

Multnomah County Employment Trends: FY 2020 - FY 2022

Department of Community Services Summary

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Introduction

This departmental report provides a summary of separations and hires for Regular Represented and Non-represented employees between fiscal year (FY) 2020 and FY 2022 (which spans the period of July 2019 through June 2022). Whereas the full Multnomah County Employment Trends report examines countywide trends, this departmental report focuses on trends within the Department of Community Services.

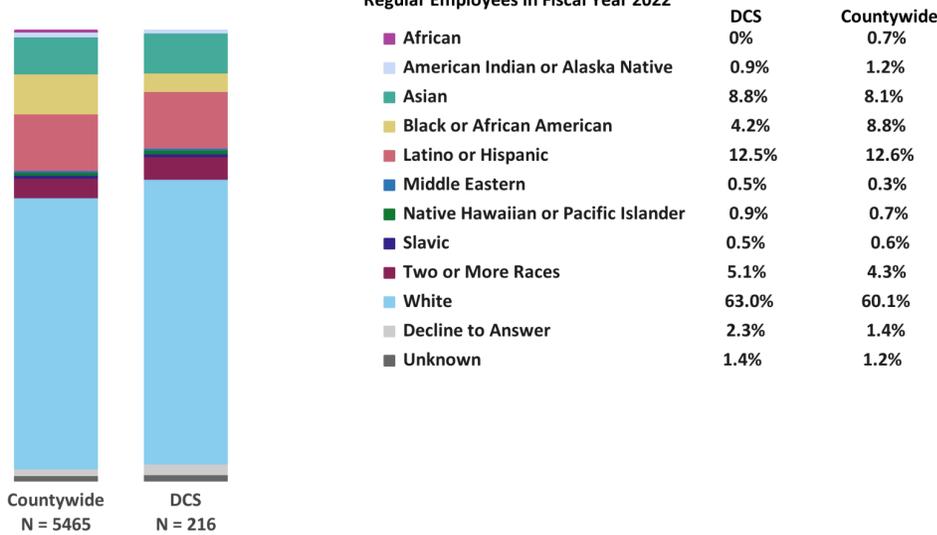
When interpreting these results, it is important to keep in mind the important context of what was happening globally, nationally, and locally in our communities, as well as within the countywide workplace, including department, division, and work unit levels. For example, the extent of the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic, social justice movements, and extreme weather events have had on employees during this period cannot be overstated. We encourage you to think about the relevant context of what was happening within the Department of Community Services during this time period when reviewing these results.

Visit the [Evaluation and Research Unit webpage](#) for the Multnomah County Employment Trends executive summary, full report, department summaries, and dashboards where you can explore the data on your own. For questions or feedback, please contact the Evaluation and Research Unit at eru@multco.us.

Overall Demographics

In FY 2022 at the countywide level, the majority of Regular employees identified as White at 60.1%, while 12.6% of Regular employees identified as Latino or Hispanic, 8.8% as Black or African American, and 8.1% as Asian. In comparison, the Department of Community Services has a higher percentage of Regular employees in FY 2022 identifying as White (63.0%) and a lower proportion of Regular employees identifying as Black or African American (4.2%). Overall, the percentage of Regular employees of color in the Department of Community Services was lower than the countywide proportion in FY 2022.

Race and Ethnicity of Countywide and Department of Community Services Regular Employees in Fiscal Year 2022

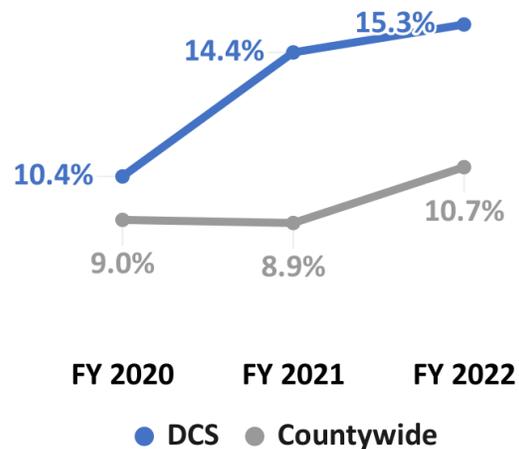


Separations

At the countywide level, there was a statistically significant increase in the separation rate for Regular Represented and Regular Non-represented employees between FY 2020 and FY 2022: from around 9% in both FY 2020 and FY 2021, to 10.7% in FY 2022.

The Department of Community Services had separation rates that were higher than countywide rates between FY 2020 and FY 2022. The separation rate was 10.4% in FY 2020. The separation rate rose to 14.4% in FY 2021 and 15.3% in FY 2022.

Countywide and Department of Community Services Separation Rates

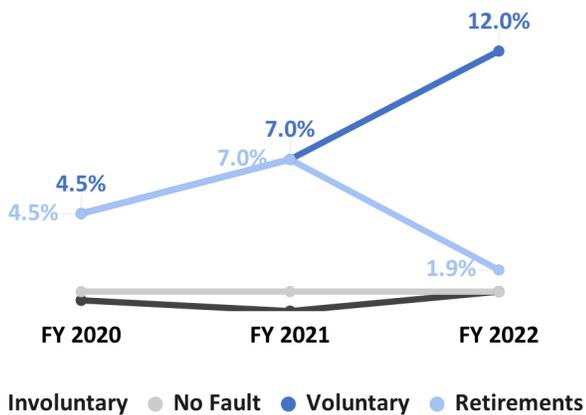


There were differences in the type of separations of all Regular employees in the Department of Community Services, as well. Similar to what we saw at the countywide level, most separations were voluntary separations or retirements. In the Department of Community Services, the voluntary separation rate and retirement rate for all Regular employees

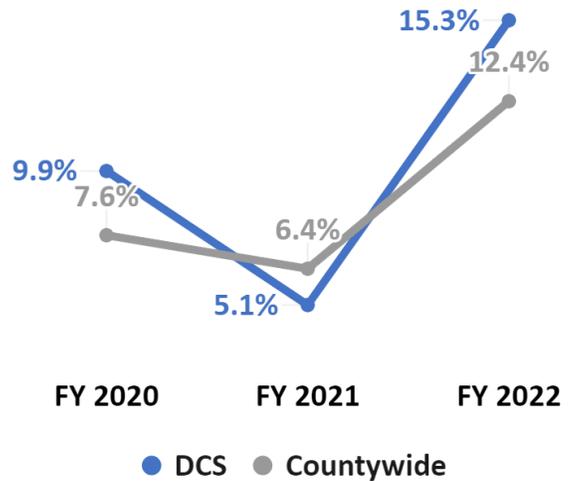
was the same in FY 2020 and FY 2021. The voluntary separation and retirement rates were both 4.5% in FY 2020 and both increased to 7.0% in FY 2021. In FY 2022, the voluntary separation rate statistically significantly increased to 12.0% while the retirement rate decreased to 1.8%.

Involuntary and no fault separations were relatively uncommon, with involuntary and no fault separation rates below 1% in all fiscal years.

Separation by Type for Department of Community Services



Hire Rate for Department of Community Services



We also saw countywide that the proportion of Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC) who were newly hired as Regular Represented employees between FY 2020 and FY 2023 was higher than the proportion of BIPOC employees hired before FY 2020.

However, there was little difference in the Department of Community Services between the racial and ethnic diversity of Regular Represented employees hired between FY 2020 and FY 2022 (36% of hires identify as BIPOC) and that of Regular Represented employees hired before FY 2020 (34% identify as BIPOC).

Hires

The countywide hiring rate was 7.6% in FY 2020, fell to 6.4% in FY 2021, and statistically significantly increased to 12.4% in FY 2022. In the Department of Community Services the hiring rate trended similarly to the countywide rate during the same period. The hiring rate for regular employees was 9.9% in FY 2020. After a statistically significant decrease to 5.1% in FY 2021, there was a statistically significant increase to 15.3% in FY 2022.

Percentage of Regular Represented Employees who Identify as People of Color

*Blue bars indicate significant difference

■ Hired before FY 2020 ■ Hired FY 2020 - FY 2022

