

Oregon Courts Oregon Judicial System

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About Oregon's Justice System

- Oregon Judicial Department's Intro to the Courts of Oregon
- Oregon State Bar's Intro to Oregon's Legal System
- Criminal Justice System Flowchart. Simple chart of stages in Oregon's criminal justice process from arrest through parole. Outlines sources of decision making authority at each stage.
- Bureau of Justice Flowchart of Criminal Justice System: Complex chart that summarizes common events in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, including entry into the criminal justice system, prosecution and pretrial services, adjudication, sentencing and sanctions, and corrections.
- Oregon Judicial Department Juror Information: Information for jurors, employers, and the public about Oregon's jury system and jury service, including:
 - how courts summon, choose and pay jurors;
 - how courts accommodate jurors who have schedule conflicts or a disability;
 - how jurors do their work;
 - types of cases jurors decide;
 - court efforts to improve jury service;
 - what happens before, during, and after a trial;
 - a glossary of terms jurors may hear or read about during jury service.

- Handbook for Jurors: Written by the Oregon State Bar to help you better understand jury service in state courts. Designed to supplement juror orientation in each judicial district.
- Understanding Police Procedures If You are Stopped by Police: Published by the Portland Police Bureau.

Self-Help in Oregon's Justice System

- Oregon Judicial Department Self-Help Page: Links to resources for users who want to learn more about the law and courts or who want to represent themselves in a legal matter. The self-help information is not legal advice. Oregon law prevents us from offering legal advice to the public.
- Oregon State Bar Legal Links: Information on many areas of Oregon law. You can reach the Bar's Lawyer Referral Service by telephone: 503.684.3763 (Portland); 800.452.7636 (toll free).
- Oregon Judicial Department Family Law Section: Information and resources on family law, including parenting plan information and family law forms.
- Mental Health Law in Oregon A Guide for Consumers and Families: Written by the Oregon Advocacy Center, a non-profit law office that provides advocacy and representation for persons with disabilities. Includes information on the rights of persons in different mental health settings and telephone numbers for advocacy groups and legal assistance.
- Family Help in Oregon: Links to many schools, programs, and services in Oregon, including but not limited to legal matters.
- For links to Oregon statutes and rules, see Rules; for Oregon appellate court opinions, see Opinions; for other legal research information, see Reference.
- When Your Teen Is in Trouble with the Law: Although not specific to Oregon, Focus Adolescent Services provides practical advice and information about juvenile-related legal problems.
- Youth Faces the Law: A Juvenile Rights Handbook: Created by the Pro Bono Committee of the Multnomah Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section, Spring 2002. Provides brief overview of selected areas of the law affecting youth.

Oregon Justice System Partners

- Oregon Judicial Department
- Oregon State Bar
- Oregon Minority Lawyers Association
- Oregon Law Firms
- Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Oregon Law Schools
 - University of Oregon School of Law
 - Lewis and Clark Law School
 - Willamette College of Law

- Oregon Department of Corrections
- Oregon State Police
- Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Oregon Legislature
- Oregon Governor's Office
 - Governor's Affirmative Action Office
- Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
- Oregon Youth Authority
- Oregon Women Lawyers
- Oregon Counties
 - Association of Oregon Counties
 - Oregon State Sheriffs Association
 - Oregon Jail Managers Association

Oregon Demographics and Culture

- Oregon's Racial/Ethnic Demographics, 2001 Adobe PDF icon Compilation of data from the U.S. Census 2001 Supplement.
- Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention statistics on juvenile populations in all 50 states, broken down by age, sex, race and ethnicity.
- Cultural Profiles Project: University of Toronto website with information about cultures many different countries.
- Oregon Diversity Calendar: Local and statewide diversity events and important people, dates, festivals, holy days, and anniversaries of many countries and cultures.

Racial/Ethnic Fairness

- Multnomah County Racial Overrepresentation in the Criminal Justice System Task Force Report 2001-2002: (December 2002) Final report of the Racial Overrepresentation in the Criminal Justice System Task Force of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council of Multnomah County (LPSCC). Follows the Working Group on the Over-Representation of Minorities (see next link). Provides recommendations to reduce minority overrepresentation in the Multnomah County justice system based on specific systematic approaches or adjustments. Select link to the report (PDF) on the LPSCC web page.
- Ensuring Equitable Treatment in the Criminal Justice System: Addressing Overrepresentation of Minorities. An Assessment and Action Plan: (October 2000) Report of the Working Group on the Overrepresentation of Minorities of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council of Multnomah County (LPSCC). The working group concluded that racial overrepresentation in Multnomah County's justice system does exist, but that the dynamics are complex and not fully understood, and the causes are not clear. Select link to the report (PDF) on the LPCSS webpage.

- Oregon Benchmarks: A Progress Report on Oregon's Racial and Ethnic Minorities: (November 2002) Oregon Progress Board report on Oregon minority populations' progress over the past decade regarding the state's Oregon Benchmark targets. Finds that many social and economic indicators improved for Oregon's racial and ethnic minorities during the 1990s, but major disparities still exist.
- Elected and Appointed Officials in Oregon: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Parity: (July 2002) Oregon Progress Board report on continued underrepresentation of minorities and women in both elected and appointed positions at the state and local level.
- Oregon Minorities: Changes in Oregon Benchmarks By Race and Ethnicity, 1990-1998: (July 2000) Oregon Progress Report on Oregon racial and ethnic minorities' progress on key educational and social measures. Hispanics and African-Americans actually lost ground between 1990 and 1998 in many instances.
- Justice on Trial: Racial Disparities in the American Criminal Justice System: Report of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Leadership Conference Education Fund. A national, comprehensive review of racial profiling, prosecution and sentencing disparities, with recommendations.
- Minorities in the Juvenile Justice System: 1999 National Report Series, Juvenile Justice Bulletin, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Adobe PDF icon
- Racial Disparity: Compilation of links by a University of Wisconsin-Madison sociology professor on racial disparities in the justice system.
- Punishment and Prejudice: Racial Disparities in the War on Drugs: Human Rights Watch report and recommendations, including section on "Women, Race, Drugs, and Imprisonment."

Gender Fairness

- Women Offenders: Programming Needs and Promising Approaches: (August 1998) Part of the National Institute of Justice Research in Brief Series. Finds that women offenders are more likely to be primary caregivers for their children, victims of sexual and physical abuse, and drug abusers. Discusses innovative programs targeted at women offenders.
- Current Glance of Women in the Law: (2001) National statistics on women in the legal profession compiled by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

National Resources

- National Association of Women Judges: Several curricula on issues concerning women in the justice system.
- National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
- Hispanic National Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- National Native American Bar Association

- National Bar Association
- U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Vera Institute of Justice
- National Judicial Education Program
- Disproportionate Minority Confinement Technical Assistance Manual (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)
- The Sentencing Project
- Gang Research,Net: University of Illinois-Chicago website on of the role of gangs in the information age, the wars on drugs and terror, the significance of race in understanding gangs, and the nature of post-industrial violence.
- American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
- National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts
- Alaska Justice Forum
- California: Access and Fairness Advisory Committee
- New Jersey: Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues
- North Dakota: Gender Fairness Implementation Committee
- West Virginia: Task Force on Gender in the Courts