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OPD Materials

September 16, 2025 Sub-D IBC

Mission

Providing the most compassionate and expert defense of clients and the Constitution.

Vision

Creating expert teams of advocates for justice, bringing respect and dignity to our clients to achieve holistic and equitable outcomes.

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Note, OPD’s Standing IBC Metrics follow the prepared responses listed in the table of contents.

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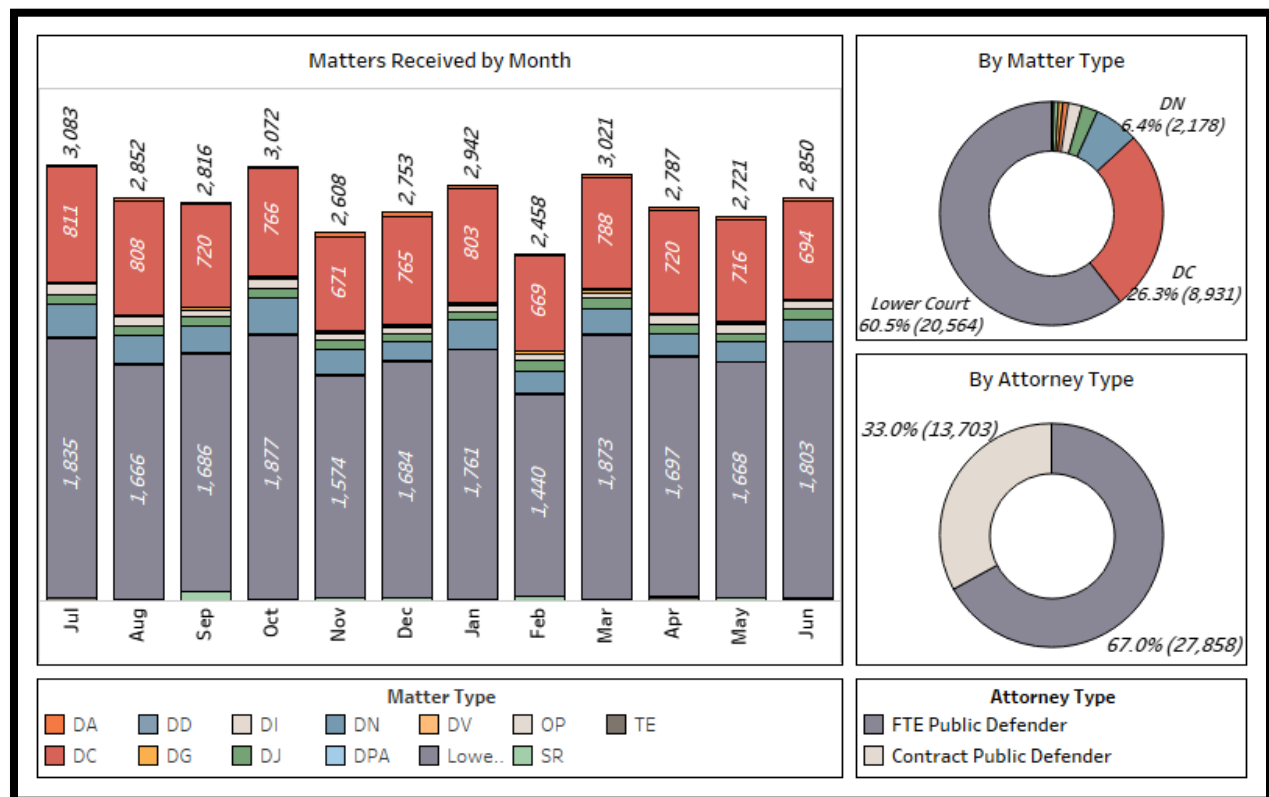
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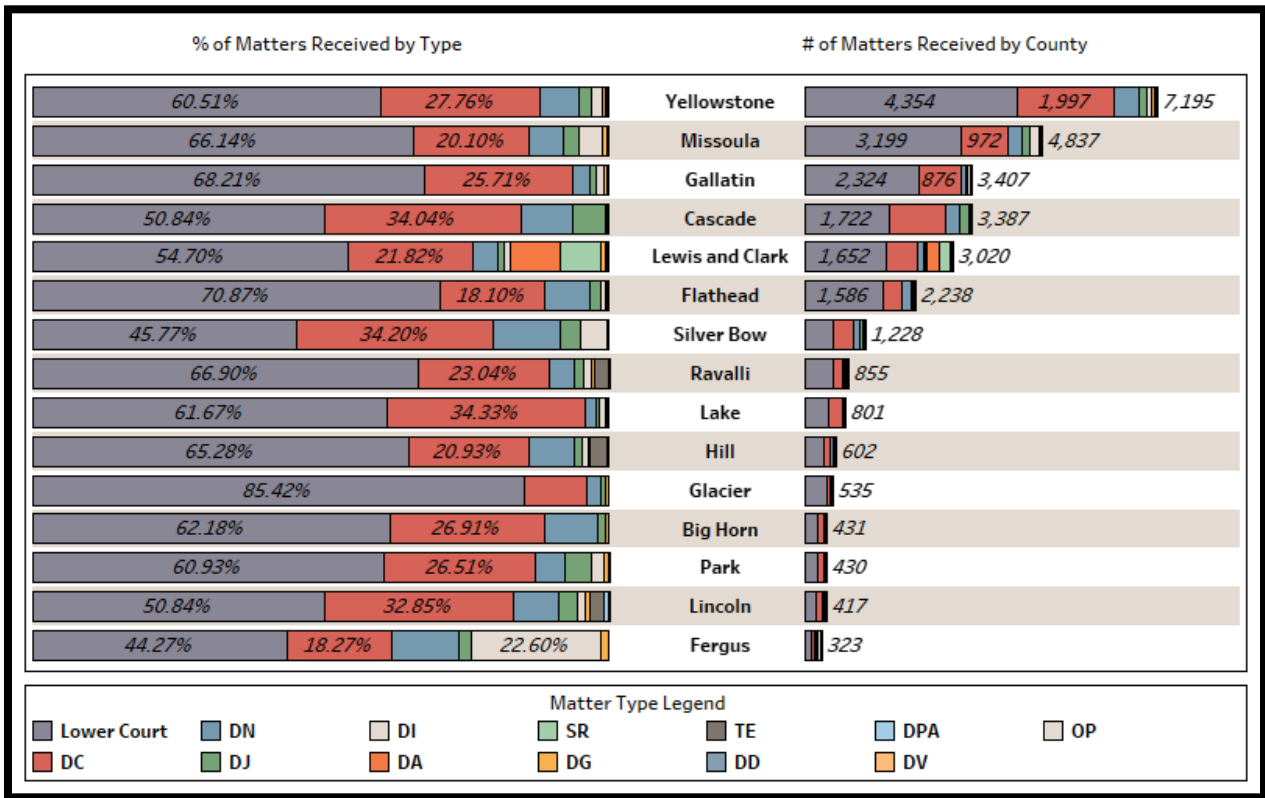
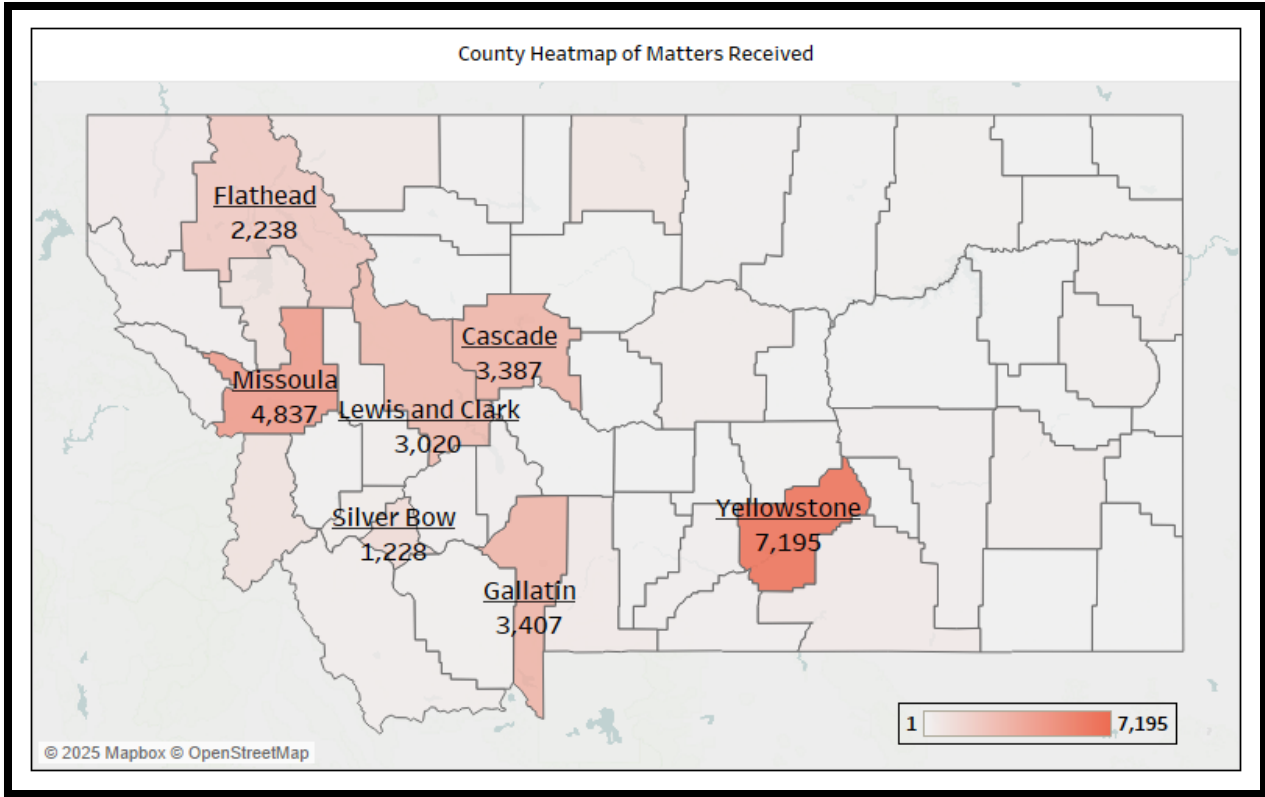
Overview of FY 2026 Annual plan (HB 190 - 2023 Session)

OPD has prepared and filed its annual plan, which is included as attachment A, and may also be found on OPD's website here: [OPD FY 26 Annual Plan](#).

FY 2025 Defender Caseload Breakout

Below are a series of images showing metrics and information regarding matters received during FY 2025.





2027 Biennium current supplemental status

OPD is currently projecting a need supplemental funding of between \$4m and \$6.5m by the end of FY 2027.

Hiring of new PB provided for the 2027 biennium

The 2025 Legislature provided four new (4) public defender PBs for FY 2026. This week OPD is welcoming its 2025 cohort of recent law school graduates and law clerks. By the end of September 2025, OPD anticipates having 6 or fewer public defender vacancies agency wide.



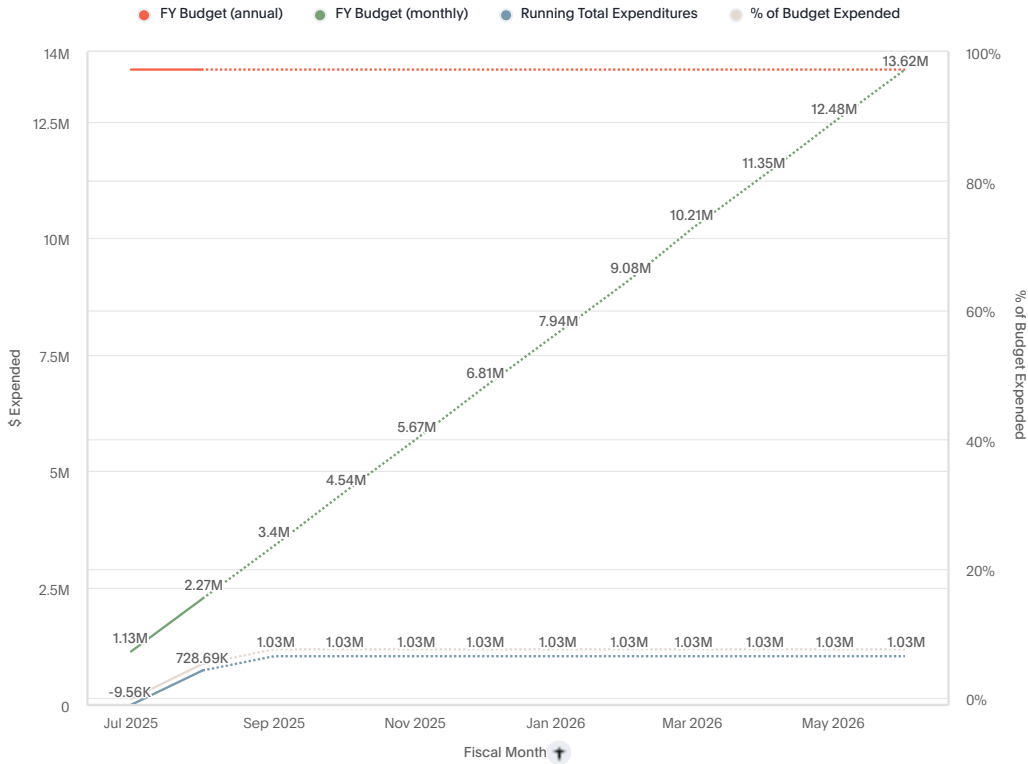
Interim Budget Committee Standing Update Metrics

This Liveboard contains the standing metrics and information for Sub D IBC hearings

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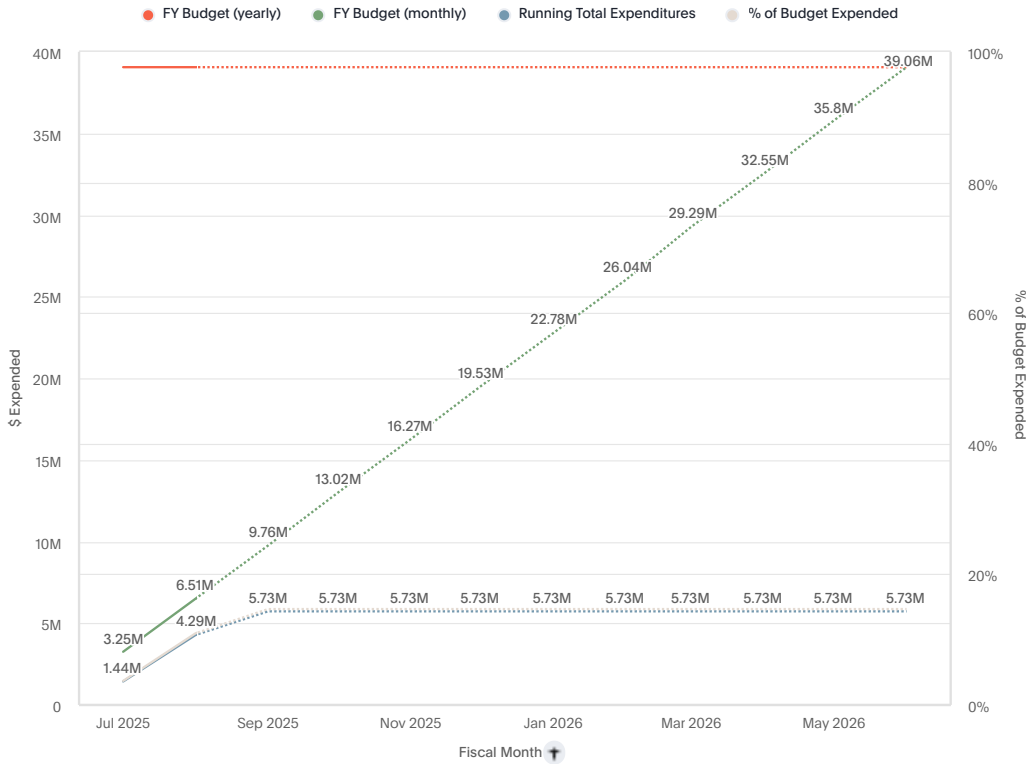
Contract Public Defender Appropriation Burn Rate

running total expenditures for contract public defender related accounts



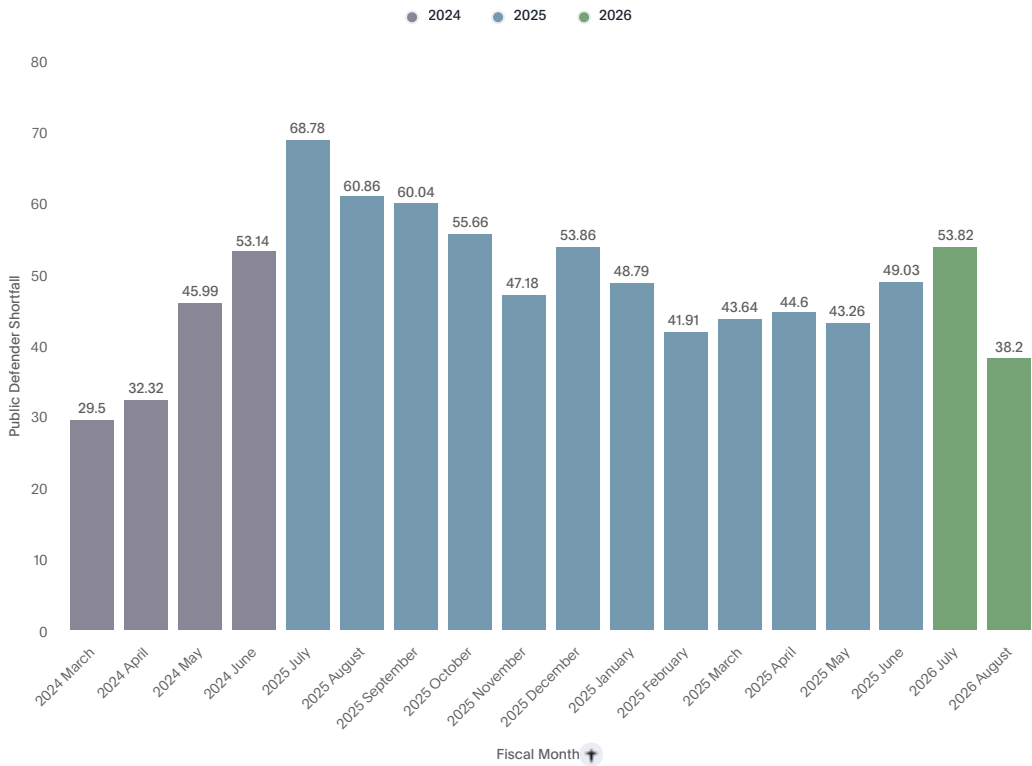
Personal Services Appropriation Burn Rate

running total expenditures for personal services accounts



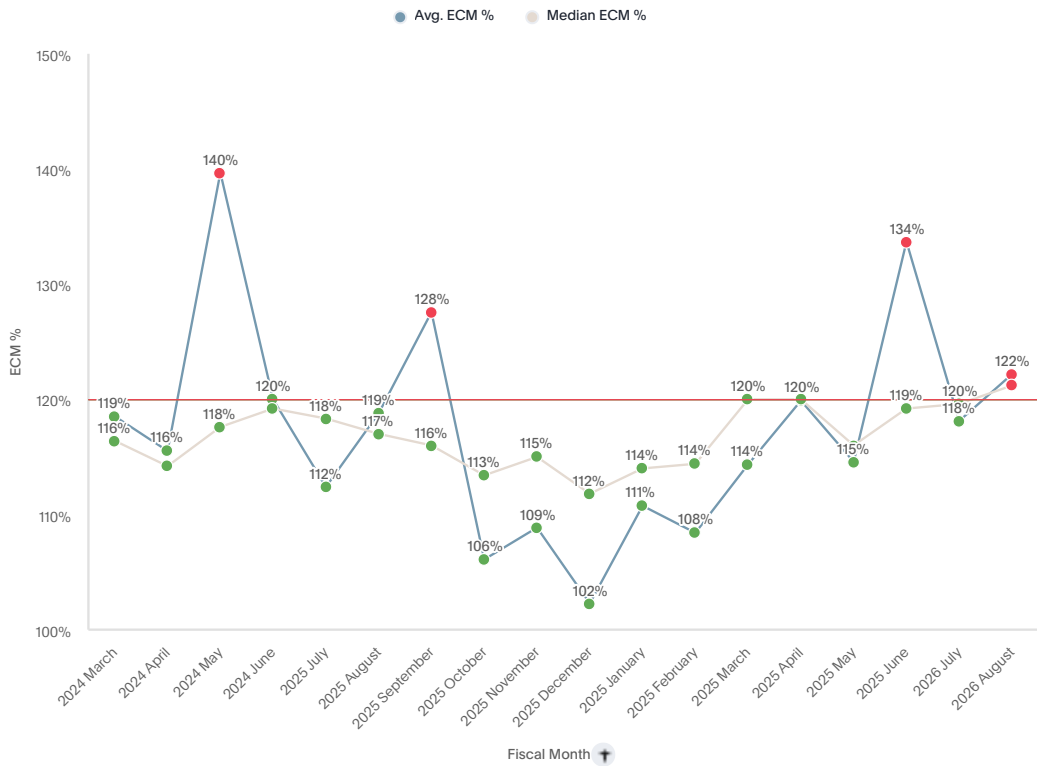
Public Defender Shortfall by Month

volume of OPD work first assigned > 14 days



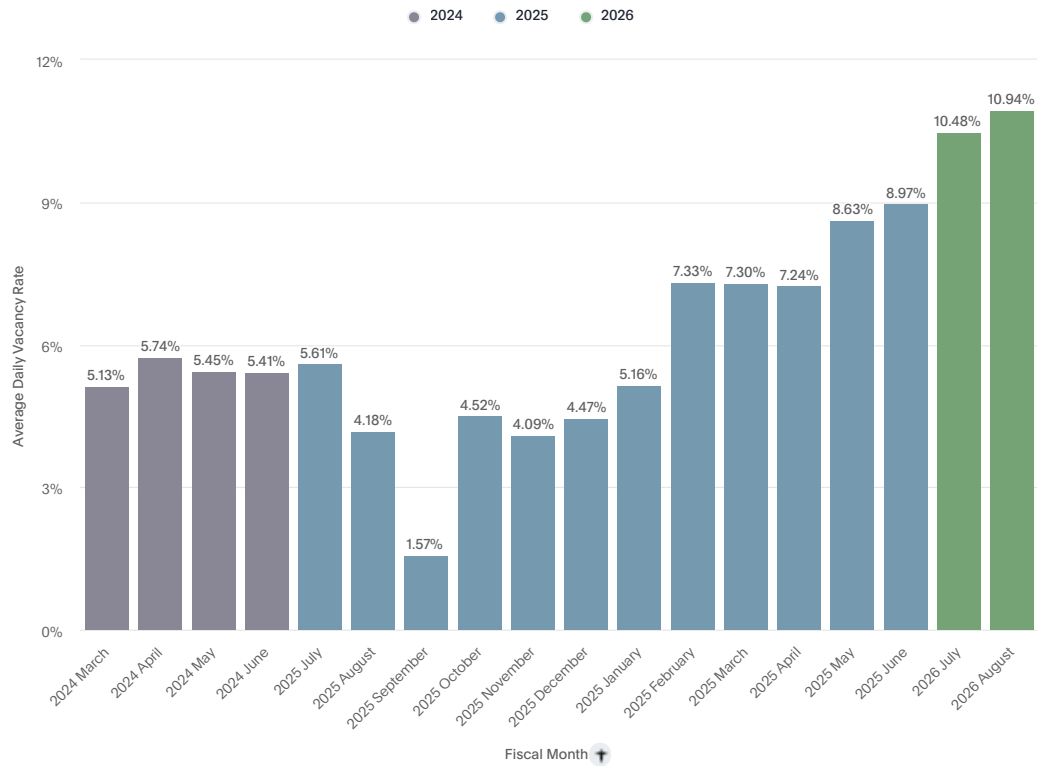
Avg. & Median Trial ECM % by Month

OPD's per attorney workload standard



Avg. Daily Vacancy Rate for Pub. Def. Positions by Month

average number of vacant public defender positions as a percentage by month



WoW Assigned to Contractors Public Defenders

Total WoW and avg./median WoW assigned

