



Municipal Court

FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Council Budget Worksession
August 23, 2023

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Award Winning San Antonio Municipal Court

The mission of the San Antonio Municipal Court is to administer justice fairly, impartially, and efficiently. The court is committed to providing a transparent and trustworthy forum where individuals can be heard and considered with dignity and respect.

**Municipal
Court Judge**

**Municipal
Court Clerk**

Judiciary

Magistrate

**Court
Operations**

**Juvenile
Program**



Municipal Court Overview



- Jurisdiction of fine-only, Class C misdemeanors, and civil code and parking offenses
- Limited civil jurisdiction of bond forfeitures, cruelly treated animal hearings and dangerous dog hearings
- Provides Magistration services for Class B and above offenses and magistration of Class C misdemeanor offenses

FY 2024 Proposed Budget Municipal Court

Fund (\$ in Millions)	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2023 Revised	FY 2024 Proposed	% over FY 2023 Adopted
General Fund	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$13.4	7.7%
Restricted Funds	2.2	2.2	2.4	6.4%
Grants	0.3	0.3	0.3	0%
Total	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$16.1	7.4%

Positions	FY 2023	FY 2024 Proposed	Change
Municipal Court	148	141	(7)

Access to Justice Services

Service	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY2022	FY2023*
Emails	30,995	54,797	53,388	33,865
Phone Calls	63,221	53,102	50,413	55,774
Chats	2,296	2,449	4,286	2,887
Text Message Services	-	-	-	11,531
Attorney Services	8,131	7,885	10,596	10,151
Online Services	52,450	54,100	63,878	84,938
Mail Services	2,881	3,046	3,353	6,078
Onsite Services	127,636	46,898	87,654	129,630

*FY23 data is from 10/01/22 – FY 2023 year end estimate

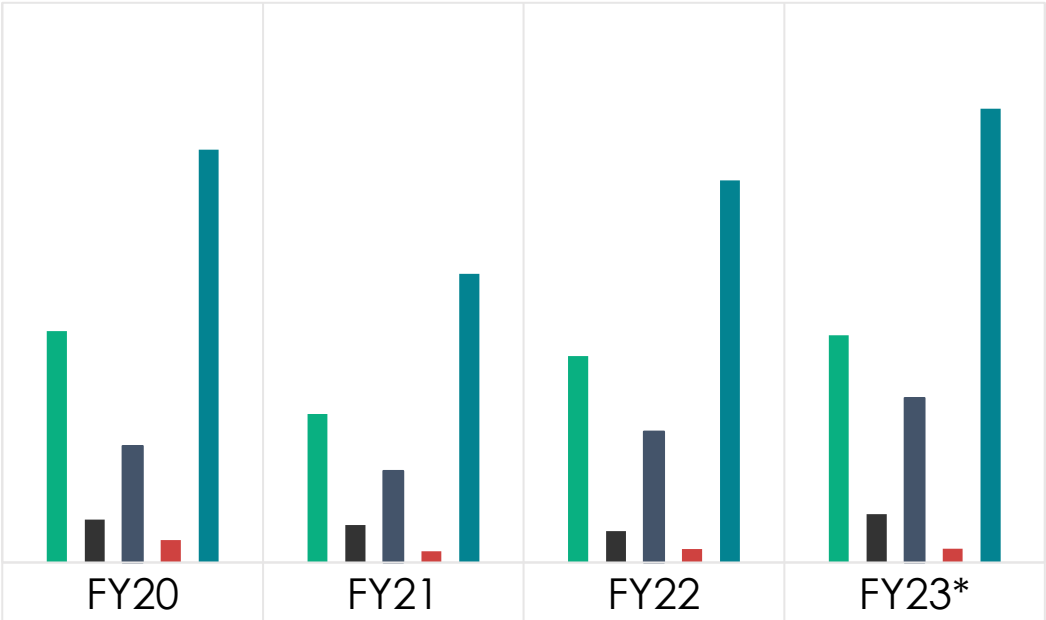
Measuring Justice & Fairness

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
Trials	-	21	22	35
Cost Per Case	\$75	\$90	\$69	\$70
Criminal Case Clearance Rate	87%	85%	107%	100%
Civil Case Clearance Rate	66%	114%	81%	80%
Warrant Clearance Rate	37%	28%	188%	159%

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Municipal Court Case Filings

Criminal And Civil Case Filings
FY20-FY23*



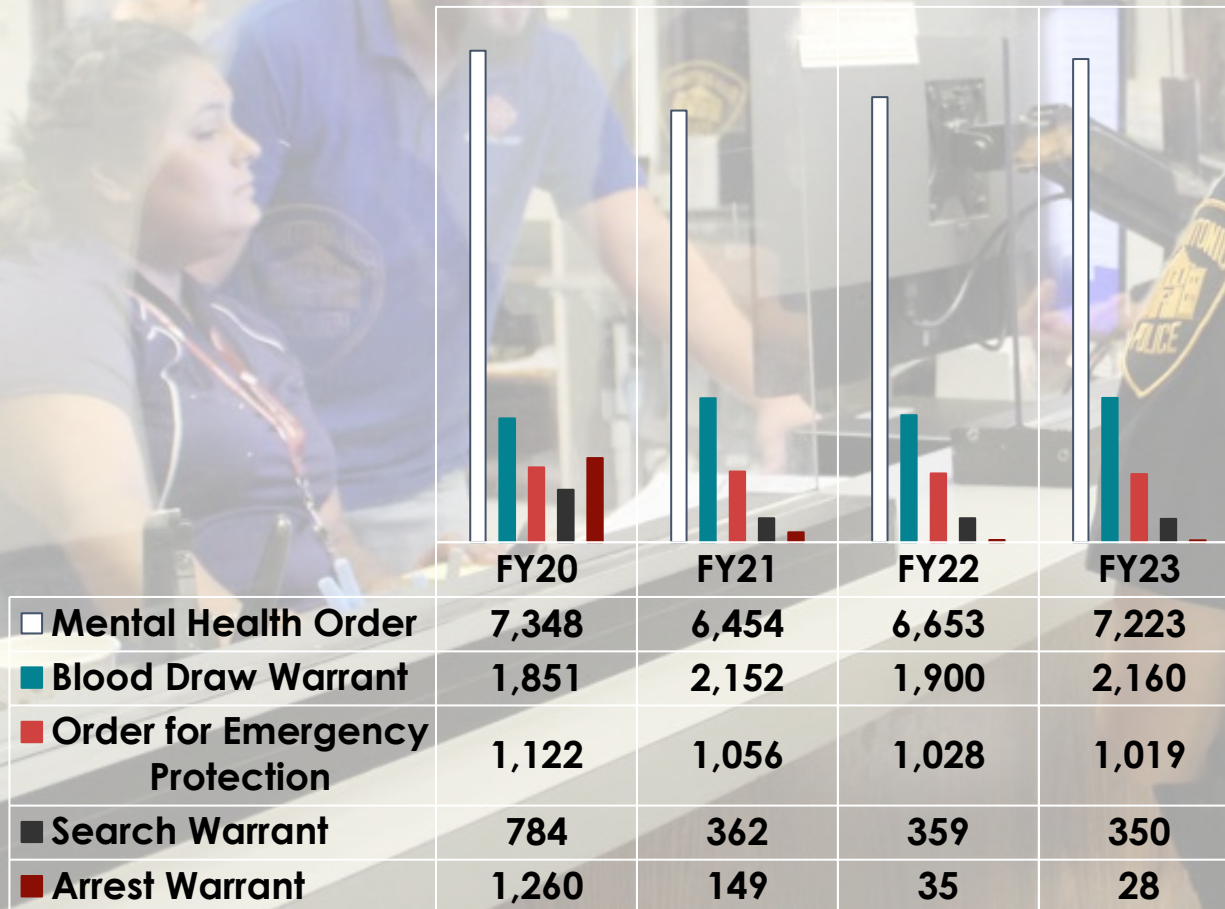
Traffic	FY20	103,330	FY21	66,381	FY22	92,247	FY23*	101,480
Non Traffic	FY20	19,188	FY21	16,681	FY22	14,016	FY23*	21,532
Parking	FY20	52,017	FY21	40,806	FY22	58,444	FY23*	73,460
Civil	FY20	9,931	FY21	5,043	FY22	5,970	FY23*	6,156
Total Filings	FY20	184,466	FY21	128,911	FY22	170,677	FY23*	202,628

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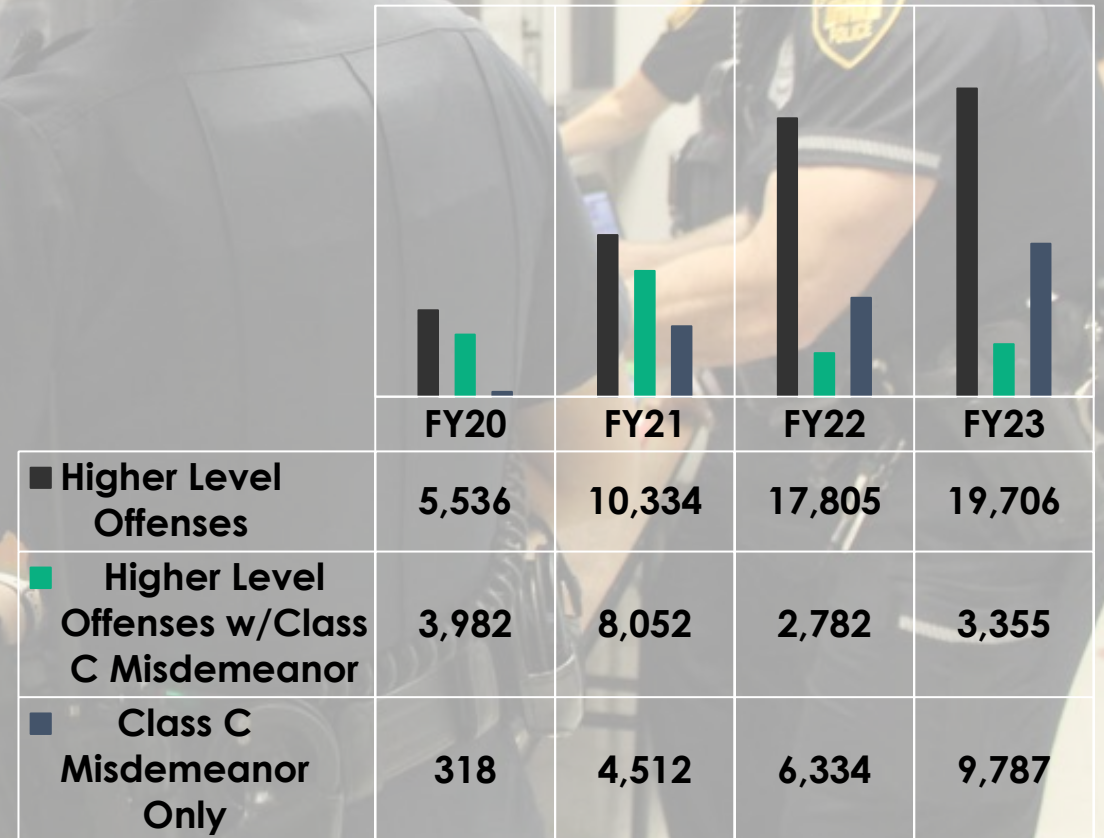


Magistration Services

**WRIT ISSUED
BY TYPE***



**COMMITMENT HEARINGS
& MAGISTRATION BY CASE
TYPE***



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Family Violence Court

- Specialized docket with jurisdiction over Class C, fine-only assault cases
- Primary goal: reduce recidivism, enhance public safety, and improve outcomes for offenders and victims

Counseling

- Enliven Counseling Services
- Catholic Charities Haven for Hope

Education Programs

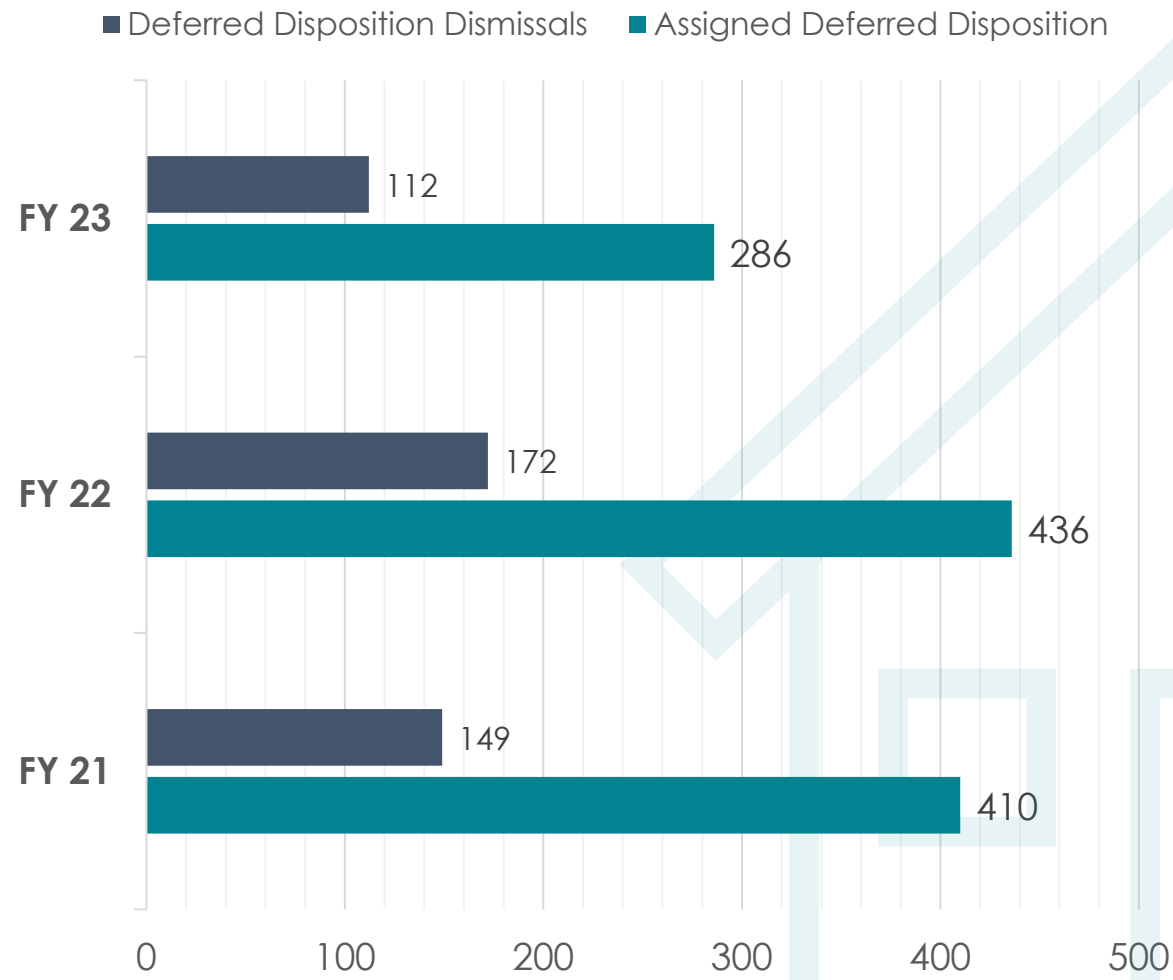
- Anger Management Classes
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness
- Center for Health Care Services

Treatment Services

- United Counseling Center
- Violence Intervention Program

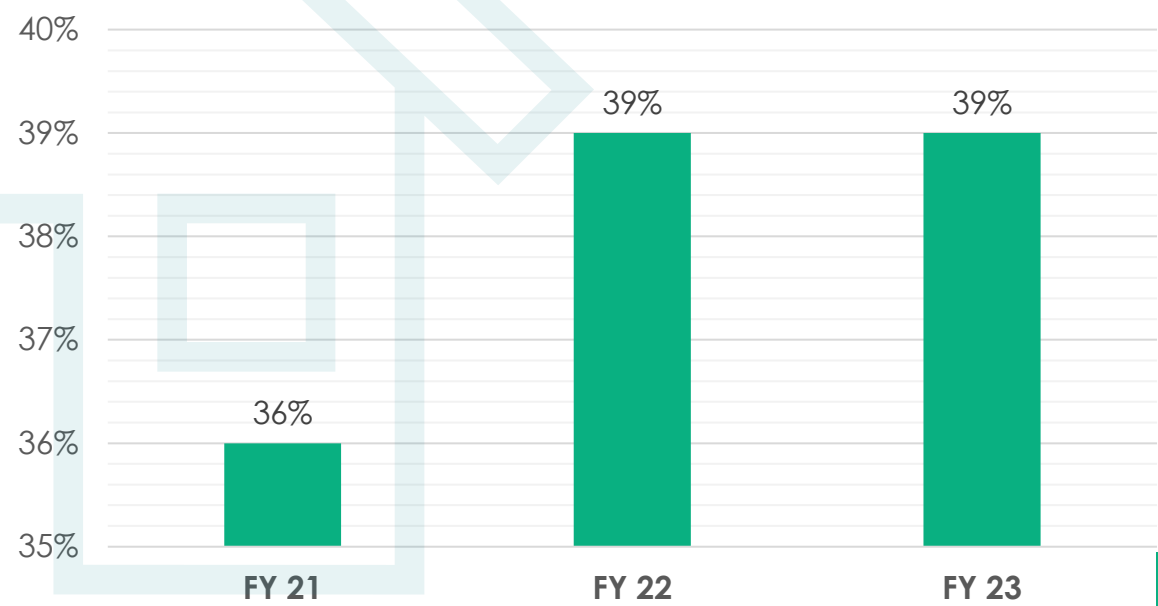
Family Violence Court Measures

Disposition of Cases*



Case Filings	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
Assault by Threat (Family)	30	20	19	97
Assault (physical contact)-Family	858	1,173	931	1,330
Total Filings	888	1,193	950	1,427

Completion Rate*



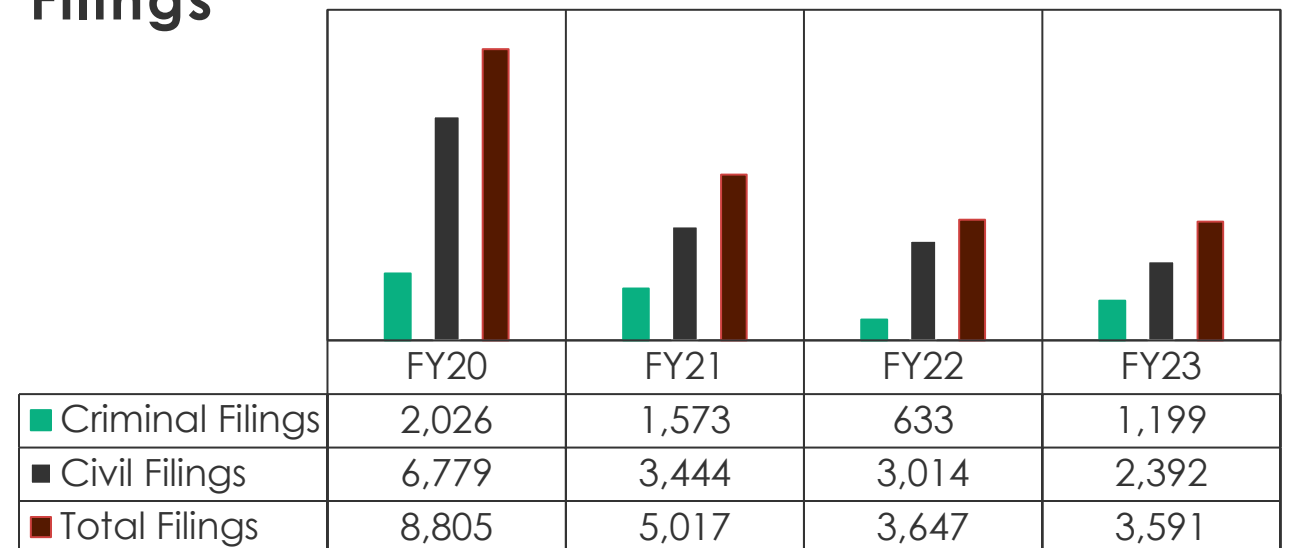
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Justice, Fairness, & a Safer Community: Animal Docket

- Animal Court presides over offenses that affect the safety and general well-being of the San Antonio community
- Animal Court goal: Safe and livable city through responsible pet ownership



ACS Filings



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Animal Docket

Types of Hearings	FY23* Outcomes
# Dangerous Dog – Failure to comply w/dangerous dog owner requirements	50
Cruelty Hearings	16
Aggressive Dog Appeals	4
Serious Bodily Injury Hearings	12

*FY23 data is through 07/31/2023

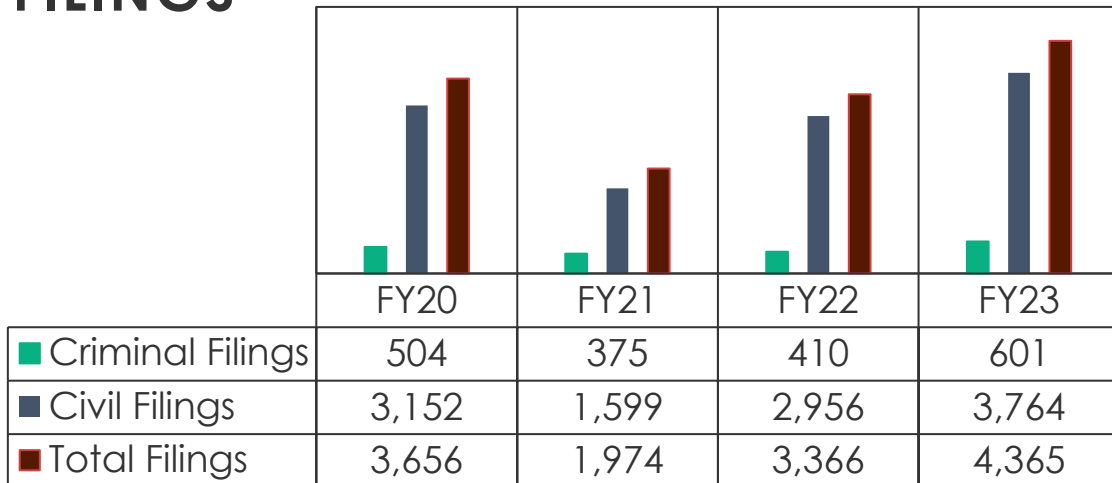
Civil Case Outcomes	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23**
Found liable – paid	2,189	859	846	546
Found liable – fine still owed	4,177	2,339	1,883	956
Found not liable	16	28	22	13
Case Dismissed	391	218	263	205
Total	6,773	3,444	3,014	1,720

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Justice, Fairness, & a Safer Community: Code Docket

- Code Compliance Court presides over offenses that affect health and general well-being of community
- Code Court goal: Clean and livable city through responsible property maintenance

CODE FILINGS



Code Docket



Civil Case Outcomes	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
Found liable – paid	1,258	521	1,021	957
Found liable – fine still owed	1,499	920	1,577	1,237
Found not liable	78	124	36	29
Case Dismissed	313	34	318	330
Total	3,148	1,599	2,952	2,553

*FY23 data is through 07/31/2023

Juvenile Services



Purpose

Prevent behaviors in juveniles that would increase involvement in justice system

Deter juvenile crime at local level

Juvenile Services

Service Delivery Platforms

Courtroom Services

- Juvenile traffic and non-traffic citations
- Court ordered community service or counseling

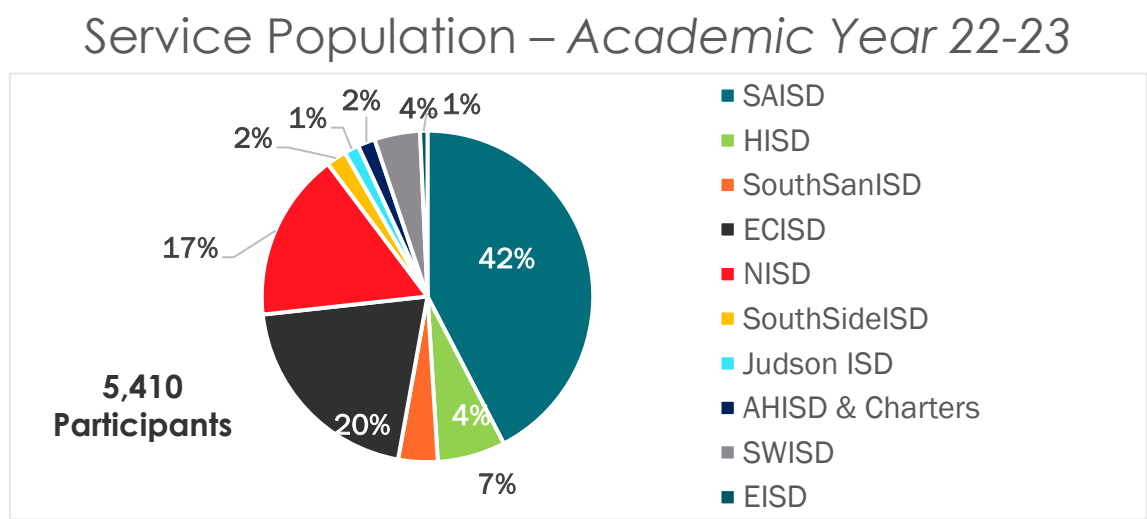
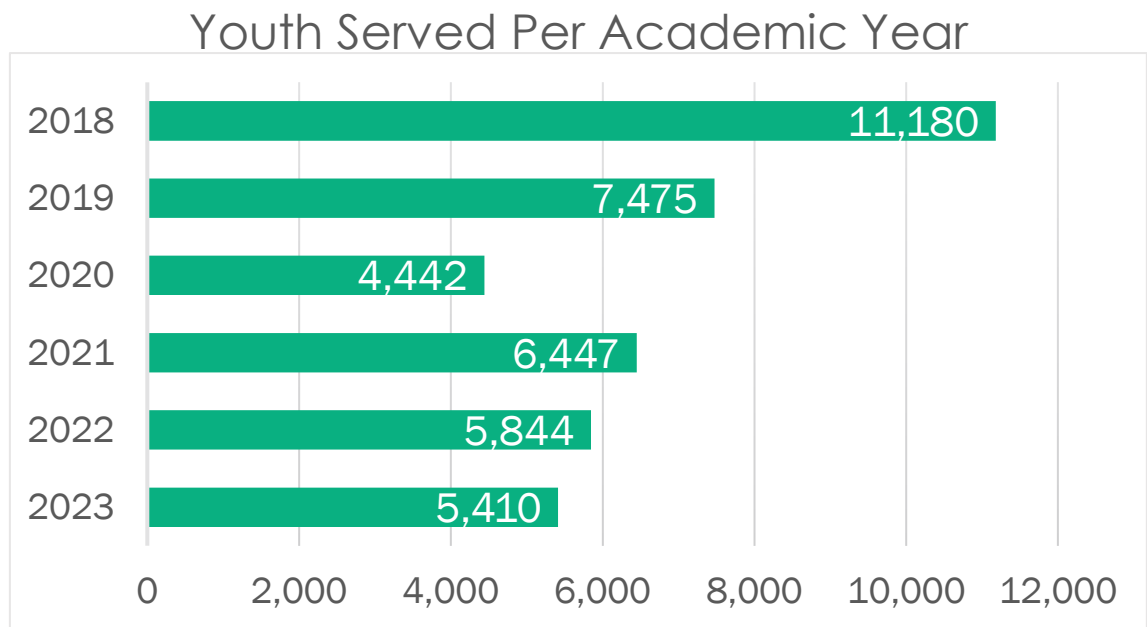
Teen Court

- Juvenile Case Managers collaborate with St. Mary's University School of Law
- Judge refers non-traffic offenses for resolution
- Juveniles preside over, adjudicate, and administer sentencing of their peers' cases

Truancy Services

- Juvenile Case Managers (JCMs) work with school district and charter school administrators
- JCMs assist schools with the administration of truancy intervention methods

Juvenile Services Measures



Truancy Intervention & Prevention Services

	AY20	AY21	AY22	AY23
% Students Attending School Forums	84%	80%	60%	65%
% Truancy Mediation Attendance	85%	0%	60%	46%
% Youth Attending Court Ordered Classes	61%	94%	54%	68%
Leaver Docket	0%	0%	56%	70%

Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

Adds \$219,000
7 courtroom renovations

- ✓ Revitalization of courtrooms
- ✓ Furniture and fixtures over 25 years old
- ✓ Promotes forum of dignity and respect



Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

Adds \$45,000 Electronic Court Reporting



H.B. 4714 amends current law for a recording device to report proceedings in court of record



Facilitates the court's ability to hold trials on the first date they are scheduled to be heard

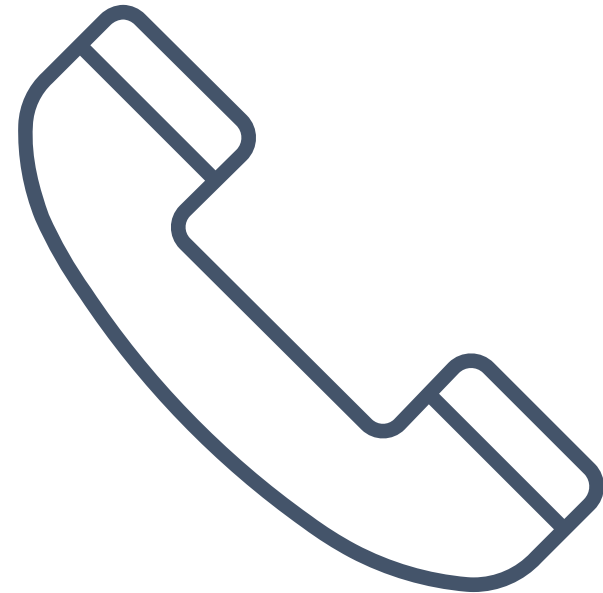


Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

Adds \$9,100

Certified Court Interpreter - Magistration

- ☒ Code of Criminal Procedure requires qualified telephone interpreter
- ☒ Government code requires courts to utilize an interpreter with a master designation



Court and the Community in FY2024

FY22 Outreach & Education

Townhalls – 2

Career Day – 4

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 3

FY23 Outreach & Education

Townhalls – 3

Career Day – 10

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 8

FY24 Outreach & Education (expected)

Townhalls – 4

Career Day – 12

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 8+



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