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JUDICIAL BRANCH

OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

How OJD affects lives and serves
justice in every corner of our state



EACH CASE REPRESENTS A
CRITICAL MOMENT IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE, AND A
SINGLE CASE CAN IMPACT
MANY LIVES



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people,
not just
“cases”

Overview of Today's Presentation

1. What courts do
2. Oregon's court structure and funding
3. Our approach to court work
4. Case types, volume, and management

Courts Impact People in All Aspects of Their Lives

Courts resolve conflicts and protect people in crisis

Workplaces, Businesses

Debtor/Creditor and Small Claims

Treatment Courts and Mental Health

Family Law and Protective Orders

Dependency (Child Welfare) and Delinquency

Criminal Justice

Housing

Public Benefits

Tax Disputes

Election and Ballot Measure Disputes

Claims of Wrongful Injury

Objections to Government Action



Treatment Court Graduates



Serving Families in Crisis

Oregon's Judicial Branch



Oregon Judicial Department

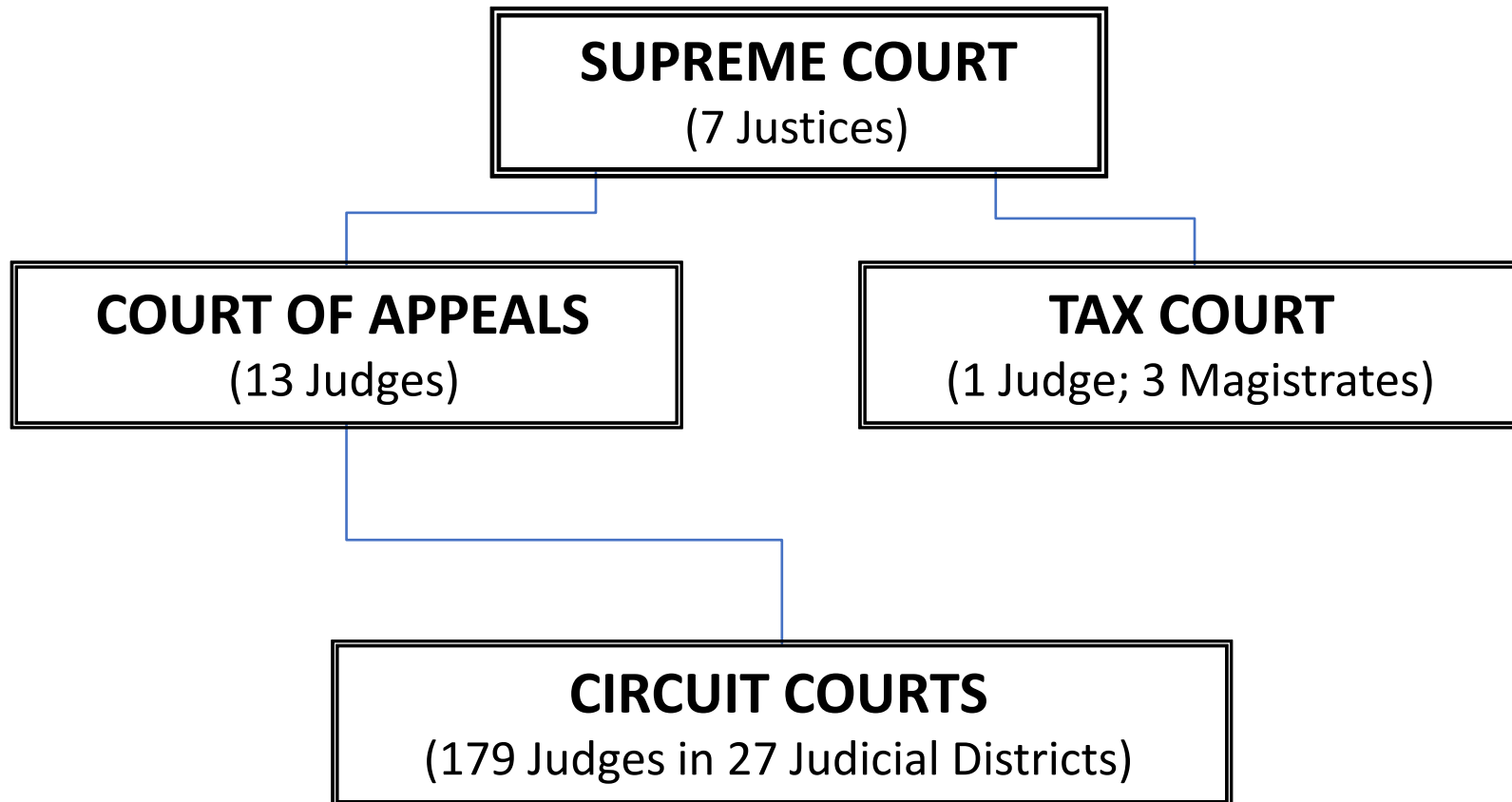
Office of Public Defense Services

Commission on Judicial Fitness

Oregon State Bar*

*The Oregon State Bar is a public corporation and an instrumentality of the Judicial Department... (ORS 9.010(2))

Oregon's Unified State Court System

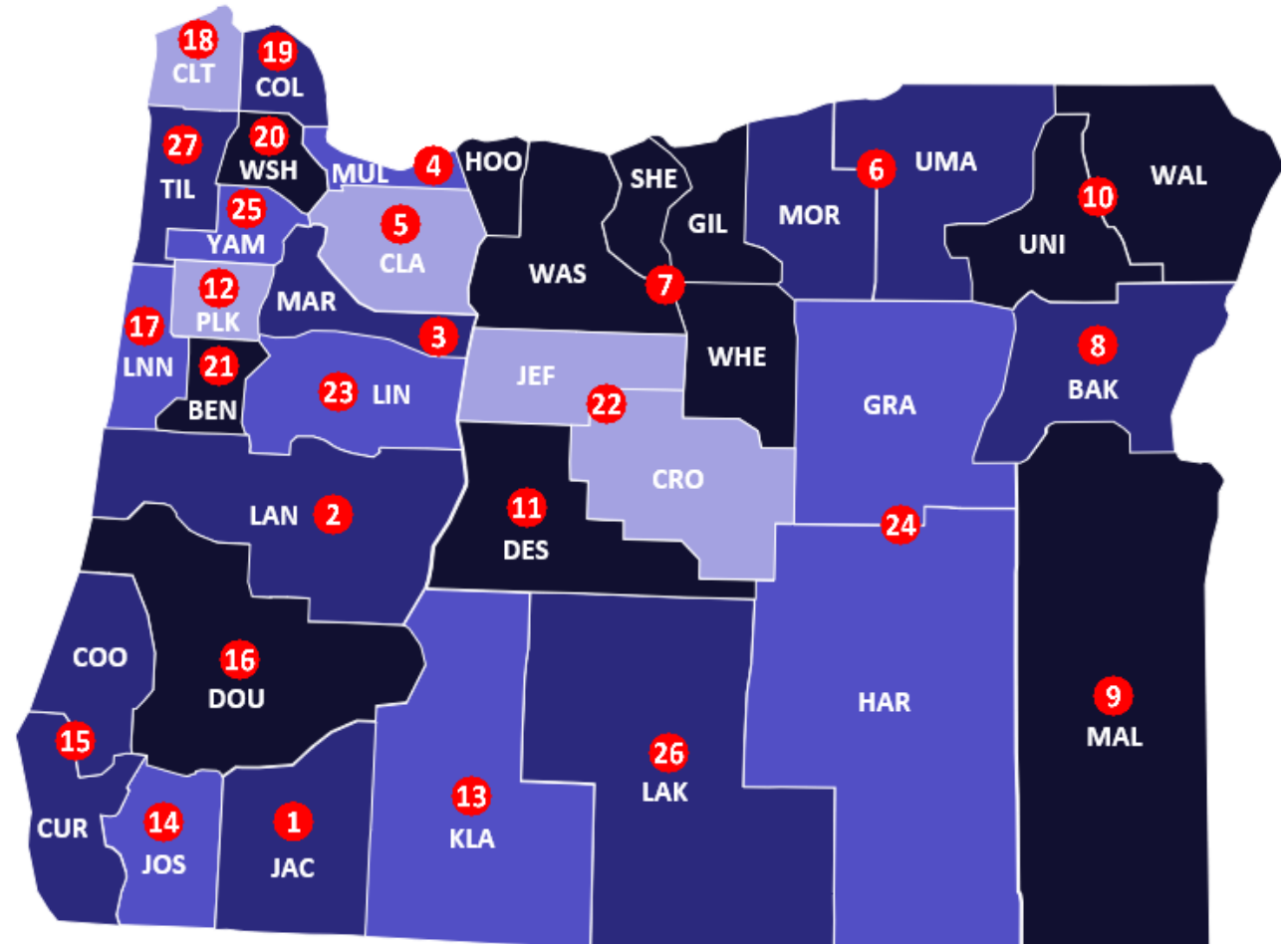


27 Judicial Districts Serving All of Oregon

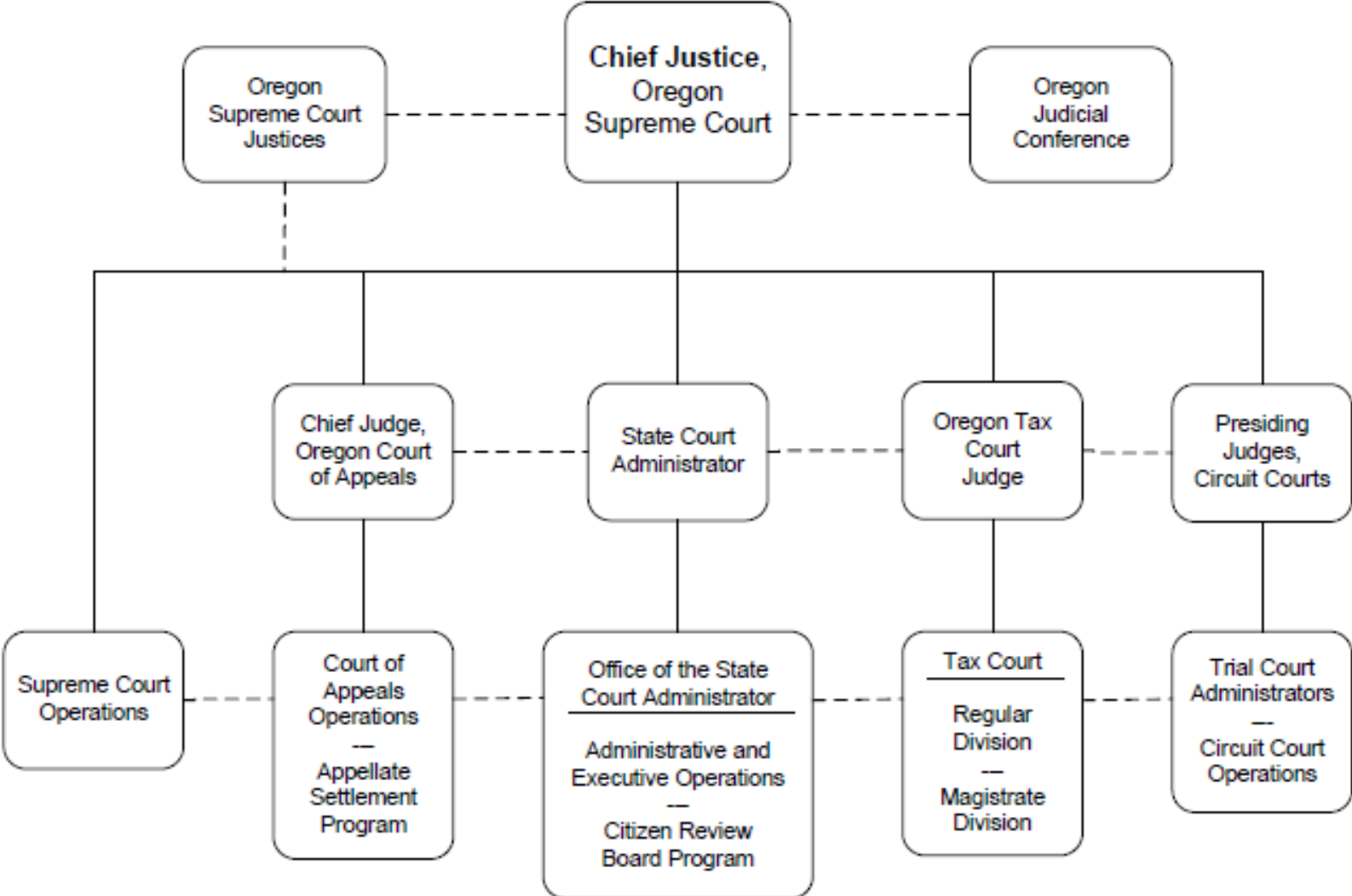
Circuit Courts in every county

- 179 Circuit Court Judges
- 1,300+ Staff

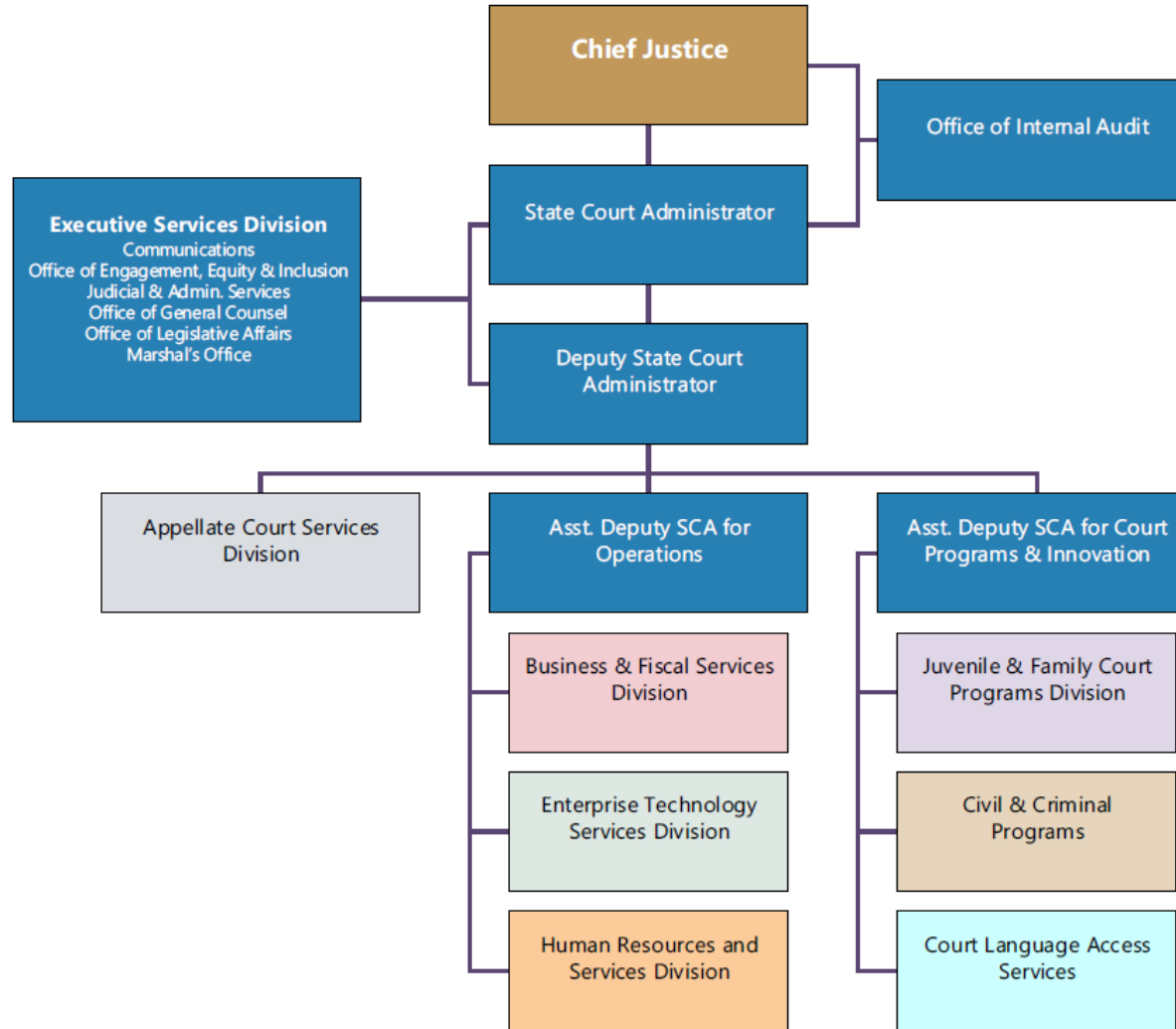
Serving 4.36 million Oregonians



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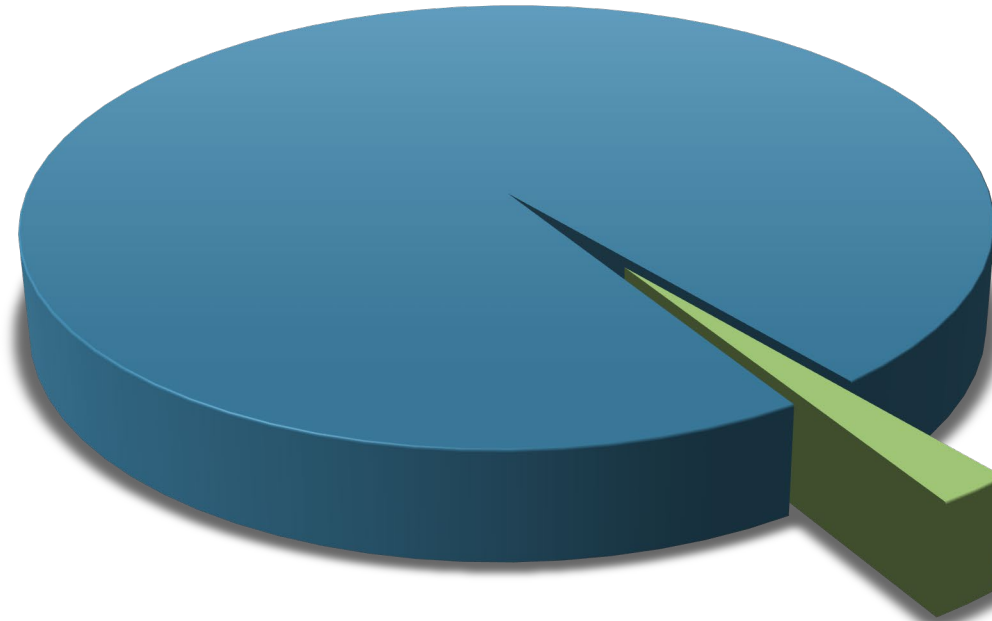


Office of the State Court Administrator
Organizational Structure



OJD's Budget is Less than 2.5% of Total State Budget

2021-23 Gov Budget

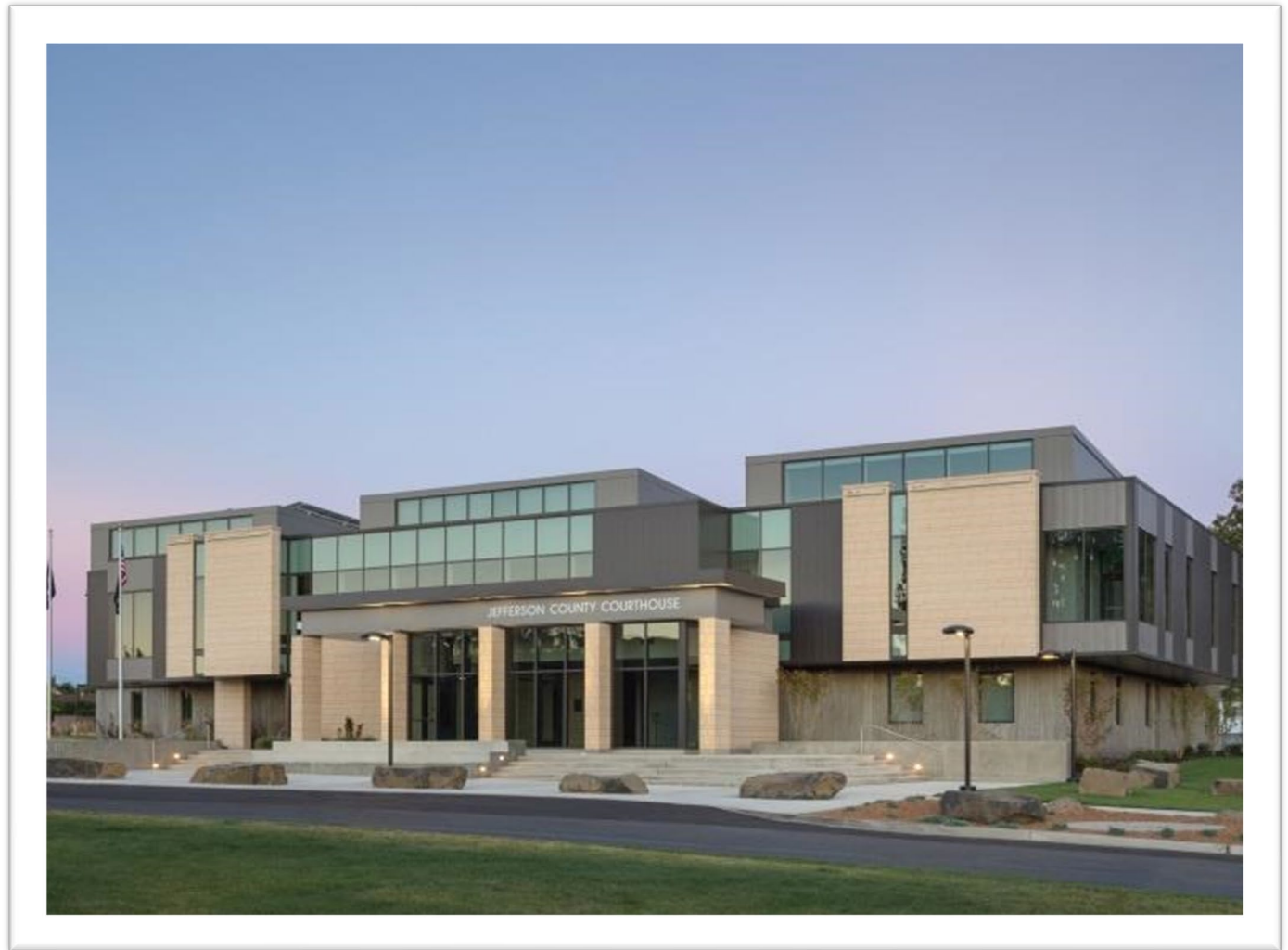


Judicial Department
2.23% Oregon GF Budget

State and counties: Shared responsibilities

- **Counties provide** circuit court facilities and security
- **State provides** staffing, judges, technology, central personnel, and tools needed to provide justice services

ORS 1.001; ORS 1.185; ORS 1.187



Touching All Aspects of Peoples' Lives

Family Law



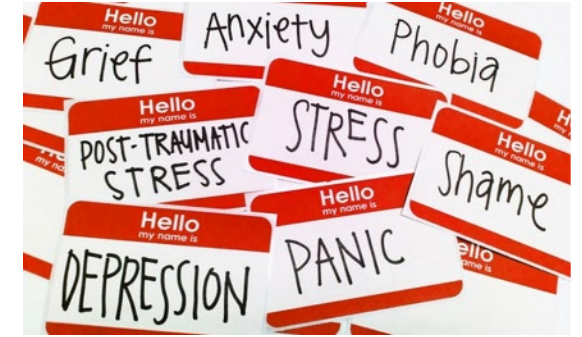
Juvenile Cases



Protective Orders



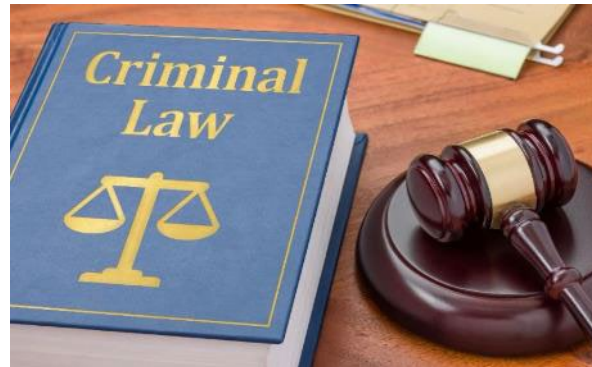
Behavioral Health



Civil Law



Criminal Law



Specialty Courts



PROGRAMS AND INNOVATION

New and Expanding Programs

- Court Records Integrity Unit
- Guardianship and Conservatorship Audit Program
- Family Treatment Courts
- Veteran Treatment Courts
- Pretrial Release
- Behavioral Health
- Forms Unit (to better serve self-represented litigants)
- Centralized Child Support Docket (leverages federal dollars to support better outcomes for Oregon families)



Judicial Leadership and Education (JLEC) and regular staff training are critical components of our commitment to continuous improvement

COURTS & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Stakeholder Engagement helps drive court improvement

- Oregon Supreme Court Council on Inclusion and Fairness (OSCCIF)
- Chief Justice's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)
- Juvenile Court Improvement Program (JCIP)
- Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program (JDIP)
- Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS)
- Security and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (SEPAC)
- Statewide Protective Proceedings Advisory Committee (SPPAC)
- State Family Law Advisory Committee (SFLAC)
- Tribal, State, and Federal Court Forum

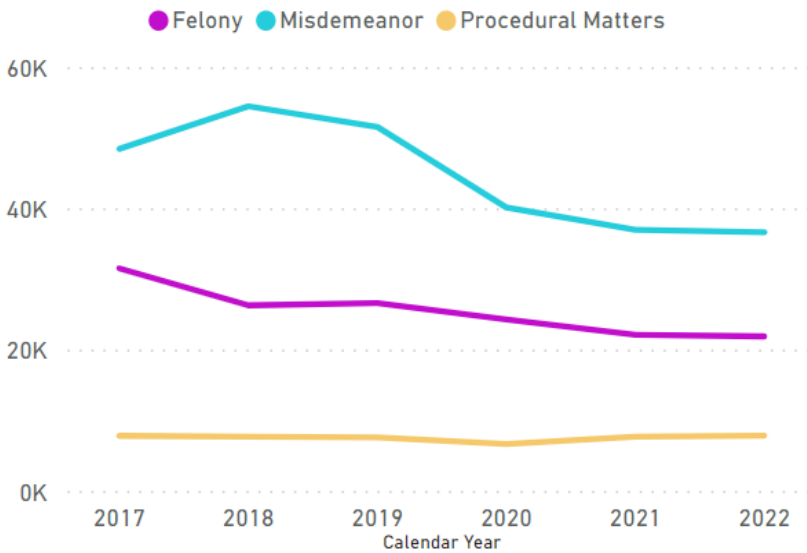




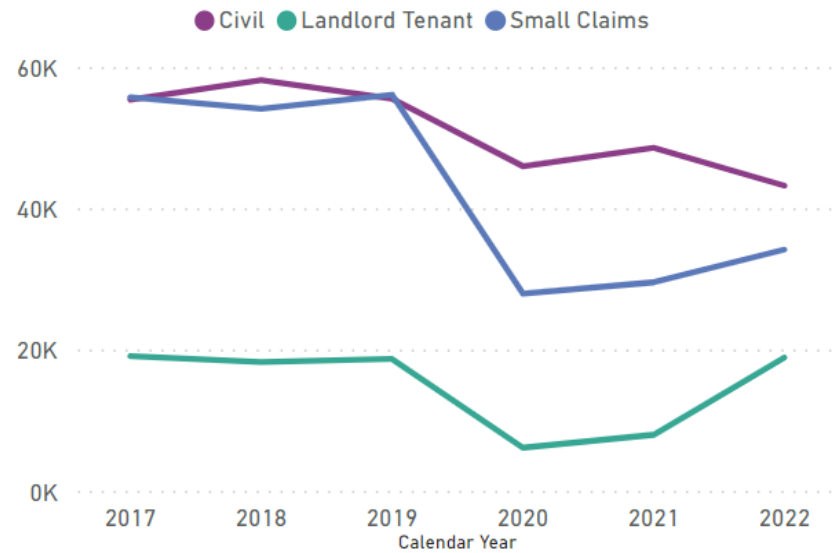
Oregon Circuit Courts Case Filing Trends

@ <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/data>

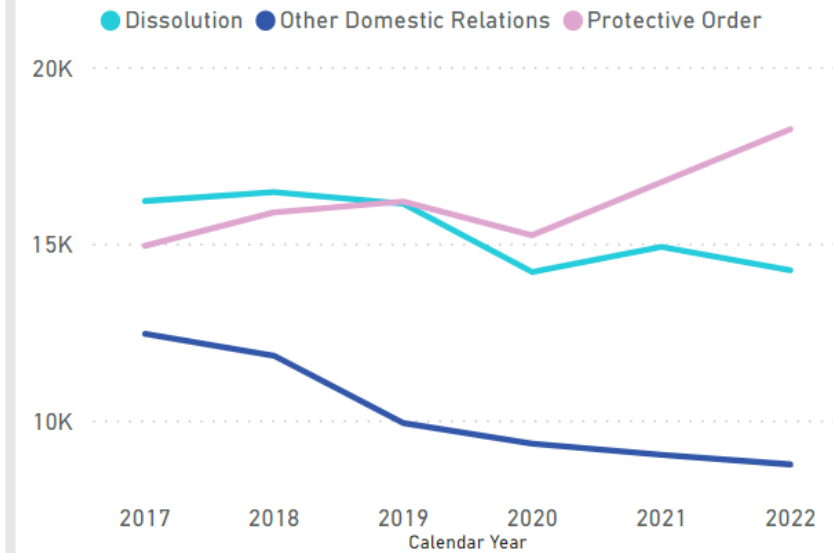
Criminal



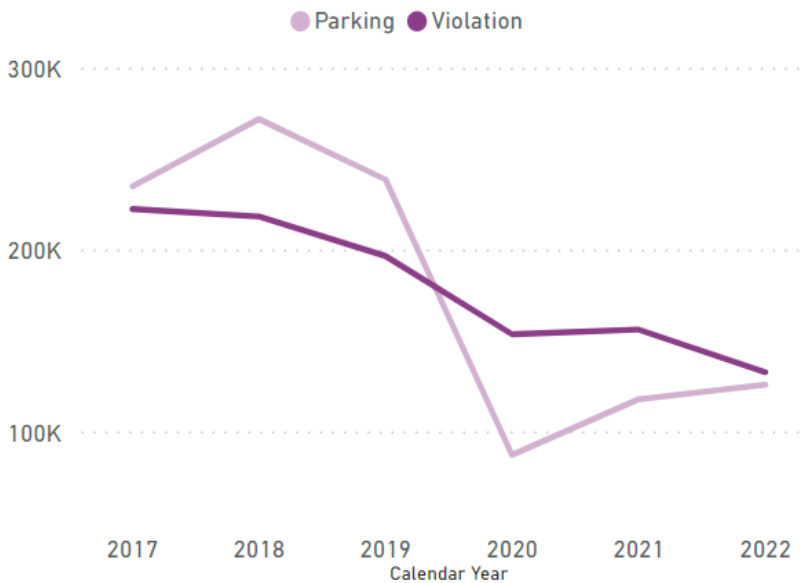
Civil



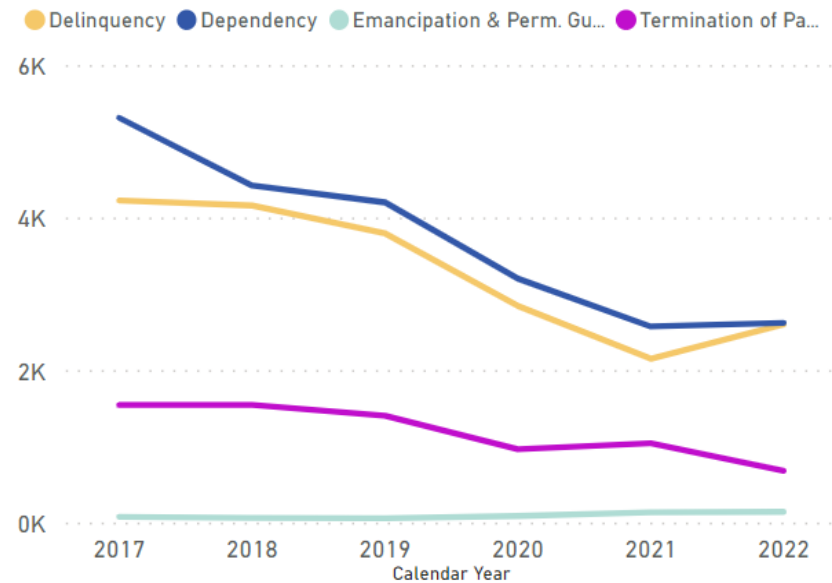
Domestic Relations



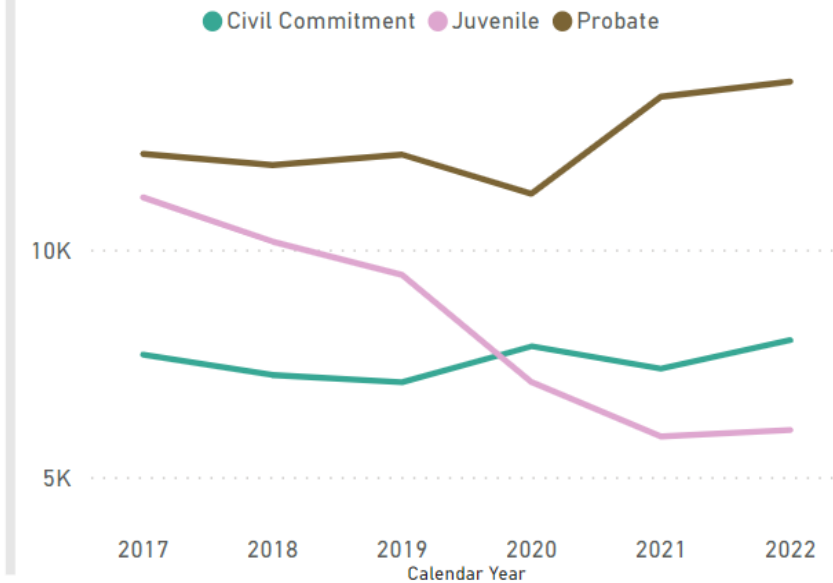
Violations



Juvenile



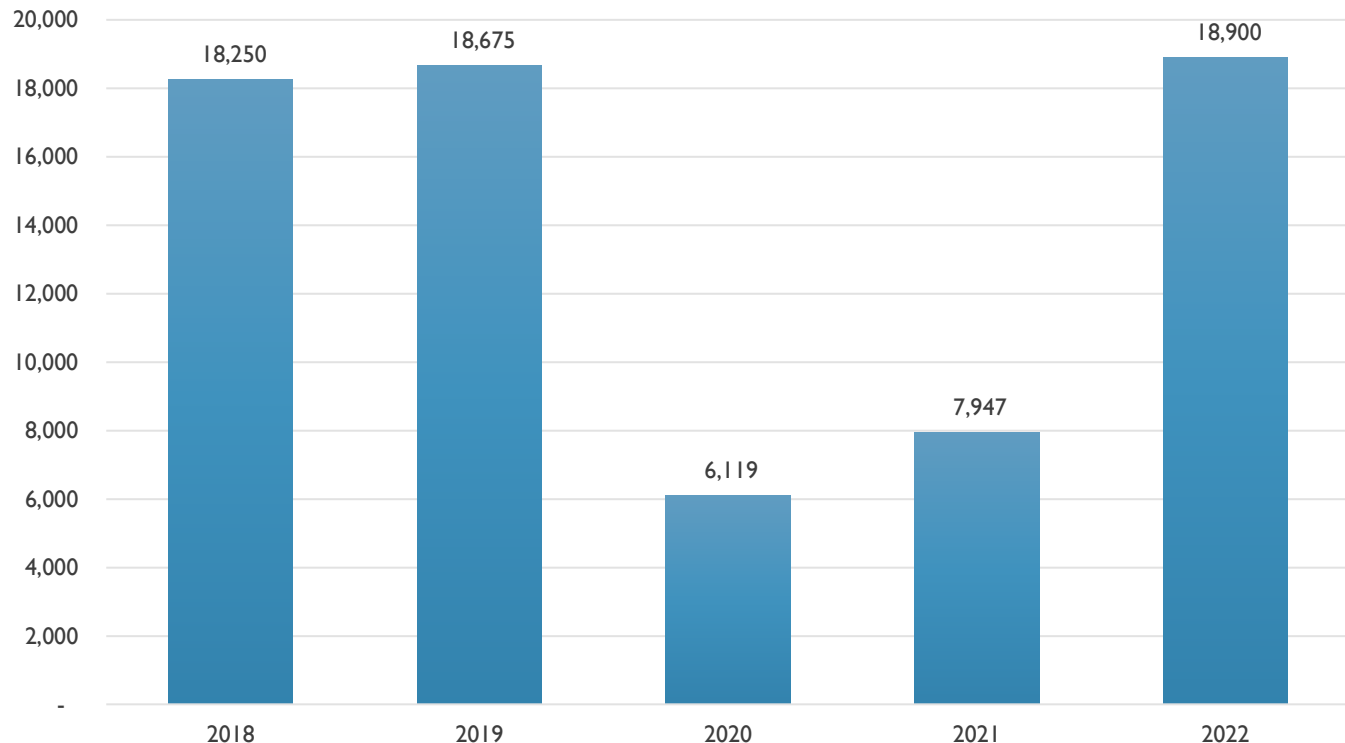
Other



Landlord Tenant – What’s Been Happening with Evictions?

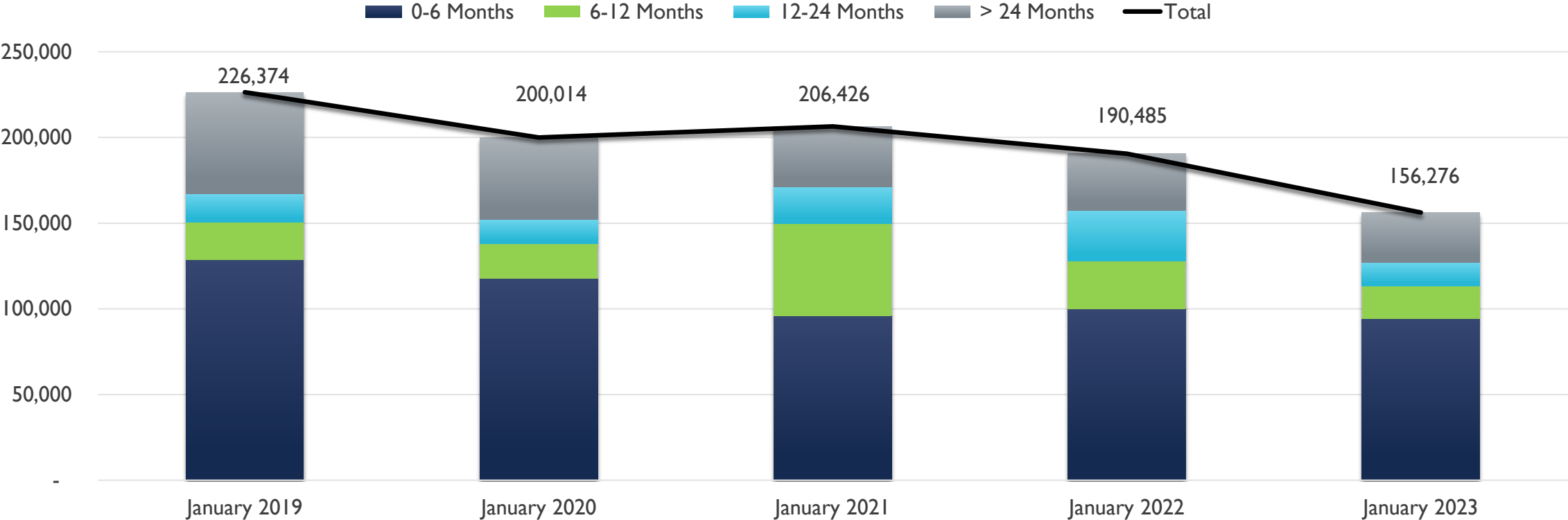
- Moratorium on non-payment cases ended in June 2021
- Courts still processed ‘for cause’ evictions (damage to property, illegal conduct, safety concerns)
- Once the moratorium was lifted, non-payment evictions returned to normal rates
- OJD recently hired a Civil Law Analyst to develop programs supporting handling of cases involving self-represented litigants

Landlord Tenant Case Filings Over Time
67% Decrease in 2020 Due to Eviction Moratorium



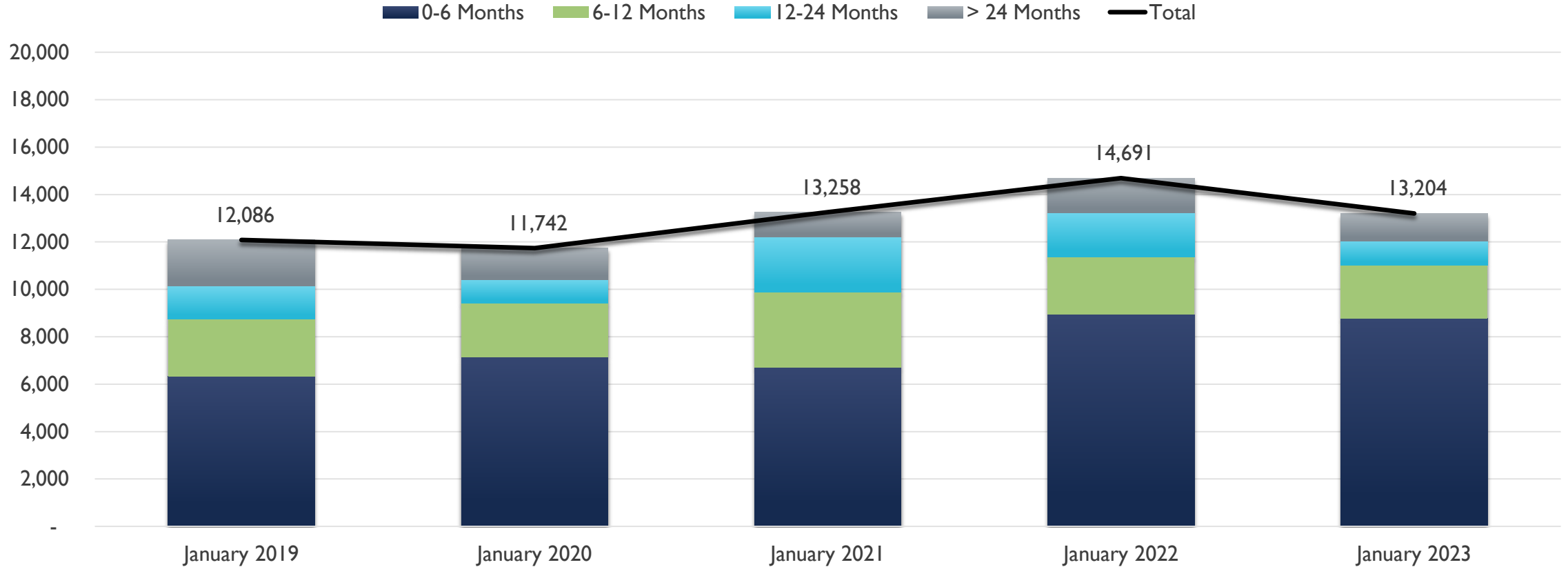
Courts Worked Through COVID Case Processing Delays

Age of Active Pending Cases



Courts Are Working Through Felony Backlogs

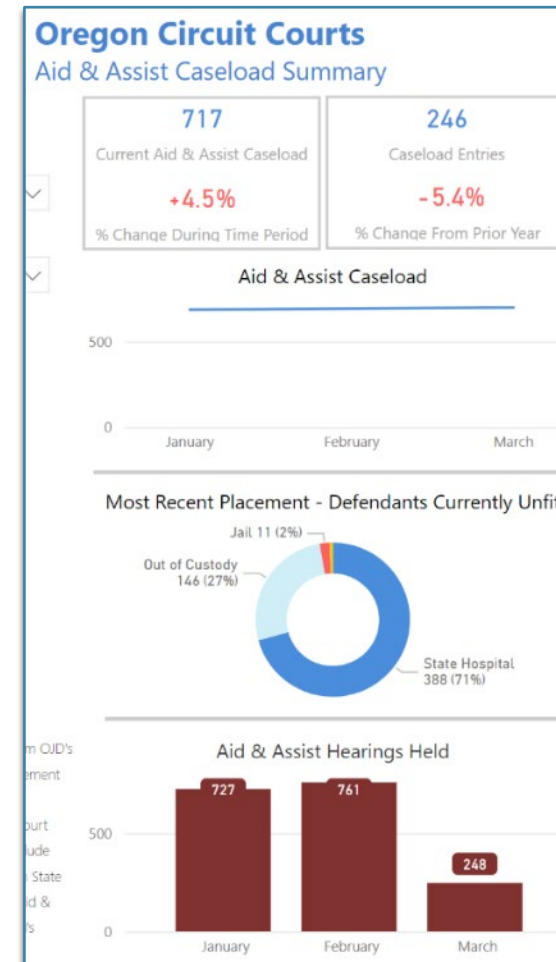
Felony - Age of Active Pending Cases



Using Data for Efficiency, Problem-Solving, and Improvement

OJD has developed data sources, dashboards and regular reports to drive improvements

- Public Defense/Unrepresented Individuals
- Aid and Assist and Mink/Bowman (OSH releases)
- Civil Commitment
- Pretrial Release and Failure to Appear (FTA)
- Measure 110
- Specialty Court
- Pending Cases
- Fines and Fees



Technology Solutions to Improve Access and Efficiency



**Oregon eCourt Case
Information Online**



**Online ePay & Violations
Bureau**



eFile & Serve



**Guide & File Intelligent
Forms**



Remote Hearing Technology



**Text-to-Debt Payment Plan
Reminders**



**Text Message Hearing
Reminders**



Data Analytics

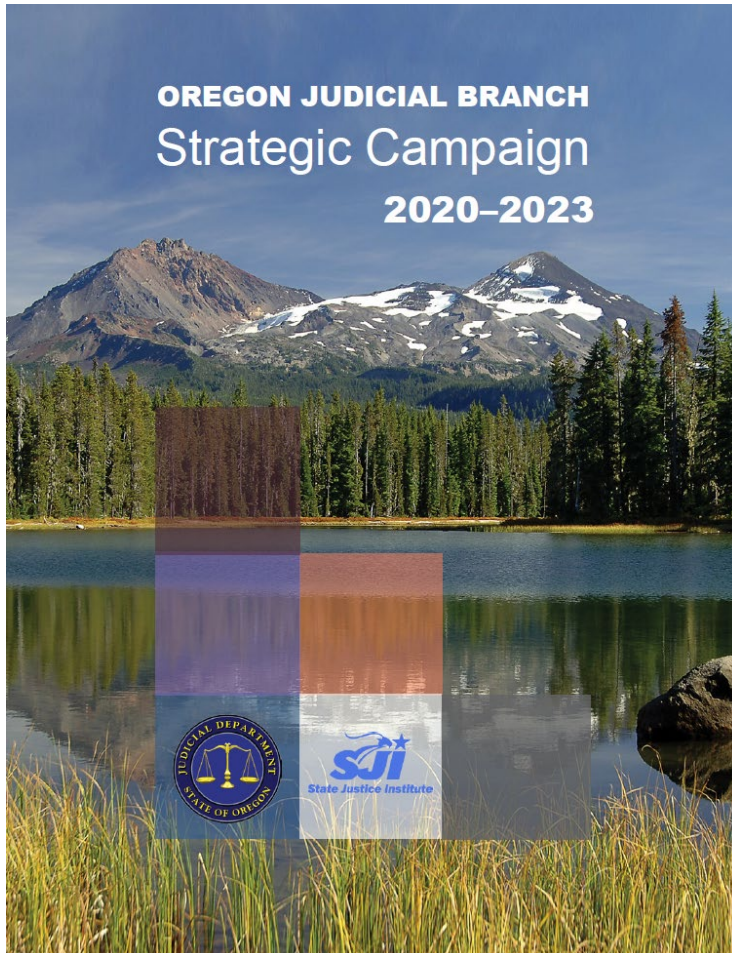
Procedural Justice

Ensuring Equity and Fairness



- Oregon Constitution requires that everyone be treated equally under the law
- Oregon's courts are dedicated to access, fairness, respect, and justice for all
- **Everyone** has the right to
 - have their day in court
 - trial by a jury of their peers
 - fair and impartial procedures
 - be heard by a fair and impartial judge

OJD's Four Commitments



**OREGON JUDICIAL BRANCH
Strategic Campaign
2020-2023**

- **Improve services and outcomes for people who are underserved, vulnerable, or marginalized**
- **Improve access to justice**
- **Enhance the public's trust and confidence in Oregon's state government**
- **Create a workplace and courthouse culture that is supportive, inclusive, welcoming, and affirming; that embraces diversity**

www.courts.oregon.gov/StrategicCampaign

Judges Impact Peoples' Lives

Dear Judge Ashby,

“I don't know if you remember me... I'm sure you see hundreds each week...I will never forget you...Because you were willing to set a protective order, I was able to get away. And because you were willing to lift it, I was able to reconcile with a changed man and repair my little boys' life to what it always should have been...”

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Key Takeaways



It's about
people, not
just “cases”

1. The Judicial Branch plays a critical role in upholding the rule of law, protecting rights, and preserving the foundations of democracy
2. Each case can represent a critical moment in someone's life, and a single case can affect many lives
3. Our work is critical to addressing many of the Legislature's top priorities:
 - Equity and justice
 - Public safety
 - Public defense
 - Mental health
 - Housing and homelessness
 - Economic vitality
4. Oregon's courts are committed to continuous improvement, access to justice, fairness, and equity

Thank You

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