary shall increase on the anniversary date of employment. For example, if a probation officer begins working on May 15, then on May 15 of the following year, his/her salary shall increase to the next level. In other words, the anniversary date of that person being hired is the date that his/her salary shall increase from one level to the next. For example, when a person has ten (10) years of experience that person moves to the 10-14 years of experience level.
2. Minimum salaries for Chief Probation Officers, Assistant Chief Probation Officers, and Supervisors are calculated based on their years of experience plus the amount listed for their administrative role. For example, the minimum salary of a Chief Probation officer with 5 years of experience in a department with 4-8 officers would equal \$ 65,973 in 2026.
3. In those counties having only one probation officer the minimum salary of that probation officer shall be calculated based on their years of experience plus the amount listed for Chief Probation Officer in a department of 1-3 probation officers.
4. The term "Probation Officer" also includes "Chief Probation Officer", "Assistant Chief Probation Officer" and "Supervisor Probation Officer". These terms shall be as defined in the Indiana Probation Standards and consistent with Indiana Code § 11-13-1-3.
5. Salaries for experienced probation officers and/or officers having extensive training, or special skills which will be utilized in their duties or responsibilities as a probation officer should be greater than the minimum salaries provided in the schedule.

6. Service as a court appointed probation officer in Indiana shall be counted for purposes of the minimum salary schedule.
7. There shall be a Chief Probation Officer in each probation department. In addition, there may be an Assistant Chief Probation Officer in those probation departments having a total of nine probation officers or more. In addition, there may be a Supervisor Probation Officer for each eight probation officers in the probation departments having sixteen or more probation officers.
8. Salary increases necessary to implement this salary schedule need not exceed 15% of the previous year's salary of the probation officer. However, salary increases shall not be less than 15% until the salary for that probation officer position is in compliance with the salary schedule.

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