

**OHIO JURY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
2016 SURVEY**

Surveys were sent to Ohio courts in June of 2016. The total number of respondents was 120, from 75 different counties.

Which courts are served by your jury system?

<b>Common Pleas Gen. Division only</b>	<b>Municipal or County Court only</b>	<b>Juvenile/ Probate/ DR Divisions only</b>	<b>Common Pleas Gen. and Municipal or County Court</b>	<b>Common Pleas, all Divisions and Municipal or County Court</b>	<b>Common Pleas General/ Juvenile/ Probate/DR Div.</b>
21	56	3	1	33	6

How many judges are served by your jury system?

<b>1 Judge</b>	<b>2 Judges</b>	<b>3 Judges</b>	<b>4-6 Judges</b>	<b>7-9 Judges</b>	<b>14-16 Judges</b>	<b>22 Judges</b>	<b>37 Judges</b>
54	20	17	14	3	3	2	1

1. How would you rate your jury utilization [comparing the number of jury panels ordered/reporting for service and the number of actual jury trial starts (voir dire begins)]

Excellent	32	(27%)
Good	69	(57%)
Fair	2	(< 2%)
Poor	2	(< 2%)
Not Answered	15	(13%)

2. Who serves as your jury commissioner(s)?

Appointed citizen(s)	59
Elected Official	9
Court Employee	64
Appointed Clerk of Court	2
Clerk of Court Employee	2
Sheriff	1

3. Has a Deputy Jury Commissioner been appointed?

Yes	35	(29%)
No	82	(69%)
N/A	3	(2%)

If yes, who serves as your Deputy Jury Commissioner?

Appointed citizen(s)	10
Elected Official	2
Court Employee	22
Clerk of Court Employee	1

4. What is the source of your jury list?

Voter Registration List	97	(81%)
Combined List of Voters and Drivers	20	(17%)
NA	3	(2%)

5. What process do you use to summon jurors?

2-step system: qualify jurors then send summons later, if and when needed	63	(53%)
1-step system: send combined qualification and summons when needed	55	(46%)
Send postcard when select pool; later send another postcard with reporting date	1	(<1%)
NA	1	(<1%)

If you use a 2-step system, does the qualification questionnaire need to be returned in order to summon the juror?

Yes	26	(41%)
No	37	(59%)

6. What written information on prospective jurors do you provide to trial attorneys?

Copy of each juror's questionnaire	97
List of juror names	67
Select information extracted from questionnaire	5
Seating chart/Venire	2

When can written information on prospective jurors be given to the trial attorneys?

We do not provide it	3
On the day of the trial	27
Upon request	24
1-2 days in advance of the trial	14
3-5 days in advance	21
1 week or more in advance of the trial	29

Does the provided information include juror addresses?

Yes	90	(75%)
No	26	(22%)
N/A	4	(3%)

Are attorneys permitted to copy the juror information?

Yes	34	(28%)
No	63	(53%)
N/A	23	(19%)

Are attorneys required to return the juror information to the court at the conclusion of voir dire?

Yes	66	(55%)
No	37	(31%)
N/A	17	(14%)

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

<b>Follow-up letter sent</b>	<b>Reschedule</b>	<b>Fine</b>	<b>Telephone Call</b>	<b>Summons for Show Cause Hearing</b>	<b>Warrant for Show Cause Hearing</b>	<b>Nothing</b>
38	33	5	40	29	6	43

<b>Other Responses</b>
All 4 judges handle no shows differently
FTA served personally
Show cause hearing only after personally served
Rarely have no shows
Follow-up letter sent 2 weeks after jury summons if questionnaire not completed online

8. What is the term of service for a **petit** juror? (After receiving a summons, how long each person needs to be available for possible jury service)

<b>One Day</b>	<b>Two Days</b>	<b>One Week</b>	<b>Two Weeks</b>	<b>Three Weeks</b>
13	7	9	11	4

<b>One Month</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Three Months</b>	<b>Four Months</b>	<b>Six Months</b>	<b>One Trial</b>
13	5	12	32	2	26

<b>Other Responses</b>
(One trial) If trial goes out, may instruct to call to see if needed for the next trial
(Two months) One day per month for two consecutive months
(Two months) One date every two weeks – call night before
(Four months) Call in once a month for four months
(One month) 2 – 3 Monday trial dates

9. Who is permitted to excuse a juror prior to reporting and/or upon reporting but before voir dire?

<b>Jury Admin./Court Staff</b>	<b>Judge(s)</b>	<b>Clerk of Court/Clerk Staff</b>
61	106	18

10. How do you instruct jurors to report?

<b>Court staff call jurors when need to report</b>	<b>Jurors call court staff for reporting instructions</b>	<b>Jurors call telephone answering system</b>	<b>Jurors automatically report</b>	<b>Jurors are sent summons/letter/postcard with reporting instructions</b>	<b>Court website provides reporting instructions</b>
5	11	83	13	58	28

<b>Other Responses</b>
Jurors may sign up for text alerts/email alert with reporting instructions
Use Court's Facebook and Twitter pages as additional means of providing reporting instructions
Email messages sent to jurors scheduled to report

11. What type of orientation do you conduct when jurors report for service?

<b>Spoken to by Staff and Judge</b>	<b>Spoken to by Staff</b>	<b>Spoken to by Judge</b>	<b>Juror Handbook</b>	<b>Information sheet or brochure</b>	<b>Orientation Video</b>	<b>None</b>
49	35	27	10	12	26	2

Orientation Videos Used:

"You as a Juror in Ohio's Judicial System"	11
"Making a Difference – The American Juror"	4
In-house video	5
Name of video not provided	6

12. What amenities do you offer to jurors who report for service?

<b>Free Parking</b>	<b>Designated Parking (Juror Pays)</b>	<b>Paid Parking Tickets</b>	<b>Free Beverages</b>	<b>Free Snacks</b>	<b>Meals During Deliberation</b>
104	2	22	94	51	59

<b>Reading Material</b>	<b>Games (i.e., cards, hand-held games)</b>	<b>Quiet Reading/Work Area</b>	<b>Modems/Wi-Fi</b>	<b>Restrooms Separate from General Public</b>	<b>Television</b>
31	11	28	20	87	13

<b>Other Responses</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
Movie and concert videos	.10/mile plus \$10 per diem if excused; \$15 per diem if kept
Smoking area	Depends upon when juror lives
Kiosk for cash payment of jury duty pay	.10/mile
Private room for nursing mothers	
Meal only if deliberating over dinner hour	

13. What type of accommodations do you provide to jurors?

Handicap Accessible Waiting Room	Handicap Accessible Restroom	Handicap Accessible Courtroom/Jury Box	Foreign Language Interpreter	Sign Language Interpreter	Hearing Assistance Devices
82	90	65	36	39	50

14. What is your daily jury fee? *Figures in the shaded areas indicate a cluster of the most frequent responses.*

	\$0	< \$10	\$10-14	\$15-18	\$19-20	\$21-25	\$26-30	\$31-35	> \$36
Full Day, Not Seated	3	6	25	27	19	14	12	0	5
Partial Day, Not Seated	3	8	31	28	17	11	12	0	0
Full Day, Seated Juror	1	3	11	26	25	17	18	1	11
Partial Day, Seated Juror	1	5	12	30	23	12	15	1	7

Additional Information on Jury Pay
\$20 first day, \$10 following day (reflected above as \$20 for all pay categories)
\$30/day if serve 3 days; \$45/day for 5 or more days (otherwise pays \$15/day in all categories)
\$30/day for 11 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent days (otherwise pays \$10 if not seated, \$15 if seated)
\$60 if service goes beyond 5 pm (otherwise pays \$20 if not seated, \$40 if seated)
Additional \$20/day if session goes beyond 6 pm (otherwise pays \$20 for partial day, \$40 for full day)
One Court that pays \$0 in all categories pays \$15/day beginning on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day of service
One Court that pays \$6 if not seated and \$12 if seated also pays mileage to jurors

15. Do you use an exit questionnaire to obtain feedback/comments from jurors?

**Yes** 30 (25%)    **No** 87 (73%)    **NA** 3 (2%)

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

**Yes** 79 (66%)    **No** 37 (31%)    **NA** 4 (3%)

17. Do you permit jurors to ask questions during the trial? (If at least one judge allows this, the response was counted as a “yes”.)

**Yes** 31 (26%)    **No** 84 (70%)    **NA** 5 (4%)

18. Do you use an automated jury management system?  
**Yes** 74 (61%) **No** 43 (36%) **NA** 3 (3%)

CMI Authority-Jury	8
Courtview Justice Solutions - JuryTrac	23
Courthouse Technologies	2
CourtMaster	3
Henschen	11
In-House	1
Jury Systems Inc. (JSI)	7
Jury View	9
McDonald, Freeman & Associates	1
Pioneer-Benchmark	1
The Amicus Group (TAG)	1
Wejis	1
Name not Provided	6

**GRAND JURY QUESTIONS: (63 Responses Received)**

19. What is the term of service for a grand juror? (After receiving a summons, how long each person needs to be available for possible grand jury service)

<b>Two Weeks</b>	<b>Three Weeks</b>	<b>One Month</b>	<b>Two Months</b>	<b>Three Months</b>	<b>Four Months</b>
2	1	3	7	12	34

<b>Other Responses</b>
13 weeks
3 months with three grand jury groups each quarter
One session
Six months

20. How many grand jurors are summoned for each grand jury session?

<b>10 - 19</b>	<b>20 - 30</b>	<b>35 - 50</b>	<b>60 - 99</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>450</b>
17	12	20	5	3	2	1	1

<b>Other Responses</b>
25 initially summoned; 15 selected; 10-11 attend each session
115 for 22 grand jurors

21. How often during their term of service do grand jurors typically report to the courthouse for grand jury service?

<b>Every Day</b>	<b>One Per Week</b>	<b>Once Per Month</b>	<b>Twice Per Month</b>
4	11	17	14

<b>Once Every Three Weeks</b>	<b>2 – 3 Times Per Month</b>	<b>Twice During Their Three Month Term</b>	<b>As Requested By Prosecutor</b>
2	2	2	2

<b>Other Responses</b>
Every six weeks or so
Once per month unless prosecutor requests an additional session
One time. Once they have served, they are removed from list
One week a month for three months
One day per four month term
Once per month for one or two days at a time
First three days of each month
One day in one session
Every other Wednesday

22. After the 15 grand jurors are selected, how many additional grand jurors are selected to be available for possible service during the session?

<b>None</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
27	2	3	3	2	4

<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>
1	1	3	2	1	1

<b>Other Responses</b>
We only seat 13 jurors
We only select 9 grand jurors and have 1 alternate remain (2 responses)
We only select 9 because their service is one day
14 grand jurors are selected including the alternates (2 responses)
Those summoned but not chosen go on sub list
We keep everyone in the pool of reporting jurors so if someone is on vacation, we can bring in another person to fill that spot (2 responses)
Only pick 12 to serve each week
22 grand jurors are selected each term
11 grand jurors are chosen from the 25 called in
We select two panels of 14 jurors

23. How do you instruct grand jurors to report?

<b>Court staff call grand jurors when need to report</b>	<b>Grand jurors call court staff for reporting instructions</b>	<b>Grand jurors call telephone answering system</b>	<b>Grand jurors automatically report on a specified day/time</b>	<b>Grand jurors are sent a letter/postcard with reporting instructions</b>	<b>Court website provides reporting instructions for grand jurors</b>
5	4	11	28	34	6

<b>Other Responses</b>
We hand out a card with grand jury dates on it. Our Prosecutor's office takes care of all communication with grand jurors.
Sheriff's office serves the grand jurors with summons on the first date. A letter with date and time is mailed for second month. (2 responses)
They are given all required dates on first day
Specific date and time specified on summons
At the first session of grand jury term we give them the dates and ask them to select three dates they can serve in that term (3 months); we then do reminder calls prior to those dates
Court staff call to schedule replacement grand jurors
Prosecutor gives daily verbal instruction

24. How is the grand jury foreperson selected?

<b>Judge routinely designates one of the selected grand jurors as foreperson</b>	<b>Judge routinely designates an "outside" person to serve as foreperson</b>	<b>Judge fluctuates between selecting seated grand juror and outside person as foreperson</b>
44	6	4

<b>Other Responses</b>
Prosecutors picks (2 responses)
Grand jurors choose their foreperson (2 responses)
The 9 voting grand jurors selected the foreperson and Deputy foreperson
We select two jury forepersons
First person seated
Judge usually accepts the Prosecutor's recommendation
Judges typically take volunteers to act as the foreperson and deputy foreperson



25. Who provides instructions to the grand jury about their duties and responsibilities

Judge (R.C. 2939.07 charge only)	Judge (Additional instructions)	Court Staff	Clerk of Court	Prosecutor	Prosecutor Staff
54	31	13	2	33	13

Other Responses
Jury Manager
Jury Office

26. Who excuses grand jurors after they are sworn in?

Judge	Court Staff	Clerk of Court	Prosecutor	Prosecutor Staff
49	12	0	20	7

27. Which grand jurors vote on indictments?

Only the “regular” nine grand jurors (determined by order of original selection)	52 (83%)
Nine grand jurors randomly selected from all of the jurors who heard the relevant testimony	8 (13%)
All nine grand jurors, unless one or more choose to abstain	1(>1%)
Nine grand jurors at that particular session	1(>1%)
Prosecutor determines the nine grand jurors at each session	1(>1%)

28. How is the grand jury record captured?

Official Court Reporter	20 (32%)
Digital recording	41 (65%)
Digital recording by official court reporter	1 (>1%)
Tape recorder	1 (>1%)

29. How often does the grand jury visit the county jail? (R.C. 2939.21)

Monthly	Quarterly	N/A Do not have County Jail	N/A Use Regional Jail	Once every 3 months	Once during 4 month term	Once during 2 month term
1	40	4	3	4	4	3

Additional Information on Grand Jury visits to county jail
One court that responded every 3 months indicated that participation by grand jurors is optional
Twice every 4 month term
Once per 4 month term; sometimes twice
Every other month

30. Are any special grand jury procedures followed if the prospective defendant is a law enforcement officer or high profile individual?

Yes 20 (33%)

No 41 (67%)

31. What do you pay grand jurors?

	\$6-10	\$11-15	\$16-20	\$21-25	\$26-30	\$31-39	\$40+
<b>Full Day</b>	6	15	15	7	13	1	5
<b>Partial Day</b>	11	19	14	5	9	1	3
<b>Instruction session (if applicable)</b>	2	5	5	2	1	0	2

<b>Additional Information on Grand Jury Pay</b>
One Court pays \$15 per day for the first 10 days, then \$22.50 per day thereafter
One Court pays \$150 for Weeks 1-10 served; then \$67.50 for weeks 11-13
One Court pays \$10 for voir dire in addition to \$20 for full and partial days and \$20 for instruction session

***Trends Related to Jury Duty in the Past Few Years...***

People seem less respectful of the authority of the court with regard to jury service. There seems to be a trend of "self-importance".

A lot more complaints since we starting using both voter registration and BMV records.

More people available

We call many dead people/people who have moved. Since our list is from voter registration, court rulings have prevented the purging of many inactive/ineligible jurors.

Predominately older population of jurors

Older jurors due to voting lists; not a good cross section representing our community.

We have aging community - difficult to get people

Don't see as many younger individuals serving on jury service.

People reporting hardship if they serve.

Companies are choosing to not pay employees even if they are serving for one week rather than two. (We allow some jurors to serve for one week only)

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A lot of requests for excuse due to financial hardship. Employers allow them to attend, but most do not get paid their wages for the day.

My jurisdiction has a large Amish population. A lot of people try to get excused because of "religious convictions". Before, if they had no phone, we knew they were Amish - now many Amish have phones so it is much more difficult to determine the legitimacy of the request for excuse from jury service.

It is difficult to get a good turnout for Grand Jury. More people indicate it is a hardship to miss work.

More people try to get out of jury service

Multiple excuses. It seems like the same people get chosen to serve every couple of years.

Increasing number of excusal requests.

More excuse requests for financial hardships.

More people do not want to serve jury duty.

More citizens do not want to serve

More and more people that "can't serve" due to kids, finances, etc.

We are having more jurors not show up for service. I have been tracking it for over one year.

There seems to be more no call, no shows.

More difficult to make contact with jurors who fail to respond to summons (discontinued land line use)

Decrease in jurors reporting - previous 95% now down to 85%

Repeat jurors

Jurors have been called often

Very few jury trials in criminal cases since 2011 sentencing guidelines

Fewer trials, jurors serve less days

The number of jury trials scheduled has decreased significantly.

Initially, the prospective jurors are very apprehensive until they have served. After their service, they are generally gratified.