

# PRACTICE PROFILE/CHARACTERISTICS

The following tables present data regarding the characteristics and profile of legal practice in Oregon. Data is provided for total hours worked per month, hours worked per month by type of employment, and hours spent in pro-bono and community service activities.

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**Hours Worked:** Monthly hours worked for full-time and part-time lawyers by choice are presented in the following table. Average and median hours worked by full-time lawyers were fairly consistent throughout the seven regions. Average and median hours worked by part-time lawyers were less consistent among the regions. For Oregon, the average (186) and median (180) hours worked per month for full-time lawyers were lower than those in the 1998 survey, which were an average of 189 hours and median of 190 hours.

## Hours Worked Per Month

Hours Worked	Oregon	Portland	Tri-County	Upper Valley	Lower Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
<b>Full-Time Lawyer</b>								
Average	186	187	184	190	186	178	189	184
Median	180	185	180	190	180	175	185	180
<b>Part-Time Lawyer by Choice</b>								
Average	100	97	106	104	106	96	77	93
Medium	100	100	100	104	113	93	75	90

**Type of Employment:** Data regarding average and median hours worked per month by type of employment for full-time lawyers is presented below. Most types of employment reported similar number of hours worked. For most categories, the data reflects slightly less hours worked per month than the 1998 data.

### Hours Worked Per Month by Type of Employment

Type of Employment	Oregon	Portland	Tri-County	Upper Valley	Lower Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
<b>Private</b>								
Average	186	187	184	191	185	176	189	178
Median	180	185	180	190	180	172	190	172
<b>Private Non-Profit</b>								
Average	190	196	186	189	182	188	193	204
Median	182	185	188	175	180	183	180	192
<b>Government</b>								
Average	189	186	190	189	190	187	192	196
Median	180	180	180	180	180	190	200	200
<b>Corporate In-House Counsel</b>								
Average	185	181	182	197	209	n/a	n/a	n/a
Median	183	185	178	198	200	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Judge/Hearings Officer</b>								
Average	175	169	174	185	153	156	180	n/a
Median	175	168	177	185	180	180	175	n/a

**Pro-Bono/Community Service Hours:** Pro-bono legal services was defined as legal services provided to individuals whom the attorney did not bill. This category does not include attorneys working for legal aid organizations or non-profit groups which provide legal services on a free or reduced fee basis. Fifty-two percent of attorneys reported spending an average of 9.1 hours per month providing pro-bono legal services compared to 55% spending 9.2 hours in 1998. Community service was defined as volunteer service to charitable organizations, churches, or other community services. Sixty-four percent reported spending an average of 11.4 hours per month providing volunteer community services compared to 69% spending 11.1 hours in 1998.

### Average Pro-Bono/Community Service Hours Per Month by Type of Employment

Type of Employment	Oregon	Portland	Tri-County	Upper Valley	Lower Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
<b>Private</b>								
Pro-Bono	9.2	8.2	10.2	9.8	8.8	8.8	10.9	11.8
Community	11.8	11.4	11.0	11.8	11.6	12.4	16.3	11.4
<b>Private Non-Profit</b>								
Pro-Bono	9.2	8.6	9.5	n/a	9.0	n/a	3.8	n/a
Community	11.9	9.7	15.9	14.5	7.8	12.1	8.3	10.7
<b>Government</b>								
Pro-Bono	11.1	5.4	4.0	23.0	14.3	n/a	11.7	n/a
Community	9.6	7.3	10.9	8.6	15.0	13.6	7.6	15.3
<b>Corporate In-House Counsel</b>								
Pro-Bono	5.1	4.2	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Community	9.2	8.9	8.3	7.6	16.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Judge/Hearings Officer</b>								
Pro-Bono	7.1	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Community	11.2	14.9	10.7	7.7	9.4	n/a	13.7	n/a