# Multnomah County Employment Trends: FY 2022 - FY 2024

Department of County Assets 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 years (FY) 2022 and 2024, which spans the period of July 2021 through June 2024. Whereas the full Multnomah County Employment Trends report examines countywide trends, this departmental report focuses on trends within the Department of County Assets (DCA).

When interpreting these results, it is important to keep in mind the broader context of what was happening during that period globally, nationally, and locally in our communities, as well within the countywide workplace, including at the department, division, and work unit levels. That could include events and conditions like the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, or economic shifts and uncertainty that impact employees. We also encourage you to consider how the wider contexts

affected the Department of County Assets and its employees during the reporting period.

Visit the Evaluation and Research Unit webpage for the Multnomah County Employment Trends executive summary, full report, other 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 2024 at the countywide level, the majority of regular employees identified as White (56.5%), while 13.6% of regular employees identified as Latino or Hispanic, 9.1% as Black or African American, and 8.2% as Asian. In comparison, the Department of County Assets had a higher percentage of regular employees in FY 2024 identifying as White (72.8%). And while also had a higher rate of employees identifying as Asian (9.0%), the percentage of total regular employees of color in the

#### Race and Ethnicity of Countywide and Department of County Assets

DCA Count  African 0.5% 0.99	
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■ American Indian or Alaska Native 0.5% 1.39	)
■ Asian 9.0% 8.2%	•
Black or African American 3.3% 9.29	ó
■ Latino or Hispanic 5.6% 13.6	%
■ Middle Eastern 0.5% 0.6	%
■ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0.3% 0.8	%
■ Slavic 0.3% 0.8	%
■ Two or More Races 3.8% 4.3	%
■ White 72.6% 56.5	%
■ Decline to Answer 2.1% 1.6	%
■ Unknown 1.5% 2.2	%

department was lower than the countywide proportion in FY 2024.

DCA

N = 5832 N = 394

Countywide

A diversity index is a measure used to summarize the ethnic diversity of a location or workplace. Scores range from 0 to 10, with higher scores indicating a greater probability that two randomly selected employees from within a group will be from two different race or ethnicity groups. In FY 2024, the diversity index countywide was 6.2, while the diversity index for the Department of County Assets was lower, at 4.2.

Diversity Index of Department of County Assets and Countywide Regular Employees



### Separations

At the countywide level, there was a statistically significant decrease in the separation rate for regular represented and regular non-represented employees within the period we analyzed: from around 11% in both FY 2022 and FY 2023, down to 8.4% in FY 2024.

The Department of County Assets also had decreases in its separation rate between FY 2022 and FY 2024. In FY 2022, the separation rate was 6.5%, which dropped to 6.3% in FY 2023, then 5.6% in FY 2024.

# Countywide and Department of County Assets Separation Rates

10.7% 10.8% 8.4% 6.5% 6.3% 5.6% FY 2022 FY 2023 FY 2024 DCA Countywide

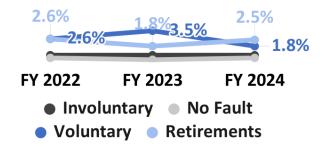
There were differences in the rates across the type of separations among all regular DCA employees, as well.

Similar to what we saw countywide, most separations in the Department of County Assets were voluntary. The departmental voluntary separation rate for all regular DCA employees was 2.6% in FY 2022, 3.5% in FY 2023, and 1.8% in FY 2024.

Retirements fluctuated between FY 2022 and FY 2024, dropping from 2.6% in FY 2022 to 1.8% in FY 2023, then increasing to 2.5% in FY 2024.

Involuntary and no fault separations were relatively uncommon and steady, with rates for both types below 1% in all fiscal years.

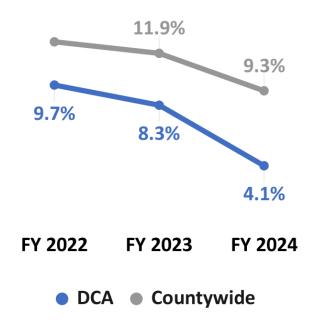
# Department of County Assets Separation Type



#### Hires

The countywide hiring rate was 12.7% in FY 2022, decreased slightly to 11.9% in FY 2023, then statistically significantly decreased to 9.3% in FY 2024. The Department of County Assets had a similar trend compared to countywide results. The hiring rate for regular DCA employees was 9.7% in FY 2022, decreased to 8.3% in FY 2023, then to 4.1% in FY 2024.

# Hire Rate for Department of County Assets



# Other Employee Movement

In addition to separations and hires, we also examined other types of employee movements, including promotions, reclassifications, limited duration assignments, temporary and work out of class assignments, and demotions. These types of employee movements were evaluated against employee demographics and bargaining units, several of which are associated with specific departments (e.g., the Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers (FOPPO) and Juvenile Custody bargaining units are only in the Department of Community Justice). Because these other types of employee movements occur relatively infrequently, we combined their total instances between FY 2022 and FY 2024 for analyses.

For promotions, female employees were more likely to experience a promotion (17.8%) compared to male employees (9.8%) across all fiscal years combined. No statistically significant results were found for other demographics or types of other employee movement actions.