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Unrepresented Persons Update

August 20th, 2025

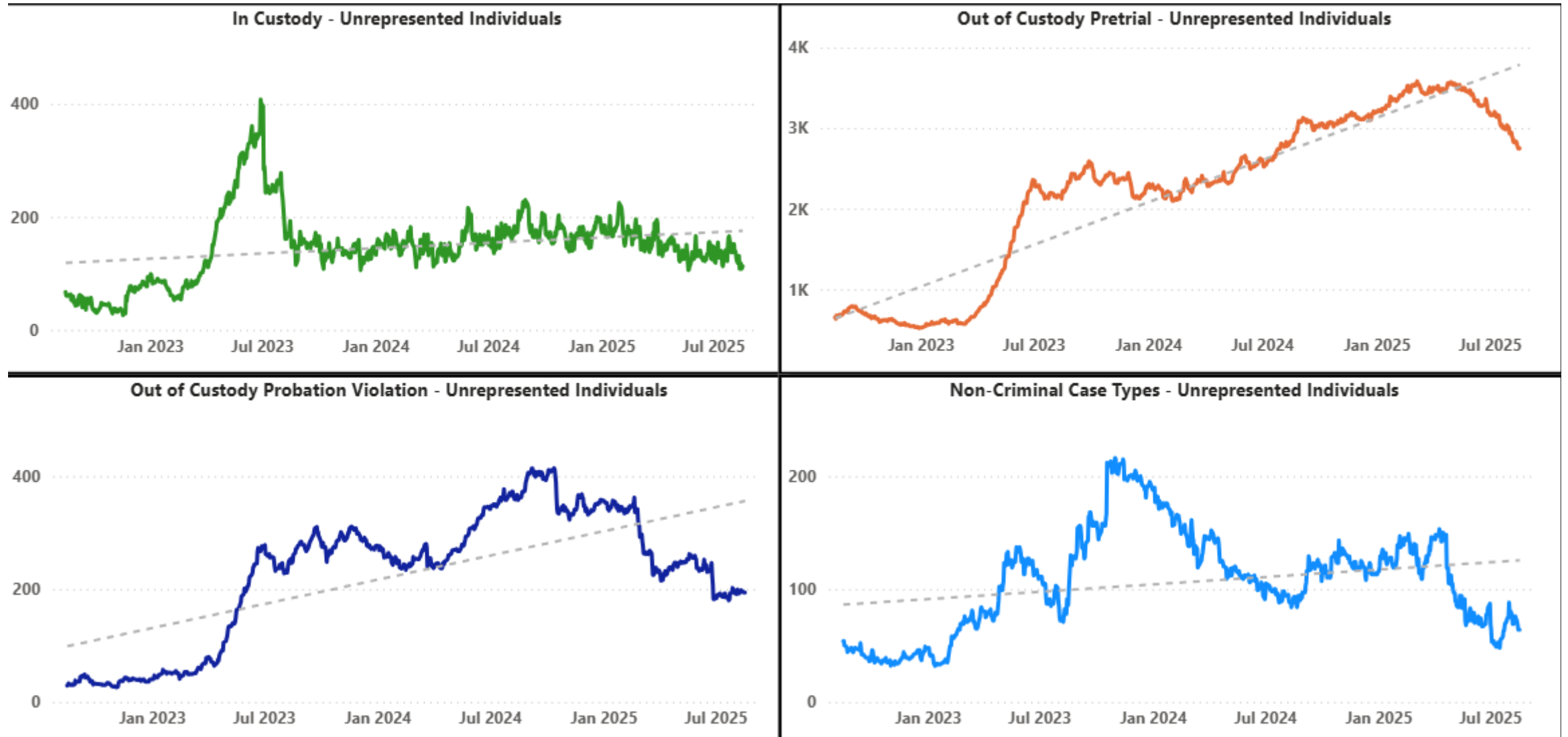
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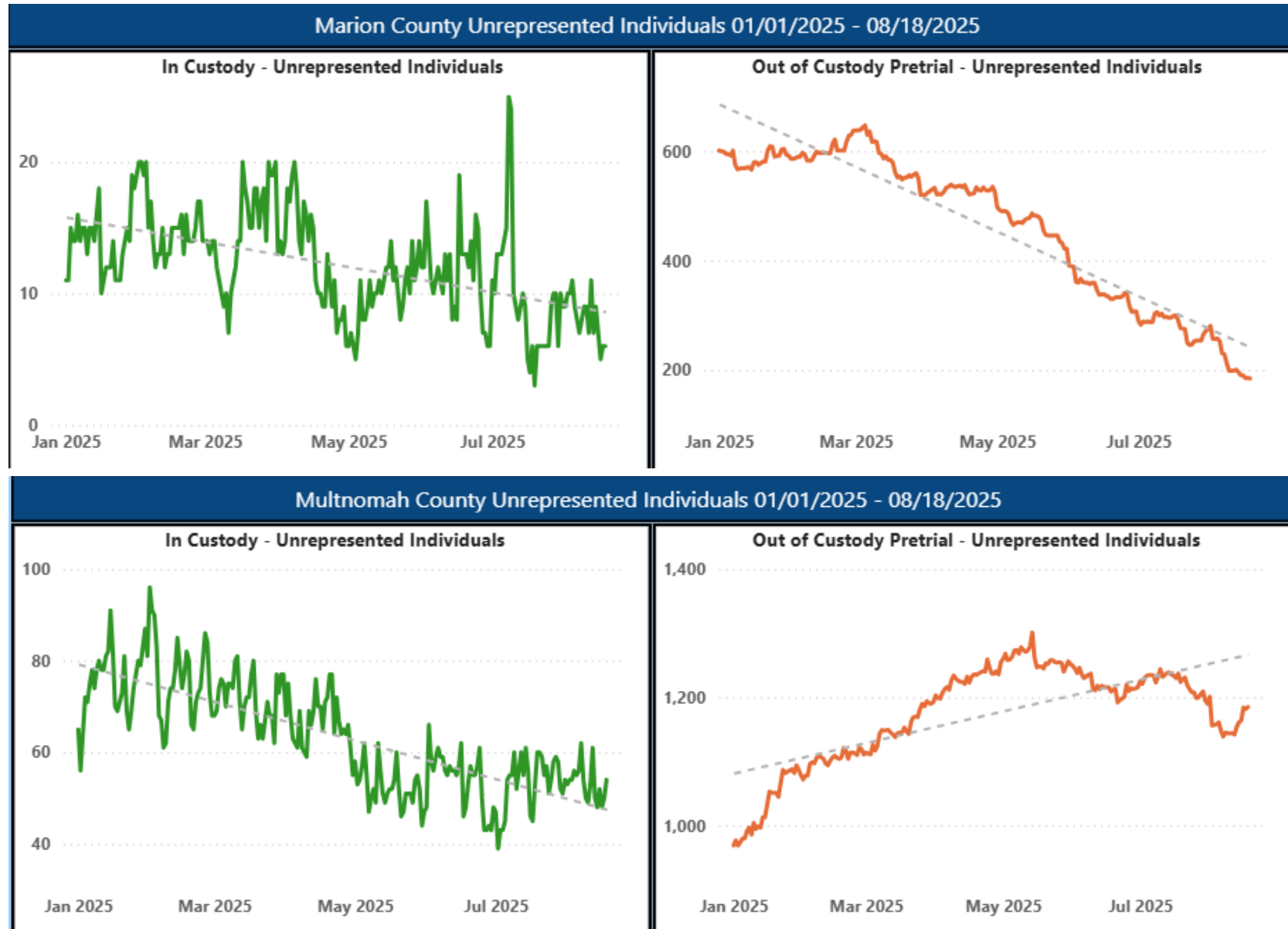
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Unrepresented Population Statewide Trends (8/1/22 – 08/18/25)

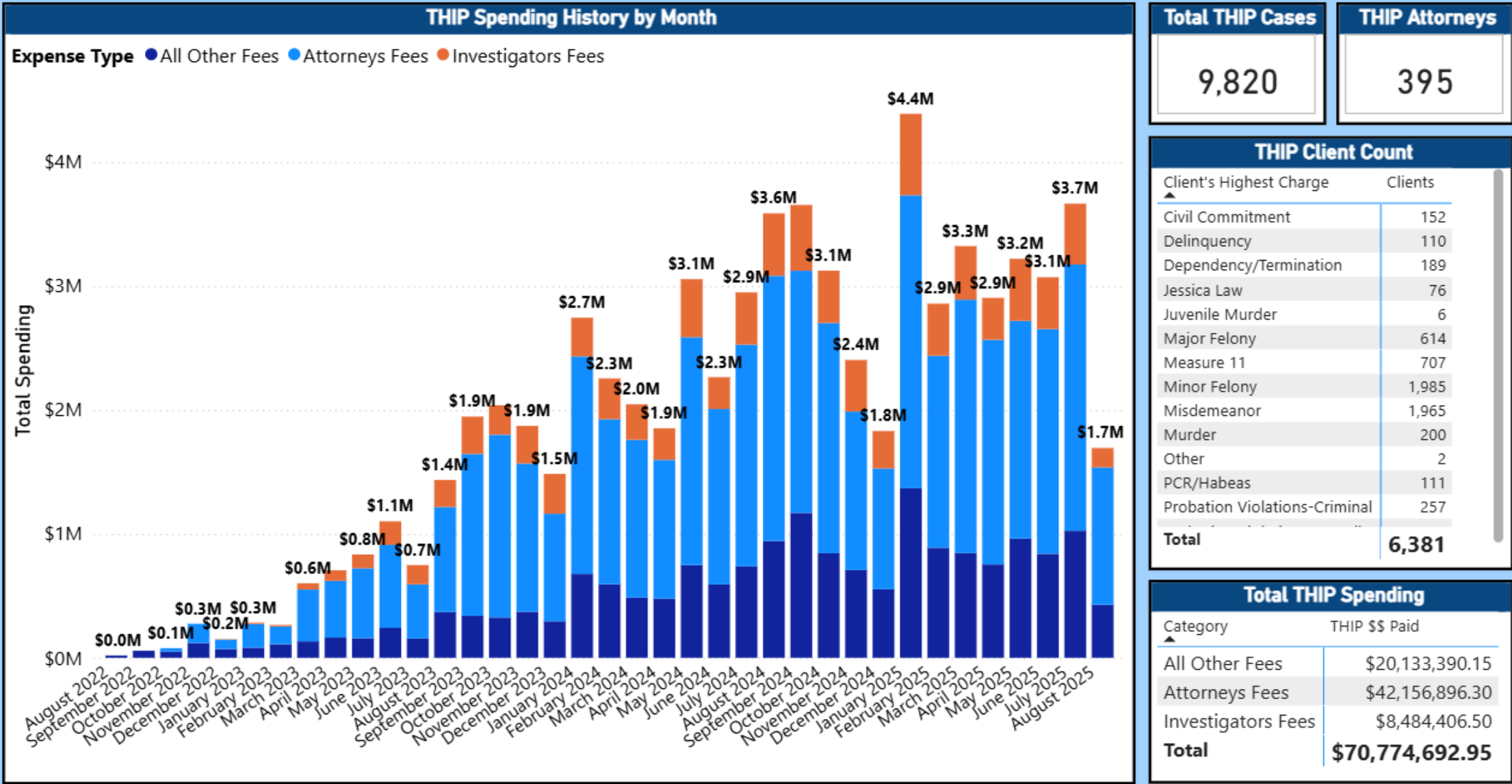


Unrepresented Population Trends

As of 2025, In Custody and Out of Custody Unrepresented Individuals have generally declined in Marion County, and In Custody Unrepresented Individuals have declined overall in Multnomah County.



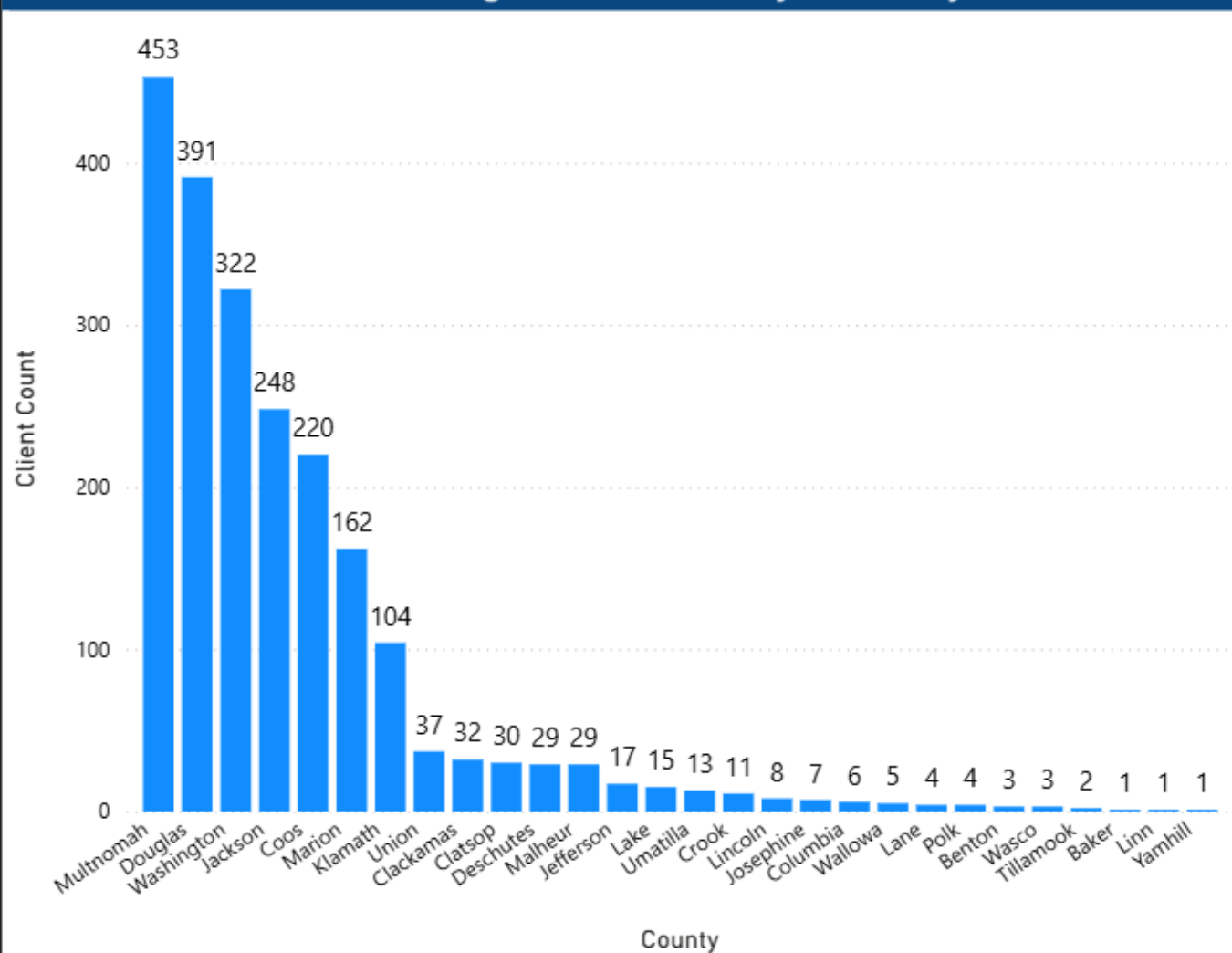
THIP Program Overview (8/1/22 – 08/18/25)



* THIP Attorneys is a count of active Hourly Agreements as of 08/18/2025

Betschart Assignments Coordinated by OPDC Analysts

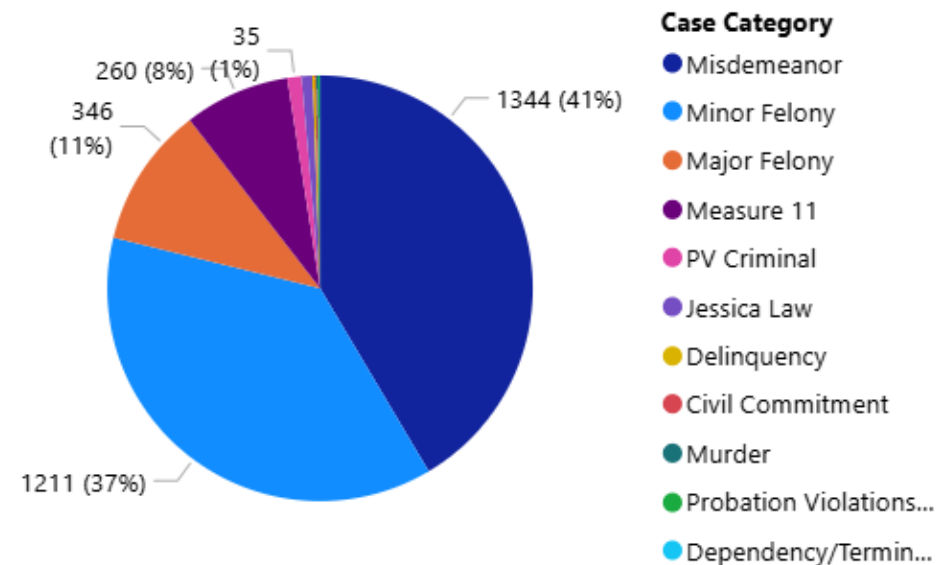
Betschart Assignment Client Count by Case County



Betschart Assignments by Program

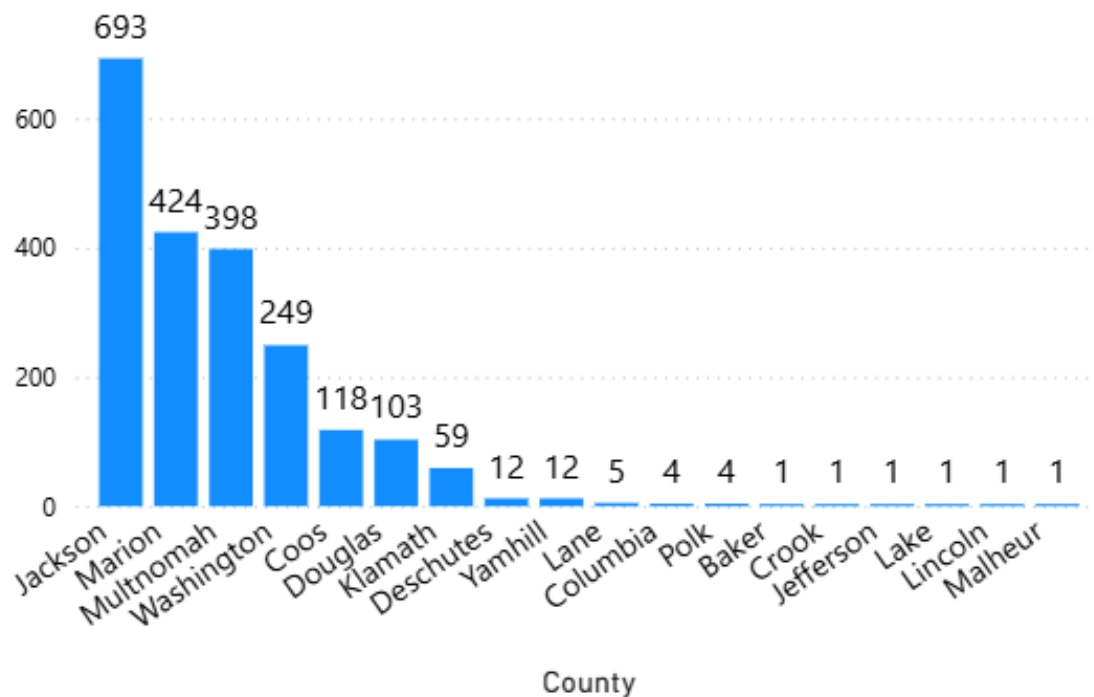
Assignment	Attorney Count	Client Count	Case Count
Contract	120	385	501
Hourly	183	1424	2191
Trial Division	22	371	558
Total	290	2138	3236

Betschart Assignments by Count of Cases

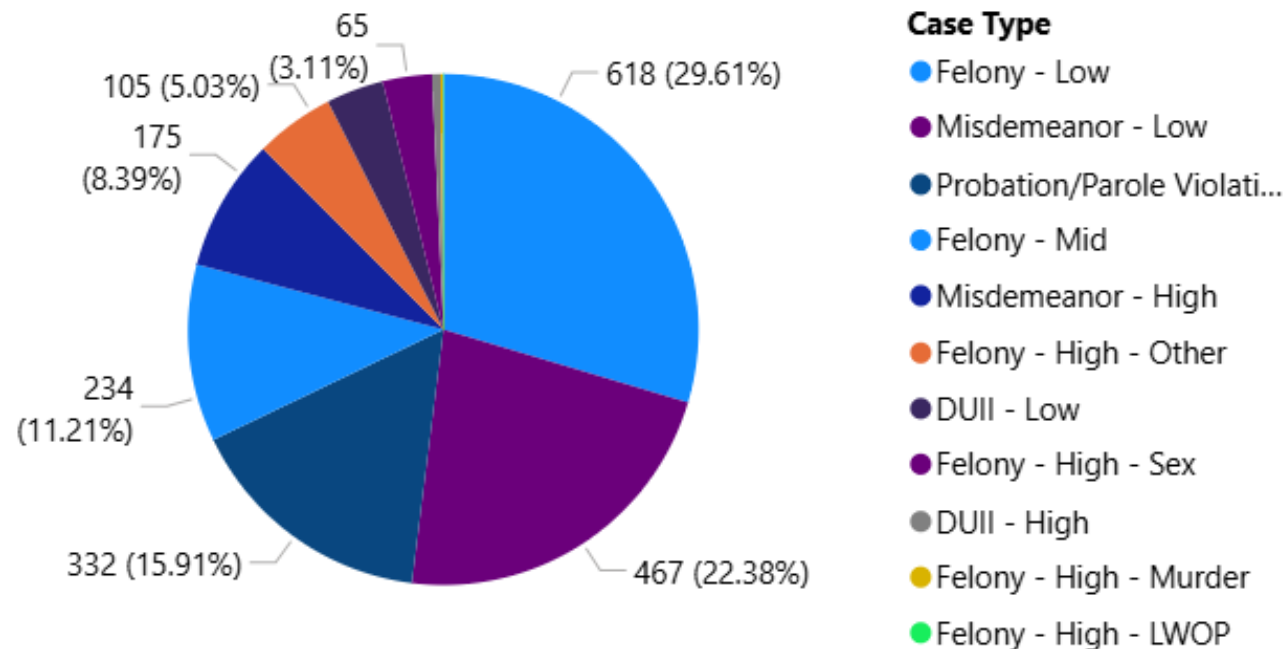


Oregon Trial Division Cases – Previously Unrepresented

Oregon Trial Division Cases from Unrepresented List



Oregon Trial Division Cases from Unrepresented List



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Budget Presentation

Period ending – June 30, 2025

August 20, 2025

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Criminal

Budget	277,783,379
Spent	277,338,172
Planned	-
Remaining	445,207

Juvenile

Budget		51,101,439
Spent		51,007,883
Planned		-
Remaining		93,556

Parent Child Representation Program

Budget		55,732,516
Spent		55,690,047
Planned		-
Remaining		42,469

Preauthorized Expense

Budget		67,017,686
Spent		67,017,684
Planned		-
Remaining		2

Court Mandated Expense

Budget		93,264,841
Spent		92,363,655
Planned		-
Remaining		901,186

Appellate Division

Budget	26,064,696
Spent	26,046,934
Planned	-
Remaining	17,762

Compliance, Audit, and Performance Division

Budget		6,319,293
Spent		6,215,616
Planned		-
Remaining		103,677

Administrative & Executive Divisions

Budget		24,625,829
Spent		24,481,902
Planned		-
Remaining		143,927

Special Programs, Contracts, Distributions

Budget		12,874,908
Spent		12,747,149
Planned		-
Remaining		127,759

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Budget	614,784,587
Spent	612,909,042
Planned	-
Remaining	1,875,545

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Briefing:

Legislatively Adopted
Budget
Travel Time Scenarios

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August 20, 2025



Explanation of Terms:

- **LAB** – Legislatively Adopted Budget for 2025-2027.
- **Reduction** – funding that was removed by legislative action.
- **Travel Time** is time spent traveling, or in route to a destination, where other work cannot be reasonably be performed.
- **CME** – Court Mandated Expense (*hourly attorney costs, interpreter, other case costs, that are determined to be routine*).
- **PAE** – Preauthorized Expense (*Investigator, mitigator, expert, psych, case manager, etc., including case related expenses that are determined to be non-routine*).
- **FY24** – expenditures paid during July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
- **FY25** – expenditures paid during July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



Explanation of Terms *(continued)* :

- **15.82%** -- This is the overall rate our caseload is expected to grow, based on the current forecast for the 2025-2027 biennium. This percentage amount is added to 2023-25 expenditure totals to demonstrate projected cost increases for 2025-27.
- **\$50 per hour proposal** – proposal that providers would be paid at \$50 per hour for travel time regardless of their hourly service rate.
- **Half of rate per hour proposal** – proposal that hourly providers would be paid at half of their hourly service rate for travel time.
- OPDC will continue to fund other travel expenses with no change to current policy for:
- Mileage, lodging, airfare, car rental and meals.

If no action is taken...

This occurred.

Legislative Adopted Budget Reductions (funding not included in our budget):

- Court Mandated Expense Reduction of **\$1,871,592**
- Preauthorized Expense Reduction of **\$3,526,337**

Travel time Expenses are expected to continue.

2023-2025 Expenditures:

- Court Mandated Expense - \$2,275,177
- Preauthorized Expense - \$3,674,206

Travel time expenditure amounts projected, if commission continues to pay them.

2025-2027 Projected Expenditures (15.82% increase added)

- Court Mandated Expense - \$2,635,110
- Preauthorized Expense - \$4,255,465



Court Mandated Travel Time Expenditures for Fiscal Year 24 (July 23 – June 24)

CME	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY24	5,484	\$ 851,794
TRAVEL TIME - ATTORNEY	4,301	\$ 752,783
TRAVEL TIME - INTERPRETER	16	\$ 400
TRAVEL TIME - INVESTIGATION	863	\$ 62,021
TRAVEL TIME - MITIGATION	143	\$ 10,421
TRAVEL TIME - OTHER EXPERT	160	\$ 26,169

Court Mandated Travel Time Expenditures for Fiscal Year 25 (July 24 – June 25)

CME	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY25	9,880	\$ 1,423,383
TRAVEL TIME - ATTORNEY	6,751	\$ 1,162,548
TRAVEL TIME - INTERPRETER	75	\$ 2,237
TRAVEL TIME - INVESTIGATION	1,970	\$ 124,410
TRAVEL TIME - MITIGATION	305	\$ 24,520
TRAVEL TIME - OTHER EXPERT	780	\$ 109,667

Court Mandated Travel Time Expenditures for 2023-25 combined

CME	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY24	5,484	\$ 851,794
FY25	9,880	\$ 1,423,383
Grand Total	15,364	\$ 2,275,177
\$50 per hour proposal		\$ 768,222
Half of rate per hour proposal		\$ 1,137,588

The following represent what to expect if one of the proposed options is selected:

2025-2027 Projected Expenditures (15.82% increase added)

- At \$50 per hour proposal - \$889,754
- At Half of rate per hour proposal - \$1,317,554



Preauthorized Expense Travel Time Expenditures for Fiscal Year 24 (July 23 – June 24)

PAE	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY24	21,512	\$ 1,889,415
TRAVEL TIME - ATTORNEY	221	\$ 29,771
TRAVEL TIME - CASE MANAGEMENT	167	\$ 7,297
TRAVEL TIME - ENHANCED RATE ATTORNEY	491	\$ 84,690
TRAVEL TIME - ENHANCED RATE INVESTIGATOR	4,500	\$ 302,352
TRAVEL TIME - INTERPRETER	103	\$ 2,682
TRAVEL TIME - INVESTIGATION	9,746	\$ 518,357
TRAVEL TIME - MITIGATION	762	\$ 36,709
TRAVEL TIME - OTHER EXPERT	1,288	\$ 207,451
TRAVEL TIME - PSYCHIATRIC	4,236	\$ 700,105

Preauthorized Expense Travel Time Expenditures for Fiscal Year 25 (July 24 – June 25)

PAE	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY25	17,217	\$ 1,784,792
TRAVEL TIME - ATTORNEY	158	\$ 22,861
TRAVEL TIME - CASE MANAGEMENT	72	\$ 3,240
TRAVEL TIME - ENHANCED RATE ATTORNEY	276	\$ 48,943
TRAVEL TIME - ENHANCED RATE INVESTIGATOR	3,733	\$ 279,787
TRAVEL TIME - INTERPRETER	79	\$ 2,616
TRAVEL TIME - INVESTIGATION	6,921	\$ 376,739
TRAVEL TIME - MITIGATION	204	\$ 15,022
TRAVEL TIME - OTHER EXPERT	2,308	\$ 327,646
TRAVEL TIME - PSYCHIATRIC	3,465	\$ 707,938



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Preauthorized Expense Travel Time Expenditures for 2023-25 combined

PAE	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Paid
FY24	21,512	\$ 1,889,415
FY25	17,217	\$ 1,784,792
Grand Total	38,729	\$ 3,674,206
\$50 per hour proposal		\$ 1,936,439
Half of rate per hour proposal		\$ 1,837,103

The following represent what to expect if one of the proposed options is selected:

2025-2027 Projected Expenditures (15.82% increase added)

- At \$50 per hour proposal - \$2,242,783
- At Half of rate per hour proposal - \$2,124,258



Summary

**If no action is taken and travel time is paid at provider's current (full) service rate:
2025-2027 Projected Expenditures (15.82% increase included)**

- Court Mandated Expense - \$2,635,110
- Preauthorized Expense - \$4,255,465

**If travel time is paid at \$50 per hour for all providers:
\$50 per hour proposal (15.82% increase included):**

- Court Mandated Expense - \$889,754
- Preauthorized Expense - \$2,242,783

**If travel time is paid at half of the providers current (full) service rate:
Half of rate per hour proposal (15.82% increase increase):**

- Court Mandated Expense - \$1,317,554
- Preauthorized Expense - \$2,124,258

- Expenditures in CME will result in less money available for hourly cases.
- PAE has approximately \$2.4 million in unobligated funds.



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Briefing:

Public Defense
Attorney Criminal
Performance Standards

Trial Support & Development

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Background

Developing and adopting performance standards :

- ORS 151.216 (1)(j) requires OPDC to adopt attorney performance standards
- These Standards were developed with input from the provider community
- The Standards were posted for public comment on August 1, 2025

History

- Oregon State Bar Criminal and Delinquency Performance Standards Published in 2014.
- OPDC has convened public defense provider workgroups to create performance standards across all practice areas types.
- Criminal Performance Standards are the first to come before the commission.
- These draft Standards are drawn heavily from the OSB Standards.

Purpose

- Improve attorney practice throughout the state;
- Ensure accountability and transparency; and
- Ensure clients are receiving effective representation.

Features

- Each Standard includes:
 - Black letter expectations
 - Aspirational best practices
 - Targets for performance
 - Aspirational goals

For example:

STANDARD 2.3 – RELEASE OF CLIENT

- A. A lawyer has a duty to seek release from custody or detention of clients under the conditions most favorable and acceptable to the client. Additionally, the lawyer must ensure the client understands the terms and conditions of release.**
- B. Release should be sought at the earliest possible opportunity and if not successful a lawyer should continue to seek release at appropriate subsequent hearings.**

Best Practices:

1. Where the client is not able to obtain release under the conditions set by the court, counsel should consider pursuing modification of the conditions of release under the procedures available.

How Will OPDC Use These Standards

- Provide a standard to address attorney performance complaints;
- Flag issues for potential inquiry; and
- Identify best practices.

Timeline

- Draft Standards Distributed for Provider Feedback on August 1st, 2025
- Comment Period Closes September 15, 2025
- Feedback will be incorporated and Standards returned to this Commission at October Commission meeting for approval and adoption.

Upcoming Standards

- Delinquency Performance Standards
- Dependency Performance Standards
- Habeas Performance Standards
- Post Conviction Performance Standards
- Civil Commitment Standards
- Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) Standards
- Specialty Court Standards

Agency Recommendation

The agency recommends the Commission accept the briefing, with the understanding that the agency will bring the Criminal Performance Standards back before the Commission for adoption at its October 2025 meeting.

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Legislative Update
August 20, 2025

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Government Relations Manager



DATES

Legislative Dates

8/27 Revenue Forecast

8/29 Special Session

9/29-10/1 September Legislative Days

11/17-11/19 November Legislative Days

- Preview Comprehensive Public Defense Report II

11/19 Revenue Forecast

1/13-1/15 January Legislative Days

- Interim Status Report I
- Short Session Budget Requests

2/2/26-3/9/26 2026 Short Session

- KPM Update Report
- Capacity Report



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Director's Report

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Upcoming Dates and Events

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Governance
Subcommittee
Meeting
9:00am

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Commission
Workgroup
5:00pm

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In-Person
Commission
Meeting: Salem,
OR @ODFW HQ

Updates

Contracts Timeline & Progress

Financial Case Management System (FCMS)

Rules Advisory Committee (RAC)

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