

## FACT SHEET:

- 14 years since the legislature created a new judicial position in Washington County.
- With position created in 2002 it only took us down to 1 judge for every 32,000 citizens.
- Since 2002 the population in Washington County has increased by over 106,000 and will conservatively increase by another 31,000 by the year 2020.<sup>1</sup>
- Currently Washington County has 1 judge for every 42,000 citizens (591,000/14 judges), the highest ratio in the state.
- With one position and conservative 31,000 by 2020 estimate: ratio would remain at 1 judge for every 42,000 (622,000/15).
- Even with *two* additional positions by the year 2020 Washington County would still be around 1 judge for every 39,000 people (622,000/16 Judges).<sup>2</sup>
- For comparison of other counties please see attached table
- Fiscal Impact of additional Judges (and staff):
  - 2017-2019 per OJD request: Phase in position at end of biennium \$295,093.
  - Roll up: \$824,354 (using 2017-2019 costs)

## WHAT TWO OR MORE JUDGES WOULD MEAN:

- Justice Reinvestment /Family Services Court (saving DOC beds).
- Aid and Assist docket (relieving OSH beds).
- Continue current case management system in which the court rarely resets criminal or civil trials.
- Ability to hold settlement conferences in civil, family, and serious criminal cases.
- More specialty courts: Veterans, Restitution collection, pre-trial Motions.
- More timely dispositions in Domestic relations and juvenile cases.

## IF REMAIN AT CURRENT LEVEL:

- May no longer be able to participate in Justice Reinvestment/Downward Departure cases. The court is being asked to grant more Downward Departures to Defendant's whose presumptive sentence was prison. The counties were given more resources (JRI funds) to provide local services. Our court was not. Many times when we do downward departures that means several more appearances on each case. We just don't have the judges to keep doing those appearances.
- Longer time periods to set hearings on Aid and Assist cases.
- Delays and multiple resets of criminal trials, even those in-custody.
- No longer be able to meet civil trials within current timely disposition periods. Including multiple resets eve of trial.
- Longer time periods to finalize family law proceedings or judgments.
- Delay in Juvenile court matters, including federally mandated timelines.

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<sup>1</sup> Portland State University Population Research Center, College of Urban and Public Affairs.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

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	Clackamas			Marion			Multnomah			Washington		
	Pop. <sup>3</sup>	Judges	Ratio	Pop.	Judges	Ratio	Pop.	Judges	Ratio	Pop.	Judges	Ratio
2003 <sup>4</sup>	325,000	10	1/32,500	292,000	14	1/21,000	642,000	38	1/17,000	485,000	14	1/34,500
2015	397,000	11	1/36,000	330,000	14	1/24,000	777,000	38	1/20,000	570,000	14	1/41,000
2017 <sup>5</sup>	409,000	11	1/37,000	339,000	14	1/24,000	801,000	38	1/21,000	591,000	14	1/42,000
2017 <sup>6</sup>	409,000	11	1/37,000	339,000	14	1/24,000	801,000	38	1/21,000	591,000	15	1/39,000
2020	423,000	11	1/38,000	355,000	14	1/25,000	808,000	38	1/21,000	622,000	14	1/44,000
2020	423,000	11	1/38,000	355,000	14	1/25,000	808,000	38	1/21,000	622,000	15	1/42,000
2020 <sup>7</sup>	423,000	<b>20</b>	1/21,000	355,000	<b>17</b>	1/21,000	808,000	38	1/21,000	622,000	<b>30</b>	1/21,000
2050	584,000	11	1/53,000	499,000	14	1/36,000	983,000	38	1/26,000	916,000	14	1/65,000
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2050 <sup>8</sup>	584,000	<b>23</b>	1/26,000	499,000	<b>19</b>	1/26,000	983,000	38	1/26,000	916,000	<b>35</b>	1/26,000

<sup>3</sup> Per Portland State University Population Research Center, College of Urban and Public Affairs

<sup>4</sup> Last time Washington County received a new judicial position.

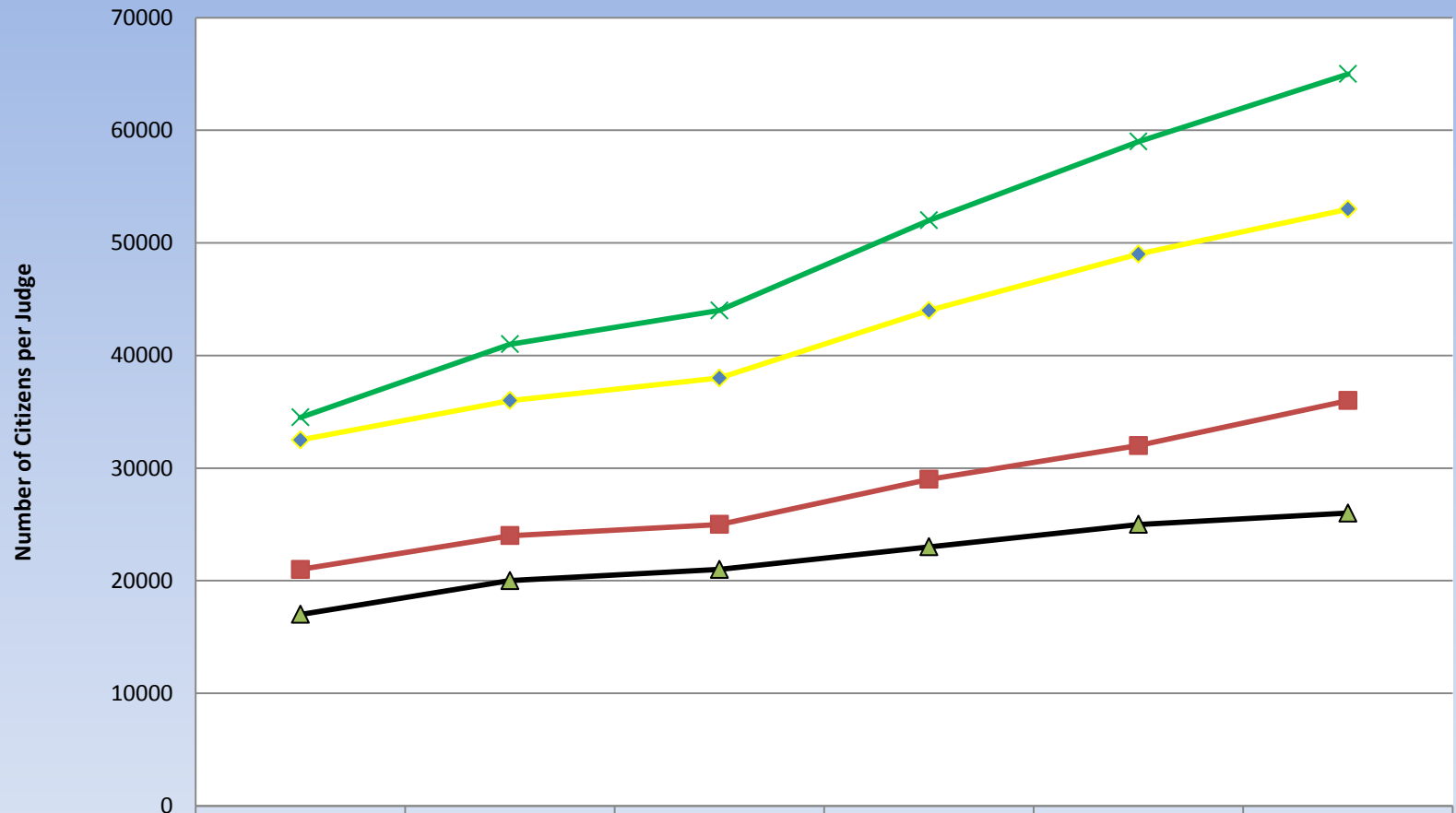
<sup>5</sup> Extrapolated by percentage of growth from 2014-2015.

<sup>6</sup> If Washington County were to receive a new judicial position.

<sup>7</sup> Number of judges needed to get to Multnomah County's ratio.

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## Metro Area Judicial Position Ratios Projections to 2050



	2003	2015	2020	2030	2040	2050
◆ Clackamas County	32500	36000	38000	44000	49000	53000
■ Marion County	21000	24000	25000	29000	32000	36000
▲ Multnomah County	17000	20000	21000	23000	25000	26000
✕ Washington County	34500	41000	44000	52000	59000	65000