

Oregon Public Defense Commission

Unrepresented Persons Update

July 16, 2025

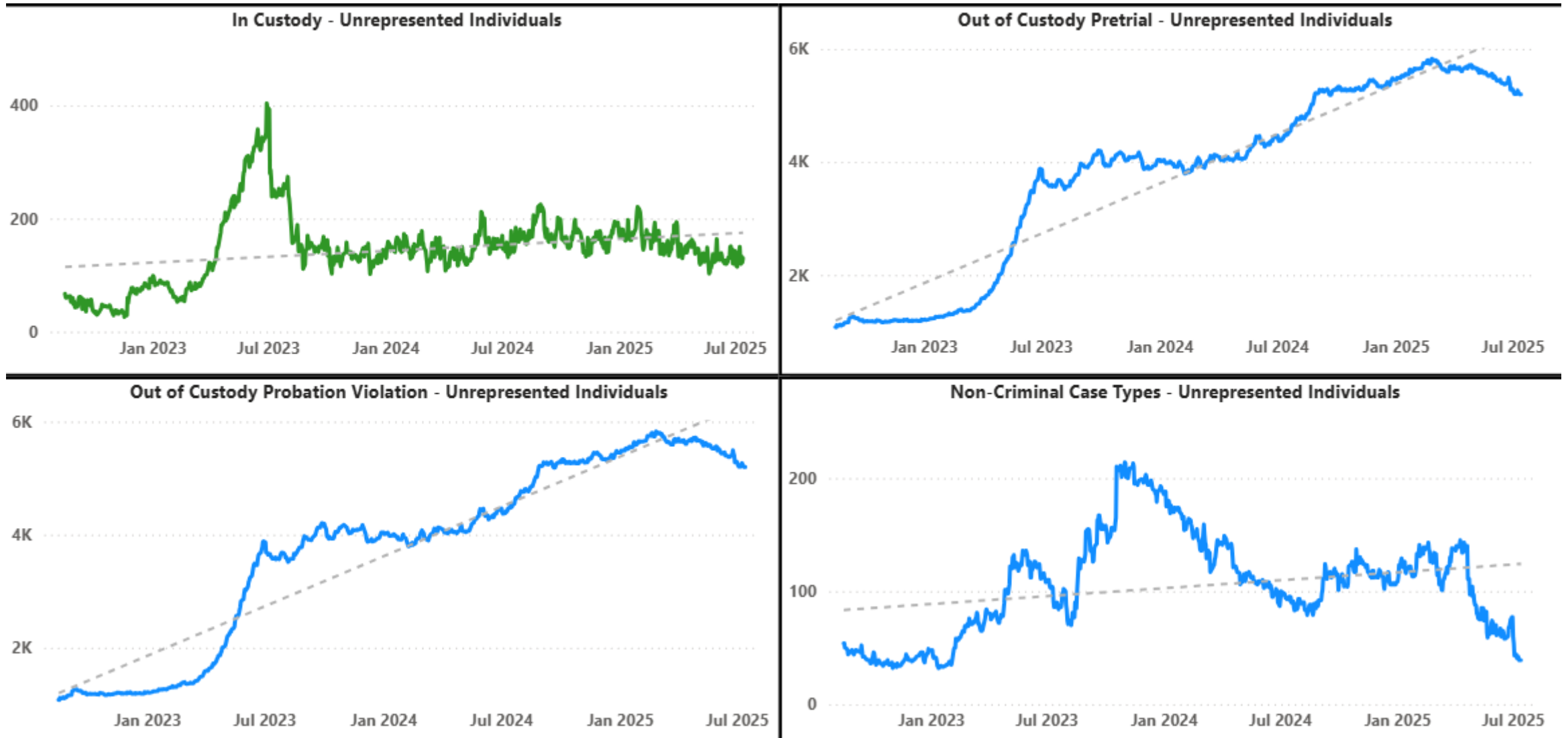
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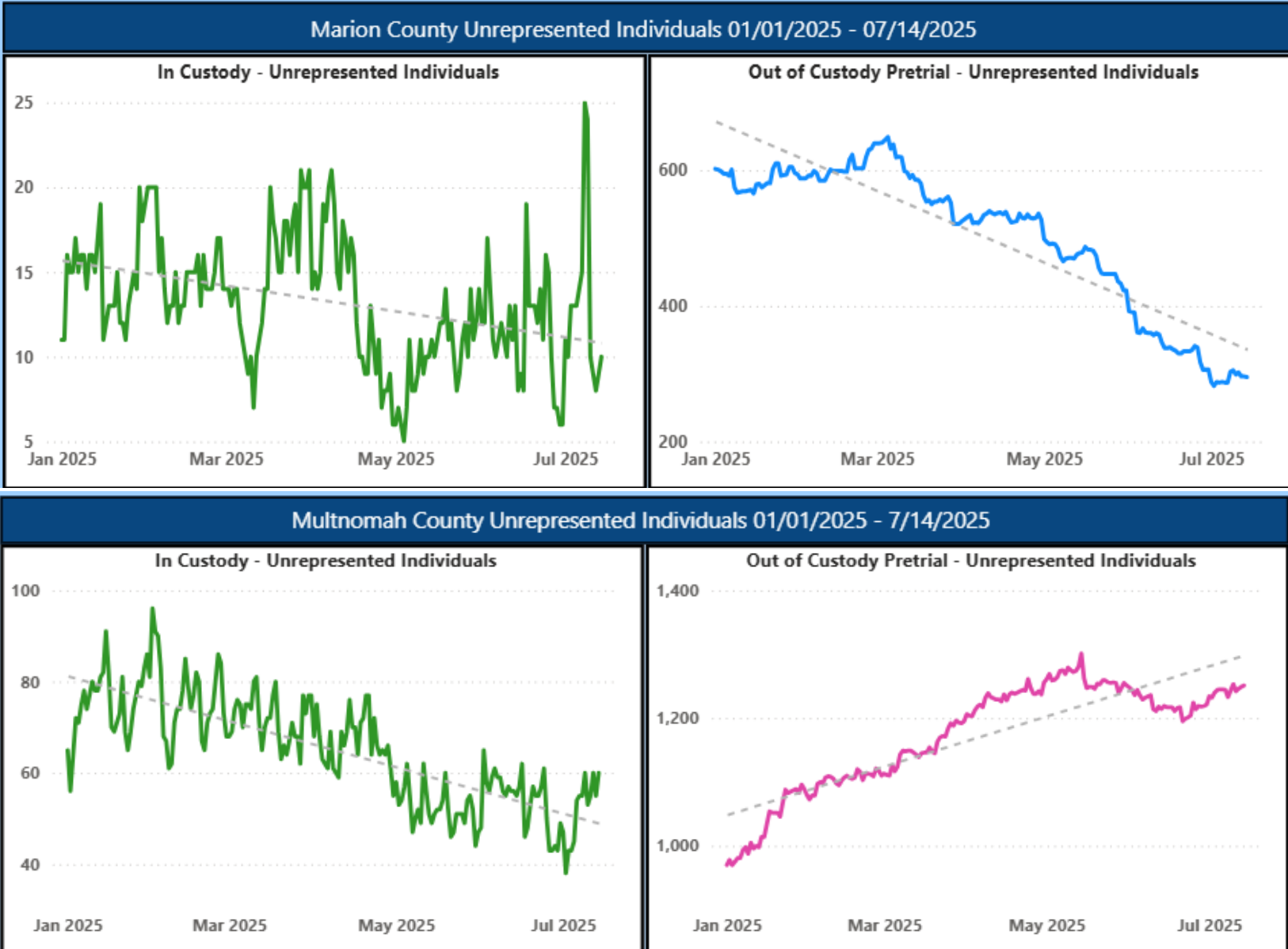
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Unrepresented Population Statewide Trends (8/1/22 – 07/14/25)

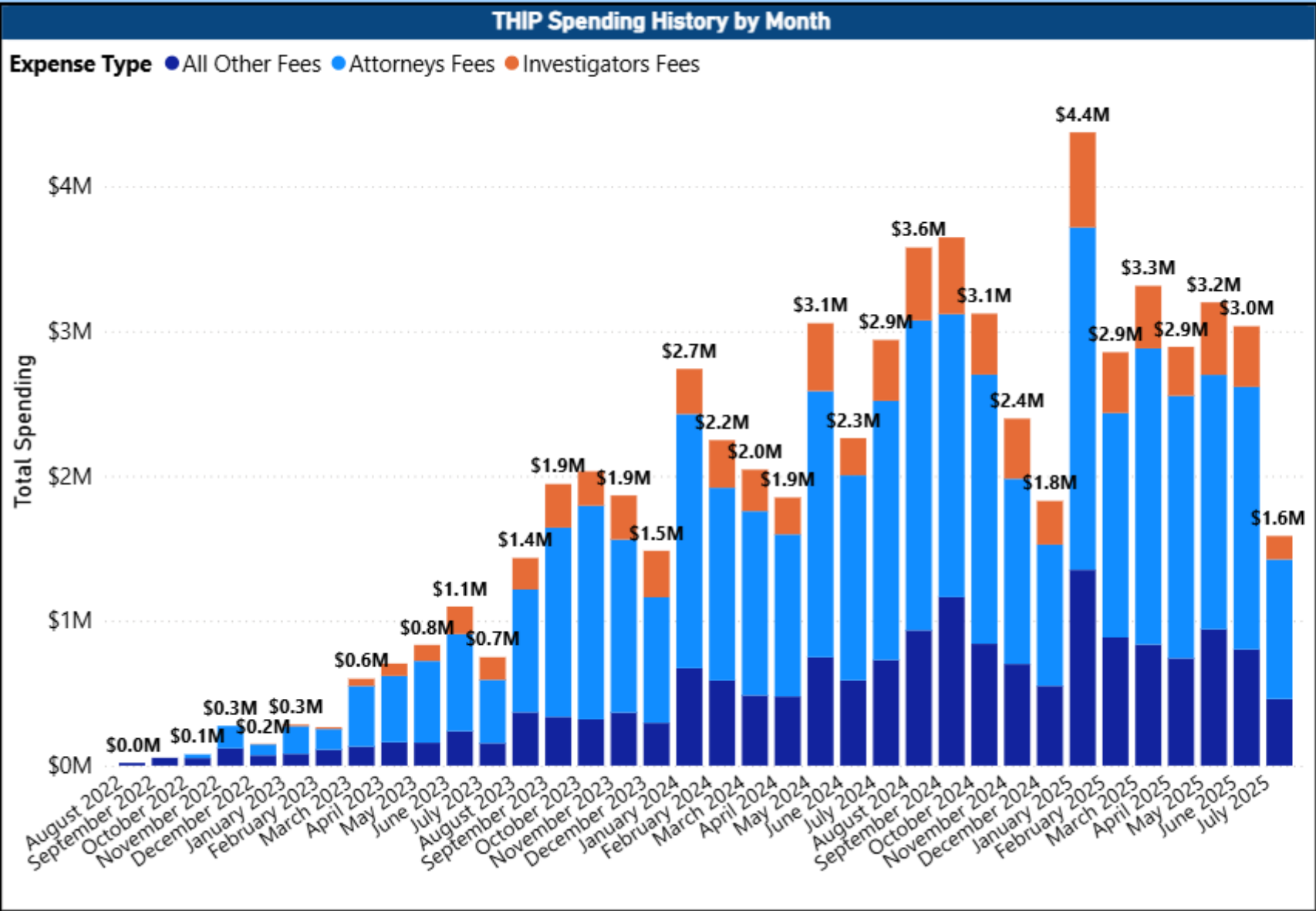


Unrepresented Population Trends

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 – 07/14/25)



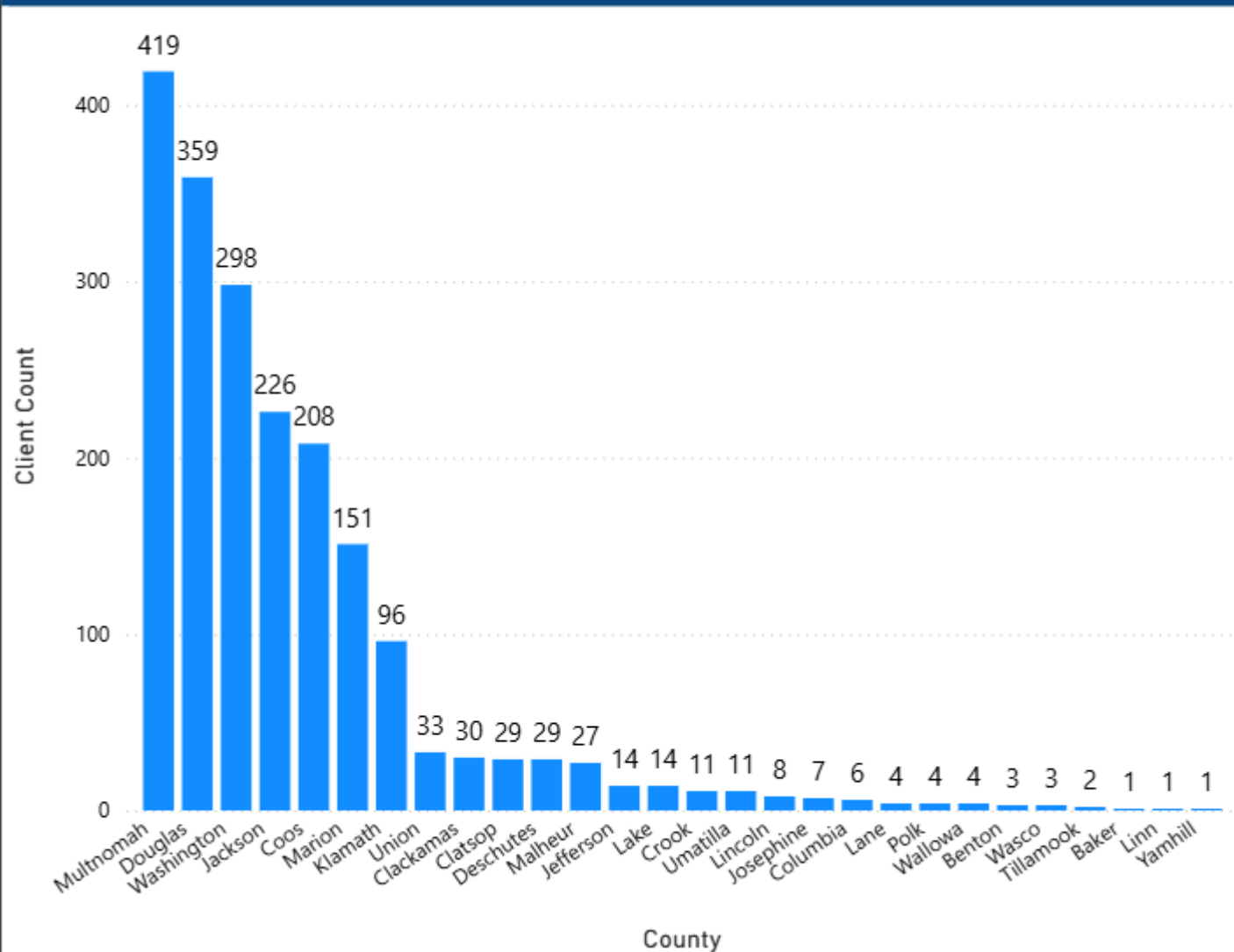
Total THIP Cases	THIP Attorneys
9,717	376

THIP Client Count	
Client's Highest Charge	Clients
Civil Commitment	152
Delinquency	110
Dependency/Termination	189
Jessica Law	75
Juvenile Murder	6
Major Felony	609
Measure 11	700
Minor Felony	1,972
Misdemeanor	1,931
Murder	200
Other	2
PCR/Habeas	106
Probation Violations-Criminal	246
Probation Violations-Juvenile	7
Total	6,305

Total THIP Spending	
Category	THIP \$\$ Paid
All Other Fees	\$18,917,501.35
Attorneys Fees	\$39,865,687.04
Investigators Fees	\$8,051,484.00
Total	\$66,834,672.39

Betschart Assignments Coordinated by OPDC Analysts

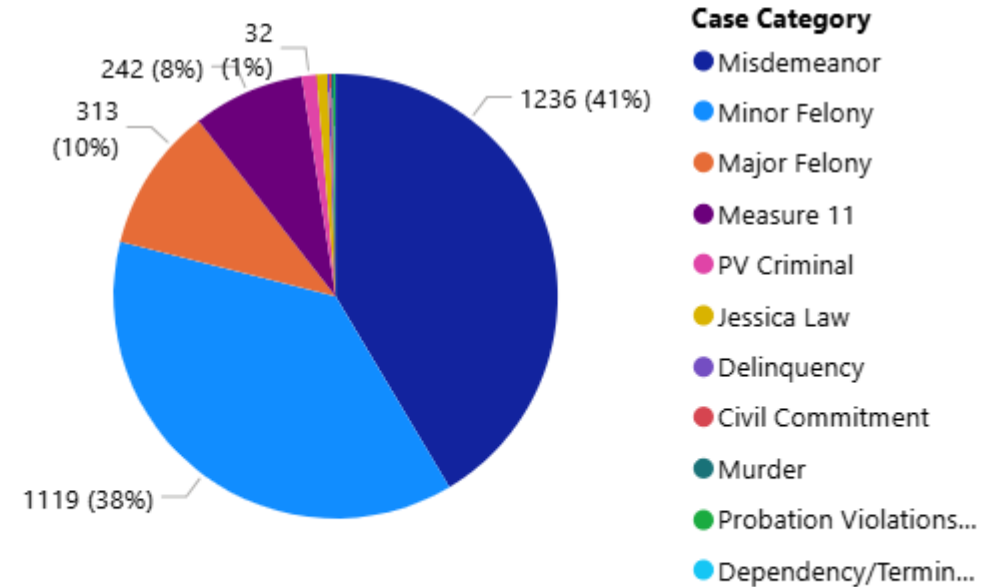
Betschart Assignment Client Count by Case County



Betschart Assignments by Program

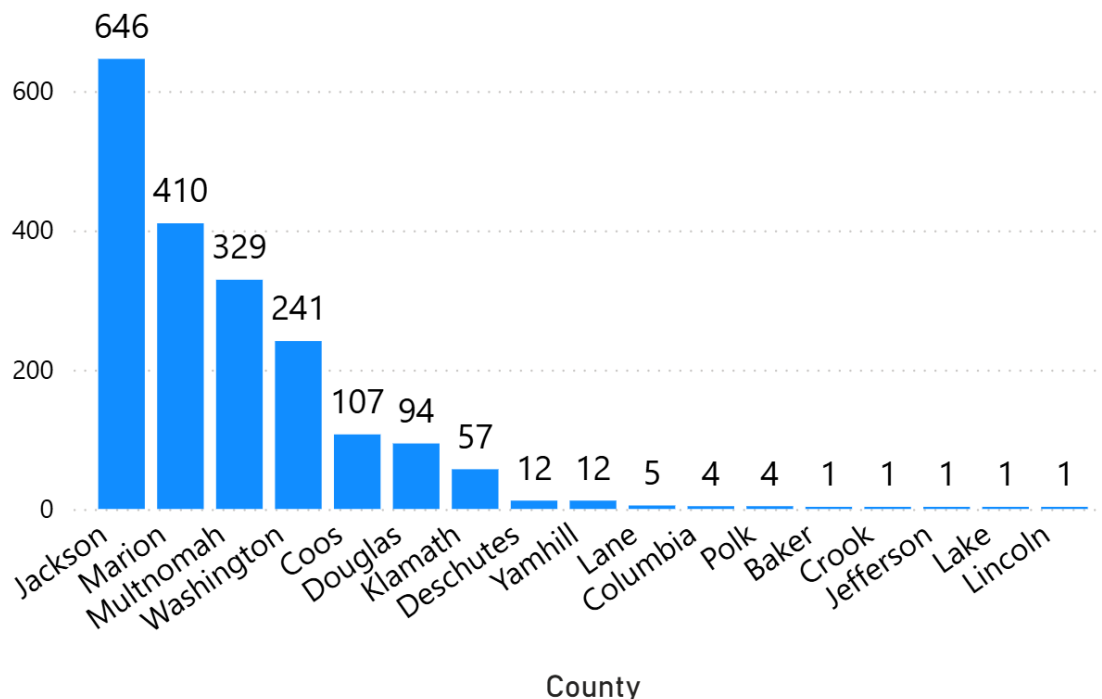
Assignment	Attorney Count	Client Count	Case Count
Contract	114	354	457
Hourly	178	1323	2011
Trial Division	21	340	522
Total	281	1981	2978

Betschart Assignments by Count of Cases

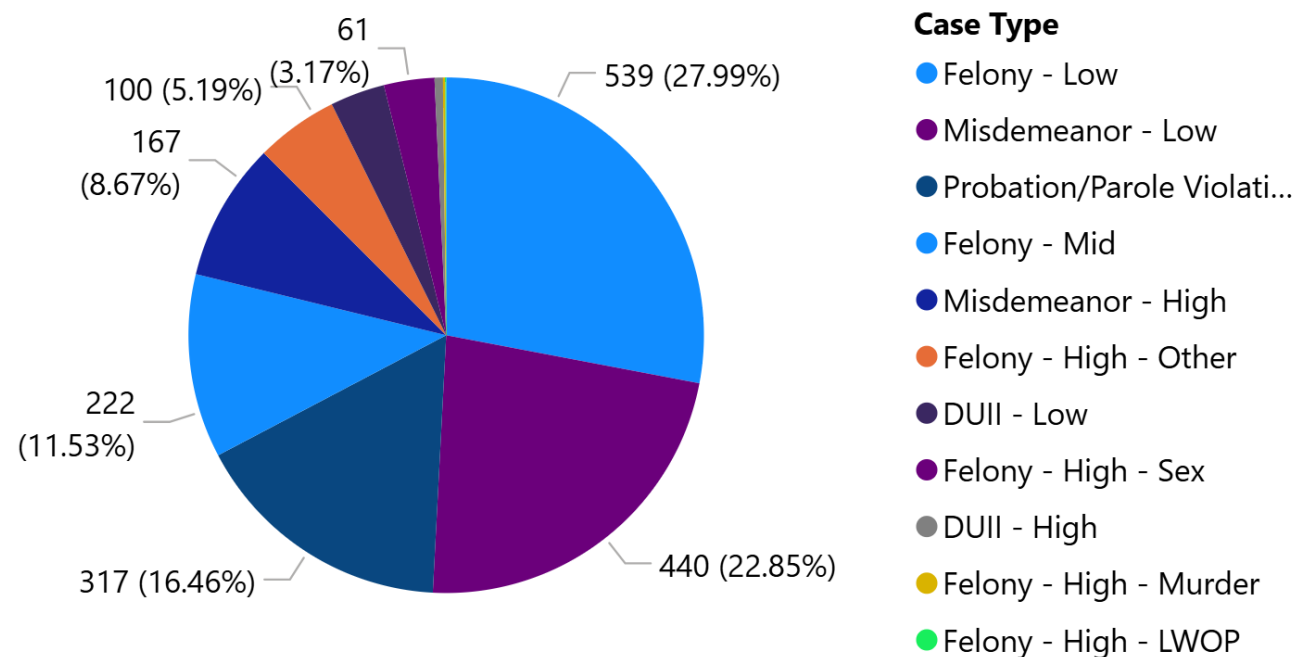


Oregon Trial Division Cases – Previously Unrepresented

Oregon Trial Division Cases from Unrepresented List



Oregon Trial Division Cases from Unrepresented List



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**Legislatively
Adopted Budget
Presentation**

July 16, 2025

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ARB to LAB: Policy Option Packages

	ARB Total (All Funds)	LAB Total (All Funds)
POP 101: FCMS	\$14,388,825	\$16,677,222
POP 102: Criminal Workload Augmentation	\$446,303,164	\$0
POP 103: Direct Representation Investment	\$27,204,155	\$0
POP 104: Service Provider Rate Stabilization	\$37,967,096	\$0
POP 105: Juvenile Workload Augmentation	\$176,908,058	\$0
POP 106: Robust Agency Support Investment	\$4,433,377	\$0
POP 107: Temporary Hourly Increase Program Carryover	\$26,879,814	\$18,429,062
POP 108: Recruitment and Retention	\$29,278,889	\$0
Total	\$763,363,378	\$35,106,284

Mandated Caseload Adjustments			
Program	40	840	LAB
Adult Trial Divison	14,735,792	16,688,623	31,424,415
Juvenile Trial Division	-	(286,052)	(286,052)
Parent Child Represetnation Program	-	543,751	543,751
Preauthorized Expenses	10,152,285	14,932,386	25,084,671
Court Mandated Expenses	6,539,167	6,974,335	13,513,502
Totals	31,427,244	38,853,043	70,280,287

Executive Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	5,034,280	0	5,034,280	9	9.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	5,874,693	0	5,874,693	13	12.52
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	3,356,449	0	3,356,449	5	5.00

Packages Funded in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 103 Direct Representation Investment: One operations and policy analyst 3
- Package 106 Robust Agency Support Investment: One manager 4; one operations and analyst 4; one executive assistant

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 801: Eliminates one General Counsel position and funding for that position (approx. \$600,000)
- Package 802: Abolishes one internal audit position and funding for that position (approx. \$350,000)
- Package 804: Transfers one internal audit position and funding for that position to the CAP Division; transfers one OPA3 position and funding back from the Executive Division to Administrative Services Division

Compliance, Audit, and Performance Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	8,736,960	0	8,736,960	20	20.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	9,752,630	0	9,752,630	25	24.40
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	8,645,518	0	8,645,518	20	20.00

Packages Funded in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 103, Direct Representation Investment: One operations and policy analyst 3, one operations and policy analyst
- Package 106, Robust Agency Support Investment: One manager 3; two operations and policy analyst 2 positions.

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 804, Position Rebalance: Moves one internal auditor position and funding from Executive Division to CAP Division; transfers vacant Deputy General Counsel position from CAP Division to the Adult Trial Representation Division

Appellate Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	28,821,352	0	28,821,352	58	57.80
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	29,959,630	0	29,959,630	69	67.48
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	28,821,352	0	28,821,352	58	57.80

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included at LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$1.1 million
- Package 103, Direct Representation Investment: Four paralegals, four administrative specialists, two legal secretaries; one executive assistant.

No Legislative Adjustments were made to this division.

Adult Trial Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	304,515,637	0	304,515,637	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	285,963,447	0	285,963,447	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	330,688,123	0	330,688,123	0	0.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$18.5 million.

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 801, LFO Analyst Adjustments: Reduces General Fund for anticipated misdemeanor caseload savings from new law school clinic program (approx. \$1.7 million)
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: Corrects a CSL budgeting error of \$5.7 million to phase in ten contract attorneys; provides \$2.2 million for an Enhanced Provider Capacity Program.
- Package 840, Mandated Caseloads: Provides \$16.7 million for updated caseload projections. This is in addition to the \$14.7 million provided for mandated caseloads funded in GRB in this division.
- H.B. 2005, Civil Commitment Funding: This bill made changes to civil commitment proceedings and provided \$1.1 million for anticipated workload increases.

Juvenile Trial Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	50,062,969	4,352,000	54,414,969	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	46,875,439	4,352,000	51,227,439	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	45,417,129	7,393,486	52,810,615	0	0.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$3.1 million.

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 801, LFO Analyst Adjustments: Reduces General Fund by approximately \$1.3 million to correct an error made at CSL.
- Package 807, Title IV-E Fund Shift: Shifts fund source from General Fund to Other Funds in anticipation of increased Federal reimbursements.
- Package 840: Reduces funding for mandated caseloads by about \$300,000 in this division, based on the May 2025 caseload forecast.

Preauthorized Expenses

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	94,411,372	1	94,411,373	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	106,515,484	1	106,515,485	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	101,422,213	1,037,357	102,459,670	0	0.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 104, Service Provider Rate Stabilization: An additional \$5.3 million to establish market rates for investigators.

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$3.9 million to travel and expert services.
- Package 107, THIP Carryover: This package covers expenses for expert services made under the Temporary Hourly Increased Program. GRB had provided \$10.6 million for this purpose.
- Package 801, LFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$10.7 million General Fund “due to statewide General Fund resource constraints.”
- Package 807, Title IV-E Fund Shift: Shifts funding from General Fund to Other Fund in anticipation of increased Federal reimbursements.
- Package 840, Mandated Caseloads: Provides an additional \$14.9 million for mandated caseloads based on the May 2025 caseload forecast

Court Mandated Expenses

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	39,646,202	4,449,677	44,095,879	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	93,352,705	3,497,604	96,850,309	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	63,394,089	6,547,938	69,942,027	0	0.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 104, Service Provider Rate Stabilization: Approximately \$32 million to establish attorney fees at market rate of \$205 and \$230 for tiered cases. Funding is for 40 new panel attorneys at the increased market rate.

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$1.9 million to travel and expert services.
- Package 107, THIP Carryover: \$11.1 million provided for expenses for expert services made under the Temporary Hourly Increased Program.
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: \$9.6 million to correct an error in the Current Service Level budget.
- Package 807, Title IV-E Fund Shift: Shifts funding from General Fund to Other Fund in anticipation of increased Federal reimbursements.
- Package 840, Mandated Caseloads: Provides an additional \$6.9 million for mandated caseloads based on the May 2025 caseload forecast.

Trial Representation Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	17,532,269	0	17,532,269	45	45.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	39,471,584	0	39,471,584	142	114.99
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	18,090,808	0	18,090,808	46	46.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: A reduction of \$1.6 million.
- Package 103, Direct Representation Investment: This package funded 97 positions and 69.99 FTE (2-Chief Deputy Defenders, 23-Senior Deputy Defenders, 17-Deputy Defenders, 6-Manager 1's, 13-Human Services Case Managers, 15-Legal Secretaries, 15-Program Analyst 2's, 3-Administrative Specialist 2's and 3-Office Specialist 2's).

Packages Included in LAB:

- Package 804, Position Rebalance: Transfers vacant Deputy General Counsel from CAP Division to Trial Representation Division.
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: Provides \$65,674 to reclassify two Senior Deputy Attorneys as Chief Deputy Attorneys.

Parent Child Representation Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	45,927,696	11,968,000	57,895,696	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	42,998,841	11,968,000	54,966,841	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	46,737,940	11,684,477	54,966,841	0	0.00

Packages Included in LAB:

- Package 801, LFO Analyst Adjustment: Eliminates a small amount of residual funding from transferring an attorney position from PCRPP to CAP Division.
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: Provides \$65,674 to reclassify two Senior Deputy Attorneys as Chief Deputy Attorneys.
- Package 840, Mandated Caseloads: Appropriates \$543,751 based on the May 2025 caseload forecast.

Administrative Services Division

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	20,885,740	0	20,885,740	40	40.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	23,857,390	13,915,000	37,772,390	64	60.07
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	24,132,653	13,915,000	37,772,390	51	51.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 103 – One accountant 2 position
- Package 106 – Two manager 3 ; one fiscal analyst 3; one fiscal analyst 2; three accountant 3; one accountant 2; one human resource analyst

LFO Packages in LAB:

- Packages 081 and 082: Incorporates Emergency Board Actions
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: Provides \$1.3 million and establishes five positions: two for accounts payable, one for review of PAE expenditures, and two Case Management Assignment Coordinators.
- H.B. 5006: Provides \$13.9 million in bond funding for FCMS, General Fund debt service and position funding (\$3 million) and eight bond-funded positions (Package 101 in GRB).

Special Programs, Contracts, and Distributions

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
2025 - 27 Current Service Level	8,841,943	0	8,841,943	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Governor's Recommended Budget	1,733,884	0	1,733,884	0	0.00
2025 - 27 Legislatively Adopted Budget	11,414,014	0	11,414,014	0	0.00

Packages Included in GRB, Not Included in LAB:

- Package 090, CFO Analyst Adjustments: a reduction of \$7.1 million

Packages Included in LAB:

- Package 801, LFO Analyst Adjustments: Reduces General Funds by \$865,389 to correct a CSL budgeting error and to eliminate funding that is “unattributable to program budgeted activities or outcomes.”
- Package 806, Legislative Investments: Provides \$3.4 million for distribution to public and private law schools to provide training and supervision of court certified law students to undertake misdemeanor cases.

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Action Items:

Billing and Invoice Submission
Schedule of Guideline Amounts

July 16, 2025

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Background

- OPDC has been working to replace the 2019 Public Defense Payment Policy with individual policies that provide better clarity and guidance for providers
 - The Pre-Authorized Expenses, Routine Expenses and Schedule of Guideline Amounts policies were originally approved by the Commission in January 2024
 - The Billing and Invoice Submission Policy is the final portion that completes the replacement of the 2019 Public Defense Payment Policy
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Billing and Invoice Submission Policy

- Provides scope of compensation and confirms invoice submission methods
 - Establishes guidelines for invoice frequency and deadlines
 - Outlines specific invoice requirements for different types of billings
 - Outlines process for late billing and invoice submissions
 - Confirms policy on payment adjustments and provides instruction on the reconsideration process
 - Enforces the requirement for complete and compliant invoicing
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Schedule of Guideline Amounts

The following sections of the policy are the proposed revisions:

- THIP rate schedule removed from page 1
 - Updated Attorney rates
 - Associate/Research Counsel – Updated to match Attorney rates
 - Guardian Ad Litem – Updated attorney rate and qualifications to reflect appointment by court
 - Investigator – Updated rates
 - Psychologist – Added PsyD to the certified forensic and non-certified forensic categories
 - Translation – Updated service name to be Translation/Transcription and corrected the rate that was updated on January 1, 2025
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Legislative Update
July 16, 2025

Lisa Taylor
Government Relations Manager



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

2025 Session



Climate



Policy



Budget



Reports



2025 Session

- 3,466 pieces of legislation introduced, 702 passed;
- Focus on wildfire funding, housing, K-12;
- Transportation package failed to pass in final hours.

OPDC in the Headlines

“Oregon public defense leader reveals new plan to stem legal crisis.” –[Oregon Public Broadcasting](#)

“Budget advances to fund Oregon Public Defense Commission, resolve crisis.”
–[Statesman Journal](#)

“Lawmakers in recent session gave Gov. Kotek more hiring, firing power over agency leaders.” –[Oregon Capital Chronicle](#)

Policy

HB 2614 OPDC Statute

- Executive Director;
- Agency Governance;
- Commission Governance;
- Contracting and Providers.



HB 2005 Civil Commitment

- Expands and eases civil commitment process;
- Increases opportunities for diversion from civil commitment process;
- Aid and Assist timelines;
- \$1.1 million fiscal for OPDC.



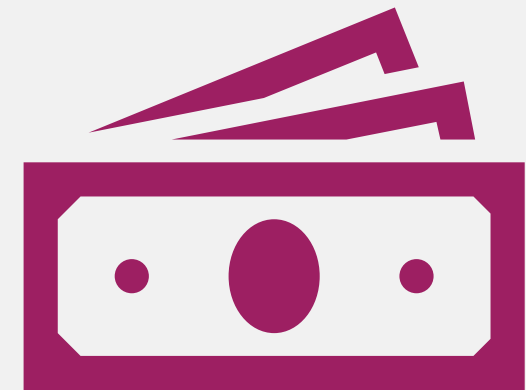
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HB 5031 Primary Budget Bill
+ HB 5006 End of Session Bill
+ HB 2005 Civil Commitment Bill

Total OPDC 25-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget



See [LFO Recommendation](#) for full Budget Details

BUDGET

2025-27 biennial budget by bill authority:

	HB 5031	HB 5006	HB 2005	Total
General Funds	\$ 681,008,933	\$ 2,729,610	\$ 1,111,456	\$ 684,849,999
Other Funds	\$ 26,663,258	\$ 13,915,000		\$ 40,578,258
Total	\$ 707,672,191	\$ 16,644,610	\$ 1,111,456	\$ 725,428,257

As compared to 23-25 Legislatively Approved Budget (LAB) and 25-27 CSL:

				Change from 25-27 CSL	
	23-25 LAB	25-27 CSL (Base Budget)	Total	Change \$	Change %
General Funds	\$594,333,409	\$624,416,420	\$684,849,999	\$60,433,579	9.6%
Other Funds ¹	\$22,352,949	\$20,769,678	\$40,578,258	\$19,808,580	95.4% ¹
Total	\$616,686,358	\$645,186,098	\$725,428,257	\$80,242,159	12.4%

¹84% of this increase is due to FCMS Investments.

Legislative Investments

- Caseload Adjustments \$38.9 Million;
- THIP Carryforward \$18.9 Million
- Enhanced Provider Capacity Pilot Program \$2.2 Million;
- Law School Clinics \$3.4 Million;
- Expedited Resolution Attorney, Existing Position;
- Agency staff, including assignment coordinators, PAE, AP and continuation of E-board positions \$3 Million;
- FCMS \$16.7 Million (General Fund and Other Fund Bonding);
- Civil Commitment Funding \$1.1 Million.

Reports

Legislative Reports Due

- Capacity Report
- Interim Status Report
- Key Performance Measures Report
- Law School Report

Ongoing Reports:

- Comprehensive Public Defense Report
- Legislative Report



Report Timelines

Due Date	Report
December 2025	Comprehensive Public Defense Report II
January 2026	Interim Status Report I
Short Session 2026	KPM Update Report
Short Session 2026	Capacity Report
September 2026	Interim Status Report II
December 2026	Comprehensive Public Defense Report III
December 2026	Legislative Report
Session 2027	Law School Report

Report Process

	Week													
Action	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Draft Framework														
Workgroup Drafts Report														
Draft Report Submitted to Subcommittee/Workgroup Packet														
Subcommittee/Workgroup Briefed on Draft Report														
Subcommittee/Workgroup Edits Incorporated														
Report Finalized														
Final Report Submitted to Commission Packet														
Notice of Intent Due														
Commission Approves Report														
Report Due to LFO														
Report Presented to Legislature														

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Director's Report

July 16, 2025

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Upcoming Dates and Events

Rules Advisory Committee Meeting

- Thursday, July 17th, 2025
- 1:00pm to 1:30pm
- Virtual

Commission Workgroup Meeting

- Thursday, August 7th, 2025
- 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- Virtual

Governance Subcommittee Meeting

- Thursday, August 7th, 2025
- 9:00am to 10:30am
- Virtual



Updates

Contract Extensions:

- OPDC sent out 160 contract extensions for criminal, juvenile, parent child representation program (PCRP), and personal services providers.
- We are pleased to report that we received **159** of those 160 back signed, and those contract extensions have been fully processed and executed.
- OPDC also sent out 29 case manager contract extensions. We received **all 29** back signed, and they have all been fully processed and executed.

Updates

New Contracts: Project Timeline

- **7/18/25:** Documents and Exhibits will be made available for a review period.
 - The review period will last from 7/18/25 to 8/8/25.
- **7/21/25:** Program Analysts will begin working on the ROC for the 25-27 contracts.
- **Two listening sessions** will be set for **7/29/25 & 8/5/25**. We will post FAQ's after listening sessions.
- **8/8/25-8/15/25:** OPDC will review contractor comments and make any changes to the document.
- **8/15/25: Mandatory Procurement activity:** the document will be sent to DOJ for a mandatory legal sufficiency review that can take up to 2 weeks.
 - There can be no further changes to document at this point.
 - Any time savings will provide additional time for providers to review final contracts and sign.
- **8/29/25:** OPDC will review DOJ comments and incorporate them into the document.
- **9/3/25: Mandatory Procurement activity:** OPDC will send for final legal sufficiency review.
 - Any time savings will provide additional time for obtaining signatures.
- **9/9/25:** OPDC will compile the final document to send out to contract administrators.
- **9/12/25:** Contract documents sent out for signature.
- **10/1/25: New contracts begin.**

KPM Survey

The annual KPM (Key Performance Metric) Customer Service Survey was sent to all providers on Monday, June 16th.

- The survey is still open until **Friday, July 18th**.
- For quick access, you can [click here](#) to complete the survey.
 - (available as a clickable link when OPDC Commission Meeting Presentations are uploaded to our website).
- If you haven't had a chance to complete the KPM survey yet, we'd greatly value your input—your feedback helps us make meaningful improvements.
- To everyone who has already completed the survey – thank you! Your participation and insights are so appreciated.

Thank you

