



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Office of the State Court Administrator

February 5, 2025
(SENT BY EMAIL)

The Honorable Anthony Broadman, Co-Chair
The Honorable Paul Evans, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Public Safety
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Responses to Committee Questions on February 3, 2025

Dear Co-Chair Broadman and Co-Chair Evans:

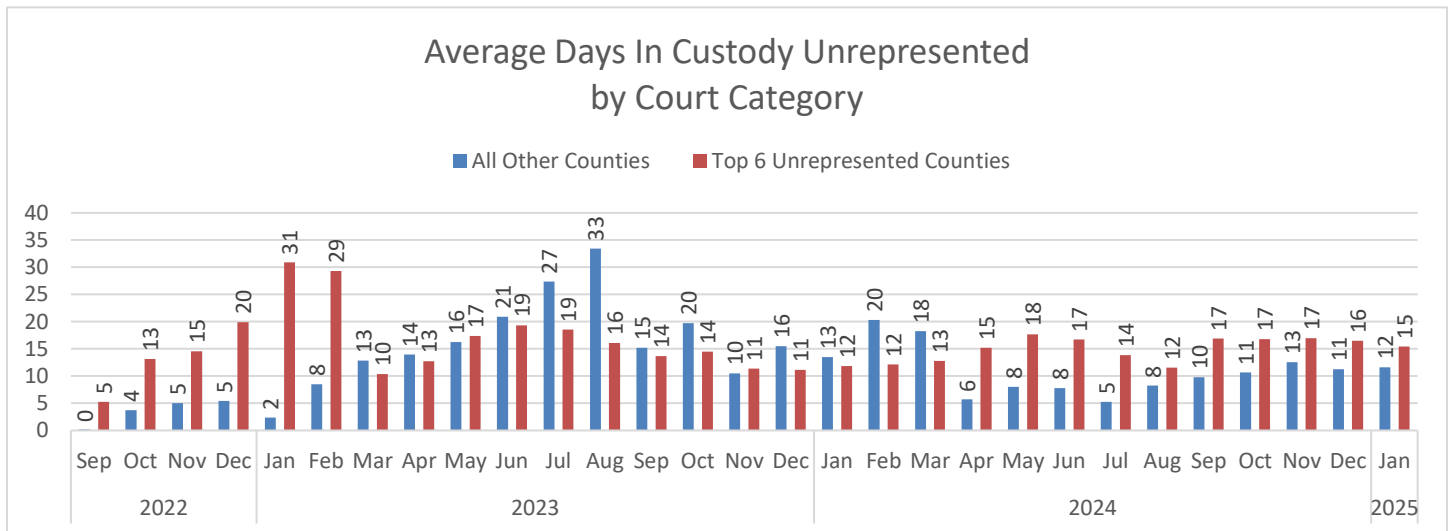
Thank you for allowing us to present information on the current state of the unrepresented persons crisis Monday. I am writing today to provide additional information to questions asked by committee members.

1. Senator Broadman asked for a breakout of the average number of days a person is unrepresented in noncrisis counties as a trend over time.

The data shows that for nearly a year, March 2023 to March 2024, the noncrisis counties averaged a higher number of days persons were unrepresented by counsel than the crisis counties. Since April 2024, the crisis counties have steadily had a higher average number of days that defendants are unrepresented than the other counties.

In the last 10 months the average number of days in custody were greater for defendants in crisis counties than in noncrisis counties, while in the previous 12 months noncrisis counties had a higher average.

The chart below illustrates an average number of days defendants are unrepresented in the top six unrepresented counties (crisis counties) and in all other counties from September 2022 through January 2025, as a monthly average, to view the trends over time.

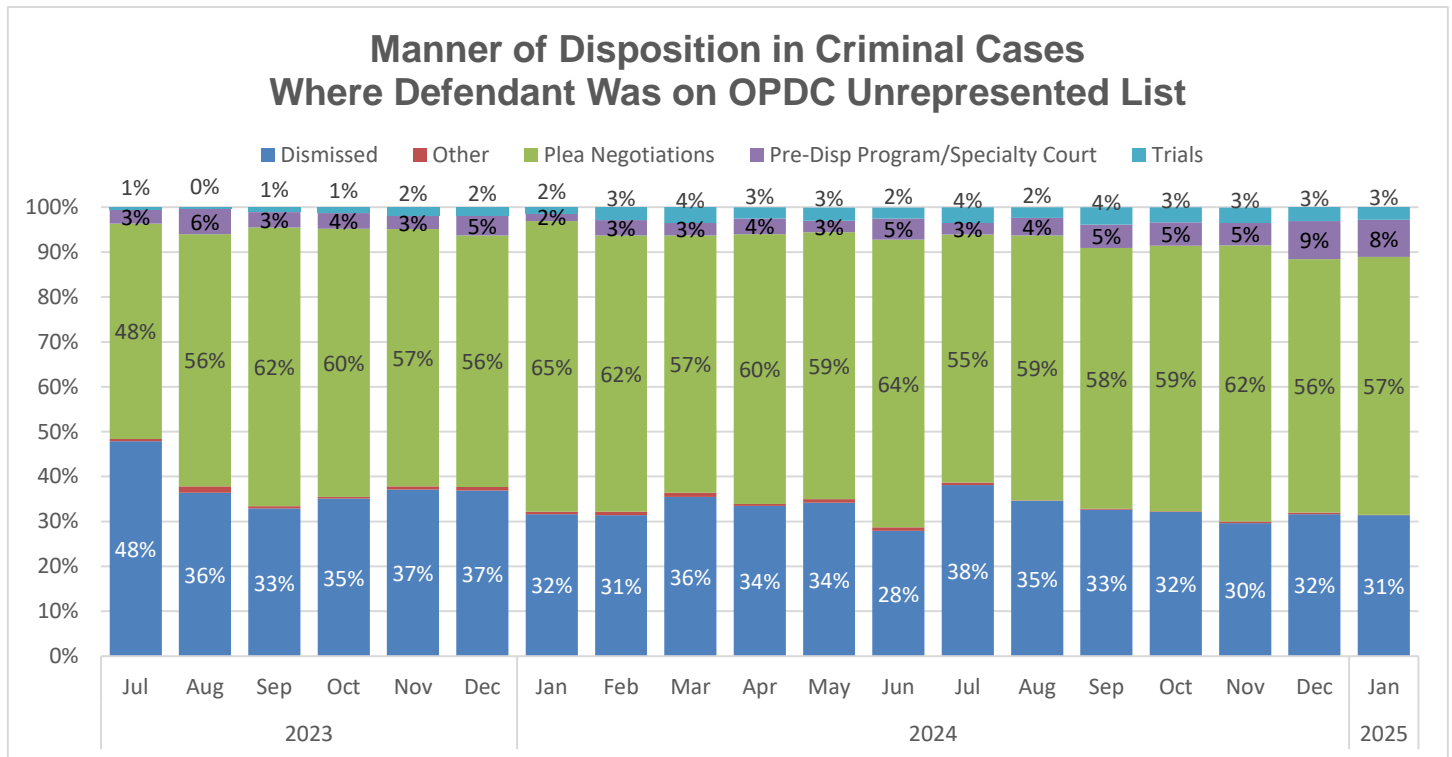


2. Representative Chotzen asked for information on the resolution method of cases in which defendants had attorneys appointed.

Although the monthly numbers vary, since July 2023 the most common resolution method was by plea negotiations, followed by participation in a pre-disposition program or specialty court, then dismissal, then trial.

Below, the chart illustrates the case outcomes, or disposition, of cases in which the defendant had been on the unrepresented list and subsequently received representation. The graph captures monthly data from July 2023 through January 2025. The chart stacks each case resolution type together by month for a visual representation of the proportions of cases resolved by pleas, trial, through specialty court or some other resolution, and by dismissal. It is important to note that this chart does not dig into the details to determine the number of dismissals generated through a “global resolution” where some cases are dismissed in exchange for a plea to charges in other cases.

As you can see, most of these cases are disposed by plea negotiation (48–65%), followed by dismissals (28–48%). A small number enter a specialty court or pre-disposition diversion program (3–9%), while a smaller percent result in trials (0–4%).



3. Senator Broadman asked if the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) could identify the number of deputy district attorneys and attorneys in public defense practice in 2019.

OJD used a 2019 roster from the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (OCDLA) and the Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC) contracts to identify 672 attorneys practicing public defense. We are not able to identify the corresponding number of prosecutors and would suggest the subcommittee ask the Oregon District Attorneys Association if it has helpful information.

In 2019, there were 672 contract attorneys (see attached OCDLA document). Attorneys are listed starting on page 90 of the document. We also have attached a spreadsheet with the data copied from the OCDLA document showing the attorneys by county, contract, and provider.

OPDC should be able to provide the current list of contract attorneys by county, contract, and provider, as well as the attorneys providing services under the Temporary Hourly Increase Program (THIP).

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I hope this information is helpful. Please let us know if you have additional questions, and thank you again for the opportunity to present to your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy J. Cozine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent part.

Nancy J. Cozine
State Court Administrator

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County	2019 Contract Type	Contract	2019 Number of Attorneys	Notes
All Counties	Immigration consultation.	Oregon Justice Resource Center	2	
All Counties	Post-conviction appeals.	O'Connor Weber LLP	5	
All Counties	Post-conviction and habeas corpus appeals.	OPC, Inc.	12	
All Counties	Aggravated Murder	All Statewide Aggravated Murder Contracts	29	
Baker	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Eagle Cap Defenders	3	
Benton	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Benton County Legal Defense Corporation	6	
Clackamas	Juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Independent Defenders, Inc.	3	
Clackamas	Juvenile.	Juvenile Advocates of Clackamas	6	
Clackamas	Criminal, specialty courts.	Clackamas Indigent Defense	29	
Clatsop	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Mary Ann Murk	1	
Clatsop	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Clatsop County Defenders Association	4	
Columbia	Criminal, civil commitment, PCRP, specialty courts.	Columbia County Indigent Defense Corporation	6	
Columbia	Criminal, civil commitment, post-conviction, specialty courts.	Justice Alliance of Columbia County	10	
Coos	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Southwestern Oregon Public Defender Services, Inc. (SWOPDS)	9	
Coos	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Coos County Indigent Defense Consortium	10	
Crook	Criminal, civil commitment, juvenile.	Madras Indigent Defense Consortium	6	
Crook/Jefferson	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	22nd Circuit Defenders	9	
Curry	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Curry County Public Defense, LLC	2	
Deschutes	Criminal, civil commitment.	Kollie Law Group PC	5	
Deschutes	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Bend Attorney Group	10	
Deschutes	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Crabtree & Rahmsdorf Defense Services, Inc.	14	
Douglas	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Richard A. Grener, PC	1	
Douglas	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Roseburg Defense Consortium	4	
Douglas	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Arneson & Stewart PC	5	
Douglas	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Umpqua Valley Public Defender	11	
Grant/Harney	Criminal, civil commitment, juvenile.	John B. Lamborn, Attorney at Law PC	2	1 Same admin as Morris Starns & Sullivan PC
Grant/Harney	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Law Office of Robert S. Raschio PC	7	
Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/Wheeler	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Morris Starns & Sullivan PC	10	Same admin as 7th District Consortium
Hood River/Wasco/Sherman/Gilliam/Wheeler	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	7th District Consortium	5	
Jackson	Juvenile.	Los Abogados	7	
Jackson	Criminal.	Jackson Juvenile Consortium, LLC	7	
Jackson	Criminal, juvenile, specialty courts.	Rogue Valley Defenders, LLC	7	
Jefferson	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Southern Oregon Public Defender, Inc.	17	Same admin as SOPD for Josephine Co
Josephine	Criminal, specialty courts.	Madras Indigent Defense Consortium	6	
Josephine	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	SOPD for Josephine Co	5	Same admin as Southern Oregon Public Defender, Inc.
Klamath/Lake	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Josephine County Defense Lawyers, Inc.	11	
Lane	Criminal.	Klamath Defender Services	17	
Lane	Juvenile.	Lane County Defense Consortium	8	
Lane	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Lane Juvenile Lawyers Association	16	
Lane	Juvenile.	Public Defender Services of Lane County	20	
Lincoln	Criminal.	Lincoln Juvenile Defenders, LLC	5	
Lincoln	Criminal, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Oregon Coast Defenders	7	
Linn	PCRP	Linn County Juvenile Defense Corporation	7	
Linn	Criminal, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Linn Defenders, Inc.	9	
Malheur	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	David R. Carlson	1	Admin is only atty - incl as 1
Malheur	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Douglas J. Rock, PC	1	Admin is only atty - incl as 1
Malheur	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Stuntz Fonda Kiyuna & Horton	1	Admin is only atty - incl as 1
Malheur	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Stoddard & Denison	2	
Marion	PSRB.	Harris S. Matarazzo	2	
Marion	Juvenile, specialty courts.	Juvenile Advocacy Consortium	12	
Marion	Criminal, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Public Defender of Marion County	14	
Marion	Criminal, specialty courts.	Marion County Association of Defenders	40	
Multnomah	Juvenile.	Troy & Rosenberg, PC	2	
Multnomah	Juvenile.	Sage Legal Center	3	Admin included in attorney list on document - incl in 2019 #
Multnomah	Criminal.	Portland Defense Consortium	15	
Multnomah	Juvenile.	Portland Juvenile Defenders, Inc.	15	
Multnomah	Appeals, juvenile.	Youth, Rights & Justice, Attorneys at Law	20	
Multnomah	Appeals, criminal, juvenile, specialty courts.	Multnomah Defenders, Inc.	24	
Multnomah	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Metropolitan Public Defender Services, Inc.	39	
Polk	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Vidrio, Park & Jarvis LLC	3	
Polk	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Polk County Conflict Consortium	7	
Tillamook	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Tillamook County Defense Consortium	2	
Umatilla/Morrow	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment.	Blue Mountain Defenders	7	
Umatilla/Morrow	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Intermountain Public Defender, Inc.	8	
Union/Wallowa	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Grande Ronde Defenders	6	
Washington	Criminal, juvenile, specialty courts.	Ridebaugh & Associates, LLC	4	
Washington	Criminal, juvenile.	Hillsboro Law Group PC	7	
Washington	Criminal, juvenile.	Karpstein & Verhulst, P.C.	7	
Washington	Criminal, juvenile, specialty courts.	Oregon Defense Attorney Consortium	16	

Washington	Criminal, juvenile, civil commitment, specialty courts.	Metropolitan Public Defenders, Washington Co.	23
Yamhill	Criminal, juvenile, specialty courts.	Justice Alliance Center	22
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