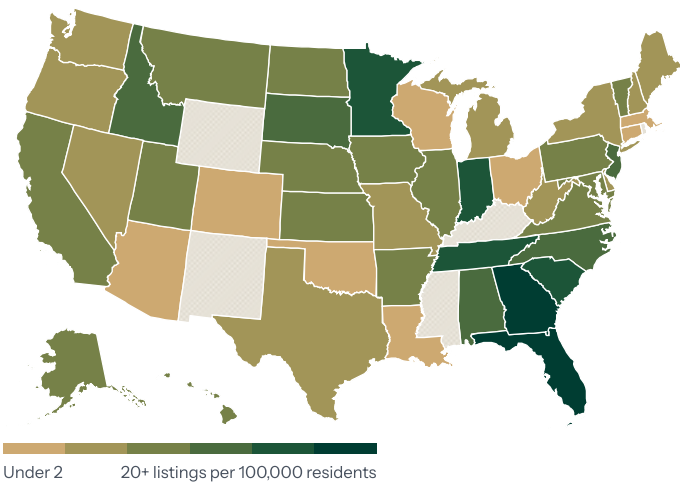


State of Court Mediation 2026

Court rosters list 26,000+ mediators across the U.S., from 28.8 per 100,000 residents in Georgia to 0.3 in Oklahoma: a spread that reflects how completely each state’s courts publish. Counted from 386 official rosters and nothing else.

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Court-roster mediators 26,000+ people, each counted once; 27,000+ listings	Official roster sources 386 court rosters, read Oct 6–19, 2026	Counties with no family mediator based there 68 of 392 in the 7 states we can map	Court-posted family rates \$150–\$300 median per hour, 13 court panels
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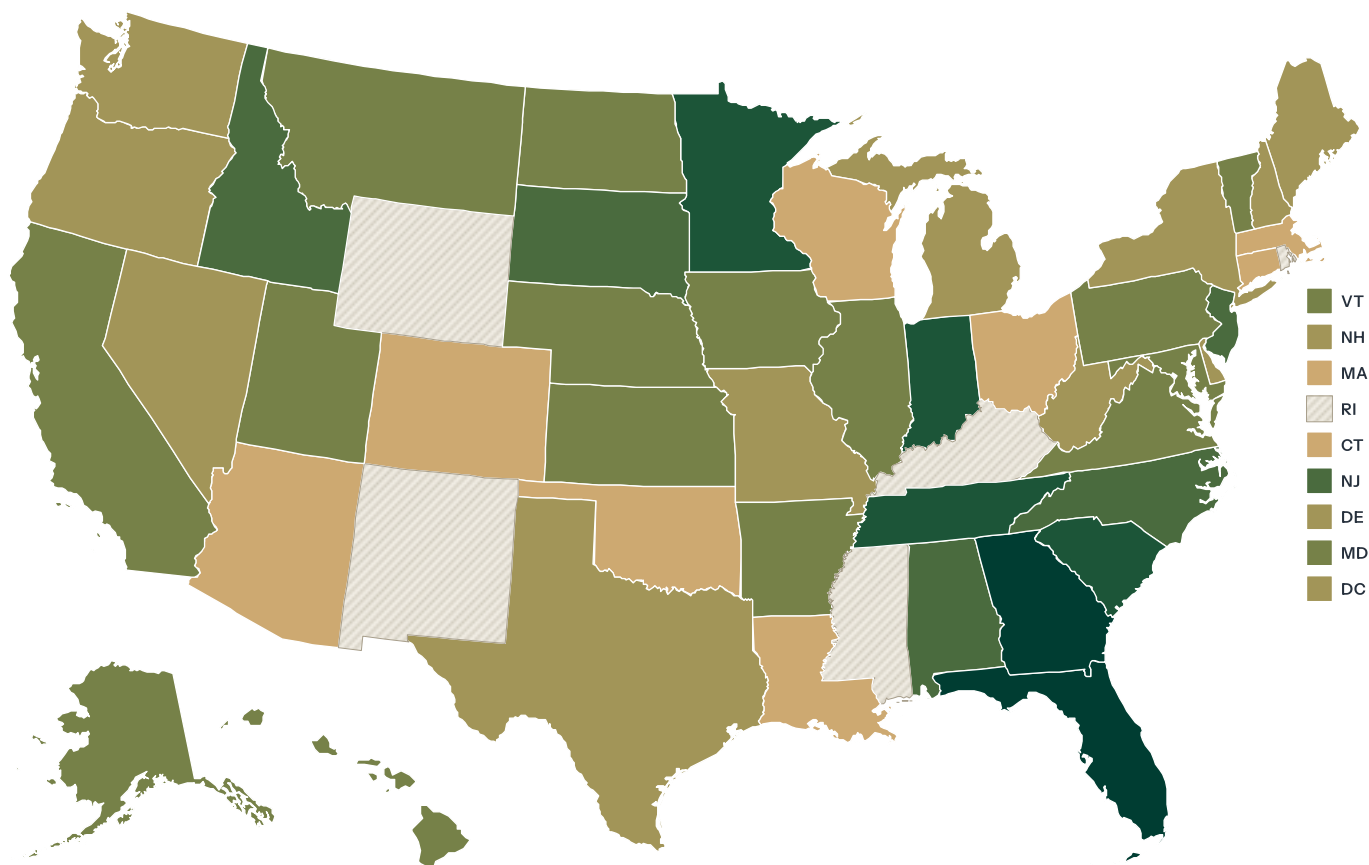
26,400 people, shown rounded down as 26,000+, hold 27,446 listings (27,000+): a person on two states’ rosters is a listing in each state, and the same person can appear as separate records on different rosters in one state (in Florida, 357 listings are a second record of someone already counted, mostly people on both the Florida Supreme Court roster and the M.D. Fla. federal list). Headline totals count people; counts below are listings unless they say mediators.

Key findings

- 1** Georgia and Florida list the most court-roster mediators per resident, 28.8 and 27.7 per 100,000. Eight states list fewer than 2; low figures usually reflect partial public rosters.
- 2** Six states certify mediators, and Florida holds two-thirds of their listings (6,469 of 9,821). Everywhere else, courts list or register mediators without certifying them.
- 3** Family and civil counts mostly reflect what each roster covers: Florida, Georgia and California hold 55% of all civil listings, and 9 of the 30 larger states list almost only one type.
- 4** 68 counties have no family mediator based in the county on the state’s roster, home to 1,246,716 people. In Minnesota, 47 of 87 counties have none.
- 5** Rosters almost never say who mediates online: 1 of 386 roster sources mentions remote mediation, in a list dated March 26, 2020.
- 6** On 13 court family-mediation panels, the median posted rate runs from \$150 to \$300 an hour; 4 of the 13 lists have fewer than 10 rates.

Georgia and Florida list the most court-roster mediators per resident: 28.8 and 27.7 per 100,000

Reflects how completely each state's courts publish their rosters. Listings on each state's official court and government rosters per 100,000 residents run from 28.8 in Georgia to 0.3 in Oklahoma. Georgia's figure is its statewide registered-neutrals directory; a low figure usually means a state publishes only partial or court-by-court lists.



States in each band: Under 2: 8 · 2–5: 12 · 5–10: 15 · 10–15: 5 · 15–20: 4 · 20 or more: 2 · fewer than 10 listings or not published: 5.

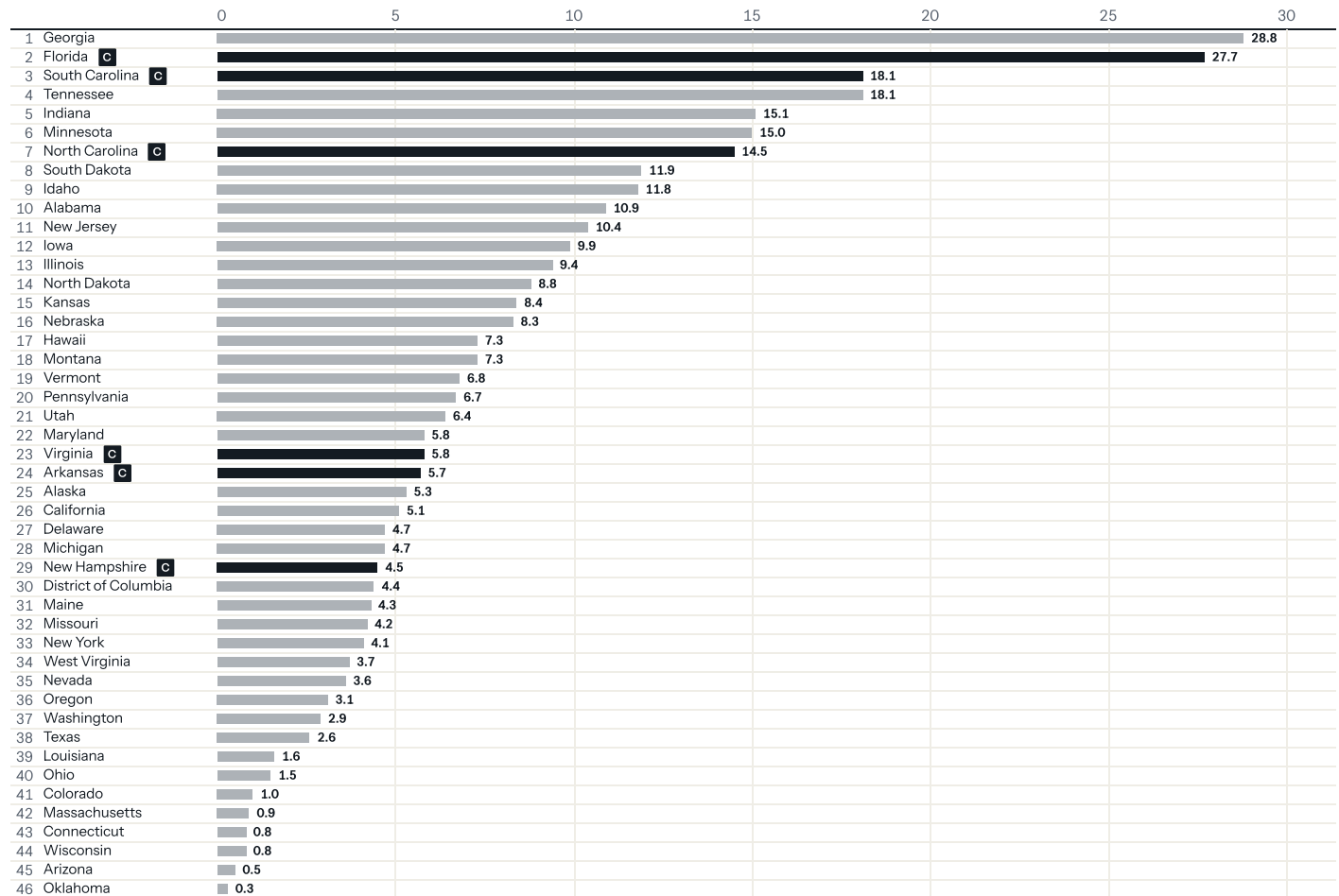
Sources: official court and government rosters, read Oct 6–19, 2026; population: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 county population estimates (July 1, 2024). Same figures as /statistics/.

Every state with published listings, ranked

Bars show listings per 100,000 residents. Ink bars marked **C** are states where a court or court-created board certifies mediators; grey bars are states where courts list them. Only states with at least 10 published listings are ranked.

The total across these states is 27,429 listings; the headline figure also counts Kentucky (9), Mississippi (5), New Mexico (1), Rhode Island (1) and Wyoming (1), which have fewer than 10 published listings.

■ Court certifies mediators ■ Court-listed

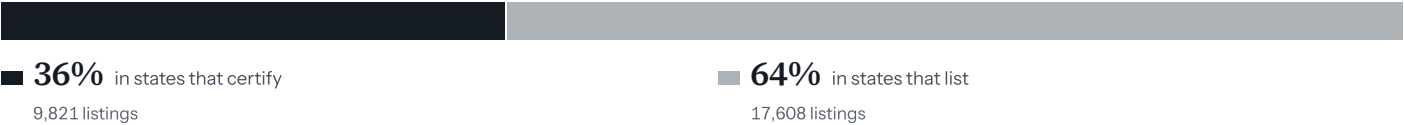


Source: MediationList count of official court and government rosters (the same figures as mediator statistics), rosters read Oct 6-19, 2026. Population: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 county population estimates (July 1, 2024) (<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2024/counties/totals/co-est2024-alldata.csv>), summed to states.

Six states certify mediators; Florida holds two-thirds of their listings

“Certified” is a legal status, not a compliment. In Arkansas, Florida, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, the state’s highest court or a commission or board in its judicial branch certifies mediators. In every other state, courts and agencies keep lists, registries or panels of approved mediators without certifying them, so we call those mediators “court-listed.”

Together the certifying states hold 36% of all listings, mostly because of Florida: 6,469 listings, including 665 on the M.D. Fla. federal court list.

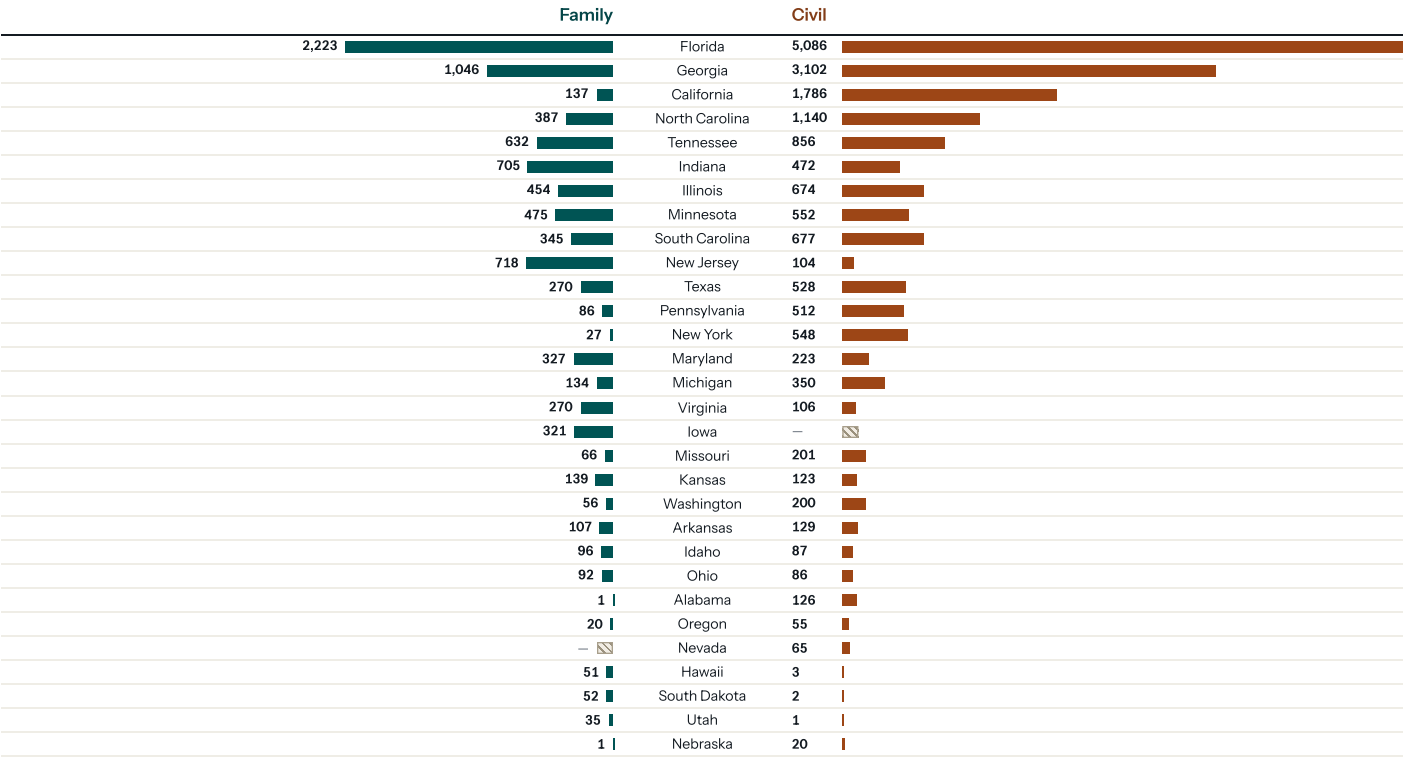


States that certify	Listings	Per 100k
Florida	6,469	27.7
North Carolina	1,605	14.5
South Carolina	994	18.1
Virginia	512	5.8
Arkansas	177	5.7
New Hampshire	64	4.5

Source: MediationList’s credential rule (a state is “certified” only where its courts or a court-created board certify mediators, from each state’s statute or court rule, linked on its how to become a mediator page); listings as on /statistics/, rosters read Oct 6–19, 2026.

Family and civil counts mostly reflect what each roster covers:
Florida, Georgia and California hold 55% of all civil listings

Listings by the case types each roster records, for the 30 states with at least 100 listings. A mediator listed for both counts on both sides. Nine of these states list almost only one type (the other under 10%), often because the source is a single-purpose list: Iowa's, for example, is a statewide list of family law mediators. Nationally there are 18,046 civil and 9,522 family listings; family leads in 18 states with published rosters, 11 of them shown here. Alaska, District of Columbia and Connecticut record no case types, so they are left out.

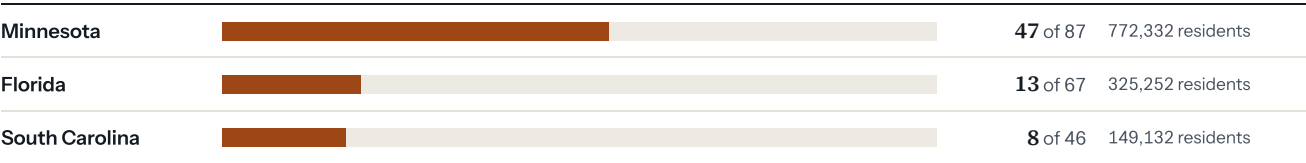


— Not recorded on the state's roster (0 listings tagged with that case type)

Source: case types as each official roster records them (for example Florida's Certified Family and Circuit Civil designations), rosters read Oct 6–19, 2026. Family = family or domestic-relations mediation; civil = civil, circuit or county civil mediation.

68 counties in Florida, Minnesota and South Carolina have no
family mediator based in the county on the state's court roster

Rosters record where a mediator is based (some also list the counties they serve), not every county they take cases in; many serve neighbouring counties or meet by video. Mapped: the 7 states whose statewide family roster gives a county for nearly everyone on it (at least 90% of family listings from that roster and 90% with a county). 1,246,716 people, 2.1% of these states' population, live in the counties with none. The mediator deserts map shows every county.



Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia: every county has at least one family mediator on the roster (these rosters list the counties each mediator serves).

Source: each state's official family-mediator roster (read Florida Oct 6, Indiana Oct 6, Maryland Oct 21, Minnesota Oct 8, New Jersey Oct 7, South Carolina Oct 8 and West Virginia Oct 19, 2026) and the U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 county population estimates (July 1, 2024). Same counts as /mediator-deserts/.

One of 386 roster sources says anything about remote mediation, and that note dates from March 2020

No statewide roster we read records whether a mediator works by video. The only remote note on any official roster is the 469th District Court remote-mediator list (Collin County (TX) courts), dated March 26, 2020 and marked as self-reported by the mediators; it covers 67 of 27,012 roster records.

That matters because most private mediation isn't licensed by place: a mediator can often take cases from another state by video, but a court-ordered case may need a mediator from that court's own roster. On MediationList, online availability comes only from a mediator's own statement after they claim their profile, and it is labeled that way. See [online mediators](#).

Source: the text of every official roster entry we publish, searched for "remote", "online" or "virtual"; rosters read Oct 6-19, 2026.

On 13 court family-mediation panels, the median posted rate runs from \$150 to \$300 an hour

A few courts publish each family-panel mediator's hourly rate (4 of the 13 lists have fewer than 10 rates, so their medians are fragile). Each row is one court's list: bars show the share of its rates in each \$25 step, on one scale for every row, and the tick marks the list's median. These are hourly rates as posted, not what a whole divorce costs, and they come from California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Washington only.

\$0 \$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$500 \$600 Median

Iowa Judicial Branch (https://www.iowacourts.gov/static/media/cms/Statewide_List_of_Family_Law_Mediat_2830DB0D8FBDC.pdf)
Iowa (statewide) · Statewide List of Family Law Mediators · 274 rates · read Oct 6, 2026



\$150

Washtenaw County Trial Court (<https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/mi-washtenawcounty/d62ab773-7da9-43f2-b5e7-97e770929462?cache=1800>)
Washtenaw County, MI · List of Approved Domestic Relations Mediators (January 2026) · 30 rates · read Oct 12, 2026



\$200

37th Judicial Circuit Court (Calhoun County) (<https://calhouncountymi.gov/Circuit%20Court/Domestic%20Mediator%20List%20Mar%202026.pdf?t=202603190924420>)
Calhoun County, MI · Domestic Mediators · only 8 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$238

22nd Judicial Circuit Court (McHenry County) (<https://www.22ndcircuitil.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2026/08/Family-Mediator-List-updated-August-13-2026.pdf>)
McHenry County, IL · Family Division Mediators · 32 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$250

Kent County 17th Circuit Court (<https://app.kentcountymi.gov/MediationEval/DomMedForward.jsp>)
Kent County, MI · Court-Approved Domestic Mediators' Roster · 29 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$250

13th Judicial Circuit Court (Grand Traverse County) (<https://www.gtcountymi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24526/Domestic-Mediator-List>)
Grand Traverse County, MI · Domestic Relations Mediator List · 19 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$250

Thurston County Superior Court (<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/superior-court/court-services/family-law-mediation/mediation-list>)
Thurston County, WA · Family Law Mediation List · only 9 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$250

Fresno County Superior Court (<https://www.fresnocourts.ca.gov/system/files/general/adr-family-law-mediation-panel-52226-web.pdf>)
Fresno County, CA · ADR Family Law Mediation Panel · only 3 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



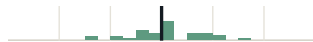
\$280

Family Court of St. Louis County (<https://www.stlcourtscourts.com/forms/family-court-forms/court-approved-mediator-list/>)
St. Louis County, MO · Court Approved Mediator List · 59 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$295

19th Judicial Circuit Court (Lake County) (<https://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/932/List-of-Approved-Family-Mediators-PDF>)
Lake County, IL · Family Mediation Program Approved Mediators 2024-2026 · 39 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$300

Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations (<https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/Documents/Government/Courts/Court%20of%20Domestic%20Relations/Dispute%20Resolution%20Department/22-9%20Hamilton%20County%20Approved%20Mediators.pdf>)
Hamilton County, OH · Court Approved Mediators (Community Mediator Roster) · 15 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$300

Santa Clara County Superior Court (<https://santacleara.courts.ca.gov/online-services/mediatoradr-search/search-adr-provider-database>)
Santa Clara County, CA · Civil ADR Provider Database (mediators/neutral evaluators/arbitrators) / Family ADR Providers list · 15 rates · read Oct 7, 2026



\$300

Amador County Superior Court (<https://amador.courts.ca.gov/general-information/family-law-mediators-panel>)
Amador County, CA · Family Law Mediators Panel · only 4 rates · read Oct 23, 2026



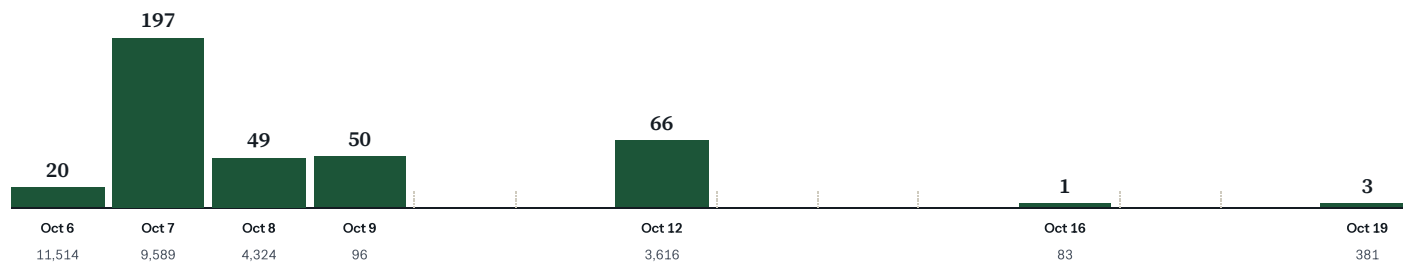
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■ Share of the list's rates, per \$25 ■ Fewer than 10 rates | Median

Source: each court's published panel list (linked), read Oct 6, 2026 to Oct 23, 2026. Only plain hourly rates count (day rates, ranges and per-party splits are left out), each listed mediator once per list, lists with at least 3 rates; lists with fewer than 10 are drawn lighter. Medians are rounded to the dollar. The same figures power the divorce cost calculator.

71% of roster entries come from rosters read on Oct 6 or Oct 7, 2026

We collected every roster ourselves from the court or agency that publishes it (its website, a download or a public-records response). The 386 court rosters were read Oct 6-19, 2026; the court rate lists run to Oct 23, 2026, so this report's sources span Oct 6-23, 2026. Every profile shows its source and the date we checked it.



Column height: roster sources last read that day. Under each date: roster entries those sources carry.

Largest roster sources	State	Listings	Last read
Florida Dispute Resolution Center (Florida Supreme Court) - certified mediator list (https://drc.flcourts.org/MediatorSearch/ExportCompReport?PageName=rotcomp)	Florida	5,692	Oct 6
Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (Judicial Council of Georgia) - Registered Neutrals directory (https://gcronegovcloud.com/public/directory/#/)	Georgia	3,219	Oct 6
North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission - Find a Mediator (certified mediators by program) (https://www.nccourts.gov/services/find-a-mediator)	North Carolina	1,211	Oct 12
Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts - Find a Mediator (Rule 31 listed mediators) (https://www.tncourts.gov/programs/mediation/find-mediator/roger-matzkind)	Tennessee	1,172	Oct 8
Indiana Supreme Court - Mediator Registry (Office of Admissions and Continuing Education) (https://courtapps.in.gov/mediatorsearch)	Indiana	1,044	Oct 6
South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification - ADR Directory (hosted by SC Bar) (https://www.scbar.org/for-lawyers/quicklinks/directories/adr-directory/)	South Carolina	991	Oct 8
Minnesota Judicial Branch - Statewide ADR Neutral Roster (Rule 114) (public-records response) (https://mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Alternative-Dispute-Resolution.aspx)	Minnesota	857	Oct 8
New Jersey Judiciary - Mediators for Economic Aspects of Family Law Cases (https://www.njcourts.gov/courts/family/mediators-economic-aspects-of-family-law-cases/toby-solo-mon)	New Jersey	669	Oct 7
U.S. District Court, M.D. Fla. - Certified Mediators (list dated October 11, 2026) (https://apps.flmd.uscourts.gov/mediator/pub/mediatorlist.pdf)	Florida	665	Oct 12
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara - Civil ADR Provider Database (mediators/neutral evaluators/arbitrators) (https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/online-services/mediatoradr-search/search-adr-provider-database)	California	549	Oct 7
Supreme Court of Virginia, Office of the Executive Secretary - Dispute Resolution Services certified mediator directory (https://webdevvacourts.gov/drs/mediators/770.html)	Virginia	507	Oct 8
Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution - State Court Mediator Roster (https://alabamaadr.org/web/roster-mediators/index.php?action=List)	Alabama	466	Oct 6

Source: the "verified on" date of every published roster record; a listing on two rosters counts under each. All dates are in 2026. The full list of rosters is on data sources.

How we counted, and what these numbers can't tell you

Method

- Every listing comes from an official court or government roster, taken from the publisher's own site, a download or a public-records response, with no logins and no bypassed bot checks. People listed only after a credentials review, and people who dropped off a superseded court list, aren't counted.
- The headline total, 26,000+, counts people, rounded down as everywhere on MediationList: when two roster records in a state carry the same full name and nothing on them conflicts (a different county, bar number, suffix, or the same roster twice), they count as one person; near-matches are never joined. Other counts are listings: a record on two states' rosters counts in each state (27,446 listings in all).
- Per-resident figures divide listings by the U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 county population estimates (July 1, 2024), and are shown only for states with at least 10 listings.
- "Certified" follows each state's law; family and civil follow each roster's own case types; deserts, rates and counts reuse the exact functions behind /statistics/, /mediator-deserts/ and the cost calculator.

Limits

- These are court-roster mediators, not all mediators. Most private mediation needs no court approval, so many working mediators appear on no roster.
- Coverage follows what courts publish. Some states keep one statewide roster; others publish only court-by-court or partial lists, and a few rosters aren't public or block automated reading, so low figures can reflect a smaller public roster.
- Rosters change constantly. Figures are as of the read dates above; a 2027 edition will show the change.
- Posted rates come from a handful of courts and aren't national averages. Nothing here is legal advice or an endorsement of any mediator.

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Data dictionary

state_code	Two-letter postal code (50 states and DC).
state_name	State name.

people	Distinct people among those listings, the /statistics/ Mediators column: the same person on two rosters in the state (e.g. the Florida Supreme Court roster and the M.D. Fla. federal list) counts once. Blank when listings is blank.
listings	Published court-verified listings from the state's official court and government rosters, the same count as /statistics/. Blank: fewer than 10 listings and the state's listings aren't published yet. A mediator on two states' rosters counts in both.
population	Resident population, U.S. Census Bureau Vintage 2024 county estimates (July 1, 2024), summed to the state.
population_vintage	Census estimate vintage used for population.
listings_per_100k	$\text{listings} \div \text{population} \times 100,000$, rounded to 0.1, only for states with at least 10 listings (as on /statistics/).
credential_term	"certified" where a court or court-created board certifies mediators; "court-listed" where courts list or register them without certifying (MediationList's credential rule).
family_listings	Listings whose roster entry covers family or domestic-relations mediation. Not every roster records case types.
civil_listings	Listings whose roster entry covers civil mediation. A listing can count as both family and civil.
roster_sources	Distinct official roster sources behind the state's listings (grouped by the state most of a source's records belong to).
latest_roster_read	Latest date (YYYY-MM-DD) MediationList read one of those sources.
desert_mapped	true if the state is on the /mediator-deserts/ map (a statewide family roster giving a county for at least 90% of family listings).
counties	Counties (or county equivalents) in a mapped state.
counties_without_family_mediator	Counties in a mapped state with no family mediator on the state's court roster (the /mediator-deserts/ count).
residents_of_those_counties	Census Vintage 2024 population of those counties.
family_panels_with_posted_rates	Court family-mediation panels in the state that post hourly rates (at least 3 plain hourly rates), as in the divorce cost calculator.
lowest_panel_median_usd	Lowest median posted hourly rate among those panels, in U.S. dollars.
highest_panel_median_usd	Highest median posted hourly rate among those panels, in U.S. dollars.

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