HOW DOES YOUR COURTHOUSE RATE?

Fentress Incorporated has been performing facility assessments for federal, state, and local courthouses since 1988. We evaluate courthouses using a list of factors that cover the areas of space functionality, space standards, security, building systems, and technology. Each factor has an associated performance measure, which is used to calculate a factor score. The scores identify the most significant areas of concern in a courthouse. This infographic presents a list of the top concerns in courthouses for each of the five areas covered by the assessments.



962 COURTHOUSES ASSESSED

Federal

StateLocal

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- Space Functionality
 - Building Systems
- Space Standards
 Technology

Security

The following graphs are a summary of what we have found after assessing nearly 1,000 court facilities.

The values below reflect the percentage of court facilities with each concern.

TOP 3 COURTHOUSE SPACE FUNCTIONALITY CONCERNS

Space Functionality – the extent to which space supports the number and operations of judges and staff, and functions properly for adjacencies, layout, accessibility, and circulation

Courtroom Layout Concerns 65%

Lack of Restricted Judge Circulation from Entry to Chambers 64%

Lack of Jury Circulation 40%

TOP 3 COURTHOUSE SPACE STANDARDS CONCERNS

Space Standards - how space conforms with the applicable standards for size and proportion

Undersized Courtrooms 81%

Lack of Attorney Conference Rooms 73%

Undersized Jury Assembly Area 65%

TOP 3 COURTHOUSE SECURITY CONCERNS

Security – the security features in the courthouse include secure and restricted circulation patterns, prisoner holding areas, sallyports, and security screening

Lack of Restricted Judge Circulation Between Courtroom and Chambers 76%

Lack of Prisoner Holding Cells 71%

Lack of Secure Prisoner Circulation to Courtrooms **52%**

TOP 3 COURTHOUSE BUILDING SYSTEMS CONCERNS

Building Systems – the condition of the general building and court space, including the condition of the building systems (e.g., plumbing, heating, air-conditioning), common areas, lobbies, elevators and stairways, and exterior spaces on the site (e.g., plaza, walkways, parking)

Lack of Parking 83%

Inadequate HVAC 64%

Inadequate Elevators 37%

TOP 3 COURTHOUSE TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS

Technology – the availability of technology systems in the courthouse to support court proceedings, public access, and coordination between court components

Lack of Holding Cells with AV

Lack of Evidence Presentation

78%

Lack of Systems for Hearing Impaired

64%



