

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FY2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

HOUSE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE
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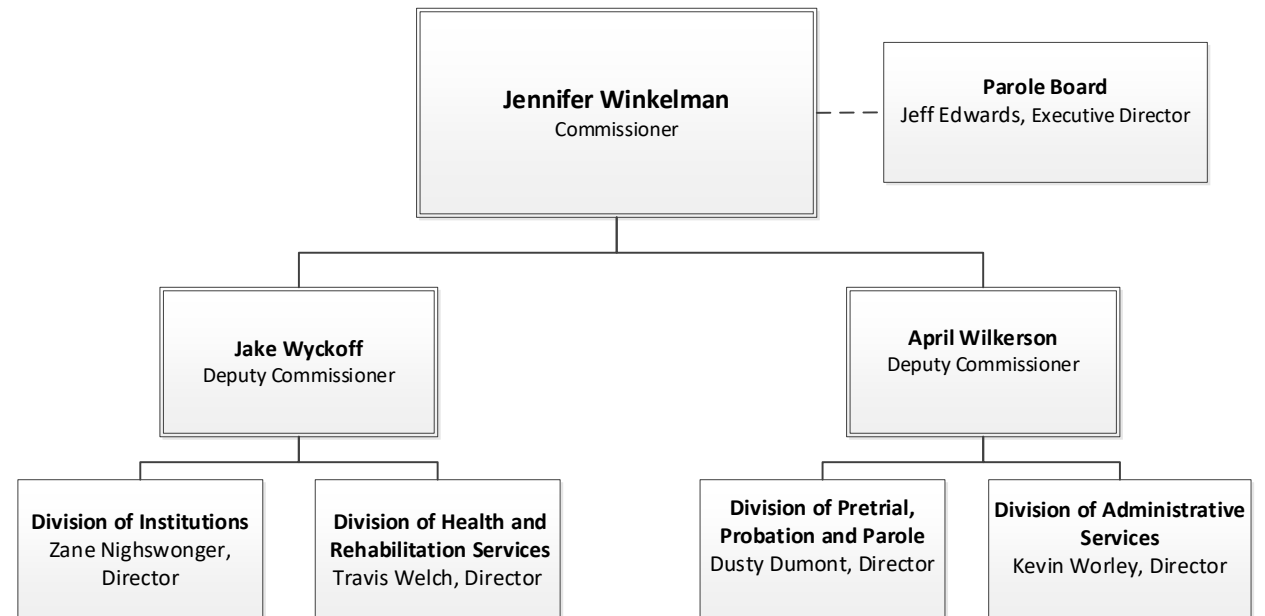


Presented By:
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- Commissioner's Office
- Division of Institutions
- Division of Health and Rehabilitation Services
- Division of Pretrial, Probation and Parole
- Division of Administrative Services
- Parole Board





MISSION AND CORE SERVICES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Mission: To provide secure confinement, reformatory programs, and a process of supervised community reintegration to enhance the safety of our communities
- Department FY2027 Positions: 2,127 Permanent Full-Time (PFT)
- Department FY2027 Budget Request: \$500,336.0

Department Divisions	Core Service: Secure Confinement	Core Service: Supervised Release	Core Service: Reformatory Programs
Institutions	X	X	X
Health and Rehabilitation Services	X		X
Pretrial, Probation and Parole		X	X
Administrative Services	X	X	X



DOC AT A GLANCE

- Alaska is one of seven states that operate a unified correctional system. A state unified system is one in which there is an integrated state-level prison and jail system.
- DOC booked 25,823 offenders into its facilities in FY2025.
 - ✓ 16,271 were unique offenders
 - ✓ 446 were non-criminal Title 47 bookings
- As of January 1, 2026, DOC was responsible for 9,976 individuals.
 - ✓ 4,376 offenders in jail or prison
 - ✓ 282 offenders on sentenced electronic monitoring (EM)
 - ✓ 320 offenders in community residential centers (CRCs)
 - ✓ 3,548 offenders on probation or parole
 - ✓ 1,450 defendants on pretrial supervision (1,038 on pretrial EM)



FY2025 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Entered into a partnership with the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) to conduct a study on the Alaska Native incarcerated population. This report was presented to the Legislature in January 2026.
- Selected by the National Institute of Corrections for expert training in nationally recognized staffing profile analysis techniques and standards through the Staffing Analysis Implementation Project. This training will be completed in 2026.
- Utilized the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) resource guide to complete a thorough proactive needs assessment of all 13 correctional institutions statewide. The finalized report and recommendation are part of an effort to reduce in-custody annual suicides rates 20 percent by calendar year (CY) 2025.
- Expanded the Department of Corrections' (DOC) statewide Critical Incident Stress Management/Peer Support team by training an additional 28 staff in 2025. Between January and October 2025, the team responded to 25 critical incidents throughout the 13 institutions.



KEY CHALLENGES

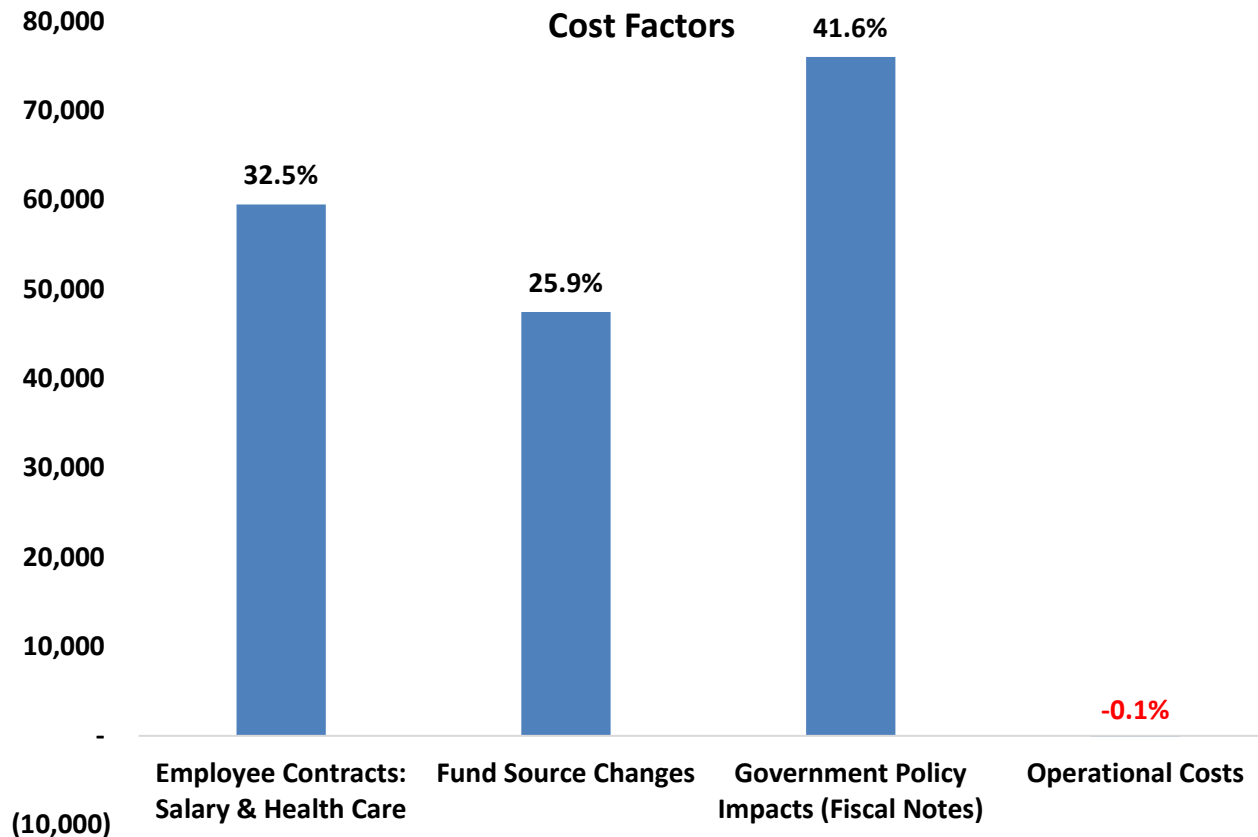
- Recruitment and retention of well-trained staff to maintain public safety and successful offender reentry
- Containment of health care costs for an aging offender population, increased chronic health conditions, and increased acute cases
- Maintenance and upkeep of aging correctional facilities and obsolete security systems



BUDGET CHANGES AT A GLANCE

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Department of Corrections FY2016 - FY2027



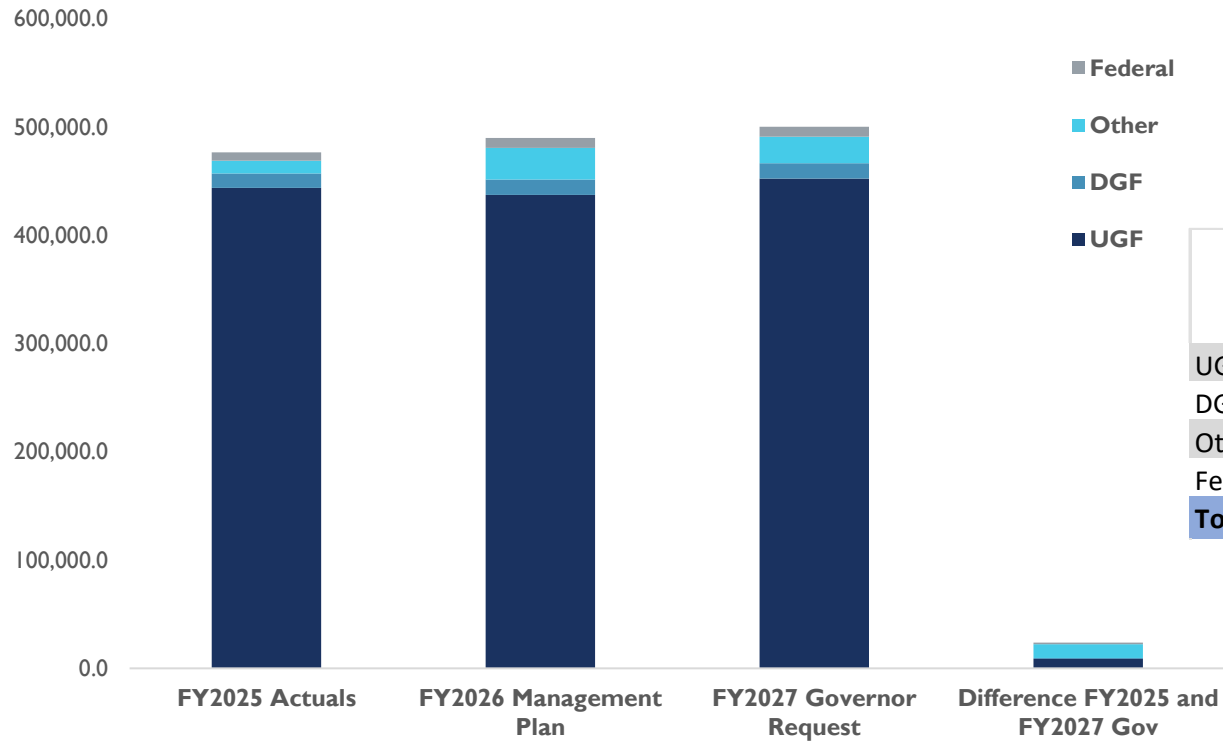
Employee Contracts: Salary & Health Care	\$59,521.6	32.5%
Fund Source Changes	\$47,464.9	25.9%
Government Policy Impacts (Fiscal Notes)	\$76,023.8	41.6%
Operational Costs	(\$94.4)	-0.1%
Totals Change	\$182,915.9	100.0%



FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Funding History



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan	FY2027 Governor Request	\$ Change: FY2025 and FY2027 Gov	% Change: FY2025 and FY2027
UGF	443,749.1	437,401.5	452,489.7	8,740.6	2.0%
DGF	13,248.8	14,110.0	14,170.2	921.4	7.0%
Other	11,769.8	29,247.1	24,293.2	12,523.4	106.4%
Federal	7,792.0	9,191.2	9,382.9	1,590.9	20.4%
Total	476,559.7	489,949.8	500,336.0	23,776.3	5.0%

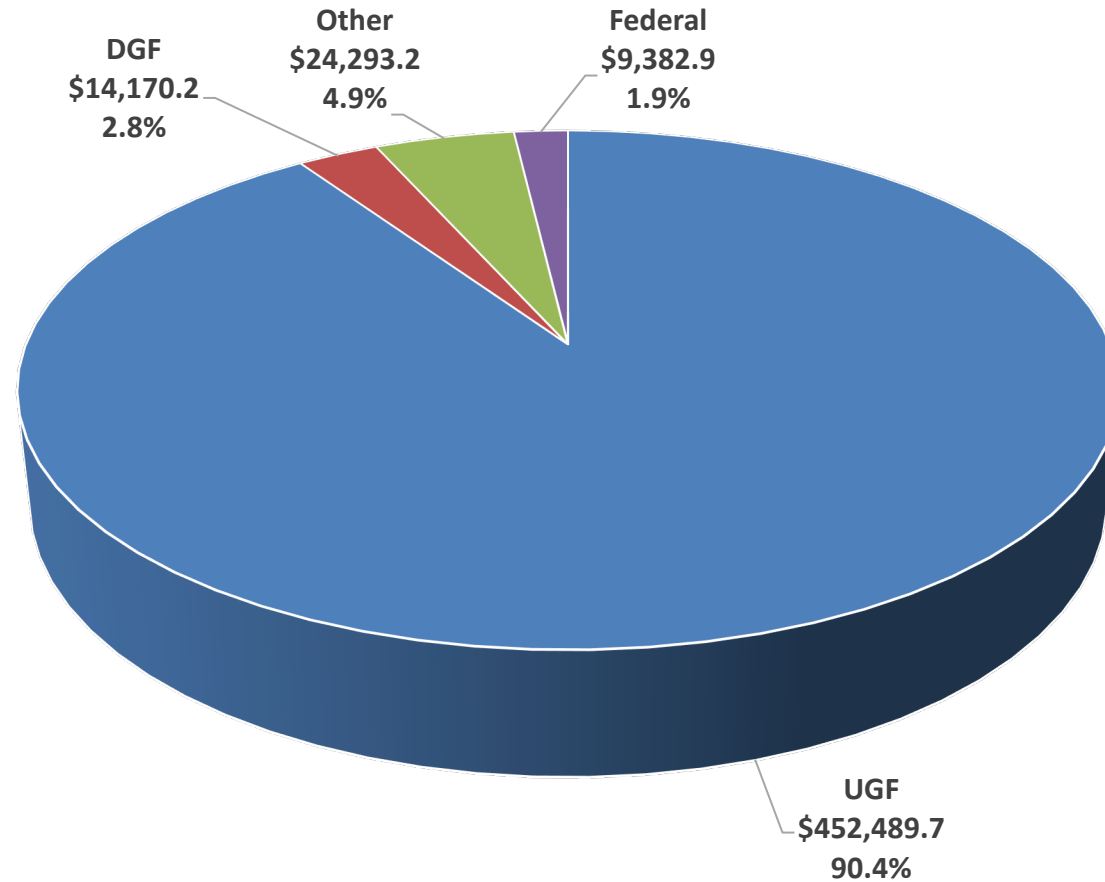
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), Designated General Funds (DGF)



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Total \$500,336.0
2,127 PFT



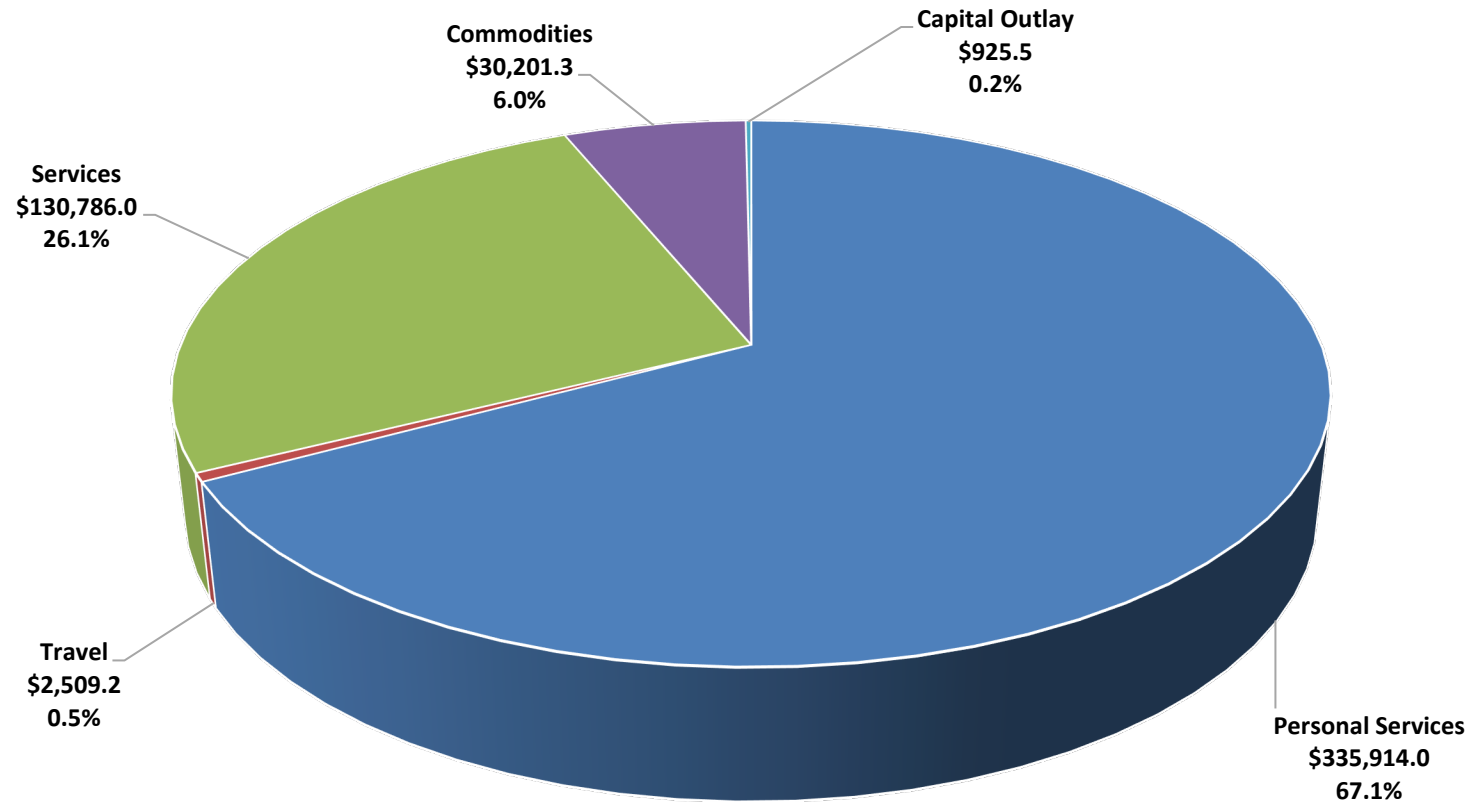


FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

BY LINE ITEM

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Total \$500,336.0



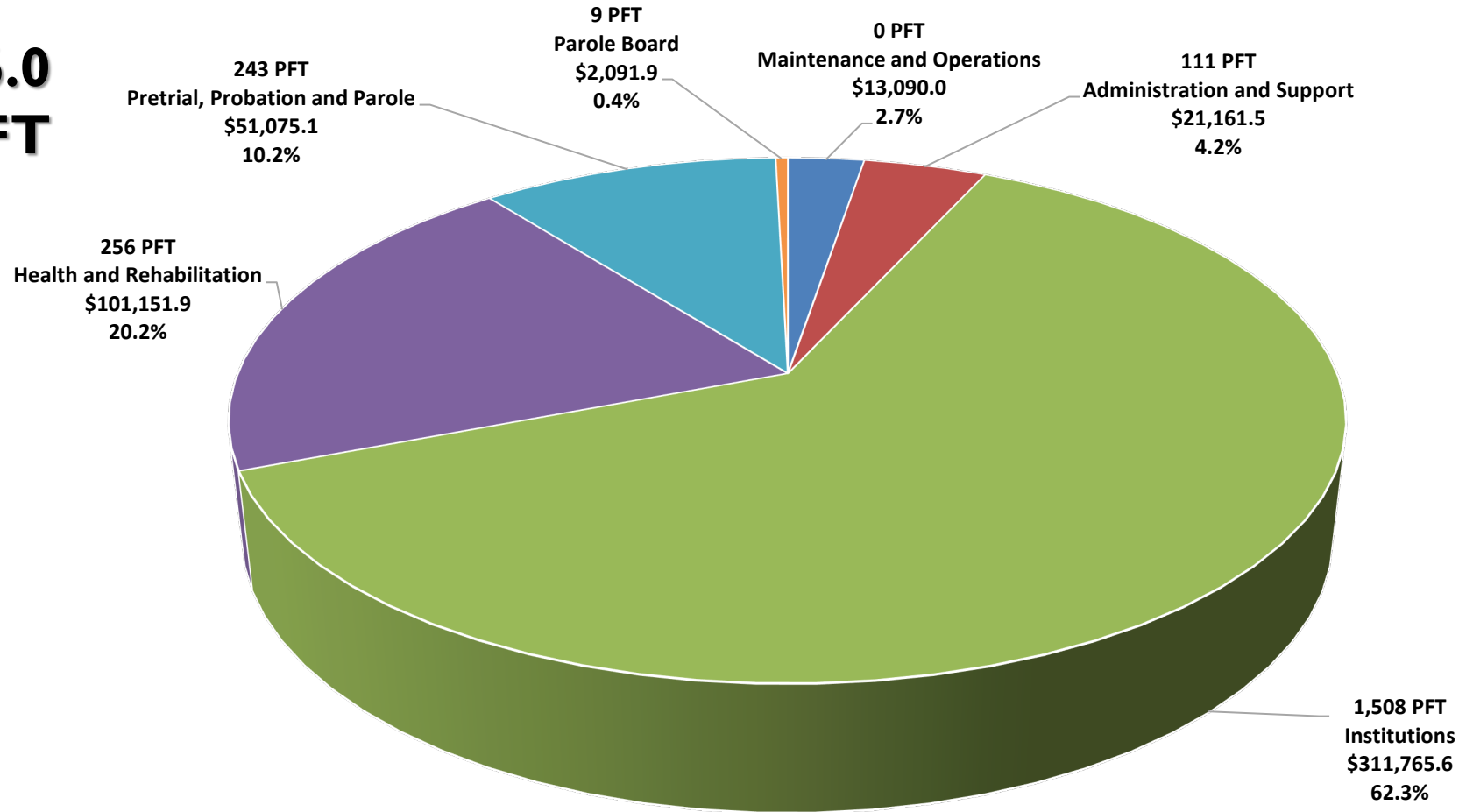


FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

BY DIVISION

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Total \$500,336.0
2,127 PFT





DIVISION SERVICES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Institutions

\$311,765.6 & 1,508 PFTs

- Inmate Time Accounting
- Chaplaincy Program
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Oversight
- Inmate Grievance Resolution
- Security Threat Group
- Classification and Furlough
- Inmate Transportation
- Point of Arrest
- K-9 Unit
- 13 Correctional Centers
- 7 Community Residential Centers
- 6 Sentenced Electronic Monitoring (EM) Offices
- Out-of-State

Maintenance and Operations

\$13,090.0 & 0 PFTs

- 24 Hour Institutional Maintenance
- Non-Institutional Maint. & Operations
- Non-Institutional Utilities
- Non-State-Owned Leases

Health and Rehabilitation Services

\$101,151.9 & 256 PFTs

- Medical and Dental Services and Oversight
- Medicaid Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse
 - Assessment
 - Residential Treatment
 - Institutional Out-Patient Treatment
- Sex Offender Management
 - Polygraph
 - Institutional Sex Offender Program
 - Community Sex Offender Program
- Domestic Violence Program
- Reentry & Recidivism Unit
 - Offender Reentry
 - Community Coordination
- Education/Vocational Programs
 - Basic Adult Education
 - Apprenticeship Training
 - Vocational Training

Pretrial, Probation and Parole

\$51,075.1 & 243 PFTs

- Victim Service Unit
- Pretrial Services
 - Assessments
 - Supervision
 - Pretrial Electronic Monitoring
- Statewide Probation and Parole
 - 13 regional locations
 - Probation Accountability with Certain Enforcement
 - Pre-Sentencing Unit
 - Interstate Compact
- 14 Regional & Community Jails

Parole Board

\$2,091.9 & 9 PFTs

- Discretionary Parole
- Mandatory Parole
- Special Medical Parole
- Geriatric Parole
- Executive Clemency Program

Administration and Support

\$21,161.5 & 111 PFTs

- Executive Oversight
- Compliance Standards
- Inmate Grievances
- Training Academy
- Officer Recruitment & Retention
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- Statewide Administrative Services
- Inmate Account and Banking
- Financial Oversight and Auditing
- Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device
- Research & Reporting
- Criminal Justice Information Security
- Alaska Corrections Offender Management System
- Inmate Law Library
- Facilities Capital Improvement Unit
- OSHA Compliance
- State Facilities Rent



FY2027 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Fund Source Changes:

- Replace Funding Source to Align with Balance in Restorative Justice Fund (PFD Criminal Funds) in Physical Health Care:
 - (\$4,695.6) Other
 - \$4,695.6 UGF



FY2027 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Transfer Positions from Administration for Payroll Services, Accounts Payable and Travel and Expense Activities
 - 12 Positions PFT
- Information Technology Classification Study Implementation
 - \$120.5 UGF
- Transfer Authority to Department of Law for Legal Services Currently Supported with a Reimbursable Services Agreement
 - (\$500.0) UGF
- Meet Community Residential Centers Contractual Obligations
 - \$1,788.1 UGF



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Health and Well-Being of Staff

Inmates, Defendants, and Probationer/Parolees Leave Us Better Than When They Entered the System

Identifying Efficiencies and Resources to Reduce Recidivism



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