

IGR Development Scorecard - Justice Sector

Sierra Leone | Trend analysis of public confidence and trust in the Judiciary | 2017, 2023 and 2025

Strategic objective: Ensure that all citizens benefit from a fair, impartial and effective justice sector by enabling increased access to justice, expedition of justice, protection of human rights and equal opportunities for economic development.

Target direction: increase public confidence and trust by 2030. No numeric target stated in the provided extract.

2017 Baseline

32%

Critical low trust

2023 Trend Point

36%

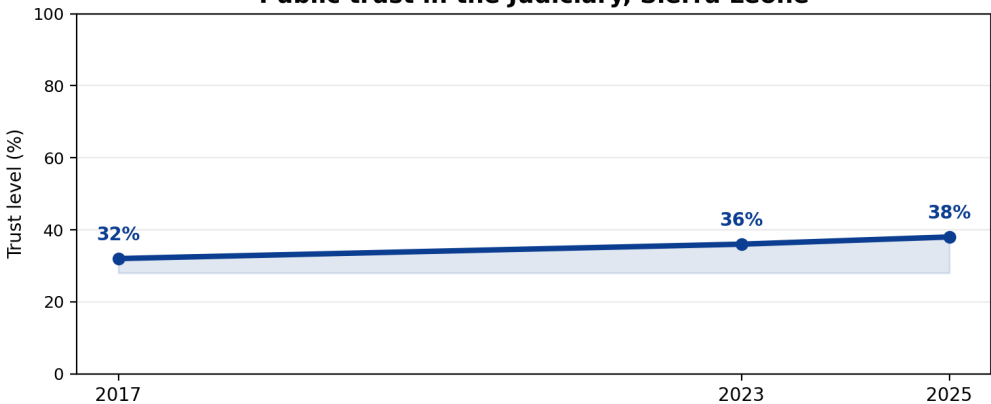
Closest available survey: 2022

2025 Latest Point

38%

Trust remains very low

Trend line: public trust in the Judiciary
Public trust in the Judiciary, Sierra Leone



Scorecard interpretation

- Movement**
Trust improved from 32% in 2017 to 38% in 2025, a total gain of 6 percentage points.
- Pace**
The annualised improvement is about 0.75 percentage points per year, which is slow for a core governance reform area.
- 2025 status**
At 38%, public trust remains below 40%, showing that confidence in the justice sector is still weak.
- IGR rating**
Limited progress. Reform activity has not yet translated into strong public trust gains.

Justice Sector Trend Analysis Brief

Trend table

Year	Indicator	Value	Change	Scorecard note
2017	Public trust in Judiciary	32%	Baseline	Critically low confidence
2023*	Public trust in Judiciary	36%	+4 pp	Slight improvement, still low
2025	Public trust in Judiciary	38%	+2 pp	Very low trust persists

**2023 uses the closest available Afrobarometer trend datapoint supplied: 2022 survey result of 36%.*

Priority reform actions to improve trust by 2030

1. Speed up case resolution

Digitise case tracking, publish case flow dashboards and prioritise long-standing backlogs.

2. Expand access to justice

Strengthen legal aid, mobile courts and community mediation for underserved districts.

3. Improve transparency

Publish service standards, court performance data and complaint resolution statistics.

4. Protect rights and fairness

Invest in human rights monitoring, prison justice pathways and equal treatment safeguards.

5. Measure perception annually

Run consistent public trust surveys so reform progress can be tracked every year, not only in election-cycle periods.