

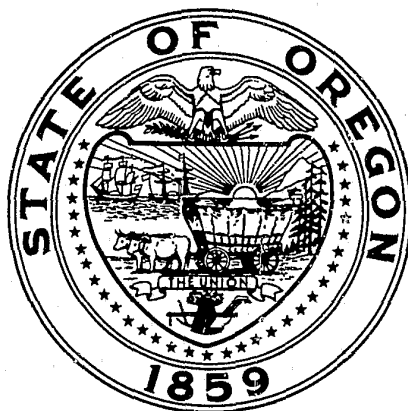
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SUPREME COURT OF OREGON

1973

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DOCKET OF THE OREGON SUPREME COURT 1973

Since 1970, the first full year of operation by the Court of Appeals, the number of appeals filed with the Supreme Court has remained fairly constant, about 350. The number of appeals pending has decreased each year since 1970, showing that more appeals have been terminated than have been filed. At the end of 1973 only 217 appeals were pending; this is the lowest number of appeals pending since 1955. Since 1970 about 380 appeals per year have been terminated with about 240 being terminated each year by decision with a written opinion. The average number of opinions per justice for those years has been about 34.

While the establishment of the Court of Appeals drastically cut the number of appeals that the Supreme Court had to decide, it added another function for the Court — the consideration of petitions for review from the Court of Appeals. This now occupies a substantial amount of the judicial time of the Supreme Court. In 1973, 206 petitions for review were filed. Petitions were filed in about one-third of the cases decided by the Court of Appeals.

The percentage of petitions for review granted has remained about the same, about 9 percent. In 1973, about half of the decisions of the Court of Appeals for which petitions for review were granted were affirmed.

The time it takes to process an appeal in the Supreme Court has also been decreased. Average elapsed time from filing notice of appeal to the Supreme Court to court decision has been reduced from 468 days in 1970 to 344 days in 1973. A major portion of this time is required in preparation of the record and the briefs to bring the case to issue. For the most part this is accomplished by the court reporter, the county clerk's staff and the attorneys. By close communication with these persons and by withholding extensions of time except in cases of genuine need, this portion of appeal time has been reduced about 40 days over the last three years. The portion of the appeal process which is completely within the control of the Supreme Court, docketing, hearing, considering and deciding, has been reduced 124 days within this time. The Supreme Court hears oral argument in a case within one or two months after it is at issue and ready for argument.

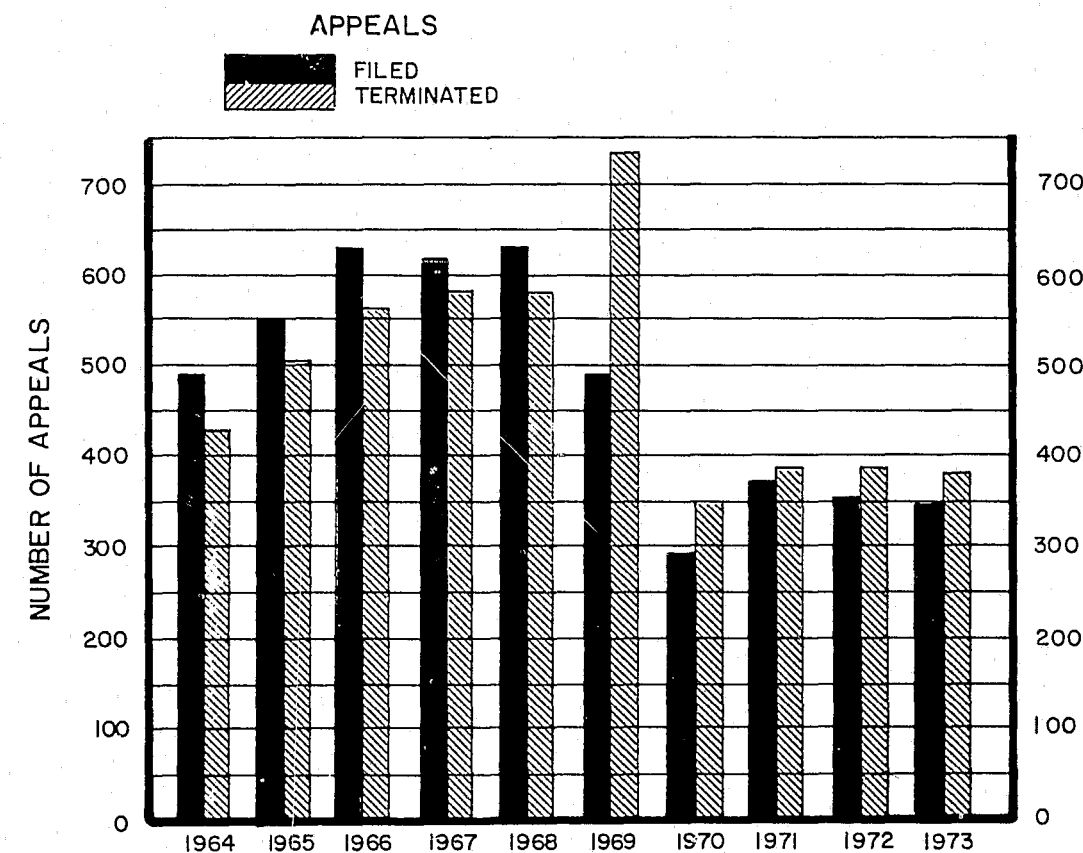
The statistics show that the docket of the Supreme Court is in excellent condition. What of the future? When the Court of Appeals was established in 1969 many believed that eventually all appeals would go to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court would be limited to cases taken on review from the Court of Appeals. These statistics show at least for the near future this is not necessarily required. On the other hand, it is doubtful that the Supreme Court can continue to maintain the same degree of currency in its docket. The circuit courts tried 1,000 more cases in 1973 than they did in 1970. The ratio of cases appealed to cases tried increases each year. Appeals to the Court of Appeals have risen approximately 11 percent each year. All these facts inevitably will cause the Supreme Court to be faced with an ever-increasing workload.

SUPREME COURT APPEALS FILED AND TERMINATED FROM 1964 TO 1973

Year	Appeals Filed	Appeals Terminated	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Appeals Pending
1964	499	438	+ 61
1965	547	506	+ 41
1966	628	565 (a)	+ 63
1967	612	577 (b)	+ 35
1968	629	576 (c)	+ 53
1969	450	747 (d)	- 297
1970	294	352	- 58
1971	363	387	- 24
1972	353	389	- 36
1973	347	370	- 13

Cases Pending at the end of 1973 — 217

- (a) In 1966 circuit judges served a total of seven months as justices pro tempore of the Supreme Court.
- (b) In 1967 circuit judges served a total of thirteen months as justices pro tempore of the Supreme Court.
- (c) In 1968 circuit judges served a total of fourteen months as justices pro tempore of the Supreme Court.
- (d) Includes 333 cases transferred to Court of Appeals.



SUPREME COURT

AVERAGE NUMBER OF OPINIONS DECIDING CASES ON THE MERITS WRITTEN PER REGULAR JUDGE

Year	On Merits	Year	On Merits
1960	34.43	1967	34.86
1961	28.71	1968	38.71
1962	30.71	1969	32.14
1963	32.43	1970	30.28
1964	32.00	1971	33.57
1965	38.29	1972	34.86
1966	36.14	1973	34.14

METHOD BY WHICH APPEALS TERMINATED 1964 - 1973

Year	Decided on the merits by opinions written by regular judges	Decided on the merits by opinions written by pro tempore judges	Dismissed or otherwise disposed of without opinions	Total
1964	224	20	194	438
1965	268	16	222	506
1966	253	53	259	565
1967	244	61	272	577
1968	271	74	231	576
1969	225	26	496 (a)	747
1970	211	1	140	352
1971	229	2	156	387
1972	244	0	145	389
1973	239	0	131	370

(a) Includes 333 cases transferred to Court of Appeals

SUPREME COURT

DISPOSITION OF APPEALS DECIDED BY WRITTEN OPINION 1964 - 1973

Year	Affirmed	Reversed	Modified	Dismissed	Misc.*	Total
1964	167	58	8	7	4	244
1965	180	78	15	1	10	284
1966	201	81	9	6	9	306
1967	196	84	16	5	4	305
1968	222	92	18	4	9	345
1969	155	73	14	4	5	251
1970	116	69	11	4	12	212
1971	138	56	20	4	13	231
1972	153	60	15	1	18	244
1973	154	58	17	1	9	239

* Includes mandamus and other original proceedings and bar disciplinary proceedings.

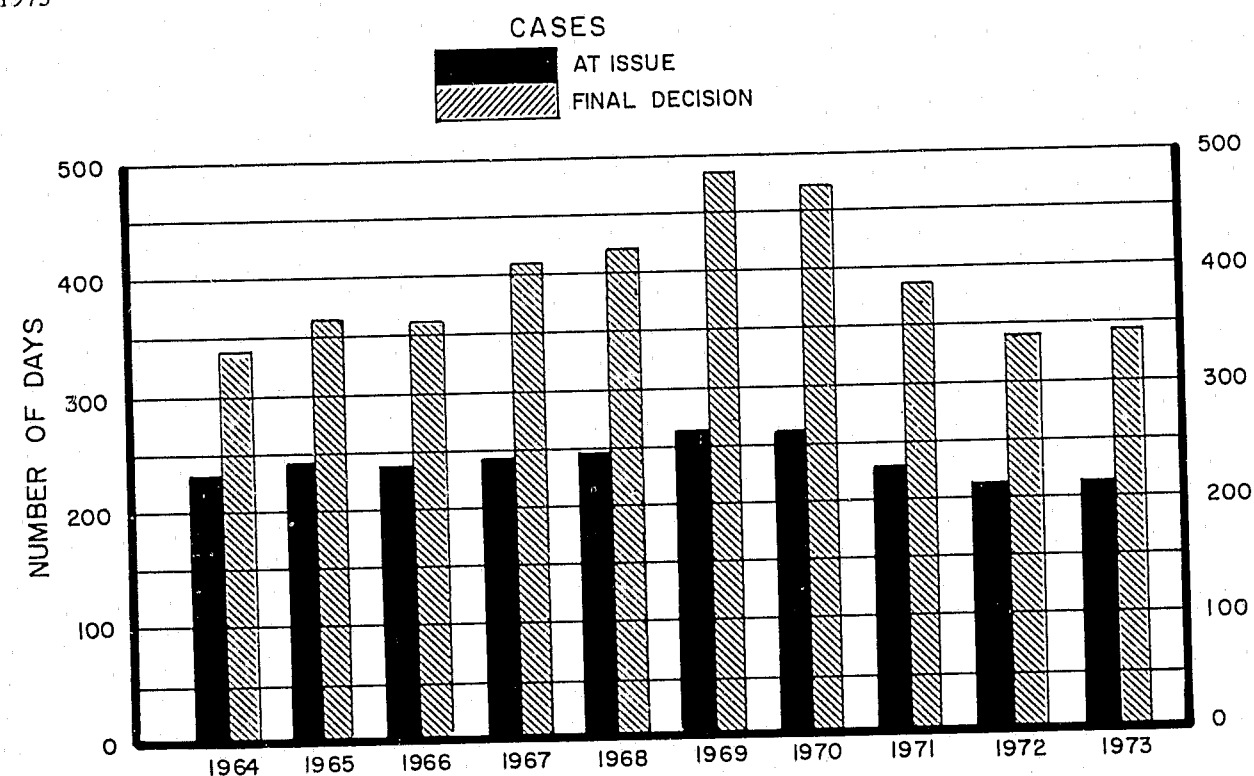
DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS FOR REVIEW FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT

Year	Filed	Granted	Denied	Pending at end of year
1969	8	0	3	5
1970	138	13	125	5
1971	195	17	170	13
1972	254	21	226	20
1973	206	18	178	30

SUPREME COURT

AVERAGE TIME ELAPSING FROM FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL UNTIL CASE WAS AT ISSUE IN THE SUPREME COURT AND UNTIL CASE WAS FINALLY DECIDED *

Year	From notice of appeal to date case at issue Average Days	From date case at issue to final decision Average Days	Total Time for Appeal Average Days
1964	234	107	341
1965	243	124	367
1966	238	122	360
1967	243	161	404
1968	246	172	418
1969	252	221	473
1970	257	211	468
1971	230	152	382
1972	211	130	341
1973	218	126	344



The above table and graph show that over one-half of the time required to appeal a case to the Supreme Court is devoted to the preparation and filing of the transcript of testimony, the preparation and filing of the briefs, and the other details necessary to get the case at issue and ready for hearing. This work is done by counsel for the parties, and the court seeks to prevent any undue delay by the attorneys in preparing appeals for hearing. The court is primarily concerned with hearing and deciding the cases after they are at issue.

* Includes only cases decided on the merits by written opinion.

SUPREME COURT

RATIO BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF CASES TRIED IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS AND THE NUMBER OF CASES APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS

Year	Cases tried in Circuit Courts	Cases Appealed Supreme Court	Cases Appealed Court of Appeals	Ratio of appeals to cases tried
1964	3,681	475	—	12.9
1965	4,006	526	—	13.1
1966	4,086	604	—	14.8
1967	4,165	590	—	14.2
1968	3,788	612	—	16.2
1969	4,068	450	266 (6 months)	17.6
1970	4,476	294	561	18.9
1971	5,148	363	621	19.1
1972	5,540	353	766	20.2
1973	5,515	347	843	21.6

COURT OF APPEALS

HERBERT M. SCHWAB, Chief Judge

VIRGIL LANGTRY, Associate Judge

ROBERT H. FOLEY, Associate Judge

WILLIAM S. FORT, Associate Judge

ROBERT Y. THORNTON, Associate Judge

JACOB B. TANZER, Associate Judge*

* Appointed by the Governor October 5, 1973.

DOCKET OF THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS

1973

CASES FILED

The caseload of the Oregon Court of Appeals has increased at an annual average rate of eleven percent since its creation in 1969. This rapid growth rate required the addition of a sixth judge to that court in 1973. This additional position was much needed to maintain a ratio of case terminations that would keep pace with filings. The Court of Appeals maintained this balance and finished the year with only 21 more cases pending than at the end of 1972.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals provides for a diverse caseload. In 1973 there were 195 civil cases filed, 470 criminal cases, 44 post-conviction relief cases, 93 appeals on administrative matters from government agencies, and 44 cases involving workmen's compensation claims. It is an important characteristic of the Court of Appeals' caseload that over half of the cases filed are appeals on criminal matters. There were 1,678 criminal cases tried in the circuit courts in 1973. While there is no way here to correlate the criminal cases tried to the cases appealed during the year, it is worthy of notice that the appeal rate for 1973 was 28 percent of the trial rate.

CASES TERMINATED

To keep pace with its rapidly growing caseload, the Oregon Court of Appeals has developed some alternative means for disposing of cases on the merits without having to write a full written opinion on each case.

In many situations the Court of Appeals issues bench decisions. These decisions are, as the name implies, issued from the bench orally at the time the case is argued. The Court of Appeals also issues memorandum opinions. These opinions are brief and generally only cite a controlling case that decides the issue and gives the decision of the court to affirm or reverse the case.

In 1973 there were 349 full written opinions authored by individual members of the court, 44 per curiam opinions authored by the court as a whole, 154 decisions issued from the bench, 13 memorandum decisions, and 34 cases closed by consolidation with other cases. The total number of decisions on the merits issued, broken down to a per-judge basis, yields 113 decisions per judge.

AVERAGE TIME FRAMES, 1973

The Court of Appeals has managed its burgeoning caseload largely due to the administrative efficiency in processing cases through the system. Cases are set on the docket at the earliest possible moment and continuances of filing dates for transcripts or briefs are discouraged. This policy of strict caseflow management has resulted in a low average time of 137 days from filing to at-issue. The use of bench and memorandum opinions has lowered the average elapsed days from at-issue to decision to a low 39 days. This average of 176 days is made up of both civil and criminal cases. The average elapsed time from filing to decision in criminal cases is 139 days and in civil cases is 233 days. This type of efficiency helps keep the court's docket current and its pending caseload small.

COURT OF APPEALS

APPEALS FILED AND TERMINATED, 1969* - 1973

Year	Appeals Filed (a)	Appeals Terminated (b)	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Appeals Pending
1969	563	168	+395
1970	577	546	+ 31
1971	622	719	- 97
1972	766	804	- 38
1973	843	822	+ 21
Pending at the end of 1973			+312

* Six months in 1969

(a) Includes cases transferred from the Supreme Court.

(b) Includes cases transferred to the Supreme Court.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DECISIONS ON THE MERITS PER REGULAR JUDGE

Year	On Merits*
1969 (6 months)	17
1970	69
1971	93.6
1972	122.4
1973	113.1

* Includes per curiam and memorandum decisions and decisions from the bench.

COURT OF APPEALS
METHOD BY WHICH APPEALS TERMINATED

Year	Decided on the merits	Dismissed or otherwise disposed of without opinion	Total
1969 (6 months)	84	84	168
1970	348	198	546
1971	468	251	719
1972	612	192	804
1973	594	228	822

DISPOSITION OF APPEALS DECIDED ON THE MERITS

Year	Affirmed	Reversed	Modified	Dismissed	Misc.	Total
1969 (6 months)	62	17	4	1	0	84
1970	263	69	12	4	0	348
1971	367	72	22	3	4	468
1972	469	116	22	5	0	612
1973	467	100	22	5	0	594

**AVERAGE TIME ELAPSING FROM FILING OF NOTICE OF APPEAL
UNTIL CASE WAS AT ISSUE IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
AND UNTIL CASE WAS FINALLY DECIDED**

Year	From notice of appeal to date case at issue Average Days	From date case at issue to final decision Average Days	Total Time for Appeal Average Days
1969 (6 months)	—	—	—
1970	267	103	370
1971	197	71	268
1972	142	64	206
1973	137	39	176

TAX COURT

CARLISLE B. ROBERTS, Judge

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THE OREGON TAX COURT
1973

The caseload of the Oregon Tax Court fluctuates from year to year. Since the inception of the court in 1962 through 1973, there have been 915 Small Claims Divisions cases filed and 845 Regular Division cases filed. The growth pattern is slow but steady. This is probably due to the fact that the Tax Court has specialized jurisdiction. The Tax Court's cases are either appeals from the county boards of equalization [in the case of Small Claims property tax cases] or appeals from decisions of the Oregon Department of Revenue. The caseload is regulated somewhat by the number of appeals before the Department of Revenue and whether or not the taxpayers are satisfied with the administrative ruling.

TAX COURT
REGULAR DIVISION
CASES FILED AND TERMINATED
1964 - 1973

Year	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Cases Pending
1964	60	42	+ 18
1965	44	94	- 50
1966	79	50	+ 29
1967	54	69	- 15
1968	56	60	- 4
1969	84	72	+ 12
1970	78	53	+ 25
1971	96	90	+ 6
1972	66	74	- 8
1973	126 (a)	81	+ 45

(a) Includes 27 cases filed simultaneously from Union County all covering the same issue.

METHOD BY WHICH CASES TERMINATED
1964 - 1973

Year	On the Merits	Dismissed or Settled
1964	33	9
1965	85	9
1966	38	12
1967	46	23
1968	46	14
1969	66	6
1970	43	10
1971	61	29
1972	41	33
1973	33	48

AGE OF MEDIAN CASE TERMINATED
1964 - 1973

Year	Months
1964	8
1965	8
1966	5
1967	6
1968	5
1969	4
1970	5
1971	11
1972	9
1973	10

TAX COURT
SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION
CASES FILED AND TERMINATED
1964 – 1973

Year	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated	Increase (+) or Decrease (–) in Cases Pending
1964	76	76	0
1965	43	54	– 11
1966	34	32	+ 2
1967	57	50	+ 7
1968	75	76	– 1
1969	106	110	– 4
1970	124	46	+ 78
1971	93	120	– 27
1972	109	102	+ 7
1973	97	104	– 7

AGE OF MEDIAN CASE TERMINATED
1964 – 1973

Year	Months
1964	4
1965	4
1966	4
1967	3
1968	3
1969	2
1970	4
1971	7
1972	6.5
1973	7.5

CIRCUIT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, THEIR COUNTIES, JURISDICTION
AND JUDGES, WITH POPULATION PER JUDGE
As of December 31, 1973

Judicial District	County	County Seat	Circuit Judge	Population Per Judge Per District *
First	Jackson	Medford	Mitchell Karaman (assumed office Oct. 1, 1973) James M. Main Loren L. Sawyer	36,825
	Josephine	Grants Pass	Samuel M. Bowe	
Second	Lane	Eugene	Edwin E. Allen F. Gordon Cottrell Helen J. Frye Edward Leavy Roland K. Rodman Douglas R. Spencer	38,333
Third	Marion	Salem	Duane R. Ertsgaard (assumed office Jan. 2, 1973) Joseph B. Felton George A. Jones Jena V. Schlegel Val D. Sloper	32,120
Fourth	Multnomah	Portland	John C. Beatty, Jr. Richard J. Burke Charles S. Crookham Carl A. Dahl (retired Oct. 1, 1973) William M. Dale, Jr. Alan F. Davis Mercedes F. Deiz (assumed office Jan. 2, 1973) Pat Dooley James R. Ellis Robert E. Jones Berkeley Lent Harlow F. Lenon Jean L. Lewis William S. McLennan John J. Murchison Clifford B. Olsen Phillip J. Roth Alfred T. Sulmonetti George A. Van Hoomissen (assumed office Oct. 4, 1973)	30,889

CIRCUIT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, THEIR COUNTIES, JURISDICTION
AND JUDGES, WITH POPULATION PER JUDGE — Continued
As of December 31, 1973

District	County	County Seat	Circuit Judge	Population Per Judge Per District *
Fifth	Clackamas	Oregon City	Howard J. Blanding Winston L. Bradshaw P.K. Hammond Dale A. Jacobs	46,400
Sixth	Morrow (b) Umatilla	Heppner Pendleton	Henry Kaye William W. Wells	25,490
Seventh	Hood River Sherman (a) Wasco	Hood River Moro The Dalles	John A. Jelders	35,930
Eighth	Baker	Baker	Lyle R. Wolff	15,300
Ninth	Harney (a) Malheur (c)	Burns Vale	Jeff D. Dorroh	31,120
Tenth	Union Wallowa (b)	La Grande Enterprise	Wesley F. Brownton	27,420
Eleventh	Crook (b) Deschutes Gilliam (a) Grant (c) Jefferson (b) Wheeler (a)	Prineville Bend Condon Canyon City Madras Fossil	John M. Copenhaver J.R. Campbell	34,240
Twelfth	Polk Yamhill	Dallas McMinnville	Darrell J. Williams Kurt C. Rossman	41,450
Thirteenth	Klamath	Klamath Falls	Donald A.W. Piper L. Orth Sisemore	26,350
Fourteenth	Lake	Lakeview	Charles H. Foster	6,570
Fifteenth	Coos Curry	Coquille Gold Beach	James A. Norman John C. Warden	35,650
Sixteenth	Douglas	Roseburg	Don H. Sanders Charles S. Woodrich	38,450
Seventeenth	Lincoln	Newport	Eugene K. Richardson	27,000

CIRCUIT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, THEIR COUNTIES, JURISDICTION
AND JUDGES, WITH POPULATION PER JUDGE — Continued
As of December 31, 1973

Judicial District	County	County Seat	Circuit Judge	Population Per Judge Per District *
Nineteenth	Clatsop Columbia Tillamook	Astoria St. Helens Tillamook	Thomas E. Edison Donald L. Kalberer J.S. Bohannon	25,767
Twentieth	Washington	Hillsboro	Glen Hieber Albert R. Musick Hollie M. Pihl	60,833
Twenty-first	Benton Linn	Corvallis Albany	Frank D. Knight (assumed office Sept. 28, 1973) Richard Mengler Courtney R. Johns Wendell H. Tompkins	34,750

* Source of population figures is Center For Population Research & Census, Portland State University.

- (a) Does not have juvenile or probate jurisdiction. Such jurisdiction is handled by county court.
(b) Does not have juvenile jurisdiction. Juvenile jurisdiction is handled by county court.
(c) Does not have probate jurisdiction. Probate jurisdiction is handled by county court.

CIRCUIT COURTS

1973

CASES FILED

During 1973 total filings in the circuit courts increased from 41,540 cases to 44,943 cases. The difference of 3,403 cases represents an increase of eight percent over the 1972 filings. The annual average rate of increase for the last five years [1968-1972] has been only about 3.3 percent per year. Calculating the large 1973 increase into the rate for the last five years gives a six-year average increase of four percent per year. We may anticipate that the average rate will continue to climb.

The increases in types of cases filed statewide show a seven percent increase in law, divorce and criminal cases. There was a 19 percent increase in equity cases statewide. Of the total number of cases filed, 26 percent were law cases, 9.6 percent were equity cases, 39.4 percent were divorce cases, and 25 percent were criminal cases.

CASES TERMINATED

In the face of the high increase in cases filed it is good to be able to report an equal case termination rate of eight percent. This again represents a significant increase over the average rate of increase for terminations over the previous five-year period [1968-1972], of 3.7 percent per year.

There was a total of 5,515 cases terminated by trial during 1973. This represents 12.6 percent of the total number of cases filed in the circuit court. The number of trials in criminal cases was 15 percent of the total number of cases filed. 55 percent of the criminal cases tried were tried to a jury. In civil cases the proportion of trials to filings was 11.4 percent. (28 percent of the civil cases were tried to a jury.) This breaks down to 16 percent of the law and equity cases filed and seven percent of the dissolution of marriage cases filed. From the relatively small percent of dissolution cases terminated by trial we may assume that many of these are being disposed of under the no-fault divorce provisions.

CASES PENDING

The percentage of civil cases pending over two years continues to drop in Oregon's circuit courts while caseloads and the level of pending cases continues to grow. This indicates the efficiency of the circuit courts in getting out the older civil cases. The rise in pending cases does not reflect old cases, but new cases overflowing from increased filings and dockets too crowded to accommodate them. The short-run solution to this problem is the assignment of temporary judicial help to the districts. The long-run solution is the creation of additional judicial positions.

TEMPORARY JUDICIAL HELP

During 1973 only four judicial districts gave more help to other districts than they received. The remainder received more temporary help than they gave. If all of the days of help

received by the circuit courts are added together and the days of help given by regular circuit court judges to other districts subtracted, there is a balance of 694.5 days of help received by the circuit courts. This help came from sources other than 63.5 regular circuit judges on the bench in 1973. Calculating this number of days of temporary help into regular judge years [694.5/252], it is seen that in 1973 there were an additional 2.75 fulltime circuit judges in Oregon. This additional level of assistance means that in 1973 there were 66.25 fulltime circuit judges in Oregon. Given this level of judicial help, and, given the high increase in cases filed and the resulting growth of cases pending, there is a definite need for the continued creation of judicial positions to handle the growing workload of the circuit courts.

It should be pointed out that of the 694.5 days of help received by the circuit courts, 580 [84 percent] of those days were received by four counties: Washington County, 67 days [10 percent]; Marion County, 138 days [20 percent]; Lane County, 149.5 days [21.5 percent]; and, Multnomah County, 226 days [32.5 percent]. These counties occupy the population center of the state and presumably receive the greatest portion of new filings. Looking at the statistics for number of filings per judge in 1973, the Second [Lane], Third [Marion], Fourth [Multnomah], and Twentieth [Washington] Districts all experienced a high rate of filings per judge. However, the Sixteenth District [Douglas] experienced the highest filing rate per judge of all districts and yet received a balance of only 13 days of help in 1973. Also, the Fifth [Clackamas], Eleventh [Gilliam, Grant, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wheeler], and Fifteenth [Coos, Curry] Districts experienced high filing rates and yet received a minimum of judicial help in 1973.

DECEDENTS' ESTATES

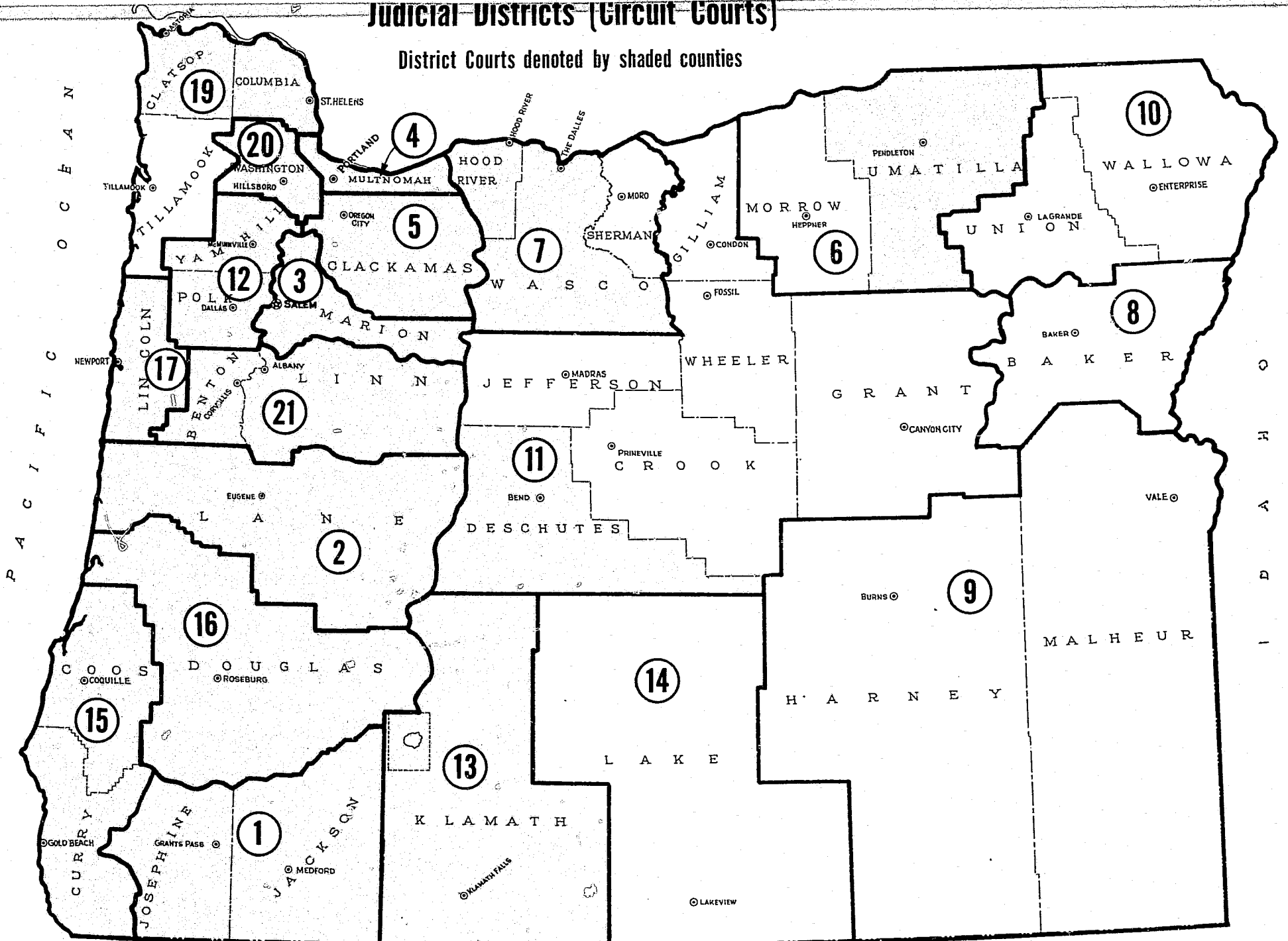
At the end of 1973 there were 7,665 decedents' estates pending in the circuit, district and county courts. This is 115 fewer cases than were pending at the end of 1972. This continues a long-run trend of a declining number of decedents' estates pending at the end of each year. The average rate of decline has been about 3.4 percent over the last five years. This rate of decline almost equals the average increase in regular cases filed experienced by the circuit courts over the same five year period [4 percent, 1969-1973].

The decreasing number of probate cases pending has been accompanied by a steady decrease in the number of estates pending over three years. The actual number of cases pending over three years has been declining at about ten percent per year for the last five years. This decline of the actual number of cases pending over three years, and of the total number of cases pending, results in a steady decline in the percentage of cases pending over three years. Probates reaching disposition are not being fully replaced by new filings.

Therefore, continued effort to reduce the probate backlog should yield in the long run more time for judges and staff to spend on other judicial matters. The disposition of old decedents' estates should receive high priority in any county having more than 20 percent of the cases pending over three years. The time spent clearing these old cases from the docket will allow more time for other judicial matters in the future and clear up a cloud in Oregon's otherwise highly efficient court system.

Judicial Districts (Circuit Courts)

District Courts denoted by shaded counties



CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 1

Judicial District	CASES FILED					CASES TERMINATED					—Backlog— Increase+ Decrease—
	Law	Equity	Disso- lution	Criminal	Total	Law	Equity	Disso- lution	Criminal	Total	
First											
Jackson	298	239	1,033	482	2,052	268	169	946	442	1,825	+ 227
Josephine	114	70	362	131	677	113	60	353	154	680	— 3
Totals	412	309	1,395	613	2,729	381	229	1,299	596	2,505	+ 224
Second											
Lane	1,050	457	2,067	1,164	4,738	887	429	2,140	1,039	4,495	+ 243
Third											
Marion	1,035	221	1,118	1,441	3,815	975	183	1,138	1,396	3,692	+ 123
Fourth											
Multnomah	4,412	1,323	5,705	3,222	14,662	4,441	1,230	6,141	3,258	15,070	— 408
Fifth											
Clackamas	817	352	1,130	633	2,932	695	276	1,058	500	2,529	+ 403
Sixth											
Morrow	20	11	19	4	54	20	10	20	4	54	0
Umatilla	158	56	395	217	826	141	70	396	219	826	0
Totals	178	67	414	221	880	161	80	416	223	880	0
Seventh											
Hood River	48	15	86	64	213	38	29	73	55	195	+ 18
Sherman	16	5	9	19	49	20	5	8	14	47	+ 2
Wasco	66	32	154	106	358	74	66	165	105	410	— 52
Totals	130	52	249	189	620	132	100	246	174	652	— 32
Eighth											
Baker	98	19	121	76	314	104	19	128	67	318	— 4
Ninth											
Harney	71	24	28	16	139	73	28	32	18	151	— 12
Malheur	226	27	99	72	424	216	27	94	70	407	+ 17
Totals	297	51	127	88	563	289	55	126	88	558	+ 5
Tenth											
Union	182	63	147	75	467	204	45	148	72	469	— 2
Wallowa	59	31	33	18	141	58	31	37	16	142	— 1
Totals	241	94	180	93	608	262	76	185	88	611	— 3
Eleventh											
Crook	96	17	109	48	270	104	16	103	39	262	+ 8
Deschutes	186	71	326	92	675	162	61	319	92	634	+ 41
Gilliam	21	1	0	13	35	18	4	1	10	33	+ 2
Grant	79	15	94	45	233	92	30	91	30	243	— 10
Jefferson	93	19	68	66	246	92	15	57	60	224	+ 22
Wheeler	18	6	9	3	36	18	9	8	5	40	— 4
Totals	493	129	606	267	1,495	486	135	579	236	1,436	+ 59

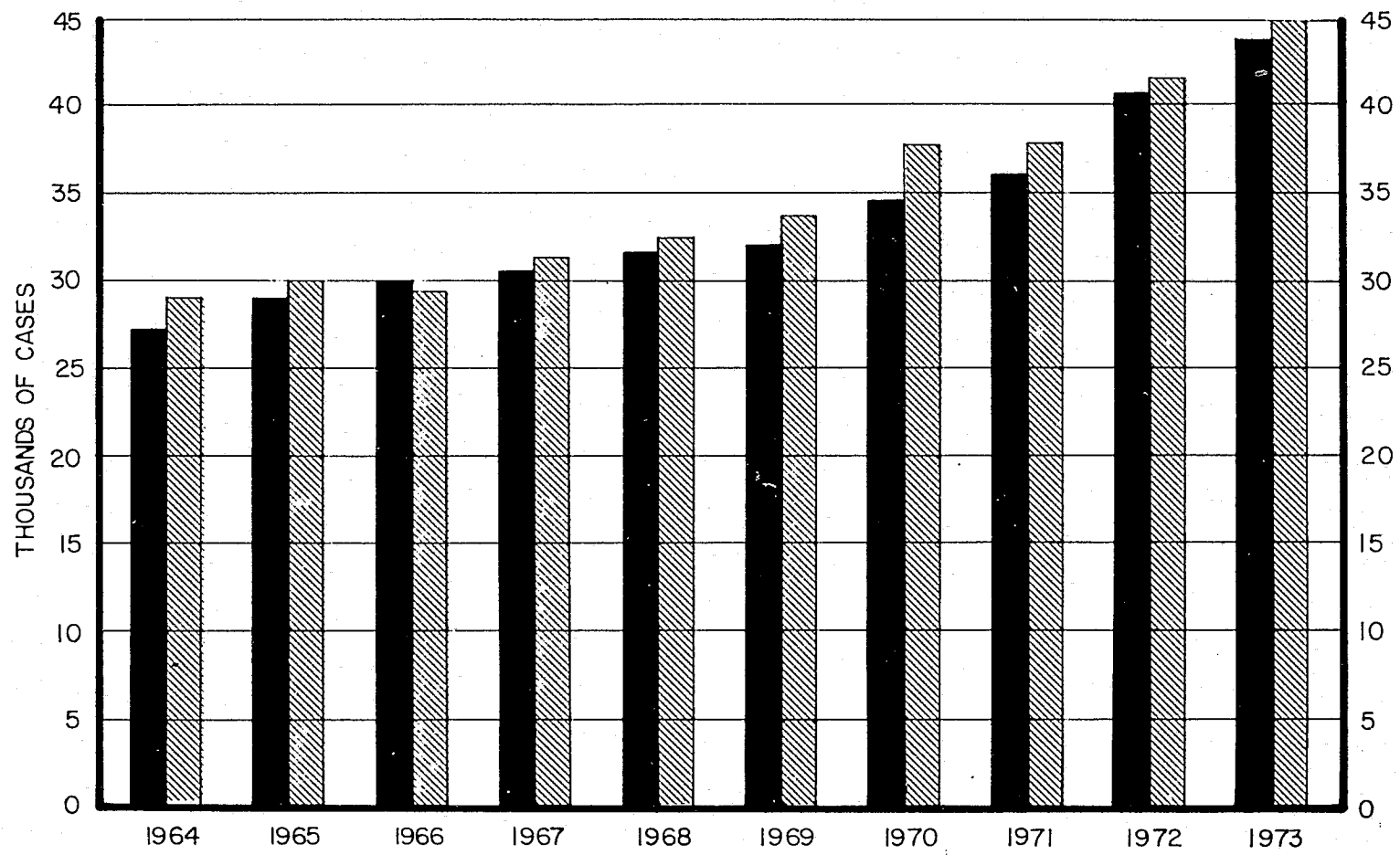
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TABLE 1— Continued

Judicial District	CASES FILED					CASES TERMINATED					—Backlog— Increase+ Decrease—
	Law	Equity	Disso- lution	Criminal	Total	Law	Equity	Disso- lution	Criminal	Total	
Twelfth											
Polk	77	74	159	183	493	76	61	168	198	503	— 10
Yamhill	112	67	248	244	671	117	97	261	231	706	— 35
Totals	189	141	407	427	1,164	193	158	429	429	1,209	— 45
Thirteenth											
Klamath	213	94	458	141	906	220	78	452	176	926	— 20
Fourteenth											
Lake	58	7	51	21	137	33	11	39	23	106	+ 31
Fifteenth											
Coos	255	107	517	278	1,157	241	95	457	261	1,054	+ 103
Curry	65	39	103	43	250	64	35	93	50	242	+ 8
Totals	320	146	620	321	1,407	305	130	550	311	1,296	+ 111
Sixteenth											
Douglas	278	254	636	464	1,632	336	298	588	412	1,634	— 2
Seventeenth											
Lincoln	156	56	207	156	575	158	85	199	127	569	+ 6
Nineteenth											
Clatsop	119	48	174	150	491	110	53	180	121	464	+ 27
Columbia	106	45	182	198	531	142	39	200	132	513	+ 18
Tillamook	112	39	114	123	388	117	34	88	127	366	+ 22
Totals	337	132	470	471	1,410	369	126	468	380	1,343	+ 67
Twentieth											
Washington	561	244	864	682	2,351	464	215	846	626	2,151	+ 200
Twenty-first											
Benton	153	56	338	212	759	153	66	342	223	784	— 25
Linn	347	97	521	281	1,246	310	83	521	264	1,178	+ 68
Totals	500	153	859	493	2,005	463	149	863	487	1,962	+ 43
Statewide											
Totals	11,775	4,301	17,684	11,183	44,943	11,354	4,060	17,892	10,636	43,942	+ 1,001

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CASES— STATEWIDE TREND
1964 — 1973

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TERMINATED



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TABLE 2

AGE OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF SERVICE
OF WARRANT

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Tried by Jury	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
First					
Jackson	59	43	.5	19	2
Josephine	30	24	.5	9	2
Second					
Lane	218	150	.5	11	3
Third					
Marion	167	39	.5	12	1
Fourth					
Multnomah	530	263	.5	11	1
Fifth					
Clackamas	88	35	1	8	3
Sixth					
Morrow	2	0	2	3	2.5
Umatilla	37	26	.5	7	1
Seventh					
Hood River	4	3	2	5	2.5
Sherman	2	2	3	19	11
Wasco	21	9	.5	10	3
Eighth					
Baker	18	15	.5	10	1
Ninth					
Harney	6	2	1	6	2
Malheur	10	9	1	13	1.5
Tenth					
Union	4	4	1	5	3.5
Wallowa	1	0	16	16	16
Eleventh					
Crook	9	2	.5	3	1
Deschutes	18	10	1	8	2
Gilliam	7	0	1	4	2
Grant	4	2	1	2	1.5
Jefferson	12	11	.5	4	2
Wheeler	1	1	4	4	4

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TABLE 2

AGE OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF SERVICE
OF WARRANT — Continued

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Tried by Jury	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
Twelfth					
Polk	38	15	.5	10	2
Yamhill	32	18	1	13	4
Thirteenth					
Klamath	22	15	1	12	3
Fourteenth					
Lake	1	1	1	1	1
Fifteenth					
Coos	32	22	1	11	2
Curry	8	3	1	13	3.5
Sixteenth					
Douglas	53	42	1	26	3
Seventeenth					
Lincoln	35	20	1	14	4
Nineteenth					
Clatsop	26	20	1	12	2
Columbia	27	19	1	11	3
Tillamook	14	6	1	9	3.5
Twentieth					
Washington	58	33	.5	17	5
Twenty-first					
Benton	31	20	.5	13	3
Linn	53	40	.5	15	2
Total	1,678				

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 3

RATIO OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED TO CRIMINAL CASES FILED
January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Judicial District	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Tried	% of Cases Tried
First			
Jackson	482	59	12.2
Josephine	131	30	22.9
Second			
Lane	1,164	218	18.7
Third			
Marion	1,441	167	11.6
Fourth			
Multnomah	3,222	530	16.4
Fifth			
Clackamas	633	88	13.9
Sixth			
Morrow	4	2	50.
Umatilla	217	37	17.1
Seventh			
Hood River	64	4	6.3
Sherman	19	2	10.5
Wasco	106	21	19.8
Eighth			
Baker	76	18	23.7
Ninth			
Harney	16	6	37.5
Malheur	72	10	13.9
Tenth			
Union	75	4	5.3
Wallowa	18	1	5.6
Eleventh			
Crook	48	9	18.8
Deschutes	92	18	19.6
Gilliam	13	7	53.8
Grant	45	4	8.9
Jefferson	66	12	18.2
Wheeler	3	1	33.3

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TABLE 3

RATIO OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED TO CRIMINAL CASES FILED — Continued
January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Judicial District	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Tried	% of Cases Tried
Twelfth			
Polk	183	38	20.8
Yamhill	244	32	13.1
Thirteenth			
Klamath	141	22	15.6
Fourteenth			
Lake	21	1	4.8
Fifteenth			
Coos	278	32	11.5
Curry	43	8	18.6
Sixteenth			
Douglas	464	53	11.4
Seventeenth			
Lincoln	156	35	22.4
Nineteenth			
Clatsop	150	26	17.3
Columbia	198	27	13.6
Tillamook	123	14	11.4
Twentieth			
Washington	682	58	8.5
Twenty-first			
Benton	212	31	14.6
Linn	281	53	18.9
Totals	11,183	1,678	15.

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TABLE 4

AGE OF ALL CIVIL CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Tried By Jury	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
First					
Jackson	110	18	.5	52	10
Josephine	81	13	.5	63	6
Second					
Lane	290	81	.5	35	8
Third					
Marion	328	64	.5	38	6
Fourth					
Multnomah	1,347	476	.5	40	8
Fifth					
Clackamas	313	75	1	37	9
Sixth					
Morrow	5	2	3	13	9
Umatilla	81	21	.5	29	5
Seventh					
Hood River	16	5	3	33	6
Sherman	1	1	30	30	30
Wasco	36	6	.5	48	8.5
Eighth					
Baker	20	5	1	18	5
Ninth					
Harney	20	8	2	14	6
Malheur	17	3	2	25	6
Tenth					
Union	39	11	.5	45	8
Wallowa	8	3	2	33	8
Eleventh					
Crook	13	5	3	20	6
Deschutes	45	12	1	28	7
Gilliam	2	1	8	8	8
Grant	28	15	1	61	5
Jefferson	23	13	1	28	6
Wheeler	6	2	3	15	6.5

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TABLE 4

AGE OF ALL CIVIL CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING - Continued

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Tried by Jury	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
Twelfth					
Polk	44	9	.5	40	6
Yamhill	55	8	.5	38	7
Thirteenth					
Klamath	80	28	2	55	7
Fourteenth					
Lake	4	1	3	8	5.5
Fifteenth					
Coos	91	39	1	23	6
Curry	28	11	1	13	7
Sixteenth					
Douglas	129	30	1	51	9
Seventeenth					
Lincoln	37	11	2	37	12
Nineteenth					
Clatsop	50	12	2	44	6
Columbia	66	7	1	32	7
Tillamook	20	4	1	26	4.5
Twentieth					
Washington	199	45	.5	43	6
Twenty-first					
Benton	77	11	1	26	6
Linn	128	34	1	37	6
TOTAL	3,837				

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TABLE 5

RATIO OF CIVIL CASES TRIED TO CIVIL CASES FILED
January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Judicial District	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Tried	% of Cases Tried
First			
Jackson	1,570	110	7.
Josephine	546	81	14.8
Second			
Lane	3,574	290	8.1
Third			
Marion	2,374	328	13.8
Fourth			
Multnomah	11,440	1,347	11.8
Fifth			
Clackamas	2,299	313	13.6
Sixth			
Morrow	50	5	10.
Umatilla	609	81	13.3
Seventh			
Hood River	149	16	10.7
Sherman	30	1	3.3
Wasco	252	36	14.3
Eighth			
Baker	238	20	8.4
Ninth			
Harney	123	20	16.3
Malheur	352	17	4.8
Tenth			
Union	392	39	9.9
Wallowa	123	8	6.5
Eleventh			
Crook	222	13	5.9
Deschutes	583	45	7.7
Gilliam	22	2	9.1
Grant	188	28	14.9
Jefferson	180	23	12.8
Wheeler	33	6	18.2

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TABLE 5

RATIO OF CIVIL CASES TRIED TO CIVIL CASES FILED — Continued
January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Judicial District	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Tried	% of Cases Tried
Twelfth			
Polk	310	44	14.2
Yamhill	427	55	12.9
Thirteenth			
Klamath	765	80	10.5
Fourteenth			
Lake	116	4	3.4
Fifteenth			
Coos	879	91	10.4
Curry	207	28	13.5
Sixteenth			
Douglas	1,168	129	11.
Seventeenth			
Lincoln	419	37	8.8
Nineteenth			
Clatsop	341	50	14.7
Columbia	333	66	19.8
Tillamook	265	20	7.5
Twentieth			
Washington	1,669	199	11.9
Twenty-first			
Benton	547	77	14.1
Linn	965	128	13.3
Statewide Totals	33,760	3,837	11.4

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TABLE 6

AGE OF LAW AND EQUITY CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
First				
Jackson	68	.5	52	10.5
Josephine	43	.5	63	8
Second				
Lane	190	.5	35	8
Third				
Marion	249	.5	35	5
Fourth				
Multnomah	957	.5	40	8
Fifth				
Clackamas	191	1	37	11
Sixth				
Morrow	4	3	13	7.5
Umatilla	46	.5	29	7
Seventh				
Hood River	11	4	33	7
Sherman	1	30	30	30
Wasco	17	.5	48	12
Eighth				
Baker	9	1	18	5
Ninth				
Harney	15	2	14	6
Malheur	10	2	25	10
Tenth				
Union	27	.5	45	6
Wallowa	7	2	33	6
Eleventh				
Crook	9	3	20	7
Deschutes	27	1	28	8
Gilliam	1	8	8	8
Grant	22	3	61	5.5
Jefferson	21	1	28	6
Wheeler	6	3	15	6.5

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TABLE 6

AGE OF LAW AND EQUITY CASES TRIED COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING — Continued

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
Twelfth				
Polk	35	.5	40	7
Yamhill	31	.5	38	10
Thirteenth				
Klamath	44	2	55	11.5
Fourteenth				
Lake	3	3	8	5
Fifteenth				
Coos	66	1	23	7
Curry	19	1	13	6
Sixteenth				
Douglas	74	1	51	11
Seventeenth				
Lincoln	27	2	37	16
Nineteenth				
Clatsop	27	2	29	8
Columbia	37	2	32	9
Tillamook	18	1	26	5
Twentieth				
Washington	123	.5	43	7
Twenty-first				
Benton	33	1	26	11
Linn	80	1	37	6
Total	2,548			

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TABLE 7

AGE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE CASES TRIED,
COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
First				
Jackson	42	5	29	7.5
Josephine	38	2	14	5
Second				
Lane	100	1	21	8
Third				
Marion	79	2	38	6
Fourth				
Multnomah	390	2	25	8.5
Fifth				
Clackamas	122	2	26	7
Sixth				
Morrow	1	10	10	10
Umatilla	35	2	10	4
Seventh				
Hood River	5	3	6	5
Sherman	0	0	0	0
Wasco	19	3	28	6
Eighth				
Baker	11	3	17	5
Ninth				
Harney	5	3	10	4
Malheur	7	3	7	4
Tenth				
Union	12	3	19	8.5
Wallowa	1	15	15	15
Eleventh				
Crook	4	4	7	5.5
Deschutes	18	1	15	5.5
Gilliam	1	8	8	8
Grant	6	1	6	4.5
Jefferson	2	4	13	8.5
Wheeler	0	0	0	0

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TABLE 7

AGE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE CASES TRIED,
COMPUTED FROM DATE OF FILING - Continued

Judicial District	No. of Cases Tried	Youngest in Months	Oldest in Months	Age of Median Case Tried in Months
Twelfth				
Polk	9	3	11	4
Yamhill	24	1	21	6
Thirteenth				
Klamath	36	3	23	5
Fourteenth				
Lake	1	6	6	6
Fifteenth				
Coos	25	1	10	4
Curry	9	2	13	7
Sixteenth				
Douglas	55	1	47	7
Seventeenth				
Lincoln	10	4	13	6.5
Nineteenth				
Clatsop	23	2	44	4
Columbia	29	1	28	5
Tillamook	2	1	4	2.5
Twentieth				
Washington	76	3	16	5.5
Twenty-first				
Benton	44	1	23	5
Linn	48	3	25	5
Total	1,289			

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TABLE 8

PERCENTAGE OF ALL CIVIL CASES PENDING FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS

Judicial District	Cases Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Cases Pending More Than 2 Years	% Over 2 Years
First			
Jackson	1,125	24	2.1
Josephine	345	9	2.6
Second			
Lane	2,483	51*	2.1
Third			
Marion	1,544	77	5.
Fourth			
Multnomah	6,326	4	.1
Fifth			
Clackamas	1,771	78	4.4
Sixth			
Morrow	22	0	0
Umatilla	222	0	0
Seventh			
Hood River	106	2	1.9
Sherman	19	2	10.5
Wasco	179	12	6.7
Eighth			
Baker	113	2	1.8
Ninth			
Harney	64	2	3.1
Malheur	149	9	6.
Tenth			
Union	265	14	5.3
Wallowa	91	7	7.7
Eleventh			
Crook	131	0	0
Deschutes	388	3	.8
Gilliam	14	0	0
Grant	118	0	0
Jefferson	115	4	3.5
Wheeler	11	0	0
Twelfth			
Polk	244	17	7.
Yamhill	262	9	3.4

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TABLE 8

PERCENTAGE OF ALL CIVIL CASES PENDING FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS — Continued

Judicial District	Cases Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Cases Pending More Than 2 Years	% Over 2 Years
Thirteenth			
Klamath	706	72	10.2
Fourteenth			
Lake	92	3	3.3
Fifteenth			
Coos	449	0	0
Curry	107	0	0
Sixteenth			
Douglas	918	49	5.3
Seventeenth			
Lincoln	298	4	1.3
Nineteenth			
Clatsop	249	5	2.
Columbia	292	27	9.2
Tillamook	187	8	4.3
Twentieth			
Washington	990	10	1.
Twenty-first			
Benton	381	9	2.4
Linn	717	34	4.7
Statewide Totals	21,493	547	2.5

* 12 of these 51 cases are law cases over two years old having a common defendant.

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TABLE 9

WORKING DAYS OF HELP RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS FROM VISITING CIRCUIT JUDGES, FROM CIRCUIT JUDGES PRO TEMPORE AND FROM DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, AS WELL AS NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS OF HELP GIVEN TO OTHER DISTRICTS *

Judicial District	Days of Help Received	Days of Help Given to Other Districts	Excess Days of Help Given or Received
1. Fourteenth Lake	8.5	51	42.5 Given
2. Sixth Morrow	2	0	
Umatilla	13.5	52	
	15.5	52	36.5 Given
3. Eighth Baker	17.5	32	14.5 Given
4. Fifteenth Coos	3.5	16	
Curry	.5	0	
	4	16	12 Given
5. Seventeenth Lincoln	7	5	2 Received
6. Fifth Clackamas	7.5	5	2.5 Received
7. Eleventh Crook	2	0	
Deschutes	13	10.5	
Gilliam	0	0	
Grant	0	0	
Jefferson	1	0	
Wheeler	0	0	
	16	10.5	5.5 Received
8. Thirteenth Klamath	7.5	2	5.5 Received
9. Tenth Union	11.5	6	
Wallowa	1	0	
	12.5	6	6.5 Received
10. Sixteenth Douglas	25	12	13 Received
11. Seventh Hood River	20	0	
Sherman	.5	0	
Wasco	10	.5	
	30.5	10.5	20 Received

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TABLE 9

WORKING DAYS OF HELP RECEIVED BY DISTRICTS FROM VISITING CIRCUIT JUDGES, FROM CIRCUIT JUDGES PRO TEMPORE AND FROM DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, AS WELL AS NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS OF HELP GIVEN TO OTHER DISTRICTS* - Continued

Judicial District	Days of Help Received	Days of Help Given to Other Districts	Excess Days of Help Given or Received
11. Seventh Hood River	20	0	
Sherman	.5	0	
Wasco	10	.5	
	30.5	10.5	20 Received
12. Ninth Harney	1	0	
Malheur	28.5	3.5	
	29.5	3.5	26 Received
13. Nineteenth Clatsop	15	9	
Columbia	26.5	4	
Tillamook	10	8	
	51.5	21	30.5 Received
14. First Jackson	34	6	
Josephine	17	10	
	51	16	35 Received
15. Twelfth Polk	8	1.5	
Yamhill	29.5	0	
	37.5	1.5	36 Received
16. Twenty-first Benton	40	4	
Linn	6	5	
	46	9	37 Received
17. Twentieth Washington	84.5	17.5	67 Received
18. Third Marion	154.5	16.5	138 Received
19. Second Lane	167	17.5	149.5 Received
20. Fourth Multnomah	243.5	17.5	226 Received

* "Help Received" includes help from district court judges in trying cases in circuit court.

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TABLE 10

AVERAGE NUMBER OF TOTAL CASES FILED AND TRIED PER JUDGE - 1973

Judicial District	No. of regular Resident Judges	Total Cases Filed *	Average No. Cases Filed Per Regular Resident Judge	Total Cases Tried *	No. of Judges **	Average No. Cases Tried Per Judge
First						
Jackson	3	2,052		169		
Josephine	1	677		111		
Totals	4	2,729	682	280	3.4	82.4
Second						
Lane	6	4,738	790	508	6.6	77
Third						
Marian	5	3,815	763	495	5.5	90
Fourth						
Multnomah	18	14,662	815	1,877	18.9	99
Fifth						
Clackamas	4	2,932	733	401	4	100
Sixth						
Morrow		54		7		
Umatilla	2	826		118		
Totals	2	880	440	125	2	62.5
Seventh						
Hood River		213		20		
Sherman		49		3		
Wasco	1	358		57		
Totals	1	620	620	80	1.1	72.7
Eighth						
Baker	1	314	314	38	1	38
Ninth						
Harney		139		26		
Malheur	1	424		27		
Totals	1	563	563	53	1.1	48.2
Tenth						
Union	1	467		43		
Wallowa		141		9		
Totals	1	608	608	52	1	52
Eleventh						
Crook		270		22		
Deschutes	1	675		63		
Gilliam		35		9		
Grant	1	233		32		
Jefferson		246		35		
Wheeler		36		7		
Totals	2	1,495	748	168	2	84

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TABLE 10

AVERAGE NUMBER OF TOTAL CASES FILED AND TRIED PER JUDGE - 1973 - Continued

Judicial District	No. of regular Resident Judges	Total Cases Filed *	Average No. Cases Filed Per Regular Resident Judge	Total Cases Tried *	No. of Judges **	Average No. Cases Tried Per Judge
Twelfth						
Polk	1	493		82		
Yamhill	1	671		87		
Totals	2	1,164	582	169	2.1	80.5
Thirteenth						
Klamath	2	906	453	102	2	51
Fourteenth						
Lake	1	137	137	5	1	5
Fifteenth						
Coos	2	1,157		123		
Curry		250		36		
Totals	2	1,407	704	159	2	79.5
Sixteenth						
Douglas	2	1,632	816	182	2	91
Seventeenth						
Lincoln	1	575	575	72	1	72
Nineteenth						
Clatsop	1	491		76		
Columbia	1	531		93		
Tillamook	1	388		34		
Totals	3	1,410	470	203	3.1	65.5
Twentieth						
Washington	3	2,351	784	257	3.3	77.9
Twenty-first						
Benton	2	759		108		
Linn	2	1,246		181		
Totals	4	2,005	501	289	3.4	85

* For jurisdiction of courts see pages 19, 20, 21.

** As shown in Table 9, some judicial districts received appreciable help from visiting circuit judges, circuit judges pro tempore and district court judges. The amount of this help is computed by dividing the days of help received in excess of the days of help given by the number of judicial working days (252) in 1973. The result added to the number of resident judges produces the number of judges shown in the sixth column. Benton County received an additional regular judge on September 28, 1973, and Jackson County an additional regular judge on October 1, 1973. The additional judge days (Benton 64 and Jackson 63) have been included in arriving at the figure in the "No. of Judges" column.

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 11

COMPARATIVE TABLE TOTAL CASES FILED PER YEAR

Judicial District	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
First										
Jackson	1,071	1,202	1,289	1,387	1,308	1,417	1,493	1,686	1,829	2,052
Josephine	598	574	492	449	498	490	521	577	652	677
Totals	1,669	1,776	1,781	1,836	1,806	1,907	2,014	2,263	2,481	2,729
Second										
Lane	2,916	2,975	3,146	3,208	3,351	3,443	4,279	4,302	4,329	4,738
Third										
Marion	2,167	2,003	1,843	1,967	2,082	2,138	2,424	3,045	3,142	3,815
Fourth										
Multnomah	10,651	10,652	10,506	11,321	12,208	12,821	13,804	13,723	14,028	14,662
Fifth										
Clackamas	1,352	1,516	1,571	1,685	1,708	1,710	2,128	2,213	2,427	2,932
Sixth										
Morrow	65	81	54	75	53	52	55	66	56	54
Umatilla	775	723	664	774	729	590	723	802	774	826
Totals	840	804	718	849	782	642	778	868	830	880
Seventh										
Hood River	159	186	167	152	136	158	162	202	170	213
Sherman	—	—	—	34	37	27	41	53	48	49
Wasco	259	322	298	292	257	298	335	350	378	358
Totals	418	508	465	478*	430*	483*	538*	605*	596*	620*
Eighth										
Baker	169	239	206	232	226	227	259	264	318	314
Ninth										
Harney	131	123	119	133	175	134	143	152	153	139
Malheur	336	326	472	306	379	334	361	349	421	424
Totals	467	449	591	439	554	468	504	501	574	563
Tenth										
Union	235	233	241	229	253	292	296	416	382	467
Wallowa	107	93	146	123	108	107	124	114	119	141
Totals	342	326	387	352	361	399	420	530	501	608
Eleventh										
Crook	—	—	—	203	205	210	258	292	294	270
Deschutes	—	—	—	437	409	462	500	558	608	675
Gilliam	52	51	51	39	25	20	48	26	38	35
Grant	166	153	170	203	179	171	215	263	236	233
Jefferson	—	—	—	249	184	217	240	238	208	246
Sherman	38	55	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wheeler	28	20	25	28	37	19	26	30	27	36
Totals	284	279	287	1,159**	1,039**	1,099**	1,287**	1,407**	1,411**	1,495**

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 11

COMPARATIVE TABLE TOTAL CASES FILED PER YEAR - Continued

Judicial District	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Twelfth										
Polk	332	312	318	314	307	316	410	423	469	493
Yamhill	381	351	370	402	387	421	521	570	637	671
Totals	713	663	688	716	694	737	931	993	1,106	1,164
Thirteenth										
Klamath	736	730	679	745	708	818	838	940	929	906
Fourteenth										
Lake	114	112	89	121	86	94	115	134	118	137
Fifteenth										
Coos	761	876	800	823	814	826	858	910	1,077	1,157
Curry	223	241	200	172	164	146	200	227	224	250
Totals	984	1,117	1,000	995	978	972	1,058	1,137	1,301	1,407
Sixteenth										
Douglas	1,094	1,153	1,056	1,071	1,110	1,117	1,253	1,450	1,619	1,632
Seventeenth (a)										
Lincoln	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	493	575
Eighteenth										
Crook	174	175	204	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deschutes	314	374	376	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jefferson	173	179	171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	661	728	751	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Nineteenth										
Clatsop	347	376	437	448	443	436	460	512	454	491
Columbia	361	317	351	370	419	447	533	556	534	531
Tillamook	302	331	252	272	250	259	274	288	389	388
Totals	1,010	1,024	1,040	1,090	1,112	1,142	1,267	1,356	1,377	1,410
Twentieth										
Washington	1,163	1,235	1,208	1,322	1,322	1,600	1,860	1,908	2,139	2,351
Twenty-first										
Benton	361	399	376	401	405	450	518	612	680	759
Lincoln	561	450	449	445	438	481	446	454	—	—
Linn	781	782	731	743	785	853	1,004	1,085	1,141	1,246
Totals	1,703	1,631	1,556	1,589	1,628	1,784	1,968	2,151	1,821(a)	2,005(a)
Statewide Totals	29,453	29,920	29,568	31,175	32,185	33,601	37,725	37,790	41,540	44,943

* Includes total filings in Sherman County.

** Includes total filings in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, excludes total filings in Sherman County.

*** See Eleventh Judicial District.

(a) New Judicial district composed of Lincoln County created September 9, 1971.

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 12

COMPARATIVE TABLE
NUMBER OF ALL CIVIL CASES PENDING
AND PERCENTAGE PENDING OVER TWO YEARS

Judicial District	Pending 12-31-73	Pending 12-31-72	Pending 12-31-71	Pending 12-31-70	Pending 12-31-69
First					
Jackson	1,125 (2.1)	938 (2.6)	876 (2.7)	813 (3.9)	790 (5.3)
Josephine	345 (2.6)	332 (5.4)	367 (4.4)	282 (2.1)	258 (2.3)
Second					
Lane	2,483 (2.1)*	2,365 (2.1)*	2,242 (1.5)*	2,283 (.8)	1,883 (.6)
Third					
Marion	1,544 (5.)	1,466 (3.6)	1,321 (3.1)	1,216 (3.7)	1,067 (4.8)
Fourth					
Multnomah	6,326 (.1)	6,698 (1.7)	6,811 (1.3)	6,866 (1.1)	6,050 (.5)
Fifth					
Clackamas	1,771 (4.4)	1,501 (4.3)	1,413 (4.4)	1,301 (3.7)	1,144 (4.8)
Sixth					
Morrow	22 (0)	22 (0)	23 (0)	17 (0)	18 (0)
Umatilla	222 (0)	220 (0)	222 (0)	211 (0)	175 (0)
Seventh					
Hood River	106 (1.9)	97 (8.2)	161 (14.3)	123 (13.)	98 (11.2)
Sherman	19 (10.5)	21 (0)	28 (25.)	28 (14.3)	18 (22.2)
Wasco	179 (6.7)	232 (13.8)**	250 (8.)	216 (9.7)	171 (6.4)
Eighth					
Baker	113 (1.8)	126 (0)	94 (1.1)	123 (0)	79 (0)
Ninth					
Harney	64 (3.1)	76 (2.6)	46 (2.2)	57 (1.8)	39 (2.6)
Malheur	149 (6.)	134 (9.)	111 (7.2)	109 (4.6)	119 (5.9)
Tenth					
Union	265 (5.3)	270 (7.8)	255 (12.5)	242 (13.2)	214 (6.1)
Wallowa	91 (7.7)	94 (14.9)	88 (13.6)	88 (4.5)	83 (7.2)
Eleventh					
Crook	131 (0)	137 (1.5)	142 (2.1)	134 (.7)	104 (0)
Deschutes	388 (.8)	347 (.9)	327 (.9)	287 (.3)	260 (.8)
Gilliam	14 (0)	15 (0)	11 (0)	12 (0)	8 (0)
Grant	118 (0)	143 (2.1)	128 (1.6)	92 (2.2)	97 (1.)
Jefferson	115 (3.5)	99 (2.)	111 (1.7)	121 (2.)	98 (4.)
Wheeler	11 (0)	13 (0)	20 (0)	16 (12.5)	11 (9.1)

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TABLE 12

COMPARATIVE TABLE
NUMBER OF ALL CIVIL CASES PENDING
AND PERCENTAGE PENDING OVER TWO YEARS — Continued

Judicial District	Pending 12-31-73	Pending 12-31-72	Pending 12-31-71	Pending 12-31-70	Pending 12-31-69
Twelfth					
Polk	244 (7.)	239 (9.2)	220 (5.)	209 (5.3)	146 (6.2)
Yamhill	262 (3.4)	310 (7.4)	288 (8.)	302 (8.6)	262 (9.2)
Thirteenth					
Klamath	706 (10.2)	691 (8.4)	656 (10.4)	592 (10.)	568 (14.1)
Fourteenth					
Lake	92 (3.3)	59 (0)	58 (0)	55 (5.5)	63 (3.2)
Fifteenth					
Coos	449 (0)	363 (0)	311 (0)	336 (0)	296 (0)
Curry	107 (0)	92 (0)	95 (0)	96 (0)	57 (0)
Sixteenth					
Douglas	918 (5.3)	972 (6.9)	897 (7.1)	801 (6.4)	718 (10.9)
Seventeenth (a)					
Lincoln	298 (1.3)	321 (4.)	—	—	—
Nineteenth					
Clatsop	249 (2.)	251 (0)	255 (2.)	256 (1.2)	287 (2.1)
Columbia	292 (9.2)	345 (7.2)	393 (7.4)	324 (1.9)	335 (9.6)
Tillamook	187 (4.3)	161 (6.2)	151 (6.6)	149 (7.4)	147 (10.9)
Twentieth					
Washington	990 (1.)	846 (.4)	673 (.6)	727 (.3)	623 (0)
Twenty-first					
Benton	381 (2.4)	395 (1.8)	305 (1.3)	301 (3.)	272 (3.7)
Lincoln (a)	—	—	315 (8.3)	348 (11.8)	321 (11.8)
Linn	717 (4.7)	666 (5.7)	653 (6.3)	549 (6.)	522 (6.9)
Totals	21,493 (2.5)	21,057 (3.3)	20,317 (3.4)	19,682 (2.9)	17,401 (3.4)

* Includes 12 cases having common defendant.

** Includes 15 cases having common defendant.

(a) New judicial district composed of Lincoln County created September 9, 1971.

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TABLE 13

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS' ESTATES PENDING OVER THREE YEARS
December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Decedents' Estates	Estates Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Estates Pending Over 3 Years	% Over 3 Years
First				
Jackson	Circuit	331	44	13.3
Josephine	Circuit	168	44	26.2
Second				
Lane	Circuit	481	34	7.1
Third				
Marion	Circuit	584	77	13.2
Fourth				
Multnomah	Circuit	2,236	144	6.4
Fifth				
Clackamas	Circuit	396	20	5.1
Sixth				
Morrow	Circuit	36	0	0
Umatilla	Circuit	130	1	.8
Seventh				
Hood River	District	119	55	46.2
Sherman	County	28	3	10.7
Wasco	District	175	75	42.9
Eighth				
Baker	Circuit	86	6	7.
Ninth				
Harney	County	43	5	11.6
Malheur	County	143	39	27.3
Tenth				
Union	Circuit	83	6	7.2
Wallowa	Circuit	45	8	17.8
Eleventh				
Crook	District	32	0	0
Deschutes	District	105	2	1.9
Gilliam	County	16	2	12.5
Grant	County	68	40	58.8
Jefferson	District	17	1	5.9
Wheeler	County	7	1	14.3

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 13

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS' ESTATES PENDING OVER THREE YEARS — Continued
December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Decedents' Estates	Estates Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Estates Pending Over 3 Years	% Over 3 Years
Twelfth				
Polk	Circuit	88	23	26.1
Yamhill	Circuit	133	17	12.8
Thirteenth				
Klamath	Circuit	222	43	19.4
Fourteenth				
Lake	Circuit	48	5	10.4
Fifteenth				
Coos	Circuit	179	33	18.4
Curry	District	66	23	34.8
Sixteenth				
Douglas	Circuit	239	23	9.6
Seventeenth				
Lincoln	Circuit	263	149	56.7
Nineteenth				
Clatsop	District	138	24	17.4
Columbia	Circuit	123	33	26.8
Tillamook	Circuit	93	14	15.4
Twentieth				
Washington	Circuit	319	27	8.5
Twenty-first				
Benton	District	148	27	18.2
Linn	Circuit	277	60	21.7
Statewide Totals		7,665	1,108	14.5

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TABLE 14

COMPARATIVE TABLE

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS' ESTATES PENDING OVER THREE YEARS

Judicial District	% Over 3 Years 12-31-73	% Over 3 Years 12-31-72	% Over 3 Years 12-31-71	% Over 3 Years 12-31-70	% Over 3 Years 12-31-69
First (a)					
Jackson	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.6	11.8
Josephine	26.2	24.4	19.6	18.6	15.1
Second (a)					
Lane	7.1	9.3	8.7	9.5	13.8
Third (a)					
Marion	13.2	19.4	12.9	15.2	14.1
Fourth (a)					
Multnomah	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.	6.1
Fifth (a)					
Clackamas	5.1	5.7	5.4	3.6	7.1
Sixth					
Morrow (c)	0	0	7.4	4.	17.1
Umatilla (a)	.8	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.5
Seventh					
Hood River (c)	46.2	50.	45.7	47.6	44.6
Sherman (b)	10.7	26.1	27.6	20.7	18.5
Wasco (c)	42.9	46.6	42.5	41.8	43.2
Eighth (d)					
Baker	7.	6.6	10.3	18.9	31.
Ninth (b)					
Harney	11.6	17.9	15.9	25.	18.2
Malheur	27.3	30.9	28.	29.7	30.
Tenth (c)					
Union	7.2	60.5	65.8	66.7	59.7
Wallowa	17.8	55.4	57.4	54.	64.9
Eleventh					
Crook (c)	0	0	0	17.4	14.8
Deschutes (c)	1.9	3.7	3.9	3.1	2.9
Gilliam (b)	12.5	12.5	10.	13.6	20.
Grant (b)	58.8	57.6	48.3	37.5	44.3
Jefferson (c)	5.9	10.5	0	27.	27.5
Wheeler (b)	14.3	44.4	57.1	40.	28.6

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TABLE 14

COMPARATIVE TABLE

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS' ESTATES PENDING OVER THREE YEARS — Continued

Judicial District	% Over 3 Years 12-31-73	% Over 3 Years 12-31-72	% Over 3 Years 12-31-71	% Over 3 Years 12-31-70	% Over 3 Years 12-31-69
Twelfth (a)					
Polk	26.1	29.3	29.2	27.8	22.8
Yamhill	12.8	24.	33.3	29.	27.8
Thirteenth (a)					
Klamath	19.4	22.1	20.3	14.8	16.4
Fourteenth (a)					
Lake	10.4	9.1	18.9	20.5	22.4
Fifteenth (c)					
Coos	18.4	14.3	17.2	19.8	20.1
Curry	34.8	41.3	32.9	32.5	28.6
Sixteenth (a)					
Douglas	9.6	5.6	11.6	11.4	11.6
Seventeenth (c)					
Lincoln	56.7	46.	56.3	62.4	24.1
Nineteenth					
Clatsop (c)	17.4	23.6	35.2	32.8	34.3
Columbia (a)	26.8	23.9	31.4	31.5	28.1
Tillamook (a)	15.4	22.3	25.	35.1	33.9
Twentieth (c)					
Washington	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.8	14.1
Twenty-first					
Benton (c)	18.2	20.8	19.5	17.7	29.9
Linn (a)	21.7	20.2	40.3	34.6	32.6
Statewide Percentages	14.5	16.6	18.8	18.6	17.9

(a) Circuit court has probate jurisdiction.

(b) County court has probate jurisdiction.

(c) Circuit court assumed probate jurisdiction July 1, 1970, but see second column, pages 52, 53. for district courts handling probate.

(d) Circuit court assumed probate jurisdiction July 1, 1969.

CIRCUIT COURTS

TABLE 15

GUARDIANSHIPS AND CONSERVATORSHIPS FILED, CLOSED AND PENDING
December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Jurisdiction	No. Pending 12-31-72	Number Filed	Number Terminated	No. Pending 12-31-73	Annual Reports Filed
First						
Jackson	Circuit	362	110	76	396	140
Josephine	Circuit	165	51	22	194	54
Second						
Lane	Circuit	866	168	214	820	672
Third						
Marion	Circuit	770	118	106	782	324
Fourth						
Multnomah	Circuit	2,858	625	695	2,788	1,345
Fifth						
Clackamas	Circuit	603	131	202	532	324
Sixth						
Morrow	Circuit	88	4	3	89	8
Umatilla	Circuit	282	37	13	306	65
Seventh						
Hood River	District	87	15	8	94	12
Sherman	County	10	0	1	9	9
Wasco	District	115	14	13	116	30
Eighth						
Baker	Circuit	45	12	4	53	18
Ninth						
Harney	County	26	8	5	29	0
Malheur	County	102	10	28	84	16
Tenth						
Union	Circuit	225	15	193	47	29
Wallowa	Circuit	16	3	3	16	23
Eleventh						
Crook	District	19	9	2	26	7
Deschutes	District	100	38	26	112	54
Gilliam	County	3	2	1	4	2
Grant	County	52	11	12	51	7
Jefferson	District	23	7	7	23	14
Wheeler	County	13	3	1	15	1

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TABLE 15

GUARDIANSHIPS AND CONSERVATORSHIPS FILED, CLOSED AND PENDING — Continued
December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Jurisdiction	No. Pending 12-31-72	Number Filed	Number Terminated	No. Pending 12-31-73	Annual Reports Filed
Twelfth						
Polk	Circuit	133	25	35	123	54
Yamhill	Circuit	212	25	111	126	59
Thirteenth						
Klamath	Circuit	301	99	82	318	230
Fourteenth						
Lake	Circuit	57	6	6	57	10
Fifteenth						
Coos	Circuit	202	34	47	189	87
Curry	District	62	9	10	61	6
Sixteenth						
Douglas	Circuit	407	80	65	422	158
Seventeenth						
Lincoln	Circuit	109	24	24	109	27
Nineteenth						
Clatsop	District	154	17	26	145	61
Columbia	Circuit	153	22	21	154	39
Tillamook	Circuit	65	14	17	62	31
Twentieth						
Washington	Circuit	416	89	61	444	154
Twenty-first						
Benton	District	252	36	72	216	132
Linn	Circuit	255	58	41	272	68
Statewide Totals		9,608	1,929	2,253	9,284	4,270

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TABLE 16

JUVENILE PETITIONS FILED
January 1, 1973 — December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Jurisdiction	Petitions Filed
First		
Jackson	Circuit	531
Josephine	Circuit	223
Second		
Lane	Circuit	851
Third		
Marion	Circuit	555
Fourth		
Multnomah	Circuit	3,192
Fifth		
Clackamas	Circuit	364
Sixth		
Morrow	County	20
Umatilla	Circuit	355
Seventh		
Hood River	Circuit	28
Sherman	County	29
Wasco	Circuit	159
Eighth		
Baker	Circuit	188
Ninth		
Harney	County	9
Malheur	Circuit	196
Tenth		
Union	Circuit	66
Wallowa	County	8
Eleventh		
Crook	County	57
Deschutes	Circuit	81
Gilliam	County	3
Grant	Circuit	91
Jefferson	County	63
Wheeler	County	15

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TABLE 16

JUVENILE PETITIONS FILED — Continued
January 1, 1973 — December 31, 1973

Judicial District	Court Handling Jurisdiction	Petitions Filed
Twelfth		
Polk	Circuit	165
Yamhill	Circuit	259
Thirteenth		
Klamath	Circuit	399
Fourteenth		
Lake	Circuit	110
Fifteenth		
Coos	Circuit	215
Curry	Circuit	79
Sixteenth		
Douglas	Circuit	368
Seventeenth		
Lincoln	Circuit	68
Nineteenth		
Clatsop	Circuit	105
Columbia	Circuit	164
Tillamook	Circuit	53
Twentieth		
Washington	Circuit	409
Twenty-first		
Benton	Circuit	105
Linn	Circuit	305
Statewide Totals		9,888

DISTRICT COURTS

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

As of December 31, 1973

County	Name	City
Benton	Robert L. Gilliland	Corvallis
Clackamas	Robert M. Mulvey Charles A. Sams	Oregon City Oregon City
Clatsop	Harold T. Johnson	Astoria
Columbia *	James A. Mason	St. Helens
Coos	Charles H. Reeves	Coquille
Curry	Sam Hall	Gold Beach
Deschutes	Joseph J. Thalhofer	Bend
Douglas	Carl M. Felker Gerald O. Kabler	Roseburg Roseburg
Hood River	John F. Cushman	Hood River
Jackson	Ross G. Davis (appointed October 3, 1973) Mitchell Karaman (resigned October 1, 1973 upon appointment to circuit bench) L. A. Merryman	Medford Medford Medford
Josephine	Laurence A. Cushing	Grants Pass
Klamath	Wayne H. Blair	Klamath Falls
Lane	Frank R. Alderson Wm. A. Beckett Winfred K. Liepe	Eugene Eugene Eugene
Lincoln	A. R. McMullen	Newport
Linn	Carl G. Stanley	Albany
Marion	Thomas W. Hansen Albin W. Norblad (appointed February 1, 1973) Edward O. Stadter, Jr. (retired January 31, 1973)	Salem Salem Salem

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES — Continued

County	Name	City
Multnomah	Philip T. Abraham	Portland
	Philip M. Bagley	Portland
	William C. Beers	Portland
	Aaron Brown, Jr.	Portland
	Anthony L. Casciato	Portland
	Carl D. Etling	Portland
	(deceased February 13, 1973)	
	Shirley A. Field	Portland
	John F. Gantenbein	Portland
	Edmund A. Jordan	Portland
	William L. Richardson	Portland
	Irving M. Steinbock	Portland
	(appointed February 27, 1973)	
	Richard L. Unis	Portland
Polk	Walter W. Foster	Dallas
Umatilla	Richard J. Courson	Pendleton
Wasco	Sam A. Van Vactor	The Dalles
Washington	Harold A. Lewis	Hillsboro
	Gregory E. Milnes	Hillsboro
Yamhill	Donald R. Blensly	McMinnville
	(appointed January 2, 1973)	

* New district court created January 3, 1973.

THE DISTRICT COURTS, 1973

CASES FILED

The 384,131 cases filed in the district courts in 1973 represents an increase in cases filed over 1972 of 19,313 cases. This is a five percent increase over the one year period. This growth includes one new district court in Columbia County and the 6,017 cases filed in it in 1973. The average rate of growth of district court filings has been about six percent over the past five years, not including cases transferred to Multnomah County from the Portland Municipal Court in 1972.

The proportion of cases filed by category of case is as follows: Traffic 75 percent, misdemeanors six percent, felonies two percent, civil eight percent, small claims nine percent. During 1973 traffic cases increased 16,473 cases [six percent]; misdemeanor filings decreased 1,790 cases [a seven percent decrease]; felonies increased 361 cases [six percent]; civil cases increased 953 cases [three percent] and small claims cases increased 3,316 cases [eleven percent].

Most district courts experienced some increase in cases filed. The greatest increase in filings occurred in Marion County where the caseload grew 9,506 cases, 42 percent. However, there were some decreases in filings in several counties. Multnomah County experienced a twelve percent decrease in total cases filed over its 1972 level. Klamath County showed a 1,216 case decrease in filings, but still has the second highest number of cases filed and terminated per judge for the district courts. Wasco County has had a 44 percent decrease in cases filed, primarily due to a 49 percent decrease in traffic filings in 1973. Clatsop, Hood River and Polk counties also experienced small declines in filings in 1973.

Over-all the number of cases filed per district court judge increased in 1973. There were 9,354 cases filed per judge in 1972 and 9,603 cases filed per judge in 1973.

CASES TERMINATED

During 1973 the district courts terminated 380,884 cases, an increase of five percent over the one year period. This growth in case terminations means that less than one percent of the increase in case filings ended up in the pending case category at the end of 1973.

The proportion of cases terminated by category of cases is as follows: traffic 75 percent, misdemeanors six percent, felonies two percent, civil cases eight percent and small claims cases 9 percent. During 1973 traffic case terminations increased 14,259 cases [five percent], misdemeanors 1,691 cases [eight percent], felonies 532 cases [eight percent], civil 239 cases [one percent], and small claims 3,247 [19 percent].

Again, most district courts show increased case terminations for 1973. Marion County, with its high rate of filing has a termination increase of 50 percent over 1972. Several other courts have increased terminations twenty to thirty percent over the 1972 level. However, some district courts terminated fewer cases in 1973 than in 1972. These decreases in the number of cases terminated occurred in Multnomah, Klamath, Hood River, Lincoln and Wasco counties.

The number of cases terminated per district judge increased in 1973. There were 9,282 cases terminated per district judge in 1972 compared to 9,522 cases terminated per judge in 1973.

DISTRICT COURT

TABLE 1

TOTAL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

FILINGS

1973

County	Traffic	Misde-meanor	Felony	Civil	Small Claims	Total
1. Multnomah	93,727	5,504	1,954	13,858	7,345	122,388
2. Deschutes	3,788	509	122	353	1,456	6,228
3. Clatsop	5,472	960	89	420	549	7,490
4. Wasco	2,665	446	78	274	340	3,803
5. Umatilla	7,241	493	153	619	603	9,109
6. Polk	5,130	649	102	293	329	6,503
7. Curry	1,214	252	33	84	146	1,729
8. Hood River	2,491	187	50	134	204	3,066
9. Yamhill	5,683	528	114	836	276	7,437
10. Benton	4,855	566	132	243	901	6,697
11. Josephine	10,256	612	120	512	1,431	12,931
12. Linn	5,169	762	333	742	1,783	8,789
13. Douglas	14,419	1,165	295	1,189	1,662	18,730
14. Coos	10,771	977	174	473	1,323	13,718
15. Marion	25,378	1,929	657	2,000	2,379	32,343
16. Klamath	11,998	1,050	209	934	737	14,928
17. Washington	13,439	1,403	408	2,301	1,670	19,221
18. Jackson	18,134	1,480	391	1,423	2,421	23,849
19. Lincoln	6,160	873	95	290	572	7,990
20. Lane	18,909	2,355	888	1,740	6,672	30,564
21. Clackamas	15,122	935	360	2,532	1,652	20,601
22. Columbia	5,089	204	71	427	226	6,017
TOTALS	287,110	23,839	6,828	31,677	34,677	384,131

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TABLE 1

TOTAL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

TERMINATIONS

1973

County	Traffic	Misde-meanor	Felony	Civil	Small Claims	Total	-Backlog- Increase (+) Decrease (-)
1. Multnomah	98,962	4,403	2,028	14,477	7,823	127,693	- 5,305
2. Deschutes	3,861	544	117	402	1,584	6,508	-- 280
3. Clatsop	5,541	1,030	89	494	539	7,693	- 203
4. Wasco	2,741	477	78	280	352	3,928	-- 125
5. Umatilla	7,171	515	156	725	543	9,110	-- 1
6. Polk	5,151	648	102	277	315	6,493	+ 10
7. Curry	1,174	235	31	92	147	1,679	+ 50
8. Hood River	2,332	183	54	158	206	2,933	+ 133
9. Yamhill	5,612	499	113	775	216	7,215	+ 222
10. Benton	4,686	532	129	278	840	6,465	+ 232
11. Josephine	10,126	616	106	439	1,390	12,677	+ 254
12. Linn	4,962	658	318	780	1,682	8,400	+ 389
13. Douglas	14,158	1,152	253	1,108	1,635	18,306	+ 424
14. Coos	10,364	887	169	527	1,321	13,268	+ 450
15. Marion	24,990	1,942	657	1,942	2,267	31,798	+ 545
16. Klamath	11,656	963	202	735	766	14,322	+ 606
17. Washington	12,973	1,381	428	2,209	1,512	18,503	+ 718
18. Jackson	17,797	1,492	349	1,394	2,053	23,085	+ 764
19. Lincoln	5,570	842	103	260	420	7,195	+ 795
20. Lane	18,546	1,913	999	1,357	6,621	29,436	+ 1,128
21. Clackamas	14,332	937	353	2,089	1,671	19,382	+ 1,219
22. Columbia	4,226	127	39	260	143	4,795	+ 1,222
TOTALS	286,931	21,976	6,873	31,058	34,046	380,884	+ 3,247

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TABLE 2

COMPARATIVE TABLE TOTAL CASES FILED

County	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
1. Multnomah	122,388	138,902	43,175	39,756	43,169	42,253	46,274
2. Marion	32,343	22,837	13,557	11,371	11,832	11,791	10,624
3. Lane	30,564	27,360	24,481	26,119	23,179	23,704	21,977
4. Jackson	23,849	19,506	16,998	14,621	12,787	12,528	11,886
5. Clackamas	20,601	16,306	13,592	13,302	13,719	15,025	15,215
6. Washington	19,221	19,111	16,056	13,029	11,976	12,297	11,208
7. Douglas	18,730	14,558	11,836	11,269	12,329	11,493	11,726
8. Klamath	14,928	16,144	11,120	8,702	9,020	9,608	8,866
9. Coos	13,718	12,850	10,243	9,429	8,652	9,388	11,660
10. Josephine	12,931	10,964	8,523	5,975	7,243	7,792	7,646
11. Umatilla	9,109	8,679	7,623	7,513	5,790	6,204	4,235
12. Linn	8,789	8,329	6,338	6,274	6,041	6,667	6,708
13. Lincoln	7,990	7,422	4,872	4,839	5,135	4,538	4,336
14. Clatsop	7,490	7,570	6,942	7,569	7,600	5,090	4,281
15. Yamhill	7,437	6,140	5,983	4,831	5,388	4,907	6,041
16. Benton	6,697	5,265	4,090	3,790	3,764	3,672	3,441
17. Polk	6,503	6,523	4,133	3,678	4,438	4,637	3,315
18. Deschutes	6,228	5,188	3,513	3,265	4,007	3,430	3,099
19. Columbia *	6,017	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Wasco	3,803	6,492	4,482	3,859	3,309	3,266	3,215
21. Hood River	3,066	3,287	2,260	2,425	2,337	2,567	3,059
22. Curry	1,729	1,385	1,232	1,396	1,210	1,477	1,159
TOTALS	384,131	364,818	221,049	203,012	202,925	202,334	199,971

* New district court created 1/1/73.

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TABLE 3

TOTAL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED PER JUDGE 1973

County	Cases Filed Per Judge	Cases Terminated Per Judge
1. Benton	6,697	6,465
2. Clackamas (2 judges)	10,301	9,691
3. Clatsop	7,490	7,693
4. Columbia	6,017	4,795
5. Coos	13,718	13,268
6. Curry	1,729	1,679
7. Deschutes	6,228	6,508
8. Douglas (2 judges)	9,365	9,153
9. Hood River	3,066	2,933
10. Jackson (2 judges)	11,925	11,543
11. Josephine	12,931	12,677
12. Klamath	14,928	14,322
13. Lane (3 judges)	10,188	9,812
14. Lincoln	7,990	7,195
15. Linn	8,789	8,400
16. Marion (2 judges)	16,172	15,899
17. Multnomah (12 judges)	10,199	10,641
18. Polk	6,503	6,493
19. Umatilla	9,109	9,110
20. Wasco	3,803	3,928
21. Washington (2 judges)	9,611	9,252
22. Yamhill	7,437	7,215

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TABLE 4

PERCENTAGE OF ALL CRIMINAL CASES
PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR

County	Cases Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Cases Pending More Than One Year	% Over One Year
1. Columbia	972	0	0
2. Curry	111	0	0
3. Washington	2,515	5	.2
4. Marion	2,452	11	.4
5. Multnomah	15,324	152	1.
6. Clackamas	2,084	25	1.2
7. Deschutes	165	4	2.4
8. Douglas	1,516	40	2.6
9. Hood River	352	9	2.6
10. Coos	1,206	38	3.2
11. Jackson	2,423	139	5.7
12. Josephine	874	50	5.7
13. Polk	398	29	7.3
14. Benton	807	97	12.
15. Linn	1,155	151	13.1
16. Lincoln	1,436	203	14.1
17. Klamath	2,256	328	14.5
18. Umatilla	440	64	14.5
19. Yamhill	574	96	16.7
20. Lane	2,117	355	16.8
21. Wasco	512	93	18.2
22. Clatsop	906	172	19.
TOTALS	40,595	2,061	5.1

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TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE OF ALL CIVIL CASES
PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR

County	Cases Pending Dec. 31, 1973	Cases Pending More Than One Year	% Over One Year
1. Columbia	167	0	0
2. Coos	128	0	0
3. Curry	12	0	0
4. Umatilla	197	2	1.
5. Multnomah	5,574	78	1.4
6. Washington	741	12	1.6
7. Jackson	591	48	8.1
8. Polk	108	12	11.1
9. Marion	815	101	12.4
10. Douglas	457	76	16.6
11. Yamhill	354	121	16.7
12. Deschutes	173	32	18.5
13. Hood River	57	12	21.1
14. Wasco	51	11	21.6
15. Linn	379	101	26.6
16. Klamath	534	145	27.2
17. Clackamas	1,547	426	27.5
18. Josephine	222	64	28.8
19. Lincoln	197	64	32.5
20. Clatsop	229	85	37.1
21. Benton	174	67	38.5
22. Lane	1,387	686	49.5
TOTALS	14,094	2,143	15.2

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TABLE 6

TOTAL CASES PENDING

December 31, 1973

County	Criminal	Civil	Small Claims	Total
1. Curry	111	12	12	135
2. Hood River	352	57	33	442
3. Deschutes	165	173	151	489
4. Polk	398	108	61	567
5. Wasco	512	51	34	597
6. Umatilla	440	197	172	809
7. Yamhill	574	354	139	1,067
8. Josephine	874	222	77	1,173
9. Clatsop	906	229	43	1,178
10. Columbia	972	167	83	1,222
11. Benton	807	174	323	1,304
12. Coos	1,206	128	397	1,731
13. Linn	1,155	379	284	1,818
14. Lincoln	1,436	197	192	1,825
15. Douglas	1,516	457	613	2,586
16. Klamath	2,256	534	136	2,926
17. Washington	2,515	741	311	3,567
18. Lane	2,117	1,387	201	3,705
19. Jackson	2,423	591	703	3,717
20. Clackamas	2,084	1,547	323	3,954
21. Marion	2,452	815	701	3,968
22. Multnomah	15,324	5,574	1,484	22,382
TOTALS	40,595	14,094	6,473	61,162

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TABLE 7

COMPARATIVE TABLE

TOTAL CASES PENDING

County	Pending 12-31-73	Pending 12-31-72	Pending 12-31-71	Pending 12-31-70	Pending 12-31-69	Pending 12-31-68
1. Curry	135	85	69	80	65	44
2. Hood River	442	309	295	333	335	296
3. Deschutes	489	769	372	398	388	417
4. Polk	567	557	341	275	313	309
5. Wasco	597	722	407	236	205	179
6. Umatilla	809	810	531	612	448	441
7. Yamhill	1,067	845	761	641	581	577
8. Josephine	1,173	919	732	643	423	658
9. Clatsop	1,178	1,381	813	863	731	646
10. Columbia *	1,222	—	—	—	—	—
11. Benton	1,304	1,072	743	574	468	533
12. Coos	1,731	1,281	1,114	1,007	841	1,002
13. Linn	1,818	1,429	1,225	1,037	811	980
14. Lincoln	1,825	1,030	909	524	350	431
15. Douglas	2,586	2,162	1,588	2,433	2,355	1,634
16. Klamath	2,926	2,313	1,304	1,123	913	940
17. Washington	3,567	2,849	2,112	1,788	1,648	1,478
18. Lane	3,705	2,577	2,762	3,040	2,129	2,717
19. Jackson	3,717	2,953	2,242	1,395	1,349	2,062
20. Clackamas	3,954	2,735	2,295	1,984	1,740	1,751
21. Marion	3,968	3,423	1,769	1,427	1,468	1,623
22. Multnomah	22,382	27,687	8,413	7,751	9,559	13,547
TOTALS	61,162	57,908	30,797	28,164	27,120	32,265

* New district court created 1/1/73.

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