



MOE Budget 2025-2026

**Alameda County
District Attorney's
Office Presentation**

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Mission Statement

Ethically prosecute those who commit crimes, uphold the rights of victims and provide them with compassionate support, and protect the communities that we serve. Collaborate with justice and community partners and foster policies that prioritize public safety and restore public trust. Reinforce innovative programs that provide opportunities for rehabilitation and reintegration, and to enhance the lives of the residents of Alameda County.



Mandate

The District Attorney's Office represents the People of the State of California ethically, professionally and with integrity, in criminal, civil and juvenile matters. The DA's Office will always pursue the truth, demonstrate commitment to fair and equitable justice for all, and ensure that victims of crime are treated with respect, dignity, and empathy.

District Attorney

Financial Summary

District Attorney	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-26 Preliminary Maintenance of Effort Budget	Change from FY 24-25 Approve to FY 25-26 MOE	
			Amount	Percentage
Appropriations	\$105,494,441	\$111,196,475	\$5,702,034	5.41%
Revenue	\$21,471,918	\$22,653,779	\$1,181,861	5.50%
Net County Cost	\$84,022,523	\$88,542,696	\$4,520,173	5.38%
FTE - Management	263.16	268.16	5	1.90%
FTE – Non-Management	99.88	99.88	0	0.00%
Total FTE	363.04	368.04	5	1.38%



District Attorney

Major Components of Net County Cost (NCC) Change (in millions)

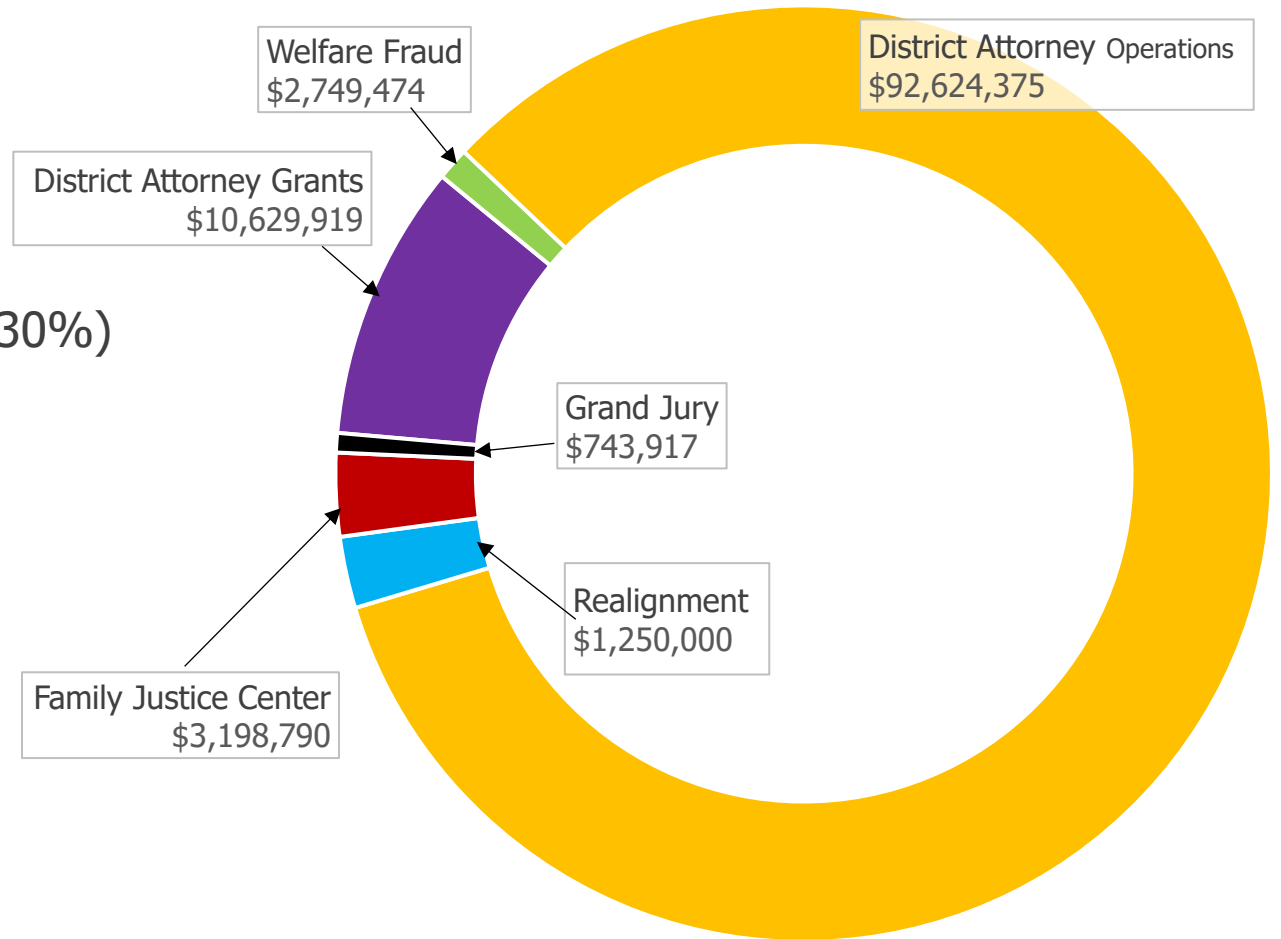
Component	NCC Change
Salary and Employee Benefits <i>• Major Drivers – COLA/Benefits adjustments; Salary Savings Adjustment</i>	\$4.26
Internal Service Fund Adjustments <i>• Major Drivers - Increase in Building Maintenance and Motor Vehicle Costs</i>	\$0.63
Intra Fund Transfers <i>• Major Drivers - Calico revenues</i>	(\$0.18)
Total Revenue adjustment <i>• Increased revenue in Family Justice Center (AB2010) and DA Realignment</i>	(\$0.20)
TOTAL NCC Change	\$4.52



Appropriation by Department

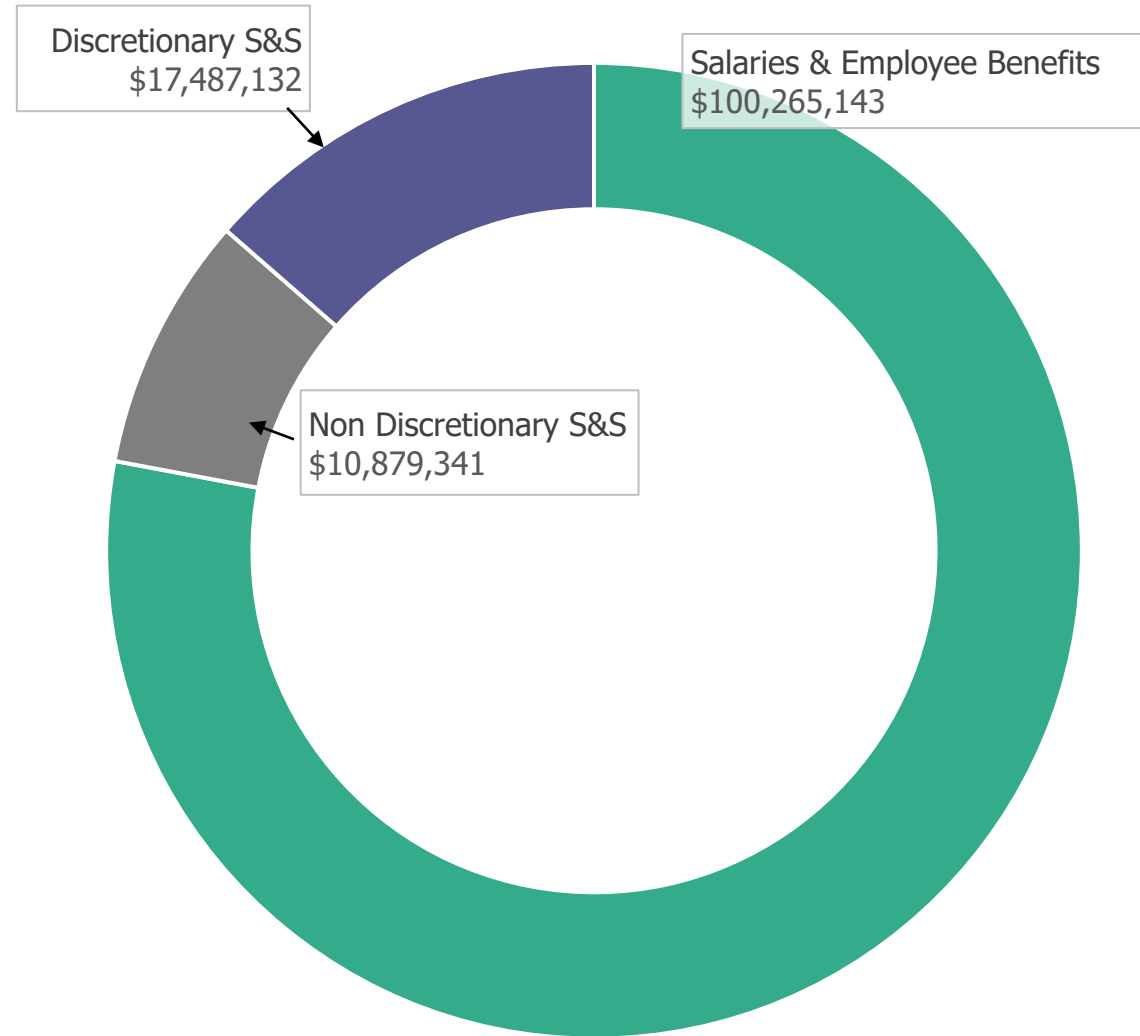
- District Attorney Grants: \$10,629,919 (9.56%)
- Realignment: \$1,250,000 (1.12%)
- District Attorney Operations: \$92,624,375 (83.30%)
- Welfare Fraud: \$2,749,474 (2.47%)
- Family Justice Center: \$3,198,790 (2.88%)
- Grand Jury: \$743,917 (0.67%)

Total Appropriations: \$111.2M

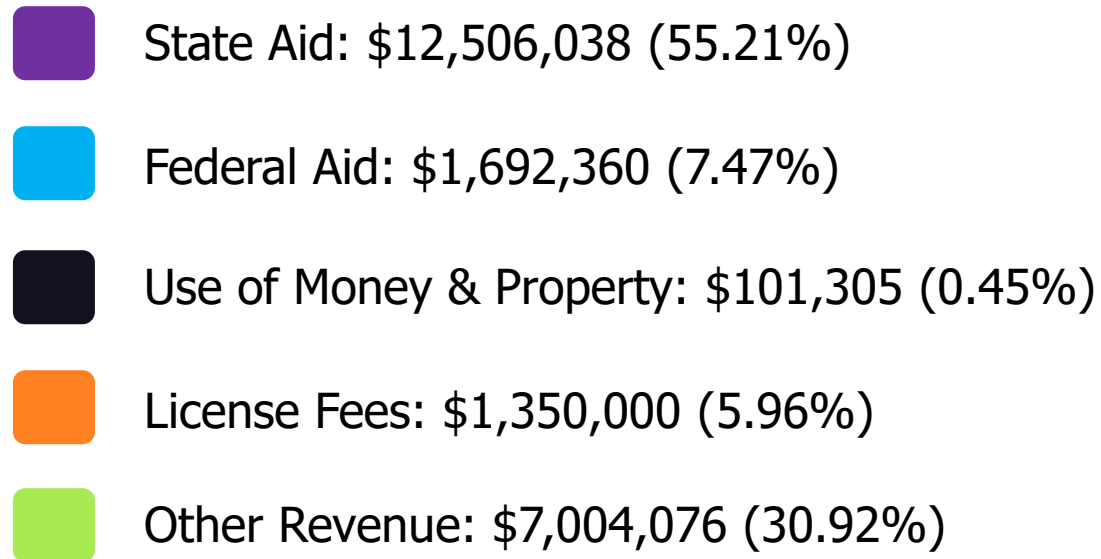


Total Appropriation by Major Object \$111.2M

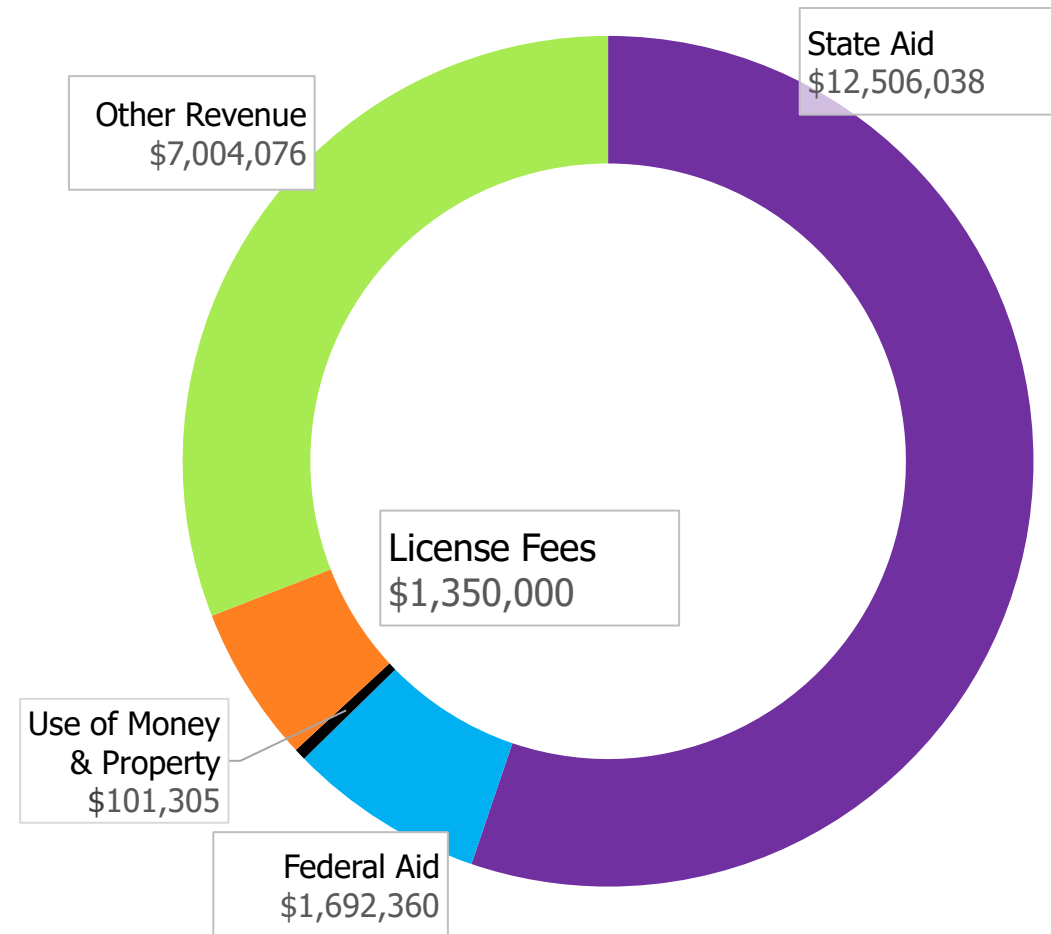
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$100,265,143	77.95%
Services & Supplies Non Discretionary	\$10,879,341	8.46%
Services & Supplies Discretionary	\$17,487,132	13.59%
Intra Fund Transfers	-\$17,435,141	



Total Revenue by Source



Total Revenues \$22.65M



Mandated & Discretionary Services

Mandated Services

- *Criminal Prosecution* - At county courts, Domestic Violence unit, Sexual Assault Unit & Collaborative Courts Unit.
- *Civil Prosecution/Litigation* – Consumer & Environmental Protection prosecution unit, Mental Health Unit.
- *Victim Services* - Provide support, accompaniment, facilitate restitution, and advocacy for victims and witnesses of crime.
- *Grand Jury* - Legal Advisor to the Grand Jury.

Discretionary Services

- *Family Justice Center* - Response, Advocacy, Resources and Empowerment to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and elder/dependent adult abuse.
- *C.A.R.E.S. Navigation Center* – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder pre-charging program that addresses the underlying causes of crime and provide justice involved individuals with an opportunity to alter their negative behaviors, while being held accountable.
- *Trauma Recovery Center* – Provide counseling and mental health services to crime survivors.



THE NEED IS HIGHER THAN EVER:

CASES PRESENTED FOR CHARGING IN THE FIRST 30 DAYS (as a comparison)



Referrals



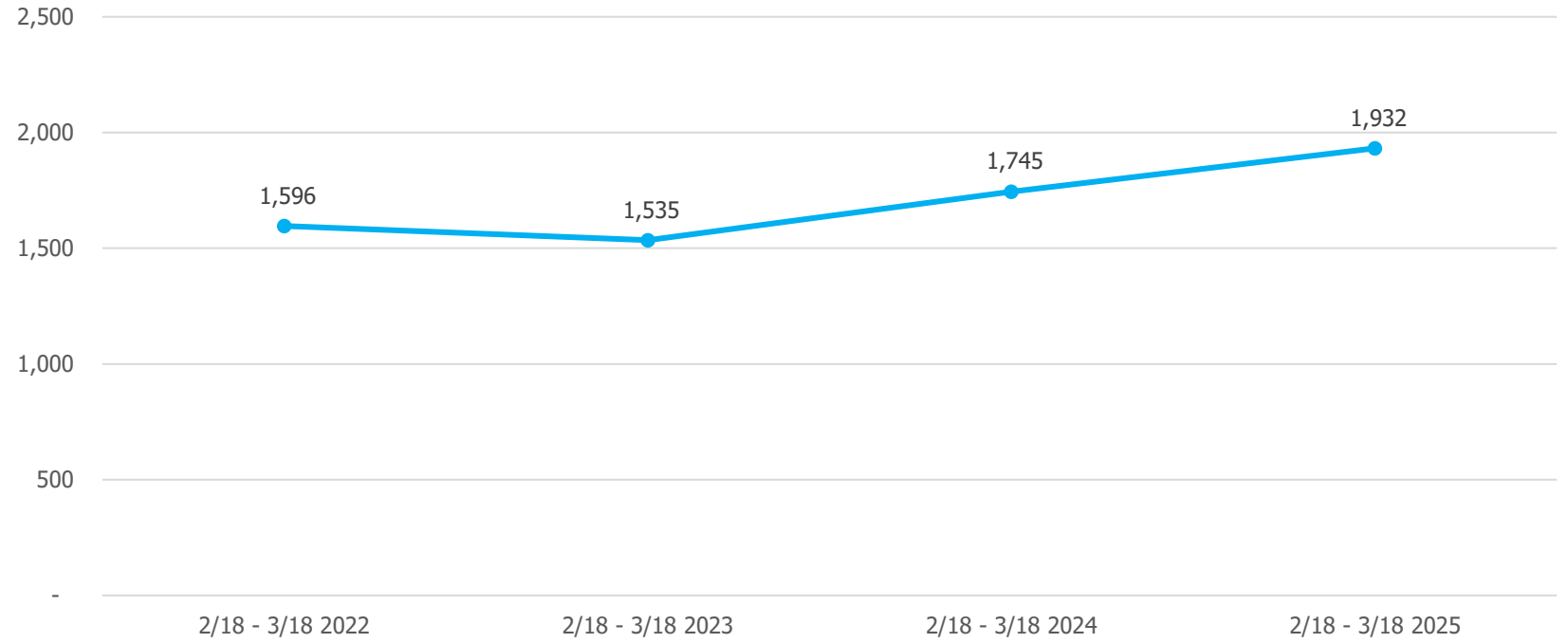
First 30 Days: February 18 – March 18 2023 - 2025

The unit of measurement is the police incident number and a unique combination of a person to reflect a criminal incident

Each referral may include one or more criminal charges

The offense level reflects the most serious conduct for which the person was arrested

Total Number of Referrals Reviewed



Feb 18- Mar 18 2022

Charge Level: Misdemeanor

Cases Accepted	641
Alternative Action	85
Cases Declined	429

Charge Level: Felony

Cases Accepted	325
Alternative Action	44
Cases Declined	72

Feb 18- Mar 18 2023

Charge Level: Misdemeanor

Cases Accepted	531
Alternative Actions	73
Cases Declined	489

Charge Level: Felony

Cases Accepted	275
Alternative Actions	52
Cases Declined	115

Feb 18- Mar 18 2024

Charge Level: Misdemeanor

Cases Accepted	639
Alternative Actions	51
Cases Declined	481

Charge Level: Felony

Cases Accepted	376
Alternative Actions	50
Cases Declined	148

Feb 18- Mar 18 2025

Charge Level: Misdemeanor

Cases Accepted	695
Alternative Actions	113
Cases Declined	452

Charge Level: Felony

Cases Accepted	474
Alternative Actions	81
Cases Declined	116

Charge Level: Infraction

Cases Accepted	1
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Cases Filed

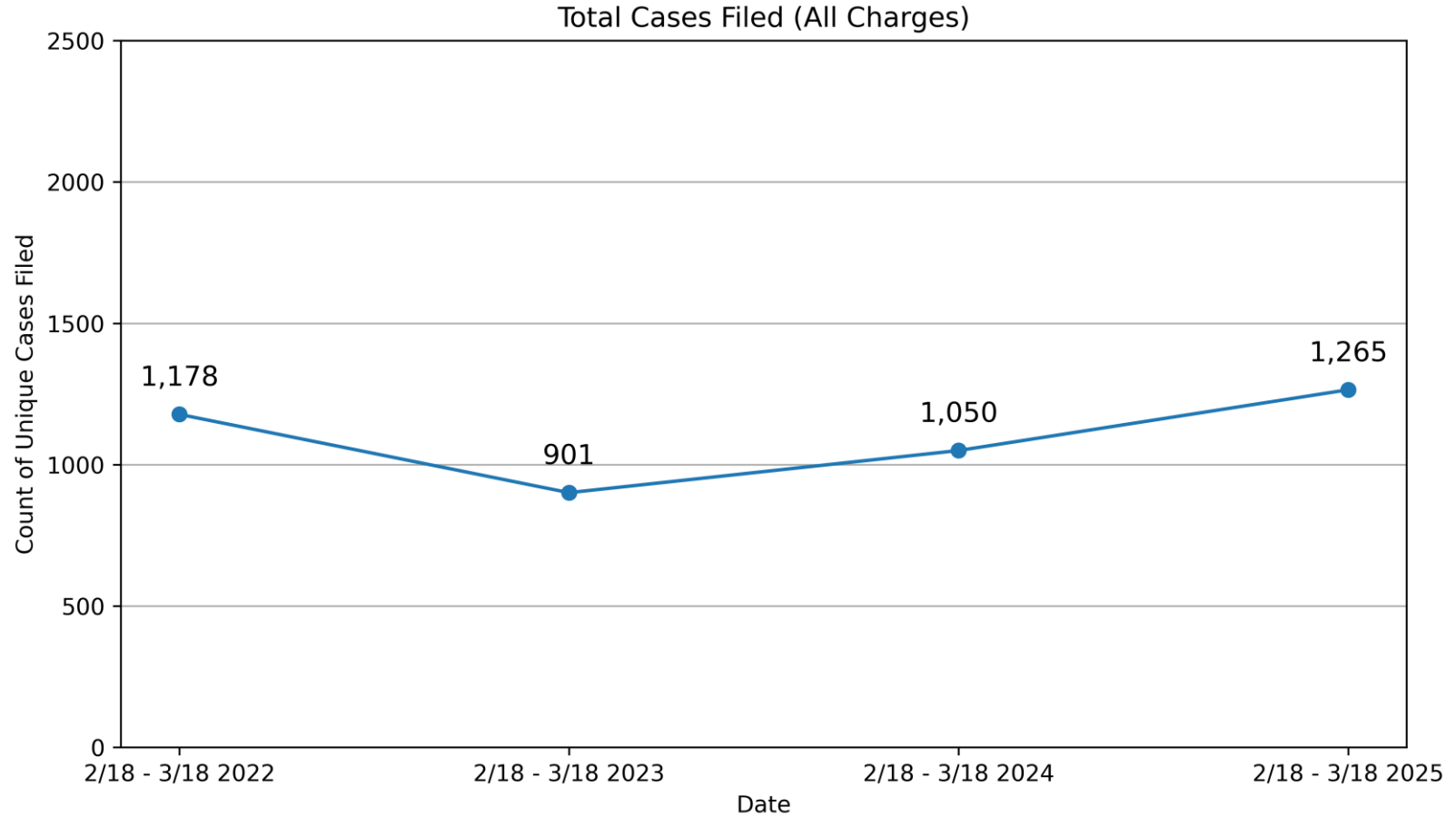


**First 30 Days:
February 18 – March 18
2023 - 2025**

The unit of analysis is a court case number and a unique combination of a criminal incident number.

Each case may include one or more criminal charges.

The charge level represents the highest-severity offense filed against the individual in the case.



<u>Case Charge Level</u>	<u>Feb 18- Mar 18 2022</u>	<u>Feb 18- Mar 18 2023</u>	<u>Feb 18- Mar 18 2024</u>	<u>Feb 18- Mar 18 2025</u>
Felony	404	279	372	458
Misdemeanor	770	620	677	807
Infraction	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
No Charge Level	4	2	1	0



Safe and Liveable Communities

Victim Services and Specialized Units of Expert Prosecutors and Inspectors

- **Alameda County Family Justice Center**
- **Certified Trauma Recovery Center**
- **Restitution**
- Victim-Witness Assistance Program
- Victims of Crime Assistance
- Increased Resources for Family Burials
- Increased Access to Medical and Mental Health Care
- Mental Health Unit
- **C.A.R.E.S. Navigation Center**
- **Collaborative Courts**
- Elder and Dependent Adult Unit
- Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Abuse Unit
- Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit
- Human Exploitation And Trafficking Unit
- Hate Crime Unit
- Special Prosecution Unit
- Community Engagement and Legislation Division
- **DNA Cold Case Unit**
- **Worker Protection / Labor Trafficking**
- Real Estate Fraud
- Environmental Protection Unit
- Consumer Protection Unit
- Insurance Fraud



Safe and Liveable Communities

THE REHABILITATION MODEL



- **Behavioral Health Court:** Serves persons with a diagnosed Axis 1 mental disorder who are charged with non-strike crimes.
- **Early Intervention Court (EIC):** Serves non-violent offenders charged with 1170(h) offenses – primarily theft, property crimes and drug sales.
- **Pacific Educational Services (PES) Misdemeanor Pre-Charging Diversion:** Pre-charging alternative that diverts individuals away from the criminal justice system in favor of an education-based program.
- **Veterans Treatment Court:** Serves Veterans suffering from psychological trauma and/or substance abuse related to their service.
- **Drug Court:** Secures intense substance abuse treatment for “high risk, high needs” persons charged with drug-related offenses.
- **Re-entry Court:** Provides increased support for reintegration into the community for felons active to parole or PRCS who are at high/moderate risk to recidivate or violate their supervision terms.
- **Homeless and Caring Court:** Community court serving formerly homeless individuals by dismissing tickets, fines, and court fees from previous traffic offenses and non-violent misdemeanor convictions.
- **Mentor Diversion Court:** Diverts persons aged 18-25 who are charged with drug sales.
- **Clean Slate:** Created in 2002, the D.A. partnered with the Superior Court and the East Bay Community Law Center to reduce and expunge 300 criminal convictions in a single-day event at Laney College.
- **C.A.R.E.S. Navigation Center:** Alternative to incarceration for those with Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder who are engaging in crime



COLLABORATIVE COURTS TESTIMONIAL



New Victims Served by Alameda County District Attorneys Office

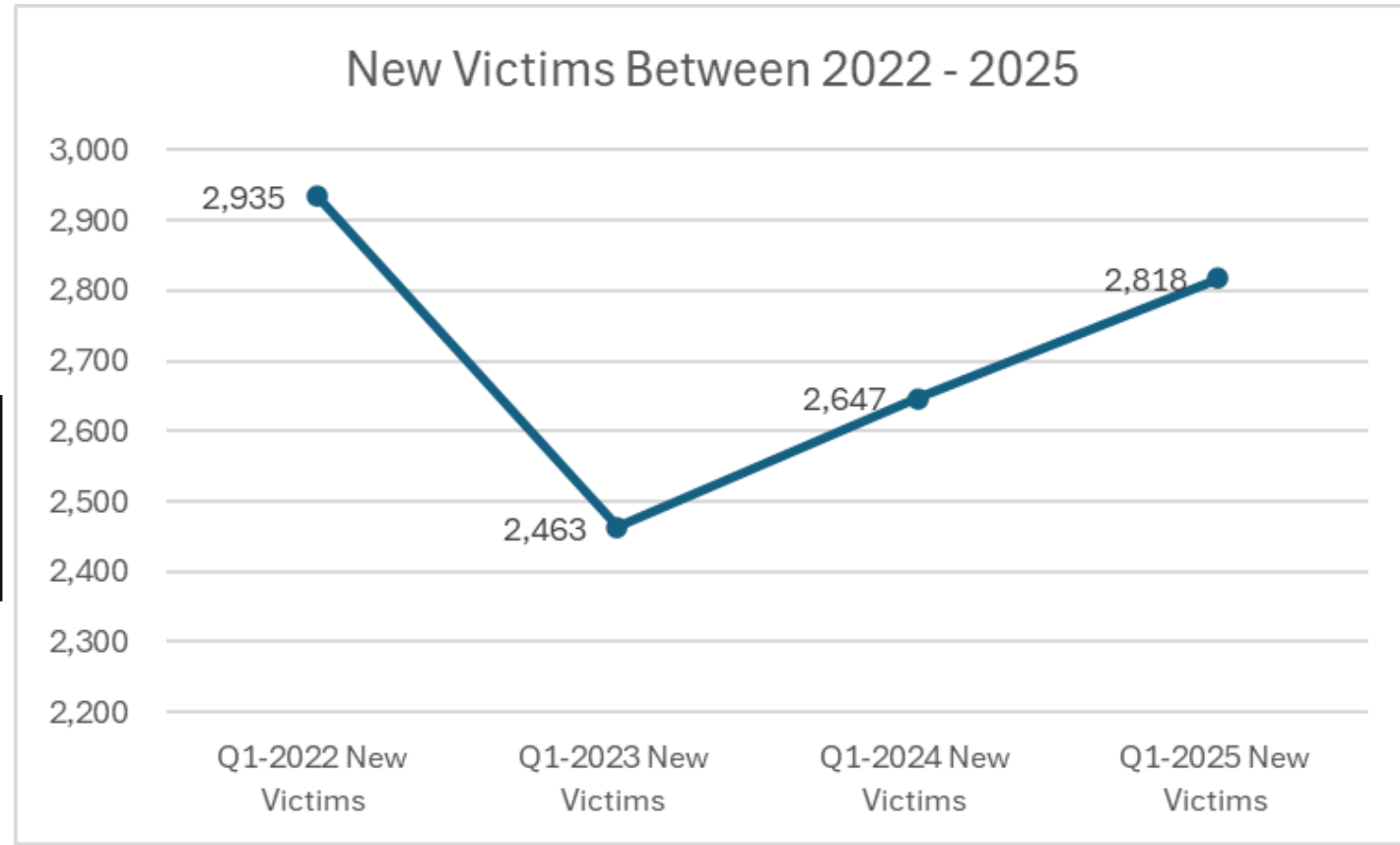


**First Annual Quarter:
2023 - 2025**

New Victims are identified by the date the Victim case opened.

All core services mandated by [Marsy's Law](#) are provided by ACDAO.

On average, we provide 33 services to new and prior victims between 2022 and 2025.



Top 10 Services Provided by ACDAO

- Case Status/Case Disposition (CSD)
- Court Escort/Support (CS)
- Crisis Intervention (CI)
- Direct Counseling/Therapy
- Language Interpretations
- Orientation Of Criminal Justice (OCJS)
- Restitution Assists
- Victim Impact Statement (VI)
- Victim Of Crime Claims - Claims Informed & Assisted
- Victims' Rights Information

We offer services to all crime types, including but not limited to...

- Property Crimes
- Domestic Violence
- Aggravated Assault
- Assault with Deadly Weapons
- Robbery
- Criminal Threats
- Identity Theft
- Battery
- Drunk Driving
- Violation of a Protective Court Order

* Based on the number of times the service was provided



Human Impacts of Funding Reductions



- Changes in State Law substantially increased workload
 - Diverting resources from one area to another to meet the mandates
 - Victims of crime suffer from delays and lack of process
- Greater need to address Mental Health with fewer resources
- Increased recognition of the impact of crime on children, women, men and community including businesses puts greater stress on the community
- Loss of life by lack of intervention and engagement with those engaging in crime

Community Based Partners Supporting Grant Funded Services

- Community Works West
- AnnieCannons
- Bay Area Women Against Rape
- Restorative Pathways (formerly Ruby's Place)
- DeafHope
- Dream Catcher
- PranaMind
- Family Violence Law Center
- Asian Health Services
- A Safe Place
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Youth ALIVE!
- Legal Assistance for Seniors
- Center for Independent Living
- East Bay Innovations
- Progressive Transitions
- Triumph Educational Center
- Building Futures
- Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments
- Survivors Healing, Advising, & Dedicated to Empowerment (SHADE)
- Tri-Valley Haven
- DOVES Project, Center for Child Protection UCSF
- WestCoast Children's Clinic
- WestEd
- Justice at Last
- The Uncuffed Project
- MISSSEY
- Catholic Charities East Bay
- Lao Family Community Development
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Highland Hospital Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program
- Every public school district in Alameda County
- CALICO
- VOICES
- Divine Interventionz



Significant Cost Saving Efforts

- Increase the number of grant applications, successful in receiving multi-year grant awards
- Moving towards a paperless process that will reduce office supply costs
- Identify and create new cost-saving measures
- Reorganization
- Oversight and coordination of internal processes



An aerial night photograph of Alameda County, California. The central focus is the Alameda County Courthouse, a large, classical-style building with a prominent portico, illuminated with blue and white lights. The surrounding city is densely packed with buildings, many of which are lit up, creating a vibrant urban landscape. The image is split vertically, with the left side showing a clear view of the courthouse and the right side being a darker, more atmospheric view of the city and a body of water in the distance.

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**Thank
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