

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

MORE THAN PRISONS

Funding the Landscape of Corrections

Presentation to Montana Budget and Policy Center
July 8, 2020



DOC Overview





THE DOC:

Is the third largest department in state government.

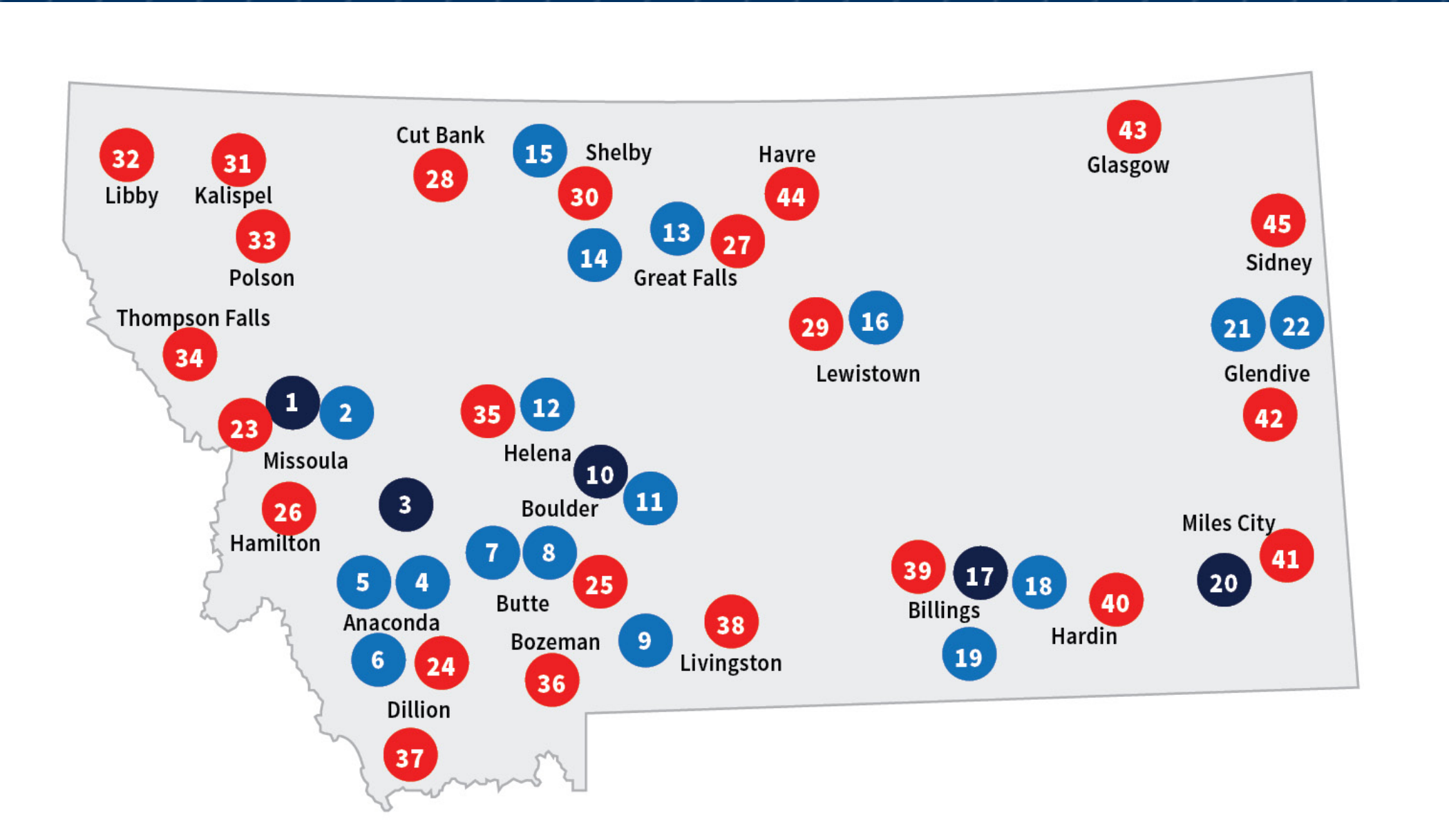
Employs about 1,300 people in a wide range of positions including attorneys, correctional officers, doctors, plumbers, ranch managers, registered nurses, teachers, and more.

Mission: The DOC enhances public safety; supports the victims of crime; promotes positive change in offender behavior; and reintegrates offenders into the community.

Montana Department of Corrections



FACILITIES



State - owned Facility		Contracted Facility		Probation & Parole Offices			
1	Missoula Assessment & Sanction Center (MASC)	13	Great Falls Prerelease Center	23	Missoula P&P Office	36	Bozeman P&P Office
2	Missoula Prerelease Center	14	Great Falls Regional Prison	24	Anaconda P&P Office	37	Dillion P&P Office
3	Montana State Prison	15	Crossroads Correctional Center	25	Butte P&P Office	38	Livingston P&P Office
4	WATCH West - Warm Springs	16	Nexus Meth Treatment	26	Hamilton P&P Office	39	Billings P&P Office
5	Connections Corrections Program (CCP West)	17	Montana Women's Prison	27	Great Falls P&P Office	40	Hardin P&P Office
6	Sanction, Treatment, Assessment & Revocation Center (Start)	18	Alpha House Prerelease Center	28	Cut Bank P&P Office	41	Miles City P&P Office
7	Butte Prerelease Center	19	Passages: Prerelease Center	29	Lewistown P&P Office	42	Glendive P&P Office
8	Connections Corrections Program (CCP East)		Assessment, Sanction & Revocation Center	30	Shelby P&P Office	43	Glasgow P&P Office
9	Bozeman Prerelease Center		Alcohol & Drug Treatment (ADT)	31	Kalispell P&P Office	44	Havre P&P Office
10	Riverside Special Needs Unit	20	Pine Hills Correctional Facility - Youth	32	Libby P&P Office	45	Sidney P&P Office
11	Elkhorn Meth Treatment		Pine Hills Correctional Facility - Adult	33	Polson P&P Office		
12	Helena Prerelease Center	21	Glendive Regional Prison	34	Thompson Falls P&P Office		
		22	WATCH East - Glendive	35	Helena P&P Office		

CRIME IN MONTANA

■ Misdemeanor Crimes

- Adjudicated in municipal court or by a justice of the peace (shoplifting, speeding tickets, DUIs)
- Not punishable with prison time
- Any time behind bars would be in a county-funded jail – under control of local governments, not the DOC

■ Felony Crimes

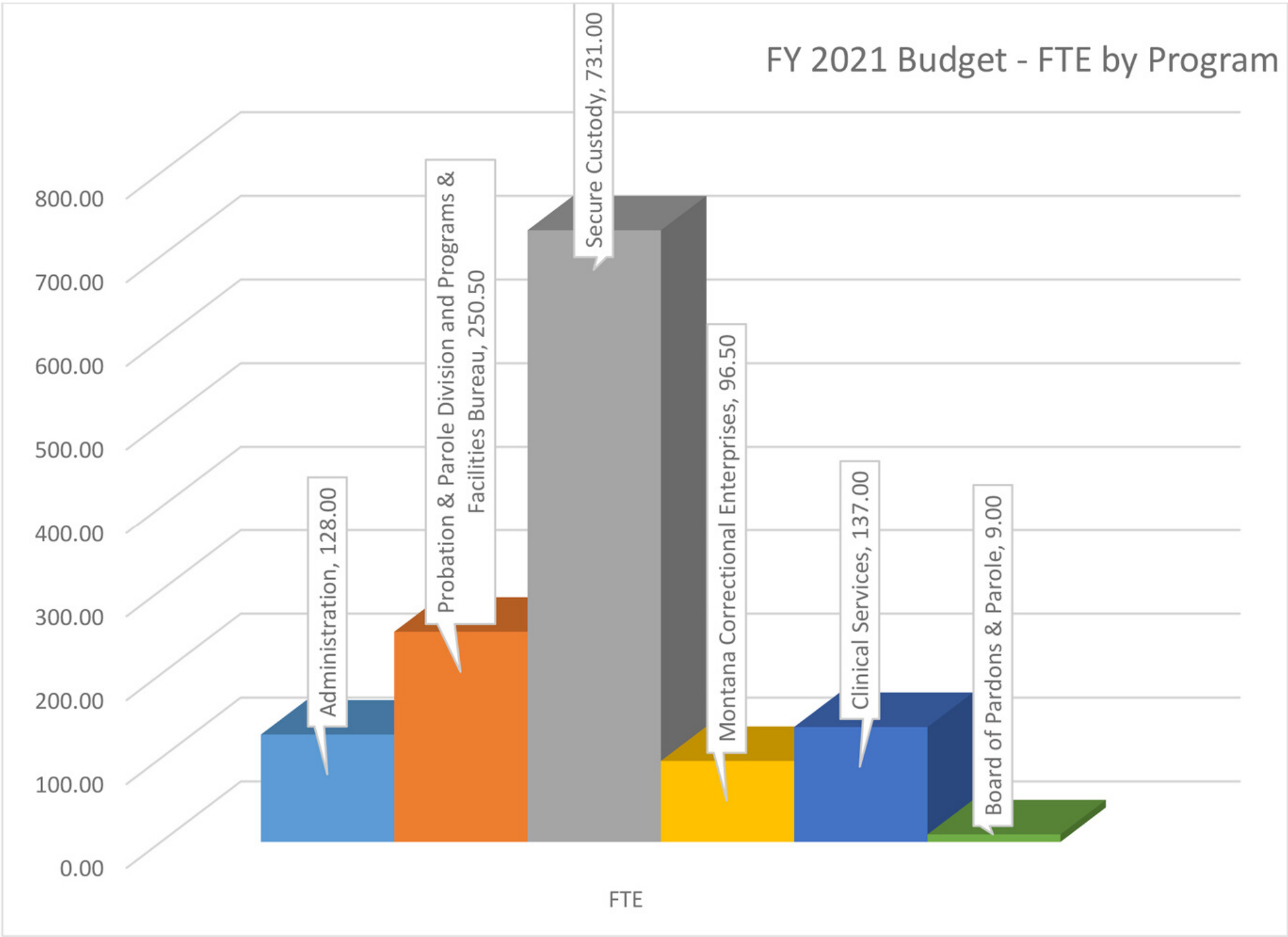
- Adjudicated in district courts (homicide, sexual intercourse w/o consent)
- Are punishable with prison time
- Any time behind bars would be in a state-funded, DOC-run or contracted prison
- Also includes time in a treatment facility, prerelease center, or community supervision under a probation and parole officer

PLACEMENT OF OFFENDERS

- District Court judges may sentence felony offenders directly to prison
- Or, they may commit offenders to the DOC (unique to Montana)
- Offenders committed to the DOC are evaluated based on their risks and needs to determine appropriate placement
- Receive evidence-based programming designed to help them be successful when they return to Montana communities



**How are the
DOC's employees
distributed
among its
divisions to
provide services
to Montanans?**



DOC Employees



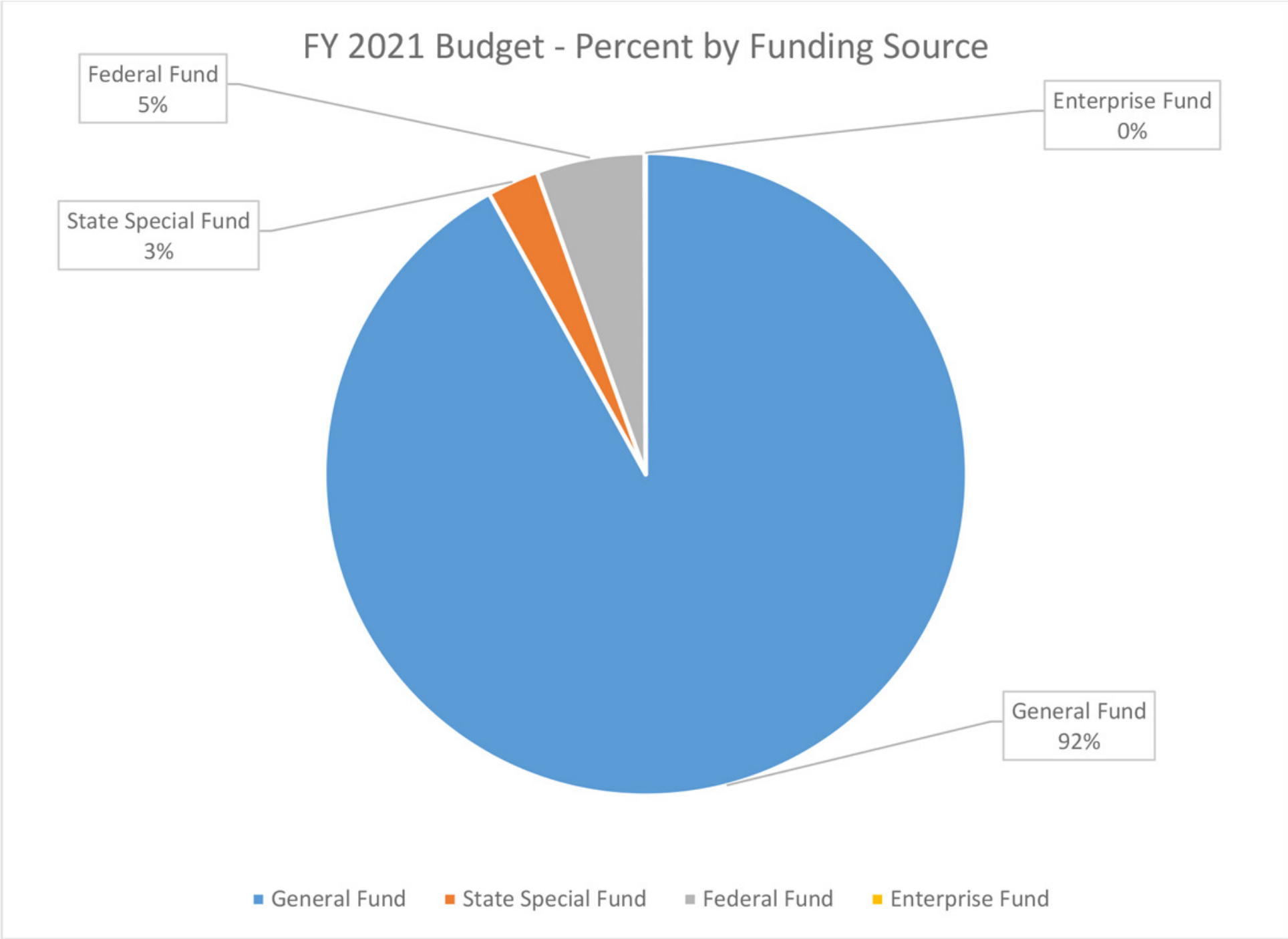
The greatest number of DOC employees are employed at our secure facilities (prisons).

The second largest group of employees – Probation & Parole, Programs and Facilities Division.

(Includes probation and parole officers, and individuals who work at DOC assessment centers, monitor prerelease centers.)

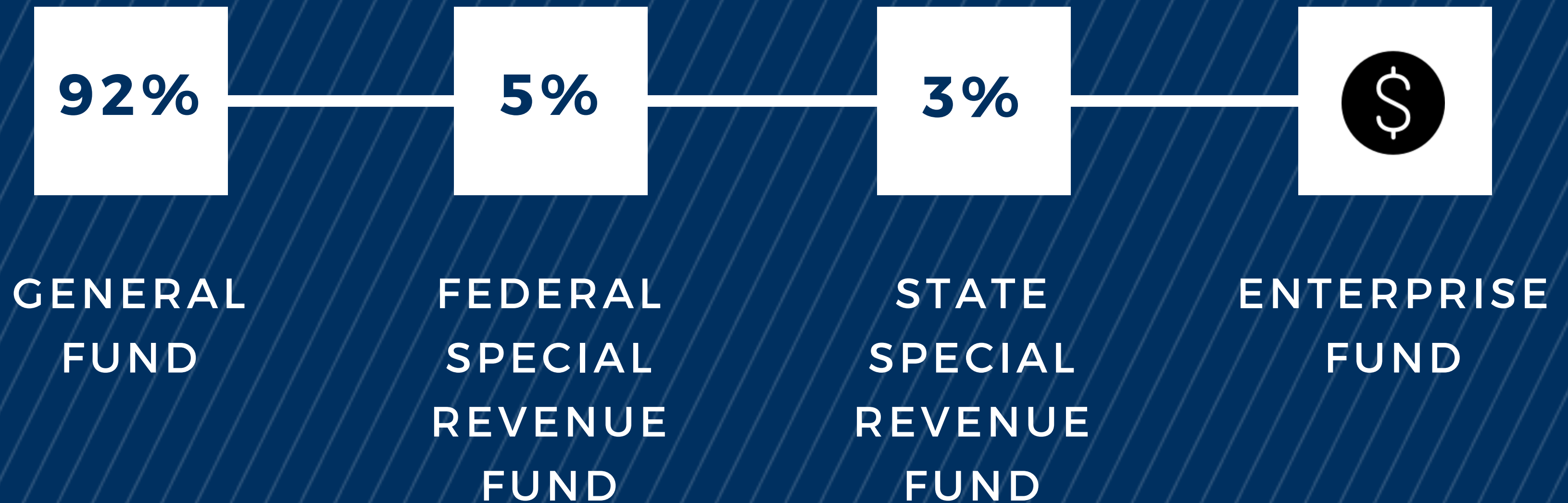
Administration and Clinical Services are a close third.

Where does the DOC's budget come from?



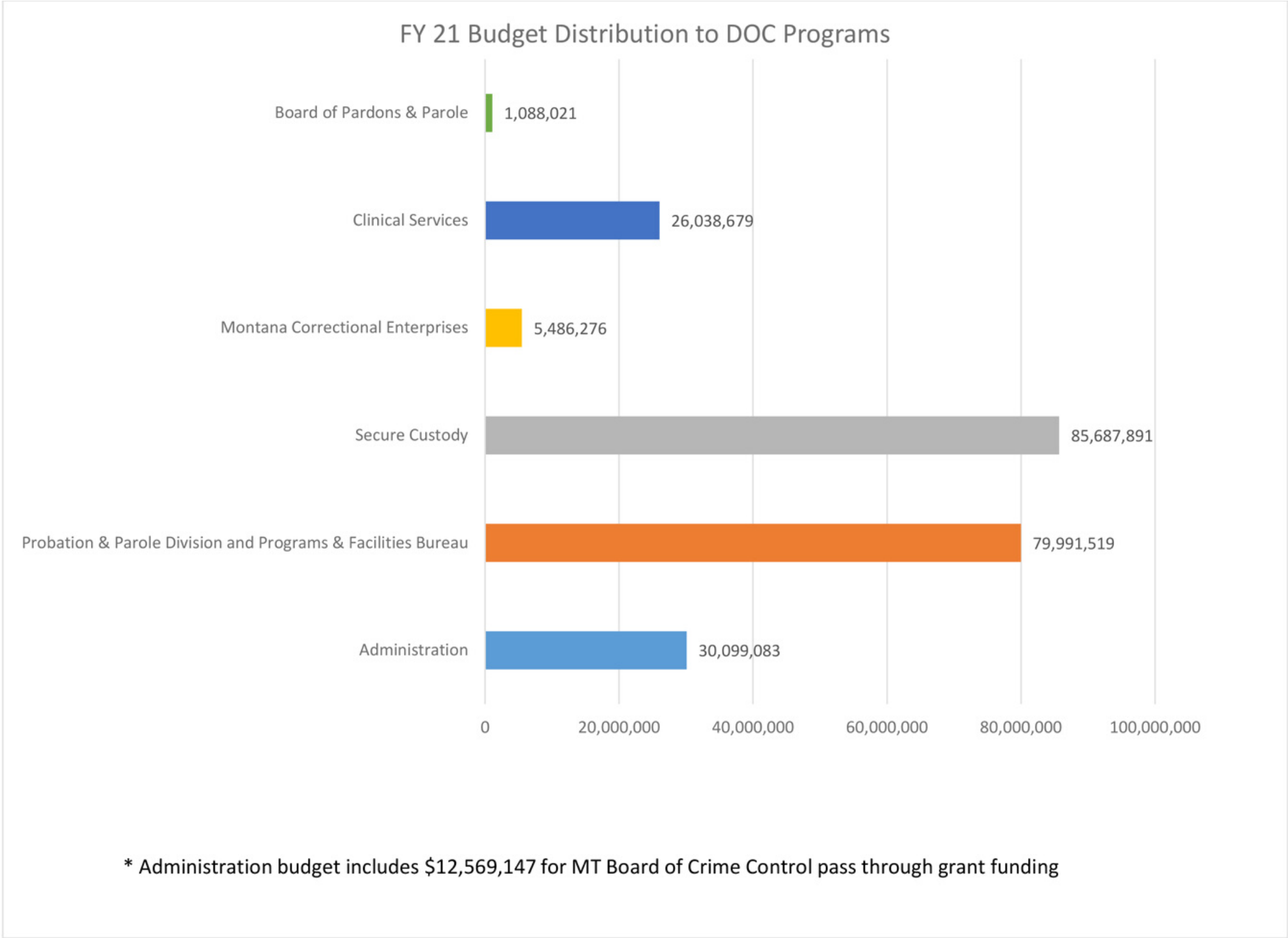
Fund Type	FY 2021 Budget
General Fund	209,883,947
State Special Fund	5,947,238
Federal Fund	12,446,881
Enterprise Fund	113,403
Total	228,391,469

DOC's annual budget for FY 2021 - **\$228.4 million**





How is the DOC budget distributed by division?



PROGRAMS & FACILITIES

■ **Secure Facilities -**

\$85.7 million - Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, Pine Hills Correctional Facility and our contract secure facilities including Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Dawson County Correctional Facility, and Great Falls Regional Prison

- More than 2500 inmates are housed among these facilities

■ **Probation & Parole, Programs & Facilities -**

\$80 million – includes community supervision along with assessment facilities, prerelease centers, treatment centers

- More than 12,000 offenders are on one type of community supervision or another

■ Administration -

\$30 million per year - includes a wide range of staff members providing a variety of services



- ACCOUNTING
- AMERICAN INDIAN LIAISON
- HR
- IT
- QUALITY ASSURANCE
- VICTIM SERVICES
- AND MORE

CLINICAL SERVICES

- **\$26 million** - coordinates, provides medical, dental, vision, behavioral health care to inmates in our facilities
 - Medicaid does not cover most health care costs for prison inmates – is a significant general fund cost
 - Fiscal drivers include prescription drug costs and treatment, including chronic diseases like hepatitis.
 - Prisoners have a constitutional right to healthcare.
 - DOC is NCCHC and the standard of care is the same as someone in the community would receive



■ Montana Correctional Enterprises -

\$5.5 million - serves between 700 and 800 inmates per year – provides educational opportunities, on-the-job training, opportunity to earn while they learn



MCE SERVICES

■ Inmates involved in MCA programming at Montana State Prison and Montana Women's Prison produce numerous items and provide a variety of services:

- Carpentry – bookcases, desks, cabinets, etc.
- Print and Sign – business cards, awards/engraving, signs, magazines
- Textiles – clothing, embroidery, graphic design, screen printing
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance – maintenance, repair, auto body work, painting, welding
- Dog training – training, boarding, grooming
- Agriculture – dairy, range cattle, crop management

*Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, inmate workers shifted their efforts to producing much-needed PPE like cloth masks, N95 masks and more.

MCE Budget information for FY 2021

TOTAL BUDGET: \$22,307,998

- Agriculture: \$4,822,288 – Proprietary
- Industries: \$3,734,632 – Proprietary
- Food Factory: \$5,147,742 – Proprietary
- License Plate: \$2,372,585 – Proprietary
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance: \$744,475 – Proprietary
- Canteen: \$3,375,842 – State Special Revenue
- General and Vocational Education: \$ 2,110,434 – General Fund



MONTANA BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLE

■ **\$1 million** – full-time, professional board appointed by the governor in 2017

- Administratively attached to the DOC for budgetary purposes, but operates as an autonomous agency
- Board members: Annette Carter (Chair), Renee Bauer, Kristine Lucero, Darrell Bell, Brad Newman

■ **This group:**

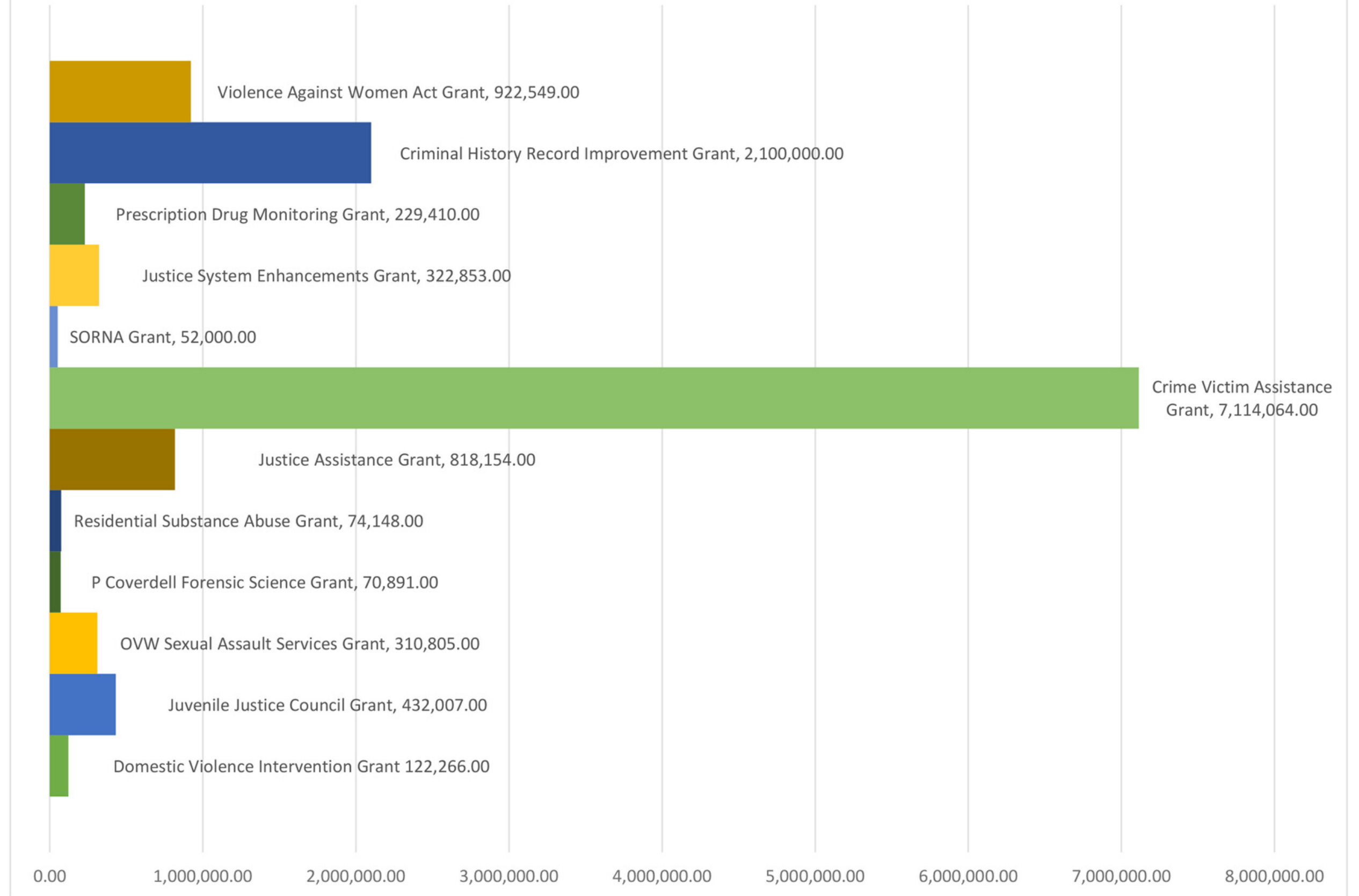
- Determines which inmates should receive early release from prison
- Decides upon conditions imposed on offenders while completing sentences under supervision in the community
- Administers parole revocations, and receives applications for executive clemency

MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

- MBCC supports more than 25 million dollars in grant funded activities.
- Board members are a cross-section of Montanans who work for agencies and organization focused on reducing crime and enforcing laws.
- The state administering agency for federal grants including Violence Against Women Act, Sexual Assault Services Program and more.



FY 2021 Budget - CCB Pass-Through Grants



VICTIM SERVICES

- Empowering, informing and supporting victims of crime
 - DOC's Victim Services Program offers five victim liaisons throughout the state (Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Missoula)
 - Program manager at Central Office in Helena, along with dedicated Board of Pardons and Parole victim liaison
 - Offer services including:
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - Victim-Offender Dialogue
 - Victim Impact Panels
 - Offender Accountability Letters
 - Almost 6,000 victims served since January 2018

“[Working with the DOC victim liaison] was the first time I met someone who was actually primarily concerned with my wishes and with the well-being of my children. Her care, dedication and educated support were and are vital to my family's recovery.”
-Mother of a child sexual assault victim

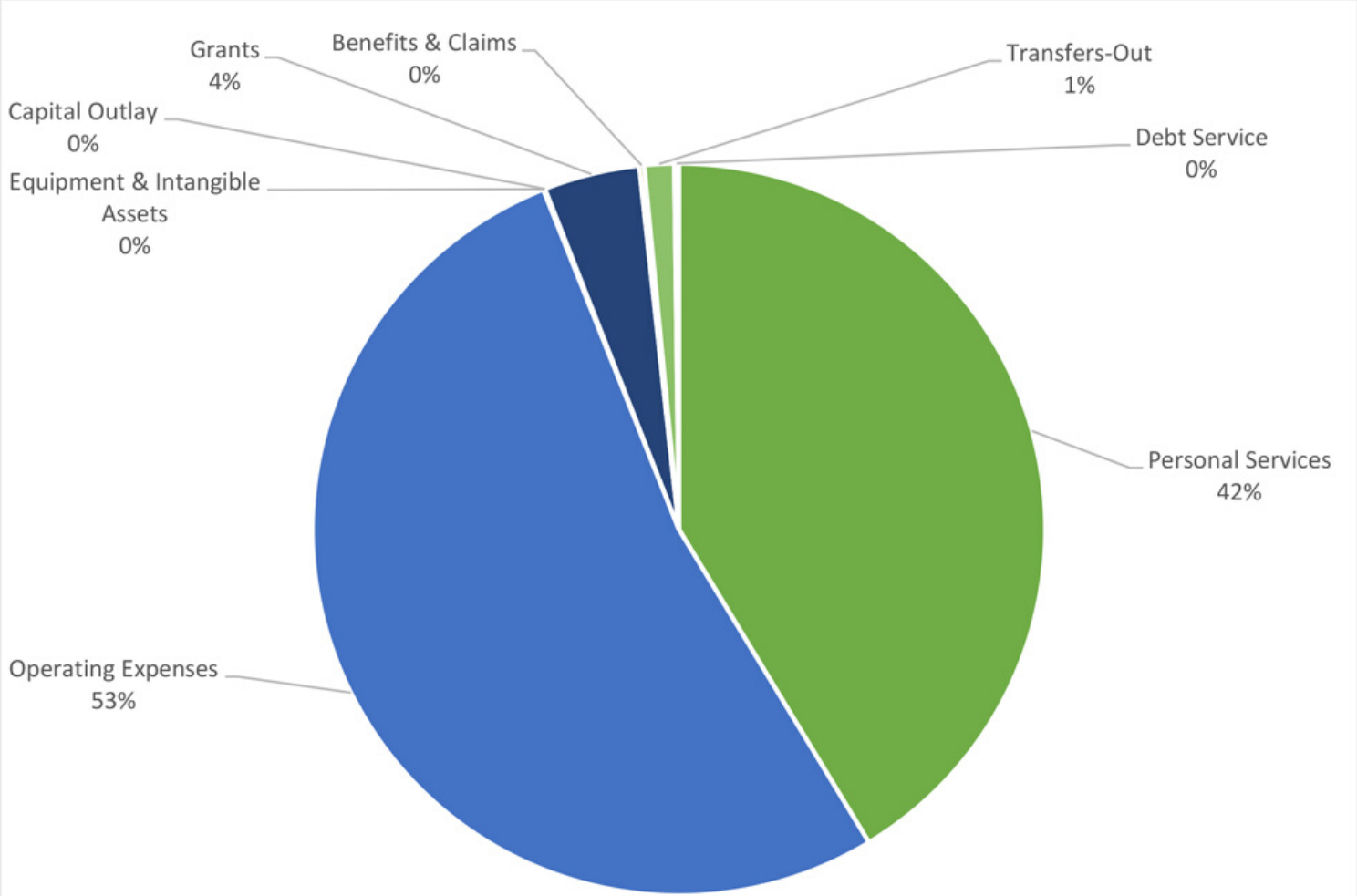
RESTITUTION COLLECTED

- The DOC's Collections Unit collected court-ordered victim restitution from adult felony offenders.
- Since Fiscal Year 2004, the unit has collected more than \$40 million in restitution and \$5.2 million in court-ordered fees.

Fiscal Year	Restitution Disbursed	Fee Collected	Total
2019	\$2,797,629.82	\$449,867.84	\$3,247,497.66
2018	\$2,872,776.61	\$467,924.33	\$3,340,700.94
2017	\$2,616,230.95	\$447,155.38	\$3,063,386.33
2016	\$3,322,087.69	\$493,961.98	\$3,816,049.67
2015	\$2,790,197.72	\$498,052.60	\$3,288,250.32



How does the DOC spend its money?



FY 2021 Budget - Percent by Expenditure Category

Account	FY 2021 Budget
Personal Services	94,388,616
Operating Expenses	120,209,034
Equipment & Intangible Assets	165,761
Capital Outlay	20,773
Grants	9,653,395
Benefits & Claims	489,573
Transfers-Out	3,006,284
Debt Service	461,286
Total	228,394,722

FY 2021 BUDGET - \$229 MILLION

■ **Operating expenses -**

53 percent - travel, professional services, supplies, rent, and repair and maintenance

■ **Montana Board of Crime Control grants -**

4 percent

■ **Personal services -**

42 percent – includes salary and benefits

■ **Remainder -**

- Transfers out, equipment and intangible assets, capital outlay, benefits and claims, and debt service

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

■ Challenges:

- Workforce recruitment/retention
- Modernization of facilities
- Increasing delivery of mental health, substance use disorder treatment and evidence-based programming

All of these support the DOC's ongoing effort to improve safety in Montana communities by reducing recidivism.

QUESTIONS?



DEPUTY DIRECTOR CYNTHIA WOLKEN

Montana Department of Corrections

Cynthia.Wolken@mt.gov