



Senate Bill 95



Presiding Judge Jay McAlpin
Lane County Circuit Court

Presented to Senate Committee on Judiciary
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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 ↑42%
Judges in Lane County	15	15

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**



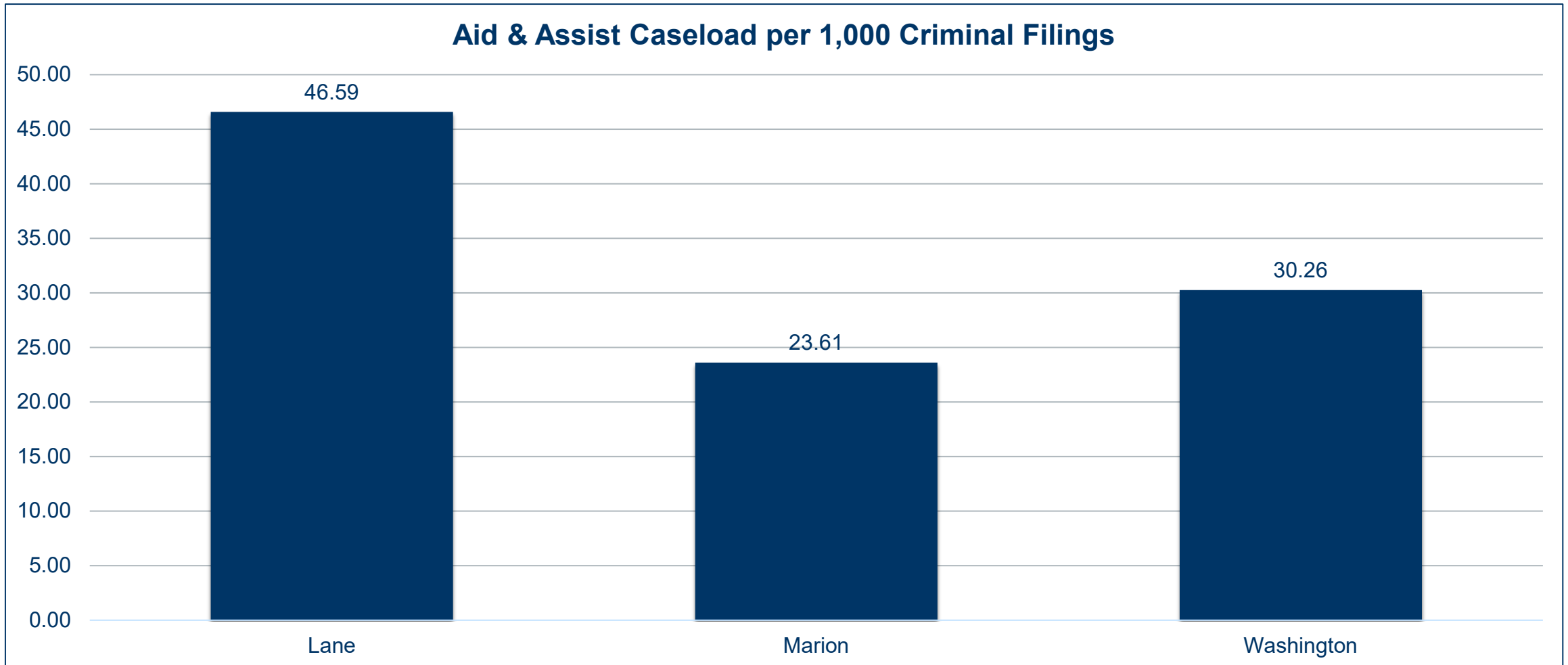
Aid & Assist Caseload - Change Over Time



LANE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKLOAD

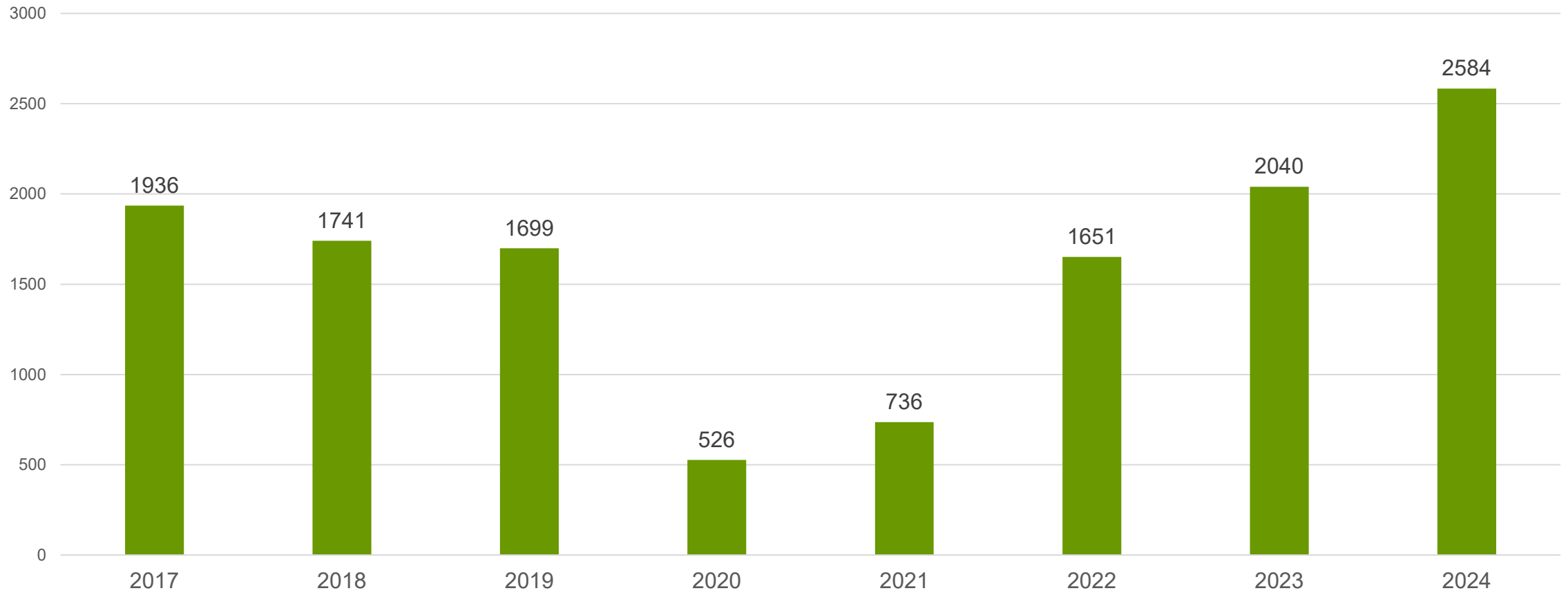
**63% increase in Lane's
aid & assist caseload
between January 1,
2022, and January 1,
2025.**

Lane's Behavioral Health Workload



LANE'S EVICTION WORKLOAD

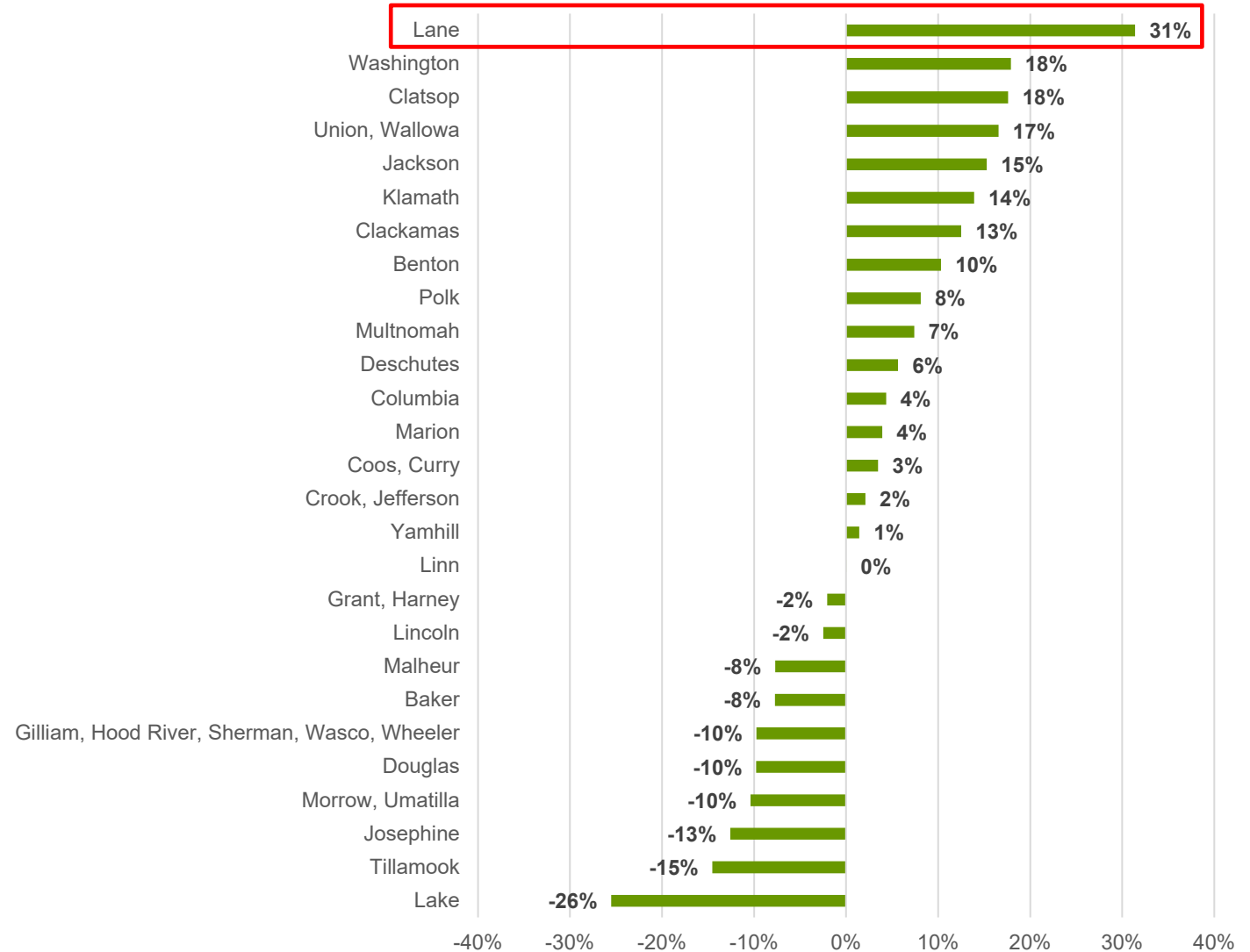
Landlord Tenant Filings in Lane County
2017-2024



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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