

Oregon Public Defense Commission

Unrepresented Persons Update

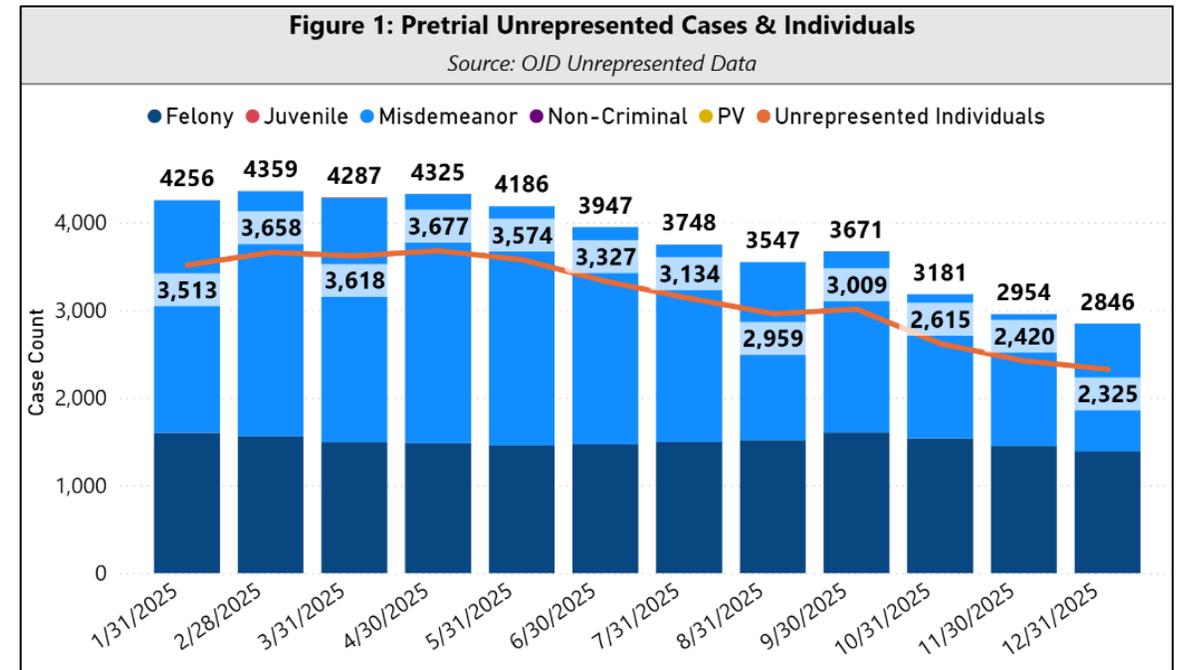
February 18, 2026

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Primary Takeaways – Jan 2026

- As of Jan. 31, statewide unrepresented numbers continue to fall.
- More cases exited the unrepresented list than were added in 10 of the last 12 months
- OPDC Assignment Coordinators assigned 620 cases in January, including 123 subject to *Betschart*.
- In our crisis counties, January saw mixed progress overall.

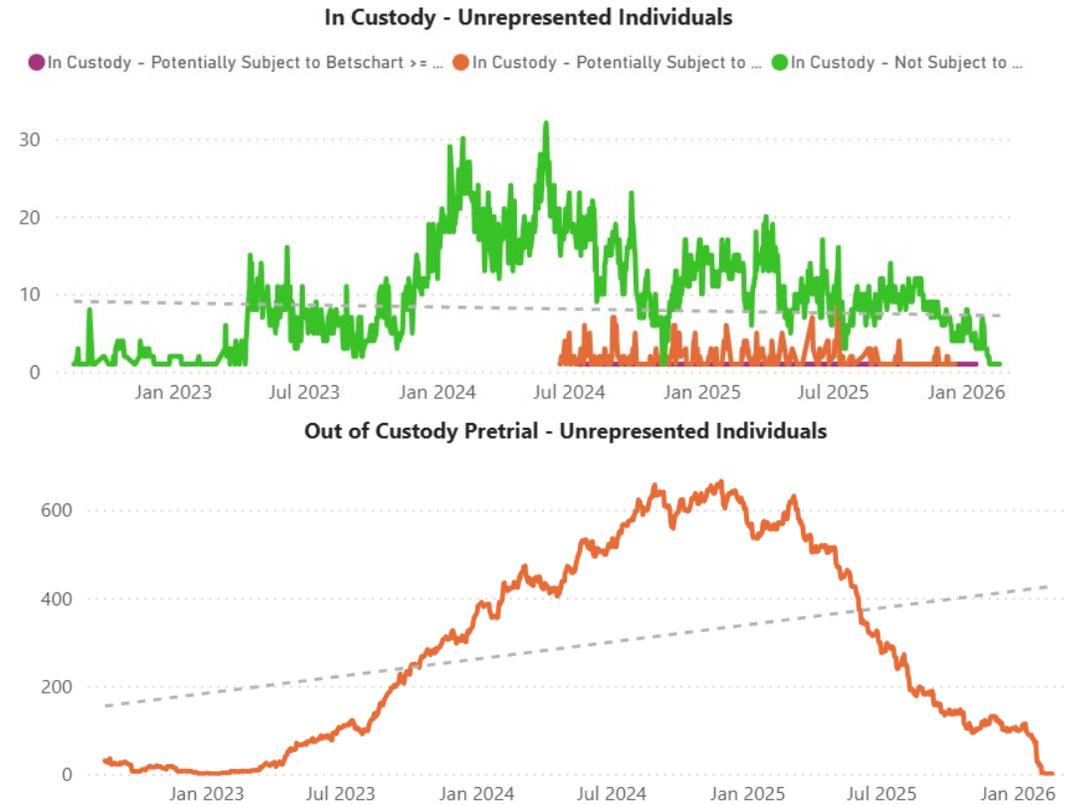


Specific Updates

Marion County

- As of the first week of February, Marion County has seen significant progress.
- As of February 17, Marion County has:
 - 8 total cases on the unrepresented list, 6 of which are habeas cases.
 - 1 out-of-custody case and 1 in-custody case (*non-Betschart*)
- Since the beginning of February, the number of pretrial cases have been near zero.

Marion County In- and Out-of-Custody Unrepresented Person View

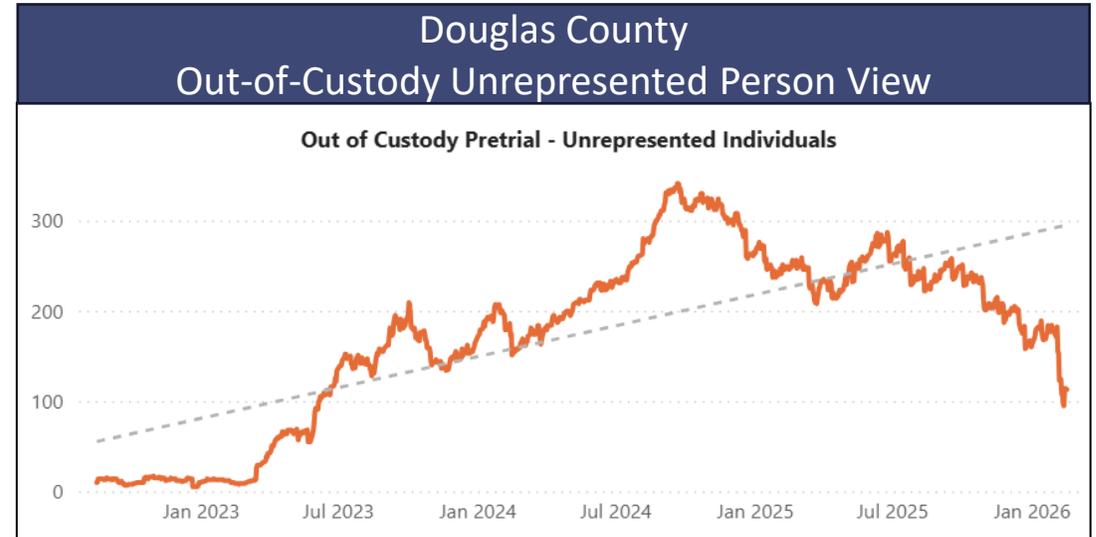


Source: OJD Unrepresented Dashboard, 2/17/2026

Specific Updates

Roberts Impact

- In response to *Roberts*, some jurisdictions have initiated case dismissals, impacting their unrepresented numbers.
- In Douglas County, the number of unrepresented out-of-custody pretrial defendants fell from 155 on 2/5/26 to 109 as of 2/11/26 due to *Roberts* dismissals.
- OPDC staff are working on updating our unrepresented reporting.



Source: OJD Unrepresented Dashboard, 2/17/2026

Thank You



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Director's Report

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Upcoming Meetings

Commission Workgroup

- Thursday, March 5th, 2026
- 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- Virtual – via Zoom

Governance Subcommittee

- Monday, March 9th, 2026
- 2:30pm to 4:00pm
- Virtual – via Zoom

Audit Committee

- Monday, March 9th, 2026
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- Virtual – via Zoom

March Commission Meeting

- Wednesday, March 18th, 2026
- Work Session 9:00am to 10:00am
- Meeting 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Virtual – via Zoom

Updates

Financial Case Management System

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Agency Organization Terminology Update

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As OPDC continues to develop policies and structural guidance, there has been an identified need to provide a distinction between the roles of state employees and the 13-member group developed and outlined in statute.

In meetings with the Oregon Department of Justice to discuss this matter, they agreed that clarification of these terms will reduce confusion and eliminate risk associated with duties and expectations.

New Terminology:

“Board” – 13-member group outlined in statute (ORS 151.213(2)(a))

“Commission” – an inclusive term to include both the board and the agency

“Commissioner” – the title used for individuals serving on the board

“Agency” – the collective employees of the Oregon Public Defense Commission

“Staff” or “Employees” – terms used to refer to agency employees

Budget Update

BUDGET UPDATE

Month Ending December 2025							
Appropriation	Funding Purpose	Original Budget Total Appropriation	Unscheduled Appropriation	Available Appropriation	December 2025 Expenditures	Planned Expenditures	Unused Appropriation
General Funds							
Executive Division	Main Appn	\$ 3,356,449		\$ 3,356,449	\$ 750,233	\$ 2,731,474	\$ (125,258)
Compliance, Audit, and Performance Division	Main Appn	\$ 8,645,518		\$ 8,645,518	\$ 1,918,915	\$ 8,671,980	\$ (1,945,377)
Appellate Division	Main Appn	\$ 28,826,029		\$ 28,826,029	\$ 7,217,822	\$ 23,044,216	\$ (1,436,009)
Adult Trial Division	Main Appn	\$ 329,576,667	\$ -	\$ 329,576,667	\$ 71,973,287	\$ 252,854,846	\$ 4,748,534
Adult Trial Division	Civil Commitment	\$ 1,111,456		\$ 1,111,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,111,456
Juvenile Trial Division	Main Appn	\$ 45,417,129	\$ -	\$ 45,417,129	\$ 12,102,403	\$ 36,548,091	\$ (3,233,365)
Preauthorized Expenses Division	Standard-Main Appn	\$ 94,115,182		\$ 94,115,182	\$ 21,295,236	\$ 71,448,855	\$ 2,408,448
Preauthorized Expenses Division	THIP	\$ 7,307,131		\$ 7,307,131	\$ 5,441,777	\$ 1,394,895	\$ 470,459
Court Mandated Expenses Division	Standard-Main Appn	\$ 52,272,158		\$ 52,272,158	\$ 11,902,612	\$ 36,545,324	\$ 5,922,483
Court Mandated Expenses Division	THIP	\$ 11,121,931		\$ 11,121,931	\$ 10,741,379	\$ 4,662,581	\$ (4,282,029)
Trial Representation Division	Main Appn	\$ 18,090,808	\$ -	\$ 18,090,808	\$ 4,289,666	\$ 15,922,688	\$ (2,121,546)
Parent Child Representation Program	Main Appn	\$ 46,737,940	\$ -	\$ 46,737,940	\$ 12,819,994	\$ 34,045,942	\$ (127,996)
Administrative Services Division	Main Appn	\$ 23,771,498		\$ 23,771,498	\$ 7,324,959	\$ 21,063,885	\$ (4,617,346)
Administrative Services Division	FCMS	\$ 693,866		\$ 693,866	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 693,866
Special Programs, Contracts and Distributions Division	Guardianship	\$ 1,627,594		\$ 1,627,594	\$ 213,750	\$ 1,413,844	\$ -
Special Programs, Contracts and Distributions Division	County Discovery	\$ 6,348,960		\$ 6,348,960	\$ 1,273,466	\$ 5,075,494	\$ -
Special Programs, Contracts and Distributions Division	Law School Program	\$ 3,437,460		\$ 3,437,460	\$ 995,198	\$ 2,033,702	\$ 408,560
Debt Service	Capital Debt Service	\$ 2,392,223		\$ 2,392,223	\$ -	\$ 2,392,223	\$ -
Total General Funds		\$ 684,849,999	\$ -	\$ 684,849,999	\$ 170,260,697	\$ 519,850,040	\$ (2,125,120)
Other Funds							
Juvenile Trial Division	Title IV-E	\$ 7,393,486	\$ -	\$ 7,393,486	\$ 921,683	\$ 6,471,803	\$ -
Preauthorized Expenses Division	Title IV-E	\$ 1,037,357	\$ -	\$ 1,037,357	\$ -	\$ 1,037,357	\$ -
Court Mandated Expenses Division	ACP	\$ 4,449,677	\$ -	\$ 4,449,677	\$ 421,083	\$ 4,139,040	\$ (110,446)
Court Mandated Expenses Division	Title IV-E	\$ 2,098,261	\$ -	\$ 2,098,261	\$ -	\$ 2,098,261	\$ -
Parent Child Representation Program	Title IV-E	\$ 11,684,477	\$ -	\$ 11,684,477	\$ 1,128,896	\$ 10,555,581	\$ -
Administrative Services Division	FCMS	\$ 13,769,781	\$ -	\$ 13,769,781	\$ -	\$ 13,769,781	\$ -
Administrative Services Division	FCMS	\$ 145,219	\$ -	\$ 145,219	\$ -	\$ 145,219	\$ -
Total Other Funds		\$ 40,578,258	\$ -	\$ 40,578,258	\$ 2,471,662	\$ 38,217,042	\$ (110,446)
Total All Funds		\$ 725,428,257	\$ -	\$ 725,428,257	\$ 172,732,359	\$ 558,067,082	\$ (2,235,566)

2027-2029 Budget Development

As a reminder, this is the first cycle where OPDC will go through a full Governor's Budget Process.

OPDC, like all Executive Branch agencies, has received guidance from the Governor on budget development:

- The budget will be rebalanced in 2026, but there are expectations of continued reductions in statewide revenue along with additional costs associated with federal law changes (e.g., HR 1).
- All **policy option packages**, therefore, must be **budget neutral**, meaning that any new proposed program must be self-funded by the agency and not require new revenue.
- All **legislative concepts** should also be **budget neutral**.

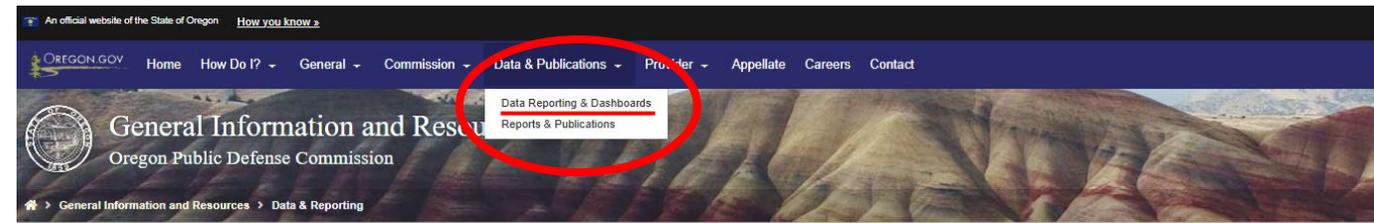
Accounts Payable Dashboard

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Accounts Payable Dashboard

- The dashboard is available to view on the OPDC website
 - Click the “Data & Publications” link at the top of the screen
 - Click “Data Reporting & Dashboards” in the drop-down menu
 - Click “OPDC Dashboards”
 - Click “AP Invoices Workload”

- A link to Workday has also been added to the OPDC website for Commission access



Data & Reporting

APPELLATE DIVISION

Criminal & Juvenile Panels
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FCMS PROJECT

Project Information

THE COMMISSION

Meeting Agendas & Schedule
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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Complaint Policy
Careers

The data and dashboards presented here were compiled in order to provide transparency to public defense providers, stakeholders, and the public. See each item for details on what data is being presented and information regarding data sources. This data should not be extrapolated for other purposes.

OPDC Dashboards

Current

- [OPDC Contracts Oct 2025 - June 2027](#)
- [OPDC Trial Division Caseload Summary](#)
- [AP Invoices Workload](#)

External Dashboards

Additional Resources

For more information, please see the previously recorded office hours videos and FAQs on the [Office Hours & Stakeholder Engagement](#) webpage.

Contact Information

Please reach out to data.team@opdc.state.or.us with any questions.

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Upcoming Commission Action Items

2026 Commission Schedule

2026 – Quarter 1 (January – March)

Item	Commission Role	Timing
2026 Legislative Session	Session is scheduled for 2/2-3/8; Commission will be provided updates as possible issues arise	Ongoing
Standards	Commission will provide feedback and vote on Habeas and Post-Conviction Relief Standards	February
Agency Policies	Commission will receive a briefing with updates to procedures for internal policies	March
Continuity of Operations Plan	Annual COOP Report must be filed with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management; staff will need Commission review	March
Legislative Policy Proposals	Discussion of any Commission priorities for legislation during the 2027 Legislative Session	March
Policy Option Packages	Discussion of any Commission budgetary priorities for the 2027 Legislative Session	March
Agency Rulemaking	Commission will be provided the proposed annual rulemaking calendar	March

2026 Commission Schedule

2026 – Quarter 2 (April – June)

Item	Commission Role	Timing
Policy Option Packages & Legislative Concepts	Final discussion of Commission priorities for the 2027 Legislative Session	April
Agency Policies	Commission will provide feedback on operational policies and vote on external policies.	April through June
Agency Rulemaking	Commission will provide feedback on proposed Acronyms and Definitions. Staff will provide all public comments received prior to discussion.	April through June
Standards	Commission will provide feedback and possibly vote on standards concerning extraordinary case credits and guardianship	TBD
Key Performance Measures	Final discussion of KPM proposal	April
June Emergency Board	If needed, staff will discuss any June E-Board requests with the Commission	April, May
PAE, CME, and AP Policies	If needed, staff will bring proposed changes to the Commission	TBD

2026 Commission Schedule

2026 – Quarter 3 (July – September)

Item	Commission Role	Timing
Interim Status Report II (Legislative)	Commission will provide feedback on and approve the second Interim Status Report (due in September 2026)	July, August
Agency Request Budget	Commission will provide feedback and provide final approval for the ARB (due Aug. 31, 2026)	July, August
September Emergency Board	If needed, staff will discuss any September E-Board requests with the Commission	July, August
Agency Policies	Commission will provide feedback on operational policies and vote on external policies.	July through September
Agency Rulemaking	Commission will provide feedback on proposed rules to be determined based on agency priorities. Staff will provide all public comments received prior to discussion.	July through September
PAE, CME, and AP Policies	If needed, staff will bring proposed changes to the Commission	TBD
Key Performance Measures	Review Agency APPR Report (due Oct. 1, 2026)	September

2026 Commission Schedule

2026 – Quarter 4 (October – December)

Item	Commission Role	Timing
Comprehensive Public Defense Report III (Legislative)	Commission will provide feedback on and approve the third Comprehensive Public Defense Report (due in December 2026)	October, November
December Emergency Board	If needed, staff will discuss any December E-Board requests with the Commission	October, November
Agency Policies	Commission will provide feedback on operational policies and vote on external policies.	October through December
Agency Rulemaking	Commission will provide feedback on proposed rules to be determined based on agency priorities. Staff will provide all public comments received prior to discussion.	October through December
2027-2029 Provider Contract Discussions	Following the solicitation of feedback from providers, collaborate with the Commission on 2027-29 contracts and any needed policy changes	TBD

Thank you



Standards

Process:

- In 2024 the Agency requested volunteers
- Volunteers were screened, vetted and offered positions on the drafting committees
- In November 2024 the drafting committees began meeting to draft standards
- Those meetings were posted on the Agency website.
- OPDC reviewed the draft standards

Standards

Process:

- Standards were submitted to the Commission and the provider community for comment.
- All comments the Agency receives are shared with the drafting committee who carefully considers those comments
- Workgroups were held with the Commission
- After the standards are approved the agency reviews them at 1 year, 2 years, and 5 years for edits
- Changes in law, rules, or policy could trigger earlier updates

Thank you



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Legislative Update

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DEADLINES FOR OREGON'S 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



February 2

Session
Convenes



February 4

March Revenue
Forecast Released



February 9

First Chamber
Post Work Session



February 16

First Chamber
Work Session



February 20

Second Chamber
Post Work Session



February 26

Second Chamber
Work Session



March 8

End of Session –
Sine Die

Ways and Means: Requests, Reports, Presentations

OPDC has or will appear in front of the Public Safety Subcommittee on:

- 2/3 Capacity Report (\$22.1 million scheduled.)
- 2/5 Key Performance Measures Report
- 2/17 Application Contribution Program Technical Adjustment
- 2/19 Unrepresented and *Roberts* Update

Our Oregon Trial Division request for 6 attorneys starting 7/1/26 was recommended in January and is now part of HB 5204, the session budget bill.

2026 Legislation of Note

Bills impacting public defense.

House

HB 4041-10 HJUD Omnibus

Reduction to driving while suspended, increase to elude, PCR, sentencing, theft amount increase.

HB 4096-1

B Fel for Felon in Possession of 6 or more firearms. Failed in Work Session.

HB 4151 Swatting

C Fel for swatting that causes injury or death requires an enhanced law enforcement response.

SB 1516-14 SJUD Omnibus

Automatic license plate readers.

SB 1515-4 PCR

PCR relief for certain types of discredited science.

SB 1530 Harassment

Adds harassment of an elected official to aggravated harassment.

Senate

Thank you.