

**Counties with LOPD Offices**  
**Counties without LOPD Offices**

# FTE and Vacancy Rate

*as of 6/18/2026*

**Total FTE**  
497

**Total Vacancy Rate**  
15.3%

**Core Staff FTE**  
256

**Core Staff Vacancy Rate**  
9.4%

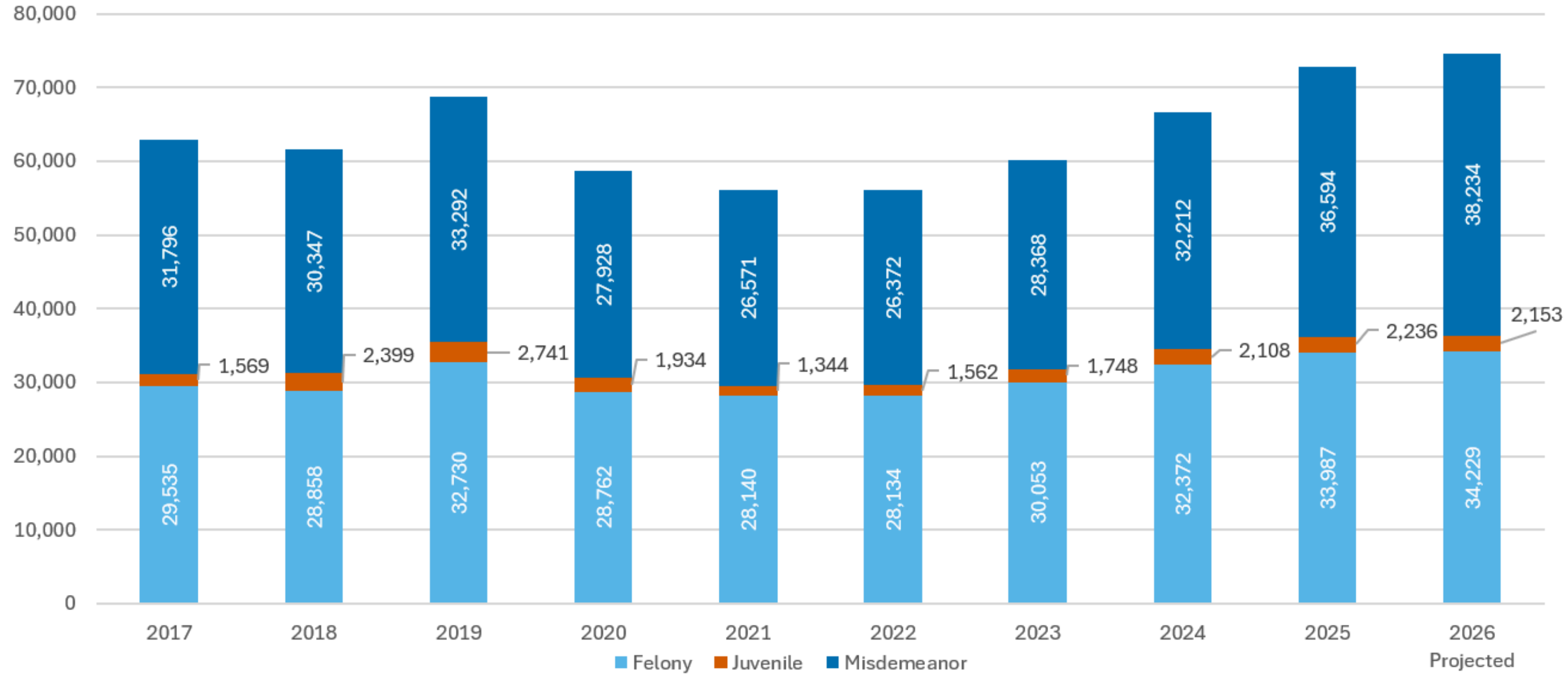
**Attorney FTE**  
241

**Attorney Vacancy Rate**  
21.6%

**Total Contract Attorneys**  
*as of 3/31/2026*  
91



### 10 Year Caseload History Cases Opened by Calendar Year



*Includes in-house attorneys and contract attorneys. Does not include habeas and appellate cases.*

### THE NEW MEXICO PROJECT

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 <b>Contract Attorney Base Rate Per Case</b>	
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Payment Per Case</b>
First Degree Murder	\$6,500
First Degree Life Imprisonment	\$6,500
1st Degree felony	\$900
2nd Degree felony	\$850
3rd Degree felony	\$775
4th Degree felony	\$650
Juvenile	\$360
Misdemeanor DWI/DV	\$360
Misdemeanors	\$220

<b>NM Risk Management Division (Civil Cases)</b>				
Years of Experience	FY23 Hourly Rates	FY24 Hourly Rates	FY27 Hourly Rates	Hourly Rate Percent Increase FY24-FY27
0-2 Years	\$95.00	\$150.00	\$170.00	13%
2-5 years	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$195.00	11%
5-10 years	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$225.00	13%
10 years +	\$165.00	\$225.00	\$245.00	9%



### FY20-FY27

## LOPD Amount Requested v. Amount Funded

