

Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed.

Financial Condition Review In May 2012 the Oregon Secretary of State published an analysis entitled, “*Oregon’s Counties: 2012 Financial Condition Review.*”³ Part of that report was about how each of Oregon’s 36 counties had addressed their financial conditions as described by 10 fiscal indicators. The reader is referred to other educational brochures for summaries of the other 8 indicators.

Indicator No. 7 Public Safety Public safety is a primary responsibility of a county to ensure that its citizens are protected. Between 2008 and 2011, Sherman and Gilliam Counties significantly out spent all other counties for public safety related activities. On the other hand, Yamhill and Benton Counties spent the least on public safety during these years.

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Fiscal Indicators: “Public Safety” & Personal Income”

Public Safety Spending Per Capita 4-Year Average, FY 2008 - 2011

Yamhill	\$150
Benton	\$159
Coos	\$163
Columbia	\$185
Polk	\$188
Jackson	\$205
Marion	\$209
Lane	\$209
Curry	\$210
Douglas	\$216
Union	\$219
Josephine	\$221
Crook	\$223
Hood River	\$229
Washington	\$229
Klamath*	\$234
Wallowa	\$249
Malheur	\$249
Wasco	\$251
Clackamas	\$255
Grant	\$259
Umatilla	\$265
Tillamook	\$271
Linn	\$271
Harney	\$274
Baker	\$282
Jefferson	\$287
Multnomah	\$297
Lake	\$341
Lincoln	\$365
Clatsop	\$371
Deschutes	\$439
Morrow	\$478
Wheeler	\$522
Gilliam	\$807

Oregon’s Counties: 2012 Financial Condition Review

Indicator No. 8 Personal Income Personal income per capita is one measure of a county’s ability to raise taxes: the higher the per capita income, the more property tax, income tax, and business tax the county can generate. If income is evenly distributed, a higher per capita income will usually mean a lower dependency on government services such as transportation, health, recreation, and welfare. A decline in per capita income causes a drop in consumer purchasing power and can provide advance notice that businesses, especially in the retail sector, will suffer a decline that can ripple through the rest of the county’s economy.

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Income data for 2009 was the latest available; based upon 2009 figures, the per capita personal income among Oregon’s 36 counties ranged from about \$24,000 to \$44,000. Every county experienced increases in per capita personal income over the period from 2000-2009. Gilliam and Sherman Counties had the largest gains over that decade, with increases of about 80%.

Want more information? Contact the *Exploratory Committee*.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of cost for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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Indicator 7. Public Safety Indicator 8. Personal Income

The 10 Fiscal Indicators Provide a General Assessment of the Financial Condition of Oregon's Counties

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| Indicator 1. | Local Support |
| Indicator 2. | Timber Payment Dependence |
| Indicator 3. | Debt Burden |
| Indicator 4. | Liquidity |
| Indicator 5. | Fund Balance |
| Indicator 6. | Retirement Benefit Obligation |
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