A typical district court employee takes home much less money in her paycheck today than she did in 2010.

‘Tina’ is not a real person, but she represents many who work for the judicial branch:
- She is a trial court clerk II.
- She has reached the highest step in her pay grade.
- She is married and has two children (4 tax exemptions).
- She buys health and dental insurance for her family through the state (Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Plan A).

And that’s even before Tina has to pay for higher co-payments for doctor visits, larger health insurance deductibles, and a rising cost of living.

(The total take-home pay for both 2010 and 2019 includes two pay periods where health insurance premiums are not deducted and taxes are calculated on that additional money.)