



# Local Courts



Judge J. Britton, Beaverton  
Municipal Court

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Judge Justin Kidd, Marion  
County Justice Court

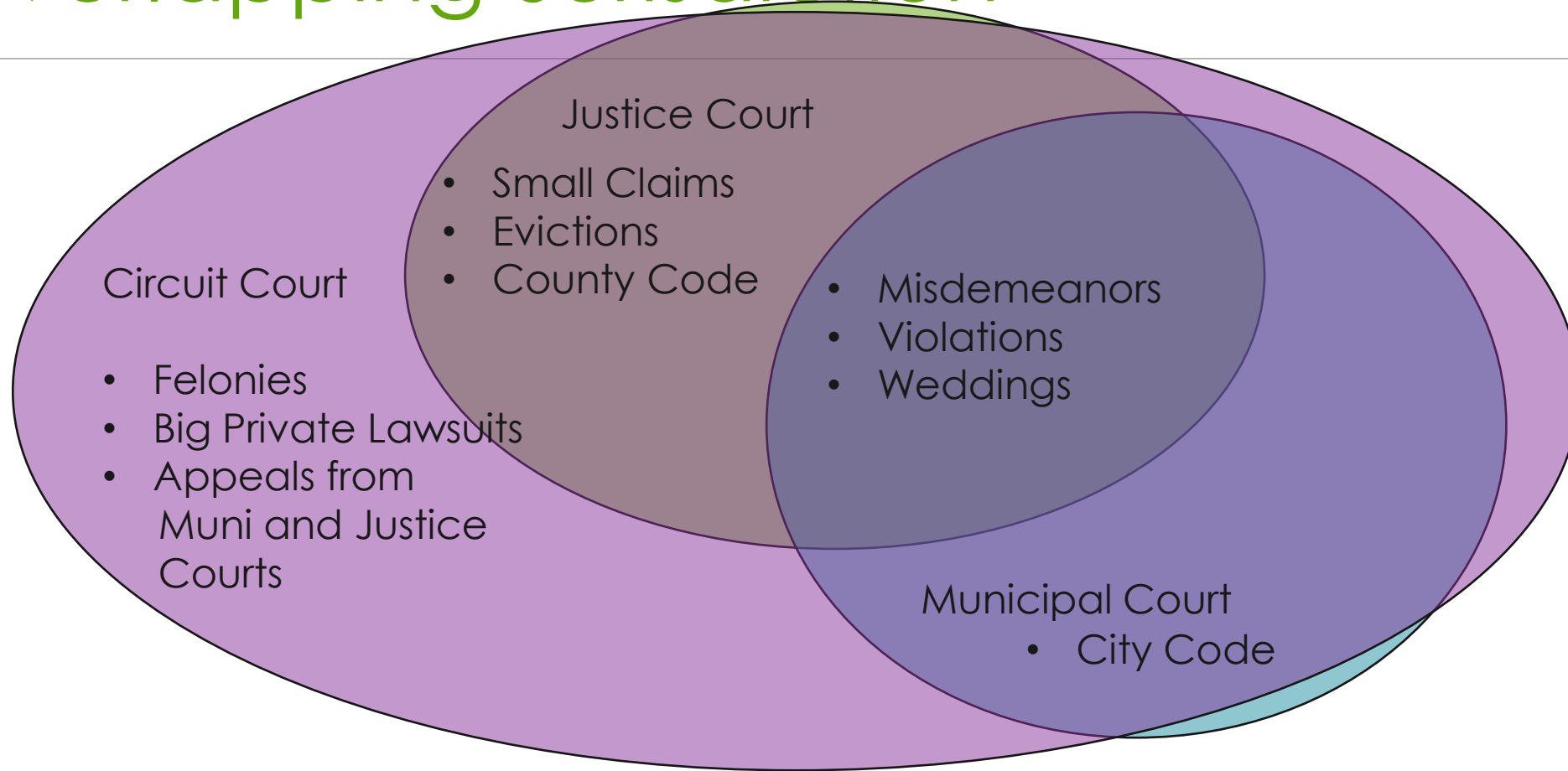
## The Takeaway

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Local courts improve access to justice and lift the burden on the circuit court.

# Overlapping Jurisdiction

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# Improving Access to Justice

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- Process cases quickly
- Geographically convenient
- Easier to understand and navigate
- Specialized for Pro Se (no lawyer) Defendants
- Specialized courts can give more attention to traffic safety, mental health, and addiction

# Lifting Burden of State Circuit Courts

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- We save Oregon Judicial Department money by reducing circuit court caseload
- We deposit money in State General Fund:  
Approximately 87 million since 2018 through fine allocations
- We lift the workload burden on the circuit court, so they can focus on pressing public safety matters

# What is a Local Court?

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- Municipal City Court
- County Justice Court
- Tribal Court

# How Many Local Courts are in Oregon?

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119 Municipal Courts

25 Justice Courts

9 Tribal Courts

# Characteristics

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- Funded by city, county and tribal funds
- Not part of the State of Oregon  
Judicial Department Circuit Court  
System



# Judges

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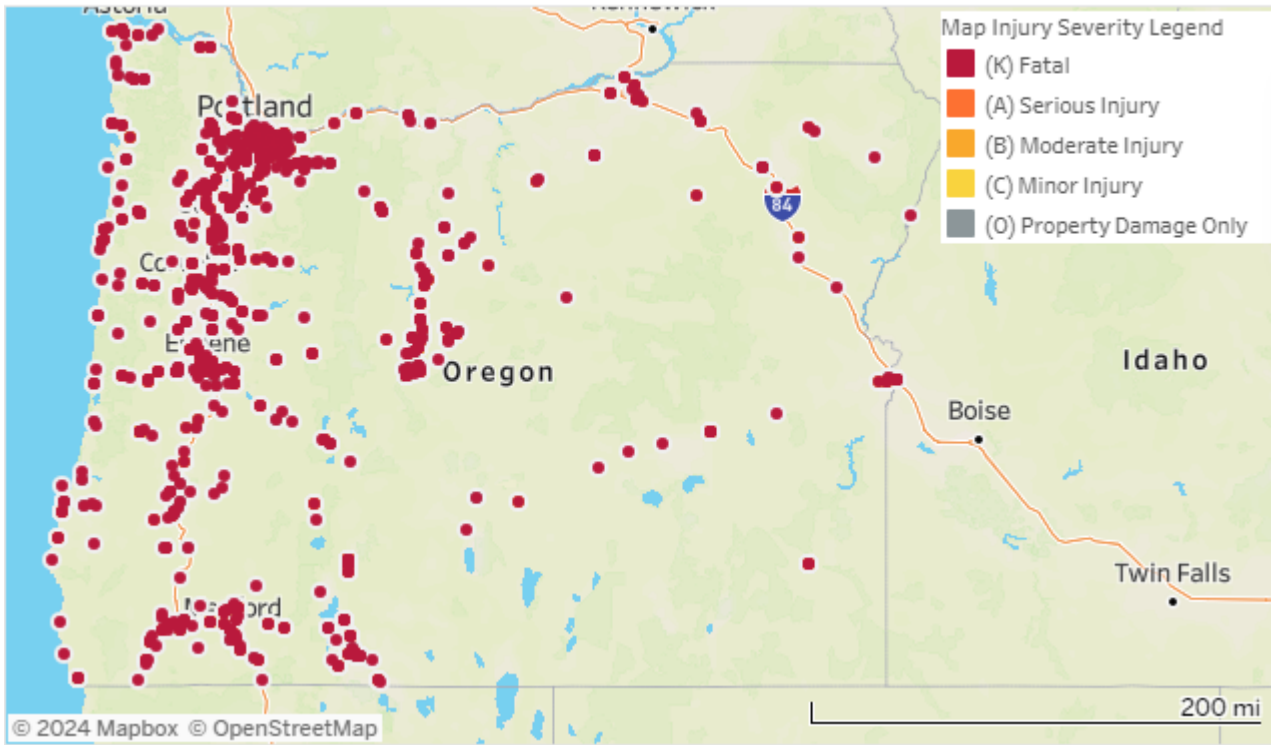
- Justices of the Peace are Elected
- Most Municipal Judges are Appointed by City Council

# Why is traffic court important?

## 2013-2022 Crash Data Viewer (Beta v2.9)

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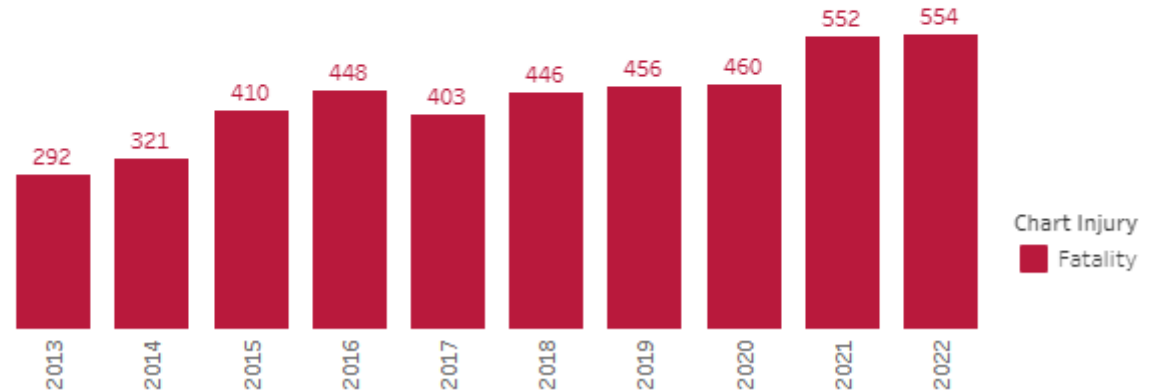
Map shows only the selected years data. Points may be stacked on top of each other if at same location. This is a large data set (500k crashes) internet speed and filter selection will affect performance.

### Crash Trend (10 Years)

Counts Crashes by Crash Severity

\*Chart only acts as filter for the years selected in Year dropdown menu.

\*\*Map selection does not affect chart.



# Local Courts Are Tailored to Community Needs

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- Specialty Spanish Speaking Dockets
- DUII/traffic safety focus
- Community partners

# Treatment Courts

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- Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- Mental Health Court
- Community Court

# Challenges & Opportunities

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- Data Sharing with State Courts
- Improve Traffic Safety
  - DUI Treatment Courts
  - Traffic School Programs
- ORS Clean Up – Anticipate a bill this next session clarifying appeals process.

# Questions?

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