



2025 Corrections Grand Jury Report

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Applicable Statutes

ORS 132.440. Inquiry into conditions in correctional and youth correction facilities.

- 1) At least once yearly, a grand jury shall inquire into the condition and management of every correctional facility and youth correction facility as defined in ORS 162.135 in the county.
- 2) The grand jury is entitled to free access at all reasonable times to such correctional facilities and juvenile facilities, and, without charge, to all public records in the county pertaining thereto.
- 3) Other than indictments presented under ORS 132.310 or presentments presented under ORS 132.370, the grand jury shall issue no report other than a report of an inquiry made under this section.

Applicable Statutes

162.135 Definitions for ORS 162.135 to 162.205. As used in ORS 162.135 to 162.205, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 2) “Correctional facility” means any place used for the confinement of persons charged with or convicted of a crime or otherwise confined under a court order and includes but is not limited to a youth correction facility.

- 6) “Youth correction facility” means:
 - a) A youth correction facility as defined in ORS 420.005; and
 - b) A detention facility as defined in ORS 419A.004.

Applicable Statutes

ORS 132.020 Selection of grand juries; law applicable to additional jury; when inquiry void. (1) Under the direction of the court, the clerk shall draw names at random from the names of jurors in attendance upon the court until the names of seven jurors are drawn and accepted by the court. The seven persons thus chosen shall constitute the grand jury.

Applicable Statutes

132.100 Oath to witness before grand jury. The foreman of the grand jury or, in the absence of the foreman, any other grand juror shall administer an oath to any witness appearing before the grand jury.

“Do you solemnly swear and/or affirm the testimony you about to give in the matter pending before this grand jury shall be truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?”

CGJ Process: Tours

- Multnomah County Detention Center
1120 SW 3rd Ave.
- Multnomah County Inverness Jail
11540 NE Inverness Dr.
- Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Center
1401 NE 68th Ave.
- Columbia River Correctional Institution
9111 NE Sunderland Ave.

CGJ Process

Grand Jury Room D in the Multnomah County Central Court House

- Testimony of additional witnesses
- Justice Center Courtroom 3 - Felony arraignments
- Writing the report
- DDAs are present to provide advice and guidance to grand jurors
- Began October 8, 2025
- Ended December 5, 2025
- Met on Tuesday through Friday

Key Findings

- 1) MCSO's chronic staffing issues create extensive problems throughout the system, including spending 10% of budget on overtime, closing booking, creating de facto "solitary confinement" for AICs at MCDC, limiting AICs' ability to meet with defense counsel, and delaying court proceedings. MCSO needs to complete a new staffing study and expand the court services unit. The Chair and the Board need to maintain funding for MCSO's HR department.
- 2) Mental health issues, substance use disorders, and houselessness fuel jail churn. Multnomah County needs coordinated transition services for AICs being released from jail to prevent churn.

Key Findings

- 3) Multnomah County jails are disproportionately populated by minorities, and the organizational culture of MCSO is problematic.
- 4) Multnomah County does a poor job in tracking and sharing (within Multnomah County) meaningful data about AICs; this type of data is tracked by similar jurisdictions and leads to improved outcomes for AICs.
- 5) Close Street Supervision serves to reduce the jail population and keeping it open makes more financial sense than closing it.
- 6) Multnomah County's public defense crisis is exacerbated by staffing and facility issues within the jails.

Key Findings

- 7) The jails provide core services to the community, and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners should prioritize funding the system, using a long-range planning approach rather than an incremental and reactive approach.
- 8) Multnomah County needs to begin investing in planning a new jail facility.