



Juvenile Justice Information System

Data & Evaluation Reports Restitution (2007)

JJIS Steering Committee
JJIS Data & Evaluation Sub-Committee

JJIS – A Shared Information System

Oregon Youth Authority
Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association





Juvenile Justice Information System Vision & Goals

VISION

To promote public safety and youth accountability, and to offer opportunities for rehabilitation to youth, through the development of a statewide juvenile justice information system that:

- Provides a comprehensive view of information about juvenile offenders across Oregon's state and county juvenile justice agencies;
- Provides comprehensive support for managing individual juvenile offender cases and tracking juveniles through the juvenile justice process;
- Provides the capacity for and aids in the overall planning, development, and evaluation of programs designed to reduce juvenile crime; and
- Recognizes and supports the common needs of juvenile justice partnership agencies.

GOALS To accomplish the vision, JJIS will strive to accomplish the following goals.

Vision Statement	Goals in Support of Vision Statement
<p>Provides a comprehensive view of information about juvenile offenders across Oregon's state and county juvenile justice agencies.</p>	<p>JJIS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a statewide juvenile justice information system that supports a partnership of the OYA, 36 county juvenile departments, and approved external partners; • Be the primary information system used by the OYA and county juvenile departments to manage and report information about juvenile offenders in their agency; and • Support statewide reporting.
<p>Provides comprehensive support for managing individual juvenile offender cases and tracking juveniles through the justice process.</p>	<p>JJIS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the assessment of risks and needs of juvenile offenders; • Support individual case plans; and • Track juveniles through the entire justice process so that individual status, program involvement, progress, and outcomes can be determined.
<p>Provides the capacity for and aids in the overall planning, development, and evaluation of programs designed to reduce juvenile crime.</p>	<p>JJIS will provide data and information to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a knowledge base about outcomes relevant to functions and programs of the juvenile justice system; • Evaluate the benefit of programs aimed at reducing juvenile crime.
<p>Recognizes and supports the common needs of juvenile justice partnership agencies.</p>	<p>JJIS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be developed in a cost-efficient and incremental manner; • Be operated in an efficient manner; • Eliminate duplicate data entry within the JJIS partnership agencies; • Develop common data elements while maintaining integrity of information and adhering to existing state justice information system standards; • Provide a statewide standard for entry of information into the system; • Ensure consistent training of JJIS users; • Maintain confidentiality and protection of information contained in JJIS; • Be designed using the cooperative input of the JJIS partnership; and • Be guided by the decisions and policies of the JJIS Steering Committee.

JJIS Steering Committee

The JJIS Steering Committee provides oversight to the JJIS project. It meets monthly to review the project and ensure that it is on task to accomplish the vision and goals of JJIS. The Steering Committee prioritizes the development of software features, makes policy decisions, and allocates resources to the project.

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JJIS Data & Evaluation Subcommittee

-- serving as a standing subcommittee of the JJIS Steering Committee to:

- guide the development of routine publications/statistics; specific research initiatives; design, reporting, and analysis of JJIS data in order to provide quality program and system evaluations and forecasting for system resources and prevention and intervention strategies; and
- function as an analytical Users Group that assesses development, implementation, and interpretation of reports for consistency, accuracy, and appropriateness in the areas of program evaluation, forecasting, policy analysis, impact analysis, and trend analysis.

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Introduction

Oregon's juvenile justice community is committed to providing effective and efficient services to promote public safety, ensure justice for victims, and prevent youth from repeating criminal behavior. Restitution provides payment to victims for damages caused by another person. Participation in making payments to victims is one of several strategies designed not only to help victims but to change youth behavior. Reporting annual Restitution Completion data provides a basis to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of this juvenile justice practice over time.

Contents of this report

This document contains statewide and county specific data regarding the number and status of Restitution conditions closed during the reporting year. Both formal restitution conditions ordered by the court as well as restitution conditions directed by the juvenile department are included. Conditions are closed throughout a youth's supervision with a juvenile justice agency. These data represent condition closures rather than case closures. The total number of youth with Restitution Conditions along with amounts of Restitution collected at the time the conditions are closed are also reported. There are three sections to the report:

Number of Youth

The total number of youth that have court ordered and juvenile department directed Restitution Conditions closed during the year.

Number of Conditions Closed

The total number of court ordered and juvenile department directed Restitution Conditions listed by closing status of the condition at the time the condition was closed.

Amounts of Restitution at Closing

The total amount of restitution owed; the total amount of restitution paid at the time the conditions were closed; the total amount closed with a continuing Money Judgment; and the total amount closed "Incomplete".

The Condition may have been ordered in a prior reporting year. The Amount Completed is the cumulative amount completed or accepted as complete at the time the condition was closed.

Notes about the information

Overall Criteria: Conditions closed during the year are counted. These conditions may have been ordered in a prior reporting year. Reporting on closed conditions provides a more complete picture than reporting on conditions that may still be in progress.

Statewide Totals: Statewide totals include data for 32 of 36 counties and OYA.

Rounding: Totals may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

of Youth: The unduplicated # of youth that had Restitution Conditions closed during the year. Youth may be counted in more than one county, but will only be counted once in the Statewide total.

Total # of Conditions: The total number of Restitution conditions closed during the year. Youth may have more than one closed condition during the year.

Agency at Condition Closure: Based on Office of Primary Worker at time condition was closed.

Cautions Regarding Restitution Data

- **Number and Percent of Conditions Closed Complete versus Amounts Completed**
 - Readers are strongly cautioned about drawing conclusions by comparing amounts owed to amounts completed. There are many complicated factors involved in understanding Restitution data. As a result, it is very important to consider the percentage of conditions that have been closed complete in addition to the total amounts collected. This number provides a more accurate picture of the degree to which youth are meeting their court ordered and agency directed accountability conditions while under juvenile justice supervision and can provide the basis for subsequent meaningful analysis about these types of interventions.

 - **Amount Owed**
 - A youth may be ordered to pay Restitution - Joint and Several with other parties, including adults. This means that each party is individually and collectively responsible for the entire Restitution Order. Once the order is paid, the obligation is satisfied for all parties, regardless who pays. The decision to order Joint and Several Restitution is at the discretion of the judge. Joint and Several orders are recorded in JJIS by recording the entire ordered amount as a condition for each youth. If each youth satisfactorily pays his share, the youth's actual payment is recorded and the condition is closed "Accepted as Complete". For example, if 10 youth are part of a Joint and Several Order to pay \$1,000, the entire Amount Ordered is recorded on all 10 youth. If each of the 10 youth pay \$100, the victim has been compensated for the entire \$1,000 and each condition is closed "Accepted as Complete". The report will accurately indicate that 10
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conditions were closed “Accepted as Complete” and will compute the amount owed to be \$100 for each youth or \$1,000. However, if one or all of the youth has a continuing Money Judgment when the condition is closed, the original ordered amount will be used to compute the amount ordered.

- **Single conditions with an unusually large amount of Restitution Ordered**

- In 2007, twenty-eight youth across the state were each ordered to pay more than \$10,000 in Restitution. These youth have been pulled out of the statewide data and listed separately in order to provide a more accurate understanding of the majority of the restitution conditions.

This group represented just over 1% of the conditions ordered but nearly 56% of the amounts owed.

- **Amount Paid at Closure**

- The amount paid at closure does not always represent youths’ fulfillment of obligations to make payments to their victims or the victim’s receipt of compensation for damages. Oregon law requires judges to order restitution based on the amount of loss to the victim and that restitution orders also be recorded similar to judgments in a civil action. Commonly called Money Judgments, these orders extend obligations to make reparations to victims beyond juvenile justice supervision. Any unpaid restitution at the close of supervision is reflected with a closing status of Money Judgment at the time the condition is closed. This procedure acknowledges a youth’s ability to pay and make satisfactory progress while under supervision plus continue as a court ordered obligation once supervision ends. The amount of money subsequently collected pursuant to the money judgment is not tracked in JJIS and will not be reported.
- Youth can satisfy restitution obligations to victims a number of ways, often determined through mediation. If the youth performs community service or satisfies other alternative negotiated conditions in lieu of restitution, the restitution order can be vacated by the court or otherwise considered accepted as complete. When the condition is closed or Accepted as Complete, the amount owed is computed to reflect the amount paid.
- Victims are often compensated for damages caused by youth by their insurance. When this happens, the youth is held accountable by paying restitution to the insurance company instead of the victim.

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		**Conditions Closed							Amounts of Restitution at Closing						
Agency at Closure	# of Youth	Total Conditions Closed	Complete & Accepted as Complete	%	***Money Judgment	%	Incomplete	%	Dollars Owed	Dollars Paid	%	Dollars ***Money Judgment	%	Dollars Incomplete	%
Umatilla	54	61	45	73.8	10	16.4	5	8.2	29,735	17,415	58.6	10,035	33.7	2,285	7.7
Union	24	24	18	75.0	2	8.3	3	12.5	15,049	6,684	44.4	5,541	36.8	2,824	18.8
Wallowa	7	8	7	87.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	2,194	2,159	98.4	0	0.0	35	1.6
Wasco	15	16	16	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,629	3,629	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	170	179	129	72.1	6	3.4	43	24.0	109,231	63,953	58.5	6,629	6.1	38,649	35.4
Wheeler	1	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	407	407	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yamhill	71	86	50	58.1	28	32.6	8	9.3	68,178	22,555	33.1	40,749	59.8	4,874	7.1
OYA	170	236	104	44.1	88	37.3	40	16.9	196,990	77,189	39.2	92,517	47.0	27,285	13.9
Statewide	1984	2309	1540	66.7	507	22.0	229	9.9	1,421,128	715,174	50.3	525,927	37.7	170,027	12.0

* County is not recording Restitution data in JJIS. Lane County submitted data to JJIS for inclusion in the year-end report.

** Condition is a requirement ordered by the court or directed by the juvenile department as part of a disposition of a youth's case. Resitution conditions directed by the juvenile department are not eligible for money judgments.

*** Money judgments represent Restitution that continues as a court-ordered obligation after probation or parole supervision ends.

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Restitution Conditions Greater Than \$10,000

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		Total Conditions Closed	Complete & Accepted as Complete	%	***Money Judgment	%	Incomplete	%	Dollars Owed	Dollars Paid	%	Dollars ***Money Judgment	%	Dollars Incomplete	%
Clackamas	4	4	0	0.0	4	100.0	0	0	71,781	4,382	6.1	67,400	93.9	0	0.0
Coos	2	2	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0	22,850	22,850	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Curry	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	10,651	2,894	27.2	7,756	72.8	0	0.0
Deschutes	2	2	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0	35,220	25,475	72.3	9,745	27.7	0	0.0
Douglas	4	4	0	0.0	4	100.0	0	0	56,309	160	0.3	56,149	99.7	0	0
Jackson	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	17,602	0	0.0	17,602	100.0	0	0.0
Josephine	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	10,894	0	0.0	10,894	100.0	0	0
Lane*	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	10,216	0	0.0	10,216	100.0	0	0
Lincoln	2	2	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0	20,673	96	0.5	20,577	99.5	0	0.0
Linn	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	11,268	450	4.0	10,818	96.0	0	0.0
Marion	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	12,591	457	3.6	12,134	96.4	0	0.0
Polk	1	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0	21,818	21,818	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Umatilla	1	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	13,660	283	2.1	0	0.0	13,378	97.9
Washington	1	1	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0	10,653	4,653	43.7	6,000	56.3	0	0.0
OYA	5	5	0	0.0	4	80.0	1	20.0	1,450,398	1,191	0.1	1,349,387	93.0	99,820	6.9
Statewide	28	28	4	14.3	22	78.6	1	3.6	1,776,584	84,707	4.8	1,568,463	88.8	113,198	6.4

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