

## **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.

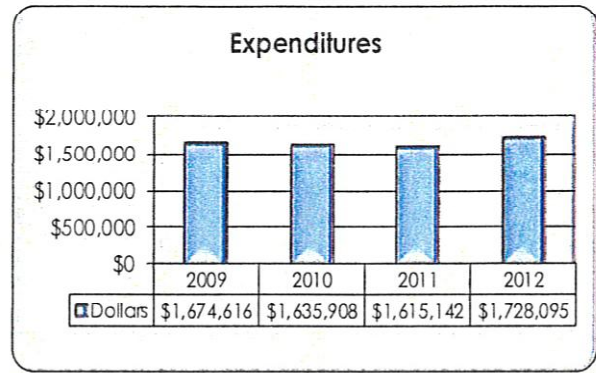
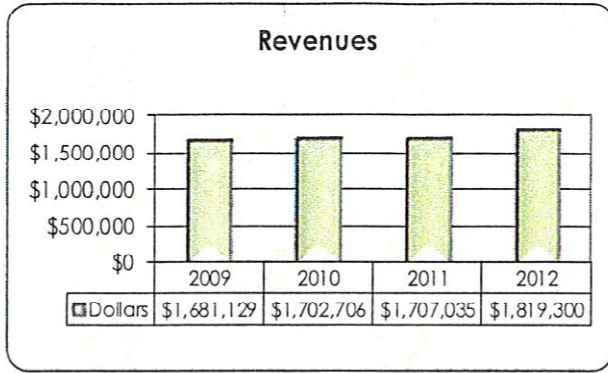
District Courts are the lower level of the trial court system. The Lewis County District Court judges are empowered to hear and decide civil damage cases in which the amount at issue is up to \$75,000 and criminal cases where the maximum term of imprisonment is not more than one year. Lewis County District 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 2011, more than 15,751 new cases were filed, and in excess of \$3.3 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>2009 FTE</b>	<b>2010 FTE</b>	<b>2011 FTE</b>	<b>2012 FTE</b>
Judge	2	2	2	2
Clerk of the District Court	1	1	1	1
Deputy District Court Clerk/Courtroom Clerk	3	3	3	3
Dep District Court Clerk/Probation	1	1	1	1
Deputy District Court Clerk	3	3	3	3
Court Clerk	2	1	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	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>



**REVENUES**

BARS #	GENERAL Description	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Est. Actual	2012 Adopted	Chg. 11 to 12	% Change
330	Intergovernmental	20,825	29,345	12,340	21,000	8,660	70.2%
340	Charges for Services	277,143	280,826	296,662	308,650	11,988	4.0%
350	Fines & Forfeits	1,323,212	1,330,935	1,321,434	1,412,650	91,216	6.9%
360	Miscellaneous	59,949	61,599	76,599	77,000	401	0.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,681,129</b>	<b>1,702,706</b>	<b>1,707,035</b>	<b>1,819,300</b>	<b>112,265</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>1,681,129</b>	<b>1,702,706</b>	<b>1,707,035</b>	<b>1,819,300</b>	<b>112,265</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

BARS #	Object Description	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Est. Actual	2012 Adopted	Chg. 11 to 12	% Change
512.40	10 Salaries & Wages	1,053,658	1,015,527	998,288	1,042,902	44,614	4.5%
	11-12 Extra Help/Overtime	0	18,144	8,326	0	-8,326	-100.0%
	20 Payroll Benefits	312,160	284,845	299,159	327,015	27,856	9.3%
	30 Supplies	32,452	43,205	34,468	31,450	-3,018	-8.8%
	40 Other Services/Charges	87,674	85,359	85,417	101,579	16,162	18.9%
	50 Intergovernmental	0	0	30	0	-30	-100.0%
	90 Interfund Payments	188,672	188,828	189,453	225,149	35,696	18.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,674,616</b>	<b>1,635,908</b>	<b>1,615,142</b>	<b>1,728,095</b>	<b>112,953</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
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