



# Public Safety Allocations in the San Diego Region FY 2023-24

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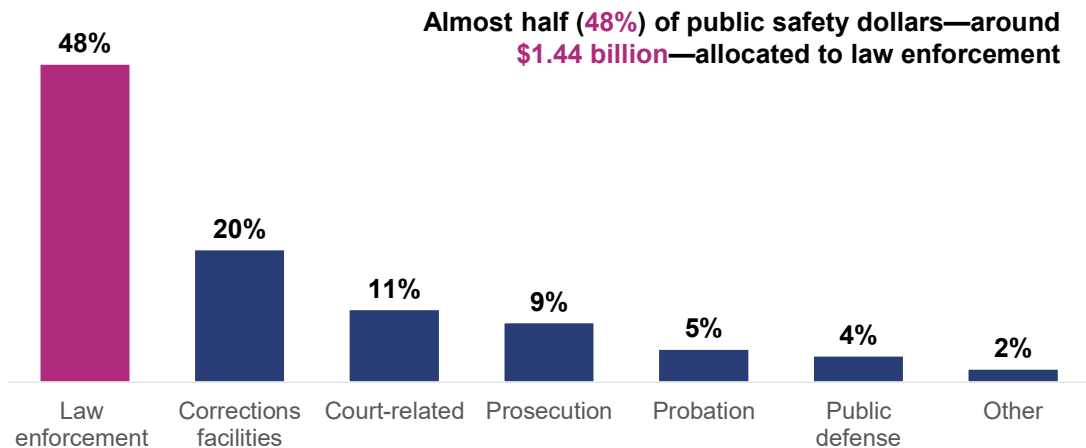
## Public Safety Spending Sees First Increase Post-Pandemic

Ten Years of Public Safety Expenditures



Note: Differences between FY 2019-20 and FY 2023-24 are not visible due to rounding. The highest level of spending was recorded in FY 2023-24.  
Sources: SANDAG; San Diego County and Cities' Expenditures

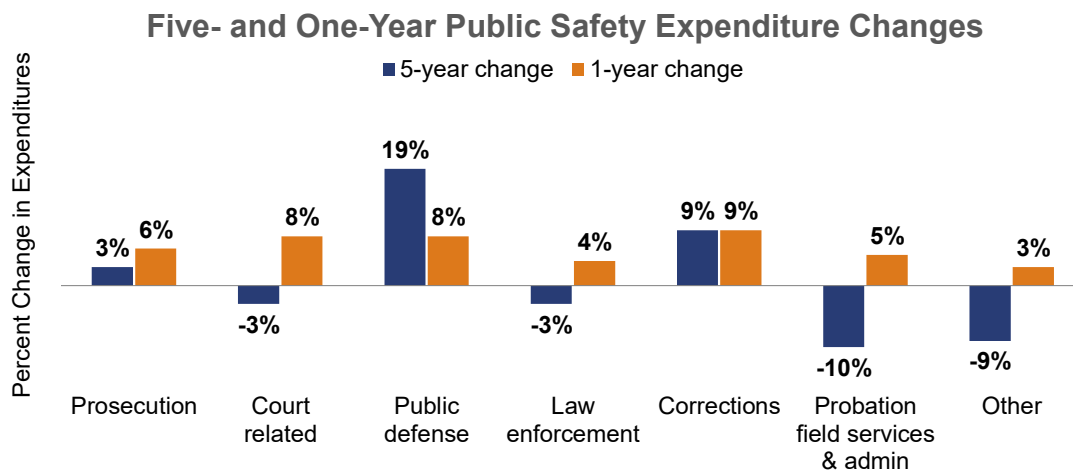
## Half of Public Safety Dollars Spent on Law Enforcement



Source: SANDAG, 2024

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## One-Year Increases Across All Public Safety Categories

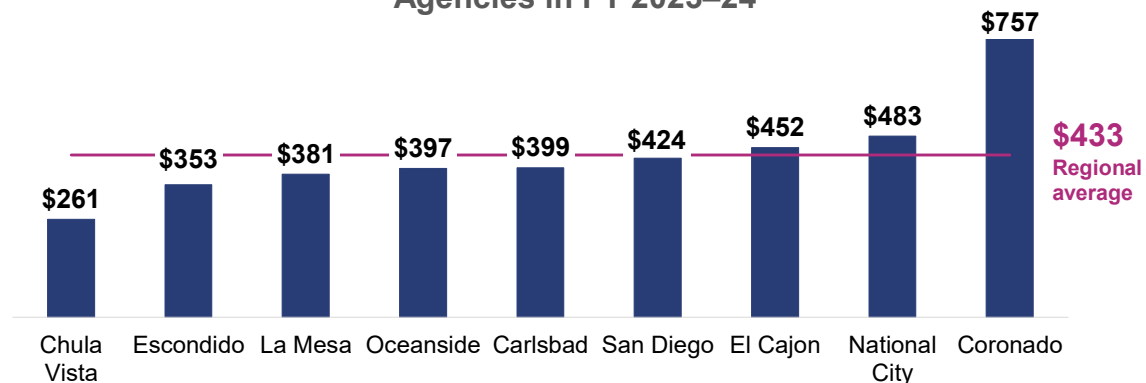


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## Agency Expenditures Largely Consistent with Regional Average

Per Capita Law Enforcement Spending Across Agencies in FY 2023–24

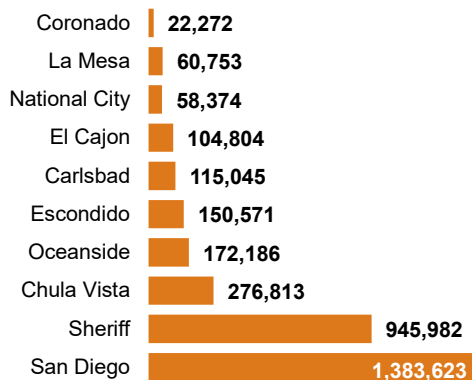


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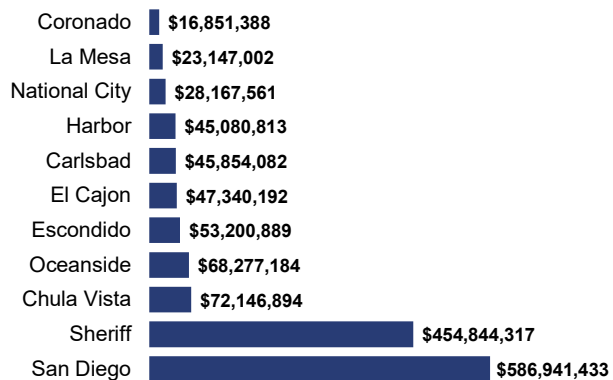
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## Law Enforcement Spending Correlates with Population Size

Population Estimates by Jurisdiction in 2023



Law Enforcement Expenditures by Agency in FY 2023–24



Sources: SANDAG; SANDAG's Population and Housing Estimates, 2023; San Diego County and Cities' Expenditures

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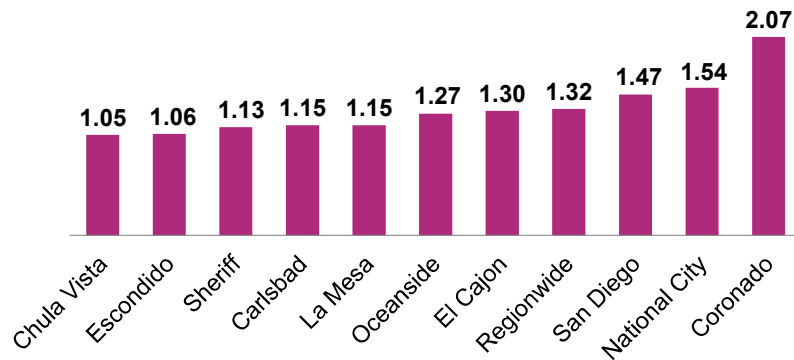
## Sworn Staffing Shows Some Growth Over Five Years

Region's Sworn Officer-to Population Ratio  
in FY 2023-24

**1.32**  
average sworn  
officers per  
1,000  
inhabitants



↑ 3% over five years

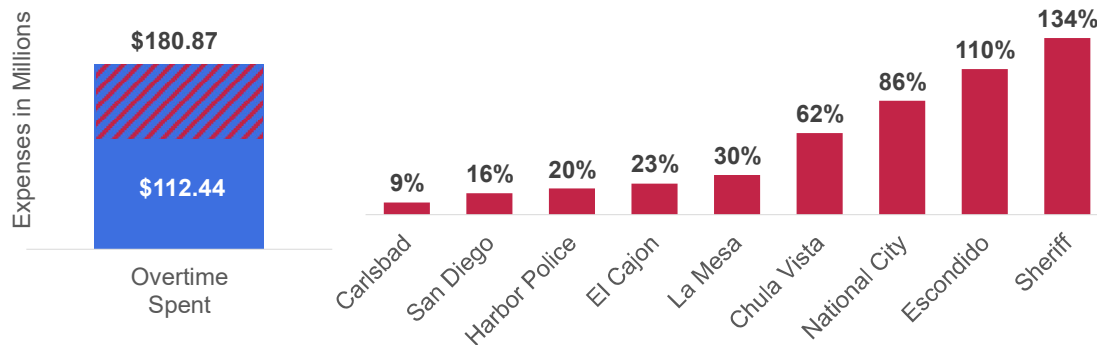


Sources: SANDAG; San Diego County and Cities' Authorized Staffing

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## Most Agencies Exceeded Budgeted Overtime

Variation Between Budgeted and Actual Overtime by  
Law Enforcement Agency in FY 2023–24



Note: All but Coronado and Oceanside reported exceeding their overtime budgets  
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