

Agency and Available Data: Ohio Public Defender

Agency	What is collected	Collection Method	Public Dashboard or Reports?
Office of the Ohio Public Defender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed counsel costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Expert costs ◦ Transcript costs ◦ Fee bills ◦ Cost per certificate. • Public defender case load <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Public defender cost per case ◦ By county and court type • Operating budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ By expense category and county • Expenditures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ General Revenue Fund ◦ Non-GRF / Non-federal funds ◦ Federal funds • Branch Office Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Organized by county and case category • Death penalty cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Organized by county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data submitted by public defenders/non-profits via monthly reports • Appointed counsel submits attorney fees/expenses, expert costs, and transcripts via individual bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Counsel and Public Defender Cost and Expense Reports available on website by year • Annual reports about budget and spending available on OPD website • Reports from 2010 – 2024 available

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This explanatory document is designed to highlight the available data for analysis to inform policymakers pursuant to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission's duty to study the comprehensive criminal sentencing structure in the state of Ohio. Among other duties, the Commission is to study the fiscal and other impact of the sentencing structure on the public defender and assigned counsel system, as well as review bills introduced in the general assembly that provide for a new criminal offense or that change the penalty for an existing criminal offense. As such, this primer is designed to understand data available at the statewide level for analysis as well as gaps in the data that would be useful for the duties of informing the general assembly and other policymakers.