

## Senate Bill 95



# Presiding Judge Jay McAlpin Lane County Circuit Court

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Photo: Nathan Lucas

## WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR & WHY

**REQUEST: 2 NEW** 

JUDGES.

WHY: WE'RE AT A TIPPING POINT AND NEED YOUR HELP.





## COMPARISON

		1983	2025
	Movie Ticket	\$2.50	\$10.78
	Gallon of Gas	\$1.10	\$4.42
	Dodge RAM Truck	\$8,995.00	\$39,420.00
	Average Cost of House	\$86,730.00	\$322,000.00
	Lane County Population	267,900	382,647 1 42%
	Judges in Lane County	15	15

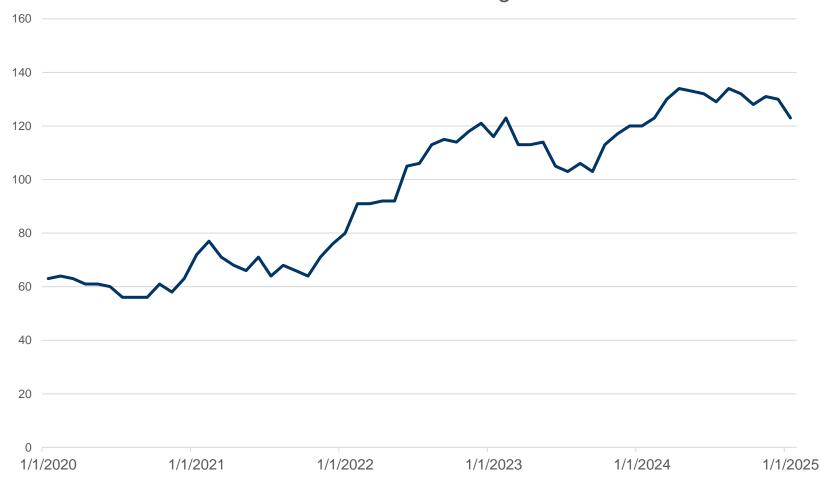
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# WHAT IS OVER THE HORIZON?

- Behavioral Health needs will continue to increase
- Housing shortages likely to continue
- Criminal filings are returning to "normal"
- All potentially at the expense of other court services



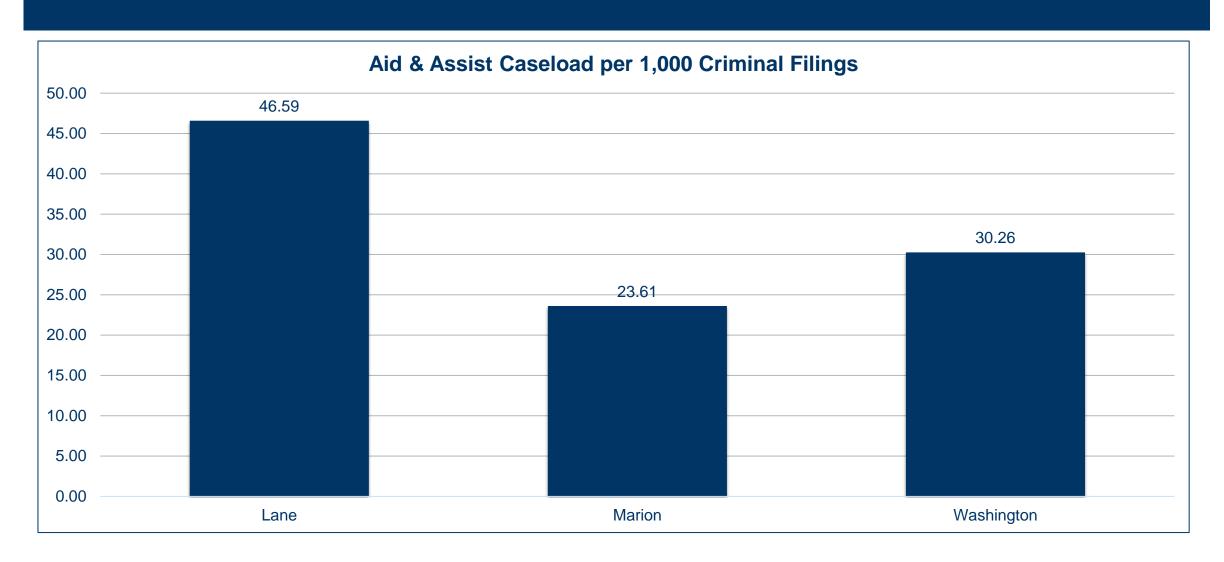
#### Aid & Assist Caseload - Change Over Time



### LANE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKLOAD

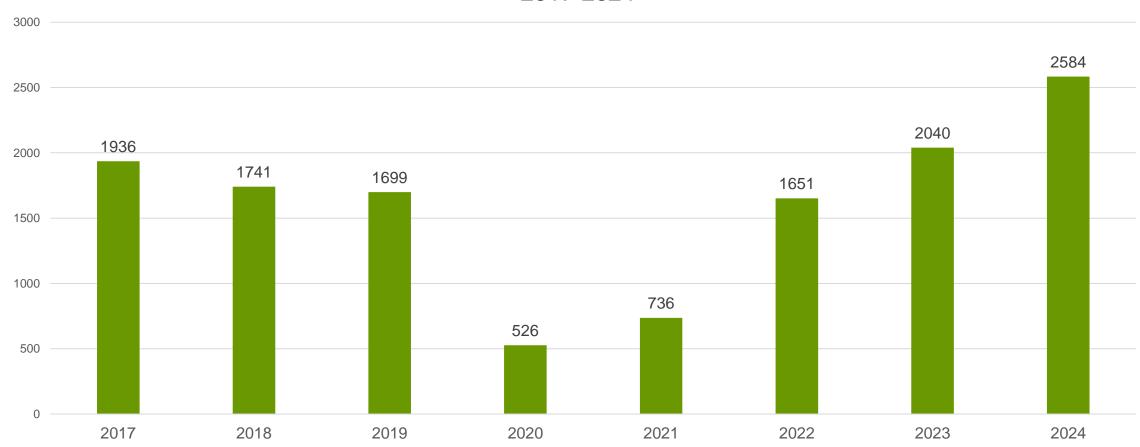
63% increase in Lane's aid & assist caseload between January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2025.

## Lane's Behavioral Health Workload



### LANE'S EVICTION WORKLOAD

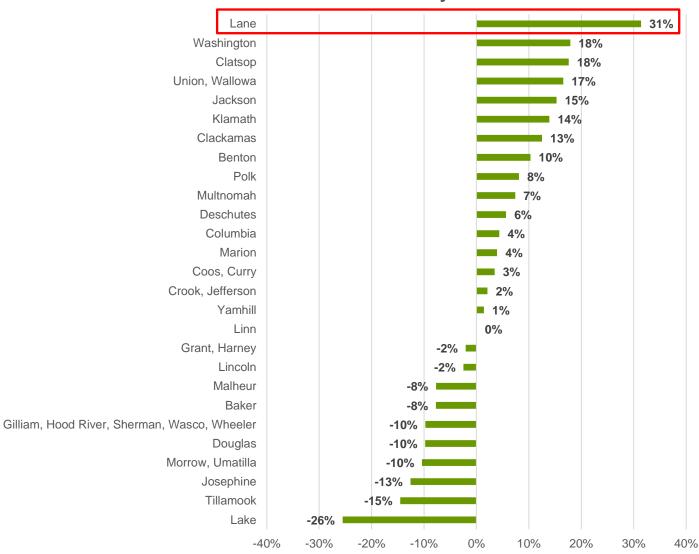
Landlord Tenant Filings in Lane County 2017-2024



## LANE'S CRIMINAL WORKLOAD

 Includes criminal, civil commitment, delinquency, and PCR/habeas case types.

#### One-Year Change in Public Defense Related Cases Filed 2023 - 2024 by Judicial District



#### LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BENCH

- 15 Judges (no referees)
- 100 court staff
- 1st Pretrial Service Program in Oregon (1975)
- Among first 20 treatment courts in the country (1994)
  - 57 treatment court graduates in 2024. 32 graduates had Department of Corrections sentences hanging over their heads



## Thank you



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