

OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Criminal Fine Account

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Judicial Branch

Court Ordered Fines/Fees

Felony, Misdemeanor and Violations

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- ❖ Statutes authorize - or require - courts to impose different kinds of financial obligations and govern how they can be collected.
- ❖ Revenue distributed to victims, counties, cities, and state based on payment priorities defined in statute.
- ❖ Fines can be suspended or converted to community service.
- ❖ Payment plans can be used.
 - ▣ If payments are current, court manages the payment plan
 - ▣ If delinquent for more than a year, court sends case to collections

Court Revenue to Criminal Fine Account

To State Criminal
Fine Account

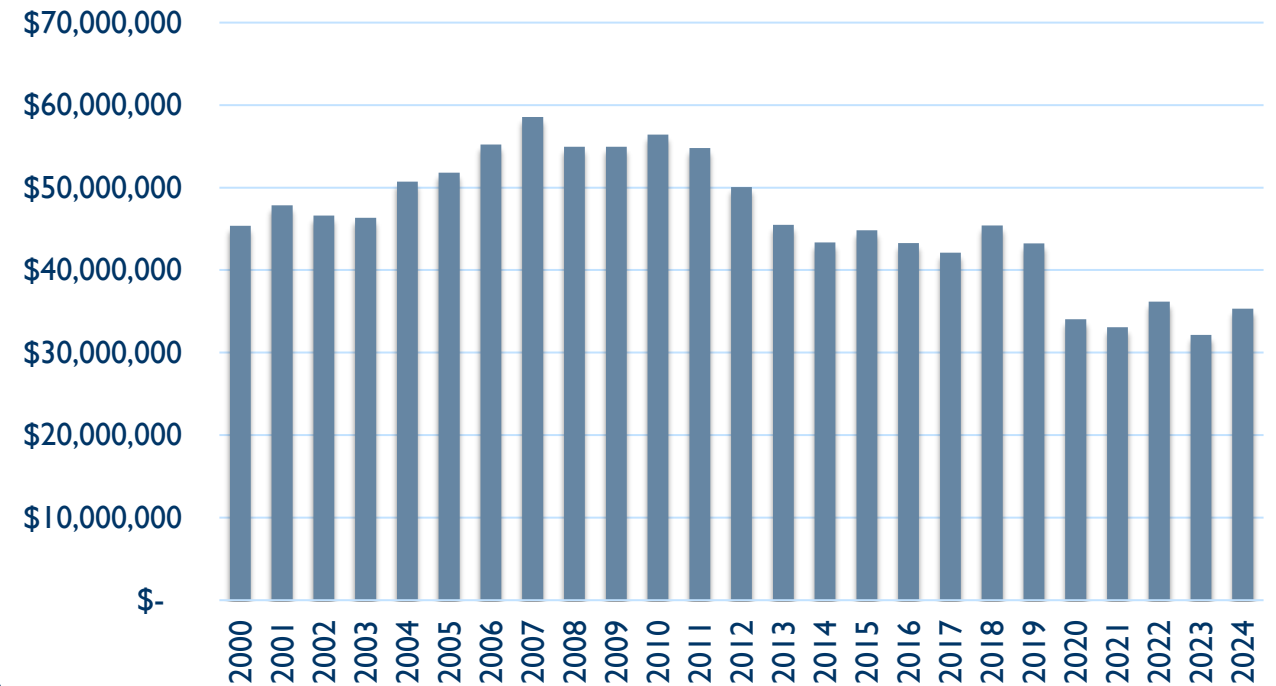
DUI Diversion &
Conviction Fees

Court Appointed
Attorney Fees

Felony &
Misdemeanor Fines

State Share of
Violation Fines

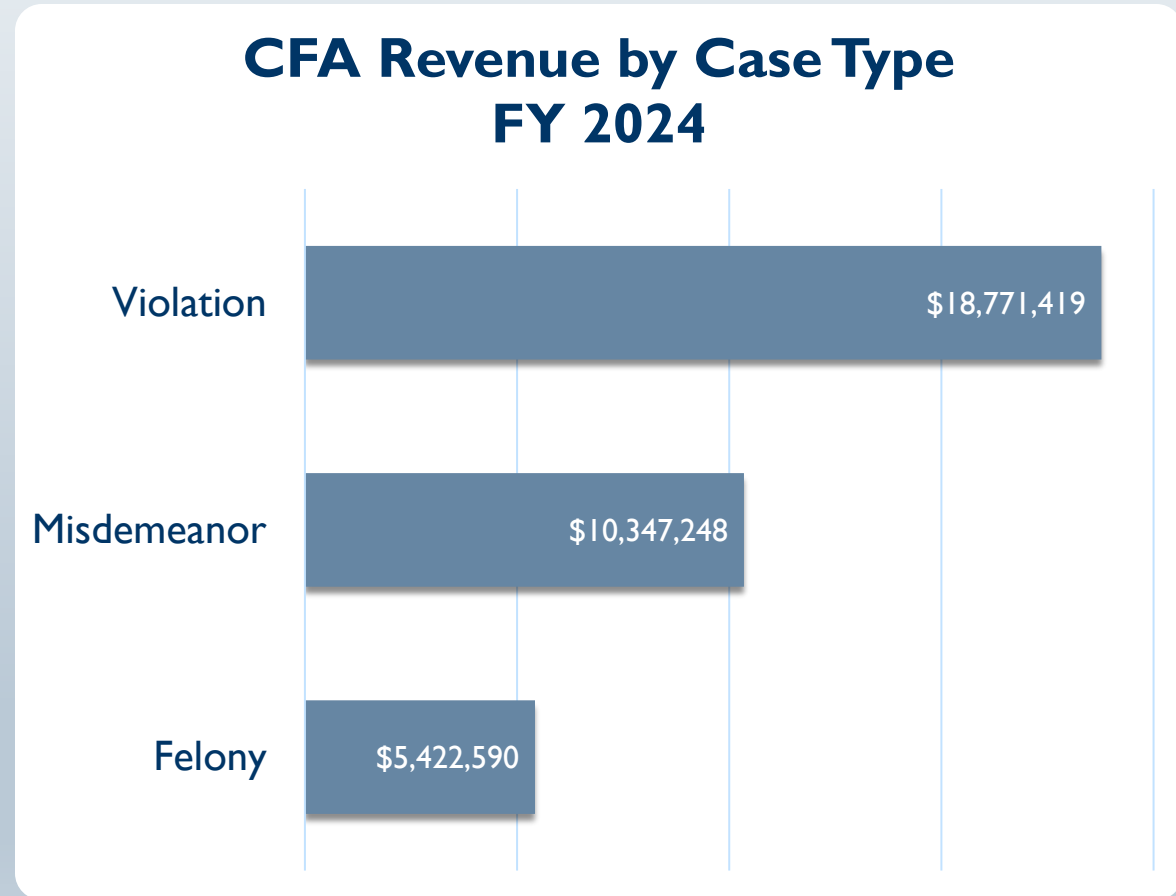
Court Revenue to CFA



Actual FY 2024 CFA Revenue by Case Type

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- ❖ Violation revenue is 54% of total revenue to the CFA.
- ❖ Misdemeanor and Felony fines and fees are harder to collect as people have less ability to pay.



Violation Trends

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- ❖ Violation filings declined during COVID and legislative moratoriums on certain traffic violations through SB 1601 (2020) and HB 2137 (2020).
- ❖ Violation filings back to normal levels in 2024 - up 18.4% from 2023.



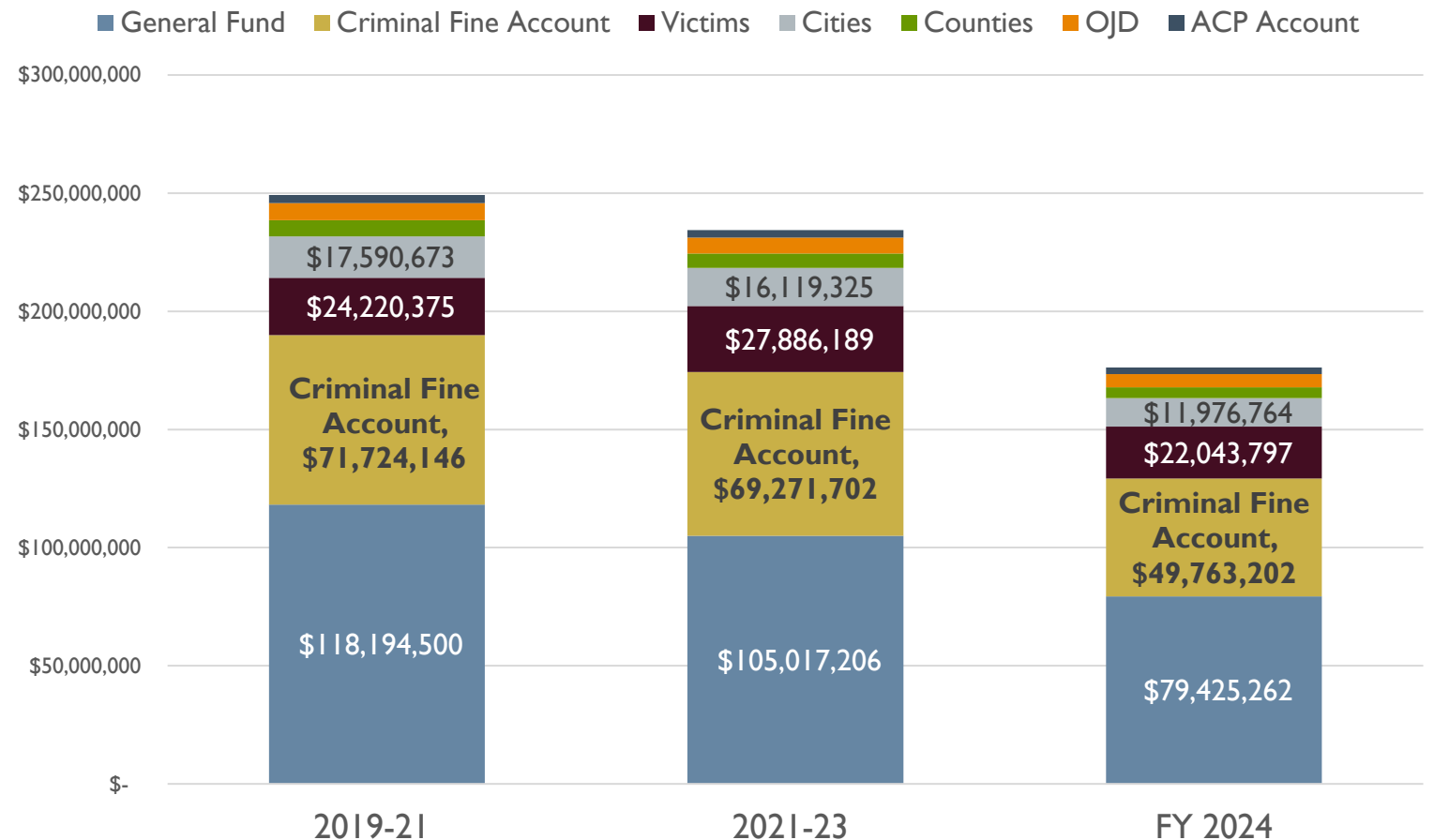
Recent Collections and Revenue Trends

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Contributing Factors to Revenue Trends

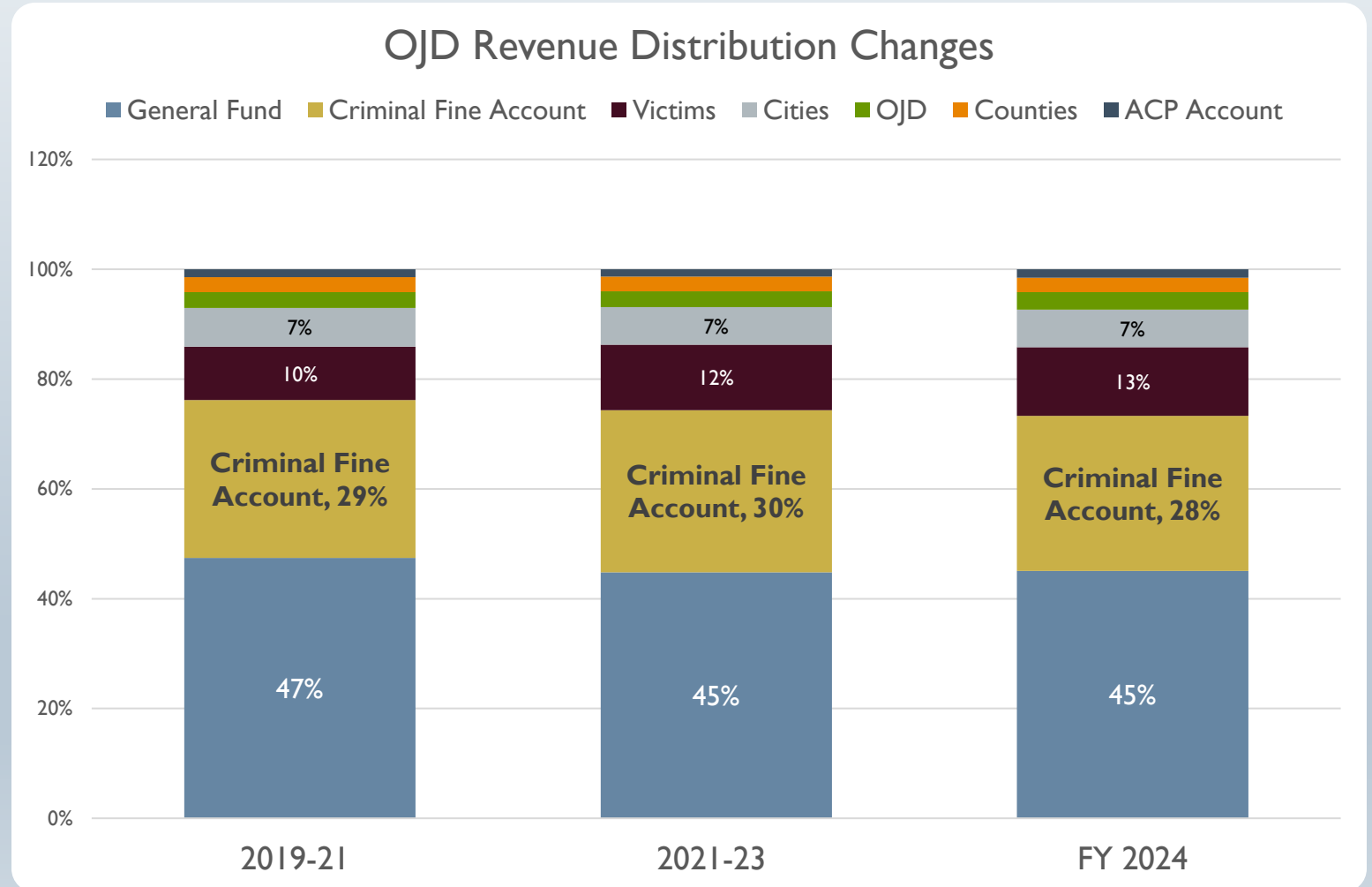
- ❖ Violations delayed during COVID were processed in 2022, 70-80% are paid in full within a year.
- ❖ Violation filings back to normal levels in 2024 - up 18.4% from 2023.
- ❖ Courts are imposing fewer financial obligations due to lack of ability to pay.
- ❖ More money is going to victims - HB 4075 (2022) gave restitution priority over fines and fees.

OJD Revenue Distribution



Changes to Revenue Distribution

- ❖ Greater share of revenue distributed to victims and less to criminal fines and fees going to the CFA.
- ❖ HB 4075 (2022) gave restitution priority over fines and fees. Restitution often takes years to collect which will delay fine collections.



CFA Revenues Distributed to OJD 2025-27

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- ❖ \$10.6 million to the State Court Facilities and Security Account to pay for expenditures authorized under ORS 1.178 for state court security, business continuity, emergency preparedness, local county security accounts, capital improvements to state court facilities, and statewide security training.
- ❖ \$4 million to the State Court Technology Fund to pay for expenditures authorized under ORS 1.012 for developing, maintaining, and supporting state court electronic applications, services, and systems and for providing access to and use of those applications, services, and systems.
- ❖ OJD has also submitted Policy Option Package 125 that will eliminate this transfer if approved.

Thank You

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