



Sheriff-Coroner 2025-26 Proposed Budget



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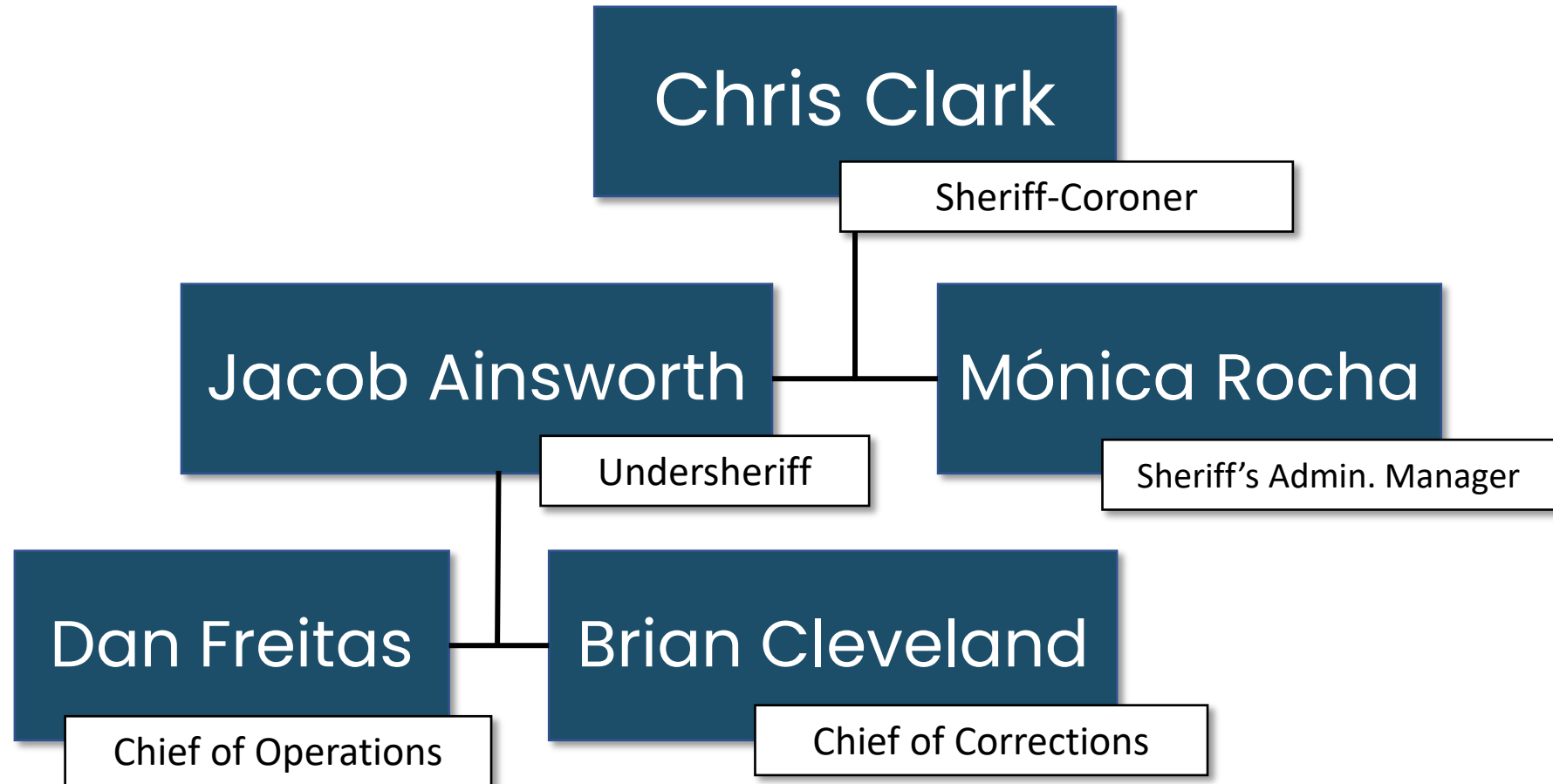


Mission

To ensure public safety in the County of Santa Cruz. We accomplish this through open communication and collaboration with our community as well as continuous professional development of staff to address crime and promote innovative corrections solutions.



Organizational Structure & Leadership



Our Services

Operations Bureau

- Patrol
- Investigations
- Community Services
- Civil
- Coroner
- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement

Administration Bureau

- Fiscal
- Records
- Warrants
- Personnel & Payroll
- Recruitment & Hiring
- Professional Standards & Conduct
- Public Information Officer

Corrections Bureau

- Main Jail & Blaine St Women's Facility
- Rountree
- Medical Services
- Behavioral & Mental Health Services
- Food Services
- Inmate Programs

Court Security

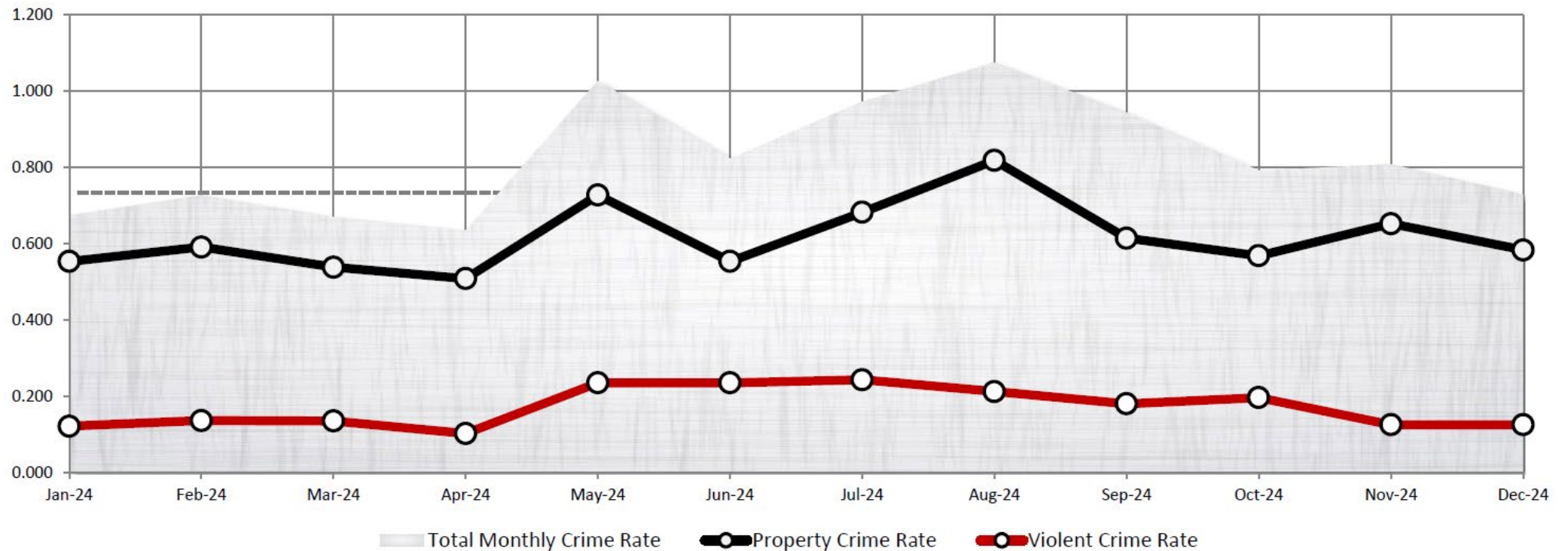
- Santa Cruz Courthouse
- Watsonville Courthouse

Comparative Crime Rates Per 1,000 Residents

12-Month SHF Crime Rate	State of California Crime Rate*
9.76	28.01

12-Month SHF Property Crime Rate	State Of California Property Crime Rate
7.39	22.73

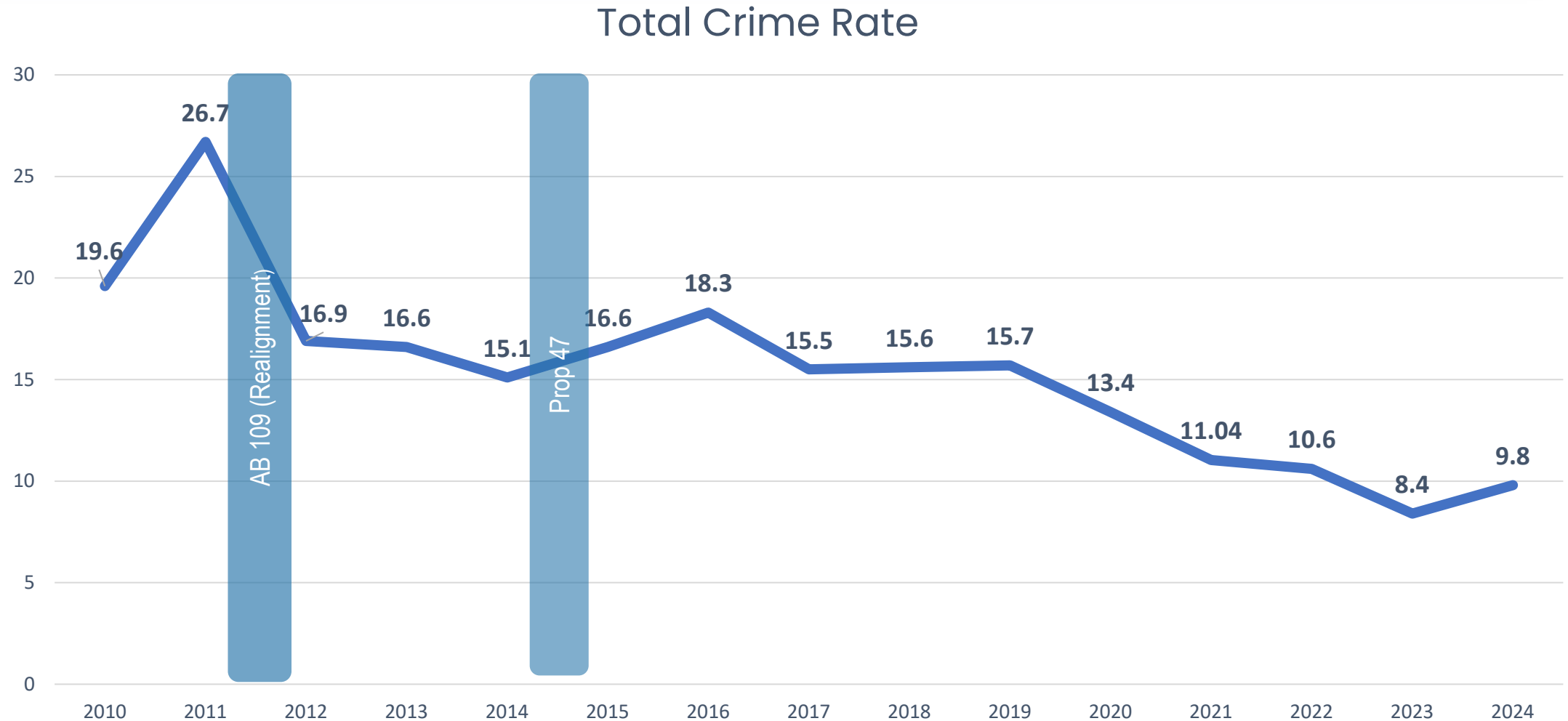
12-Month SHF Violent Crime Rate	State of California Violent Crime Rate
2.05	5.11



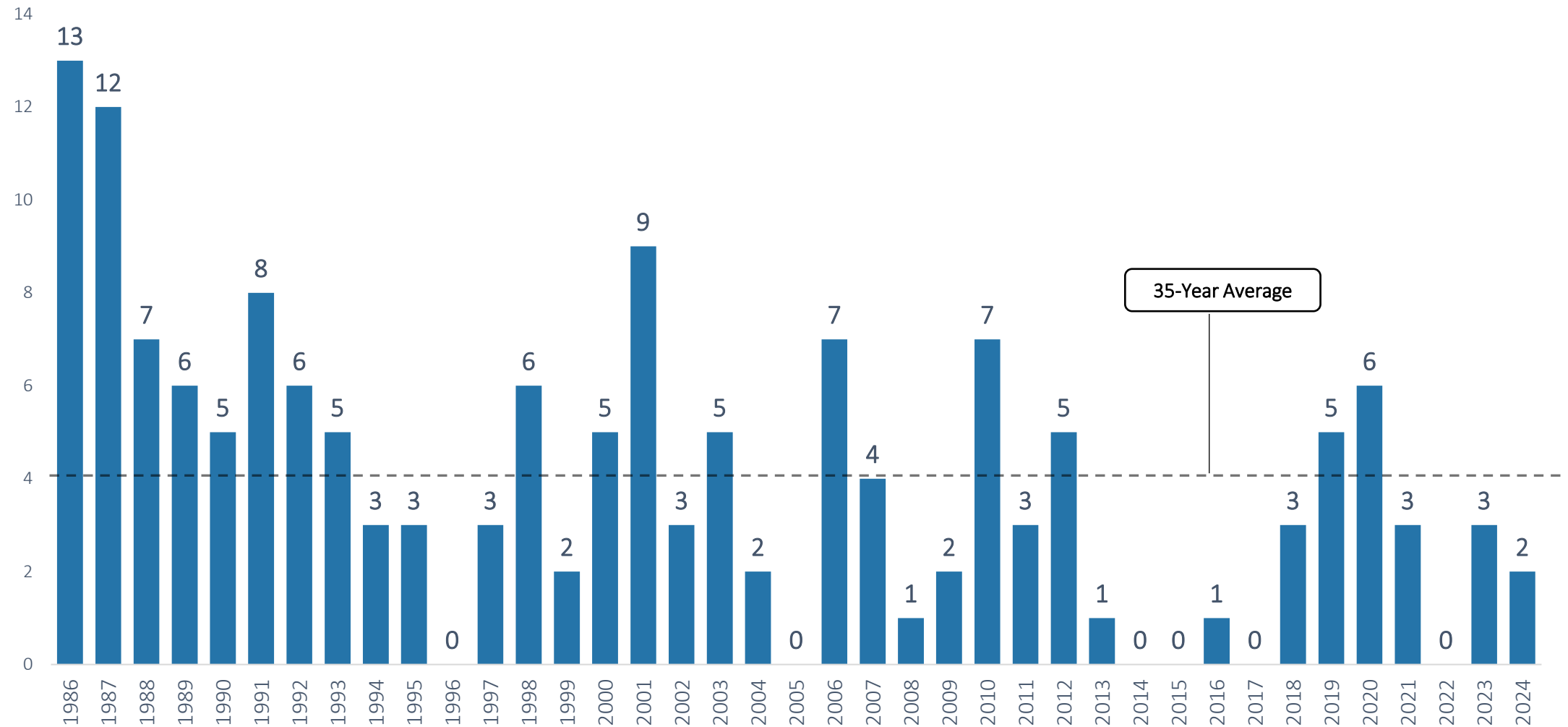
Most recent data available: 2024

Unincorporated Santa Cruz County Crime Rate

2010-2024



Homicides in Unincorporated Santa Cruz County

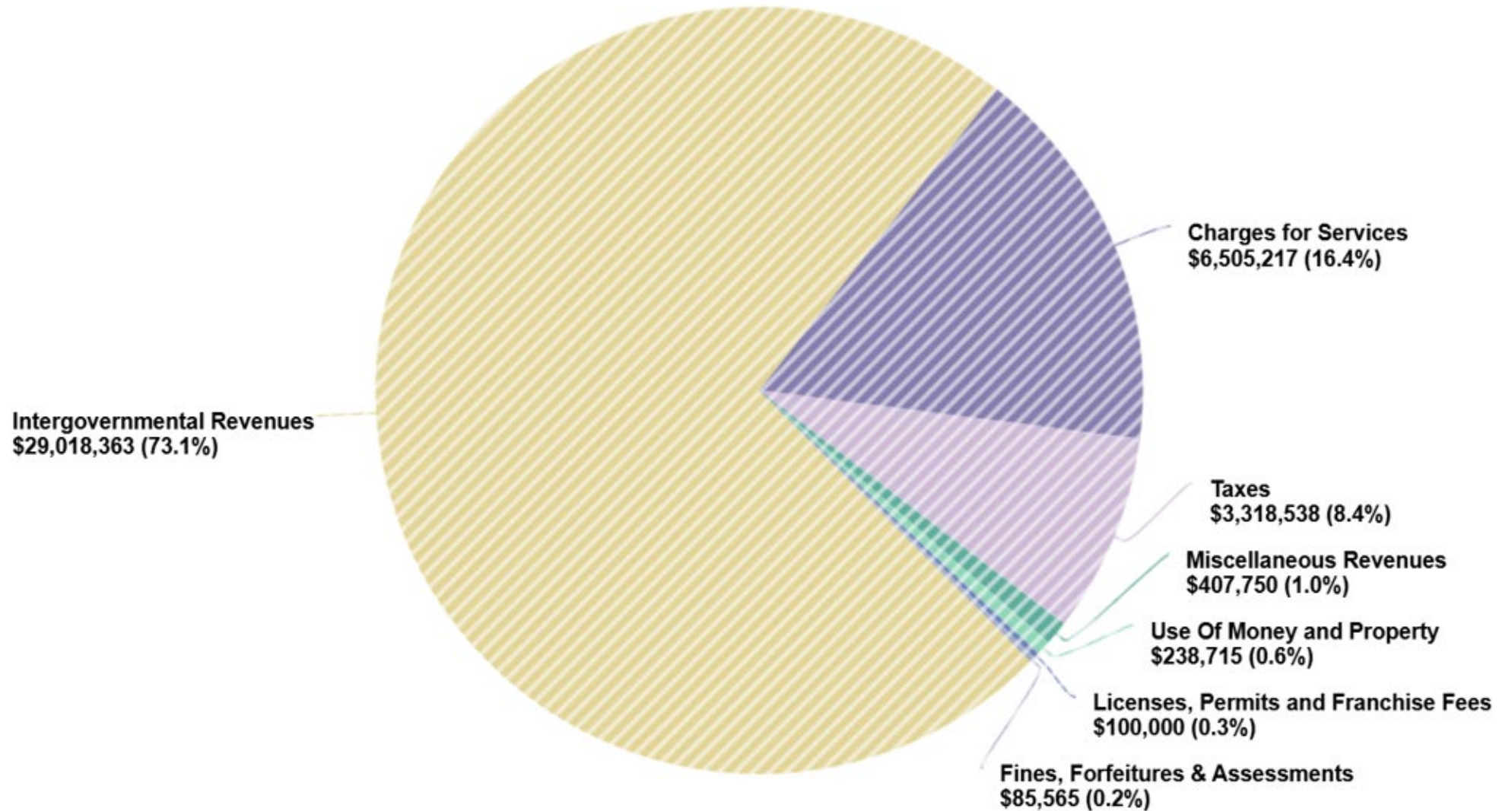


Sheriff-Coroner Summary of Proposed Budget

	2024-25 Adopted	2025-26 Proposed	Amount of Change	Percent Change
Revenues	\$39,573,300	\$39,674,148	\$100,848	0.25%
Expenses	\$112,489,351	\$114,188,561	\$1,699,210	1.51%
General Fund Contribution	\$72,916,051	\$74,514,413	\$1,598,362	2.19%
Funded Staffing	357	358	1.00	0.28%

✓ Revenues

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Significant Revenue Drivers

Operations:

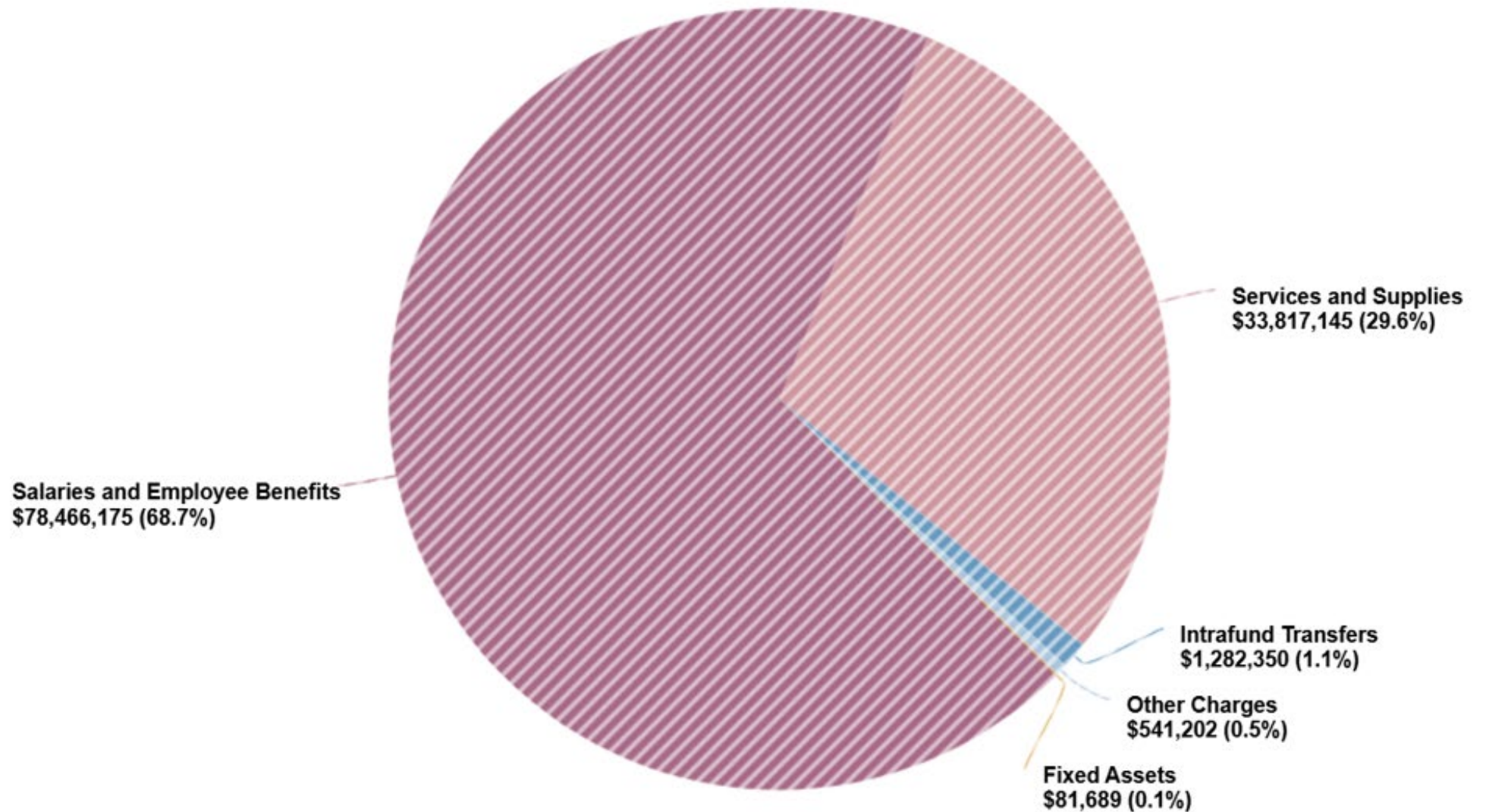
- CSA38
- JAG School Safety Grant
- Prop 172
- Law Enforcement Services
- Cost Recovery

Corrections:

- AB109
- JAG RSAT Grant
- Prop 172
- SCAAP Grant
- CalAIM

✓ Expenditures

Sheriff-Coroner



Significant Cost Drivers

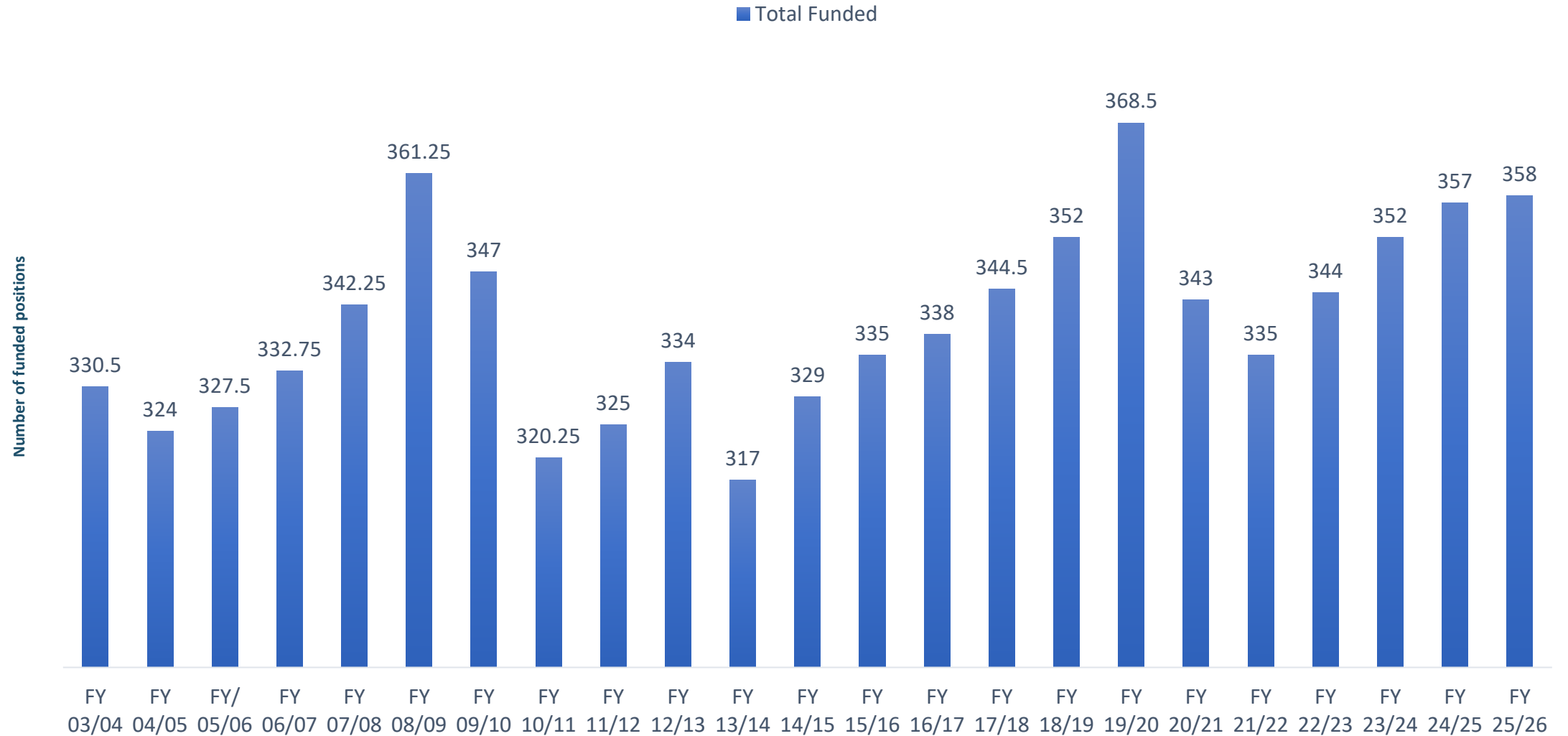
Operations:

- Negotiated Salary & Benefit Increases
- Replacement of non-Windows 11 compatible MDCs as requested by ISD (estimated at \$350,000)
- Fixed Assets
 - Coroner Autopsy Cart Replacements
- Increase in telephone and radio charges
- Replacement of essential safety equipment

Corrections:

- Negotiated Salary & Benefit Increases
- Sobering Center
 - Janus Contract \$1.6M
- Food Services
 - Aramark Contract \$2.1M
- Medical/Mental Health Services
 - Naphcare Contract \$11.3M
- Incarcerated Persons (IP) Clothing Costs
- Professional IP programs service contracts
- Decrease in IWF cost recovery

Funded Positions by Fiscal Year



Staffing

Changes:

- Add 1.0 FTE Sheriff's Property/Evidence Supervisor for DNA Laboratory (No Net County Cost)
- Extend 1.0 FTE limited-term Coroner Investigator through June 30, 2026

Challenges:

- Limited pool of interested, qualifying candidates
- Staff on long term leaves (i.e., WC)

Recruitment Strategies:

- Deputy Sheriff Trainee, Deputy Sheriff Lateral Transfer, and Sheriff's Corrections Officer Hiring Incentives
- Job Fairs
- Social Media
- Employee Referral Bonus
- Competitive Salary/Benefits
- Promoting and Fostering Positive Workplace Culture

State and Federal Funding Risks

- Sanctuary Jurisdictions
- Grant Programs
 - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program
 - Santa Cruz County Comprehensive School Safety Program

Emerging Issues

Unfunded Mandates

- SB43 Care Court
- Proposition 36
- Court Security Staffing

Federal Grant Funding

- Sanctuary Jurisdiction Status

Increased Service Contract Cost

- Forensic Pathology
- Sobering Center
- Jail Medical & Behavioral Health Services
- Jail Food

Capital or System Updates

Projects:

- DNA Lab Accreditation
- Radio Replacement Project in Partnership with ISD
- NCCHC Accreditation for Correctional facilities
- CalAIM Implementation
- Completion of AB2791 compliant Civil Software Upgrade
- Main Jail Staff Locker Room Redesign and Expansion

Sheriff – Coroner

Approve the Proposed Budget for the Sheriff-Coroner Department, including any Supplemental Materials, which includes

- Revenues of \$39,674,148
- Expenses of \$114,188,561
- General Fund Contribution of \$74,514,413
- Staffing of 358 funded FTEs

