

Ohio Jury Management Association
2011 Survey
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*The Ohio Jury Management Association was founded in 2000 to
“promote and enhance jury service through excellent jury management.”*

Surveys were sent to Ohio courts in June of 2011. The total number of respondents was 131 and they came from 80 counties. One hundred and twenty-nine (129) Common Pleas and Municipal Courts and two (2) Juvenile and Probate Courts are included in the results.

1. How many Courts are served by your jury system?

1 Court	2 or More Courts
84	47

2. How many Judges are served by your jury system?

1-2 Judges	3-4 Judges	5 or 6 Judges	7 or 8 Judges	9+ Judges
99	17	9	2	4

Jury Selection Process

4. What is the source of your jury list?

Voter Registration List 115 (88 %) **Combined List of Voters and Drivers** 16 (11%)

5. Do you send a qualifying questionnaire to jurors prior to the time they are summoned for service?

Yes 95 (73%) **No** 36 (27%) **NA** 0

6. Do you send an information brochure on jury service with the summons?

Yes 78 (60 %) **No** 53 (40 %) **NA** 0

7. What format do you use for your jury summons?

Letter 99 (76 %) **Data Mailer** 15 (11 %) **Post Card** 10 (8 %)
NA-Other 7 (5 %)

8. What assignment method do you use?

Jury Pool 79 (60%) **Jury Panel for Judge** 14 (11 %)
Jury Panel for Case 34 (26 %) **All of the above** 2 (1.5%) **Other** 1 (.7 %)

9. Respondents were asked for five figures: 1) the typical annual number of jury summons mailed;
 2) the number of jurors available for service; 3) the number of jurors instructed to report for service;
 4) the number who actually report for service and; 5) the number of jurors seated as a trial juror.

Total Summoned	Total Available	# Instructed to Report	# Who Report	# Seated
271,816	163,699	82,869	53,853	17,350

These percentages were calculated using the 87 surveys that had all five questions answered:

Ratio of total number available to the number summoned: **.60**
 Ratio of number instructed to report to the number summoned: **.31**
 Ratio of number who actually report and the number instructed to report: **.65**
 This indicates a 35% Failure to Appear rate.
 Ratio of the number who are seated to the number who report: **.32**

- This indicates that 68% who report do not serve on a jury.

10. Do you have a standard panel size for *voir dire*?

Yes 103 (79 %) **No** 25 (19%) **NA** 3 (2%)

11. How do you deal with jurors who fail to report as instructed?

Follow-up letter 31 **Warrant** 3 **Summons to show cause hearing** 27
Fine 3 **Nothing** 44
Reschedule 20 **Phone** 44 **Bailiff-Personal Service** 2

Management

12. What is the term of service for a jury pool?

1 Day	2-3 Days	6 Days	1 Week	2 Weeks	3 Weeks
19	6	1	8	11	3

1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	4 Months	1 Trial	6 Mos.	1 Year
20	6	19	23	12	3	2

13. Who is permitted to excuse a juror prior to reporting and/or *voir dire*? Multiple responses were accepted.

Judge	48 (36 %)	Jury Administration Staff	15 (11 %)
Both Judge and Staff	62 (47 %)	Clerk of Court	2 (1.5%)
Judge and Clerk	10 (7%)		

14. How do you instruct jurors to report?

Jurors will call telephone answering system for reporting instructions	79
Letter	40
Jurors will call court staff to obtain reporting instructions	14
Website instructions in addition to mailings	13
Jurors automatically report on a specified day/time	6
Post Card	5
Court staff will call jurors when they are to report	3
Summons from Sheriff	1

15. What type of orientation do you conduct when jurors report for service? (Multiple answers accepted)

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Spoken to by judge and staff	58
Spoken to by staff	23
Spoken to by judge	29
Information sheet or brochure	20
Video orientation	20
Juror handbook	9
Spoken to by Clerk	2
None	1

16. What amenities do you offer to jurors who report for service? Multiple answers accepted from **131** courts.

Free parking	113
Designated parking (reserved but paid for by jurors)	0
Reduced rate for parking	2
Mileage reimbursement	1
Pay for parking tickets	26
Meals during deliberation	72
Free beverages	83
Free snacks	62
Separate restrooms from general public	83
Television	14
Reading material	36
Games (e.g. cards, hand-held games, puzzles)	8
Modems/wireless connections or computers	10
Quiet reading/work area	18

17. What type of accommodations do you provide to jurors? (Multiple answers accepted)

Handicap accessible waiting room for jury	92
Handicap accessible restroom for jury	89
Handicap accessible courtroom/jury box	77
Hearing assistance devices	42
Sign language interpreter	24
Foreign language interpreter	21

18. Do you permit jurors to take notes during the trial? (If at least one judge allows this, it was counted as a “yes”.)

Yes 82 (63%) **No** 49 (37 %) **NA** 0

19. Do you permit jurors to ask questions during the trial?

Yes 28 (21 %) **No** 101 (77 %) **NA** 2 (1.5 %)

20. What is your daily jury fee?

Terms	0 *	<\$10	\$10	\$12- \$12.50	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40
Full Day	3	11	8	5	31	24	12	21	1	7
Partial Day	3	12	12	3	28	17	12	12	0	1
Seated Juror	3	5	7	3	21	14	20	20	0	8
Appear but Not Seated	3	16	13	3	27	10	10	10	0	1

*Three courts do not pay jurors until the 11th day of service.

Figures in the shaded areas indicate a cluster of the most frequent responses.

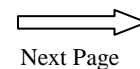
Number of courts that differentiate pay based on full or partial days of service = 27

Number of courts that differentiate pay based on seated and not seated jurors = 48

21. Do you use an exit questionnaire to obtain comments from jurors?

Yes 34 (26 %) **No** 97 (74 %) **NA** 0

Automated Jury Management Systems



22. Do you use an automated jury management system?

Yes 65 (49 %) **No** 65 (49 %) **NA** 1 (.7 %)

Which systems are used?

Custom/Own System	3
GBS Jury Trac/Court Solutions	6
Henschen	11
Innovare/Courtmaster	4
JMS and Eresponse	1
Jury Systems Inc./ Next Generation	6
Jury View-Maximus	23
Creative Microsystems Inc. (CMI)	2
Manatron	1
Oracle Database	1
Writs-CourtView	2
ACS	1
No answer	3

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