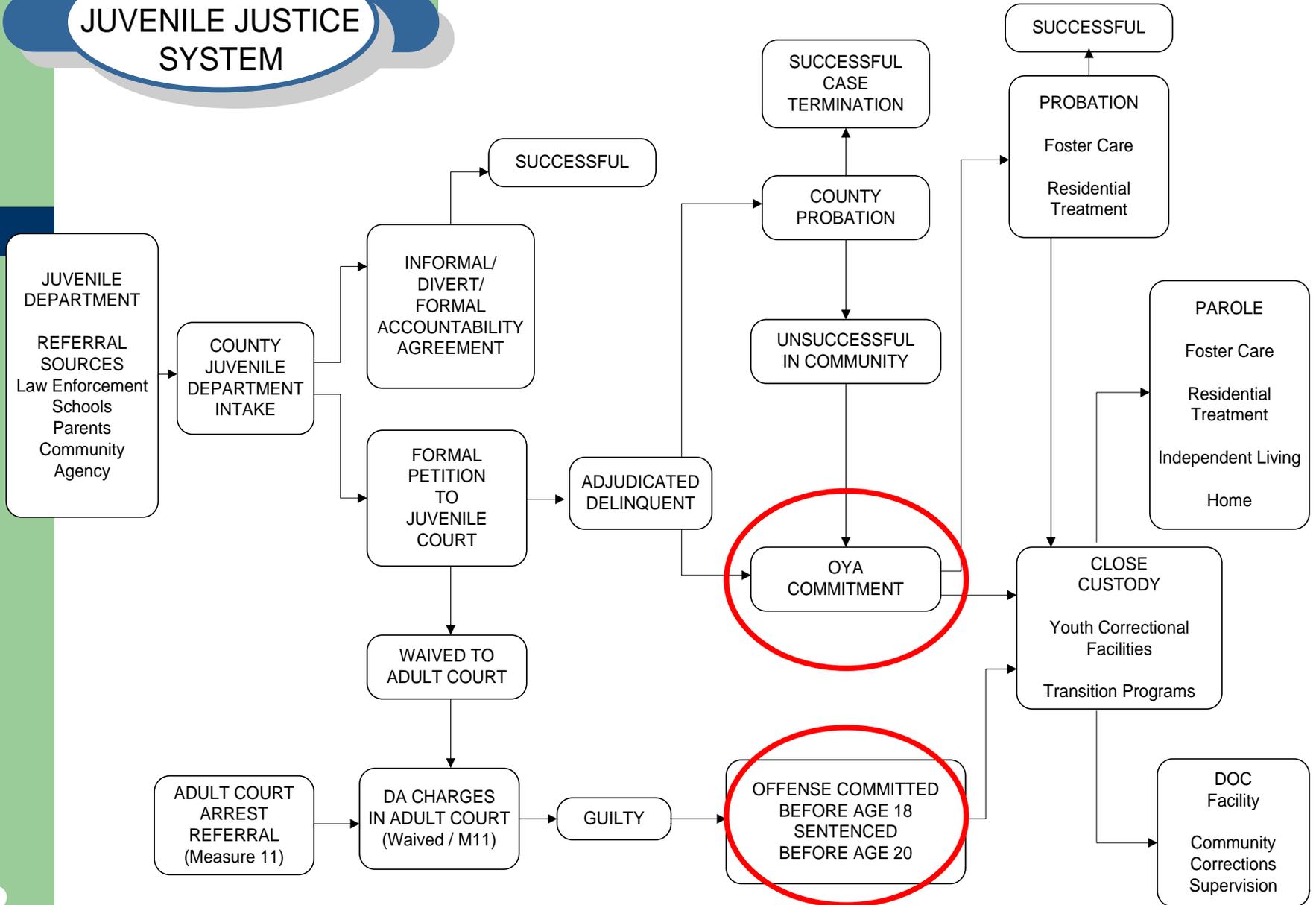




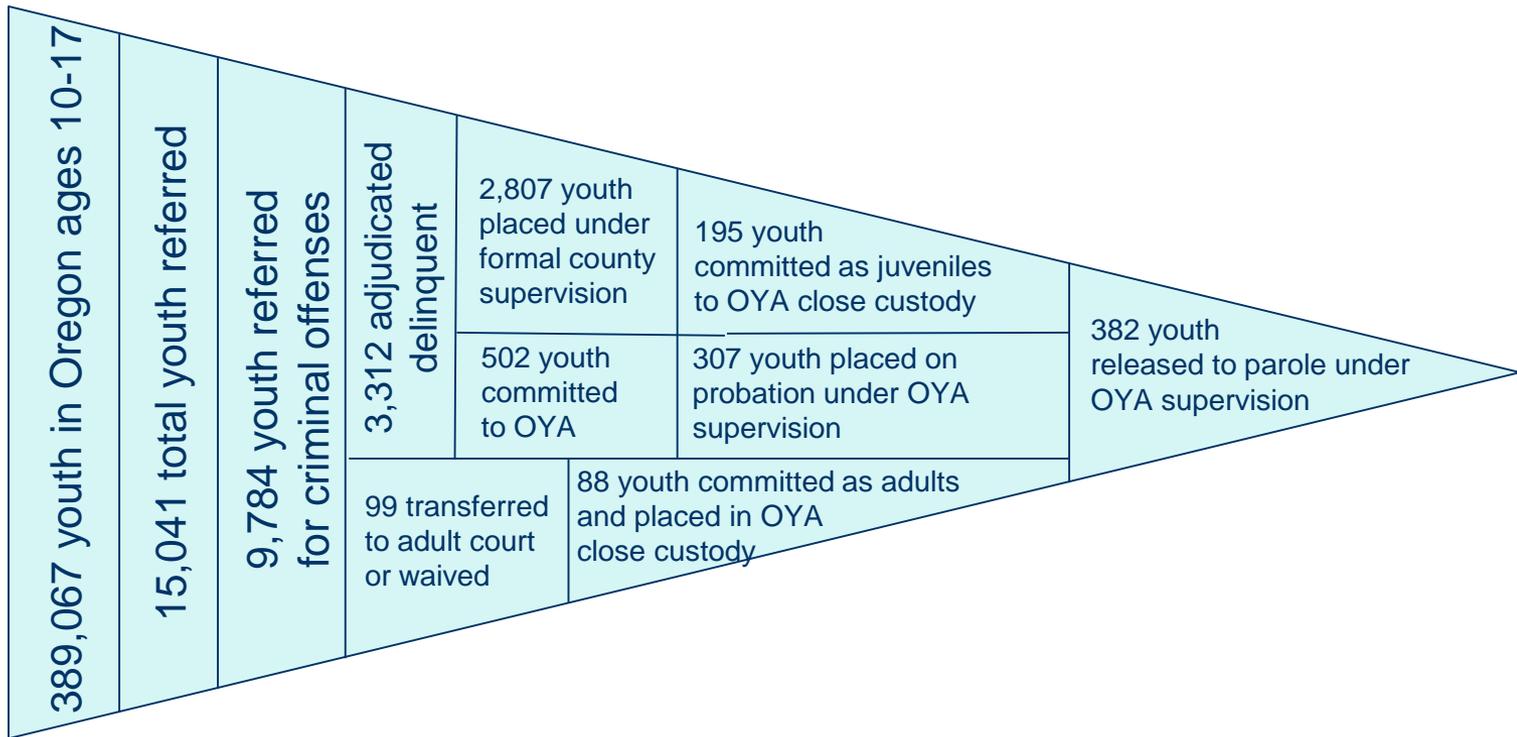
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OREGON'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

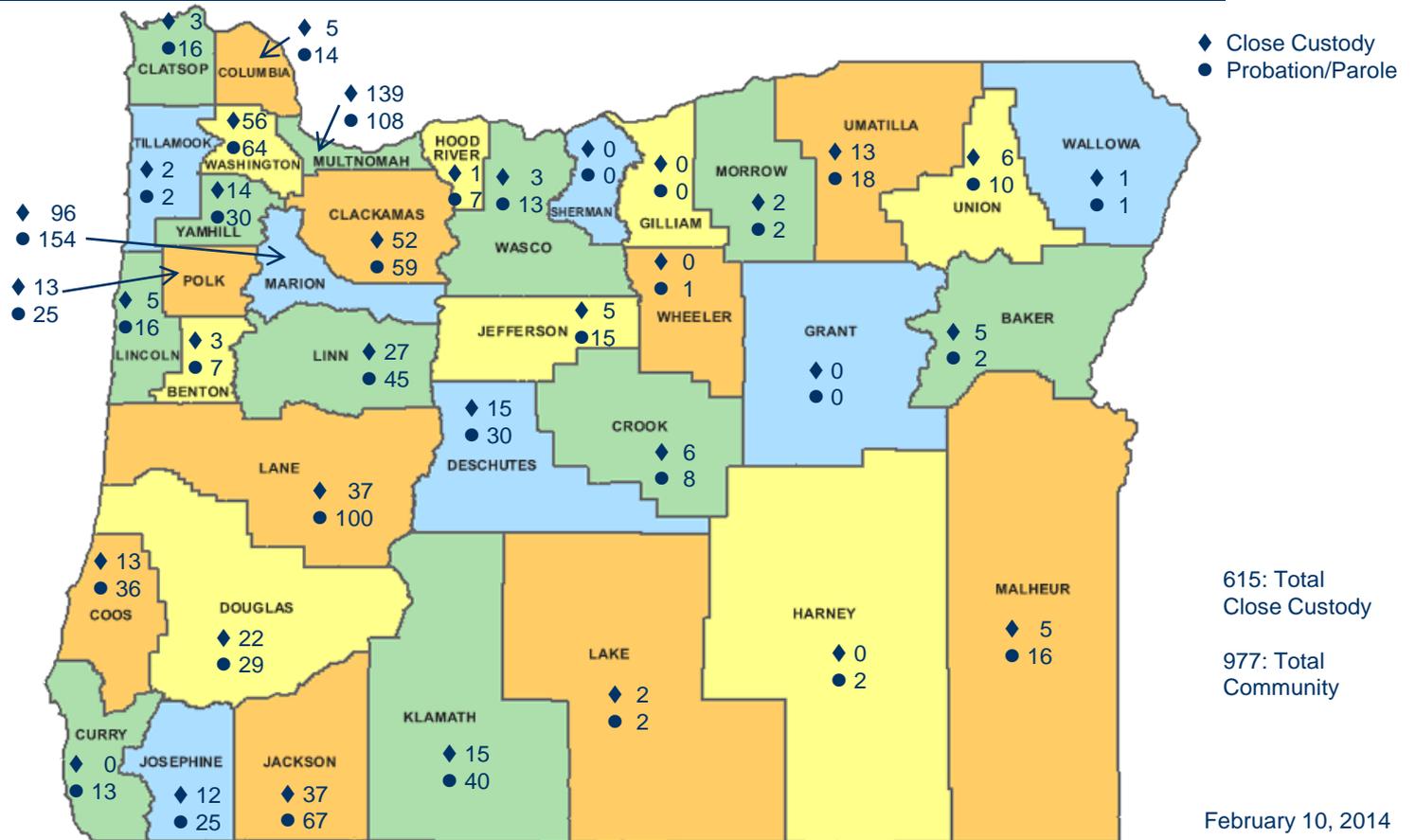


Oregon's Juvenile Justice System

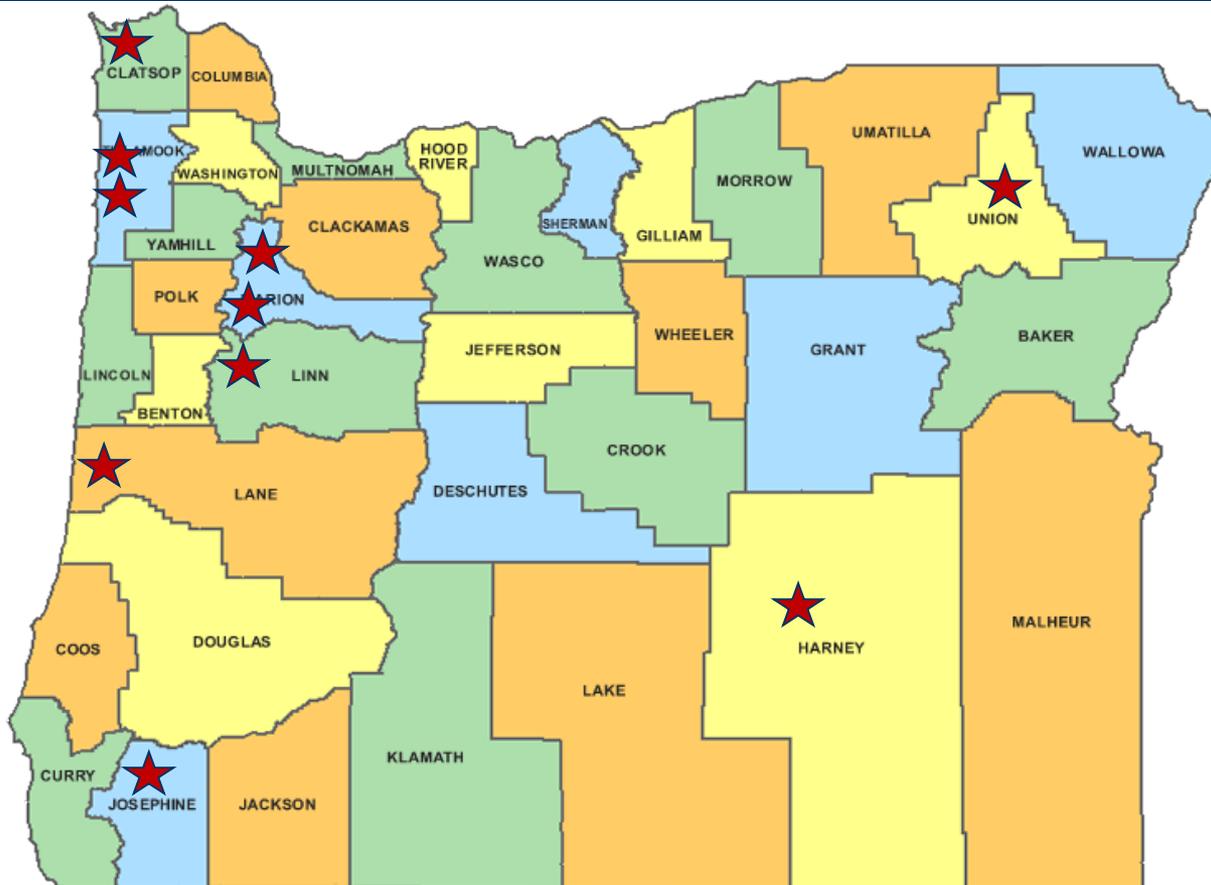


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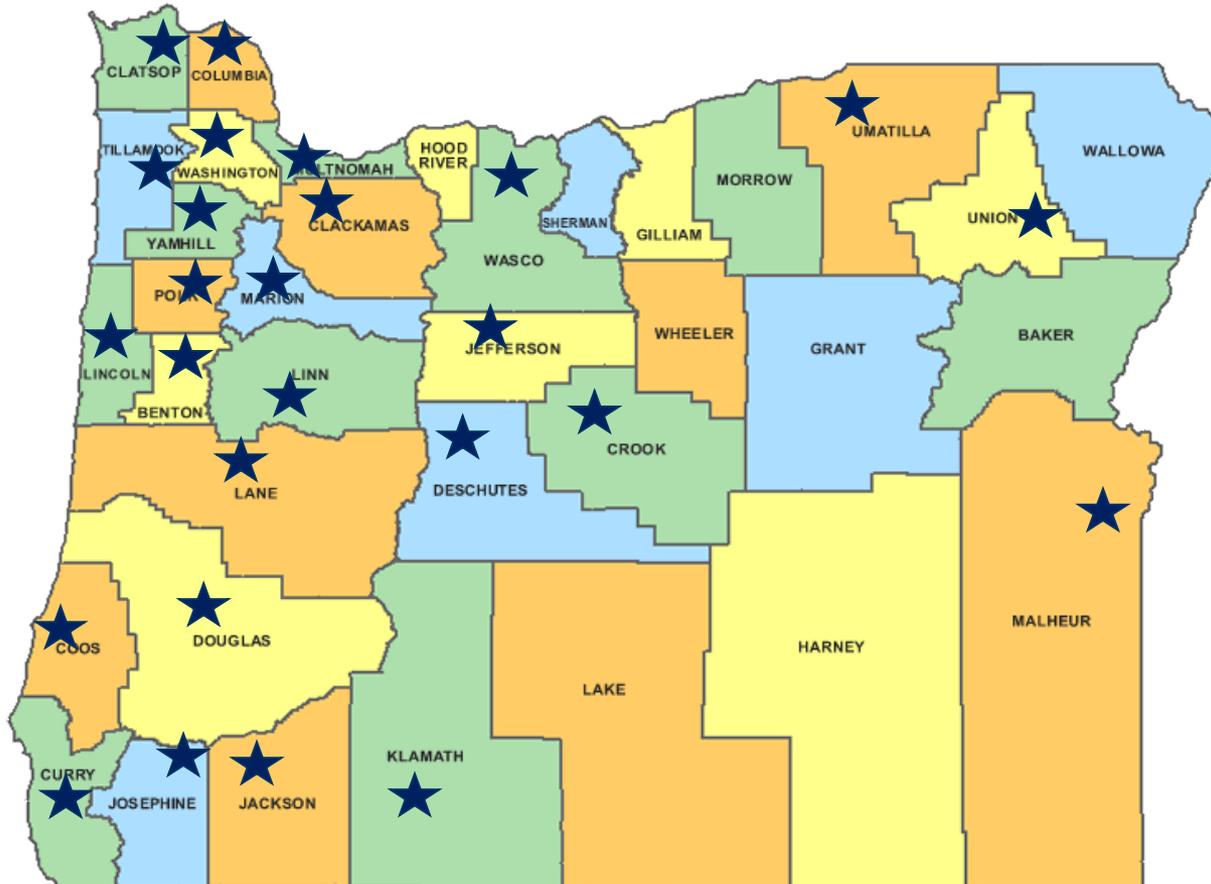
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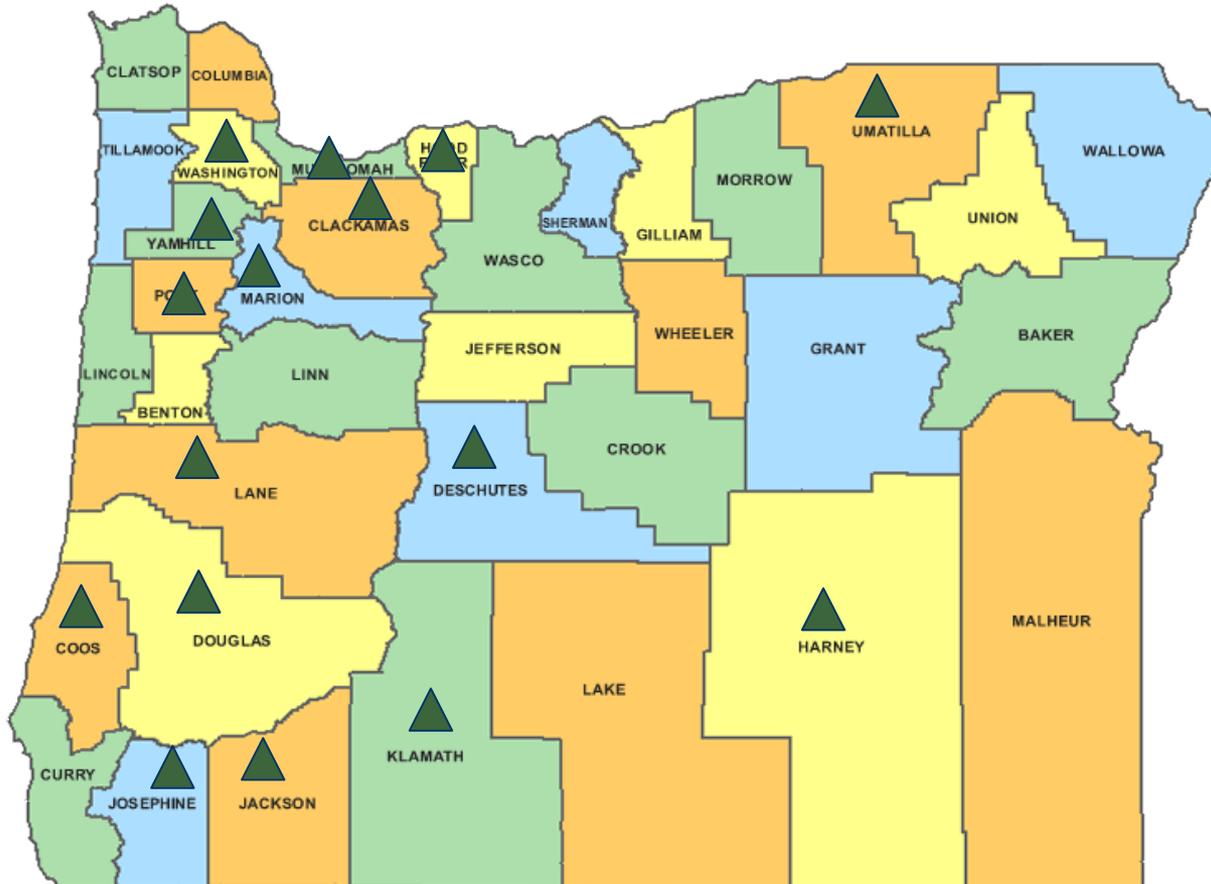
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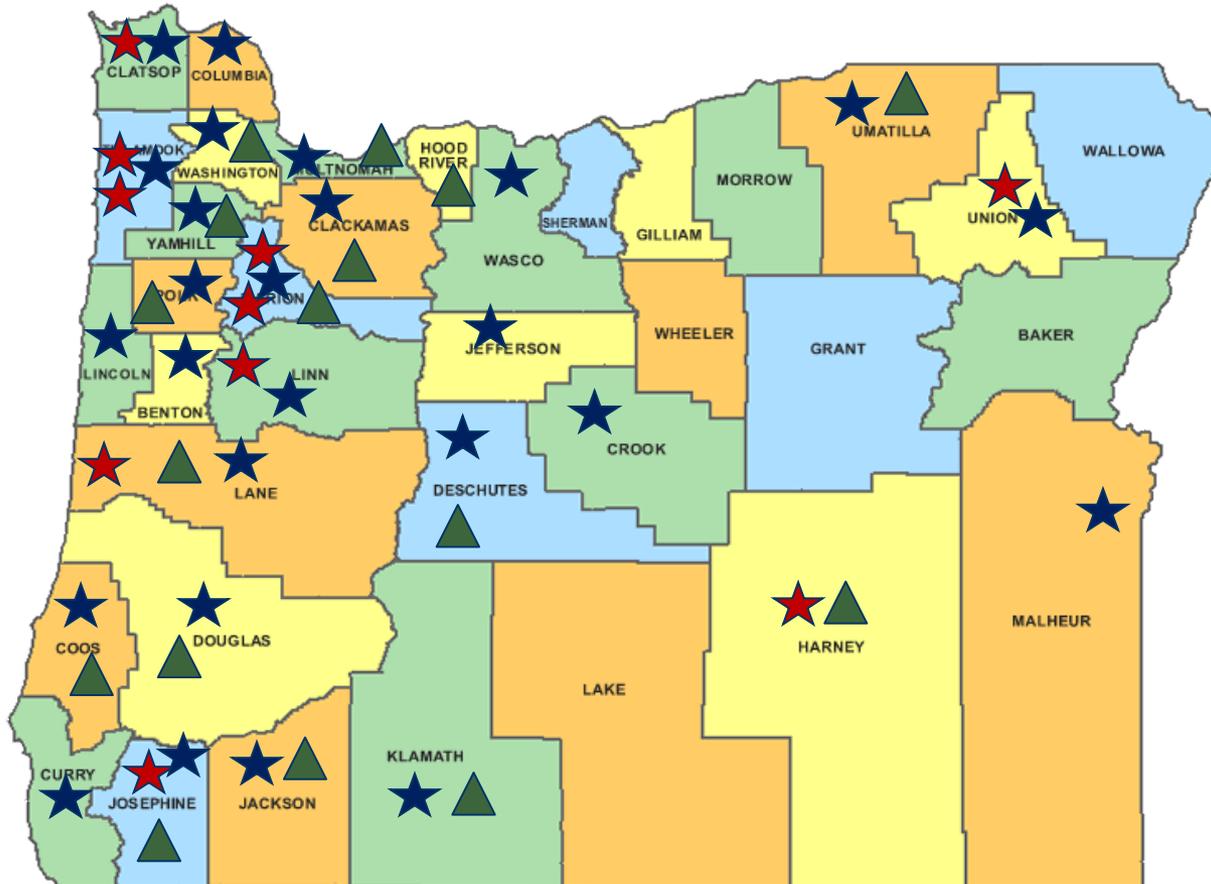
OYA probation and parole offices



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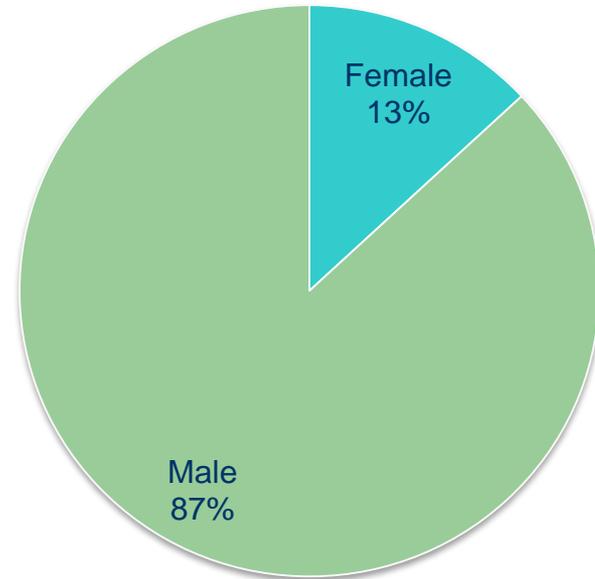
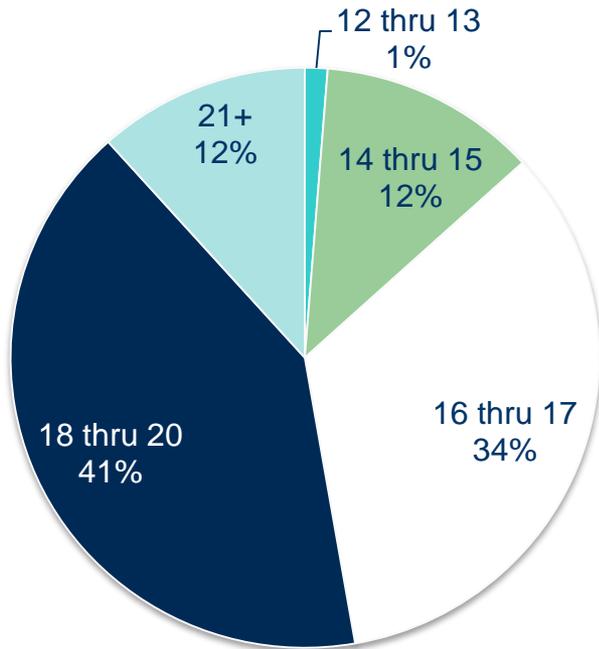
Combined service locations



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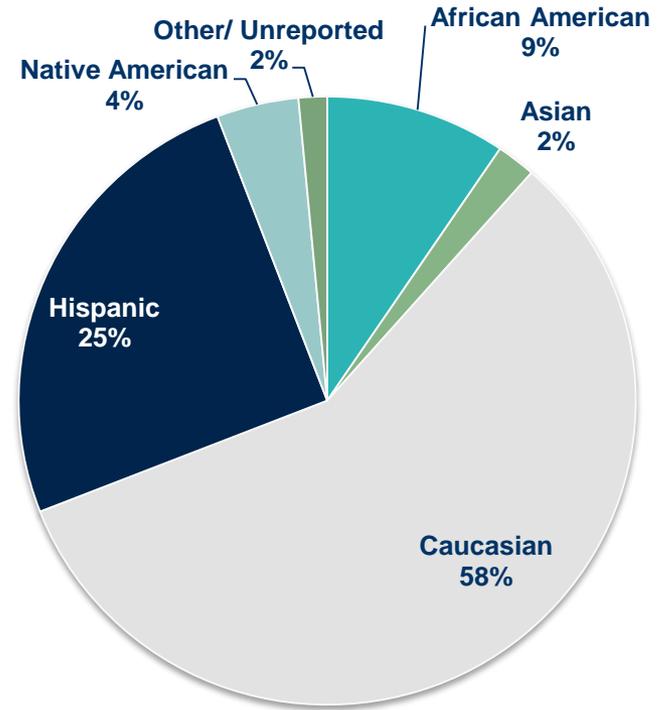
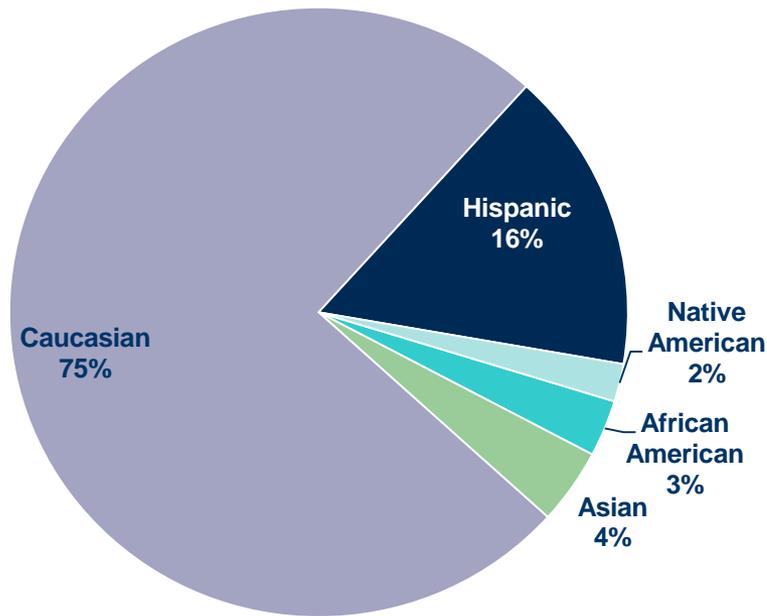
- The state's most delinquent youth offenders
- Ages 12 – 24
- Crimes committed prior to 18th birthday
- Crimes include murder, rape, arson, robbery, other violent crimes, and substance abuse
- OYA maintains legal and physical custody of youth offenders adjudicated to OYA by juvenile courts
- OYA has physical custody of youth offenders committed to DOC by adult courts and placed with OYA due to their age

Youth offender profile: age and gender

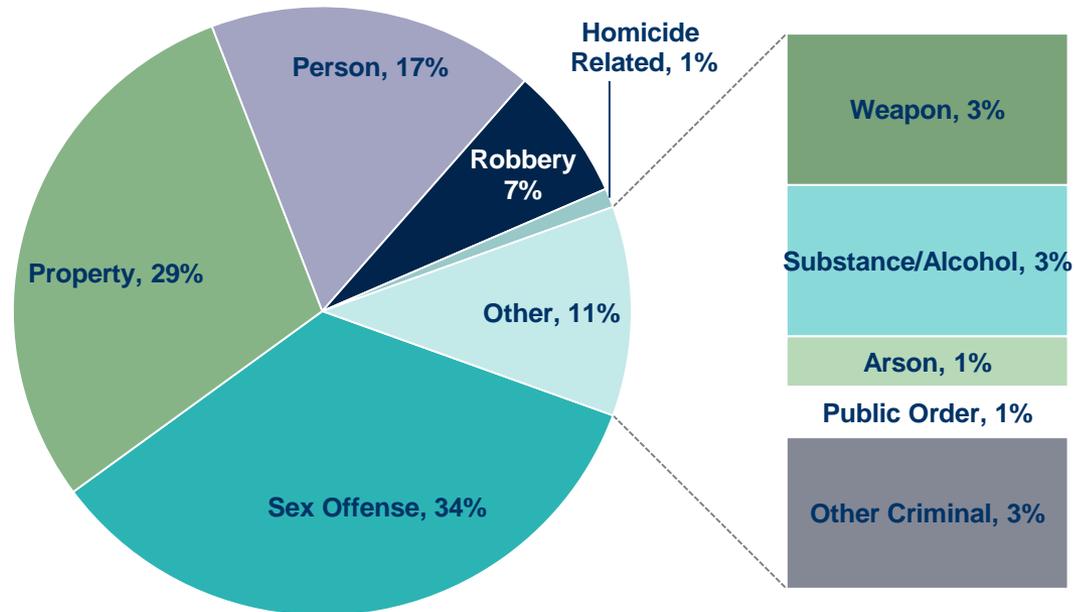


Youth offender profile: race and ethnicity

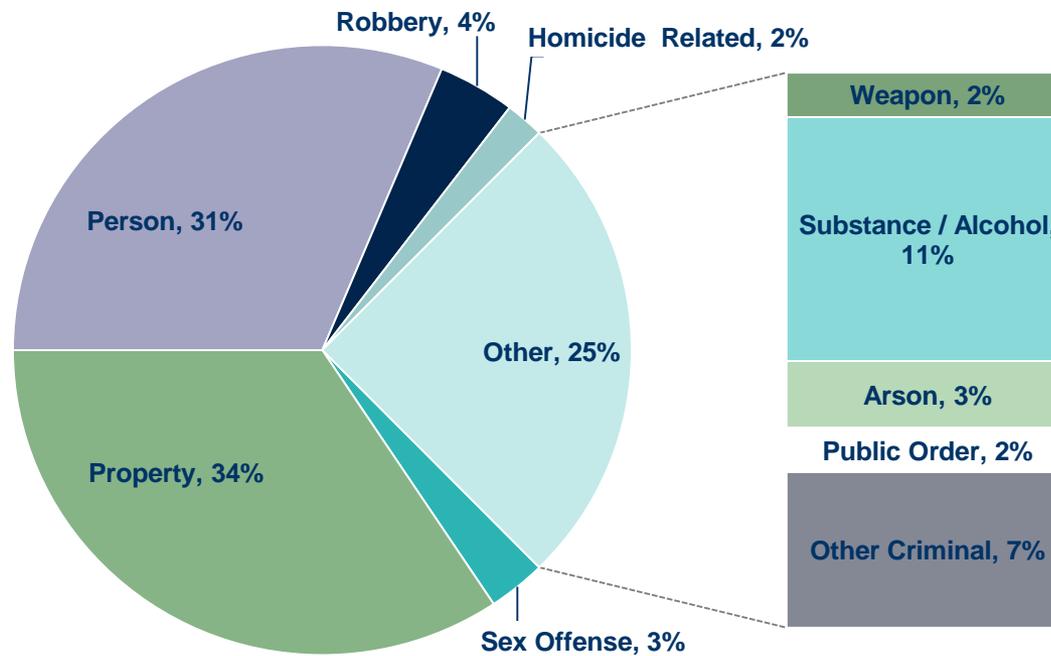
Oregon Population Ages 10 – 17



Youth offender profile: criminal activity, males



Youth offender profile: criminal activity, females



Youth offender profile: social characteristics

PERCENT MALES	CATEGORY	PERCENT FEMALES
69	Abused Alcohol or Drugs	81
58	Parents Abused Alcohol or Drugs	72
40	Diagnosed Mental Health Disorder Other than Conduct Disorder	65
48	Diagnosed Conduct Disorder	40
14	Sexually Abused	37
29	Special Education	35
6	Past Suicidal Behavior	21
14	Youth is a Parent	10

Myths and facts about youth offenders

Perception

- Once an offender, always an offender
- Sex offenders should be locked up a long time, because they will reoffend
- Spending money on treatment wastes resources
- It's a waste of money to educate youth offenders

Reality

- Overall, more than 70% of offenders do not reoffend
- Just 4% of youth sex offenders commit another sex offense
- The return on investment ranges from 7:1 to 25:1
- The more education, the lower the recidivism rate

Oregon Youth Authority mission, vision and values

The **mission** of the Oregon Youth Authority is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

The **vision** of the Oregon Youth Authority is that youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.

The **values** that guide the agency's decisions, actions and priorities are:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Respect



Building better lives

Key indicators of success

- Treatment progress
- Educational achievement
- Job-readiness



Building better lives: treatment

- Accountability
- Empathy
- Mental health treatment
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Offense-specific treatment
- Violent offender treatment
- Restitution and community service
- Gang intervention
- Functional life skills
- Transition services

Treatment is a good investment

Returns on each \$1 investment in youth

- \$25 for life-skills training
(University of Pennsylvania, 2008)
- \$14 for functional family therapy
(University of Pennsylvania, 2008)
- \$11 for alcohol and drug treatment
(NIH, 2004)
- \$ 8 for crime-specific interventions
(Wilder Foundation, 2007)
- \$ 7 for multi-systemic behavioral therapy
(Kleitz, Borduin and Schaeffer, 2010)

Building better lives: education

- Youth in OYA close custody are required to work toward a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Youth in close custody attend 220 days of school each year
- During 2013:
 - 123 youth in close custody received high school diplomas
 - 120 received vocational certificates
 - 44 received GED certificates
 - 4 earned two-year college degrees
 - 1 earned four-year undergraduate degree

Education is a good investment

Recidivism rates relative to education

The more education youth offenders receive, the less likely they will be to commit another crime

- 28% -- average recidivism rate
- 25% -- two-year college degree
- 13% -- four-year undergraduate degree
- 0% -- graduate degree

(Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2002)

Building better lives: job skills

OYA offers a range of vocational education opportunities that offer certificates of completion:

- Barbering
- Carpentry
- Culinary arts
- Plumbing
- Veterinary care
- Wastewater treatment
- Welding
- Woodworking

Vocational education is a good investment

Youth with job skills contribute to society

Youth with jobs:

- Are able to pay taxes
- Need fewer social services
- Are less likely to commit future crimes

About MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility

- 1889: The Oregon Legislature established a reform school in Salem, called the Oregon State Training School, now known as Hillcrest YCF
- 1926: The Oregon State Training School was moved to Woodburn, and eventually was renamed MacLaren YCF (Hillcrest became the State Industrial School for Girls)
- 2001: MacLaren reached its peak size, serving 400 youth
- 2008: Oak Creek YCF in Albany opened as OYA's all-female facility, and Hillcrest returned to serving males
- 2014: MacLaren and Hillcrest are the state's largest YCFs, each operating at a capacity of 136

About MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility

- MacLaren primarily serves older youth, ages 18-25
- Youth live in one of six units:
 - Four units of approximately 25 youth each are located in separate cottages on the campus
 - Two smaller units serve older youth with mental health issues and youth with behavioral management issues

Treatment offered at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility

- Youth at MacLaren are offered the full gamut of treatment services provided throughout OYA close-custody facilities
- Because youth at MacLaren tend to be older and therefore at the tail-end of their treatment and getting ready to return to the community, MacLaren's treatment programs also focus on:
 - Relapse prevention (e.g., alcohol and drug use)
 - Advanced social skills (e.g., anger replacement therapy)
 - Real-world living skills (e.g., establishing a checking account, renting an apartment, getting an I.D. card, using public transit)
- MacLaren is in the process of converting an unused building into an evidence-based treatment mall to enrich the treatment experience by giving youth the opportunity to leave their units

Education offered at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility

- Small accredited on-site high school for youth who still need to acquire high school diplomas or GEDs
- On-line college courses
 - Youth may take free courses provided by some colleges
 - Youth may pay for courses if they have the money
 - Youth may apply for Pell grants
 - Youth not eligible for Pell grants may apply for scholarships through New Beginnings, a private OYA grant program funded by donations

Job-skills offered at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility

- Vocational programs at MacLaren include:
 - Project POOCH (e.g., dog-handling and training)
 - Welding
 - Woodworking
 - Barbering
 - Grounds maintenance
 - Building maintenance (e.g., electrical, plumbing, HVAC)
 - Culinary skills (industrial kitchen food preparation and short-order cooking)
 - Industrial laundry skills
- Certificates are available in many of these programs

Helping youth succeed and creating safer communities

Through treatment, classroom education and vocational education, OYA helps youth succeed in reforming their lives.

Everyone benefits when OYA achieves its vision of seeing all youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.

Thank you

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