

Multnomah County FY 2026 Budget Work Session Follow Up

Sheriff's Office

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Commissioner Brim-Edwards (District 3)

How much have you spent on overtime in FY 2025 compared to budget? Please put it in context of overall personnel spending.

Response:

The table attached (Attachment A) shows MCSO personnel expenditures for FY25 through March 31st, including Year-to-Date actual spend ("YTD Actuals"), projected end-of-fiscal-year spend ("FYE Projection"), and the total budget for FY25 ("FY25 Budget").

You'll see that MCSO has significantly overspent its Overtime budget and significantly underspent its "Permanent" or straight time budget. The projected ~\$9 million overspend of the MCSO overtime budget is balanced by the ~\$9 million underspend of the MCSO straight time budget, resulting in a projected balanced budget. Put another way, the increased cost associated with necessary overtime is balanced by the vacancy savings from paying fewer full-time employees.

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When did you have restricted booking in the last year, and what were the restrictions?

Response:

In August of 2024, MCSO enacted Special Order 023.24 (Attachment B) defining booking criteria.

Effective February 2025, in conjunction with jail capacity reaching 90%, MCSO implemented restricted booking (Attachment C). Restrictions remain in place to stabilize capacity at/near 90%. If Jail booking operations affect our public safety partners, we will not be a barrier and work together to find solutions to meet their mission.

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Can you provide the history of when you've reached near-capacity in the jails and what factors were driving the increase?

Response:

Please see the attached charts (Attachment D):

Slide 35, from the budget work session illustrates the average daily population over the last several years by month.

An additional table had been added to depict the number of days each quarter below 90%, at 90%-94.5%, and over 95%.

Factors driving the increase in jail population are varied and span the whole public safety spectrum. They include new laws that define criminal acts, police hiring efforts, police behavior connected to self-initiated calls and missions, the Presiding Judge's Order defining pre-trial release, delays in accessing public defenders, and court adjudication process delays.