



**Interim Joint Committee**  
**Local Government**  
**July 29, 2024**

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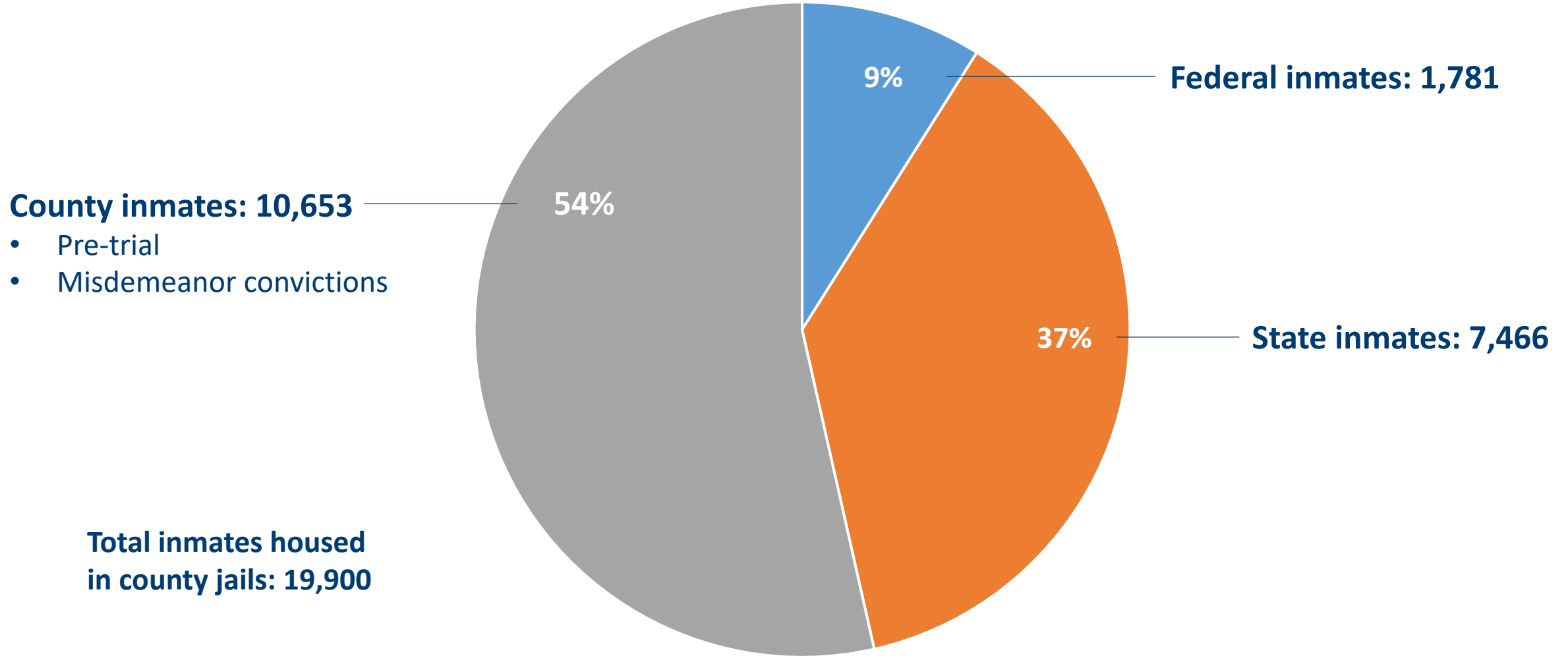




# County jail populations



June 6, 2024 Weekly Jail Report



## Available to all 120 counties

- **Bed allotment:** \$10 million a year
- **Medical allotment:** \$792,800 a year (also referred to as restricted medical)
- **Local Corrections Assistance Fund:** \$4.6 million a year
- **Catastrophic medical:** \$851,800 a year on a reimbursement basis

## Jails housing state inmates

- **Per diem: \$35.34**
  - Begins at sentencing for a felony offense
  - + \$2 for inmate attendance in programming that does not require instructors to complete postsecondary courses
  - + \$10 for inmate attendance in programming that requires instructors to complete postsecondary courses

## Program completion and sentencing credits

- **\$12 million a year**

When a state inmate earns sentencing credit while serving time in the county jail, DOC is required to pay at the end of confinement:

- \$1,000 for program completion that resulted in a 90-day sentencing credit
- \$600 for program completion that resulted in a 60-day sentencing credit
- \$300 for program completion that resulted in a 30-day sentencing credit

## Closed jails

- **\$860,000**

Counties with life safety and closed jails receive \$20,000 a year



# County jail expenses, FY23



Source: FY23 UFIR, Excludes Jefferson and Fayette

# County funding for jails



**\$122.3 million**



**County transfers from general  
fund to jail fund**



Source: FY23 UFIR, Excludes Jefferson and Fayette



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# Rowan County Fiscal Court

Jail Cost Analysis

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2024

# Rowan County Jail Study

## Department of Corrections



- In 2012, the Rowan County Fiscal Court asked the Department of Corrections to conduct a feasibility study with the looming issue of an overcrowded and aging jail reaching its end of life.
- The study returned only two options: close the then 78-bed facility and transport inmates elsewhere for detention, or build a new facility to meet the immediate needs of Rowan County.
- At the time of the study, 5 of the 7 surrounding counties had closed their jails.
- Today, 6 of the 7 surrounding counties have closed jails.
- The nearby counties with full-service facilities that were closest to Rowan County (Carter, Lewis, Greenup and Boyd) had been overcrowded more than 20% over their rated capacity for years. This would necessitate the transport of inmates to more distant facilities between 134- and 288-miles round trip.

# New Rowan County Detention Center Completed in 2018



- In 2018, the ribbon was cut on a new \$19.3M facility with 279 beds.
- Our average annual bond payments total \$1.35M
- Today our facility is housing 331 inmates, with the following rough breakdown:
  - 1/3 Rowan County Inmates
  - 1/3 Other County Inmates
  - 1/3 State Inmates



# Inmate Programs Offered

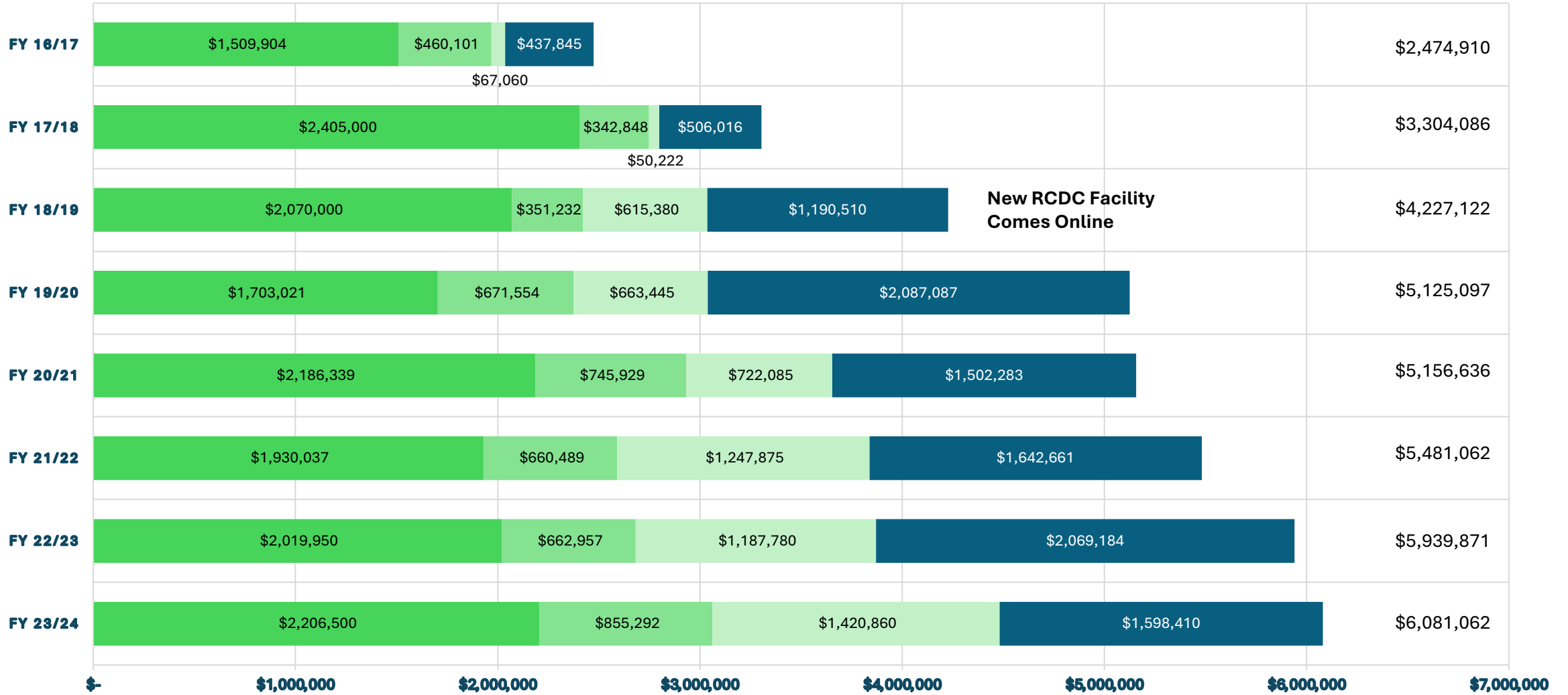


- The Rowan County Detention Center offers several programs aimed at reducing rates of recidivism and improving the lives of those incarcerated upon release, including:
  - Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
  - Anger Management
  - Portal (Parolee Orientation Reentry Training)
  - Health Relationships
  - GED
  - SCORE Program



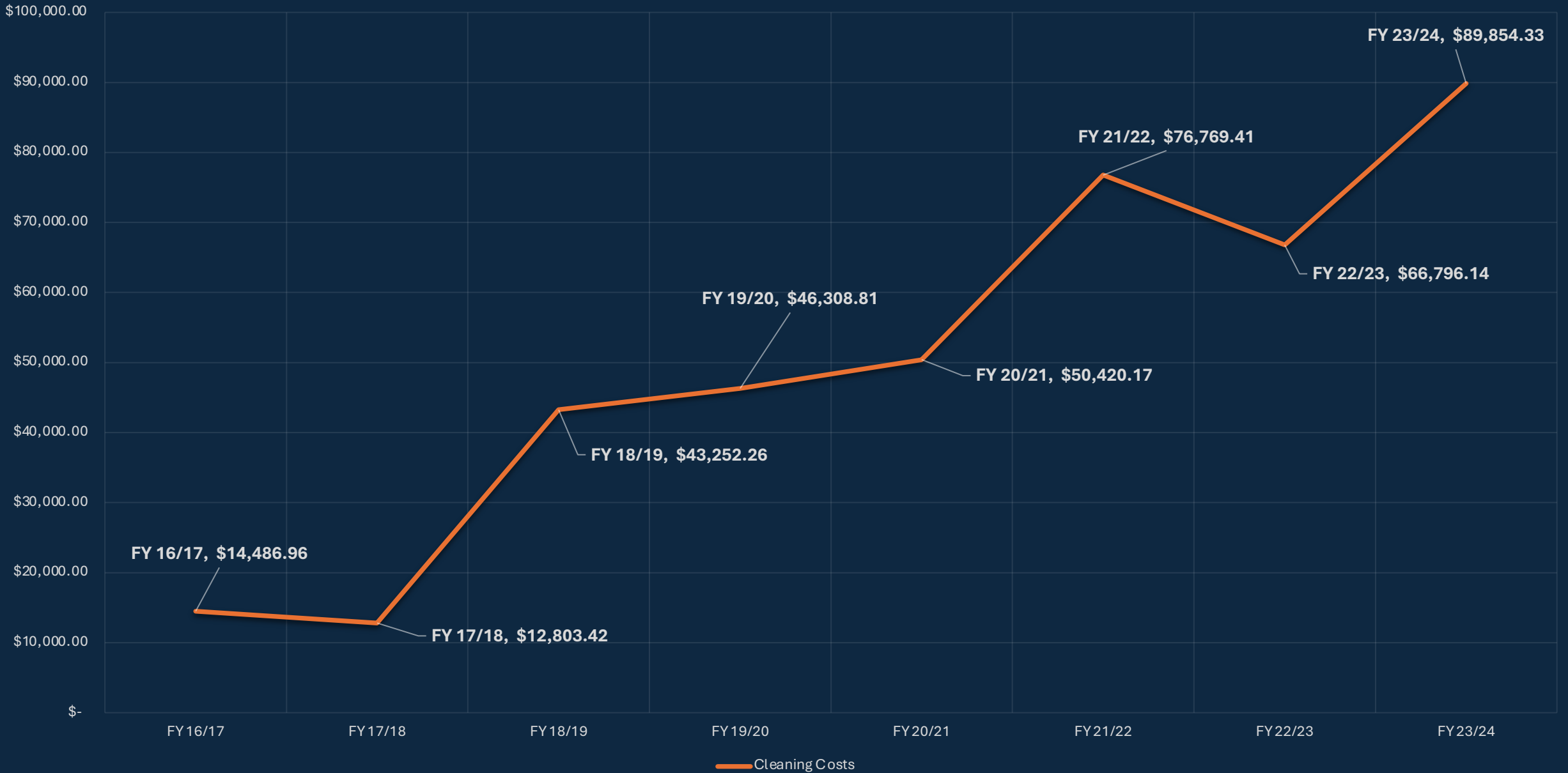
# COST SHARE PERCENTAGES OF ROWAN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER SORTED BY FUNDING SOURCE

■ Rowan County General Fund Contributions   
 ■ Miscellaneous and Incidental Revenue   
 ■ Other Counties   
 ■ State Total

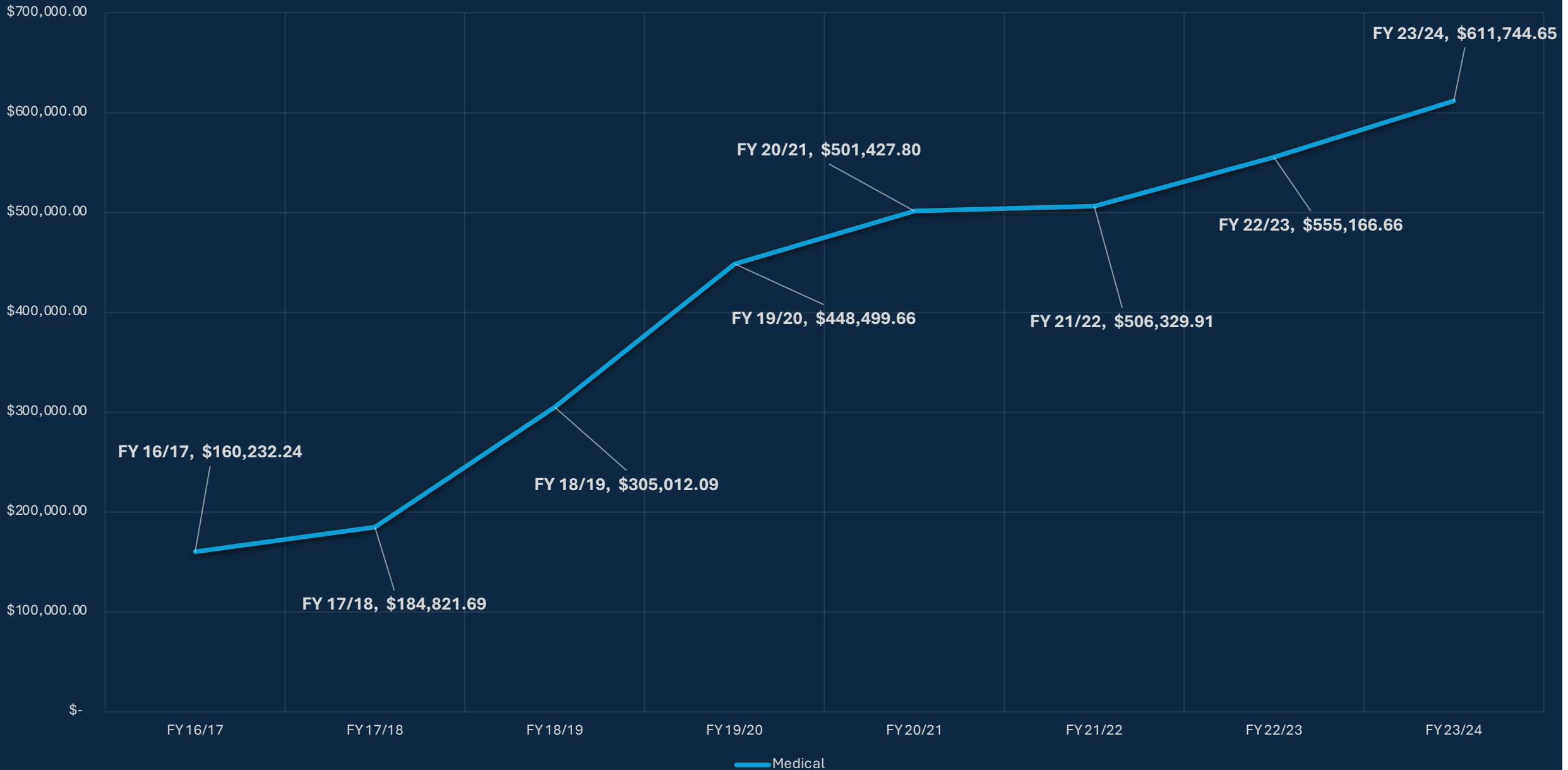




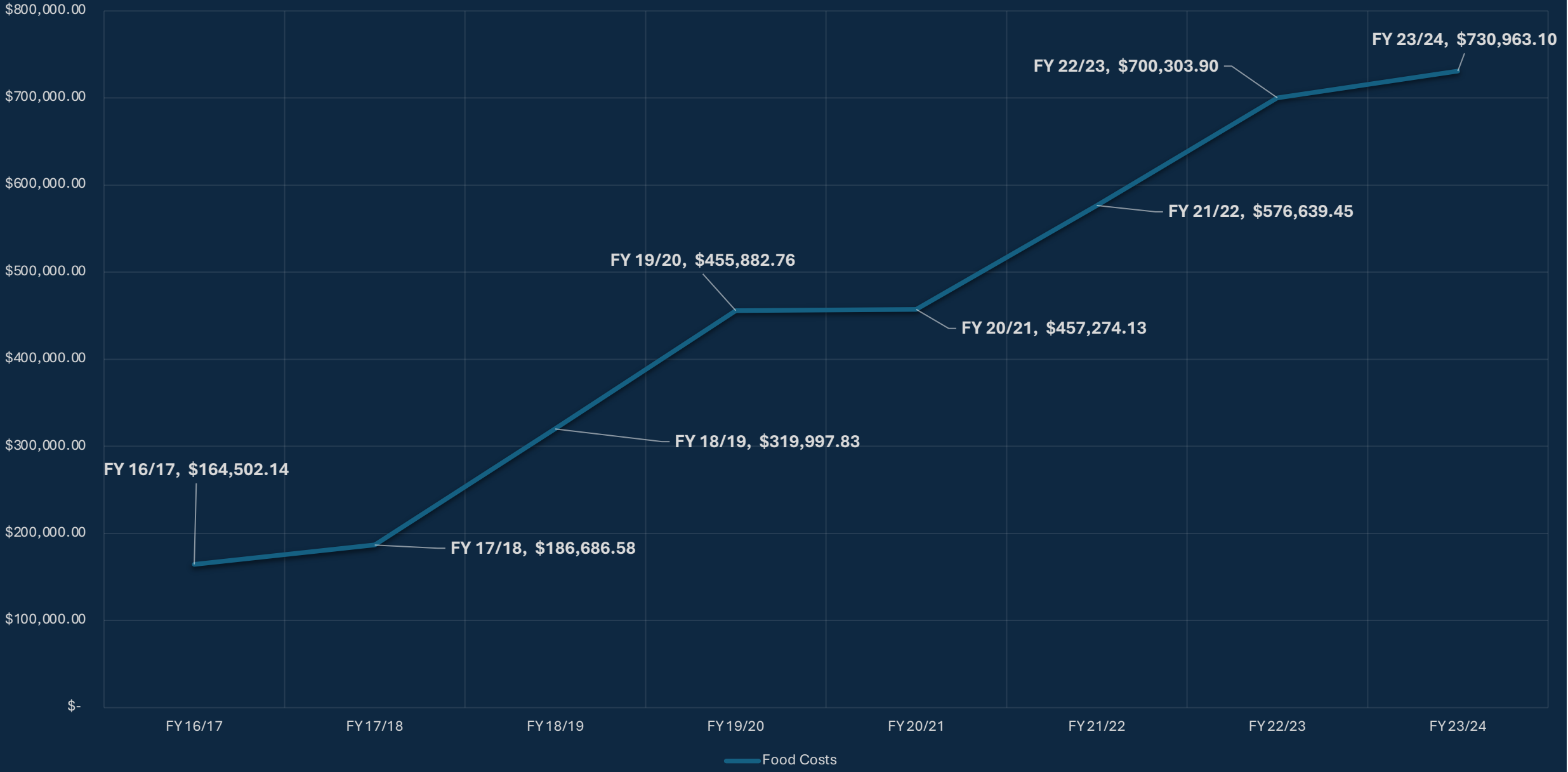
# Cleaning Costs



# Medical



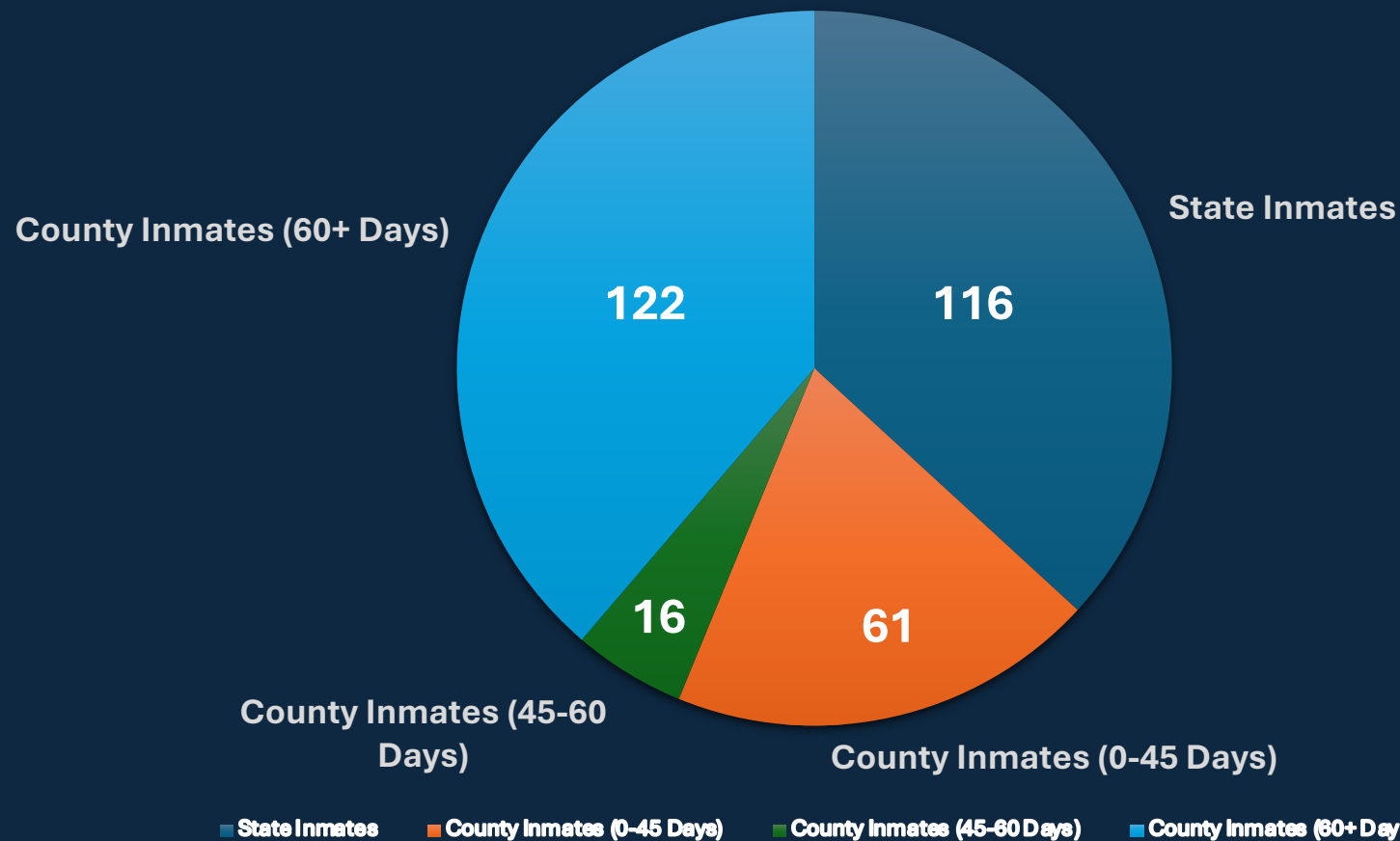
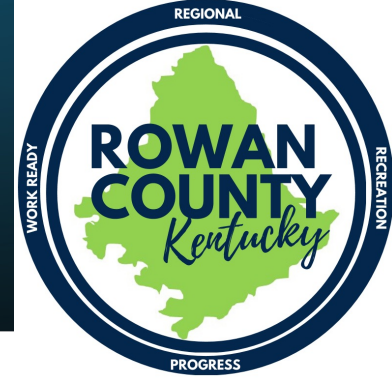
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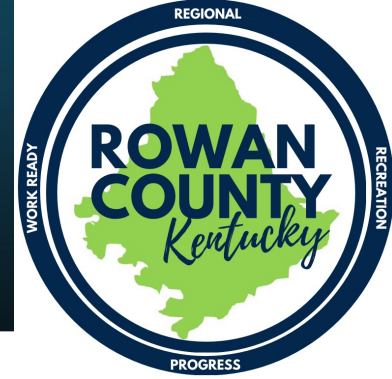
# Manpower



# Rowan County Detention Center Census Breakdown – 7/25/24

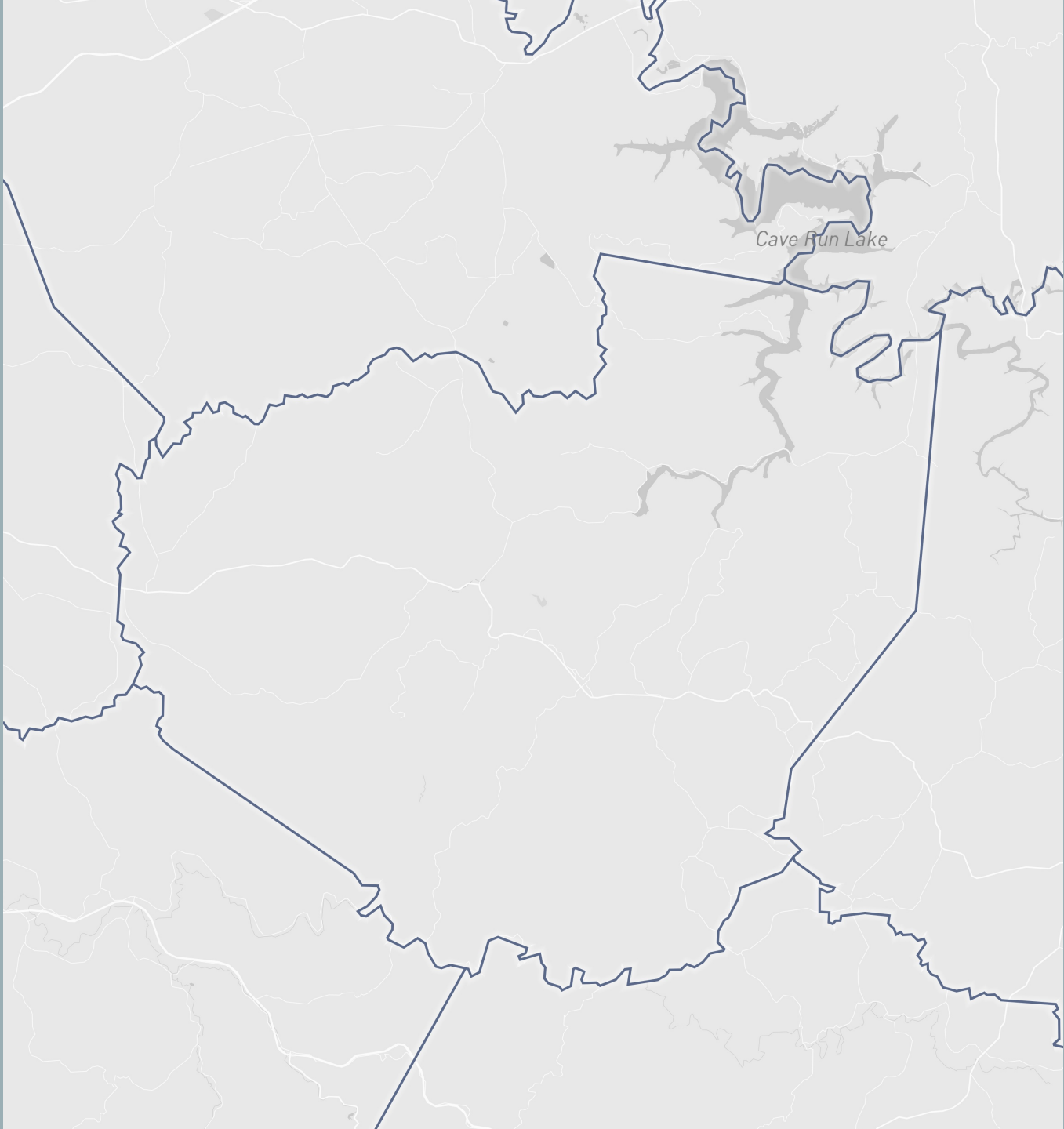


# Length of Time Spent as County Inmates Before Sentencing



## Current Top Ten Unsented County Inmates

Inmate	Days Unsented	Lost Reimbursement Rate	Lost Revenue Per Inmate
10	461	35.34	\$ 16,291.74
9	495	35.34	\$ 17,493.30
8	524	35.34	\$ 18,518.16
7	555	35.34	\$ 19,613.70
6	563	35.34	\$ 19,896.42
5	618	35.34	\$ 21,840.12
4	636	35.34	\$ 22,476.24
3	793	35.34	\$ 28,024.62
2	925	35.34	\$ 32,689.50
1	1190	35.34	\$ 42,054.60
<b>Total Lost Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 238,898.40</b>



# **MENIFEE COUNTY JAIL COSTS**

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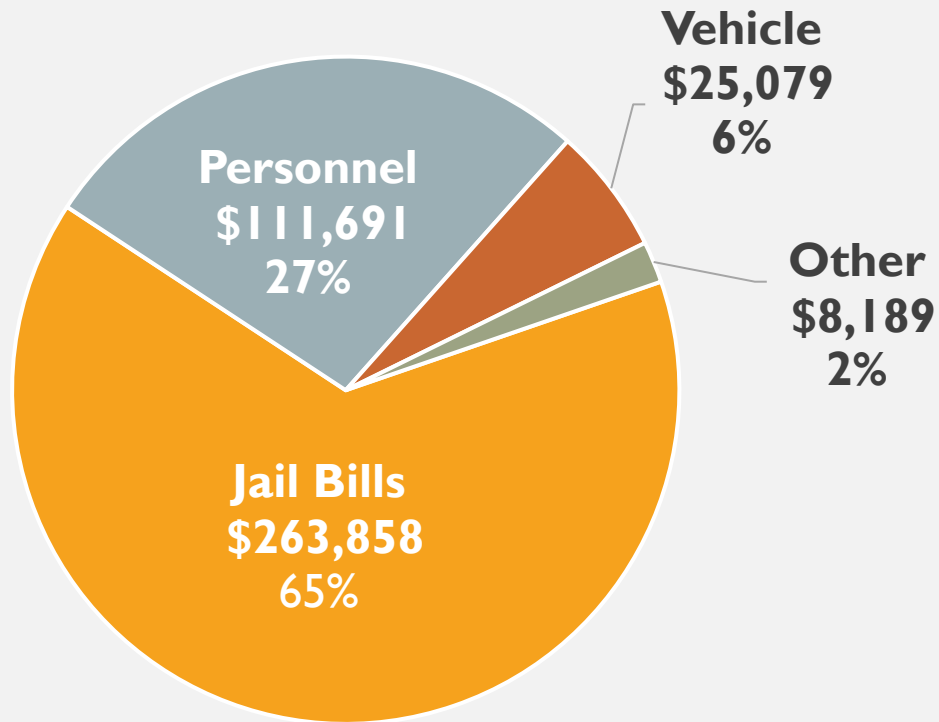
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# MENIFEE COUNTY

- Closed jail
- Responsible for 38 inmates (as of July 25, 2024)
- Inmates housed in:
  - Rowan County (\$42/day)
  - Montgomery County (\$40/day)
  - Powell County (\$33/day)
  - Lee County – Three Forks (\$32/day)

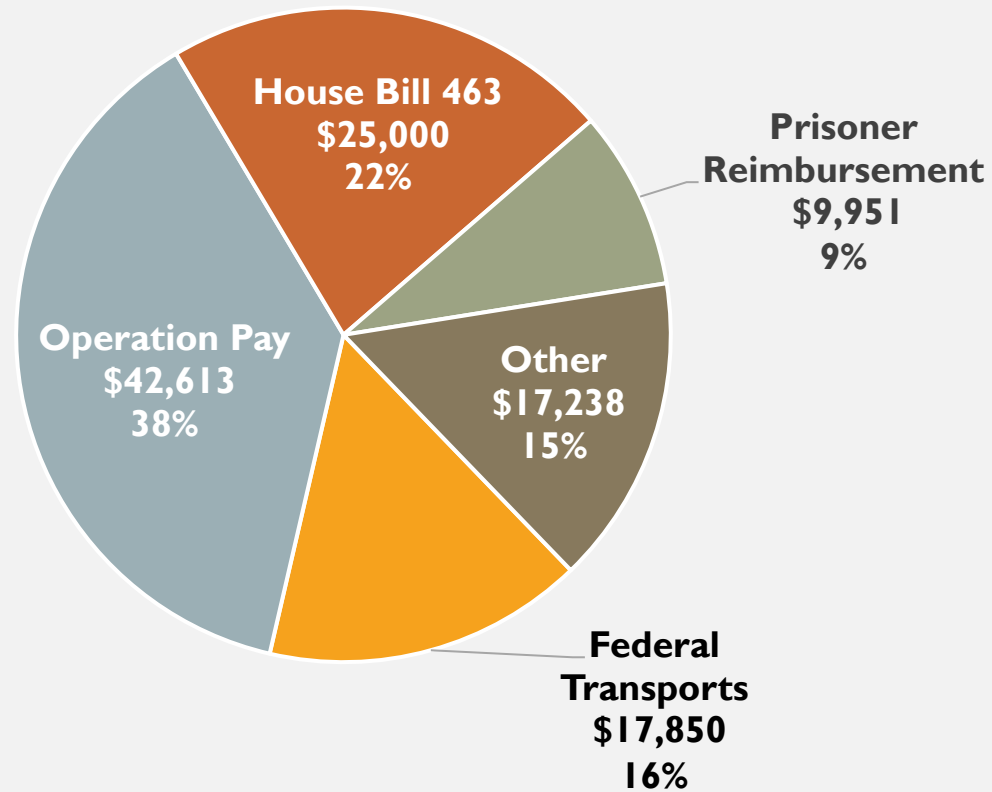


# Jail Expenses, FY 23-24



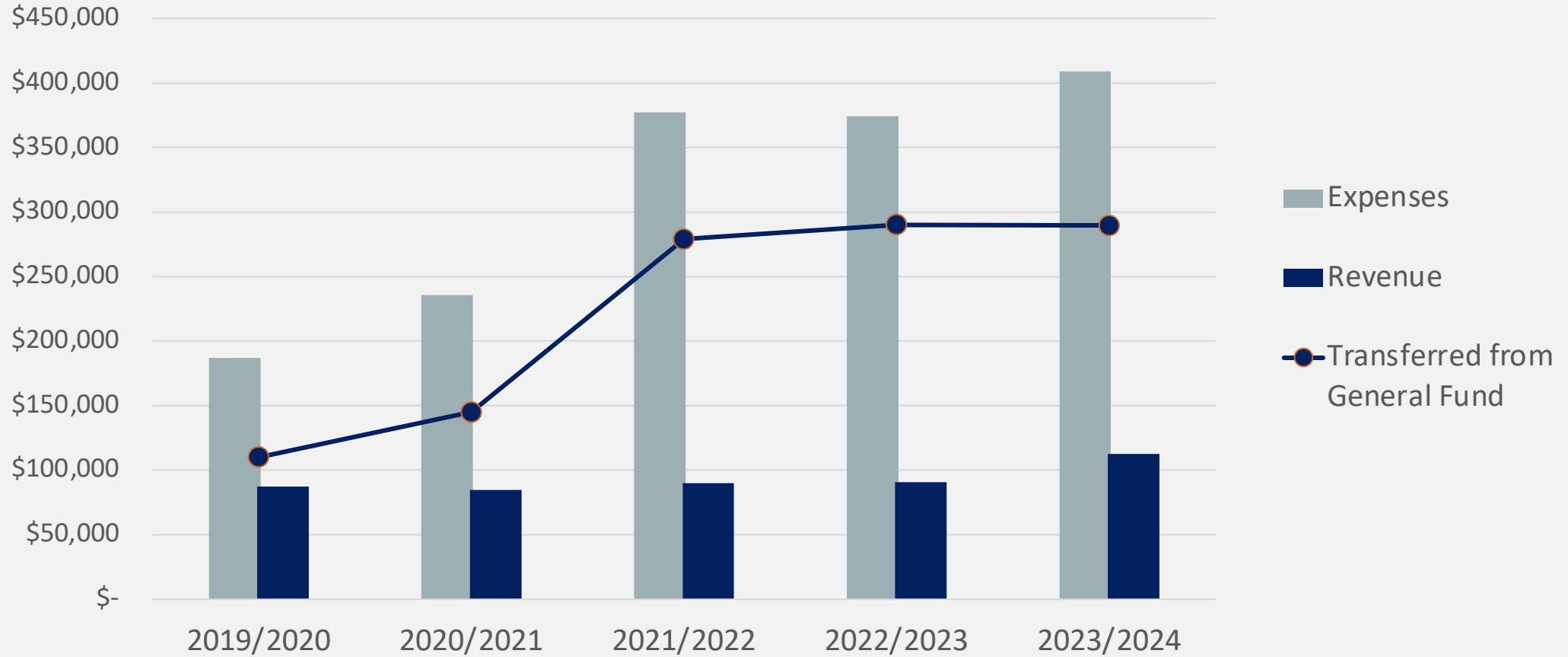
Jail Bills	\$263,858.00	64.5%
Personnel Cost	\$111,691.15	27.3%
Vehicle Cost	\$25,079.49	6.1%
Other: Housing Juveniles	\$6,246.56	1.5%
Other: Routine Medical	\$1,213.67	0.3%
Other: Prisoner Food	\$728.85	0.2%
	<b>\$408,817.72</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Jail Revenues, FY 23-24



Operation Pay	\$42,613.20	37.8%
House Bill 463	\$25,000.00	22.2%
Federal Transports	\$17,850.49	15.8%
Prisoner Reimbursement	\$9,951.00	8.8%
Other: Misc Revenues	\$6,610.00	5.9%
Other: House Bill 413	\$5,499.25	4.9%
Other: Medical Payment	\$3,361.96	3.0%
Other: House Bill 452	\$863.92	0.8%
Other: DUI Receipts	\$782.68	0.7%
Other: Home Incarceration	\$100.00	0.1%
Other: Interest	\$19.85	0.0%
	<b>\$112,652.35</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Jail Expenses vs Revenue



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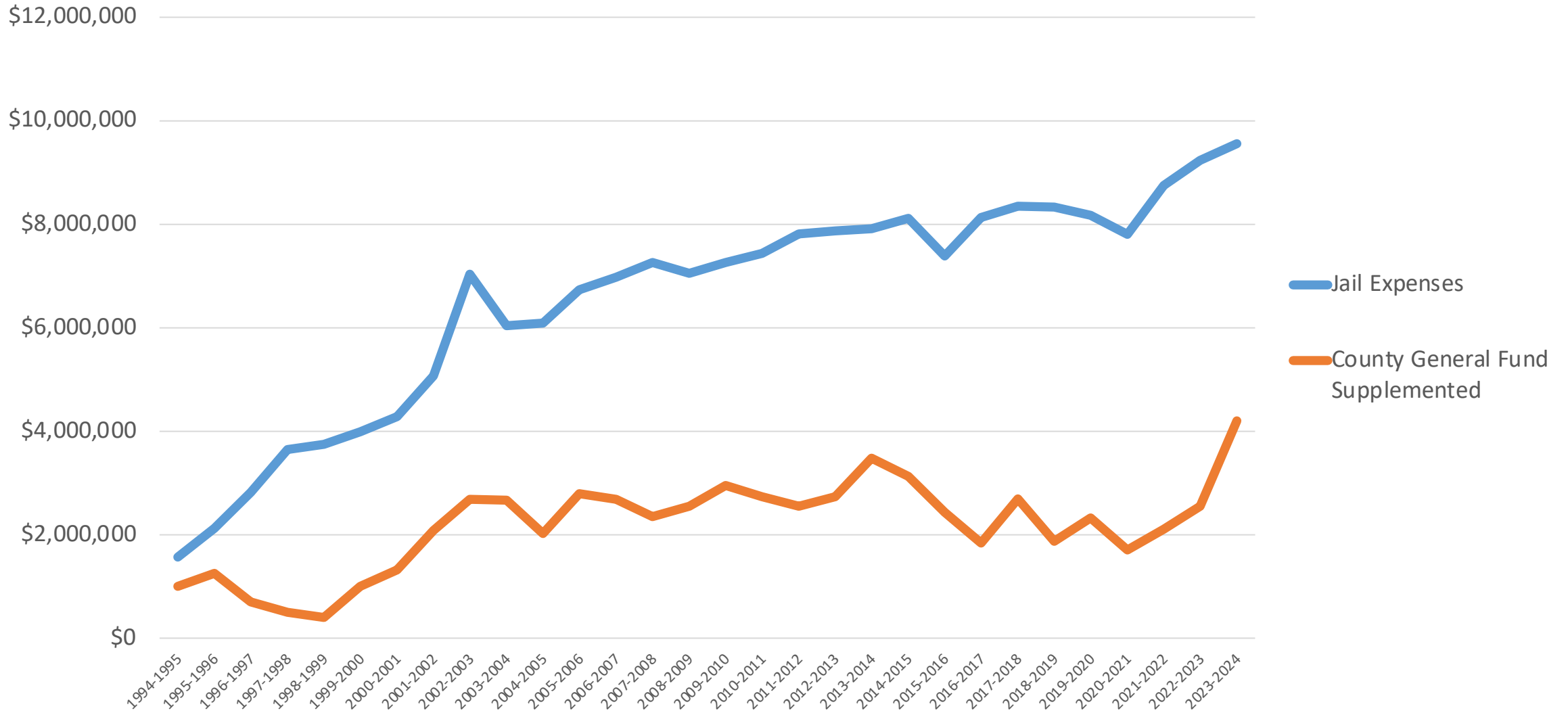
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# Jail Expenses, FY 1995 – FY 2024



# Jail Revenue, FY 1995 – FY 2024







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