



Criminal Fine Account (CFA)

OJD Overview of Major CFA Circuit Court Revenue Variables

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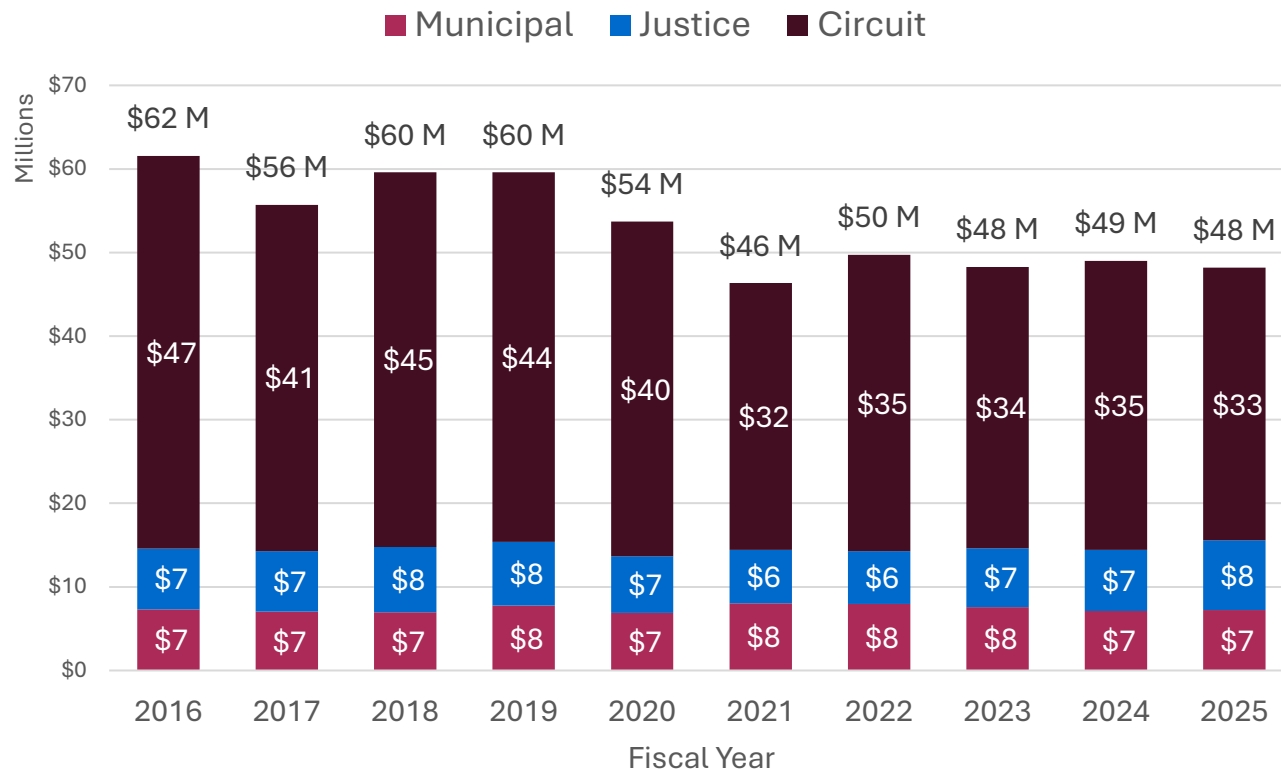
State Court Case Management System – Odyssey

- **Statewide Case & Document Management**
Odyssey integrates case and document management across Oregon's 36 circuit courts and the Tax Court.
- **Electronic Filing & Forms**
Includes *File and Serve* for electronic document submission and *Guide and File* for user-friendly form completion.
- **Enhanced Access & Data Exchange**
Supports integration with law enforcement agencies for citation and case outcome data, reducing manual data entry and reporting.



Circuit Court Portion of CFA Revenue

CFA Revenue by Court Type



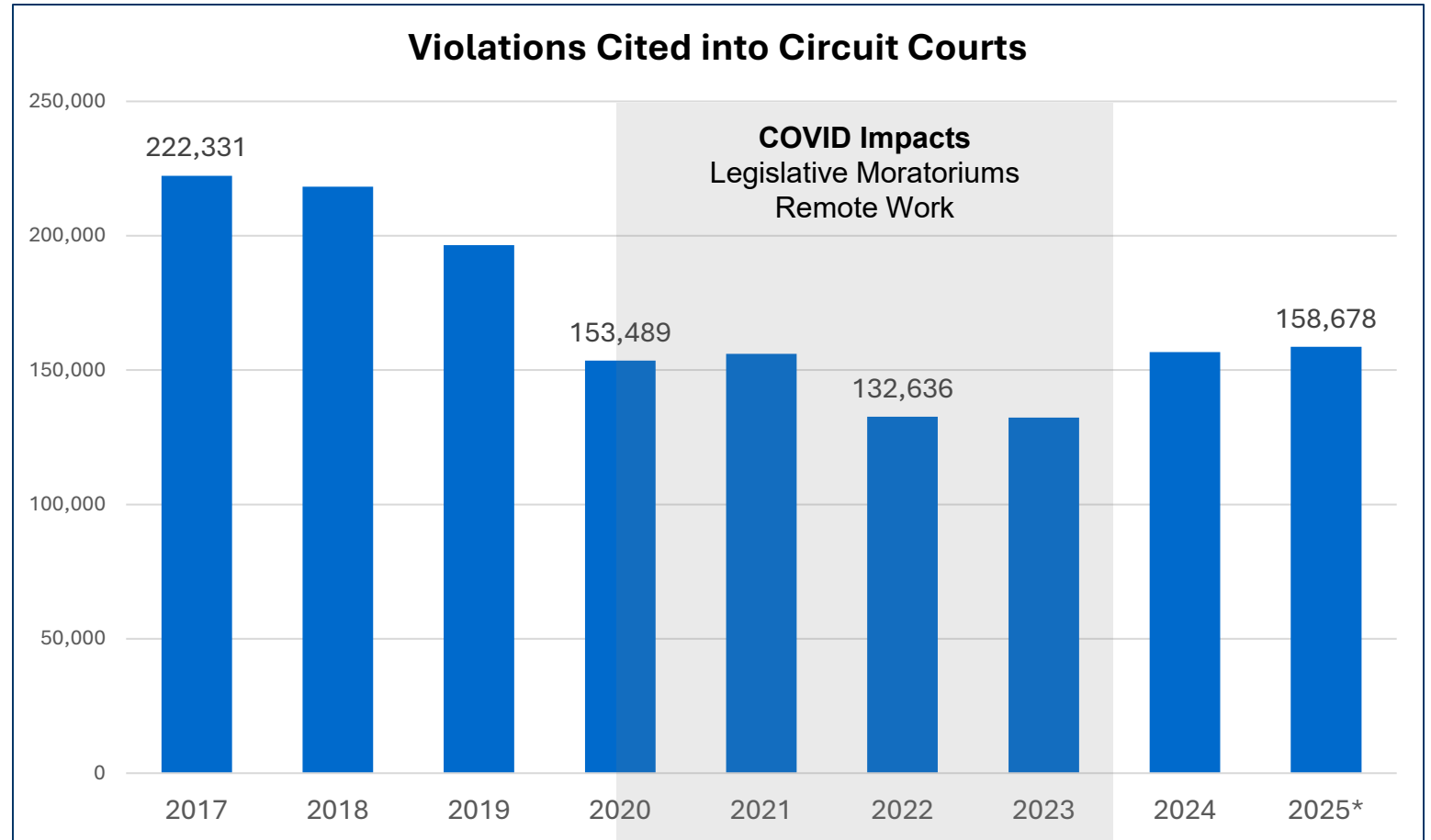
Approximately **73%** of CFA revenue is from circuit court fines and fees.

- **Violation Fines** → amounts updated in 2020, state share of violation fines updated in 2018
- **Felony & Misdemeanor Fines** → amounts updated in 2012
- **DUI Diversion & Conviction Fees** → amounts updated in 2012
- **Court Appointed Attorney Fees** → amounts updated in 2016, eligibility amounts updated in 2011



Circuit Court Portion of Violation Filings?

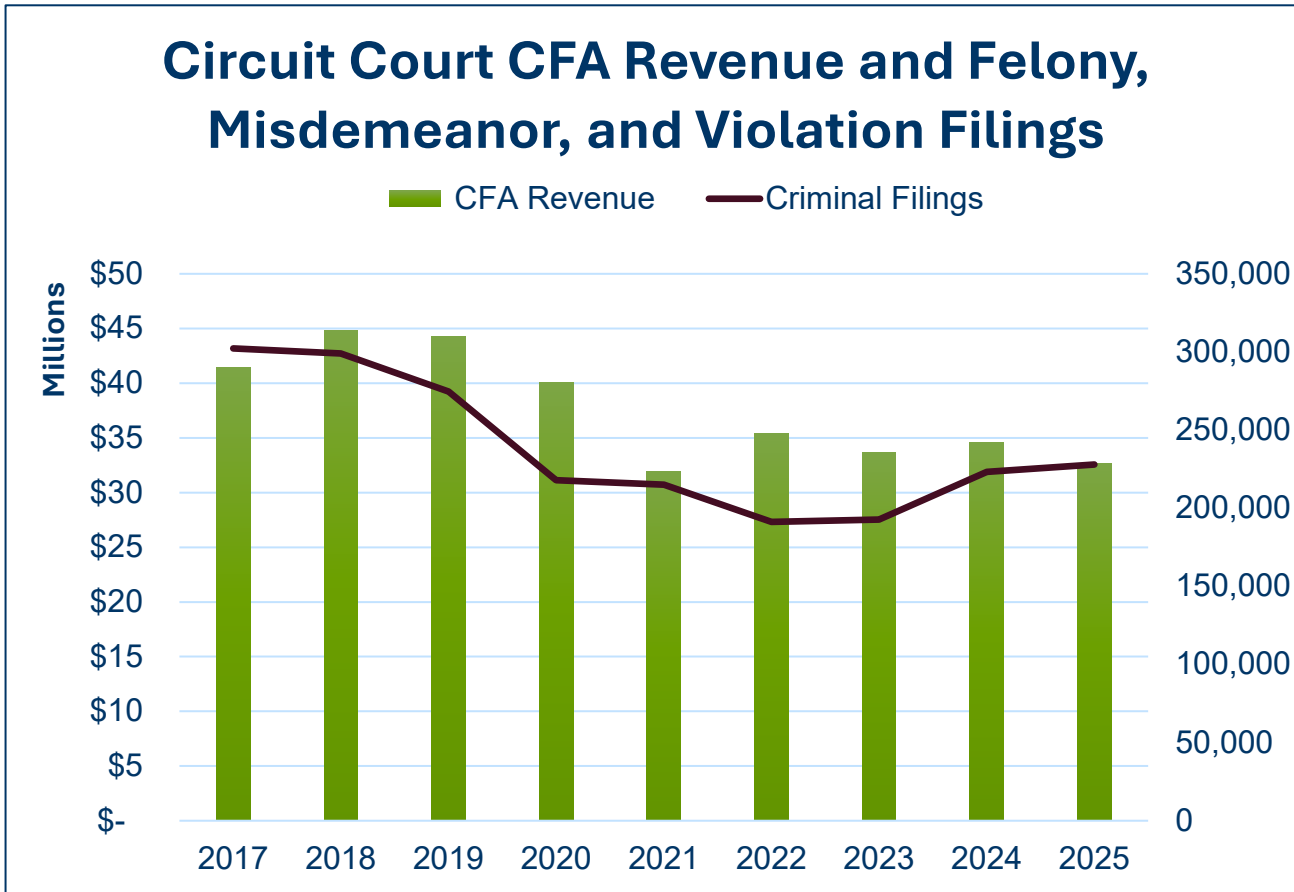
- The major driver of CFA revenue is violations.
- The circuit court portion of total violations filed in Oregon is unknown, because the state has no data on justice and municipal court violation filings.



*OJD is tracking a recent sharp increase in violations - filings have more than doubled in last two months beginning in December 2025. We expect 2026 filings to be at or above 2017 levels.



Circuit Court Criminal Filings and CFA Revenue



- CFA revenues from circuit courts track with circuit court criminal filings
- But revenues tend to lag filings - most fines and fees are imposed at final judgment



Verification of CFA Revenue Receipts

Circuit courts can provide the following data to support CFA revenue receipts

- Case filings by case type
- Fines and fees imposed on those cases
- Case dispositions (dismissals, traffic FTA rates, how many people pay presumptive fine, etc.)
- Collection rates and how long it takes to pay in full
- Annual Liquidated and Delinquent Debt Report
- Annual Secretary of State Financial Audit



Collections

- Judgments for criminal fines and fees are collectible for 20 years (restitution 50 years)
 - Since 1988, about 8% of money judgments expired or forgiven (legislative action, hardship waiver, governor's clemency, etc.)
- **80%** of circuit court violations are paid in full within a year → **20%** to 3rd party collections

Courts

Collect **70%** of Total Revenue

- Cashiering & ePay
- Voluntary Payment Plans
- Local Court Programs

3rd Parties

Collect **30%** of Total Revenue

- Tax Refund Intercept
- Payment Plans
- Wage Garnishment



Chief Justice Orders

The Chief Justice has limited authority over fine amounts imposed and collection fees.

- **CJO 21-043** - \$25 payment plan administrative fee, can be waived based on financial circumstances
- **CJO 20-022** –Uniform Fine Schedule for Violations
- Several CJOs during pandemic emergency to waive or suspend collection actions and payment plan fees



Judicial Discretion

- Minimum fines waived in approximately **9% of cases**
- Minimum fines may be waived in whole or part if the court makes an individualized determination that requiring payment of the minimum fine would be inconsistent with justice in the case
 - Felony minimum fine \$200
 - Misdemeanor minimum fine \$100
 - Violations (varies)



Circuit Court Revenue to CFA

Contributing Factors to CFA Revenue Trends

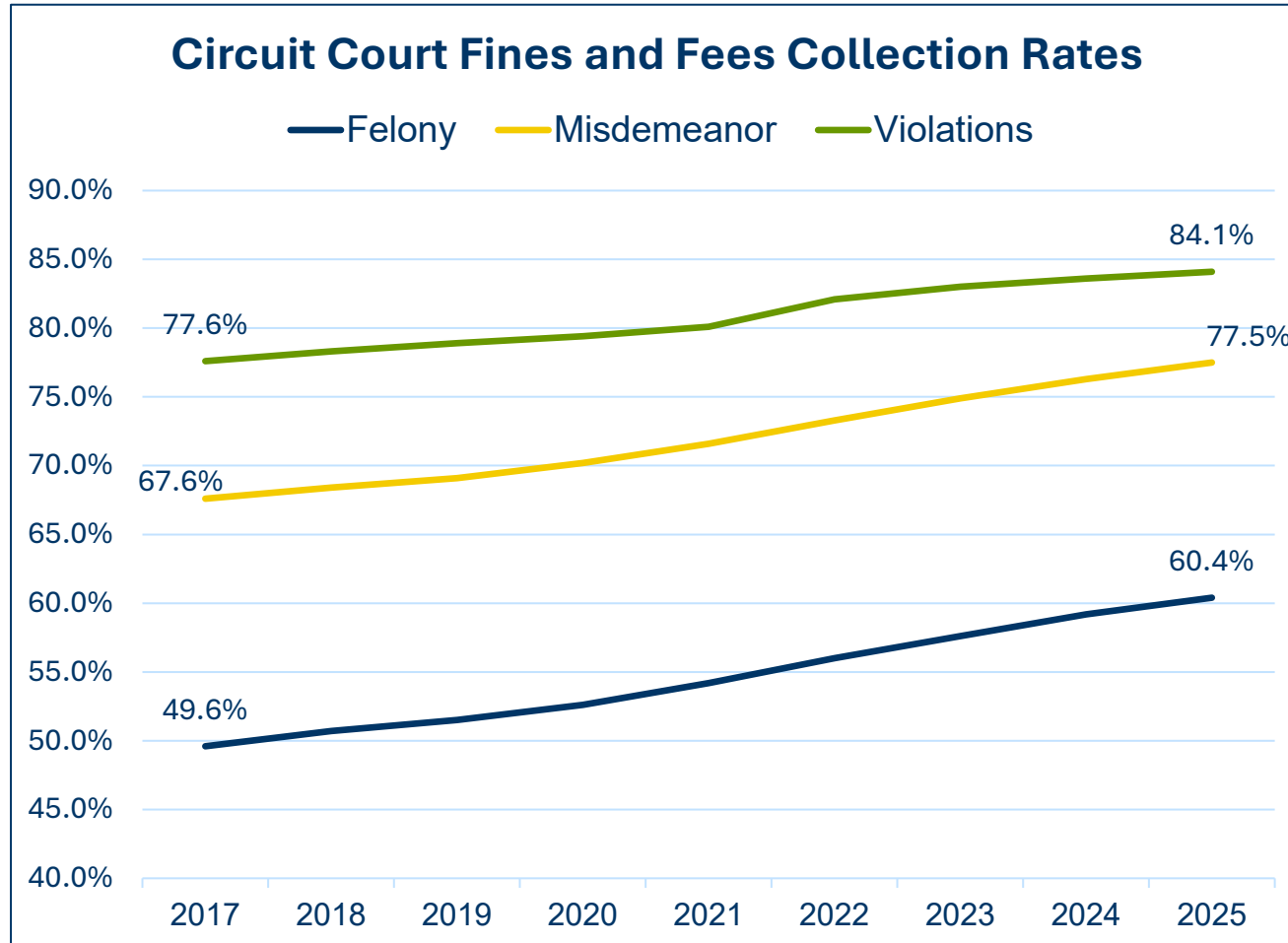
- Violations cited into circuit courts declined between 2020 – 2023 due to COVID impacts
- Ability to pay affects amounts imposed
- HB 4075 (2022) gave restitution priority over fines and fees
- Governor's remittance orders in 2022 and 2023 removed \$7.7M in unpaid traffic fines and fees

NOT Contributing Factors to CFA Revenue Trends

- Chief Justice Orders
- Judicial discretion to waive minimum fines based on ability to pay
- Circuit court collection processes



Collection Rates Increasing





CFA Areas for Improvement

- Consistent financial audits across court types
- Reporting of liquidated and delinquent debt across court types
- Supporting caseload information to accompany CFA revenue transfers to DOR
- Clear statutory authority and standardized framework for traffic diversion programs (“traffic school”)

Thank You

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