



The charts above illustrate caseloads and associated costs in the Office of the State Public Defender (OPD). The chart on the left divides all assigned cases by type for FY 2015. The chart on the right displays the cost percentage per case type for FY 2015.

Lower court cases represent the majority of cases assigned to OPD, but utilize a lower percentage of OPD resources. On the other hand, when combined, criminal and dependent neglect cases comprise only 32% of all cases assigned, but make up 64% of

all expenditures. The data for this chart is from annual reports provided by OPD to the legislature, which can be found here:

<http://publicdefender.mt.gov/publications.asp>.