

# Oregon Public Defense Commission

## Unrepresented Persons Update

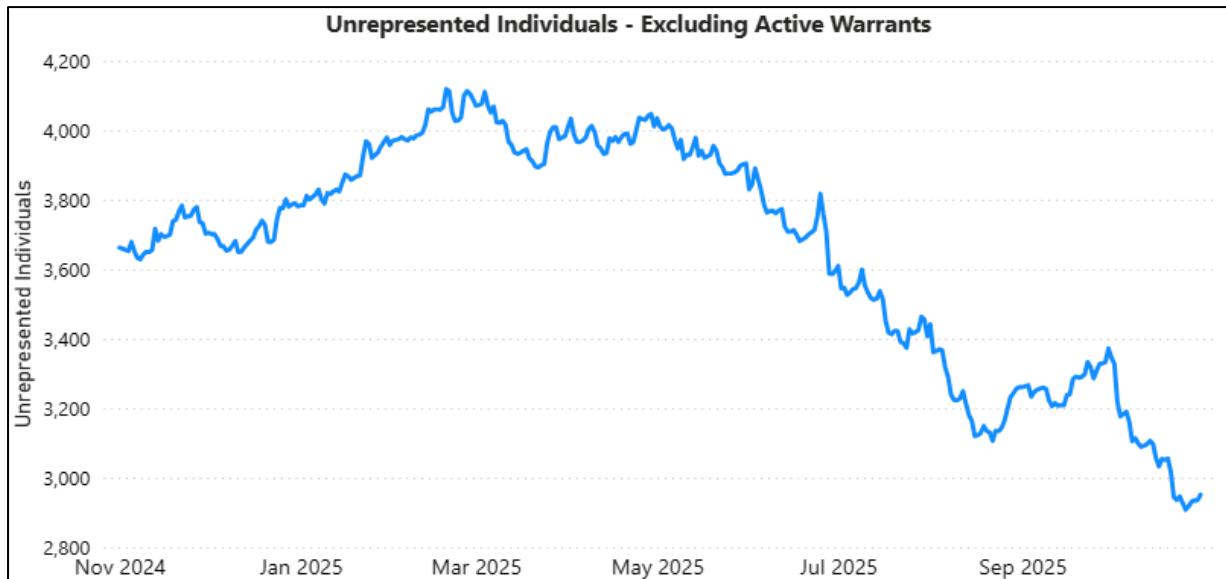
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# Unrepresented Statewide Trends

## Unrepresented Cases & Individuals



Data Source: OJD's OPDS Unrepresented Power BI Dashboard. 10/31/2025.  
Excludes Active Warrants.

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### Down 23% Year Over Year

Unrepresented numbers are down 23% from November 2024.

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### Down 30% From Peak

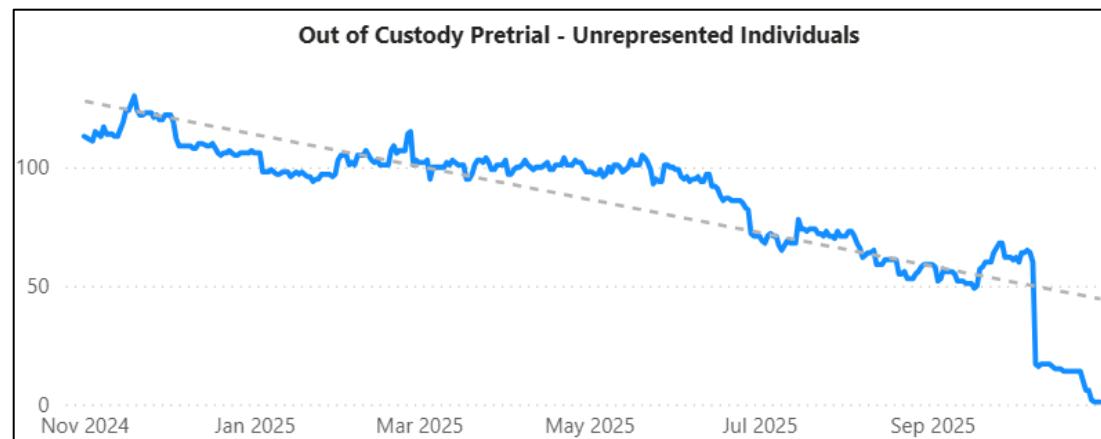
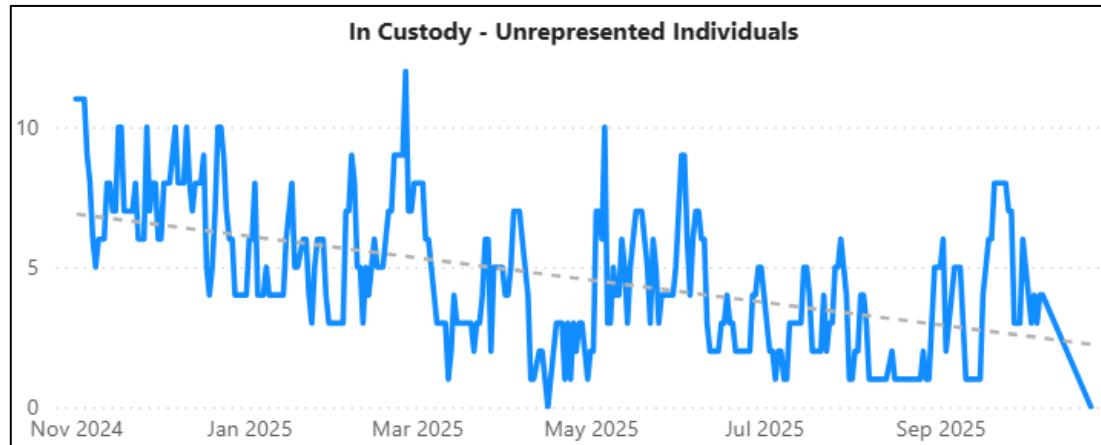
Currently, there are close to 2,800 unrepresented individuals, a 30% reduction since the peak in May 2025 of over 4,000 unrepresented.

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### Downward Trend Continues

The downward trend we've seen over the past 6 months has continued with the start of the 25-27 contracts in October.

# Coos County



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## Unrepresented Nearly Eliminated

As of Oct. 31, 2025, Coos County reported two out-of-custody and zero in-custody unrepresented individuals.

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## Oregon Trial Division and ERD

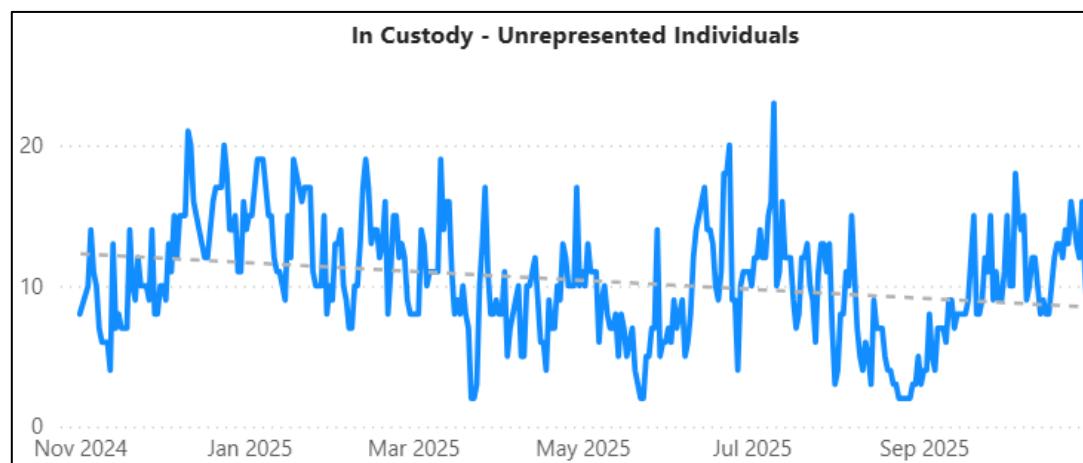
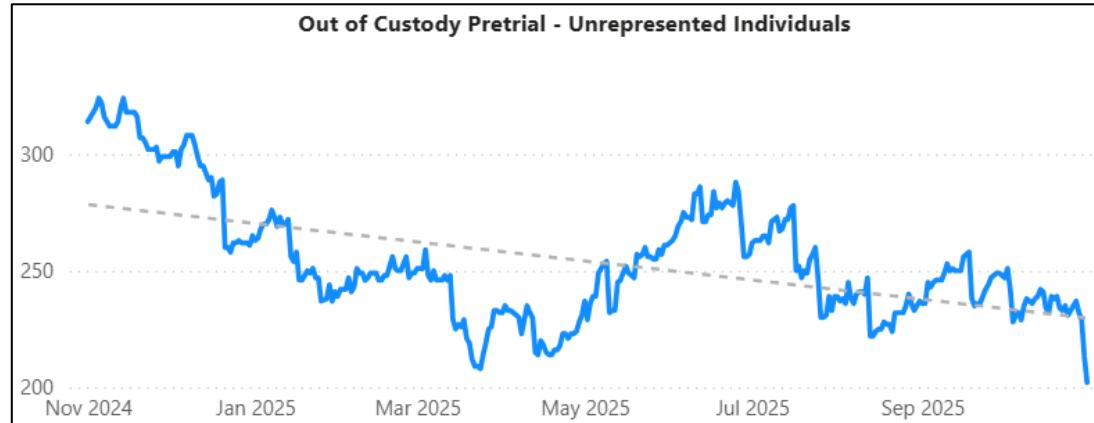
OPDC stationed one OTD attorney in Coos, and they established an Early Resolution Docket (ERD), which helped eliminate the backlog.

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## New Provider Added

OPDC has added a second contract provider to Coos for the 25-27 contract.

# Douglas County



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## Mixed Progress

Douglas County numbers fluctuate significantly, though there was a sharp decline with the start of the new contracts.

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## New Capacity Added

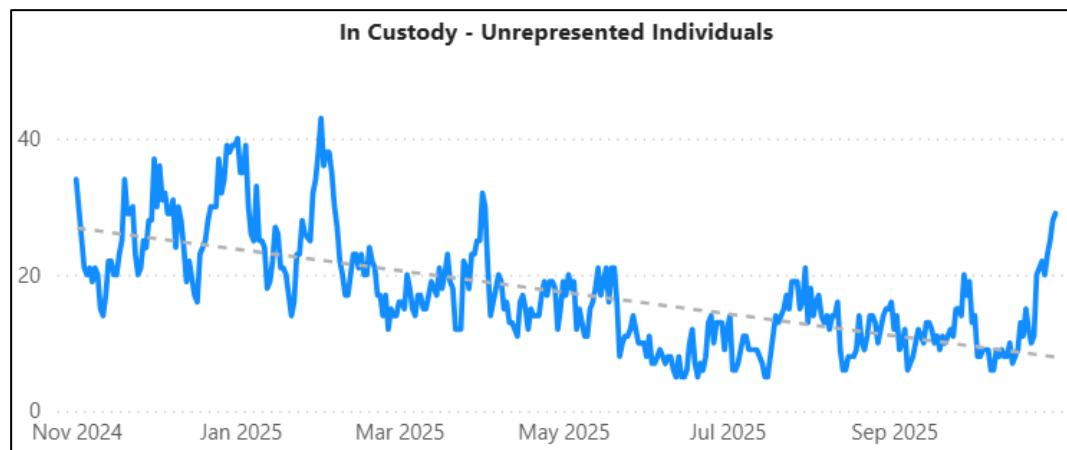
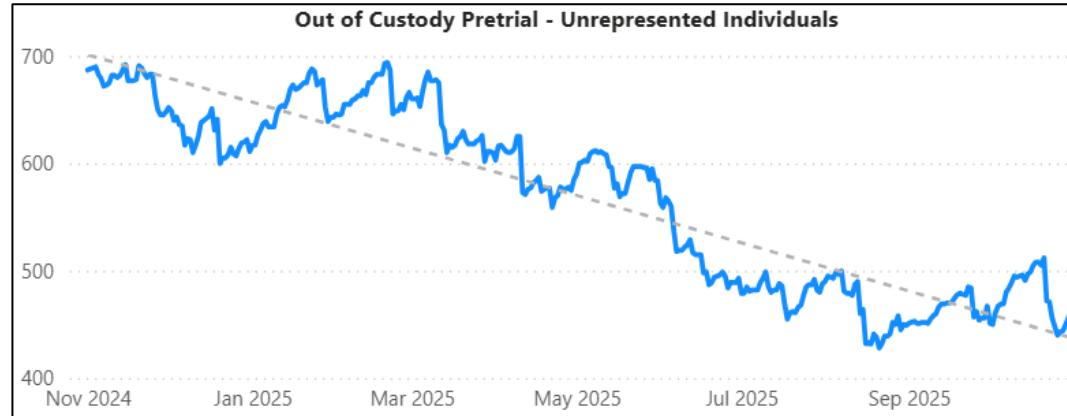
OPDC has added 1.15 MAC to the Douglas County 25-27 contracts. OTD also provides additional capacity whenever possible.

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## Unique Case Assignments

Douglas County has a unique process for assigning cases, rather than assigning cases at arraignment, all cases are put on the unrepresented list and removed by providers.

# Jackson County



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## 32% Reduction Year Over Year

Jackson County numbers are down 32% compared to November 1, 2024.

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## Oregon Trial Division and EDP

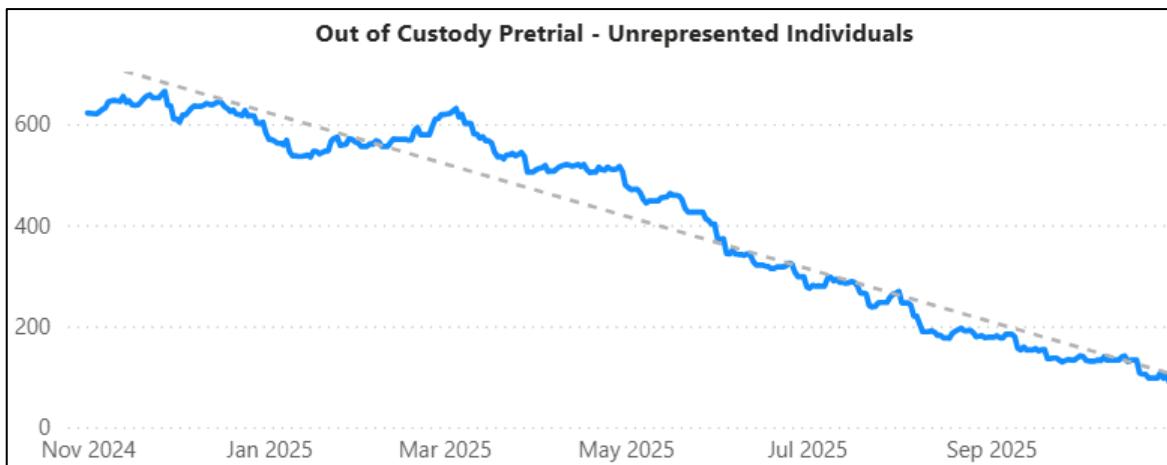
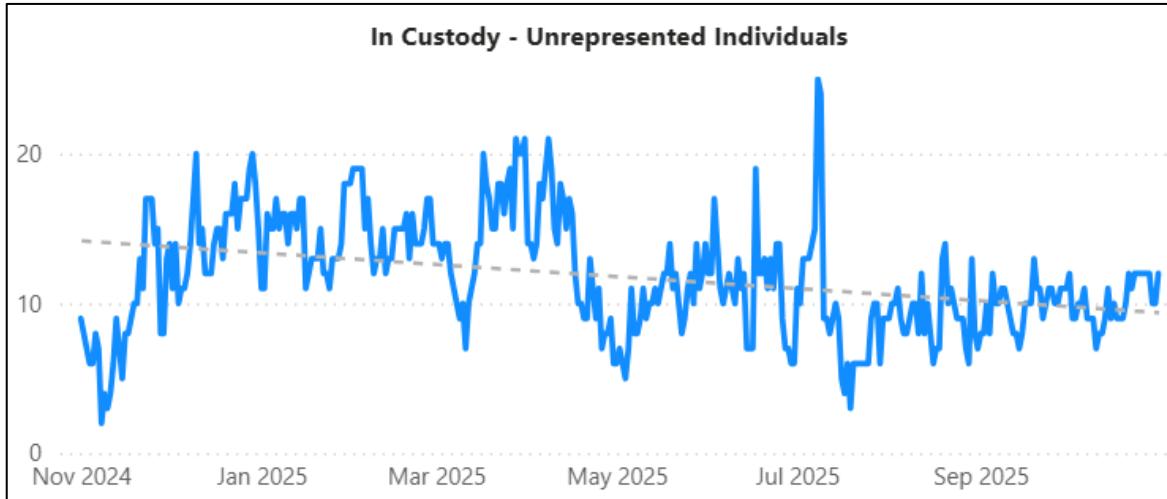
OTD staffs a monthly Early Disposition Program, resulting in the resolution of 147 cases since May 2025.

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## Enhanced MAC Program

Five Jackson County attorneys are participating in the Enhanced MAC program.

# Marion County



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## 75% Reduction Year Over Year

Marion County numbers are under 200 total unrepresented persons, which is down 75% compared to Nov 1, 2024.

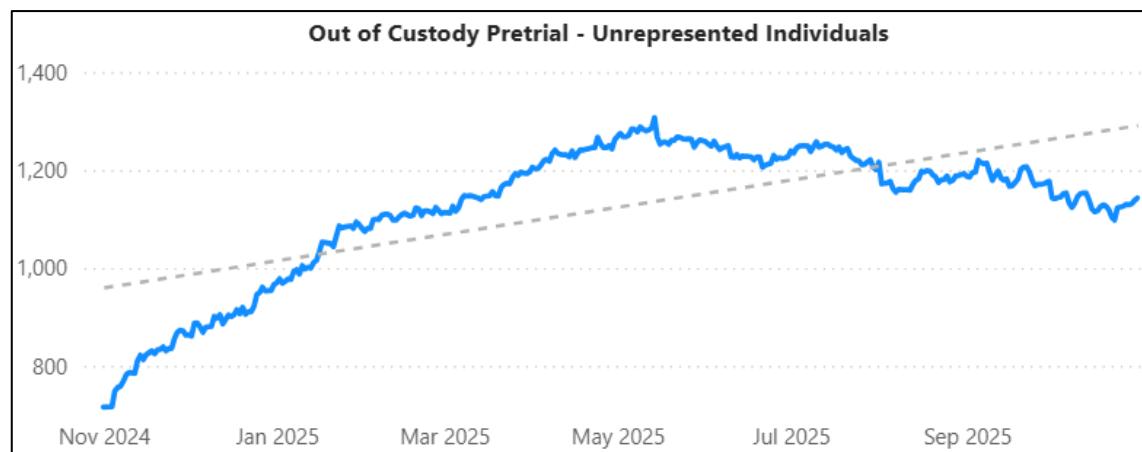
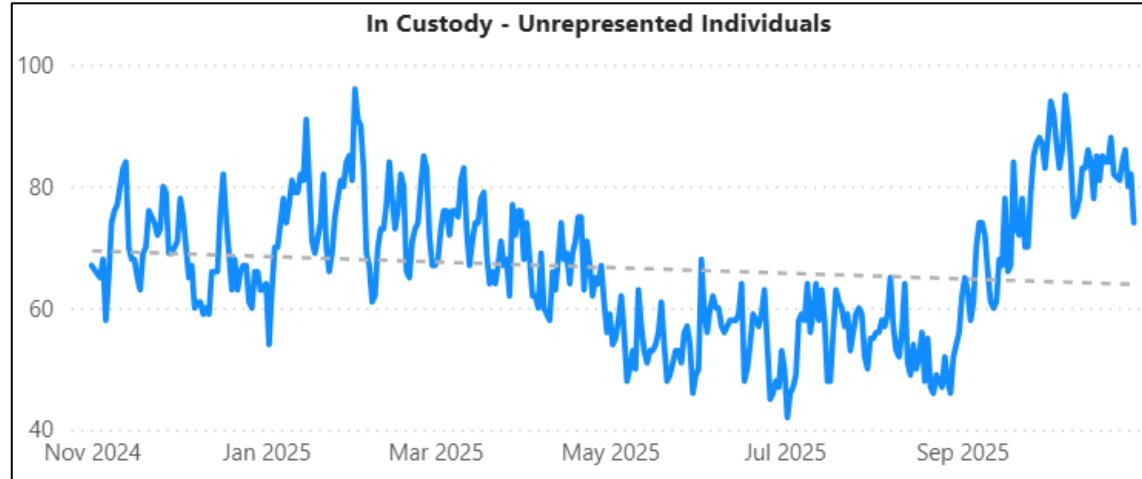
## Court Processes and Providers

Reductions have been driven by improved coordination between providers and court led efforts to assign cases at arraignment via “attorney of the day” model.

## Oregon Trial Division and ERD

OTD provides additional capacity, having taken over 670 cases, which reduces the need for courts to preserve MAC. OTD has also staffed a new early resolution docket since October 2025.

# Multnomah County



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## Slow, Mixed Results

Multnomah County has experienced a gradual decline in out-of-custody unrepresented individuals since the peak in May 2025; however, the number of in-custody individuals has trended upwards since September.

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## Early Resolution Docket

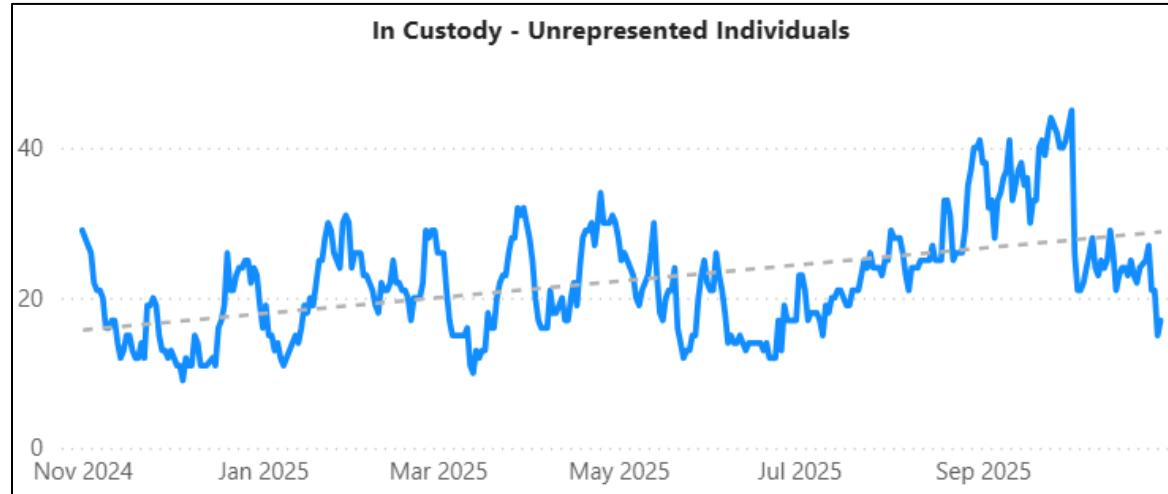
After a successful pilot in August, OPDC is working with the DA to establish a consistent ERD.

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## Increased Provider Capacity

The 25-27 contracts increased provider MAC, including 4 Enhanced MAC participants, with newly licensed lawyers joining in December 2025.

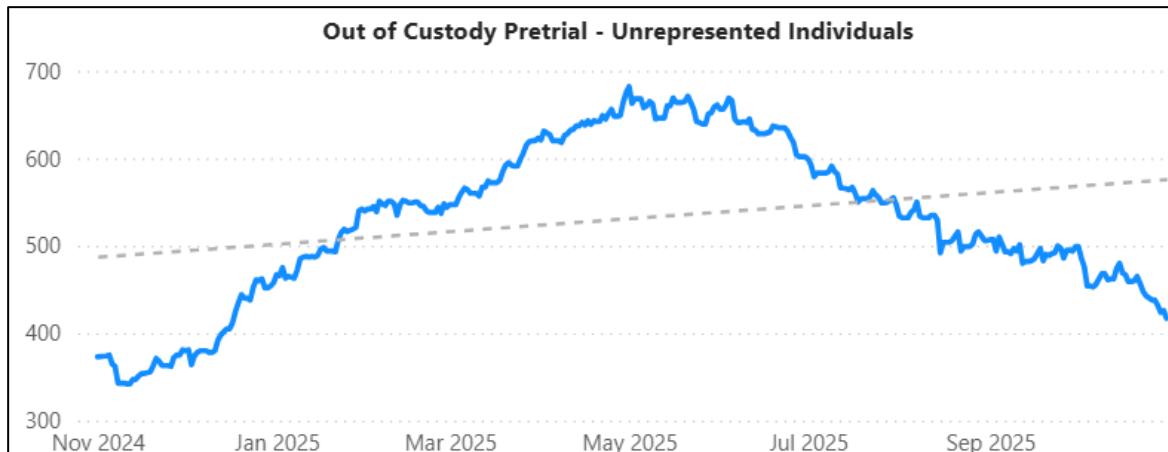
# Washington County



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## 33% Decrease in Past 6 Months

Washington County numbers peaked at 738 individuals in May 2025 and have decreased by 33% since then; however, they remain above November 2024 numbers.



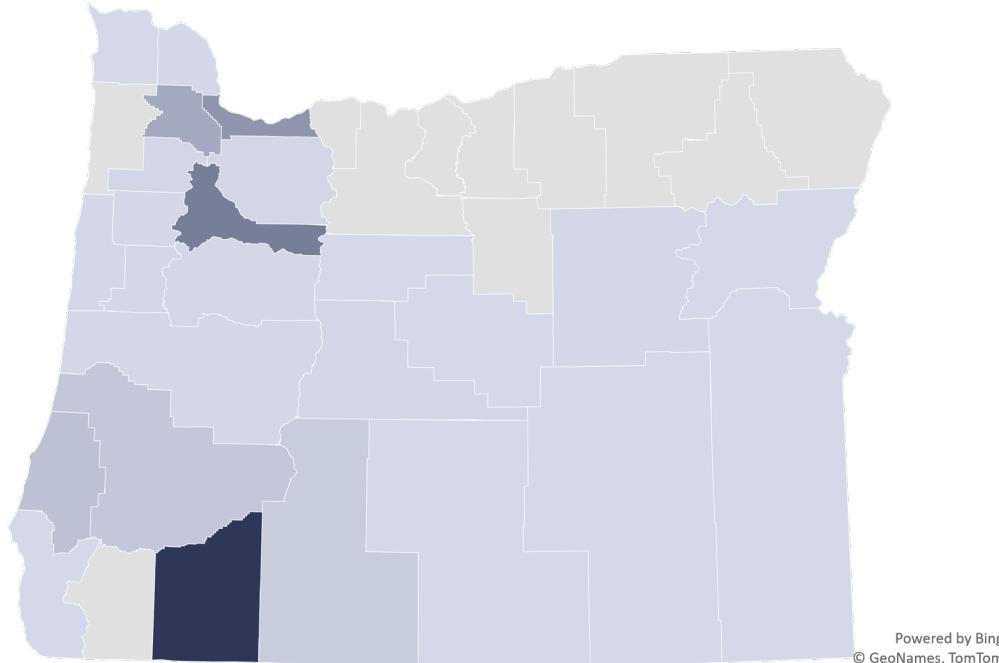
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# Oregon Trial Division

Since opening in December 2023, OTD has handled 3,164 cases,



Oregon Trial Division case density by county.

Cases  
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## Unrepresented Impact

OTD has removed 2,382 cases from the unrepresented list, including 605 Betschart cases. The charts show the location and case types taken.

## Early Resolution Docket

OTD has partnered with district attorneys and courts in Multnomah, Marion, Coos, and Jackson counties to pilot or create early resolution dockets (ERD) for defendants with low-level charges.

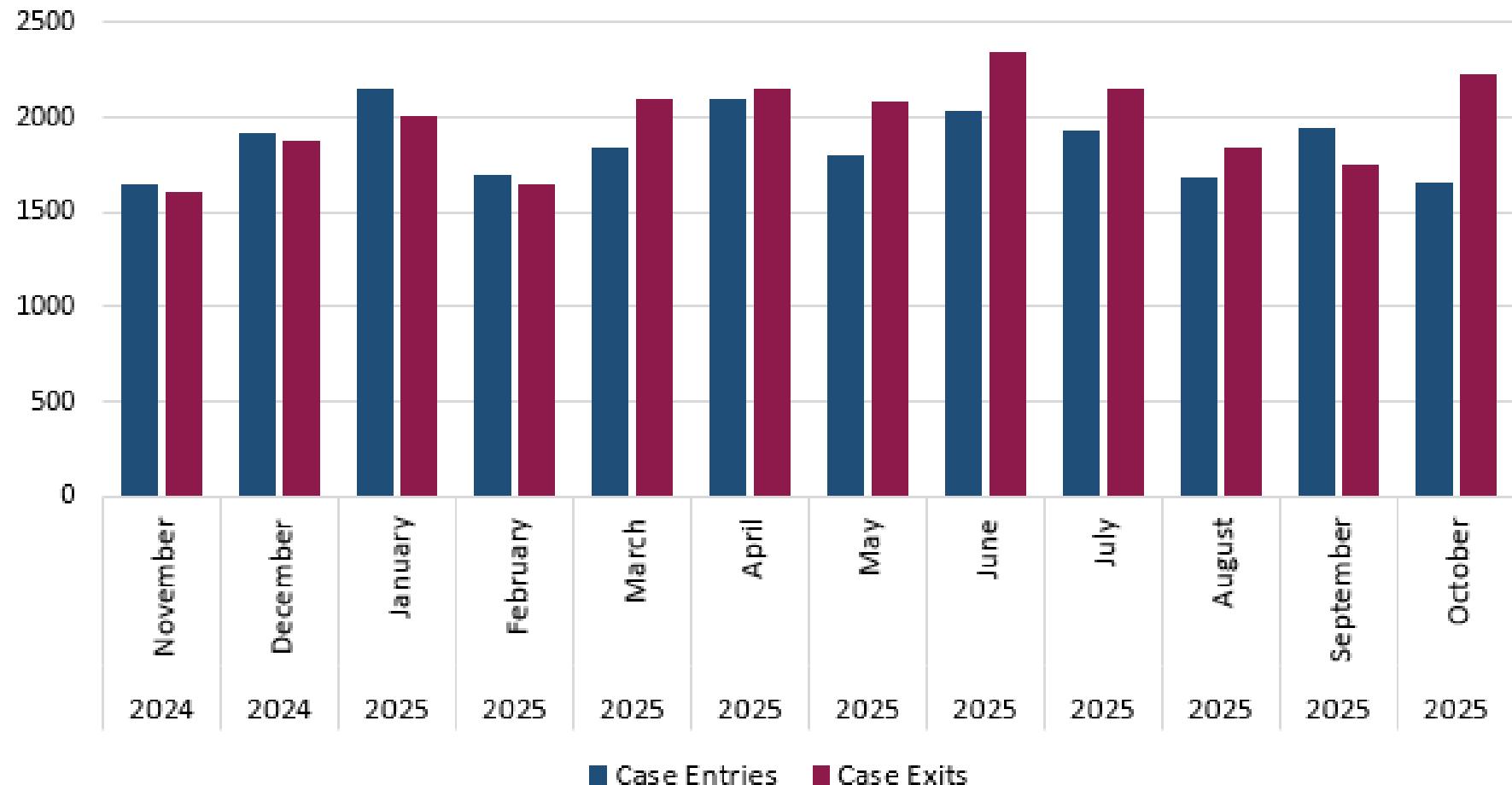
## 105% MAC

OTD follows the MAC standard, calculated in the same manner as contractor MAC. Combined, the division is at 105.6% MAC utilization as of 10/31/25.

# Unrepresented Case Entries & Exits

The number of cases exiting the unrepresented list surpassed the number of cases entering between March and August.

As a result of the 25-27 contracts starting, October saw a significantly large number of cases exiting the list compared to other months.



# Thank You

