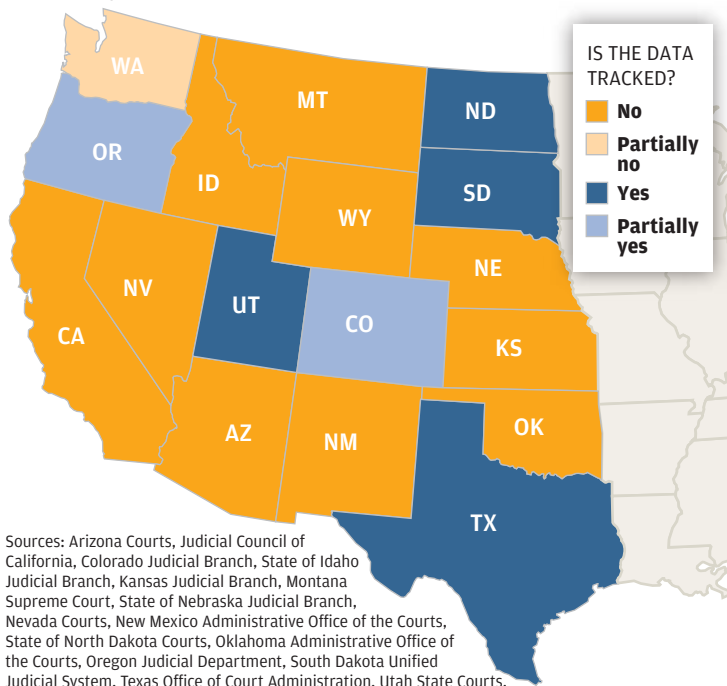


Unrepresented case data limited

Lee Enterprises asked 17 western states to report how many criminal cases were defended with private attorneys, public defenders or no attorney from 2019 to 2021. Eight couldn't provide data because analysis is time consuming or their tracking systems can't report it. California and Arizona don't track at all. Washington shared the percentage of cases assigned to public defenders, but not how many were unrepresented.



Sources: Arizona Courts, Judicial Council of California, Colorado Judicial Branch, State of Idaho Judicial Branch, Kansas Judicial Branch, Montana Supreme Court, State of Nebraska Judicial Branch, Nevada Courts, New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts, State of North Dakota Courts, Oklahoma Administrative Office of the Courts, Oregon Judicial Department, South Dakota Unified Judicial System, Texas Office of Court Administration, Utah State Courts, Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Wyoming Administrative Office of the Courts.