

Arkansas Public Defender Commission

Annual Report Summary

Fiscal Year 2014-2015



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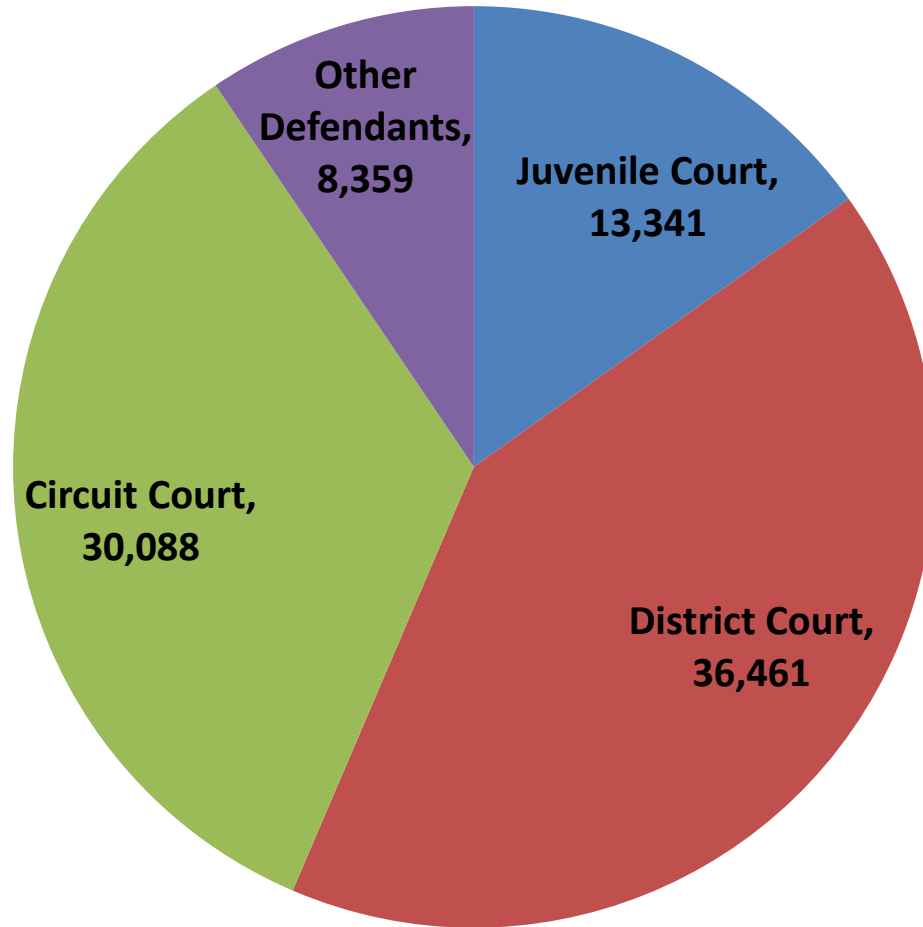
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Caseload Statistical Reporting

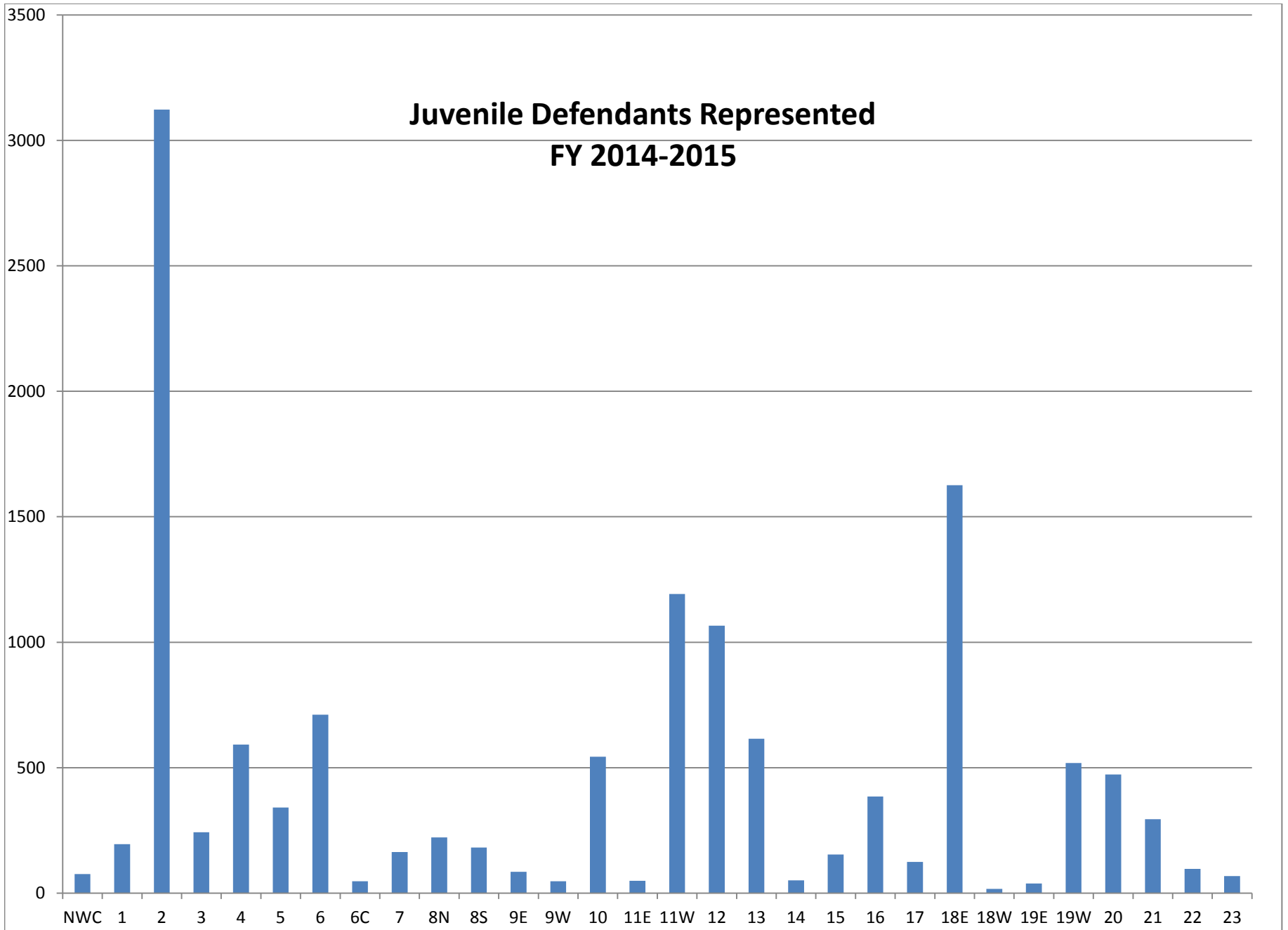
Monthly reports of cases filed and disposed are submitted by the Chief or Managing Public Defenders from each Judicial District. The detailed reports indicate the types of cases and the number of defendants represented by each public defender in all courts. Managing attorneys review and give final confirmation to the caseload reports prior to publication.

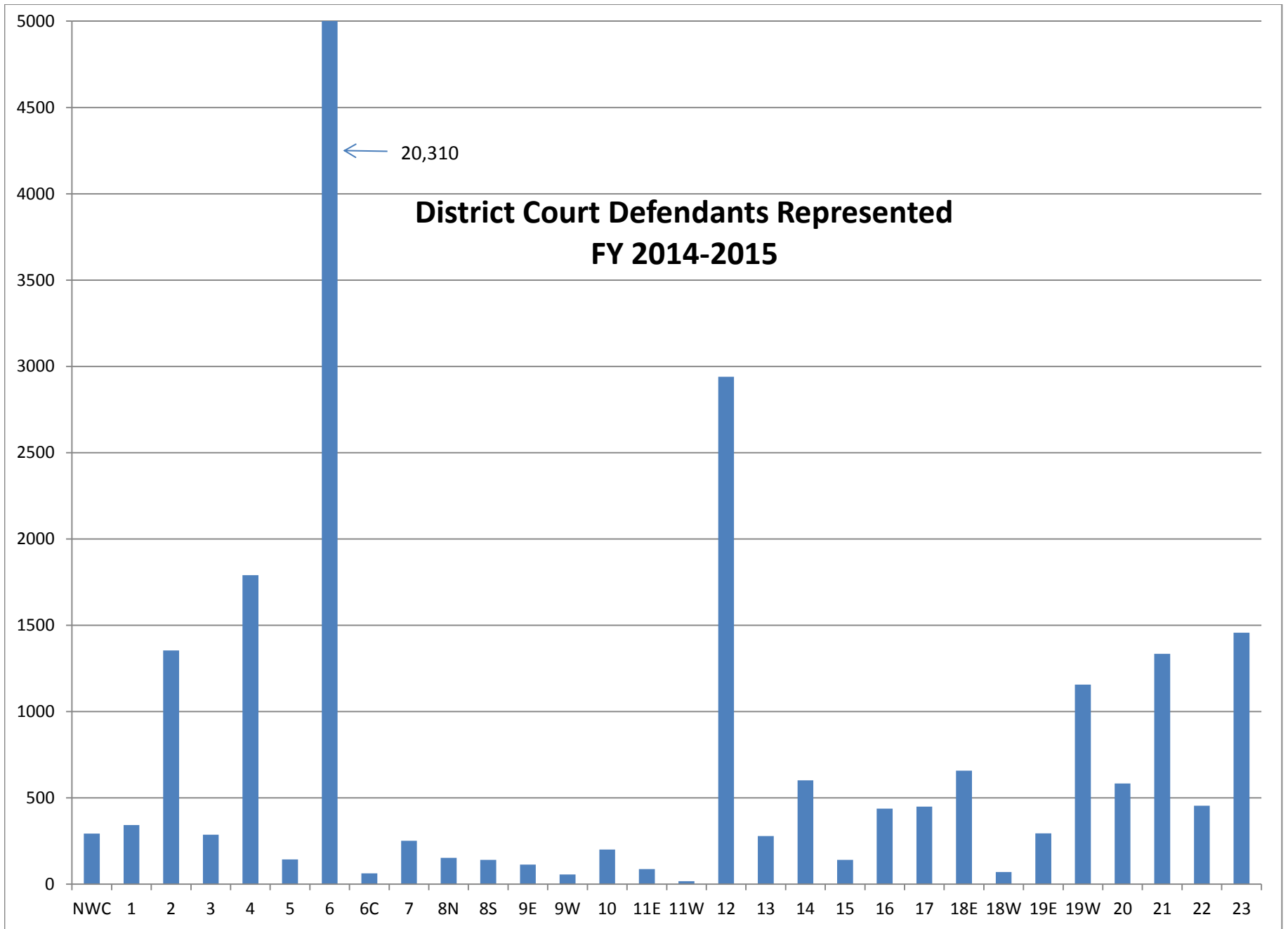
For the purposes of caseload assessment, the Commission considers *defendants* rather than *case filings*. This is due to the disparity in charging practices from one judicial district and county to another, and because multiple charges against a defendant are often addressed together. While counting *defendants* admittedly results in a more conservative figure than *filings*, it is believed to be a more accurate assessment of actual workload.

**Defendants Represented by Public Defenders Statewide
FY 2014-2015
88,249 Total**

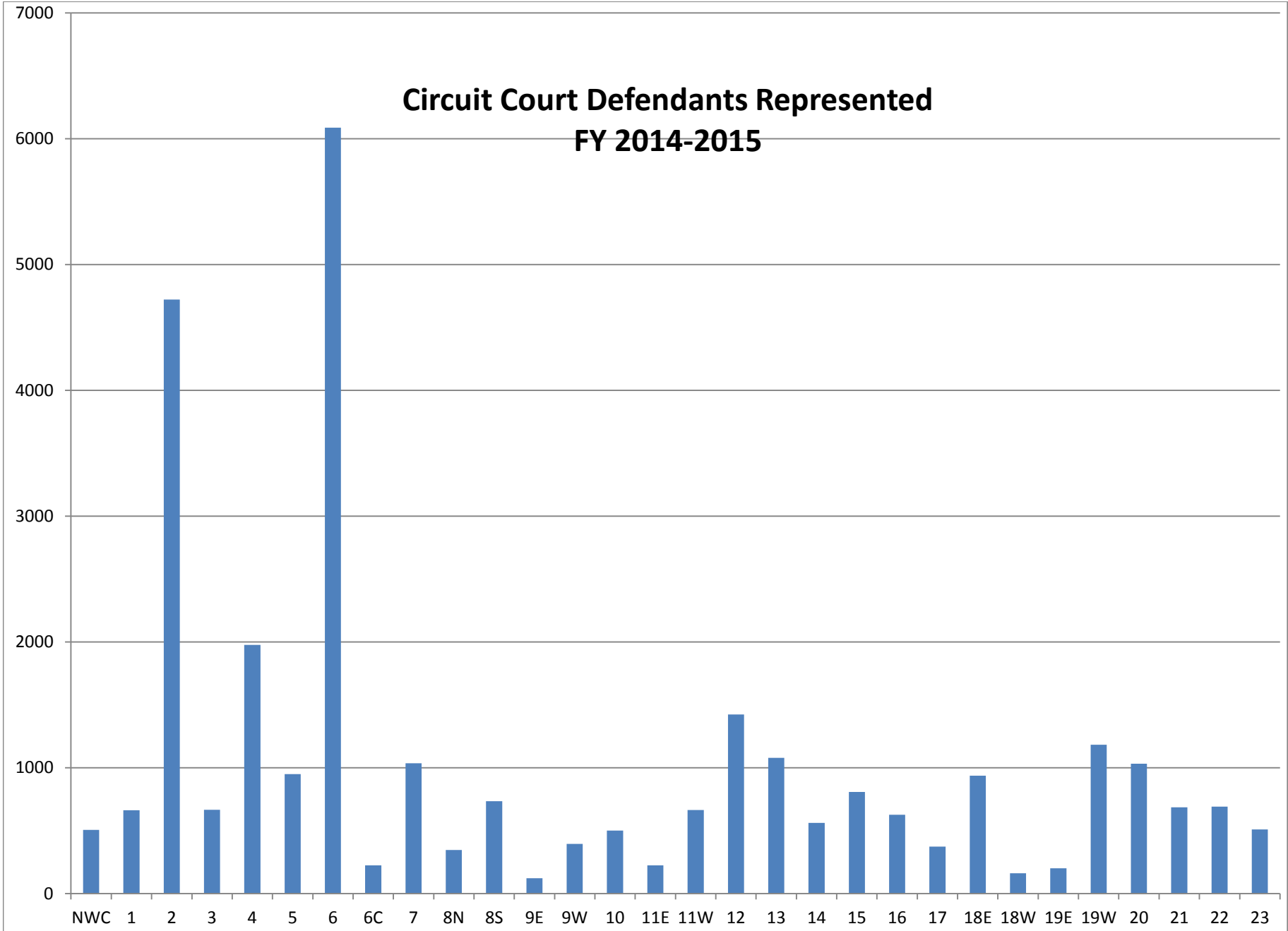


Juvenile Defendants Represented FY 2014-2015

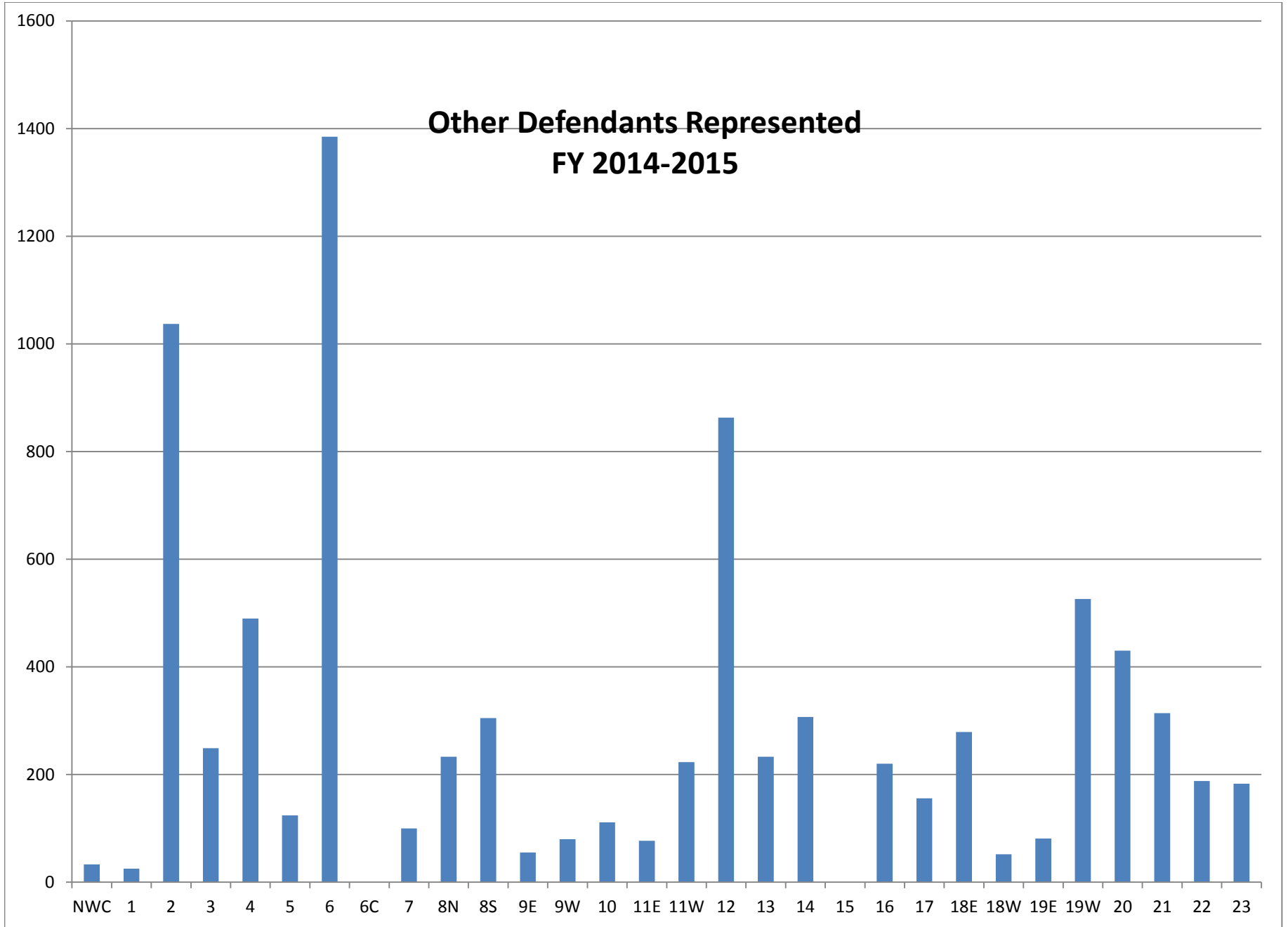




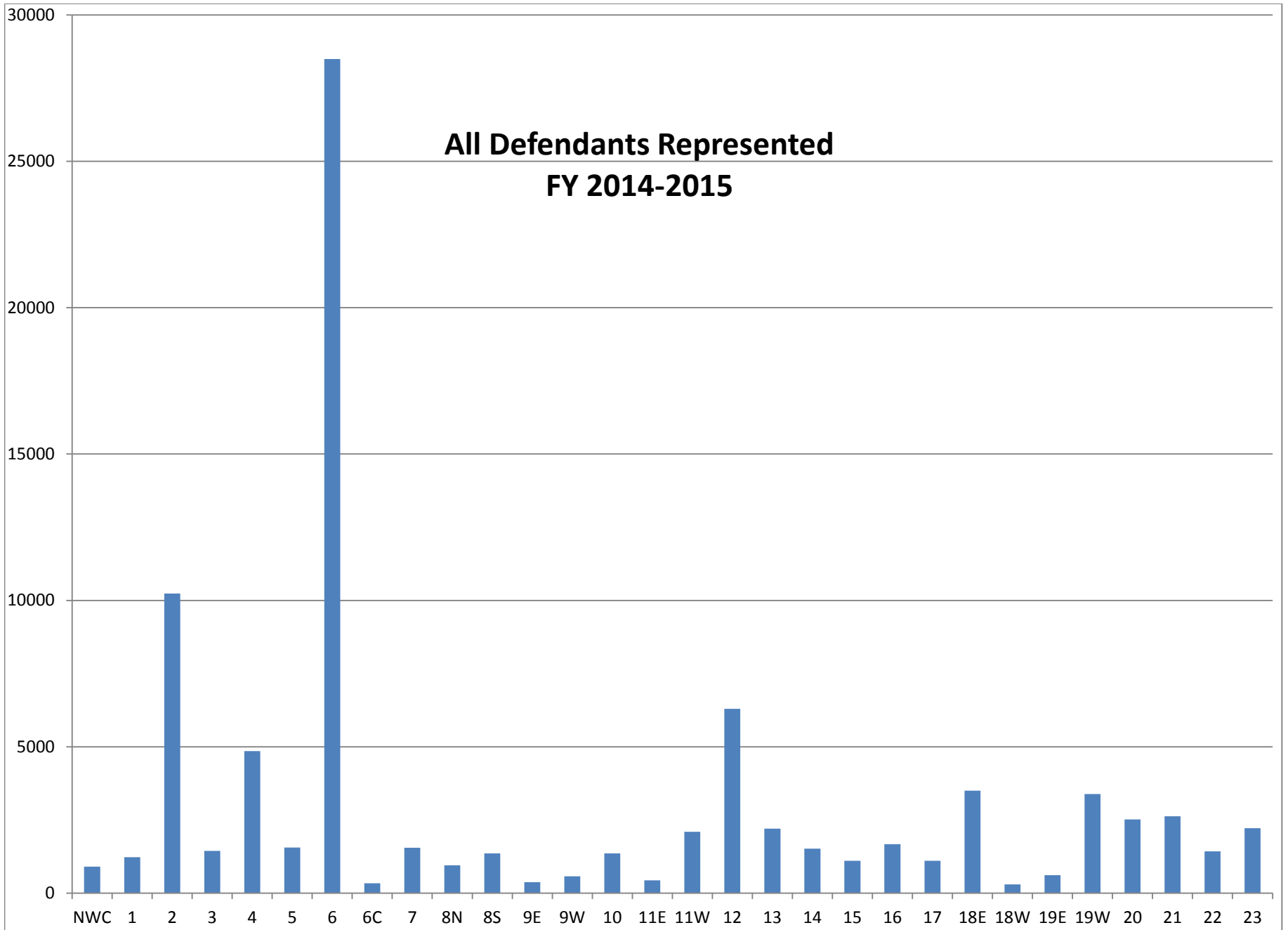
Circuit Court Defendants Represented FY 2014-2015



Other Defendants Represented FY 2014-2015



**All Defendants Represented
FY 2014-2015**



Fiscal Management

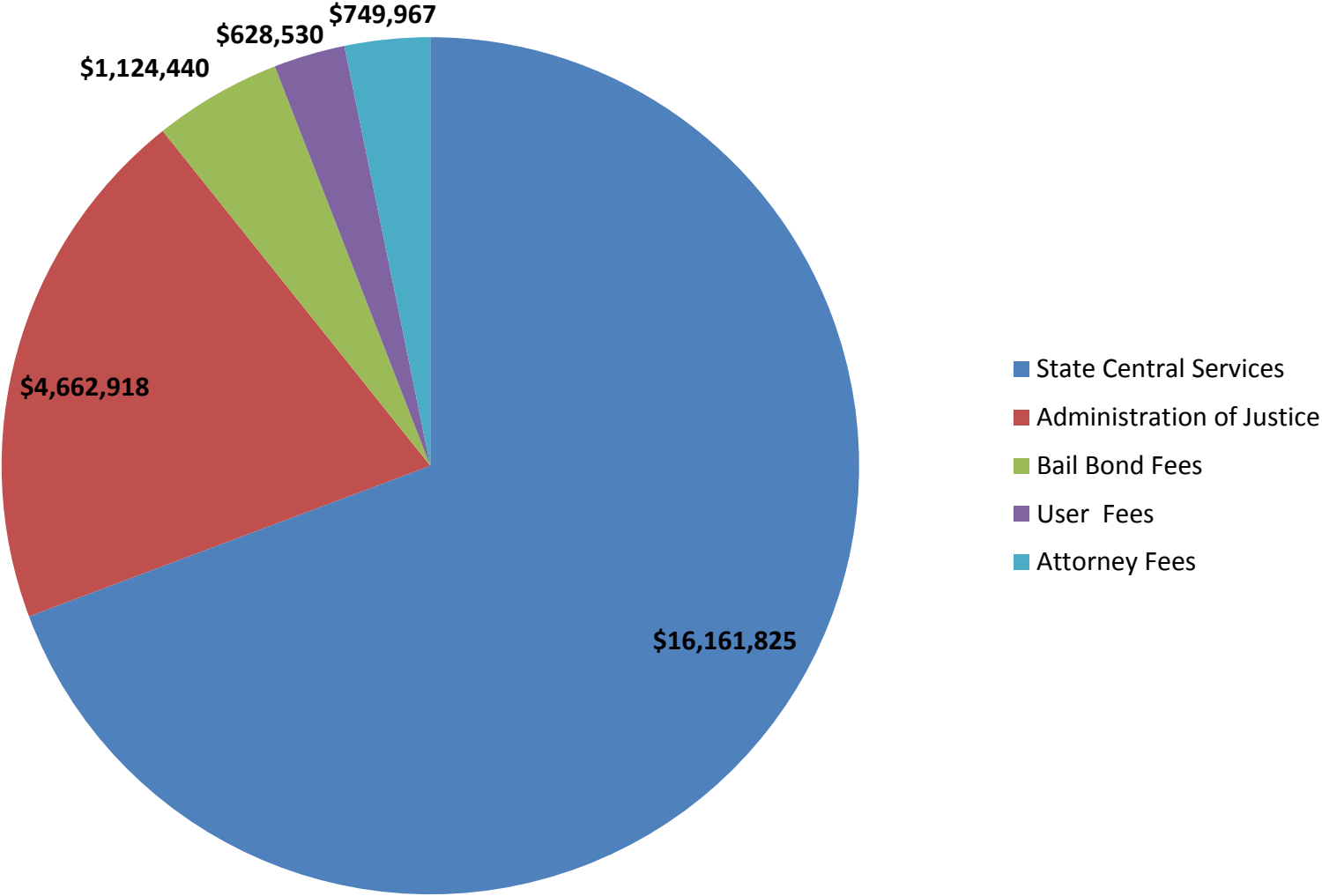
The work of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission is funded by both State and County funds. The State of Arkansas passes a biennial budget for the agency which covers employee salaries and operation for the main Commission office, the Capital, Conflicts Division and the Northwest Arkansas conflicts office.

Counties continue to pay for the operating expenses for the local public defender offices. They may also choose to fund additional personnel.

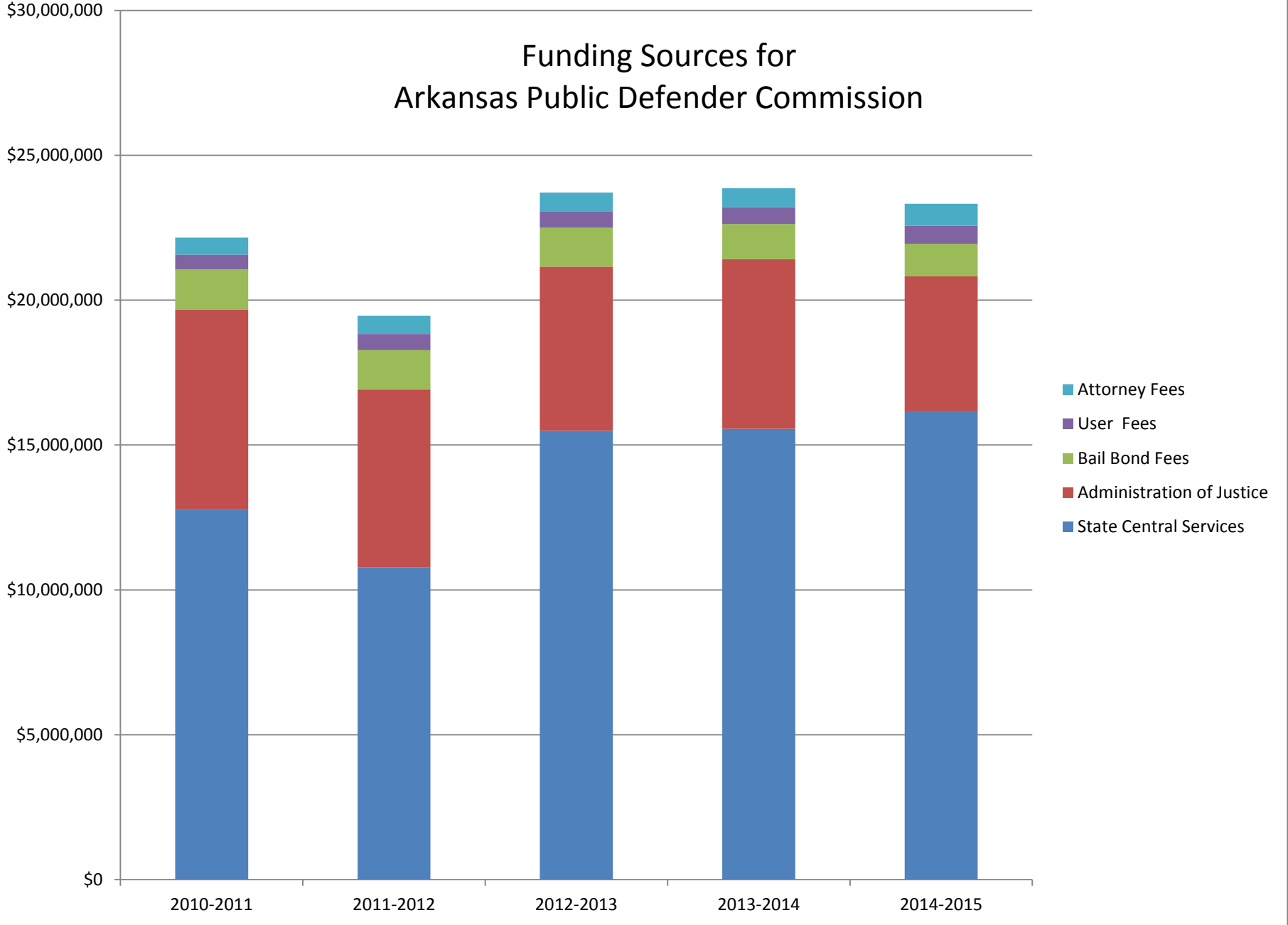
The revenue sources for the State's portion vary and are outlined in the following pages to include state general funds, State Administration of Justice funds and special fees.

Expenditures for professional services are borne by the State and include payment of attorney fees, expert witnesses, interpreters, investigators and mitigation specialists. These costs are outlined as well.

2014-2015 Funding Sources for Arkansas Public Defender Commission



Funding Sources for Arkansas Public Defender Commission



Fee Revenue

Act 1564 of 1999, Act 1778 of 2003 and Act 961 of 2013 provide fees that are to be assessed to offset a portion of the cost of the statewide Public Defender system.

User Fees are to be assessed against every defendant represented by a Public Defender unless waived by the Court. The fee range is \$10 to \$400 per case. Assessment and collection should occur at the time a public defender is appointed. Collecting officers in each County are required to forward the fees to the Public Defender Commission on a monthly basis.

User fees collected for FY 14-15 were \$628,530.

Attorneys Fees may be assessed by the Court as an additional court cost at the disposition of a case. Defendants who receive a probated sentence or for whom the imposition of a sentence is suspended may be assessed an attorney's fee. There is no minimum or maximum for this fee. Collections are also forwarded to the Commission monthly. The total for Attorneys' Fees statewide was \$749,967.

Bail Bond Fees are comprised of a twenty dollar surcharge added to each surety bond written in the state. This revenue is sent to the Public Defender Commission by the bonding companies. Three dollars of each fee is rebated to the Counties based on a formula provided by law. A chart of payments to the Counties follows

Bail Bond fees received by the State totaled \$1,124,440.

FY2015 User / Attorney Fees Collected			
Judicial Districts	User Fee	Attorney Fee	FY15 Total
1st	\$7,257.45	\$15,969.70	\$23,227.15
2nd	\$17,123.37	\$159,780.00	\$176,903.37
3rd	\$3,738.99	\$26,807.47	\$30,546.46
4th	\$24,722.77	\$33,928.00	\$58,650.77
5th	\$8,830.28	\$21,736.34	\$30,566.62
6th	\$86,824.84	\$27,875.91	\$114,700.75
7th	\$13,120.00	\$38,741.90	\$51,861.90
8 North	\$2,377.11	\$11,411.41	\$13,788.52
8 South	\$13,803.41	\$43,564.98	\$57,368.39
9 East	\$2,945.00	\$2,704.50	\$5,649.50
9 West	\$3,285.00	\$1,866.10	\$5,151.10
10th	\$18,752.75	\$2,575.88	\$21,328.63
11 East	\$6,504.34	\$2,050.00	\$8,554.34
11 West	\$13,933.19	\$22,302.49	\$36,235.68
12th	\$135,981.80	\$150.00	\$136,131.80
13th	\$5,054.00	\$44,442.28	\$49,496.28
14th	\$26,817.00	\$17,542.82	\$44,359.82
15th	\$8,492.00	\$3,055.00	\$11,547.00
16th	\$35,052.94	\$41,690.25	\$76,743.19
17th	\$12,247.00	\$8,028.00	\$20,275.00
18 East	\$17,890.00	\$7,320.50	\$25,210.50
18 West	\$422.13	\$26,917.67	\$27,339.80
19 East	\$29,391.04	\$4,102.25	\$33,493.29
19 West	\$50,857.48	\$121,004.95	\$171,862.43
20th	\$13,476.17	\$20,237.67	\$33,713.84
21st	\$36,085.29	\$2,390.00	\$38,475.29
22nd	\$30,650.00	\$19,218.00	\$49,868.00
23rd	\$2,894.35	\$22,552.81	\$25,447.16
Total FY15	\$628,529.70	\$749,966.88	\$1,378,496.58

**FY2015 County Disbursements
Act 1778 of 2003 and Act 1956 of 2005**

COUNTY NAME	Judicial District	Total Paid Each County for FY15
Cross	1	\$ 1,940.23
Lee	1	\$ 1,832.84
Monroe	1	\$ 1,800.01
Phillips	1	\$ 1,996.30
St. Francis	1	\$ 2,090.07
Woodruff	1	\$ 1,787.18
Clay	2	\$ 1,914.45
Craighead	2	\$ 3,073.64
Crittenden	2	\$ 2,416.72
Greene	2	\$ 2,289.60
Mississippi	2	\$ 2,352.92
Poinsett	2	\$ 2,037.05
Jackson	3	\$ 1,942.06
Lawrence	3	\$ 1,933.67
Randolph	3	\$ 1,941.67
Sharp	3	\$ 1,931.49
Madison	4	\$ 1,909.17
Washington	4	\$ 4,611.62
Franklin	5	\$ 1,943.91
Johnson	5	\$ 2,050.87
Pope	5	\$ 2,573.24
Perry	6	\$ 1,833.12
Pulaski	6	\$ 7,203.52
Grant	7	\$ 1,939.99
Hot Spring	7	\$ 2,157.37
Ashley	10	\$ 1,997.68
Bradley	10	\$ 1,848.46
Chicot	10	\$ 1,852.67
Desha	10	\$ 1,870.10
Drew	10	\$ 1,949.45
Sebastian	12	\$ 3,496.29
Calhoun	13	\$ 1,759.89
Cleveland	13	\$ 1,807.80
Columbia	13	\$ 2,036.62
Dallas	13	\$ 1,799.53
Ouachita	13	\$ 2,059.24
Union	13	\$ 2,283.08
Baxter	14	\$ 2,281.28
Boone	14	\$ 2,214.77
Marion	14	\$ 1,922.69
Newton	14	\$ 1,802.62
Conway	15	\$ 1,989.32
Logan	15	\$ 2,004.91
Scott	15	\$ 1,844.49
Yell	15	\$ 2,002.45
Cleburne	16	\$ 2,057.06
Fulton	16	\$ 1,859.10
Independence	16	\$ 2,211.08
Izard	16	\$ 1,880.02

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Act 1778 of 2003 and Act 1956 of 2005**

COUNTY NAME	Judicial District	Total Paid Each County for FY15
Stone	16	\$ 1,861.24
Prairie	17	\$ 1,808.17
White	17	\$ 2,794.26
Faulkner	20	\$ 3,315.89
Searcy	20	\$ 1,800.67
Van Buren	20	\$ 1,931.93
Crawford	21	\$ 2,576.05
Saline	22	\$ 3,227.62
Lonoke	23	\$ 2,668.48
Arkansas	11E	\$ 1,956.81
Jefferson	11W	\$ 2,799.45
Lincoln	11W	\$ 1,886.34
Garland	18E	\$ 2,767.59
Montgomery	18W	\$ 1,819.32
Polk	18W	\$ 1,980.51
Carroll	19E	\$ 2,078.36
Benton	19W	\$ 4,875.23
Hempstead	8N	\$ 2,008.58
Nevada	8N	\$ 1,812.24
Lafayette	8S	\$ 1,792.74
Miller	8S	\$ 2,309.38
Clark	9E	\$ 2,014.15
Howard	9W	\$ 1,881.36
Little River	9W	\$ 1,872.45
Pike	9W	\$ 1,845.34
Sevier	9W	\$ 1,928.53
TOTAL		\$ 167,946.00

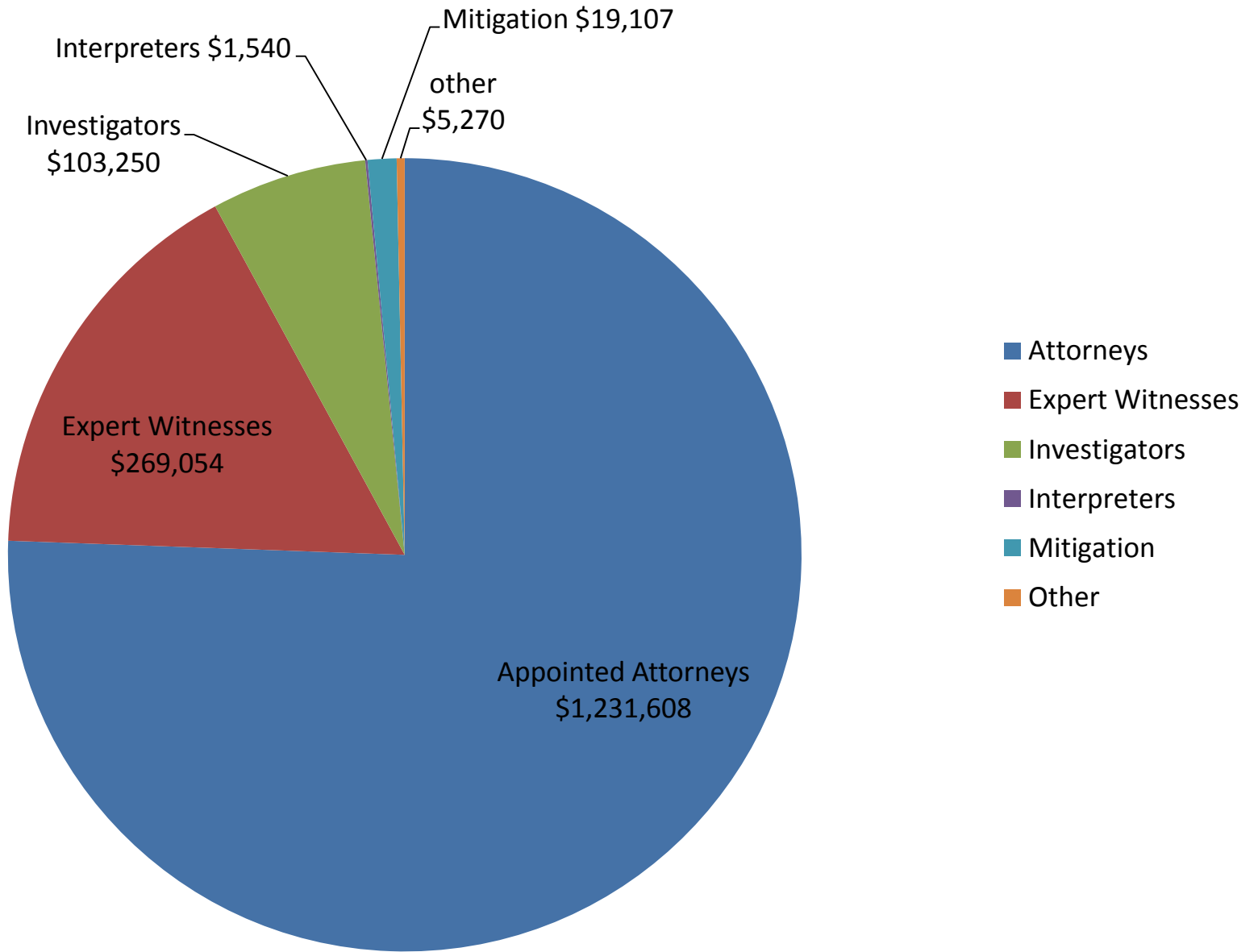
Professional Services

The Public Defender Commission incurs Professional Services Fees for appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, investigators, interpreters and other expenses ordered by the Courts for indigent clients. In Fiscal Year 2014-2015, \$1,231,608 of the expenditures were for the appointment of private attorneys. These expenditures are necessary when multiple defendant cases present a conflict for the staff attorneys and outside counsel must be hired to represent one or more of the defendants. Appointed attorneys are required to meet specific levels of training and experience and are paid based on the level of offense charged.

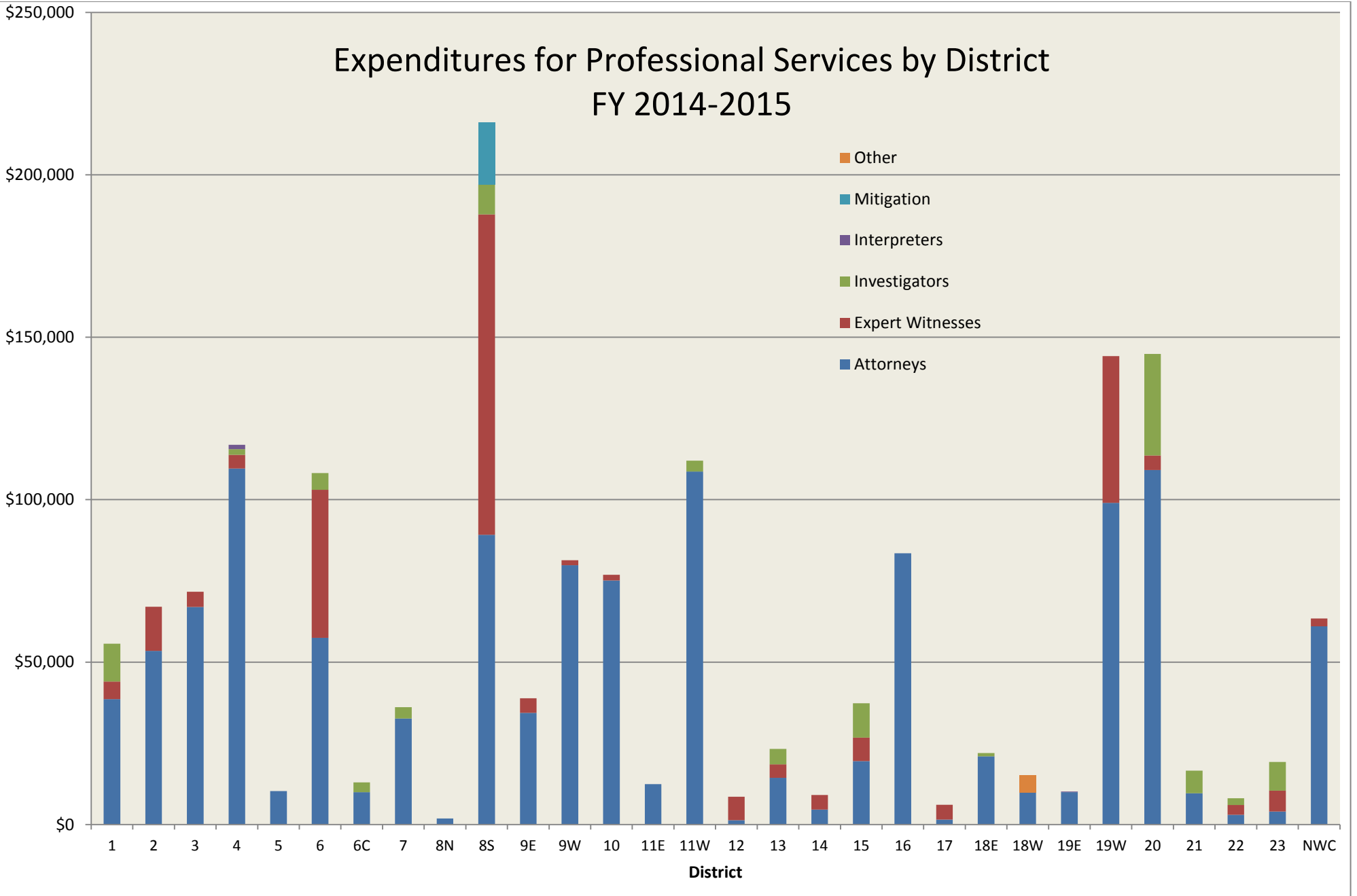
A court order is required prior to payment affirming that the service has been rendered.

All professional services must be authorized in advance.

Statewide Professional Services Expenditures FY 2014-2015



Expenditures for Professional Services by District FY 2014-2015



2014-2015 Professional Services Expenditures

	Attorneys	Expert Witnesses	Investigators	Interpreters	Mitigation	Other	
1	38,559.64	5,436.25	11,641.26				55,637.15
2	53,461.59	13,593.66					67,055.25
3	66,945.60	4,729.16					71,674.76
4	109,581.13	4,200.00	1,776.80	1,340.00			116,897.93
5	10,270.41						10,270.41
6	57,480.36	45,527.32	5,214.66				108,222.34
6C	9,931.88		3,026.25				12,958.13
7	32,625.00		3,510.90				36,135.90
8N	1,861.55						1,861.55
8S	89,206.56	98,606.31	9,190.18		19,106.86		216,109.91
9E	34,386.36	4,495.72					38,882.08
9W	79,785.14	1,584.32					81,369.46
10	75,152.45	1,700.00					76,852.45
11E	12,448.97						12,448.97
11W	108,679.18		3,334.32				112,013.50
12	1,290.00	7,255.00					8,545.00
13	14,341.91	4,150.00	4,770.00				23,261.91
14	4,562.60	4,506.25					9,068.85
15	19,547.74	7,175.00	10,613.16				37,335.90
16	83,478.58						83,478.58
17	1,500.00	4,593.75					6,093.75
18E	20,996.93		1,024.80				22,021.73
18W	9,818.03					5,270.00	15,088.03
19E	9,954.17			200.00			10,154.17
19W	99,009.89	45,170.43					144,180.32
20	109,106.50	4,500.00	31,226.33				144,832.83
21	9,617.28		6,952.50				16,569.78
22	3,003.62	3,000.00	2,092.50				8,096.12
23	4,012.25	6,393.75	8,876.25				19,282.25
NWC	60,992.82	2,437.50					63,430.32
	1,231,608.14	269,054.42	103,249.91	1,540.00	19,106.86	5,270.00	1,629,829.33