

**Qualified defense investigators
are vital to alleviating
Oregon's public defense crisis.**

Quality investigators

increase attorney capacity,

improve court efficiency,

and save taxpayer money.

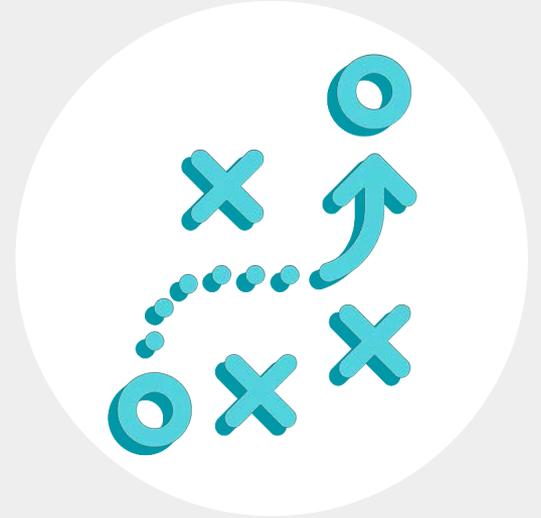
Investigators are



Fact-finders



**Client
managers**



**Case
strategists**

Investigators close cases

Arrest

Indictment

Incarceration

Trial

Appeal(s)

Retrial(s)

Post-conviction relief(s)

Habeas petition(s)

Investigation

Judicial settlement



Criminal Defense Investigators are on the front-line helping Veterans, the Houseless and those suffering with mental illness.

Oregon's unrepresented defendants



Oregon Circuit Courts

Unrepresented Individuals Summary

Person View

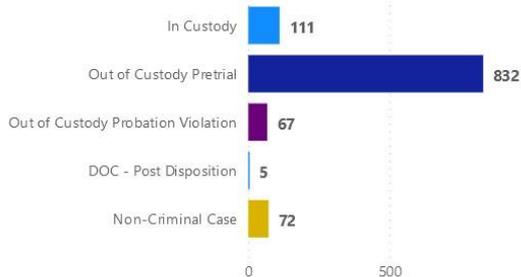
Summary

Case View

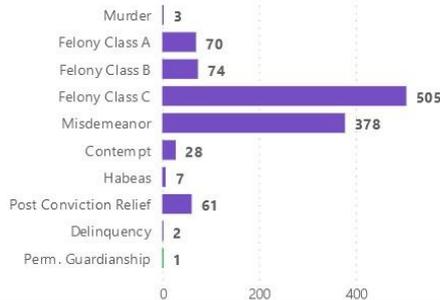
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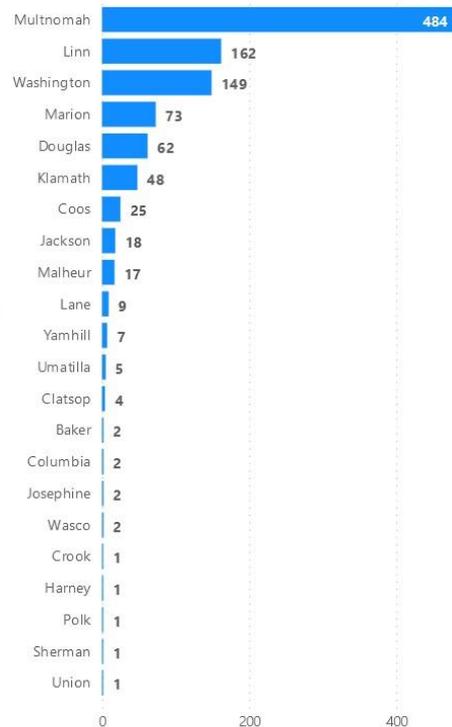
Unrepresented By Category



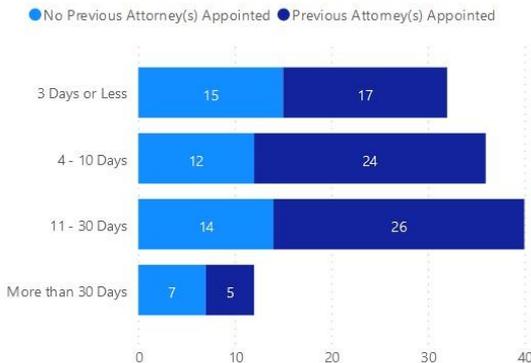
Unrepresented By Offense Group or Case Type



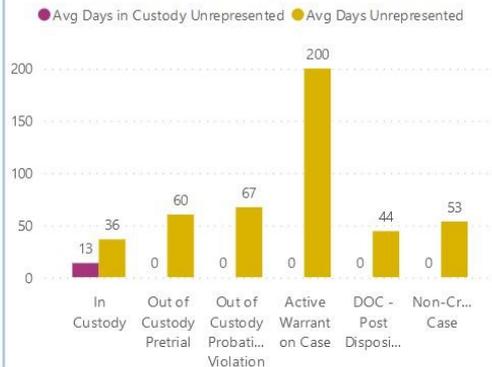
Unrepresented By Court



In Custody by Days In Custody Unrepresented



Avg Days Unrepresented



Attrition of Oregon's investigators



James Hudson

To make sufficient money to support my family I changed careers. I loved my career in criminal defense and I miss the opportunity to work in that field.



John Smith

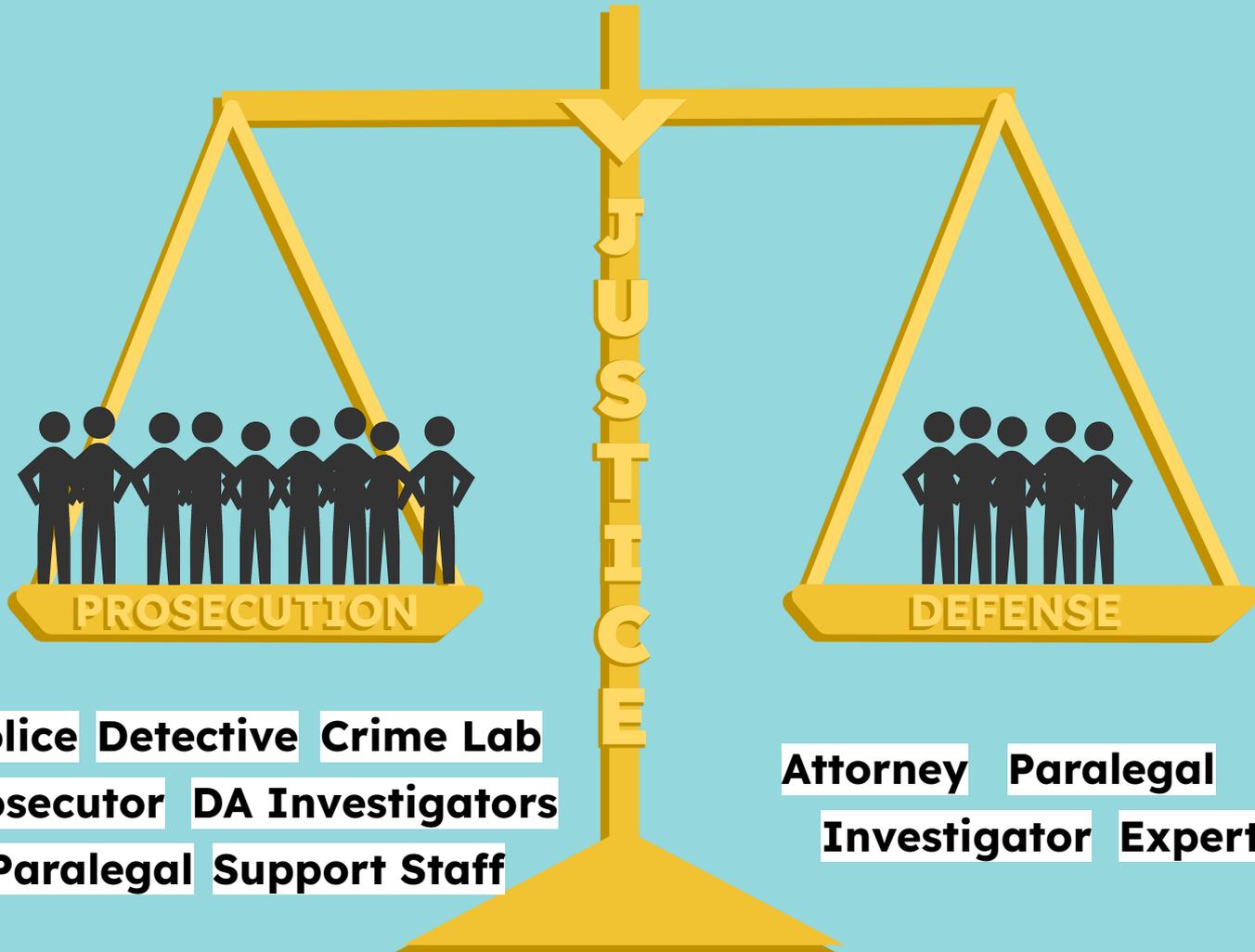
Because of substantial fixed overhead combined with the low rate, I have had to take side work in the service industry to make ends meet.



Jen Trezza

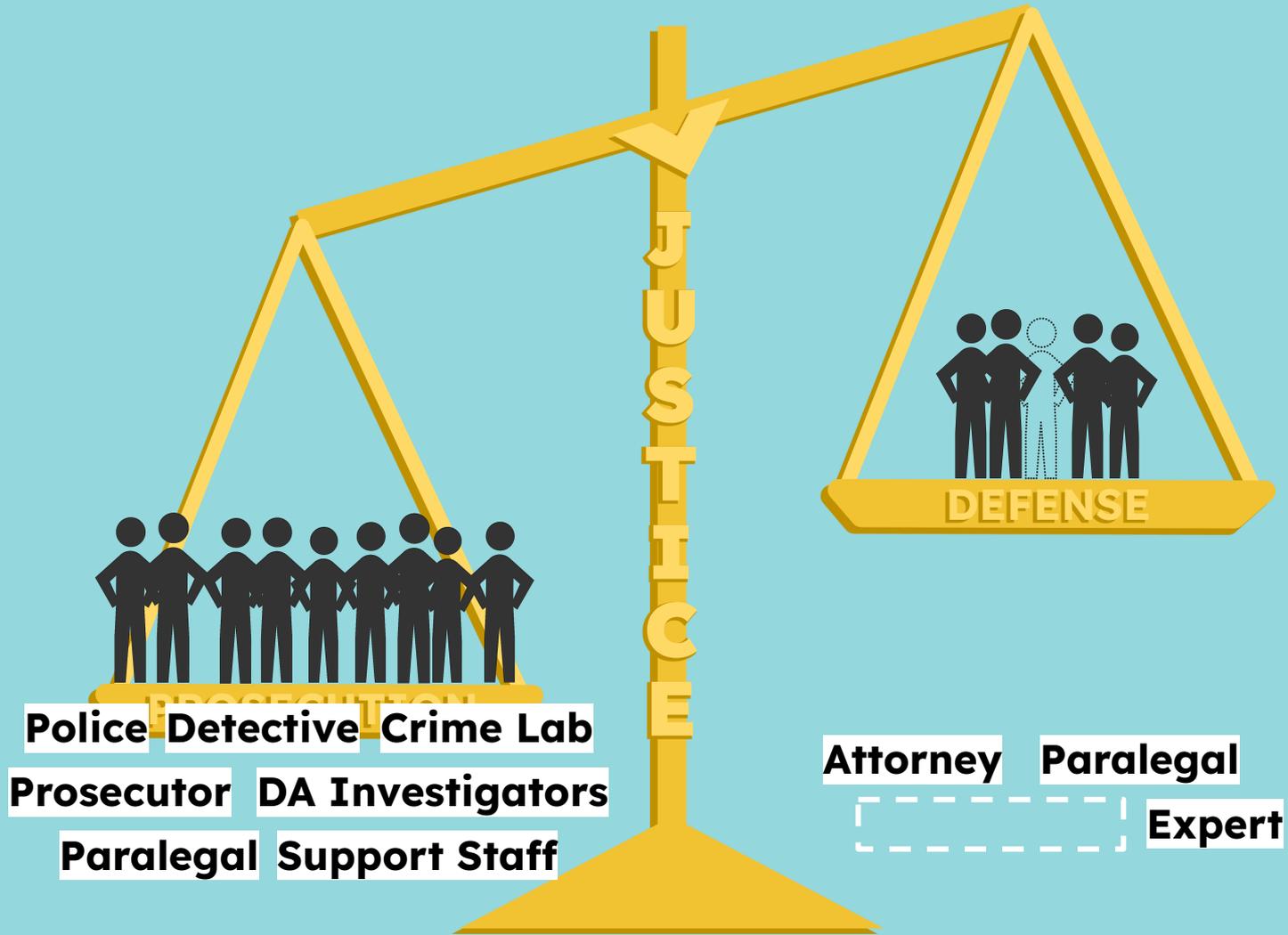
I was very successful in my work, and I had more clients than I could handle, but I ultimately had to move myself and my business to Michigan in order to make a living.

OPDS is losing about 8% of investigators per year. Attrition can be resolved with an increase in pay.

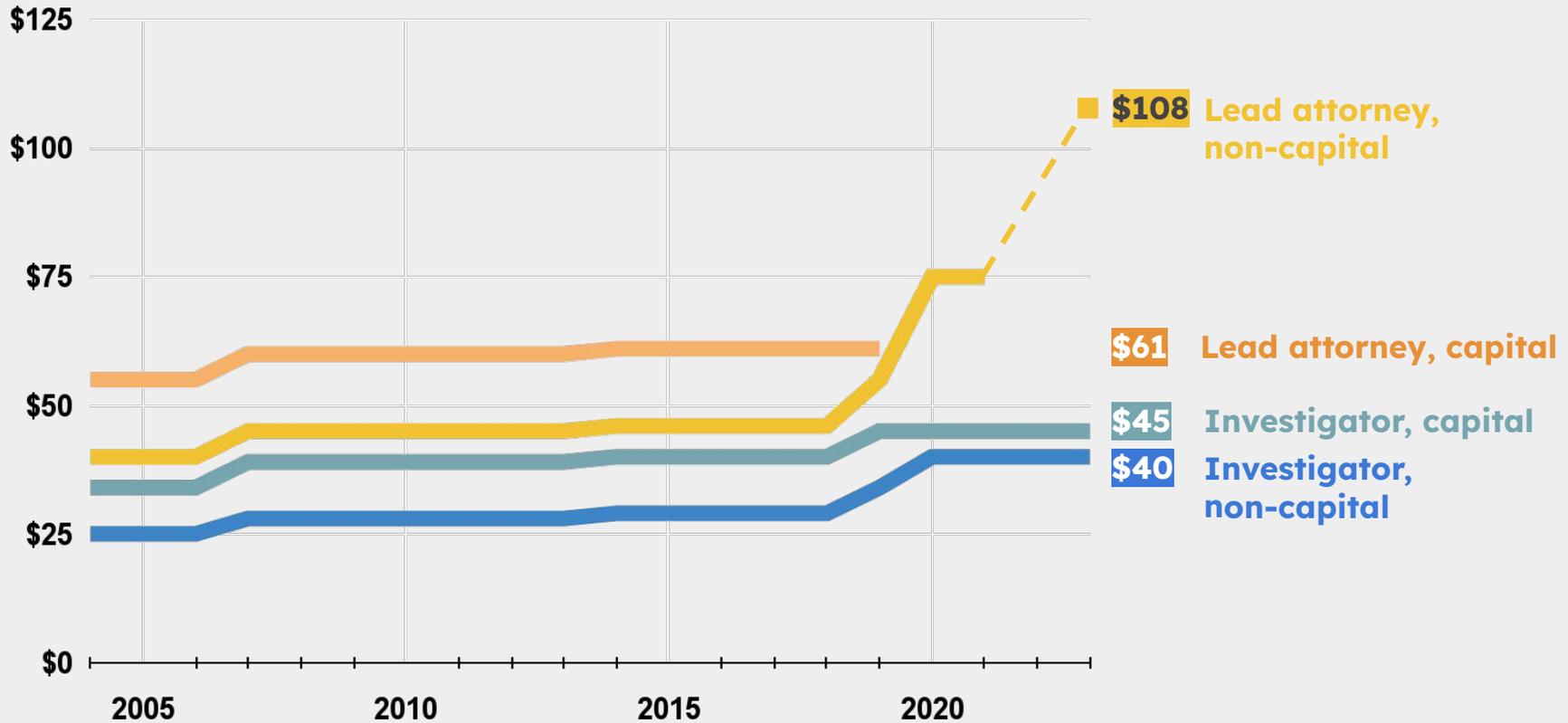


Police **Detective** **Crime Lab**
Prosecutor **DA** **Investigators**
Paralegal **Support Staff**

Attorney **Paralegal**
Investigator **Expert**



Oregon public defense pay rates: Historical



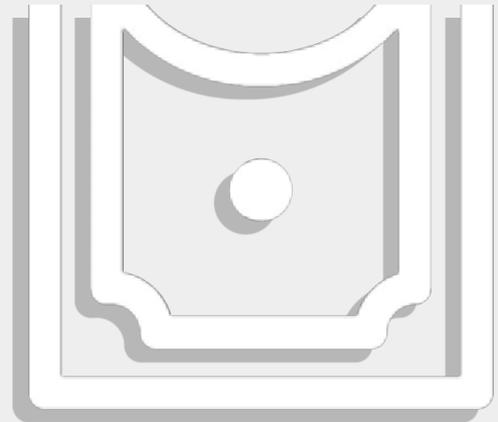
Oregon public defense investigator

TAKE HOME PAY 54%

OVERHEAD

Health insurance, business insurance, office lease, business phone, licensing, software subscriptions, equipment, retirement

46%
average



**TAKE
HOME PAY**

**Public defense
investigator,
Oregon**

54%

**Accountant,
Oregon**

66%

**Federal
defense
investigator**

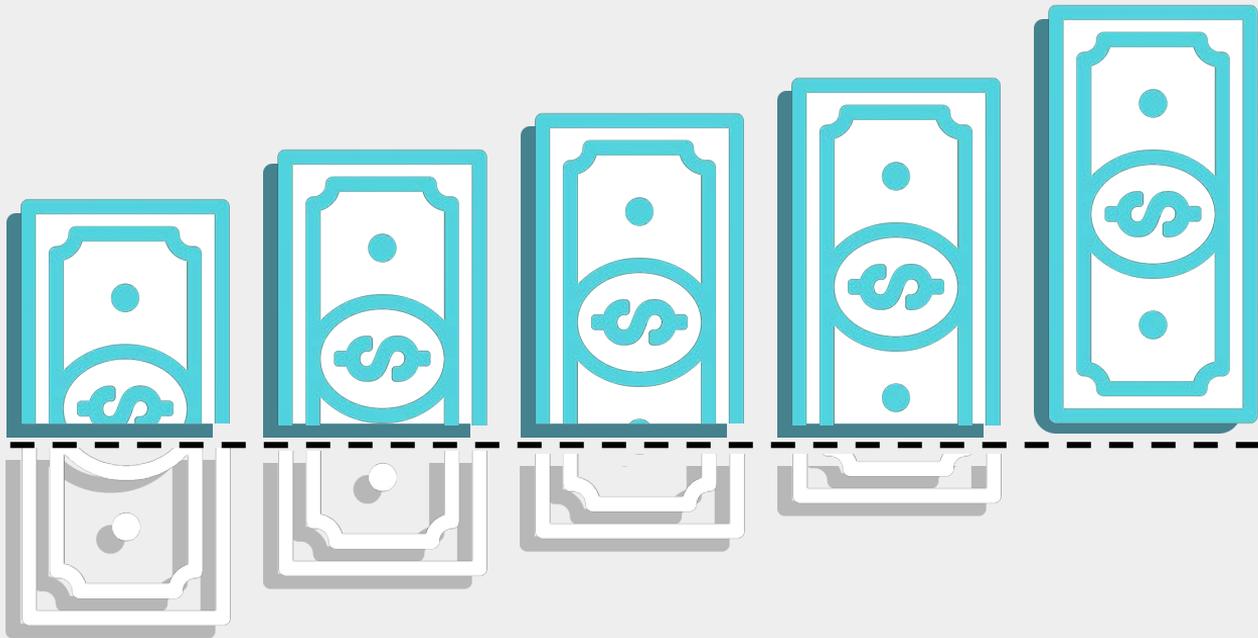
76%

**Retained
investigator,
Oregon**

87%

**DOJ
investigator**

100%



OVERHEAD

Oregon Dept. of Justice

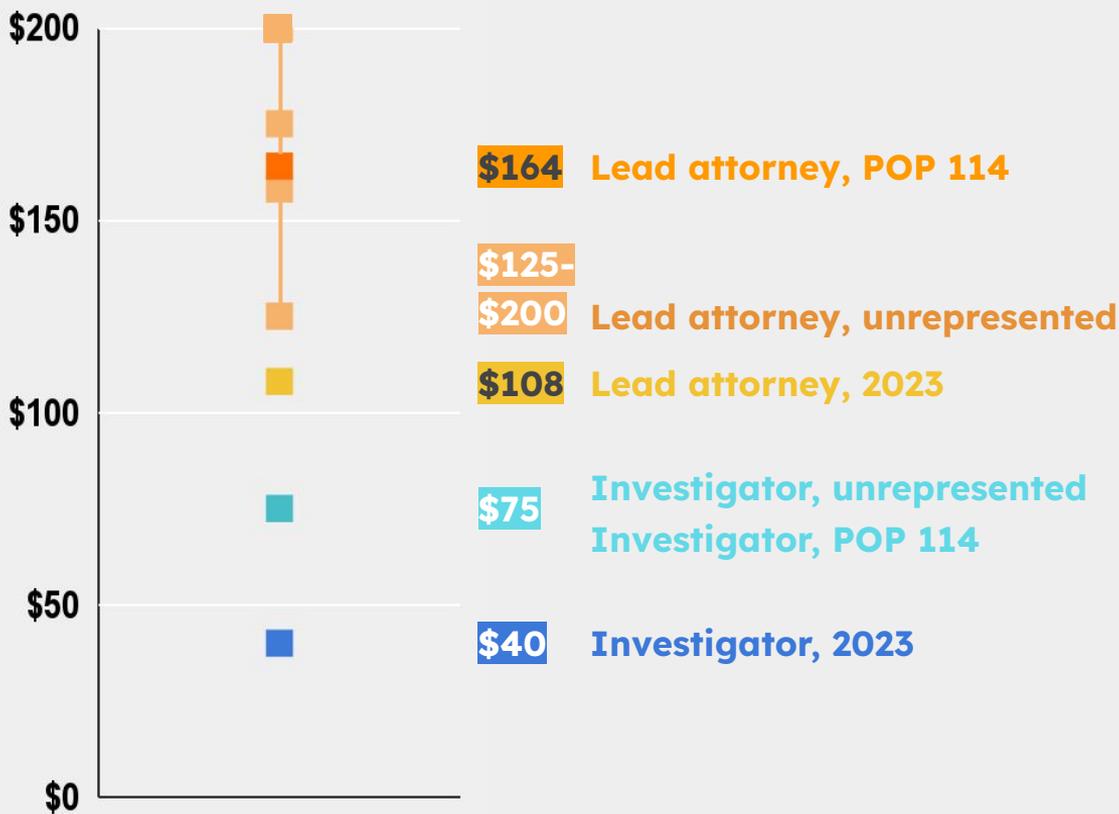
Attorney General Billing Rates

<u>Hourly billing rates</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25 GRB</u>
Asst. Attorney General	\$182	\$214	\$242	\$278
Investigator	\$125	\$126	\$134	\$144
Paralegal	\$ 91	\$ 98	\$110	\$121
Law Clerk	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 60	\$ 65
Clerical	\$ 49	\$ 49	\$ 52	\$ 56

Rates are intended to cover all legal divisions' projected expenses and leave a sufficient ending balance for working capital.

Oregon DOJ has consistently raised the rates of their investigators since 2017. This in turn allows DOJ to pay investigators a living wage. OPDS investigators lag far behind DOJ rates.

Oregon public defense pay rates: Unrepresented cases & POP 114



**A rate of \$75/hour will
keep good investigators,
recruit new investigators, and
allow investigators to execute
work without financial worry.**

