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2021 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

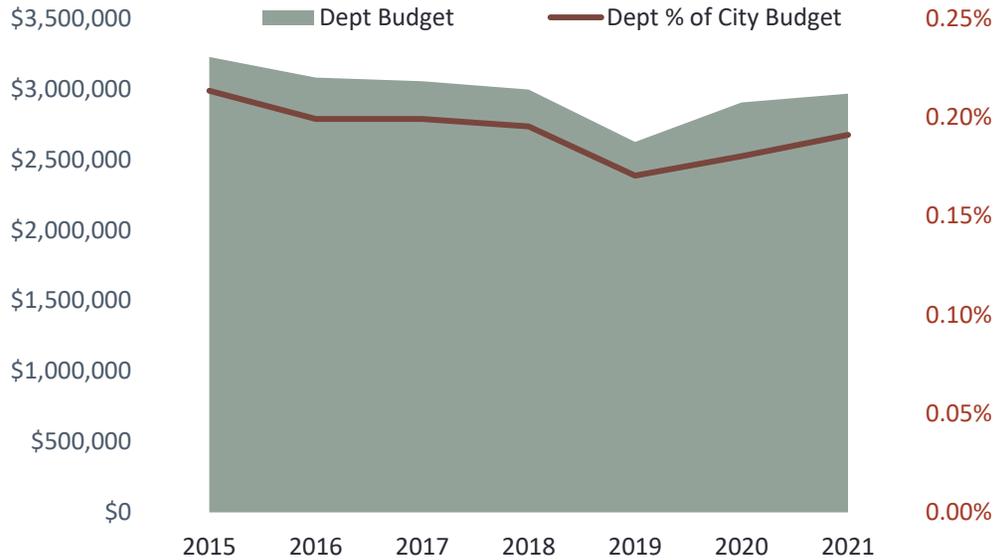
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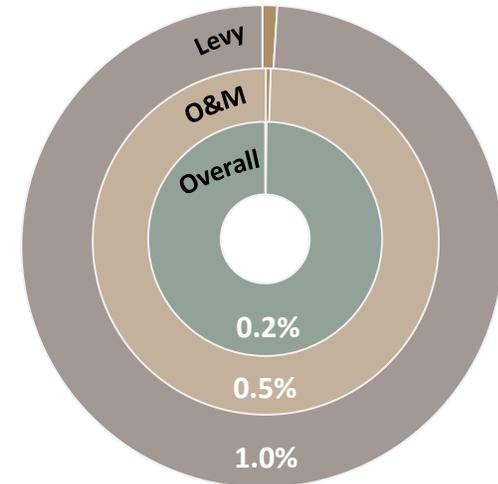
\$2,966,285
Proposed 2021 Budget

\$62,094
Change in Proposed Budget

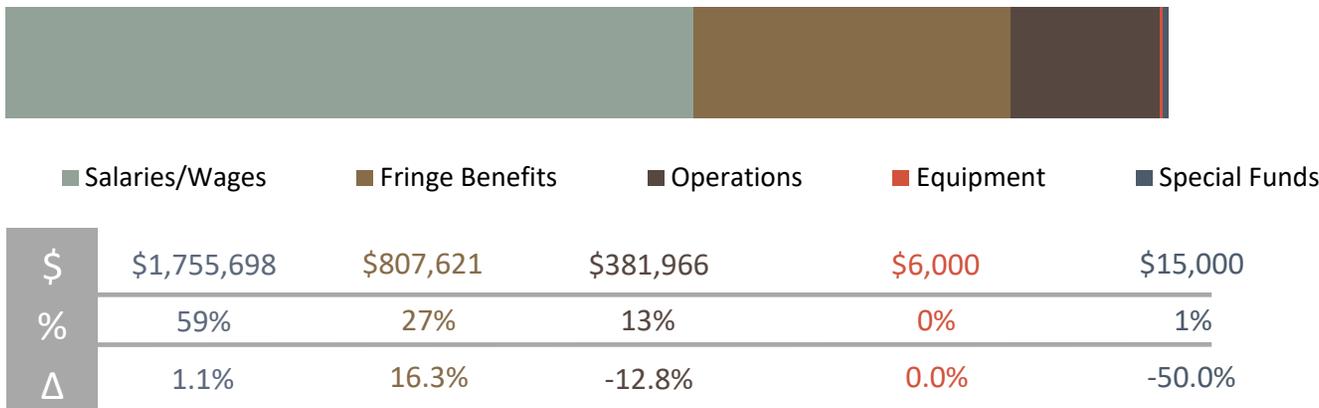
2.1%
% Change in Proposed Budget



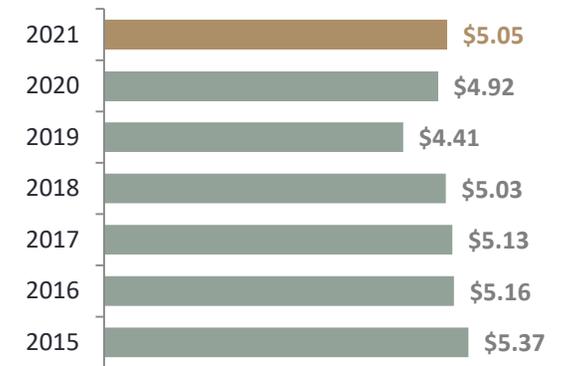
Departmental Budget Impact



Departmental Budget Appropriation Category



Budget per Capita



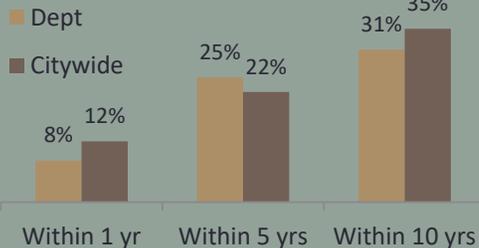
184,081

Cases processed in 2019, a decrease of 34% from 2018. The department projects processing 153,000 cases in 2021.

\$700,000

Projected savings in 2021 from the Court's investment in electronic case management, on-line services and automation of court services.

Retirement Eligible



-3

Change in Positions

-7.7%

% Change in Positions

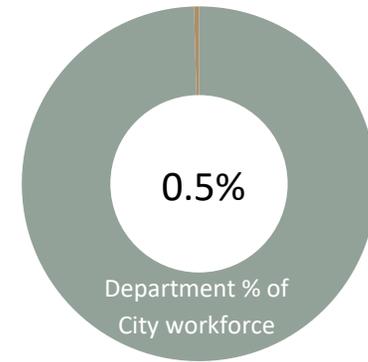
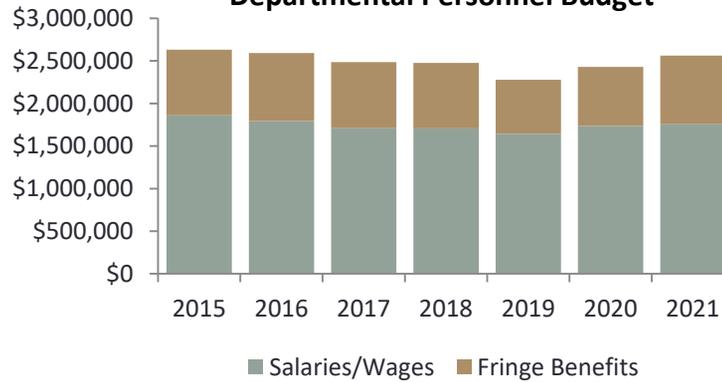
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Current Vacancies

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Voluntary Separations

Departmental Personnel Budget

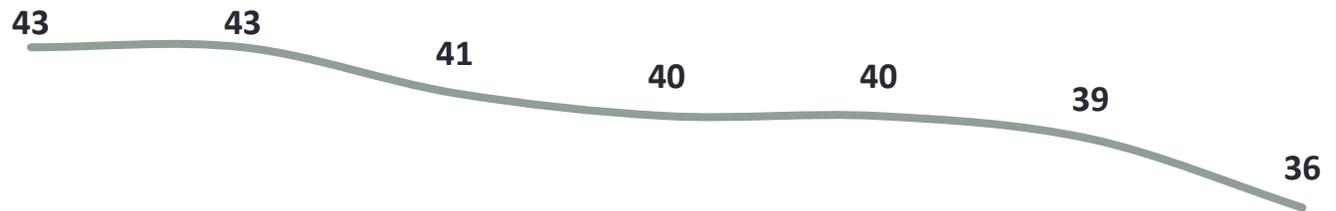


Staffing Vacancies

- 2 of 5 positions of Court Services Assistant III
- 1 of 6 positions of Court Clerk I
- 1 of 2 positions of IT Support Specialist Senior

Staffing Update

- The department plans to reduce the use of temporary staff in 2021 through a larger pool of trained regular employees and improved training materials.
- To reduce use of alternate judges in 2021, a branch may be closed when an elected judge is unavailable.



**Department Positions
2015-2021**

\$1,231,000

Projected 2021 revenue from court fees. This is a decrease of 9.6% from 2020 estimated revenue.

\$2,500,000

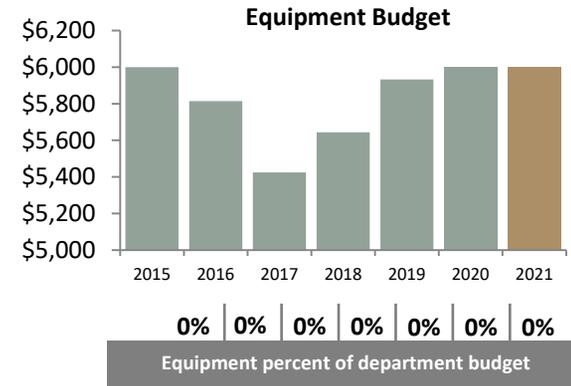
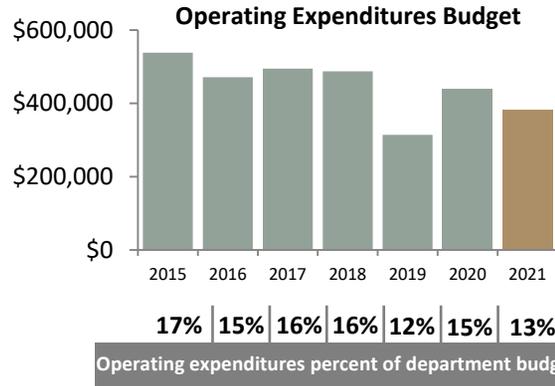
Projected 2021 revenue from fines and forfeitures. This is a decrease of 23.7% from 2020 estimated revenue and a decrease of 4.7% from 2019 actual revenue.

-64%

Reduction in annual new case filings since 2009.

57,761

Number of new Municipal Court cases filed in 2019. 2020 case volume is down 5.3% as of September, primarily traffic-related.



Revenue

Largest revenue sources:

- Fines and Forfeitures \$2,500,000
- Court Clerk Fees \$1,231,000

Special Purpose Accounts

- Municipal Court Intervention Prog. \$487,000
- Care of Prisoners Fund \$5,000
- Funding for the MPS Driver’s Education SPA has been eliminated (\$50,000).

Grants

This department receives no grant funding.

Capital Requests

There are no capital funds for the department in the 2021 Budget.

6,838

Community service hours served in 2019 by individuals through the Municipal Court.

520

Number of individuals admitted to case management in 2019. Successful completion relieves a participant of incarceration and payments.

59%

Court Alternatives Program compliance rate for individuals suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse disorders

7,260

Number of driver's license suspensions lifted in 2019..

Guest House Events

During these events, Judge Mosley visits the Guest House Milwaukee homeless shelter to meet with individuals and provide assistance in setting payment plans, payment extensions and alternative options to payment, while removing employment barriers like outstanding warrants and driver's license suspensions.

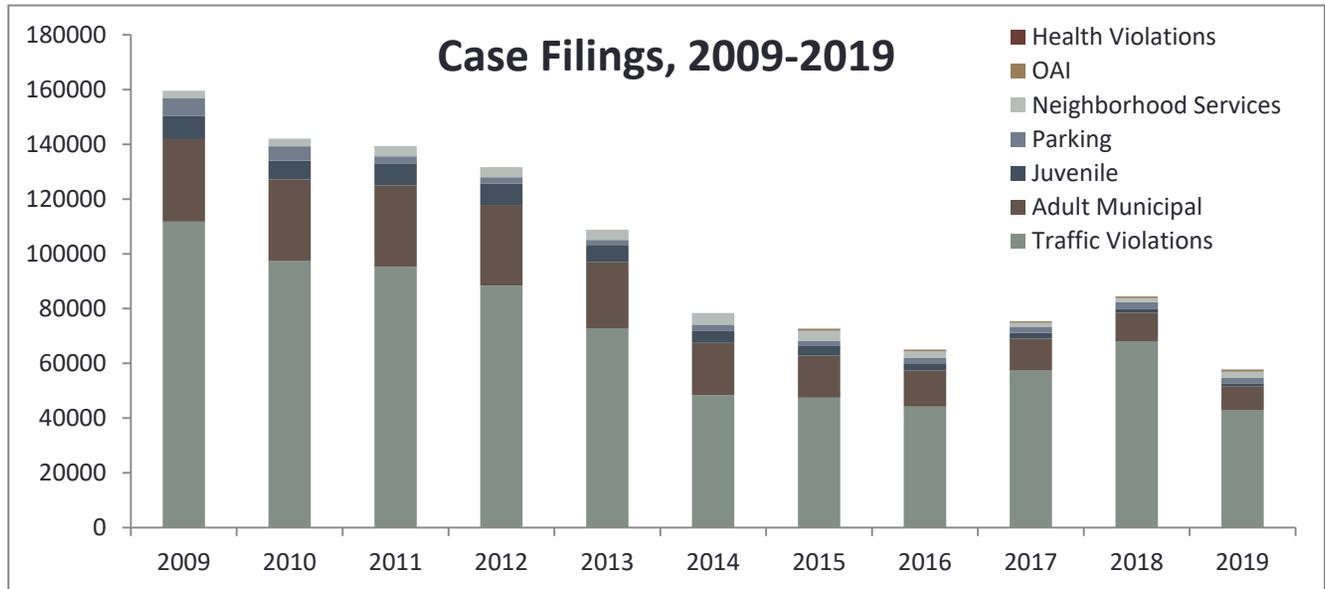
Five Guest House sessions were held in 2019 in which 89 individuals appeared before the Court to address 561 cases. This resulted in 103 warrants being withdrawn.

Customer Service

Convenient evening courts were offered on 11 dates in 2019, with 25 sessions scheduled for 402 defendants on 699 cases.

While the Court was briefly closed due to the COVID pandemic, the Court re-opened to the public on July 6, 2020. Walk-in, or unscheduled court appearances, have been halted in favor of pre-registration to ensure the safety of staff and the public. The Court is holding arraignments, pre-trials and trials via videoconference.

The Municipal Court also works to ease the burden of fines on financially-distressed individuals. Payments are waived for a first extension and additional 60-90 day extensions may be granted upon partial payments as low as \$20.



MPS Driver's Education – Funding Eliminated

The 2021 Proposed Budget eliminates funding for the MPS Driver's Education Special Purpose Account. During the 2019-20 school year, 1,091 students were served at 16 locations. 97% of the students passed their temporary permit test and 93% have received their temporary permits. Each student must hold a temporary permit for 6 months prior to taking a road test and obtaining a probationary driver's license. To date, 253 students from the 2019-20 school year have received their probationary driver's license. Another 540 participants are not yet eligible to take the road test until their 6 month waiting period expires. Classes have partially shifted to remote learning to accommodate social distancing.

The classes are offered at Bay View, Bradley Tech, Hamilton, James Madison Academic Campus, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee Marshall, Milwaukee School of Languages, North Division, Obama SCTE, Pulaski, Riverside, Ronald Reagan, Rufus King, South Division, Vincent and Washington.

Community Service Sites Offered by JusticePoint (Municipal Court Case Management Contractor)

North		Downtown	South
All Saints Catholic Church	St. Marks AME Church	El-Shaddai Church of God	Child Devel. Ctr. St. Joseph's
Brown Deer Unit. Methodist Church	St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry	Coggs Food Pantry-Friedens	Community Warehouse
Da'wa Center	St. Vincent de Paul-Harambee	Mama Delta's Lovehouse	Despensa De La Paz Food Pantry
Face2Face Comm Svc & Trng Ctr	United to Serve Academy	MATC	Hope House-Friedens Food Min.
Feeding America	Uniting Garden Homes	Milwaukee Rescue Mission	Journey House
Good Shepherd/Trinity Church	Community Baptist Church	Neighborhood House	La Causa-Crisis Nurs. and Respite
Greater Galilee Church	Urban Ecology-Washington Park	St. James Episcopal-Gather.	MADACC
Greater Philadelphia Church of God	Five Corners of Faith		LaCausa-Early Educ. Care Ctr.
Holy Temple Firstborn Mission. Bap.	Habitat for Humanity-Restore	East	Milwaukee Christian Center
House of Peace	Our Daily Bread Comm. Outreach Ctr.	Diverse & Resilient	Right Turn
Next Door Foundation	Salvation Army	Lake Terrace Health and Rehab. Ctr.	St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
Northcott Neighborhood House	Showers of Blessing Fellowship Church	Running Rebels	St. Vincent de Paul Crossroads
Praise Cathedral Church of God	Silver Spring Neighborhood Center	Riverwest Food Pantry-St. Casimir	United Community Center
Project Focal Point	Temple of the Living Christian Lrn. Ctr.	Urban Ecology-Riverside Park	Inner Beauty Center
Reformation Lutheran Church	Zion Rock Food Pantry-Friedens		Project Concern of Cudahy
Running Rebels			Victory Christian Academy
Scott Christian Youth Center	West		Habitat for Humanity Restore
Social Development Commission	Hunger Task Force of Milw.		
Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church	Keep Greater Milw. Beautiful		
	Waukesha Salvation Army		