

## **District Court**

### General Fund, Dept. No. 109

The District Courts of the State of Washington are authorized under Article IV, section 11, of the constitution of the State of Washington, and were implemented by the Legislature in 1961 to replace the antiquated justice of the peace system. The Courts are an independent branch of county government under the supervision of the Washington State Supreme Court. Lewis County is a single judicial district requiring the Court to provide its services to all parts of the County as described in the County districting plan, and is authorized by the Legislature to have two judges.

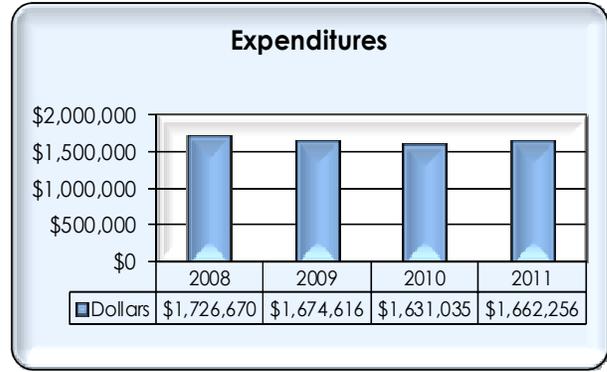
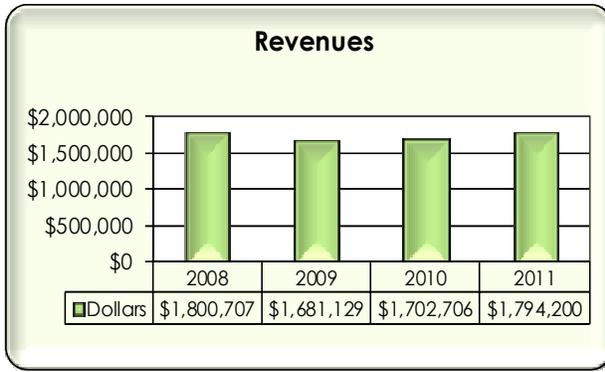
District Courts are the lower level of the trial court system. The Lewis County District Court judges are empowered to hear and decide civil damage cases in which the amount at issue is up to \$75,000 and criminal cases where the maximum term of imprisonment is not more than one year. Lewis County District Court also hears traffic and civil infraction cases, and is responsible to provide a forum for resolution of legal matters such as anti-harassment orders, name changes, and small claims, in which citizens usually represent themselves.

The District Court Clerk, under the supervision of the judges, is responsible for the supervision of the deputy clerks and the day-to-day operations of the Court. The deputy clerks are responsible for the creation of files, maintenance of records, scheduling of hearings and trials, and collection of fines. In 2009, more than 17,096 new cases were filed, and in excess of \$3.2 million dollars in fines and fees were collected by Lewis County District Court. The funds collected are split between the State and the County. County government is required to pay all costs of operations even if no revenue is produced.

The District Court Probation Services Department, under the oversight of the judges, is responsible for the supervision of persons convicted of committing crimes and specifically ordered to be under the supervision of Probation Services. The Probation Officer's job is to ensure that treatment requirements are met, to monitor whether convicts continue to violate the law, and to bring those cases back before the Court if a convict fails to comply with the Court's orders.

#### **Staffing Summary**

	<b>2008 FTE</b>	<b>2009 FTE</b>	<b>2010 FTE</b>	<b>2011 FTE</b>
Judge	2	2	2	2
Clerk of the District Court	1	1	1	1
Deputy District Court Clerk/Courtroom Clerk	8	3	3	3
Dep District Court Clerk/Probation	0	1	1	1
Deputy District Court Clerk	0	3	3	3
Court Clerk	0	2	1	1
Lead Dep Court Clerk/Calendar	1	1	1	1
Accountant	1	1	1	1
Senior Deputy Dist Court/Disposition Clerk	1	1	1	1
Probation Director	1	1	1	1
Probation Officer	1.6	1.6	1.6	1
Office Administrator	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16</b>



**REVENUES**

BARS #	GENERAL Description	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Est. Actual	2011 Adopted	Chg. 10 to 11	% Change
330	Intergovernmental	20,615	20,825	29,345	21,000	-8,345	-28.4%
340	Charges for Services	302,926	277,143	280,826	304,600	23,774	8.5%
350	Fines & Forfeits	1,428,528	1,323,212	1,330,935	1,401,100	70,165	5.3%
360	Miscellaneous	48,638	59,949	61,599	67,500	5,901	9.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,800,707</b>	<b>1,681,129</b>	<b>1,702,706</b>	<b>1,794,200</b>	<b>91,494</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

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**EXPENDITURES**

BARS #	Object Description	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Est. Actual	2011 Adopted	Chg. 10 to 11	% Change
512.40	10 Salaries & Wages	1,040,827	1,053,658	1,015,527	1,036,016	20,489	2.0%
	11-12 Extra Help/Overtime	8,574	0	18,144	0	-18,144	-100.0%
	20 Payroll Benefits	314,619	312,160	279,919	294,092	14,173	5.1%
	30 Supplies	25,513	32,452	43,259	31,350	-11,909	-27.5%
	40 Other Services/Charges	87,451	87,674	85,359	107,225	21,866	25.6%
	90 Interfund Payments	202,437	188,672	188,827	193,573	4,746	2.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,679,420</b>	<b>1,674,616</b>	<b>1,631,035</b>	<b>1,662,256</b>	<b>31,221</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

BARS #	Object Description	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Est. Actual	2011 Adopted	Chg. 10 to 11	% Change
512.81	40 Other Services/Charges	47,250	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,726,670</b>	<b>1,674,616</b>	<b>1,631,035</b>	<b>1,662,256</b>	<b>31,221</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
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