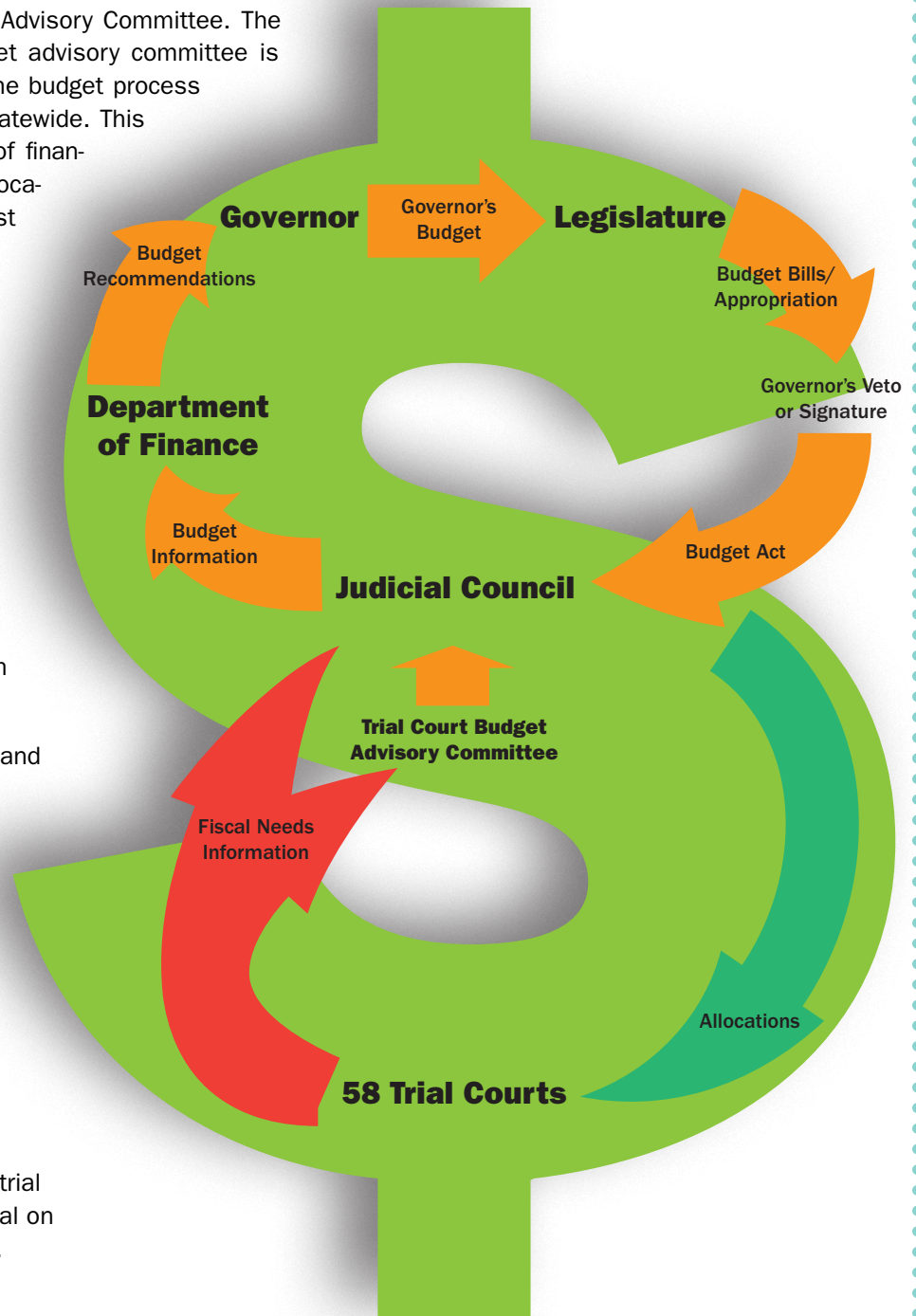


# The Trial Court Budgeting Process

Budgeting within the judicial branch is complex, collaborative, and time-consuming and the trial courts are integral to the process. It requires substantial annual input from all 58 trial courts and the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. The primary responsibility of the budget advisory committee is to advise the Judicial Council on the budget process for the benefit of all trial courts statewide. This includes development and review of financial policies, funding requests, allocations, and other issues. Over the last several years, 57 of the state's 58 trial courts have been represented on the committee (and its predecessor, the Trial Court Budget Working Group).

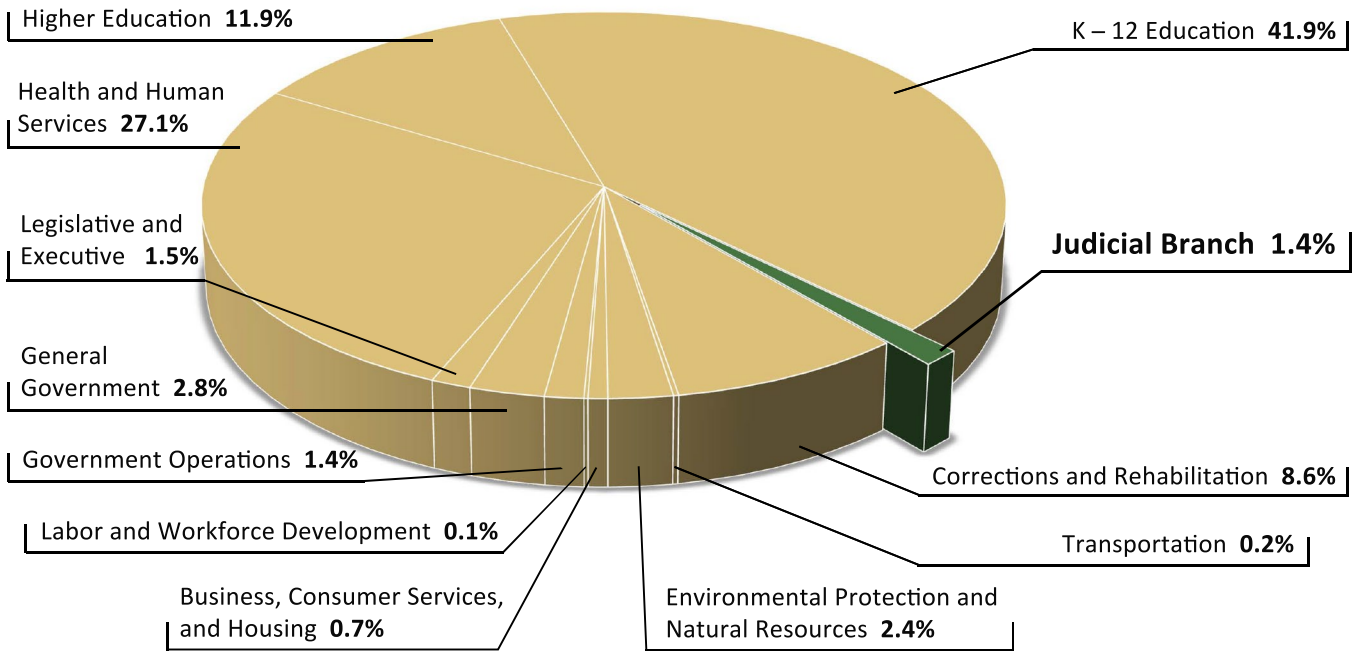
While the recent economic downturn and corresponding impact on the state and judicial branch budgets has been an overriding consideration in recent years, the committee considers many factors in developing its recommendations, including input from our colleagues in other trial courts.

Following detailed analysis, review, and recommendation by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee, major budget proposals are presented to the Judicial Council. Completed and fully vetted budget proposals are then submitted to the Governor, through the Department of Finance, and to the Legislature. The Legislature produces an appropriations bill that contains funding for the courts. The council, which itself is composed largely of trial court leaders, provides final approval on court allocations to the trial courts.



# The Judicial Branch is 1.4% of the State General Fund Budget

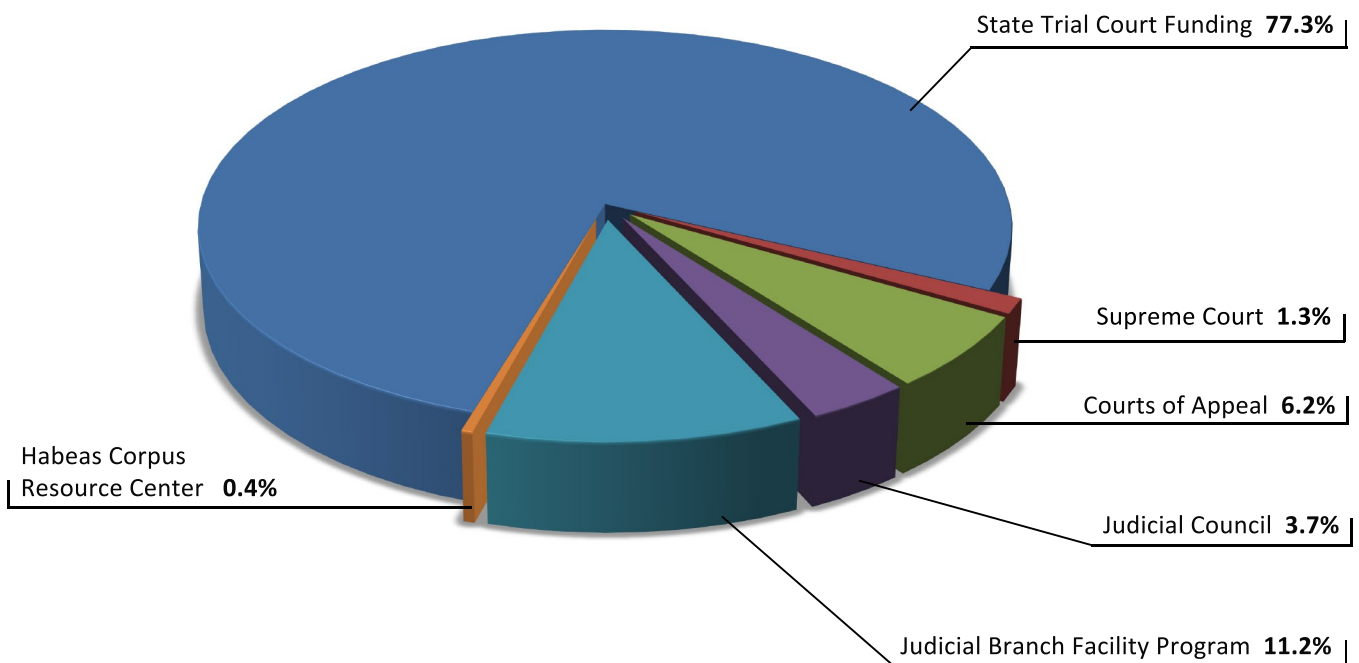
(when comparing General Fund support to State General Fund Expenditures)



Data Source: Figure SUM-02 "General Fund Expenditures by Agency", California State Budget 2016-17.

**Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.**

# Funding for the Trial Courts Represents 77.3% of the Judicial Branch Budget



Data Source: Department of Finance, California State Budget 2016-17.