

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit 2014 Budget Presentation



Superior Court
State Court
Magistrate Court
Administrative Office of the Courts



MISSION STATEMENT

The Georgia Constitution established the Courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit to enforce and administer the laws of this State and of the United States. As a separate and distinct branch of government, the Courts are under a constitutional mandate to resolve disputes and enforce laws in a fair and impartial manner.

VISION

The judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit are committed to professional, efficient, and impartial case resolution.

VALUES

- **QUALITY**: The Courts will strive to provide the highest quality of justice.
- **STRATEGIC THINKING**: The Courts commit to implementing programs and processes that promote the continuation of effective case flow management to meet the challenges of the future.
- **ACCESS**: Courthouses will be safe environments where citizens can conduct their business promptly.

VALUES

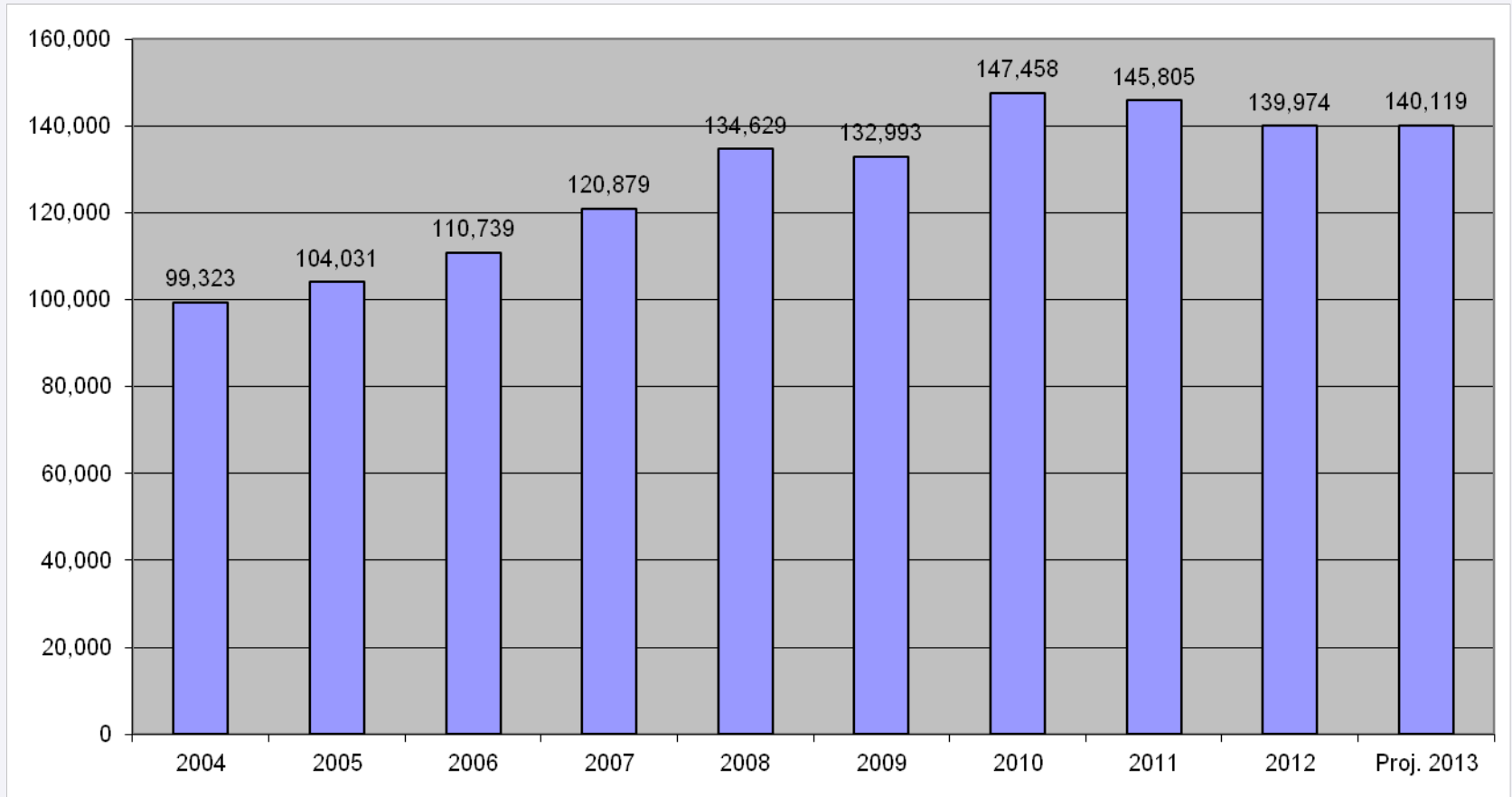
- **INNOVATION**: The Courts will implement innovative programs that use modern technology.
- **SERVICE**: The Courts will meet the challenges of providing services to our increasing and diverse population with a commitment to ensuring public trust and confidence in the judicial system.
- **STEWARDSHIP**: The Courts will act as responsible caretakers of the financial and human resources entrusted to them.

CORE SERVICES

- ***CRIMINAL***: Ensuring all criminal defendants have a public and speedy trial by an impartial jury and providing a forum for victims of crime to be heard.
- ***DOMESTIC***: Resolving all divorce, custody and child support disputes brought before the court for the betterment of families and children.
- ***CIVIL***: Adjudicating all civil and equitable disputes brought before the court.

Combined Caseload Chart

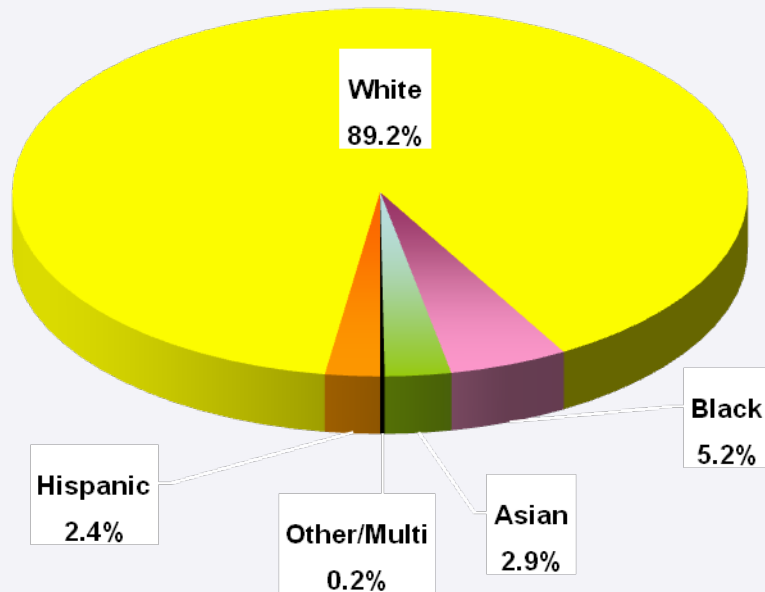
Superior, State, and Magistrate Courts



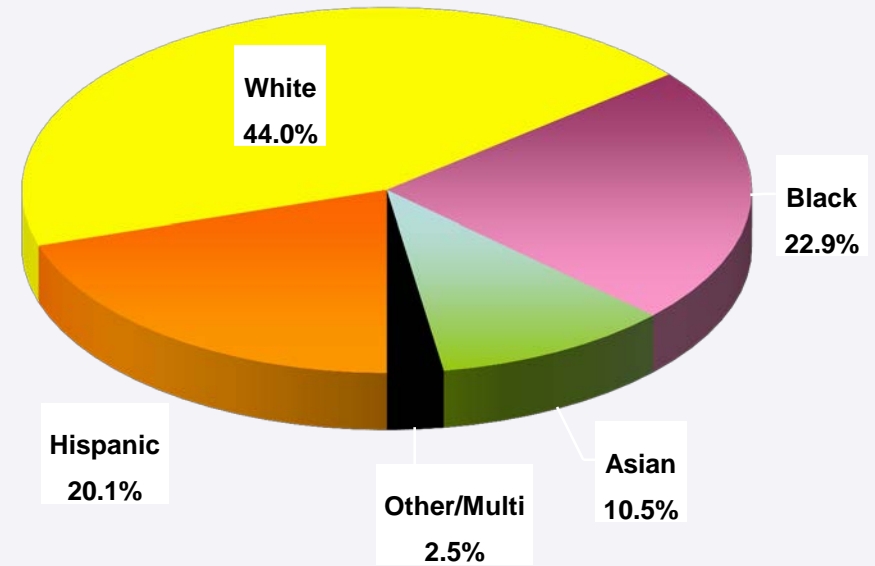
Gwinnett County Ethnic Distribution

1990-2010

1990

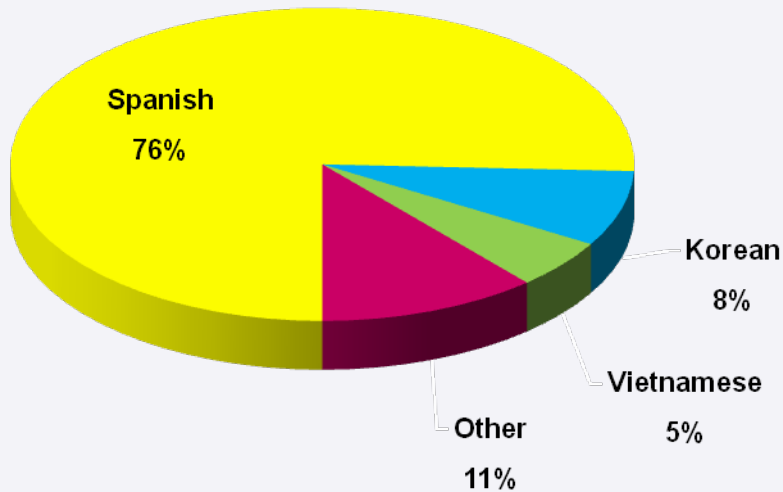


2010

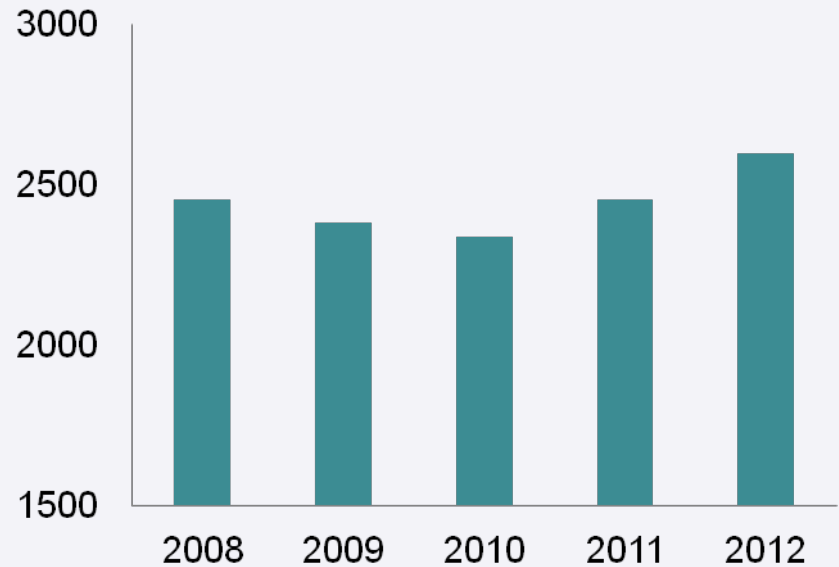


Interpreters

Language Usage



Request

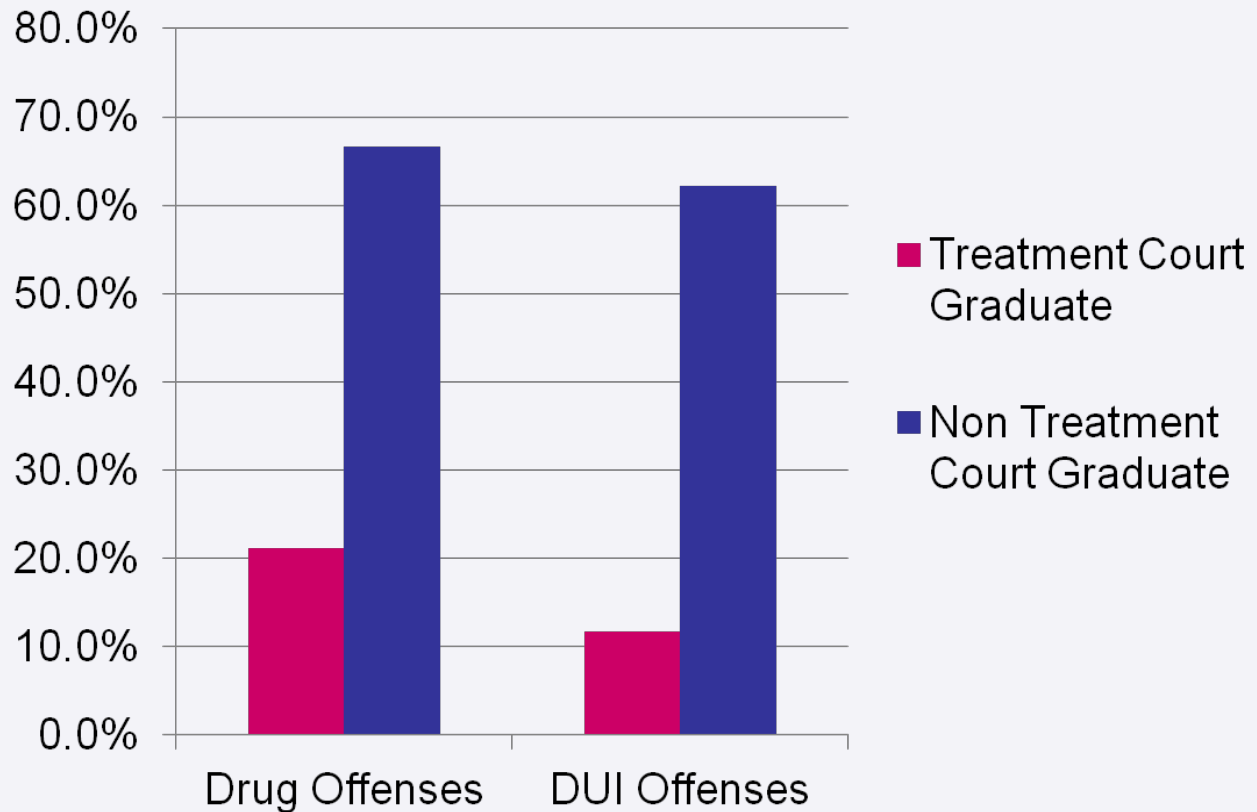


In 2012, there were 2,599 requests for interpreters in the Superior, State, and Magistrate courts, an average of 10 requests per work day. A total of 26 different languages were requested.

Increasing number of multi-defendant cases

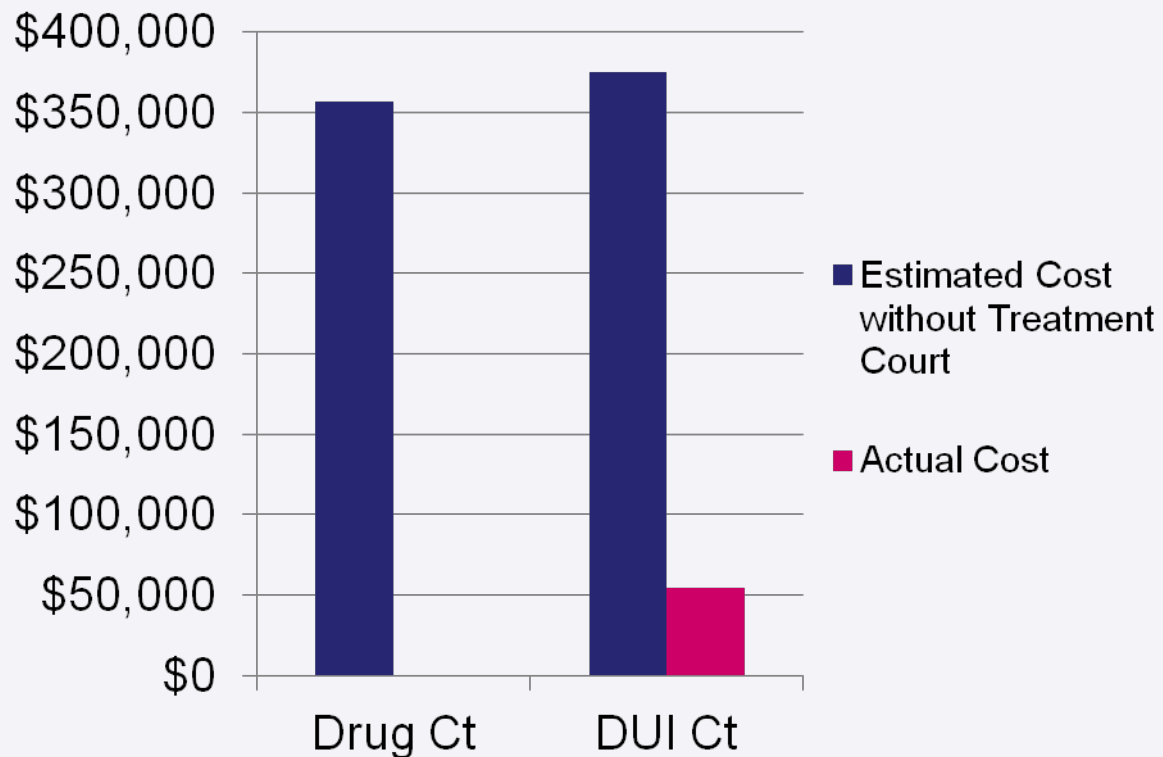


Treatment Court Recidivism Rates



Rearrest within 3 years

Jail Cost Savings for Drug & DUI Court Participants

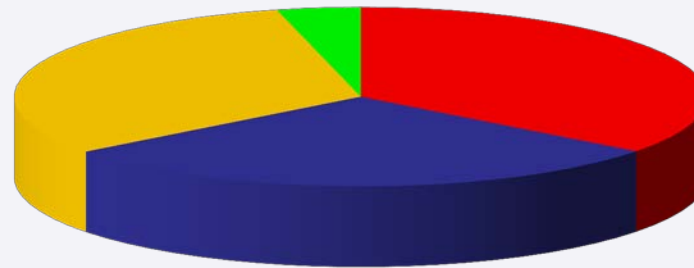


Excludes sanctioned jail time

Alternative Dispute Resolution

2012

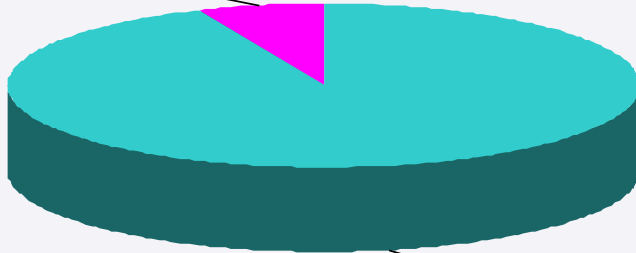
Mediation Caseload



- Superior Court
608 Cases
- State Court
500 Cases
- Magistrate Court
542 Cases
- Juvenile Court
67 Cases

Divorcing Parents Seminar

Spanish
156 Attendees
6%



English
2295 Attendees
94%

Jury

ONE DAY - ONE TRIAL



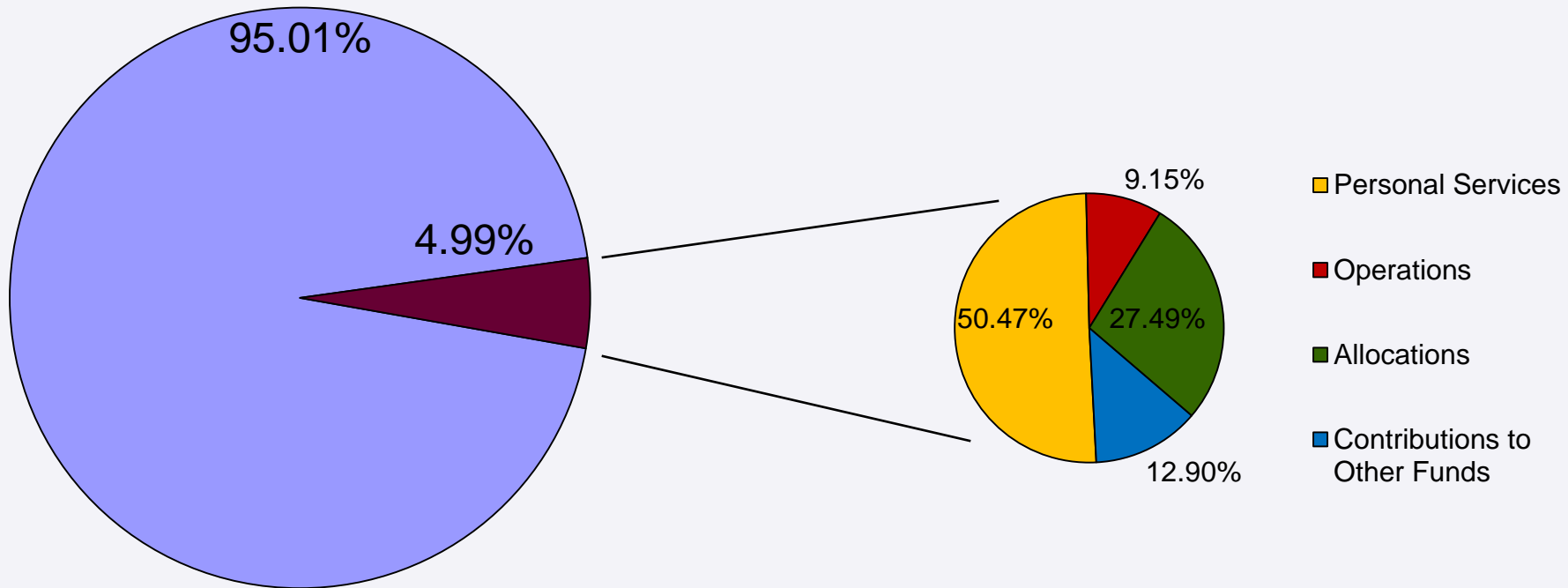
Overflowing Jury Assembly



Percentage of Department General Fund Utilized

Superior, State, Magistrate Courts and Administrative Office of the Courts

- County Department General Fund
- Superior, State, Magistrate Courts & AOC

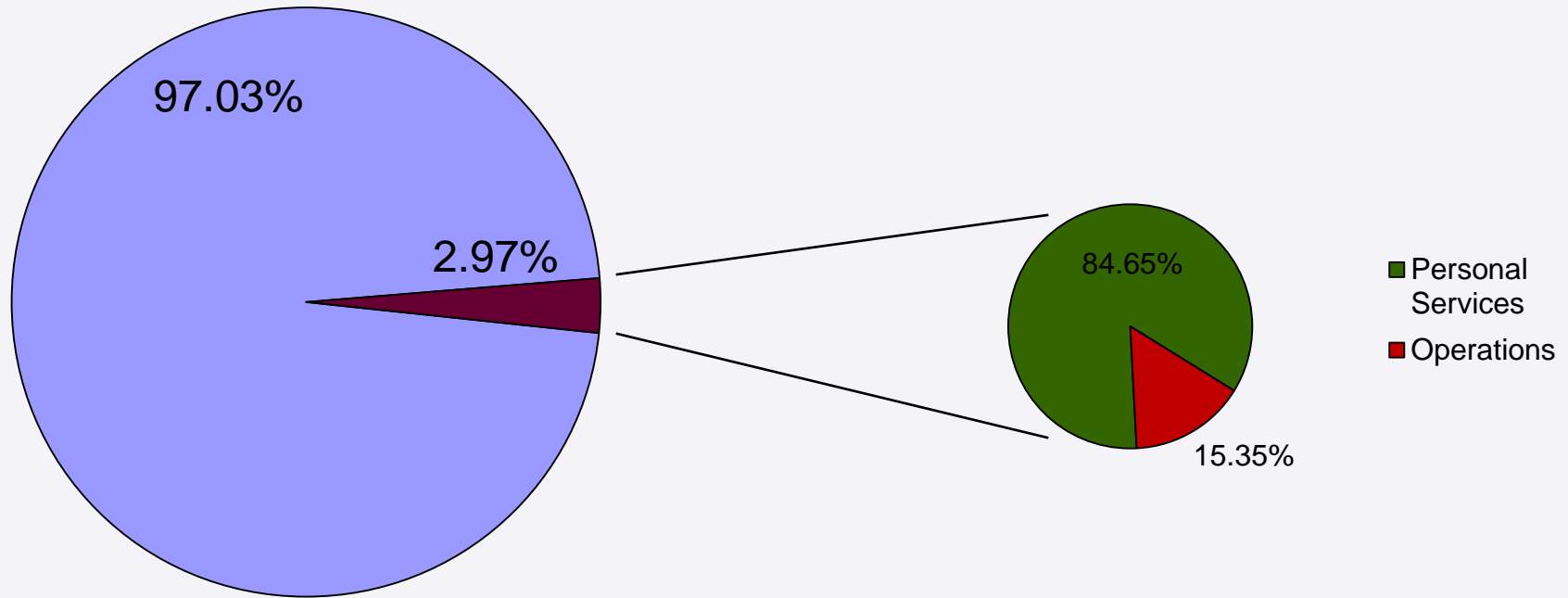


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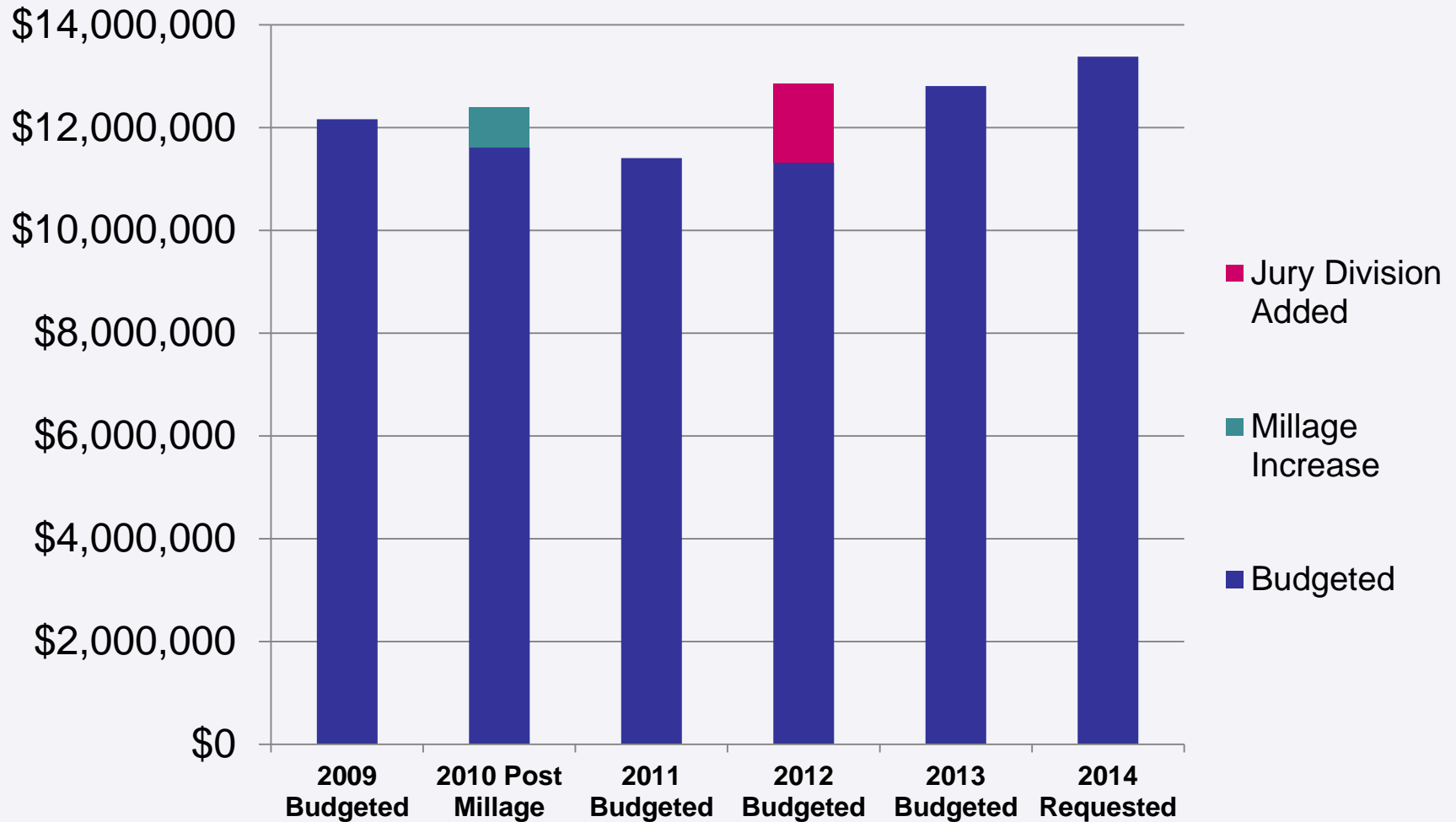
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Budget Comparison

Superior – State - Magistrate

General Operating & Personal Services



2014 Includes Decision Package