

Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY27 Executive Budget

08 – Department of Public Safety and Corrections

08C – Youth Services (Office of Juvenile Justice)

20-452 — Local Housing of
State Juvenile Offenders

February 2026

*Senator Cameron Henry, President
Senator Glen Womack, Chairman*





FY27 Recommended Budget Schedule 08C — Youth Services

Departmental mission — “To protect the public by providing safe and effective individualized services to youth, who will become productive, law-abiding citizens. OJJ is a quality system of care that embraces partnerships with families, communities, and stakeholders to assist youth in redirecting their lives toward responsible citizenship.”

Office of Juvenile Justice



Courtney Myers
*Deputy Secretary of
Youth Services*

Jason Starnes
Undersecretary

- **Youth Services Program**
 - The Youth Services Program consolidates the former regional system, including administration, juvenile probation and parole, and contract services.
 - Program Management
 - Treatment Services
 - Supervision Services
 - Continuum of Care
- **Auxiliary Program**
 - Fee-based program providing canteen services, recreational materials, activities, etc.
 - Canteen
 - Youth Welfare Fund

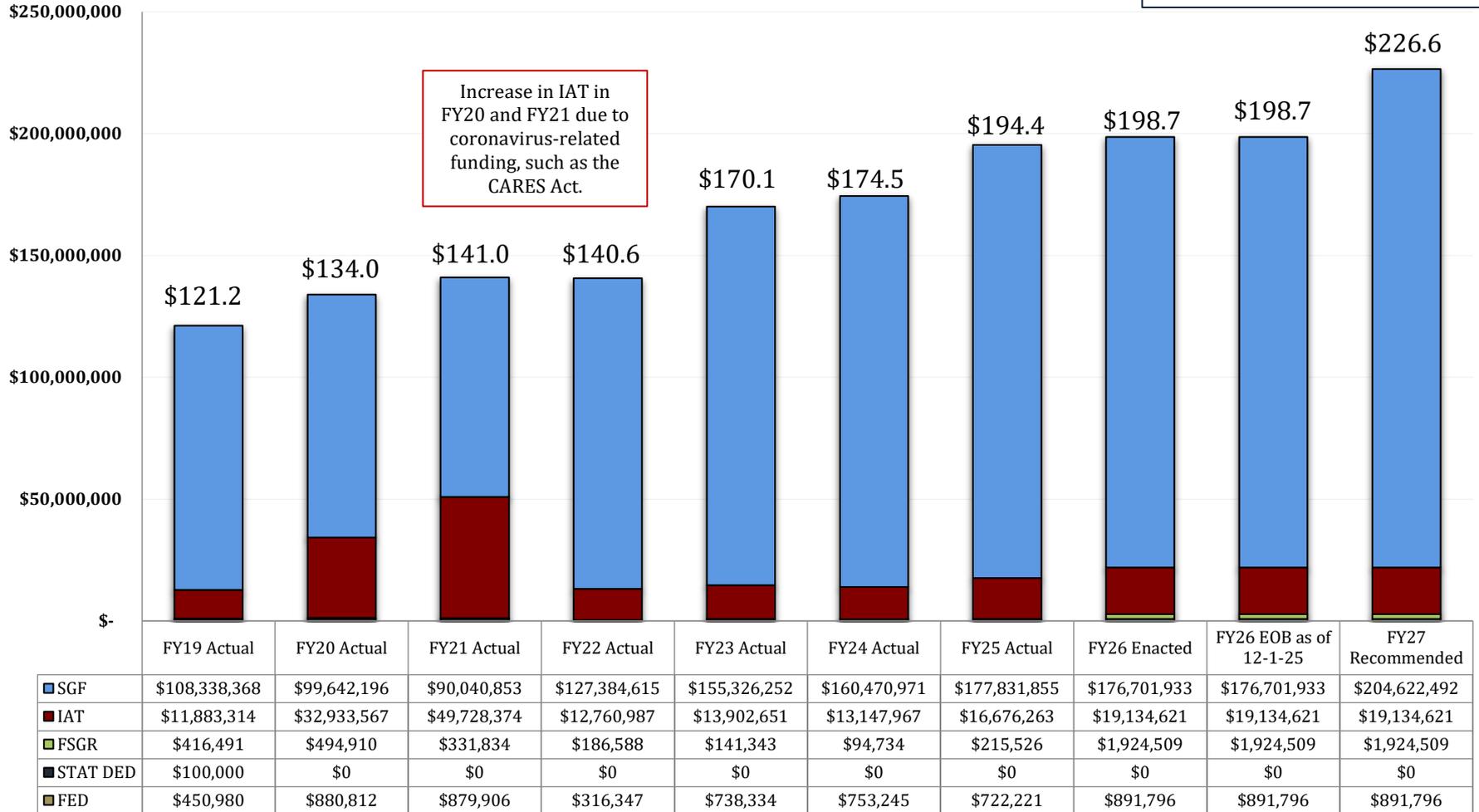


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Changes in Funding since FY19

Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance
(in \$ millions)

Change from FY19 to FY27 is 87%.
(Actual to Recommended)
Change from FY19 to FY25 is 42%.
(Actual to Actual)





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Statewide Adjustments for FY27 Recommended

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$176,701,933	\$19,134,621	\$1,924,509	\$0	\$891,796	\$198,652,859	1,070	FY26 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-25
\$906,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$906,548	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$50,113)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,113)	0	Capitol Police
\$43,186	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,186	0	Civil Service Fees
\$253,008	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$253,008	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$388,783	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,783	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$226,611	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$226,611	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
(\$15,186)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$15,186)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$8,634	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,634	0	Maintenance in State-Owned Buildings
\$2,242,931	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,242,931	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$450,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$450,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$20,410	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,410	0	Office of State Procurement
\$574,651	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$574,651	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$1,697,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,697,040	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
(\$894,148)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$894,148)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
(\$3,477,746)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,477,746)	0	Risk Management
\$10,405,032	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,405,032	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$7,898	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,898	0	UPS Fees
\$11,887,539	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,887,539	0	Total Statewide Adjustments
(\$1,021,580)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,021,580)	0	Total Non-Recurring Other Adjustments
\$15,151,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,151,820	122	Total New and Expanded
\$1,902,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,902,780	31	Total Workload Adjustments
\$204,622,492	\$19,134,621	\$1,924,509	\$0	\$891,796	\$226,573,418	1,223	Total FY27 Recommended Budget
\$27,920,559	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,920,559	153	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



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Agency-Specific Adjustments for FY27 Recommended

Non-Recurring Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
(\$1,021,580)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,021,580)	0	Non-recurs funding for intensive training at Swanson Center for Youth.
(\$1,021,580)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,021,580)	0	Total Non-Recurring Other Adjustments

New and Expanded Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$15,151,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,151,820	122	Increases positions and associated expenses to fund 56 additional beds and a medical contract to operate an additional secure care facility through a lease with the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office.
\$15,151,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,151,820	122	Total New and Expanded Adjustments

Workload Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$1,902,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,902,780	31	Increases positions and associated expenses to ensure full operational coverage at the Jetson Center for Youth facility.
\$1,902,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,902,780	31	Total Workload Adjustments

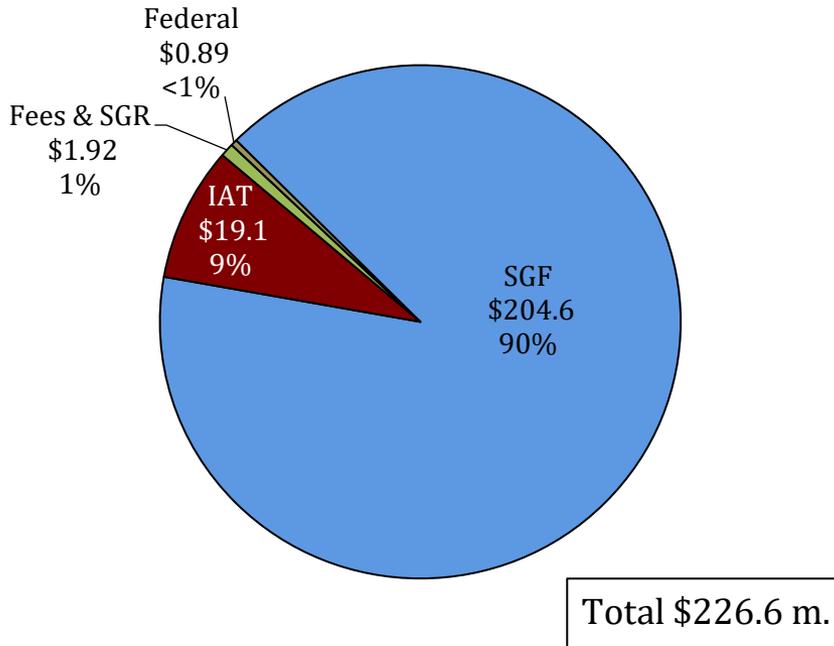


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FY27 Recommended Means of Finance

Means of Finance	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 Recommended
State General Fund	\$177,831,855	\$176,701,933	\$176,701,933	\$204,622,492	\$27,920,559
Interagency Transfers	\$16,676,263	\$19,134,621	\$19,134,621	\$19,134,621	\$0
Fees and Self-generated Revenue	\$215,526	\$1,924,509	\$1,924,509	\$1,924,509	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$722,221	\$891,796	\$891,796	\$891,796	\$0
TOTAL	\$195,445,865	\$198,652,859	\$198,652,859	\$226,573,418	\$27,920,559

**FY27 Recommended
Total Means of Finance
(In Millions)**



Sources of Funding:

Interagency Transfers are the largest source of funding outside of State General Fund, making up 10 percent of the overall Means of Finance. Interagency Transfers come from the state Department of Education for Titles I and II funding, the nutrition program, and MFP dollars to school districts for youth offender education; juvenile justice grants from LCLE; and from DOC for CJRI savings.

Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the city of New Orleans for enhanced probation supervision; the Youthful Offender Management Fund Account; partial reimbursement of probation and parole fees from parents; restitution and contraband seized from youth offenders; employee meal purchases and other vending; use of the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center; and canteen sales and telephone commissions at juvenile centers.

Federal Funds are derived from U.S. Department of Justice grant programs, and the Social Security Administration for disability and survivor benefits for eligible youth as cost reimbursement for their care.



Categorical Expenditures

Examples of Categories

Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.

Personal Services

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

Total Operating Expenses

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

Professional Services – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

Total Other Charges

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



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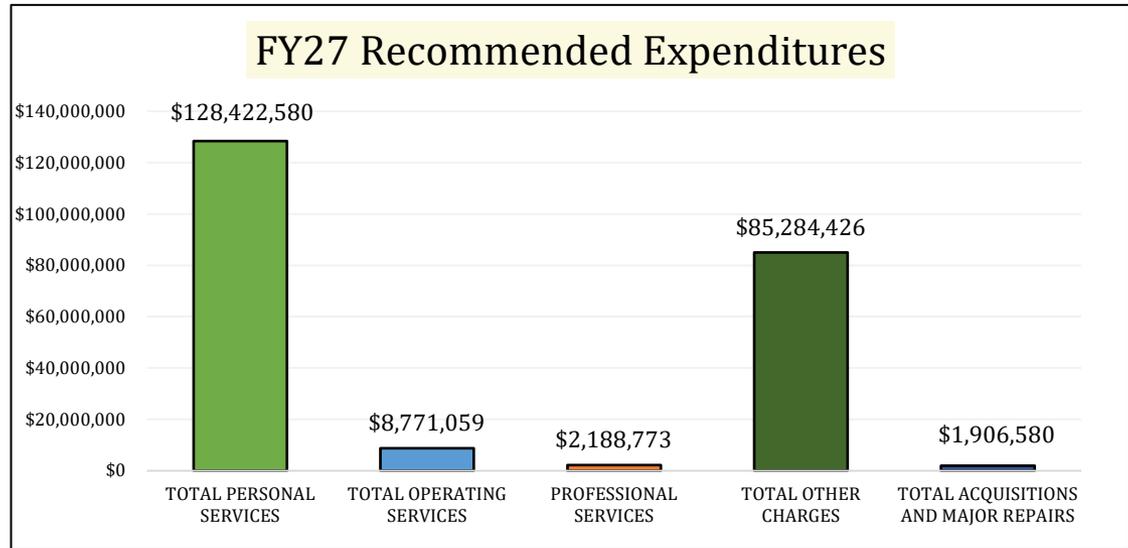
Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

The largest expenditure category in Youth Services for FY27 Recommended is Total Personal Services at 57 percent of the budget.

Total Other Charges make up 38 percent of expenditures, with the Other Charges line-item expense accounting for 76 percent of the total, mostly for payments to contracted agencies providing residential treatment and foster care, temporary emergency housing, and other services.

Total Operating Expenses account for 4 percent and Professional Services for 1 percent.

A total of \$1,906,580 is provided for Acquisitions and Major Repairs.



Categorical Expenditures	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12/01/25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26EOB vs. FY27 Rec
Salaries	\$65,480,320	\$66,869,576	\$66,869,576	\$87,513,978	\$20,644,402
Other Compensation	\$715,477	\$1,129,518	\$1,129,518	\$1,378,518	\$249,000
Related Benefits	\$27,385,765	\$33,222,848	\$33,222,848	\$39,530,084	\$6,307,236
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$93,581,563	\$101,221,942	\$101,221,942	\$128,422,580	\$27,200,638
Travel	\$443,554	\$159,954	\$159,954	\$165,085	\$5,131
Operating Services	\$4,596,193	\$4,475,826	\$4,475,826	\$5,300,821	\$824,995
Supplies	\$3,773,212	\$2,992,682	\$2,992,682	\$3,305,153	\$312,471
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$8,812,959	\$7,628,462	\$7,628,462	\$8,771,059	\$1,142,597
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,091,301	\$2,155,838	\$2,155,838	\$2,188,773	\$32,935
Other Charges	\$65,182,636	\$64,254,951	\$64,254,951	\$64,597,769	\$342,818
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$24,978,324	\$22,941,666	\$22,941,666	\$20,686,657	(\$2,255,009)
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	\$90,160,961	\$87,196,617	\$87,196,617	\$85,284,426	(\$1,912,191)
Acquisitions	\$799,081	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$1,671,840	\$1,221,840
Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$234,740	\$234,740
TOTAL ACQ. & MAJOR REPAIRS	\$799,081	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$1,906,580	\$1,456,580
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$195,445,865	\$198,652,859	\$198,652,859	\$226,573,418	\$27,920,559



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FY27 Recommended Categorical Expenditures Detail

Professional Services

Amount	Description
\$719,711	Contracts for miscellaneous professional services.
\$541,164	Professional contracts for legal services to OJJ provided on an as-needed basis
\$414,330	Contracts for maintenance/security services
\$400,000	Professional contracts for health services (medical care of female youth at Ware Youth Center)
\$44,941	Professional management/consulting services
\$36,000	Barbering services
\$17,000	Professional contracts for youth medical needs and transports
\$9,606	Water waste treatment
\$6,021	Professional contracts for accounting services
\$2,188,773	Total Professional Services

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$1,906,580	Replacement items at secure facilities such as door controllers, HVACs, commercial washing machines and dryers
\$1,906,580	Total Acquisitions

Interagency Transfers Expenses

Amount	Description
\$11,396,299	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$3,835,604	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$1,530,498	Division of Administration - Telecommunications
\$1,529,038	Department of Public Safety for back-office functions such as Human Resources, Budget, Audit, and Finance
\$748,850	Payments to state agencies for fuel, medication, food and supplies (annual meat orders, uniforms, youth clothing orders, etc.)
\$633,257	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees - Vernon Center for Youth
\$355,740	Civil Service Fees
\$159,437	Temporary lease space while the Chris Ullo Building undergoes remediation
\$137,004	Maintenance in State-owned Buildings
\$101,600	Department of Public Safety for circuits and utilities
\$85,176	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$60,251	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$57,397	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$31,506	Capitol Police Fees
\$25,000	Children's Cabinet Administrative Costs
\$20,686,657	Total IAT Expenses



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FY27 Recommended Categorical Expenditures Detail

Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$47,666,056	Payments to contracted agencies that provide residential treatment and foster care services, temporary emergency housing for minor delinquencies and non-residential services aimed at diverting youth from further permeation into the juvenile justice system.
\$6,381,484	Maintenance and upkeep for Juvenile Justice facilities
\$2,864,398	Jetson Center for Youth
\$1,733,402	Youth education and community-based programs
\$1,364,398	Vernon Center for Youth
\$1,197,955	Clothing, toiletries, medication, counseling, medical and dental services for the youth
\$985,864	Grant budget authority
\$853,306	Other Charges Positions (T.O. and Wages)
\$820,389	Costs associated with Probation and Parole activities
\$473,412	TITLE 1 - salaries and related benefits for Title I Director, Title I Teacher and Title I Aides; travel for educational conferences; and software and supplies to assist neglected and delinquent youth into transitional services.
\$15,073	TITLE 2 - staff development consultants to conduct embedded classroom training and travel for conferences and workshops.
\$6,350	PIPS (Professional Improvement Plan) funds from Department of Education for eligible teaching staff at Swanson Center for Youth (SCY) and Bridge City Center for Youth (BCY).
\$64,362,087	Total Other Charges

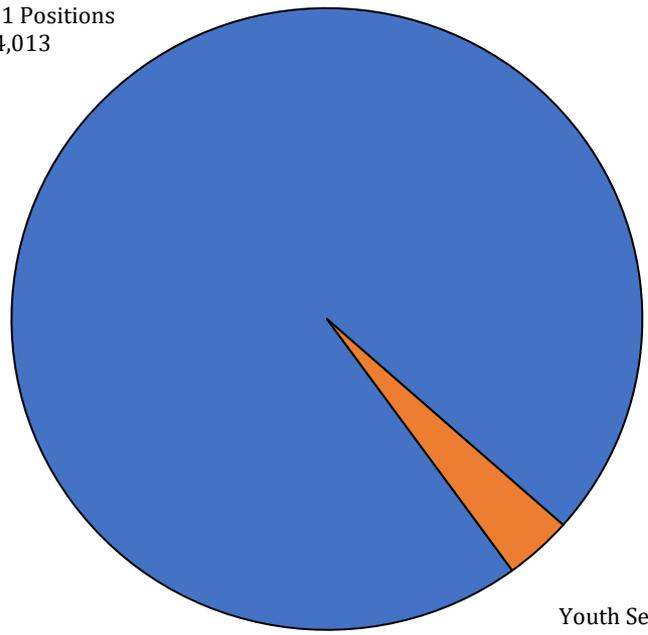


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FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

**FY27 Recommended Department Positions
as a portion of
FY27 Recommended HB1 Authorized Positions**

Total HB1 Positions
34,013

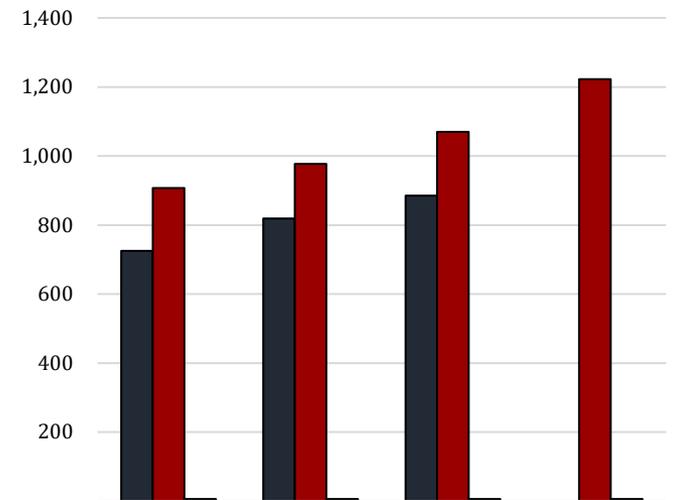


Youth Services
1,223
3%

FY26 number of funded, but not filled,
positions as of January 5, 2026 = 204

*Youth Services has six (6) **Other Charges positions** at FY27 Recommended. These positions are in educational staff within secure care facilities, grants coordination, health care, and policy and audit.*

**Number
and
Types
of
Positions**



	2024	2025	2026	2027 Rec
■ Total FTEs (1st July Report)	725	819	885	-
■ Authorized T.O. Positions	907	977	1,070	1,223
■ Other Charges Positions	6	6	6	6

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

Authorized Positions are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

Other Charges positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b) ...

(5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
- Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
- These positions are usually associated with federal grants



08C -- Youth Services Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.
In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.
This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

Personal Services	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Recommended
Salaries	\$58,819,825	\$65,480,320	\$66,869,576	\$87,513,978
Other Compensation	\$499,185	\$715,477	\$1,129,518	\$1,378,518
Related Benefits	\$26,432,102	\$27,385,765	\$33,222,848	\$39,530,084
Total Personal Services	\$85,751,112	\$93,581,562	\$101,221,942	\$128,422,580

Average T.O. Salary = \$60,584.65

Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.

2.

Related Benefits FY27 Recommended	Total Funding	%
Total Related Benefits	\$39,530,084	
UAL payments	\$17,312,324	44%
Retiree Health Benefits	\$5,934,461	
Remaining Benefits*	\$16,283,299	
Means of Finance	General Fund = 96%	Other = 4%

Department Demographics	Total	%
Gender		
Female	554	64
Male	316	36
Race/Ethnicity		
White	191	22
Black	647	74
Asian	1	<1
Indian	4	<1
Hawaiian/Pacific	--	--
Multi-race	20	2
Declined to State	7	1
Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire	70	8

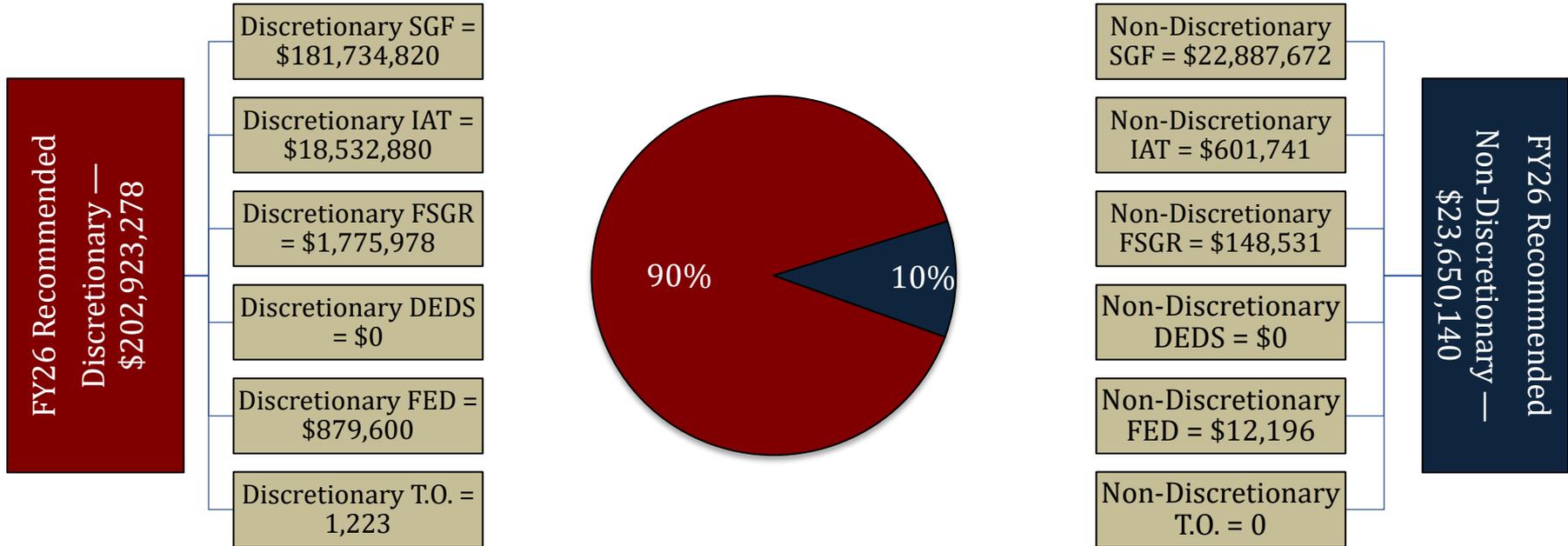
* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits
\$135,629



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FY27 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



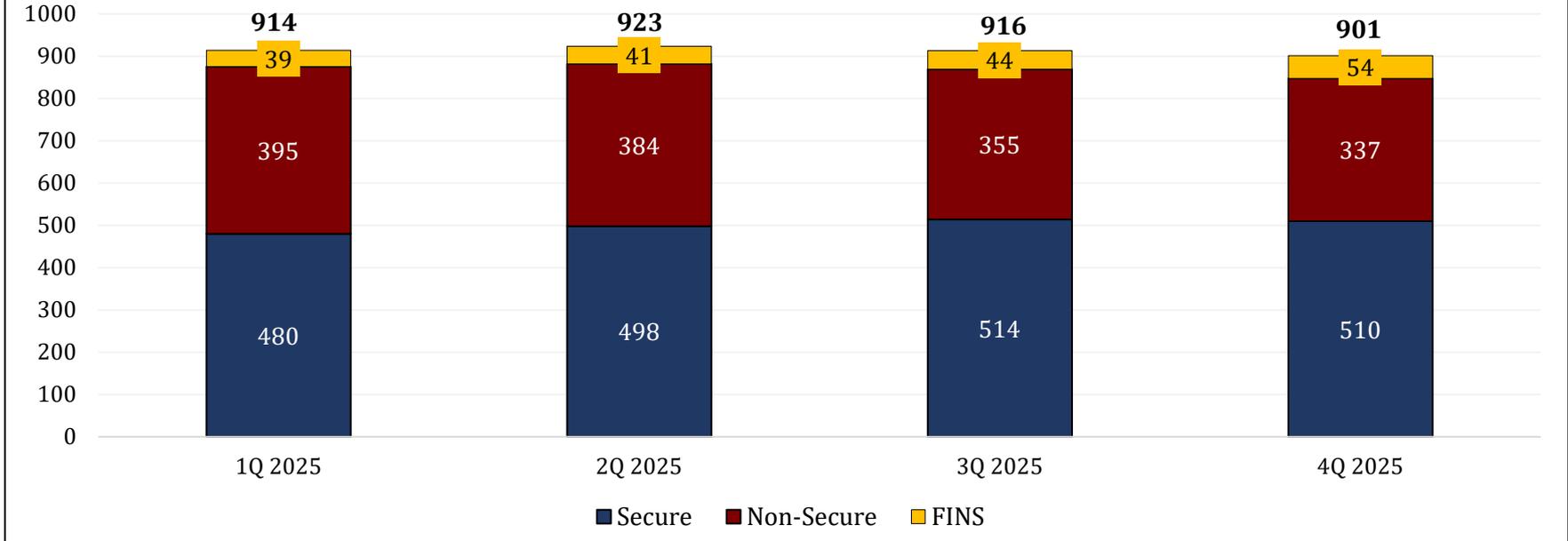
Total Discretionary Funding by Office		
Office of Juvenile Justice	\$202,687,596	99.88%
Auxiliary Program	\$235,682	0.12%
Total Discretionary	\$202,923,278	100.00%

Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type		
Required by the Constitution: Retirement Systems UAL	\$17,312,324	73.2%
Needed to Pay Debt Service: Rent in State Buildings	\$159,437	0.7%
Unavoidable Obligations: Retirees' Group Insurance	\$5,934,461	25.1%
Unavoidable Obligations: Legislative Auditor Fees	\$115,548	0.5%
Unavoidable Obligations: Maintenance in State Buildings	\$128,370	0.5%
Total Non-Discretionary	\$23,650,140	100%



Louisiana Juvenile Justice Indicators

**Number of Youth by Custody Type
2025 Comparison by Quarter**



Recidivism Report

Fiscal Year	1-SECURE			2-NON-SECURE			3-SUPERVISION			Total		
	1 Year Rate	2 Year Rate	3 Year Rate	1 Year Rate	2 Year Rate	3 Year Rate	1 Year Rate	2 Year Rate	3 Year Rate	1 Year Rate	2 Year Rate	3 Year Rate
2022	22.0%	37.6%	45.0%	19.7%	30.9%	39.5%	11.7%	18.8%	22.8%	14.3%	23.0%	28.2%
2023	18.5%	27.6%	N/A	19.1%	31.6%	N/A	10.9%	17.2%	N/A	13.2%	20.7%	N/A
2024	16.7%	N/A	N/A	19.7%	N/A	N/A	9.1%	N/A	N/A	11.3%	N/A	N/A

Data Source: Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice

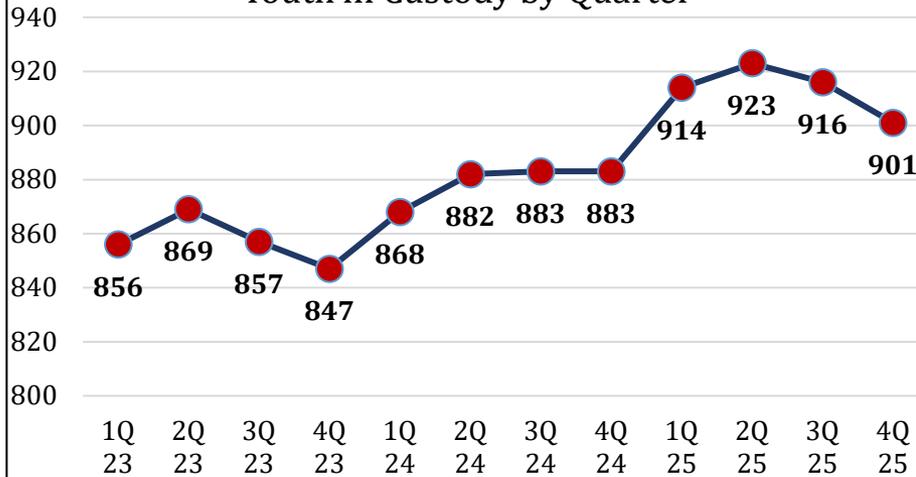
FINS = Families in Need of Services, a legislatively created type of juvenile court proceeding designed to prevent youth misconduct, delinquency, and family disfunction. (Title VII of the Children's Code)



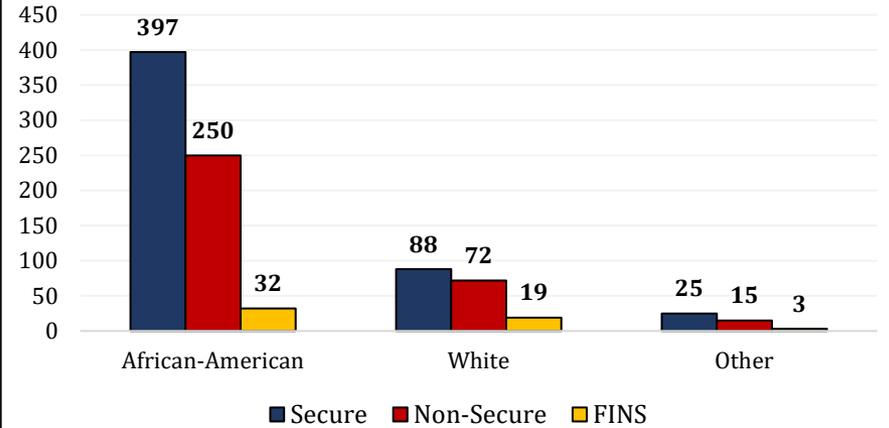
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Selected Data - 4th Quarter 2025

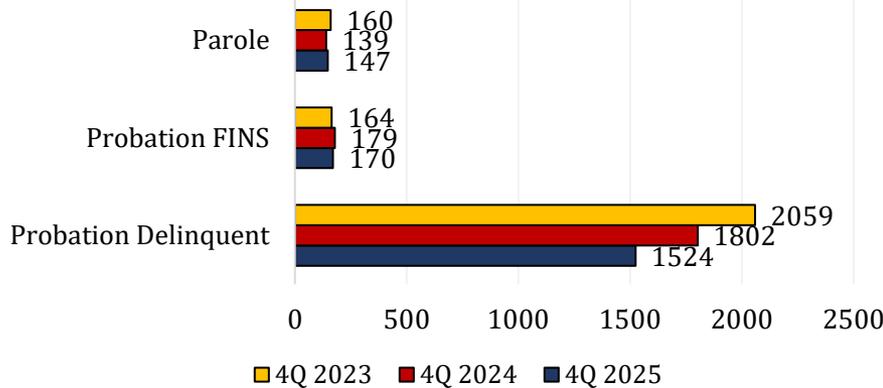
Youth in Custody by Quarter



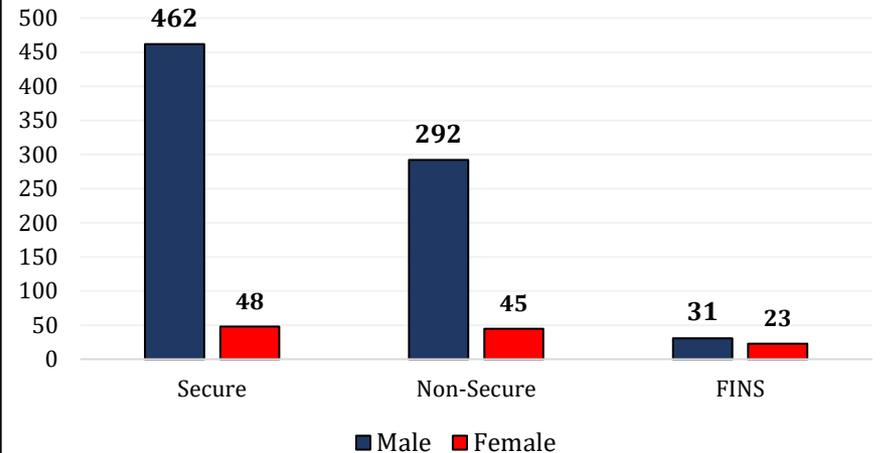
Youth in Custody by Race 4Q 2025



Youth on Probation or Parole - 4Q Comparison



Youth in Custody by Gender





Schedule 20 -- Other Requirements

20-452 Local Housing of State Juvenile Offenders

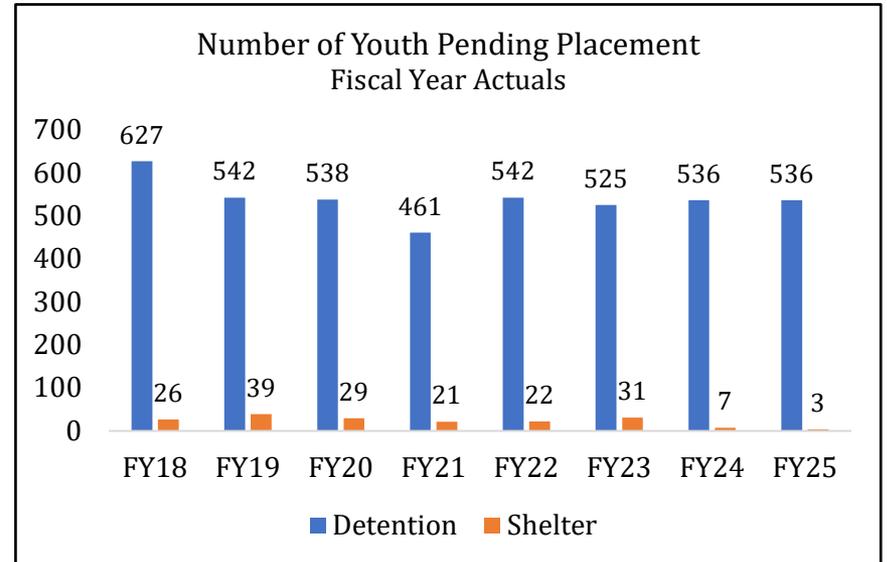
Total Funding	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 Recommended
Local Housing of State Juvenile Offenders	\$7,214,516	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,401	(\$164)

Means of Finance	FY25 Actual	FY26 Enacted	FY26 EOB as of 12-1-24	FY27 Recommended	Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 Recommended
State General Fund	\$7,214,516	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,401	(\$164)
Interagency Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	\$7,214,516	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,565	\$8,069,401	(\$164)

Local Housing of State Juvenile Offenders provides funding to parish and local facilities for youth who have been adjudicated delinquent and are awaiting transfer to Youth Services for placement due to space limitations in state-operated youth facilities.

Budget Adjustments:

- Reduces \$164 State General Fund (Direct) for Office of Technology Services costs.



Detention Avg. – 542 youth

Shelter Avg. – 23 youth

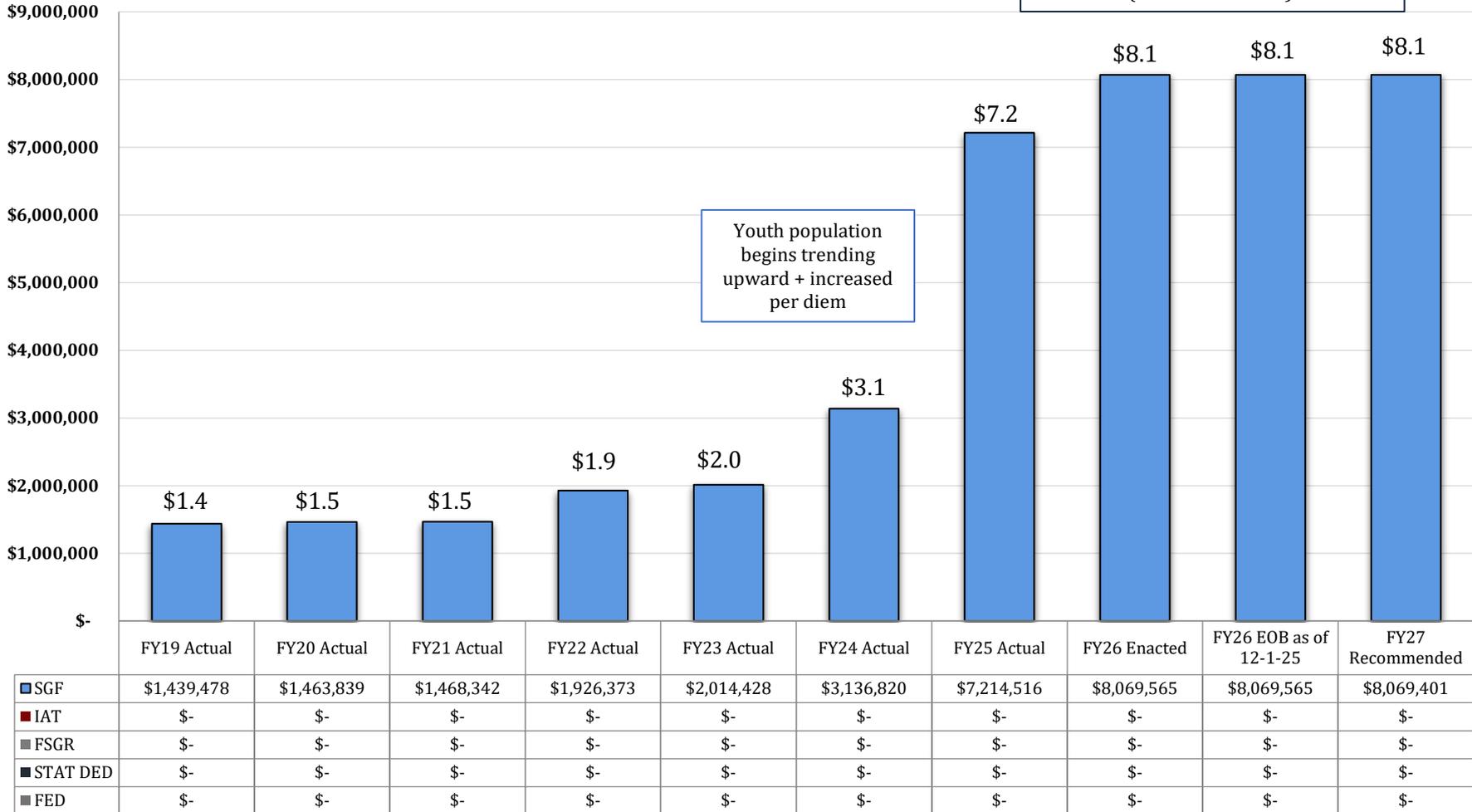


20-452 Local Housing of State Juvenile Offenders

Changes in Funding since FY19

Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance
(in \$ millions)

Change from FY19 to FY27 is 461%
(Actual to Recommended)
Change from FY19 to FY25 is 401%
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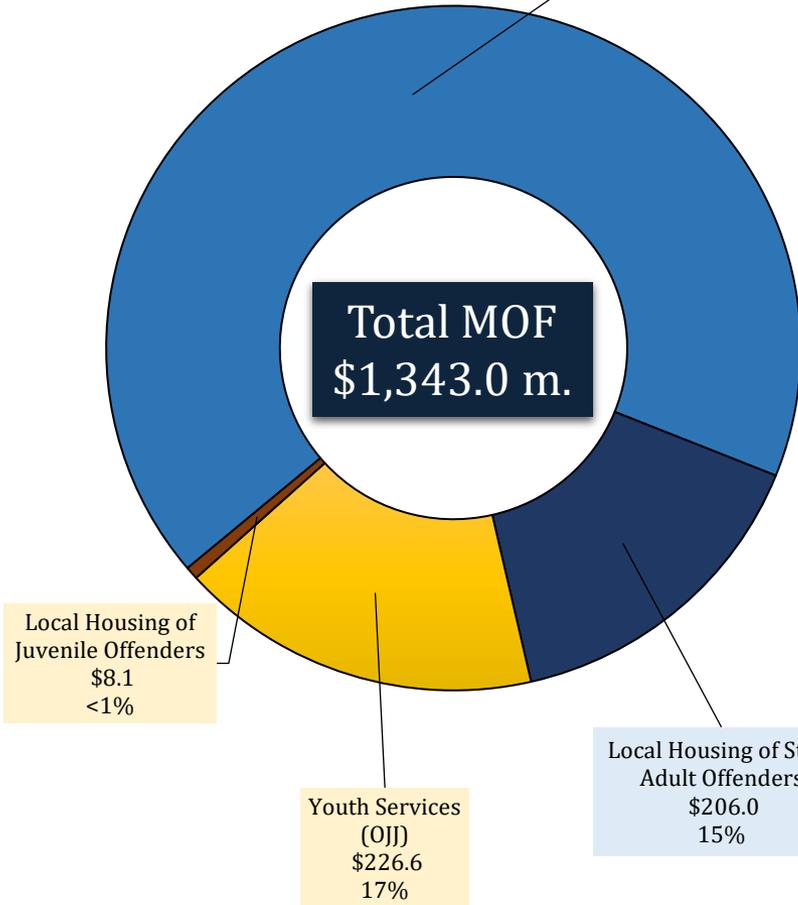


FY27 Recommended Total State Correctional Costs Adult and Juvenile Combined

SGF Total
\$1,216.9 m.

FY 27 Recommended

Corrections Services
\$902.3
67%



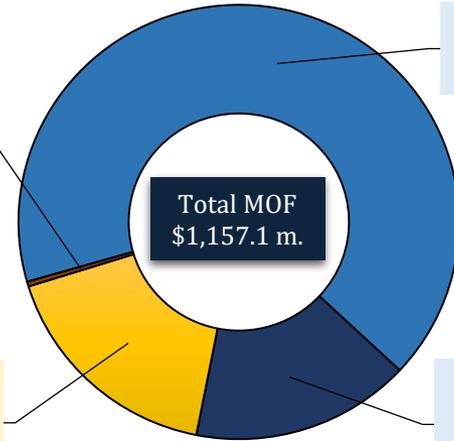
SGF Total
\$1,074.3 m.

FY 26 Recommended

Corrections Services
\$768.5
67%

Local Housing of
Juvenile Offenders
\$4.1
<1%

Youth
Services
(OJJ)
\$197.9
17%



Local Housing of State
Adult Offenders
\$186.6
16%

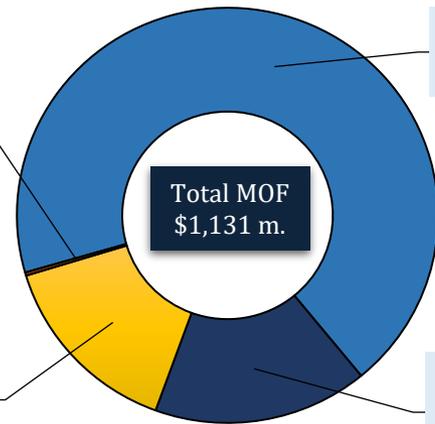
SGF Total
\$1,051.4 m.

FY 25 Recommended

Corrections Services
\$774.8
69%

Local Housing of
Juvenile
Offenders
\$2.8...

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Services
(OJJ)
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Local Housing of State
Adult Offenders
\$186.5
16%