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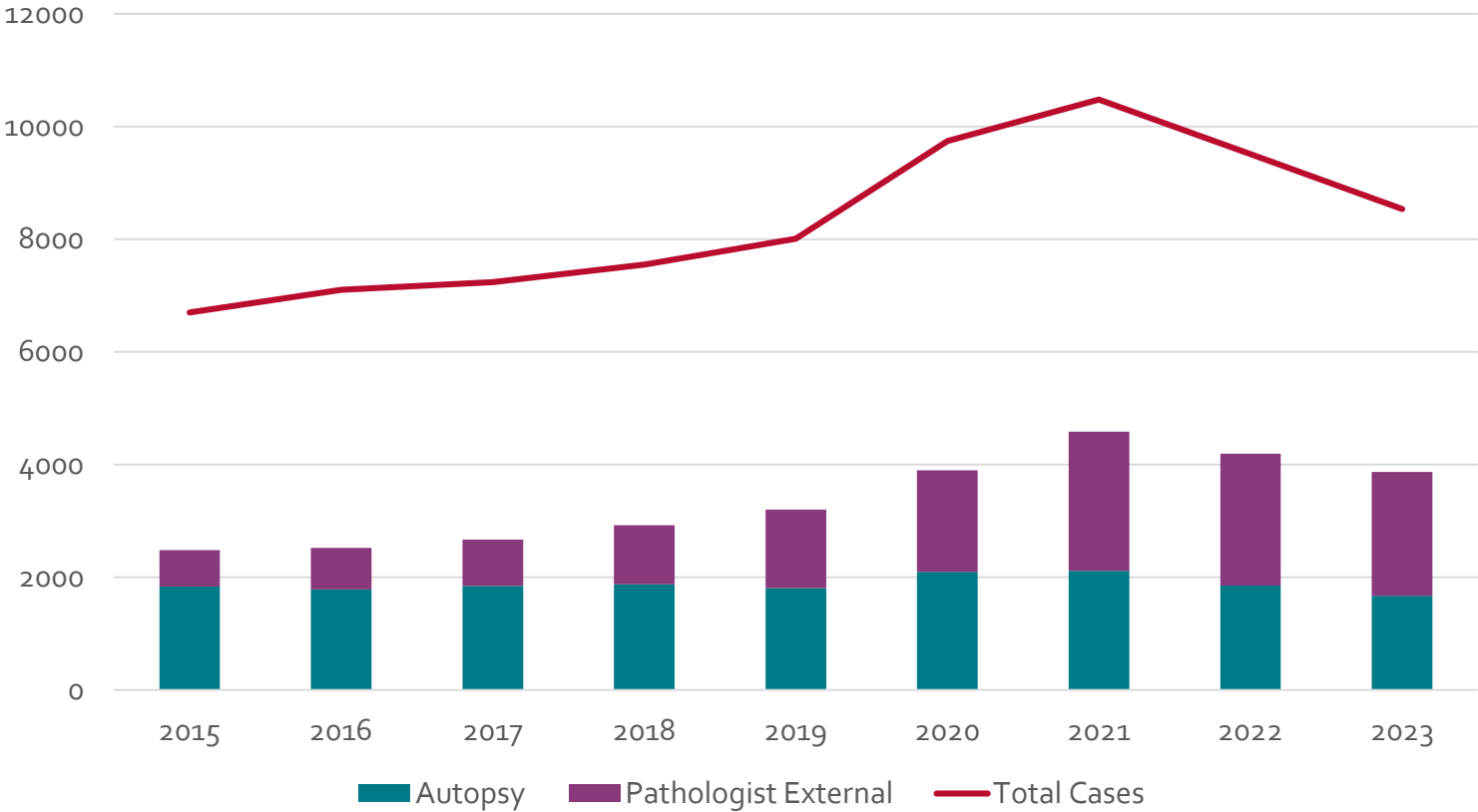


- Statewide medical examiner system created in 1972 by replacing a county coroner system
- Statutorily tasked with investigating all reportable deaths (sudden, unexpected) occurring in New Mexico, to determine the cause and manner of death
- In the US, there are 15 statewide medical examiner jurisdictions. OMI is the only statewide medical examiner jurisdiction administratively housed within a University.

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- OMI received a \$3.1 million increase to state appropriations last year
- FY24 State Appropriations: \$10.628 million (*covers 64% of projected expenses*)
 - Currently, additional expenses are met by cremation permit revenue and grant funding

OMI Case Load



Specials Request:



Autopsy Tables x 16: Estimated cost for tables: \$906k, plus Installation costs of approximately \$400k (Total: \$1.3 million)



- Current issues: tables leaking, alarms non-functioning, serious flooding issues
- Outdated tables beyond service repair

Additional Specials Requests:

#2: 16 Replacement Stryker Surgical Lights and Booms
(\$1,914,053.80)



#3: 2 Replacement Servers and Storage (\$61,200)

#4: 1 Replacement Stationary Kettle (\$32,252.54)

* #5: 2 Replacement Vehicles (\$90,000)

* #6: 2 Replacement Lab Refrigerators/Freezers (\$22,053.12)

* #7: 2 Replacement Washers and Dryers (\$39,587.32)

* *Previously submitted for special appropriation request,
10/2022*

Total Special Appropriation Request for the 2024 Legislative Session

\$3,465,146