

The Cost of Detention



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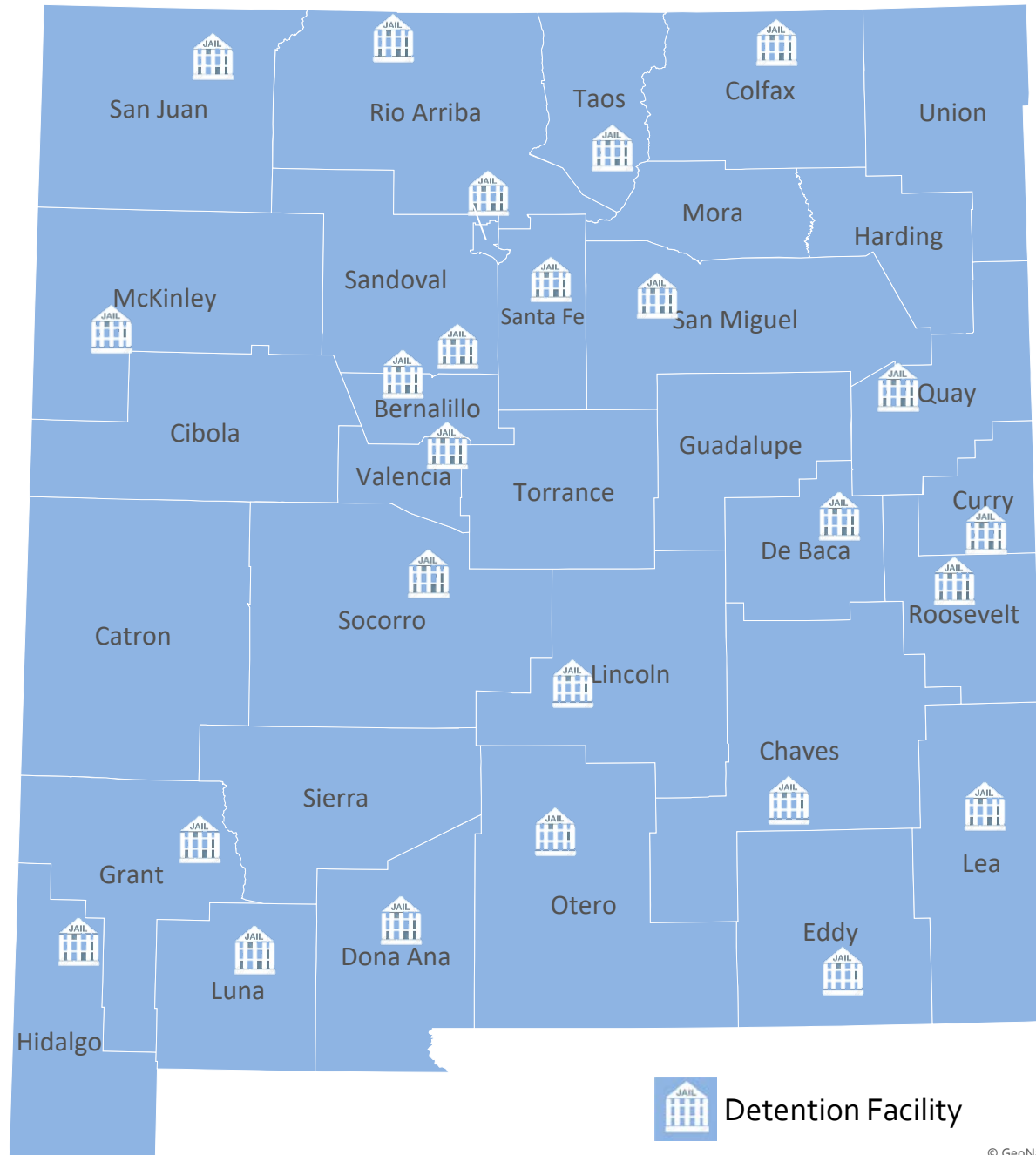
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Fund Creation

- The County Detention Reimbursement Fund was created in 2007 with a \$5 million appropriation following litigation between the counties and state. It diminished to less than \$2.5 million over the next decade.
- The Legislature restored it to the 2007 amount of \$5 million in 2022 but the five-year average cost to house New Mexico Corrections Department inmates has been calculated by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission to be \$8.2 million.
- During the 2025 Legislative Session the legislature only appropriated 4.7M

Adult Jail Facilities by County

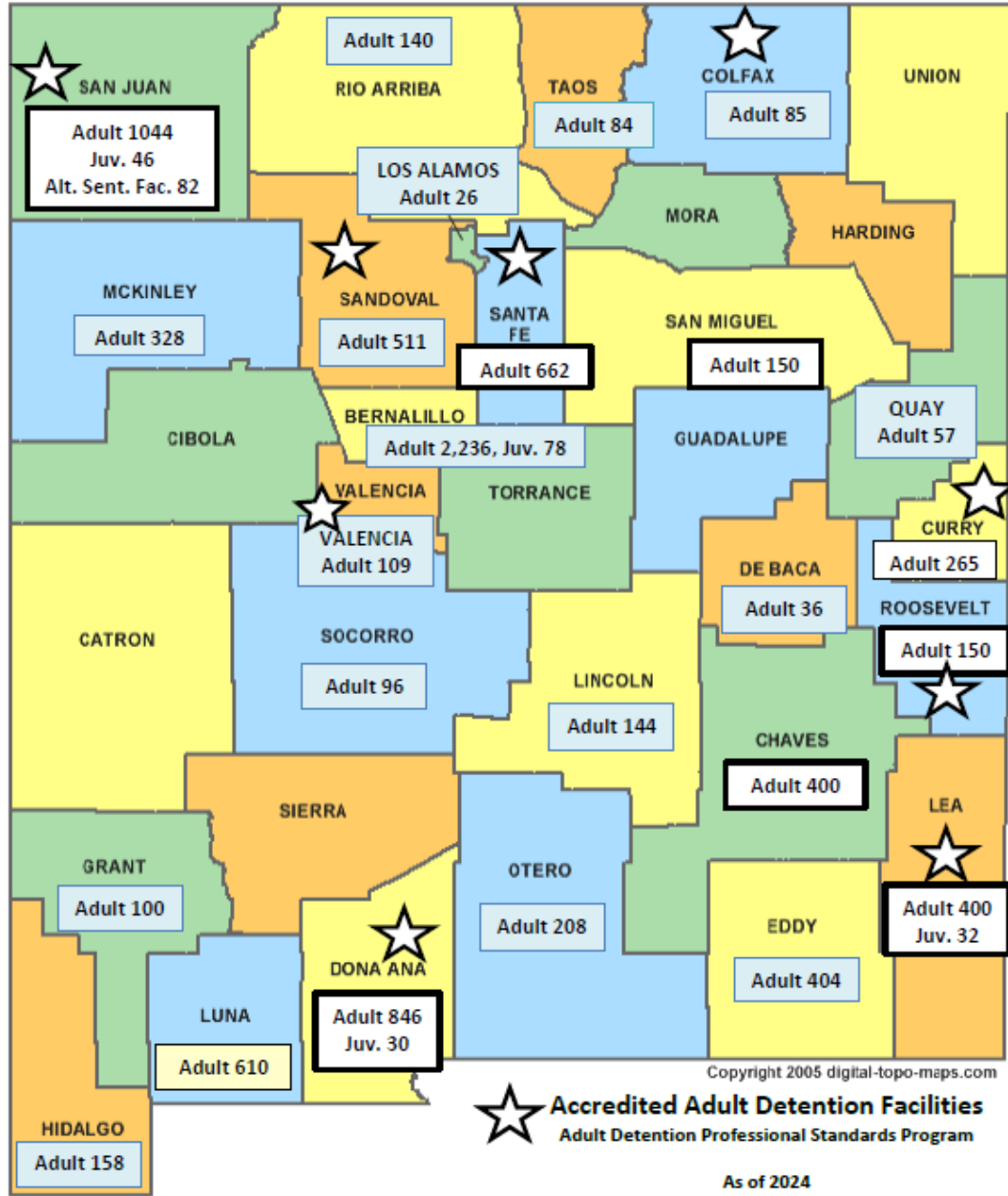
25/33 or 76% of our counties have a jail



9,518 Jail
Beds

7,669 Prison
Beds (5,583
population)

NM Detention Accredited Facilities & Design Bed Capacity



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★ Accredited Adult Detention Facilities
Adult Detention Professional Standards Program

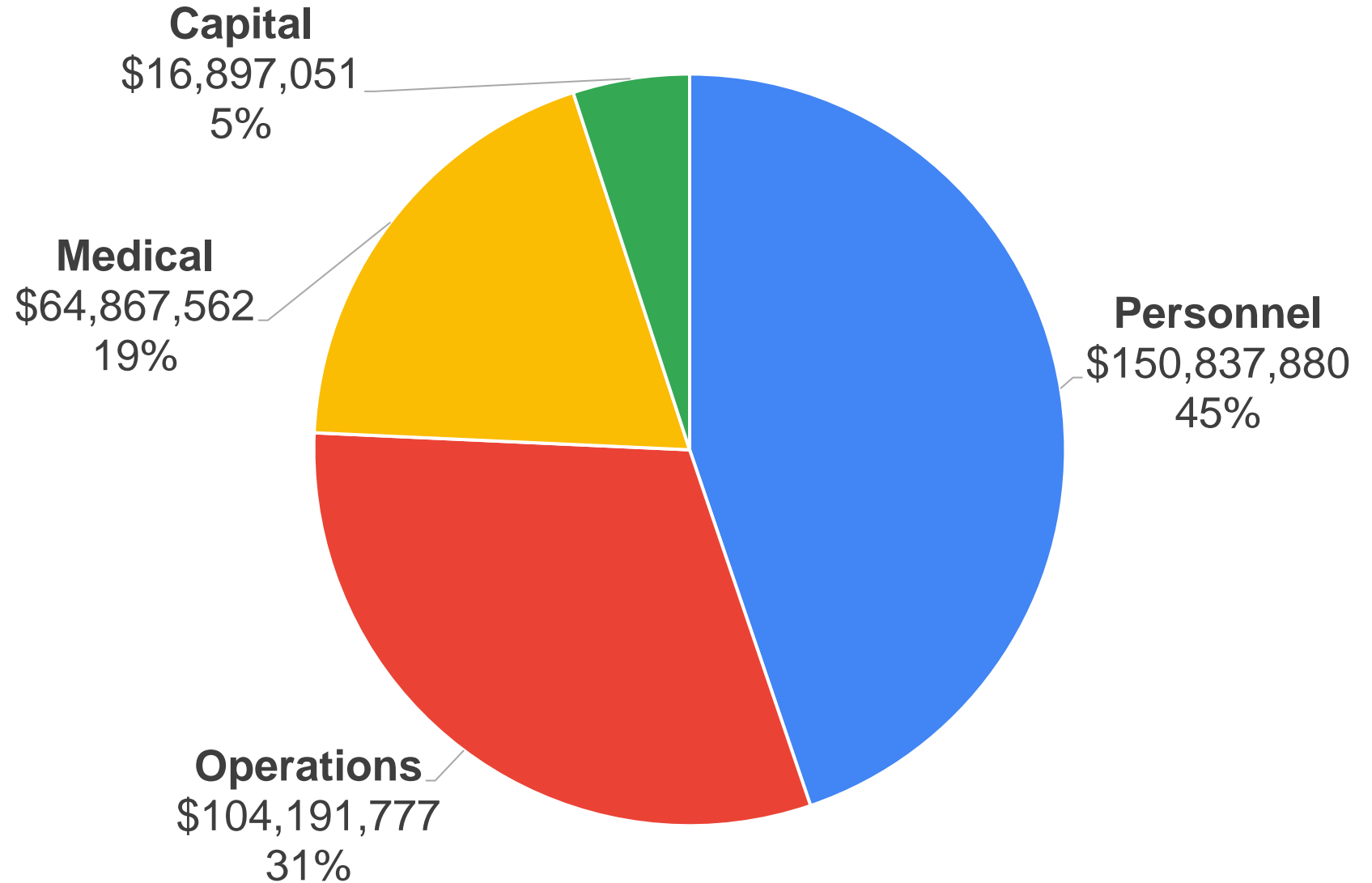
As of 2024

Cost of Detention

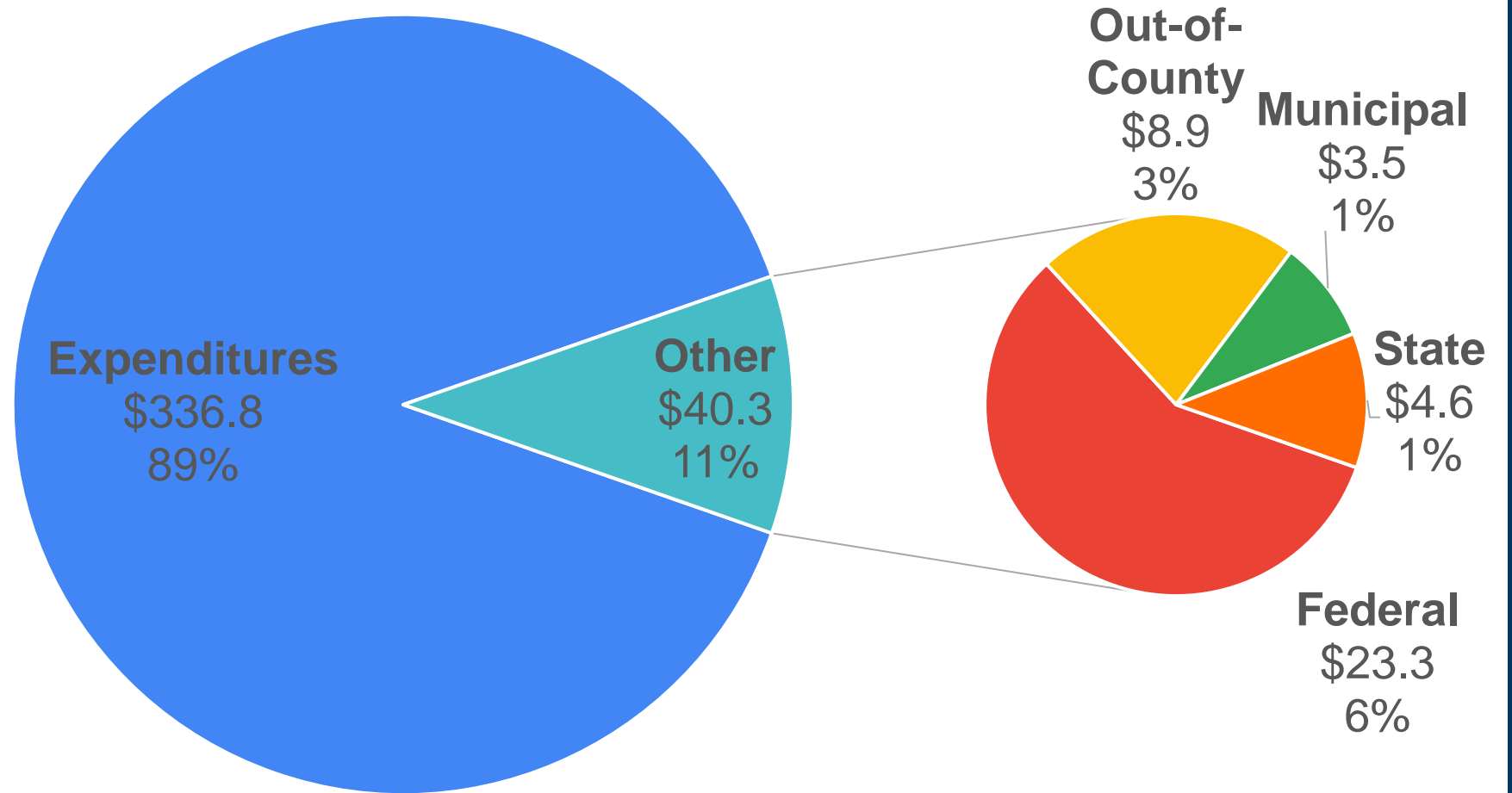
- In FY2024 the 25 counties that operate adult detention facilities collectively spent \$383 Million on personnel, operations, capital, and medical for their jails. The projected total for FY 2025 is over \$400M.

County Detention Expenditures

Expenditure Shares of County Detention Budget Grand Total

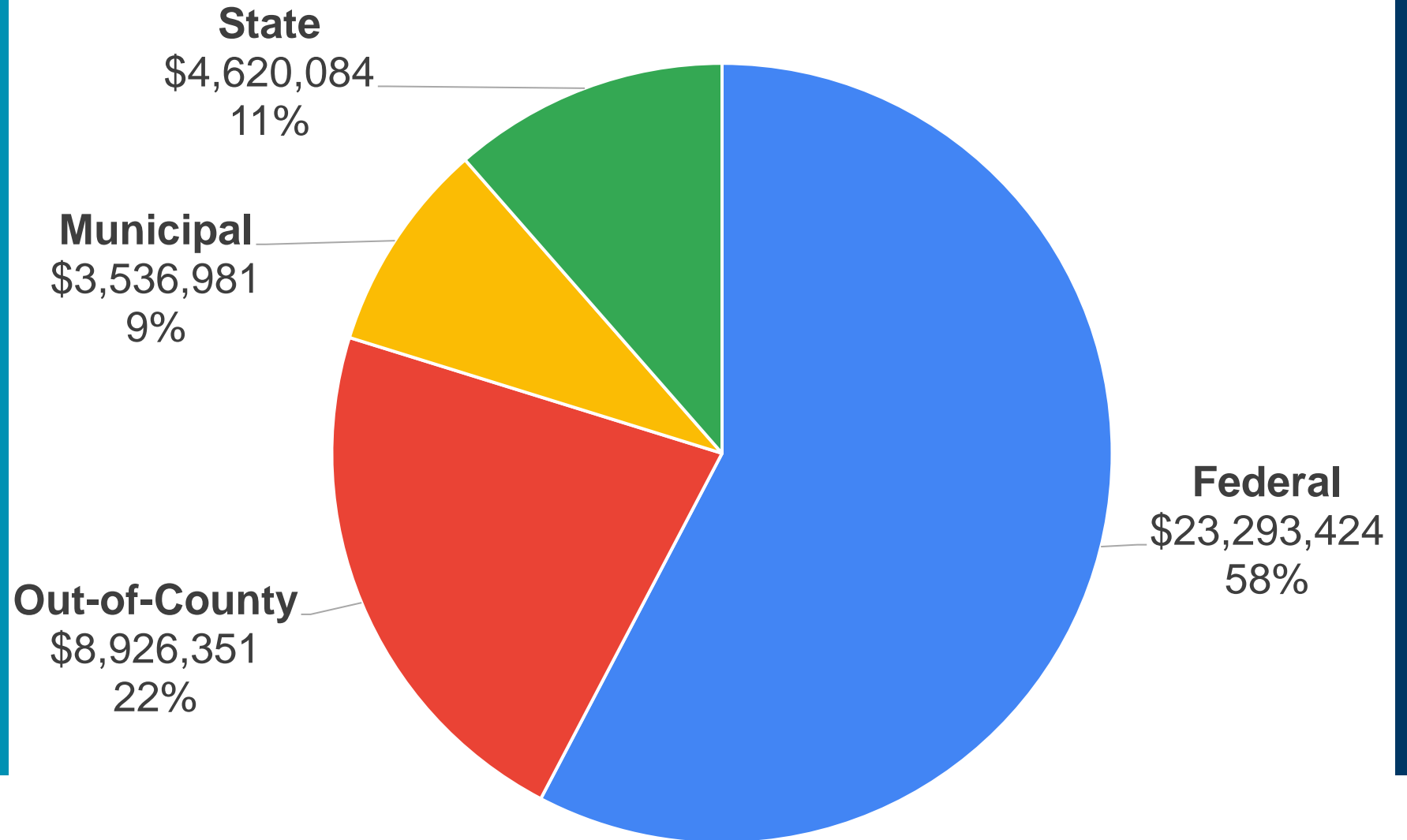


Revenue as Proportion of County Cost



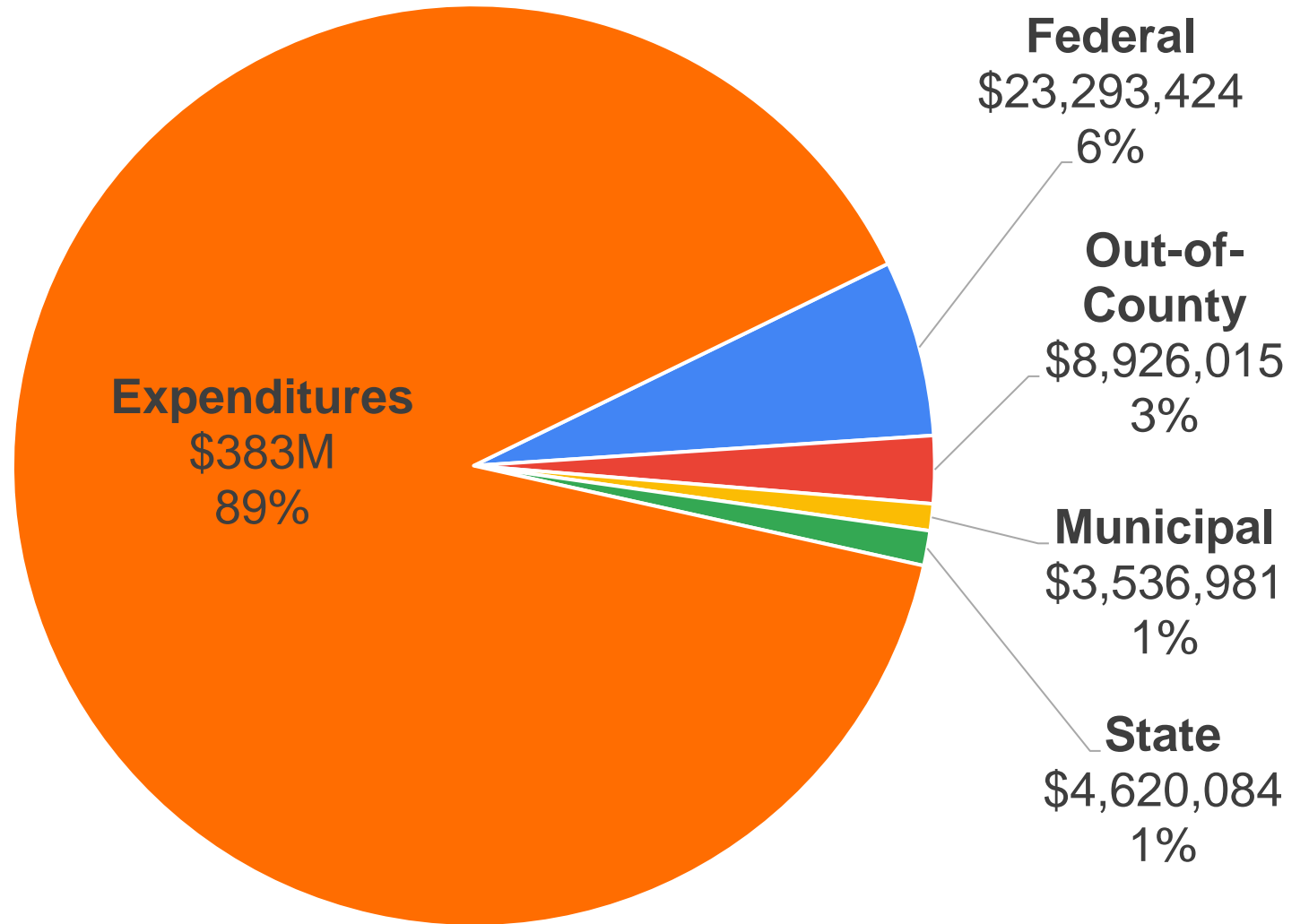
County Revenue Sources

Revenue



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Expenditures vs Revenues

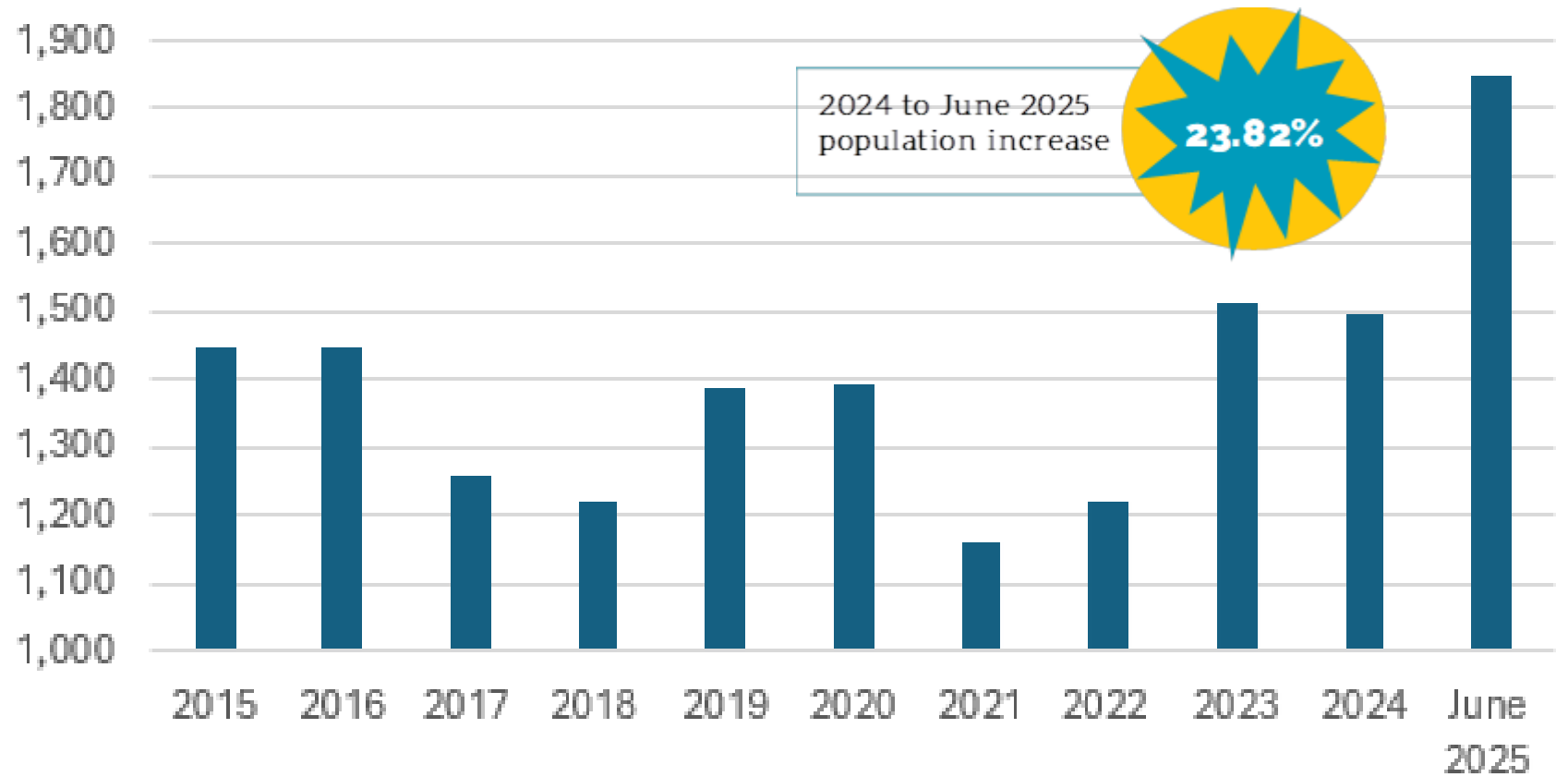




Bookings

MDC Population

MDC Detention Populaton 2015 - June 2025



Short Term Population

- **Santa Fe County Data**
 - 67.5% of arrestees are released within 4 days (45% within 48 hours)
 - Only 5% stay longer than 30 days

High Levels of Substance Use

- **Santa Fe County Data**
 - 87% of arrestees test positive for at least one substance (other than alcohol)
 - 67% at least 2 substances
 - Amphetamine 50.74%
 - Methamphetamine 50.62%
 - Fentanyl 48.79%
 - Marijuana 44.94%
 - Ecstasy 26.63%
 - Cocaine 27.27%

Total Incurred Detention Claims

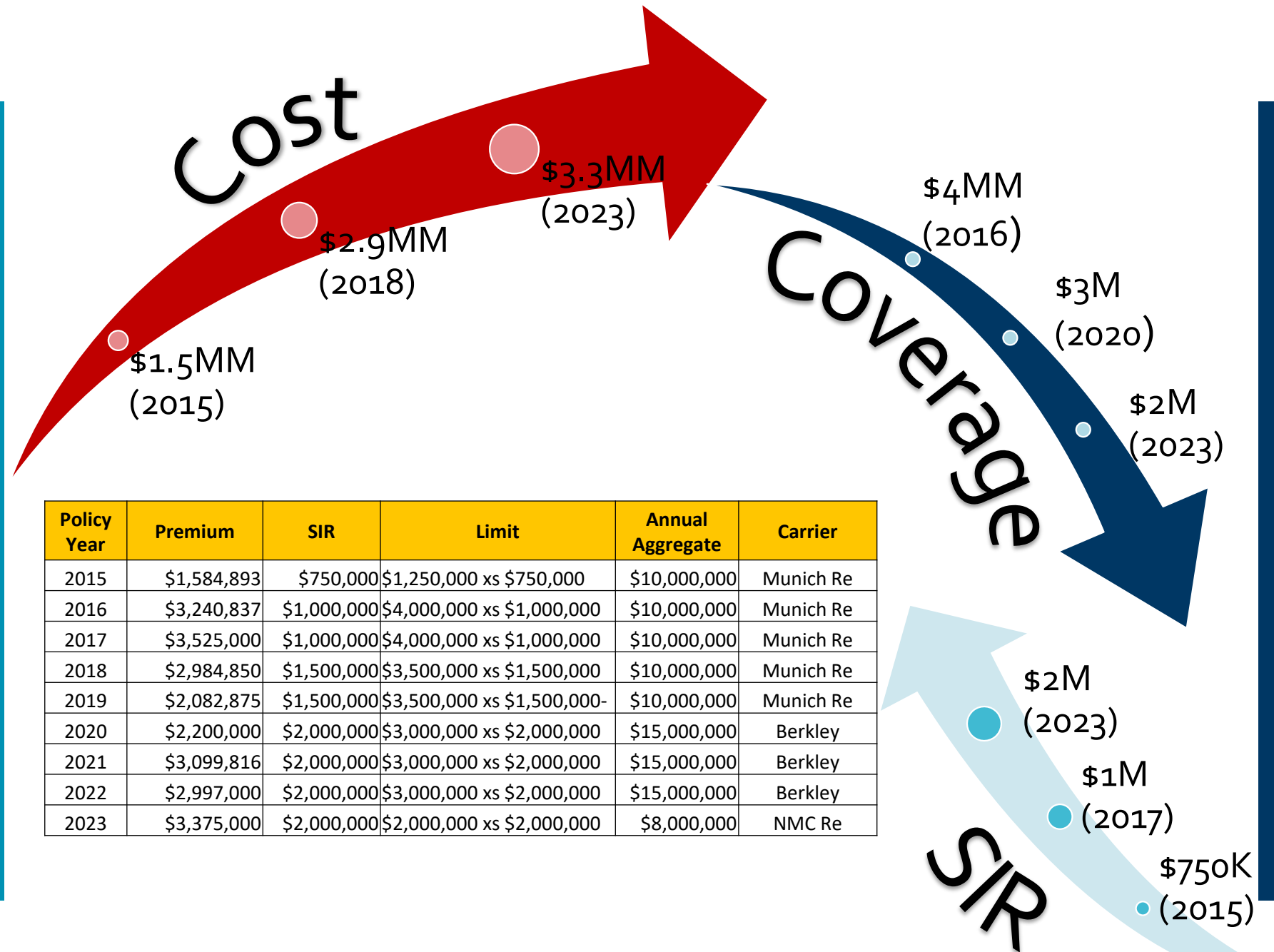
Law Enforcement & Workers' Compensation

2013-2022

\$104,658,852



Reinsurance Cost vs. Reinsurance Coverage



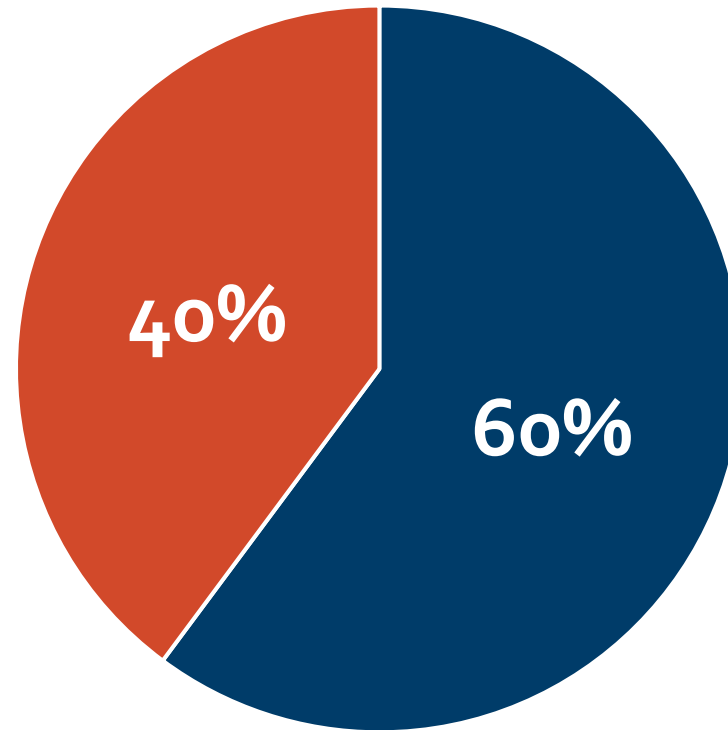
Workers' Compensation

Percentage of Frequency vs Severity

Detention vs All Other Departments

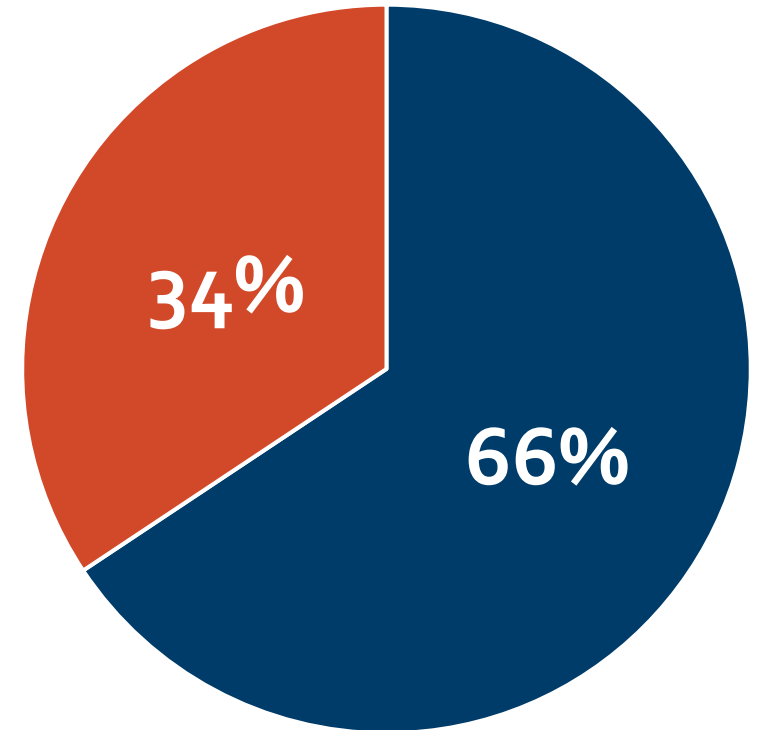
2012 - 2022

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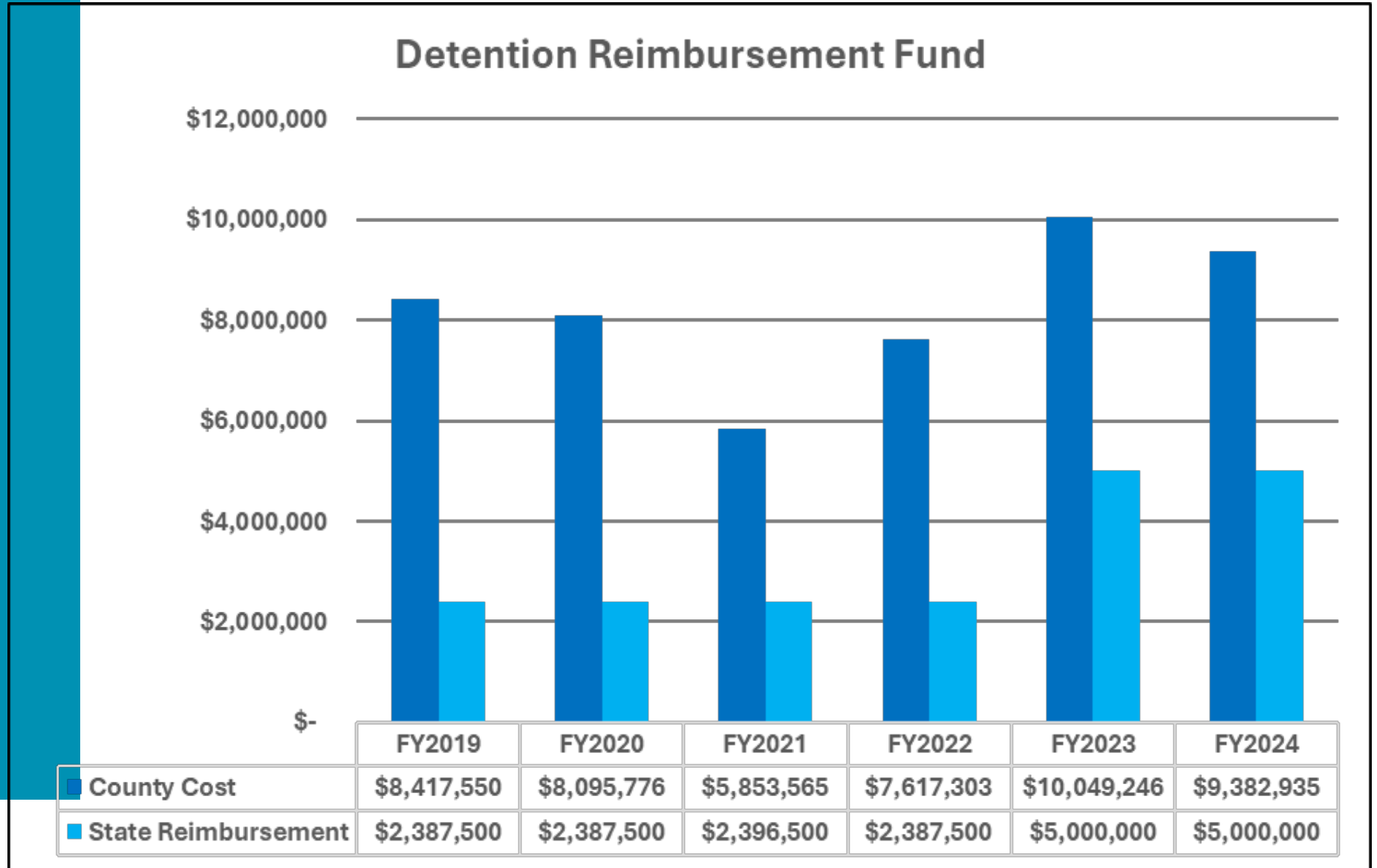
■ 60 Other Departments ■ Detention

SEVERITY



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Detention Reimbursement Fund



Detention Reimbursement Fund

2025

- Total county cost \$9,356,253
- Total state distribution \$3,470,000
- Amount not reimbursed \$5,886,523
- The NMC asked for an increase of 3.5 M for a total of 8.5M reimbursement in HB2 for FY26 and received 4.7M.
- The NMSC takes a \$30,000 fee each year for compiling the data.

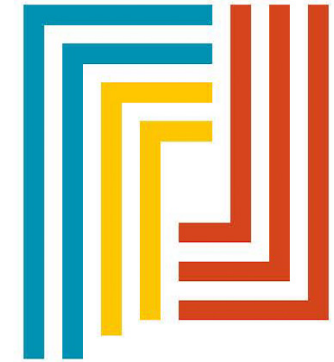
Detention Reimbursement Fund

Detention Reimbursement

- 7-year state reimbursement shortfall
- \$45,308,013
- What can you do?
 - Support fully funding the state's obligation to reimburse Counties for housing state inmates with the Inmate Reimbursement Fund.

Thank you!

Progress happens
when all 33 come together.



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