Oregon Public Defense Commission

Director's Report

November 18, 2026

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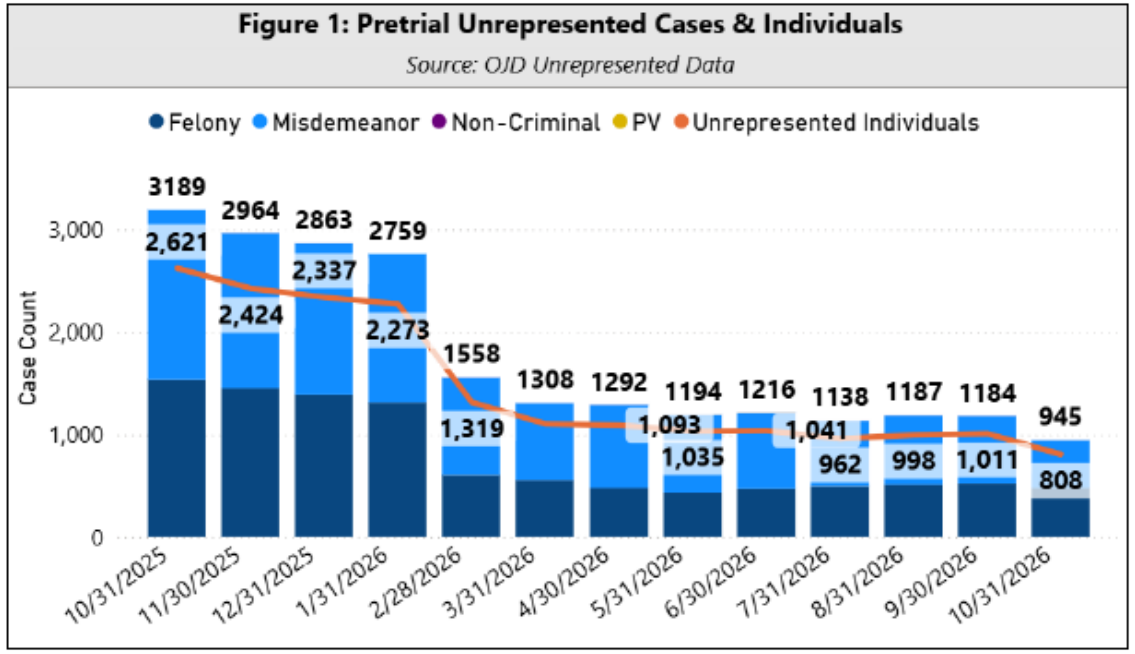
Primary Takeaways – October 2026

- As of October 31, there were 897 unrepresented individuals statewide. This is a *decrease of 255 or 22.1%* since September 30.
- Statewide, public defense contractors at operating at 94% MAC and the OPDC Trial Division is operating at 90.3% MAC.
- OPDC Assignment Coordinators assigned 596 cases in October, including 131 subject to *Betschart*.

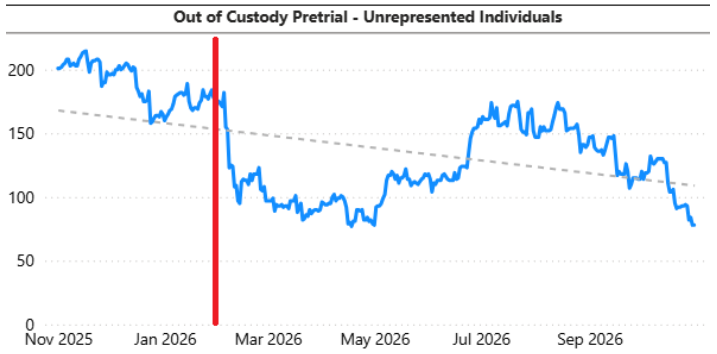


Crisis County Updates

Mostly Positive Trends for October

- Douglas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties saw net decreases in out-of-custody pretrial unrepresented individuals (-36, -10, and -136)
- Jackson County saw a net increase in out-of-custody pretrial unrepresented individuals (+19)

Douglas County



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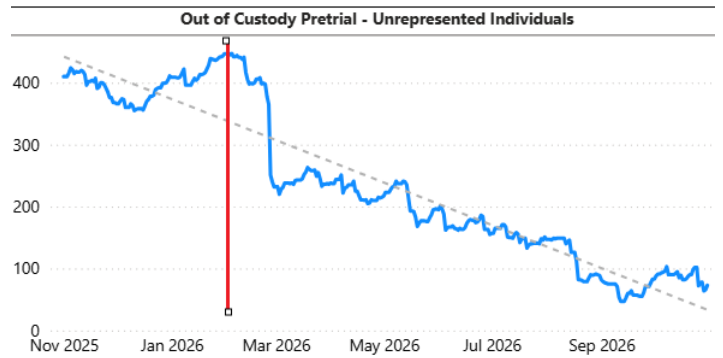

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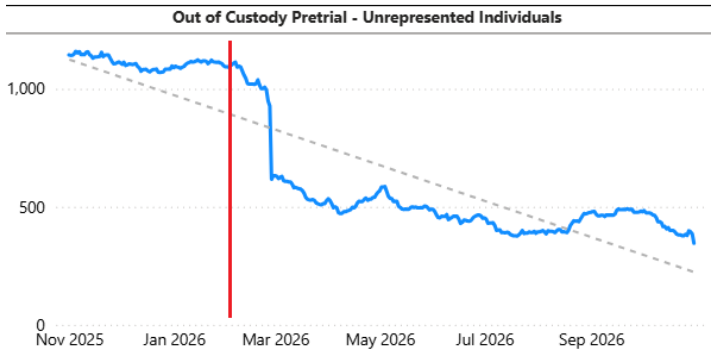
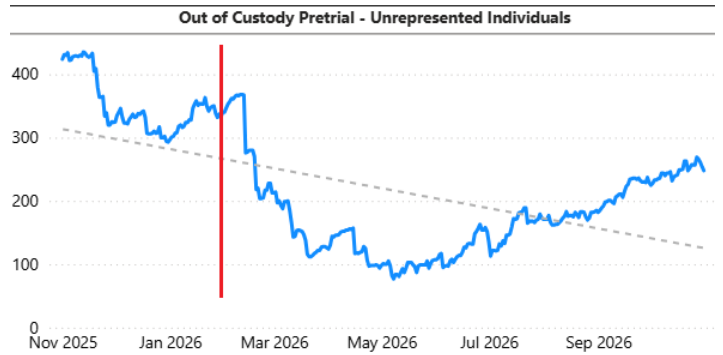


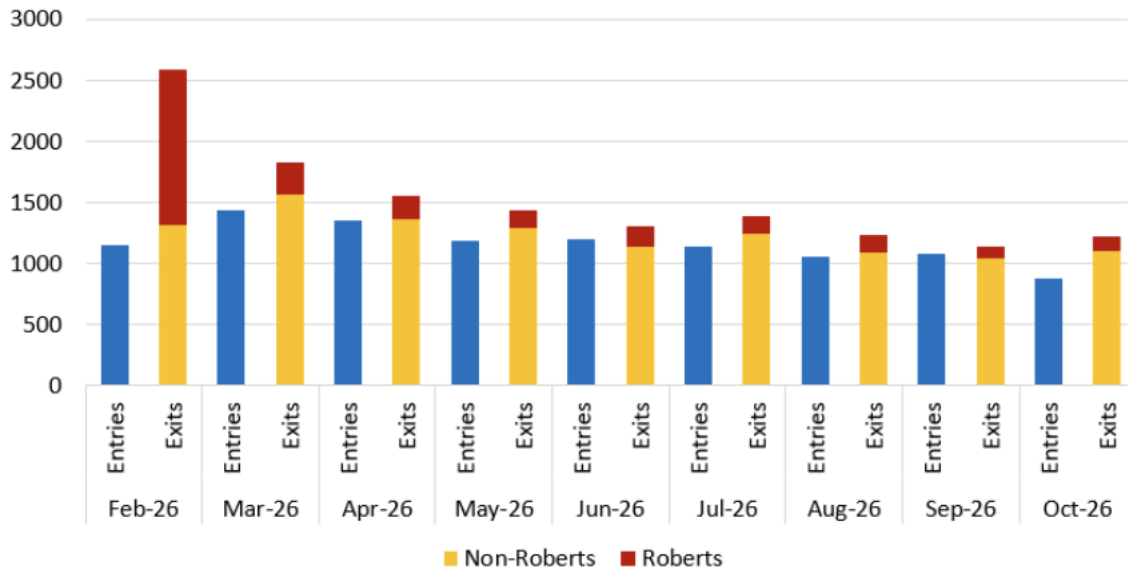
Jackson County



State v. Roberts Impact

- Through the end of October, 2504 cases were dismissed due to *Roberts*.
- *Roberts* dismissals represent 18% of the total case exits (13,685) from the unrepresented list since February.
- The share of cases exiting unrepresented status since February is highest in Multnomah County (34%), followed by Jackson (17%), Washington (15%), and Douglas (13%).

Figure 1: Monthly Case Entries & Exits after Roberts



Upcoming Meetings

- **Governance, Policy, and Standards Subcommittee Meeting**
  - Thursday, November 19th
  - 4:00pm to 5:30pm - Virtual
- **December Commission Meeting**
  - Friday, December 4th
  - 9:00am to 2:00pm
  - In- Person at the Benson Hotel: 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205 in the Cambridge/Oxford Room
  - The meeting will also livestream via Zoom
- Next Extraordinary Expenses Subcommittee Meeting is being scheduled (TBD late November/early December)
- All other subcommittee and workgroup meetings will resume in January 2027.

Financial Case Management System Update

The FCMS project overall is on track, on time, and within budget. The Fit Gap sessions have successfully concluded.

The project is now moving into the Architecture and Design phase, where OPDC and Aeon Nexus will review how the new system will look and function based on the work completed during Fit-Gap. This includes reviewing how information will be organized and how different processes will work in JusticeNexus.

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November 10: External Change Champion Kickoff

OPDC will host an External Change Champion kickoff meeting to review roles and responsibilities, share project updates, and discuss upcoming activities and how Change Champions can support the provider community throughout implementation.

2

November 17: External User Portal Demo

OPDC will host a virtual demonstration of the External User Portal with Aeon Nexus to introduce the portal, demonstrate its functionality, and help providers understand what to expect. We will share the meeting link with Commissioners who would like to attend, and the session will be recorded.

3

Ongoing Change Champion Engagement

The project team will continue holding quarterly meetings with internal and external Change Champions to share project updates, gather feedback, and address questions as implementation progresses.

Other Updates



Budget Process



Annual Required Training



2027 Commission Meeting Calendar

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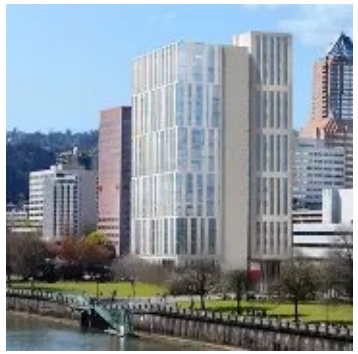

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Revised Rule: Delegation of Rulemaking Authority

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Delegation of Rulemaking Authority (Revised)

The Commission may, by majority vote, empower an employee to engage in the ministerial acts necessary to open rulemaking, close rulemaking, and file rules adopted, amended, repealed, or suspended by a majority vote of the Commission. The employee will be identified on a Delegation of Authority form filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) Administrative Rules Unit, and such delegation will continue until it is revoked by the Commission or the person leaves Commission employment. The Board retains the sole authority, by majority vote, to consider and adopt rulemaking actions.

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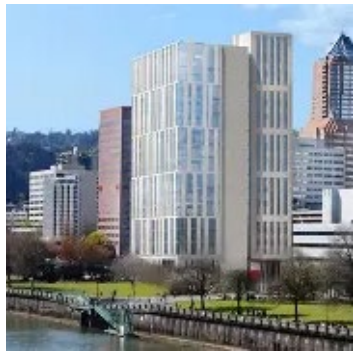

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