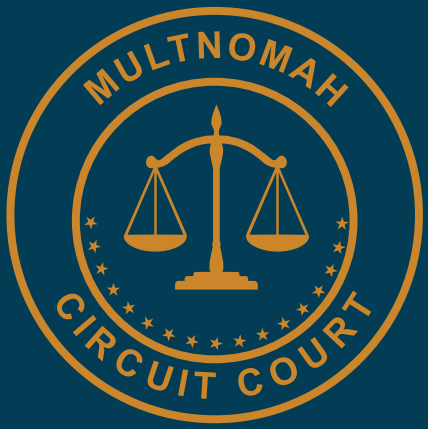
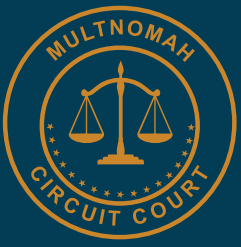




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Multnomah Circuit Court



Indigent Defense Crisis

- Public defense crisis began in Multnomah County in 2021
 - Over 1,000 eligible defendants without representation at any given time over the past 5 years
- Analysis showed an average of 26% of criminal cases eligible for representation were going unrepresented in Multnomah
 - Need for constant repeat hearings to determine if counsel was available – burden on defendants and on court dockets

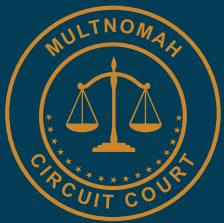


Unrepresented Defendants

2024 – 2025, Average of 1,116 Unrepresented Defendants
Per Month in Multnomah County

Monthly Unrepresented Parties





Dismissals Per *State v. Roberts*

State v. Roberts (Feb. 2026)

Oregon Supreme Court held that a criminal case must be dismissed when, after arraignment, an indigent defendant is w/o appointed counsel more than 60 consecutive days for a misdemeanor case or more than 90 consecutive days for a felony case.



Dismissals Per *State v. Roberts*

- Statewide **2,119** cases dismissed under *Roberts*
 - **1,174** of the statewide dismissals, **55%**, have been in Multnomah County
- Statewide **399** dismissed cases have been refiled
 - In Multnomah County, so far **155** Roberts dismissals have been refiled



Unrepresented Defendants

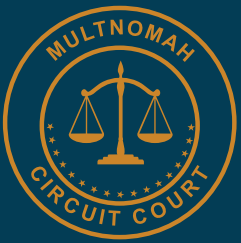
Changed to Check-In Program in March 2026

- Average of **182** defendants ordered to check in per month
- Roughly **2/3** check in by phone, **1/3** check in at counter
- FTA rates are decreasing (20% FTA in July)
- Attorneys assigned to **6% to 15%** of defendants in the Check-In Program who are eligible for a public defender
- April - July, 193 defendants (**~35%**) set for Rapid Resolution



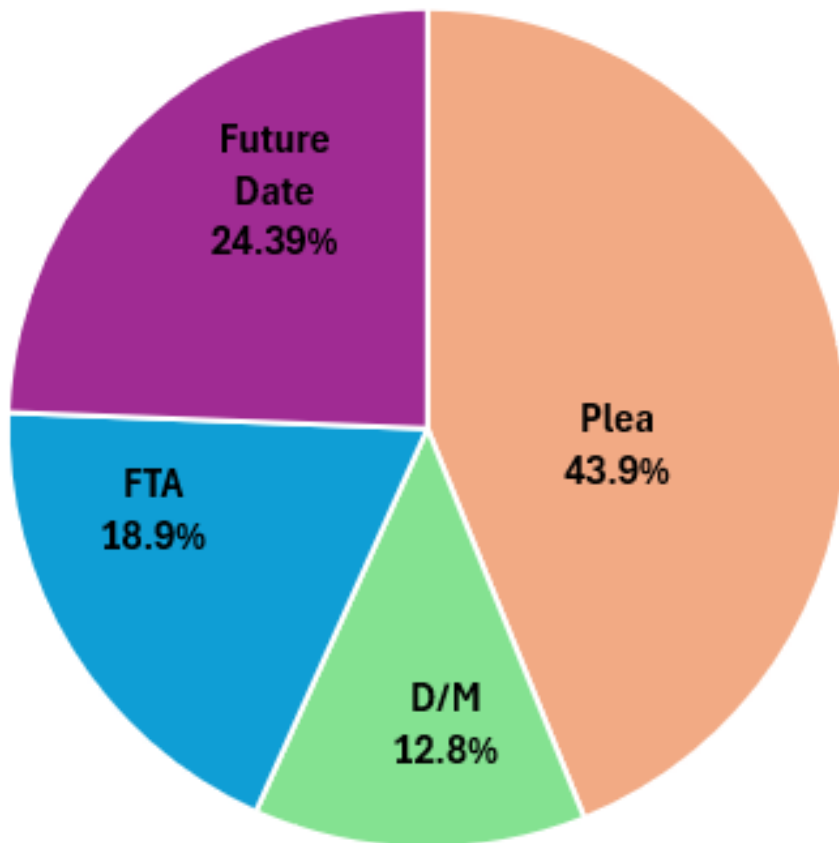
Rapid Resolution Docket

- Early Resolution Dockets held from 2023 through 2025. Previous analysis showed about **28%** of cases resolved and **35%** resulted in the defendant's Failure to Appear.
- Rapid Resolution Docket established April 2026. Initial results show **56%** of cases have resolved and **19%** of cases have resulted in the defendant's Failure to Appear.



Rapid Resolution

Total Rapid Resolution Results



■ Plea ■ Dismissal ■ FTA ■ Future Date

- Initially Encouraging Results
- Resolving Cases and Preventing Dismissals
- Capacity Challenges

Questions?

