

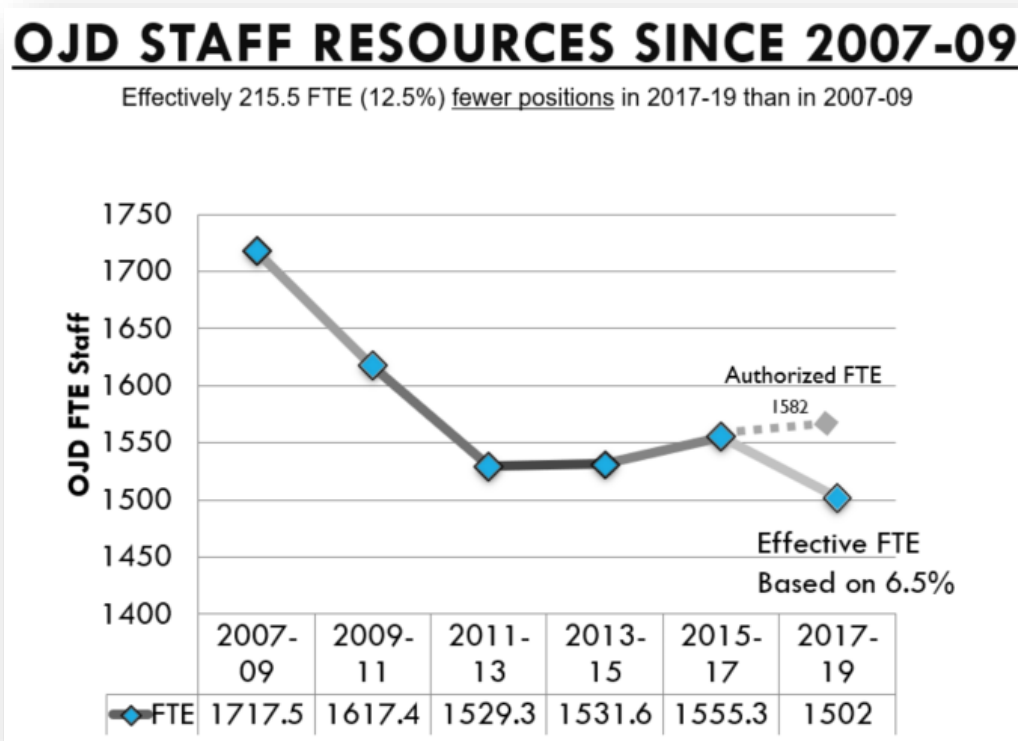


Oregon Judicial Department 2019-21 Budget Request

With CURRENT funding:

- the public must wait for phone and public counter assistance;
- many courts have eliminated important programs, like treatment courts and family law facilitation, that help people navigate the court system or move forward with their lives;
- some courts cannot offer all services throughout the business day;
- business disputes must wait for docket time that is not already taken by statutorily mandated court matters.

OJD has lost 12.5% of its staff over the last 10 years



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What Does a Healthy Court System Mean to Oregon?

Funding the Chief Justice's Recommended budget would:

- **Prevent further decline in court services**
 - Fill 80 staff positions currently held vacant due to budget reductions
 - Maintain 19 staff in treatment courts statewide
- **Provide timely justice**
 - 14 new judicial positions to meet time standards for kids in foster care
 - 78 new staff positions to achieve access objectives (phones answered, counters open eight hours per day; judgments entered within 72 hours; arrest warrants recalled within 24 hours)
- **Provide safe and secure courthouses (mostly bond-funded)**
 - Open the new Multnomah County Courthouse and begin construction for new, safe courthouses in Lane, Clackamas, Benton, and Linn Counties
 - Maintain minimum security standards in every courthouse
 - Provide seismic protections and system upgrades for century-old Supreme Court Building
- **Support recruitment and retention of high-quality lawyers to the bench**
 - Making judicial salaries competitive with other senior lawyers in Oregon (see chart below)
 - Oregon circuit judges are 46th in the country for cost-adjusted salary
 - Ensure future income equity by linking Oregon judge compensation to a percentage of the salary received by U.S. District Court judges

Healthy justice systems ensure an attractive path to the bench

