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# Oregon's Vital Records and Statistics System

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Oregon law (ORS 432) requires every vital event that occurs in Oregon be recorded and retained permanently.

Vital events are births, deaths, marriages, divorces, or fetal deaths.

Oregon's vital records and statistics system is 120 years old:

- Birth records (1903 – Present)

- Death records (1903 – Present)

- Marriage records (1906 – Present)

- Fetal death records (1919 – Present)

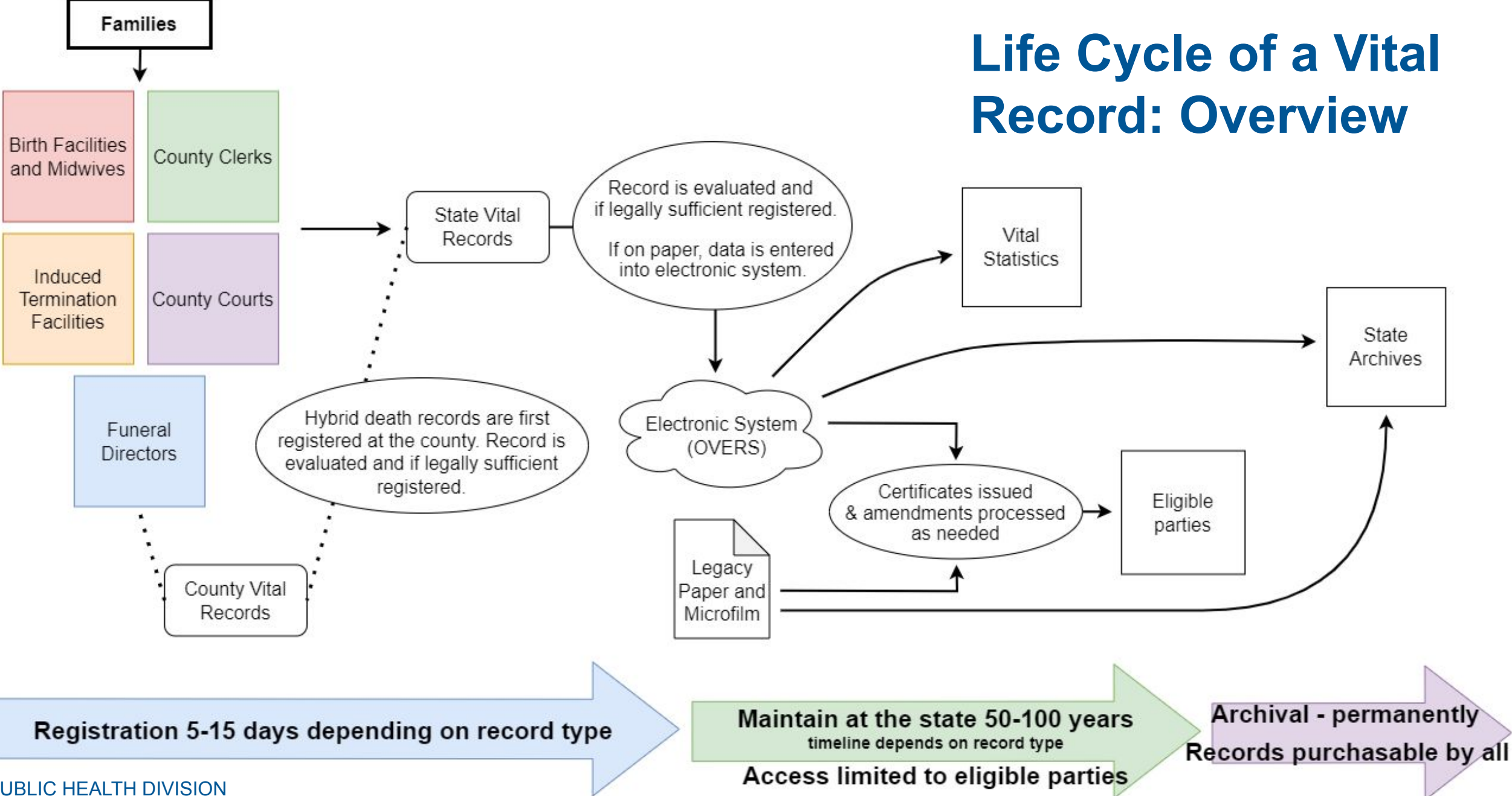
- Divorce records (1925 – Present)

- Oregon Registered Domestic Partnerships (2008 – Present)

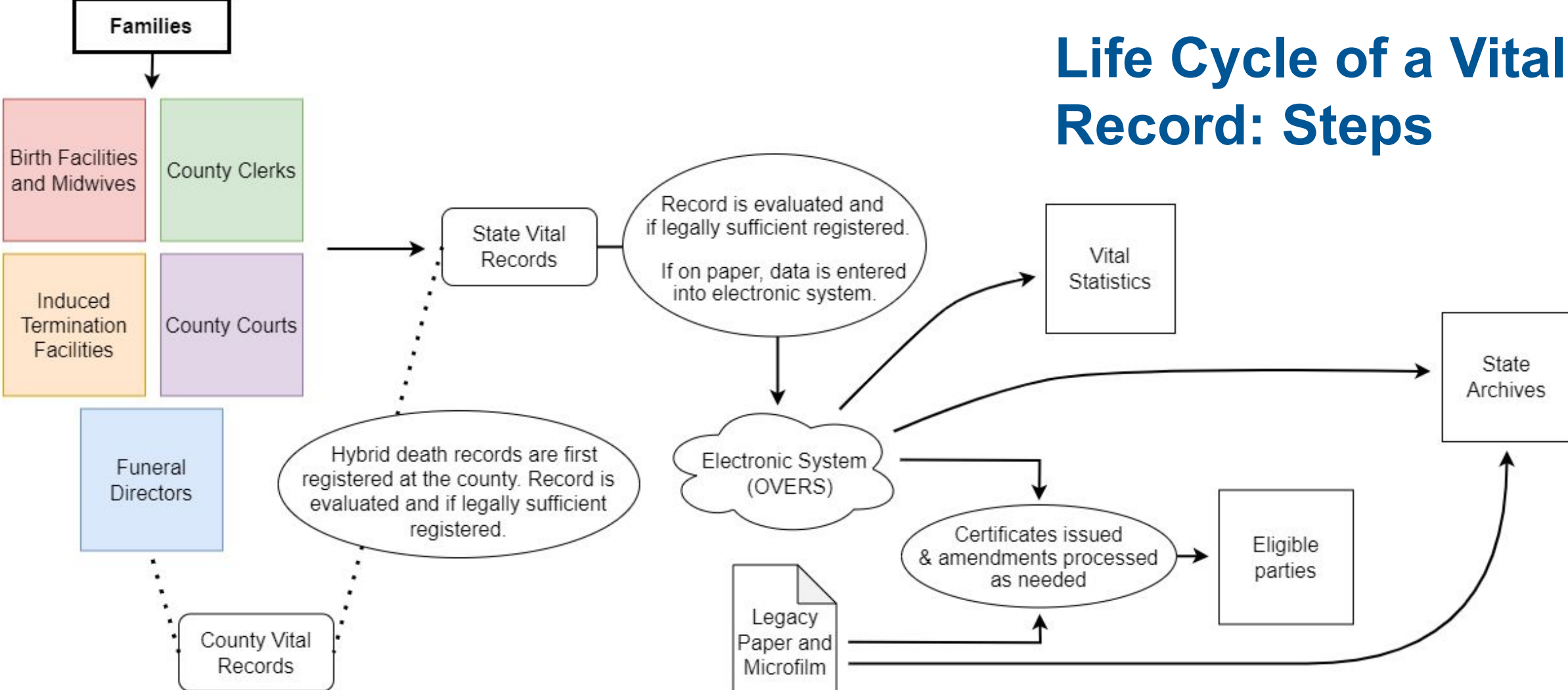
# 2023 Vital Records – January through October

- 106,078 Vital events records registered
  - 32,372 birth
  - 35,099 death
  - 121 fetal death
  - 7,611 ITOPs
  - 21,129 marriage
  - 55 Oregon Registered Domestic Partnership
  - 9,691 divorce
- 29,592 Amendments completed
- 127,918 Certificates issued by state the vital records office
- 270,000 Certificates issued by county vital records offices (approximate)

# Life Cycle of a Vital Record: Overview



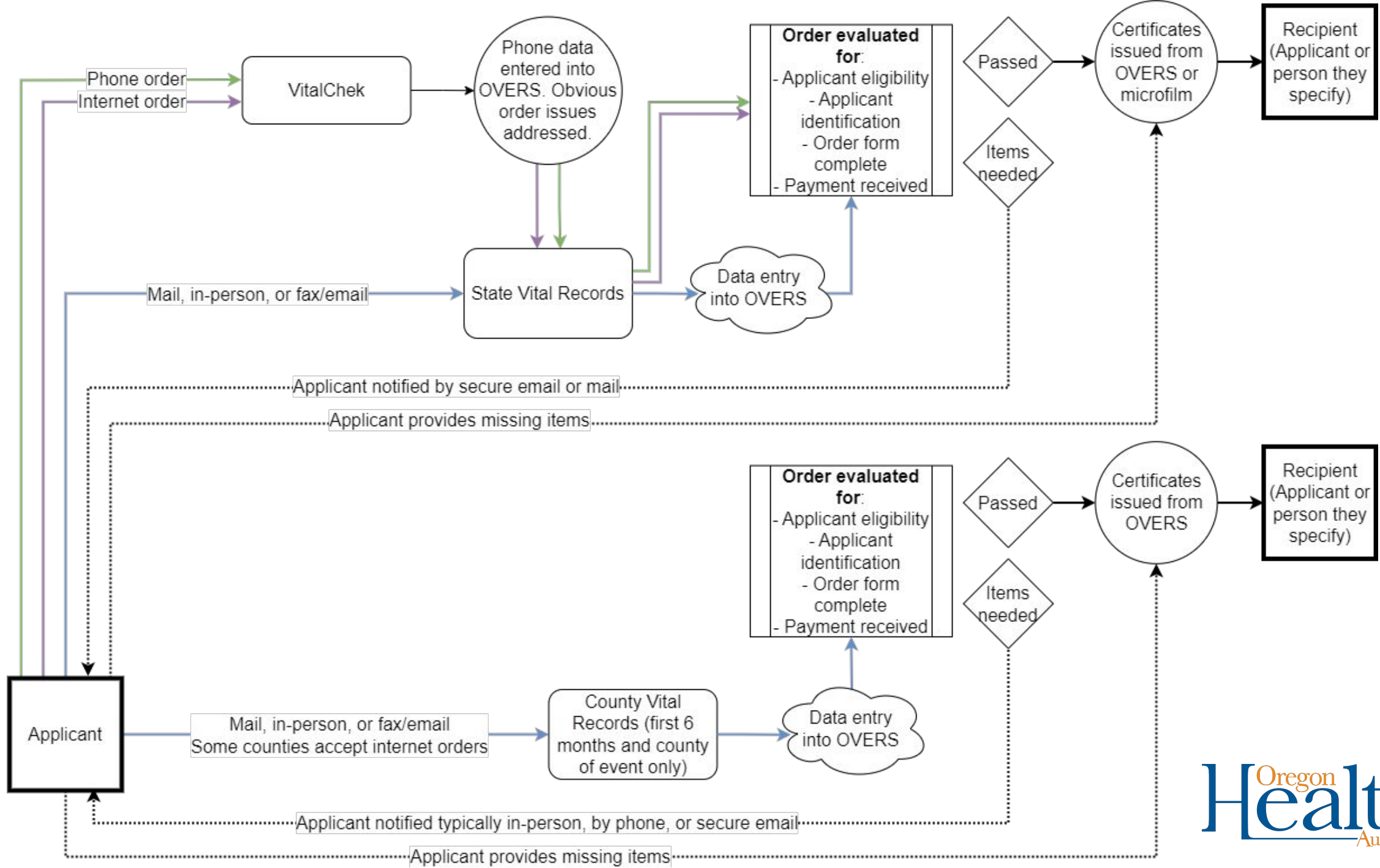
# Life Cycle of a Vital Record: Steps



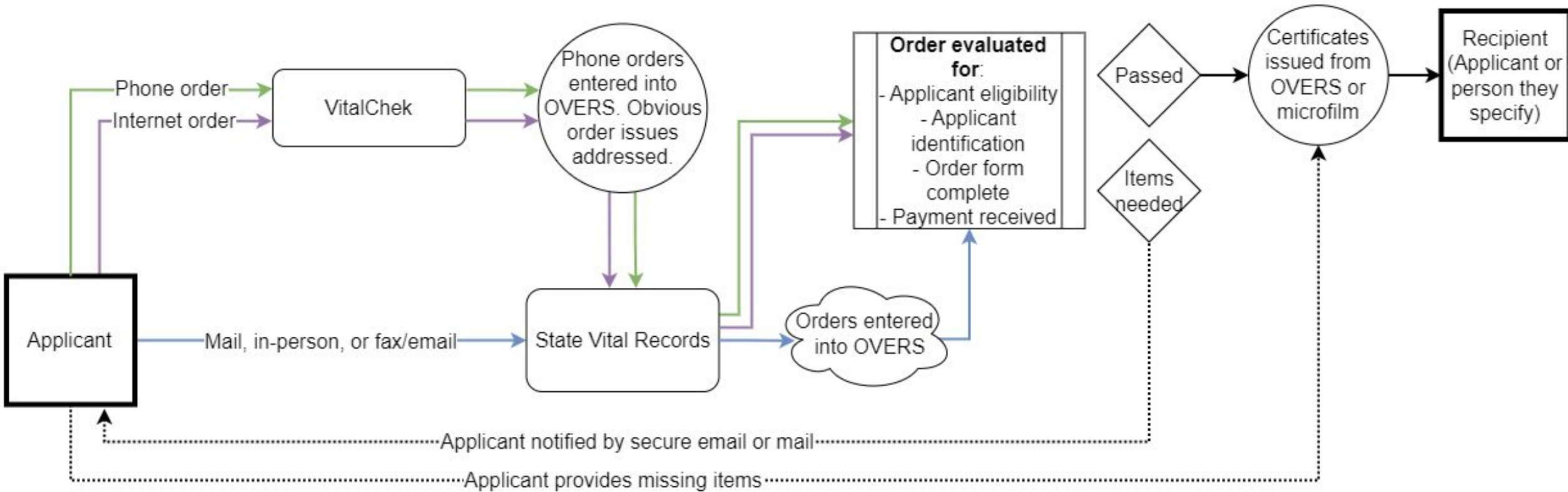
**Registration 5-15 days depending on record type**

**Maintain at the state 50-100 years**  
timeline depends on record type  
**Access limited to eligible parties**

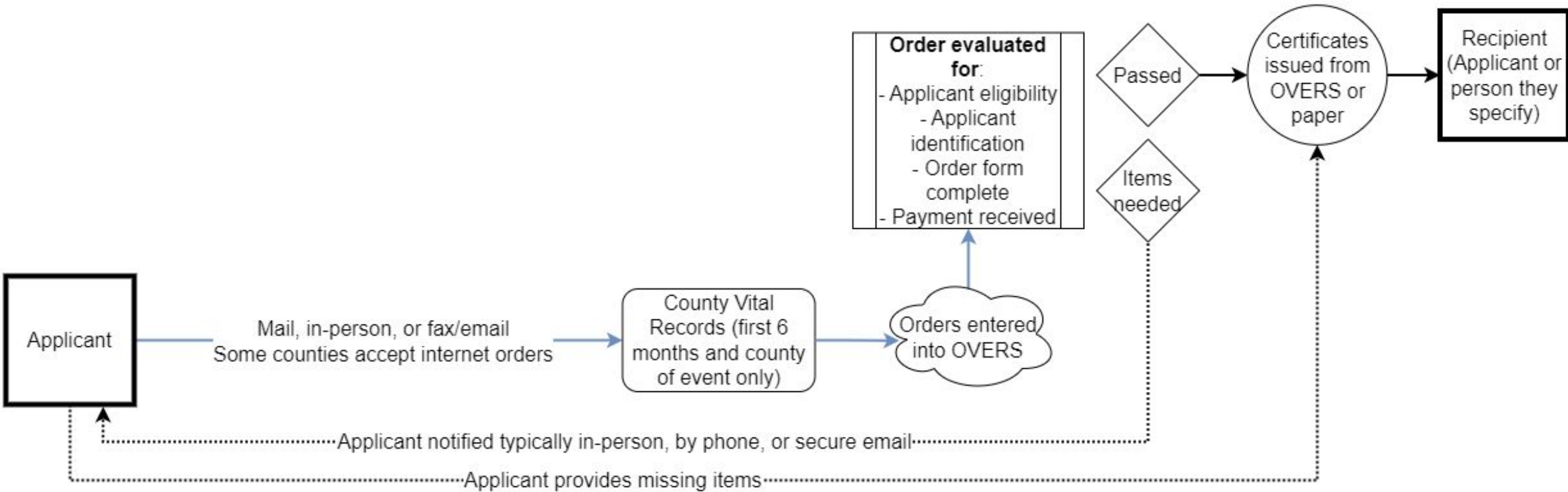
**Archival - permanently**  
**Records purchasable by all**



# Issuance – State (all vital events)



# Issuance – County (births and deaths)





# Roles of County and State

## County

Local, in-person service

Staff may have responsibilities for non-vital records programs

Orders primarily received in-person or for funeral homes by fax

Primarily issue death certificates to funeral homes and birth certificates to parents with clear eligibility rights

Issue records within their county within 6 months from the event

Issue records from OVERS or a death record they recently registered

Amend death records at time of registration

Communication to customers primarily in-person or by phone

# Roles of County and State

## State

Administer entire state system

Staff only specialize in specific vital records and statistics responsibilities

Orders received by phone/internet, mail, and in-person

Issue certified copies of all vital records to parties that often need additional documents to prove eligibility rights

Issue all records within the state going back approximately 120 years

Issue records from OVERS, microfilm, images, and paper copies

Amend all records

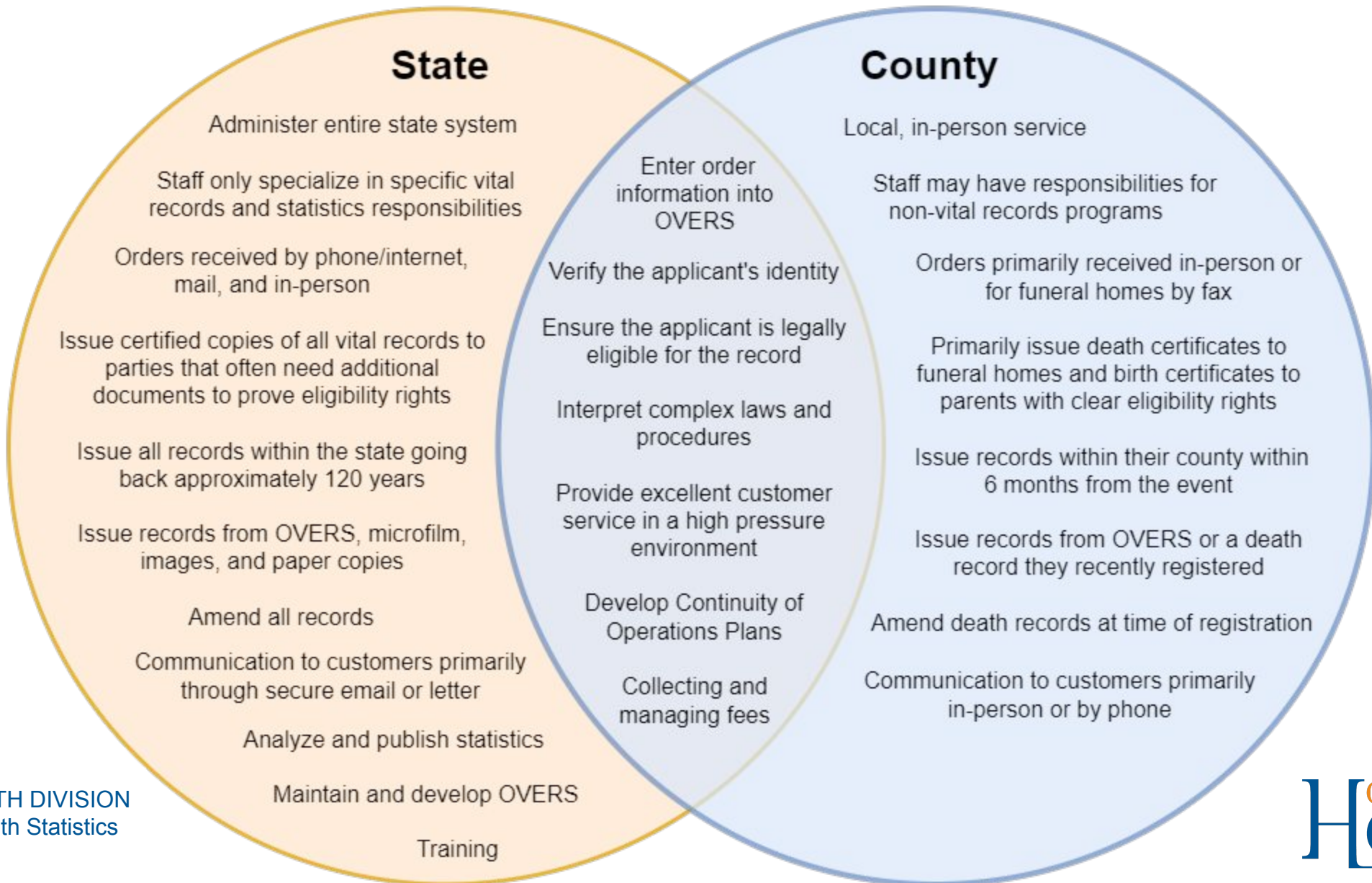
Communication to customers primarily through secure email or letter

Analyze and publish statistics

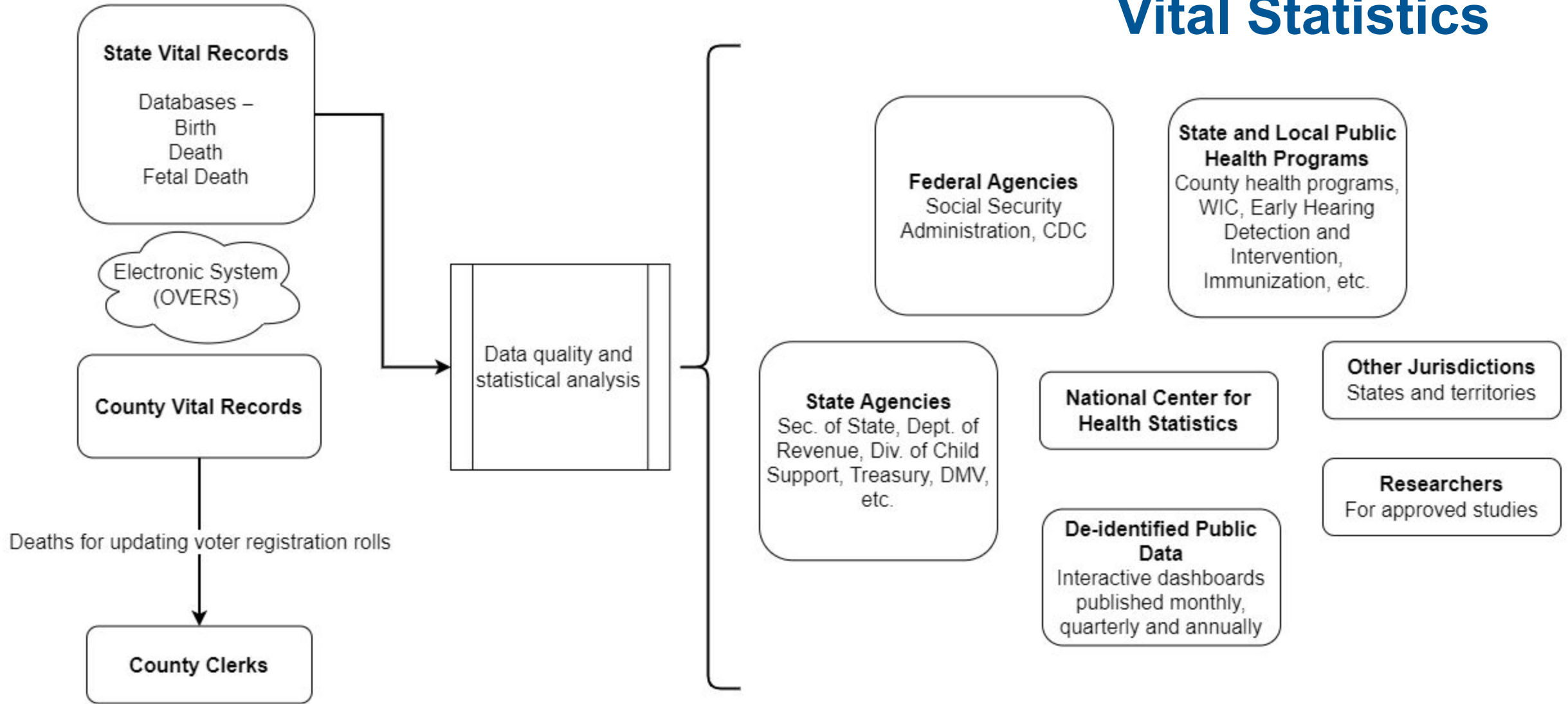
Maintain and develop OVERS

Training

# Roles of County and State



# Vital Statistics



# Common Fees – ORS 432

Fee Description	Amount	Payment From	Paid To
Certificate/record search	\$25 per certificate	Customers	Issuing office (State or County)
Replacement certificate after amendment	\$5 per certificate	Funeral Home; Customers	Issuing office (State or County)
Certificate for full image birth record from paper or microfilm	\$30 per certificate	Customers	State Vital Records
Amendment expedite	\$30	Customer	State Vital Records
Amendment fee (for records over 1 year)	\$35	Funeral Home; Customers	State Vital Records
Birth record prior to adoption	\$30	Customer	State Vital Records
Issuance expedite (phone/internet orders only)	\$7	Customer	State Vital Records
Verification of a vital event for government agencies	\$4 electronic, \$10 manual	Government agency	State Vital Records
Certificates for individuals who are homeless	\$0		
Certificates for those affected by declared emergencies	\$0		
Certificates for Veteran Affairs use	\$0		

# Other Fees

Fee Description	Amount	Payment From	Paid To	Statute
Birth certificate issuance	\$1 per certificate issued	Issuing office (State or County)	ODHS Office of Children's Advocate	ORS 417.825
Birth certificate registration	\$1 per record registered	State Vital Records	ODHS Office of Children's Advocate	ORS 417.825
Death record filing fee	\$30	Funeral Home	Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board	ORS 692.415

# Conclusion

We are vital and we count.

All parts of the vital records and statistics system

Legal records and statistical data are essential

The numbers represent people

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**Thank you**

**What questions do you have?**

