

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Financial Report

January 2026

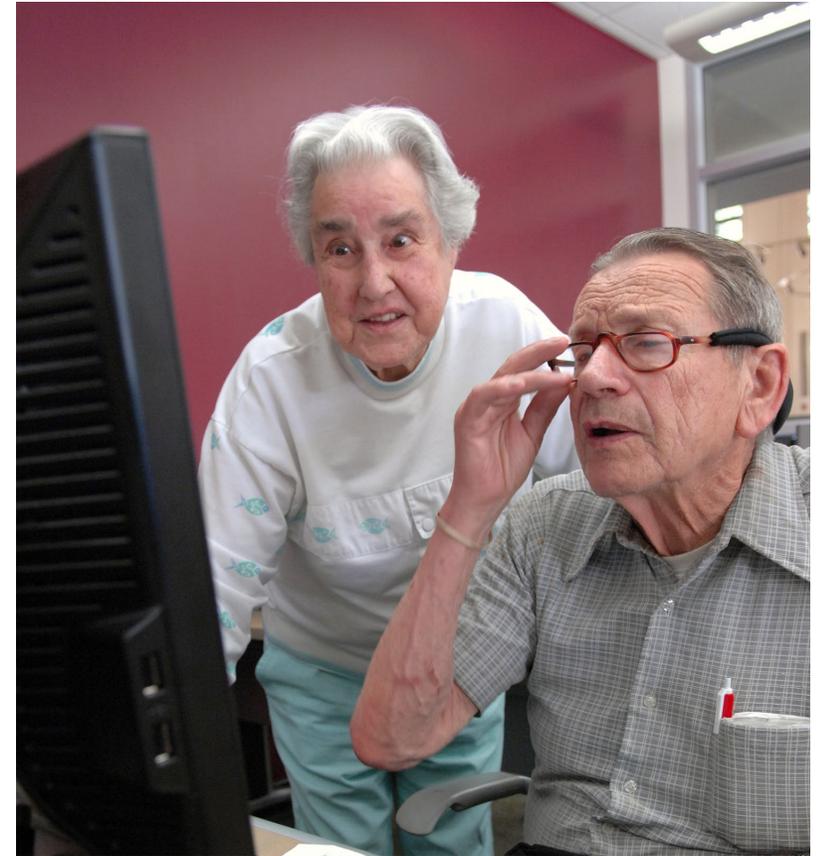


“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” – Peter Drucker





Mid-Year Budget Highlights



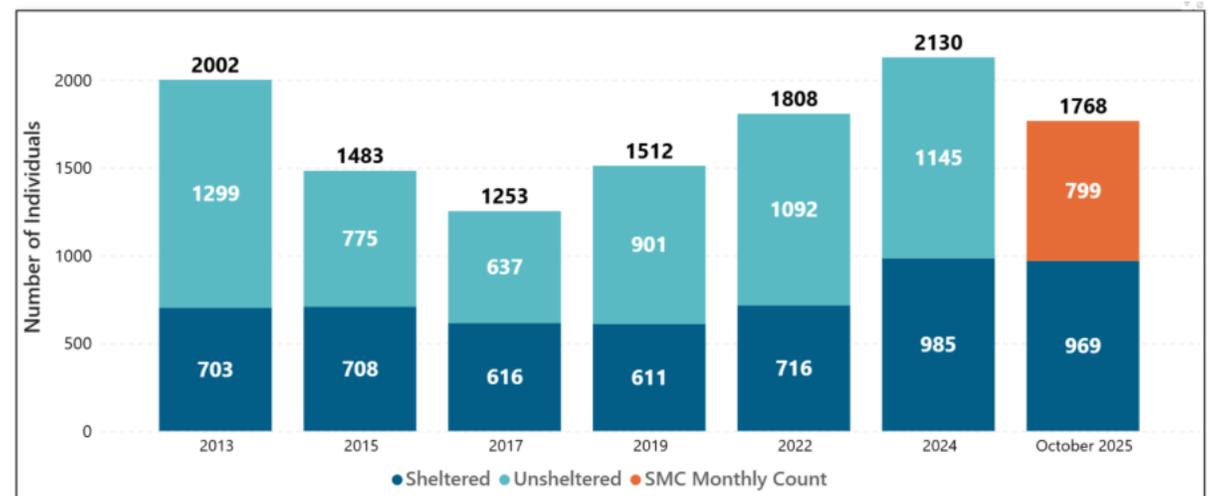


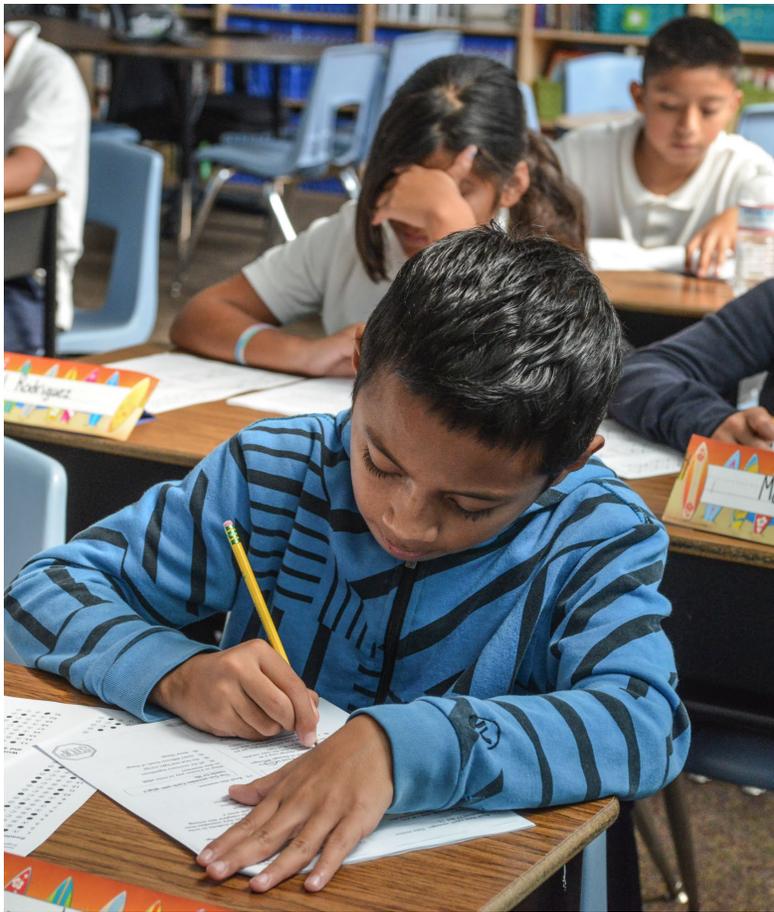
Housing and Homelessness

- Construction to housing development
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) 2.0
- Encampment Resolution Fund Grant Program

Point-in-Time Counts

Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Individuals in San Mateo County





Children, Families & Seniors





Children, Youth and Families Budget FY 2025-27



FY 2025-27 Children, Youth and Families Budget Website and Trifold



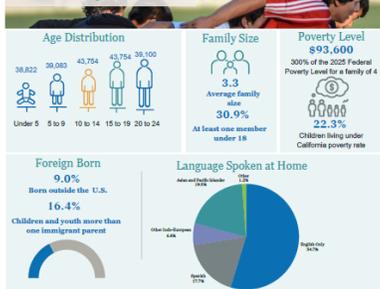
Message from David J. Canepa, District 5 Supervisor (2025 Board President)



As a father, I see every day how much our children depend on us to build the world they'll inherit. Our investments today, in their health, education, safety, and sense of belonging, are really investments in San Mateo County's future. Every child deserves a strong start which includes a healthy mind, body, and spirit, a caring adult to guide them and a community that meets their essential needs and nurtures their dreams. By working together, we can ensure that every young person in our county has the tools and opportunities to thrive and to lead us into a brighter tomorrow.



Community Overview



*For additional data visualizations and pillar-specific demographics, please visit the Children's Budget website or scan the QR code.

Four Pillars

- Health**
Promote Freedom From Injury or Illness, Mental and Physical Health Encourages programs, services, preventative measures, and initiatives aimed at ensuring the physical well-being of children.
- Education**
Facilitate Learning in K-12 Schools and Other Knowledge Institutions. Education incorporates educational programs, and resources crucial for fostering growth.
- Engagement**
Provide Assistance and Extracurricular Opportunities that will Broaden and Enrich Life Experiences. Engagement reflects the importance of recreational activities, cultural enrichment, and community involvement, recognizing the pivotal role in a child's development.
- Wellbeing**
Improve Overall Quality of Life Through Social Services. Wellbeing encompasses investments in mental health, social services, and programs that enhance overall quality of life.

HEALTH HIGHLIGHT



Black Infant Health

Black Infant Health works to improve African American birth outcomes by providing culturally equitable Case Management, Health Education, Client Support Groups and other supportive services, to mitigate the historical and systemic racism and inequities that has contributed to disparities like higher Maternal and Infant death rates. Briana Spiveywood, a native of East Palo Alto, has had 2 courses in Black Infant Health and has participated in both our Prenatal and Post Partum Groups. She has also had numerous friends and family who participated in the program. Briana credits Black Infant Health with helping her better understand her role as a Black mother.

"What I love about the Black Infant Health Program is the love and support everyone gives. It is a great feeling to have such an amazing village of ladies I can relate to and grow with. Also having the access of resources and knowledge on various topics to help myself and other Black moms be better mothers and women. I appreciate all the BIRTH Case Managers and Supervisors. Thank you all!"

WELLBEING HIGHLIGHT

Therapy Animals and Music

At the heart of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League (SAL) is a mission to strengthen bonds between local youth and deputies. San Mateo County SAL partnered with @NationalPAL to host an engaging and informative workshop for more than 25 local teens at California College in Redwood City, as part of the Orgullo y Educación (OYE) Conference. The session highlighted how animals (including our very own Therapy K-9s), stuffed animals and music can offer comfort, support emotional well-being and provide therapeutic benefits.



EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Youth Climate Ambassadors

Emma Kim joined the Youth Climate Ambassadors program in October 2024, eager to take part in local climate action. Over seven months, she engaged in readings, discussions, and a student-led Community Impact Project, knowing buildings and transportation are major greenhouse gas sources in San Mateo County. Emma helped design a clean energy workshop for young children. Her team created educational materials, secured a venue, and taught hands-on activities to inspire sustainable living. Through the program, Emma built confidence, leadership, and public speaking skills, culminating in two successful workshops in Pacific. In recognition of her work, she presented her project to the County Board of Supervisors for Earth Day 2025. The experience has deeply influenced Emma's interest in sustainability and shaped her vision for future climate advocacy.

ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHT



Junior Naturalist Camp

San Mateo County Parks provides two (2) day summer camps at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve for local Community Based Organizations serving youth in underserved areas of San Mateo County. Youth attending these trips are between 7 and 12 years old and experience a variety of activities and lessons over the course of camp to explore and learn about the marine and coastal environment.

"The kids had a wonderful time. They talked about [camp] right away and were very proud showing us their photos and their wood necklaces. The kids created memorable experiences and all because of you!"



Use the QR code to view the Children's Budget website. Available in multiple languages.



Emergency Preparedness



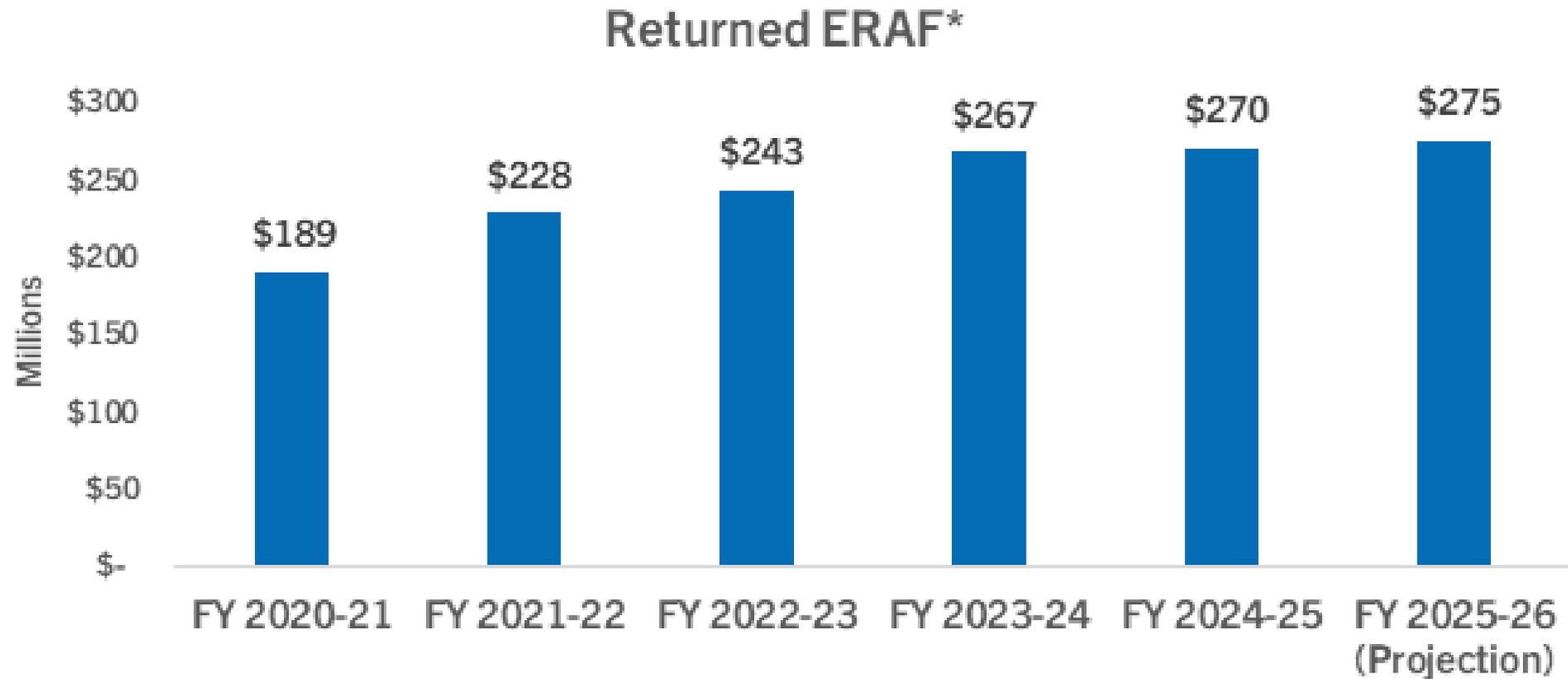
A coastal scene featuring a prominent cliff in the background with buildings and a lighthouse on top. The middle ground shows waves breaking onto a sandy beach. In the foreground, a man and a young child are walking along the shore. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

Update on Financial Conditions

Year End Fund Balance Projections

County of San Mateo Agencies by Fund	FY 2024-25 Budgeted Reserves	FY 2024-25 Est. Year-End Fund Balance	Variance
Agencies - General Fund			
Criminal Justice	59,999,817	57,799,152	(2,200,665)
Health Services	29,871,730	37,640,321	7,768,591
Social Services	36,250,466	42,969,653	6,719,187
Community Services	23,074,114	28,365,500	5,291,386
Admin-Fiscal	28,715,347	42,836,266	14,120,919
Subtotal Agencies - General Fund	177,911,474	209,610,892	31,699,418
Non-Departmental - General Fund			
Non-Departmental Services	403,720,107	506,520,351	102,800,244
Subtotal Non-Departmental - General Fund	403,720,107	506,520,351	102,800,244
Agencies - Non-General Fund			
Health Services	11,190,023	3,182,023	(8,008,000)
Community Services	191,985,635	254,674,399	62,688,764
Admin-Fiscal	14,318,594	20,322,332	6,003,738
Subtotal Non-General Fund	217,494,252	278,178,754	60,684,502
Total ALL Funds	799,125,833	994,309,996	195,184,163

Returned Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF)



A photograph of a drive-through window with a line of cars. In the foreground, three orange traffic cones with reflective white stripes are placed on the asphalt. The cars are lined up, and the scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The background shows trees and utility poles.

Vehicle License Fee (VLF)

- In FY 2023-24, \$38M there was a shortfall and in FY 2024-25, there was a \$119M shortfall
- County and cities filed a claim for reimbursement of the \$119 million
- Shortfall is greater than all the County's Housing and Homelessness annual funding combined.



VLF Shortfall Impact

- San Mateo County's highest annual funding loss to date.
- VLF revenue is a core funding source that supports essential County and city services, including:
 - Public safety and emergency response
 - Healthcare, mental health services, and programs for seniors and youth
 - Local libraries and parks
 - Homelessness prevention services and affordable housing
 - Wildfire prevention, climate change, and sea level rise initiatives
- County is allocating fund balance to cover expenses

Federal and State Landscape

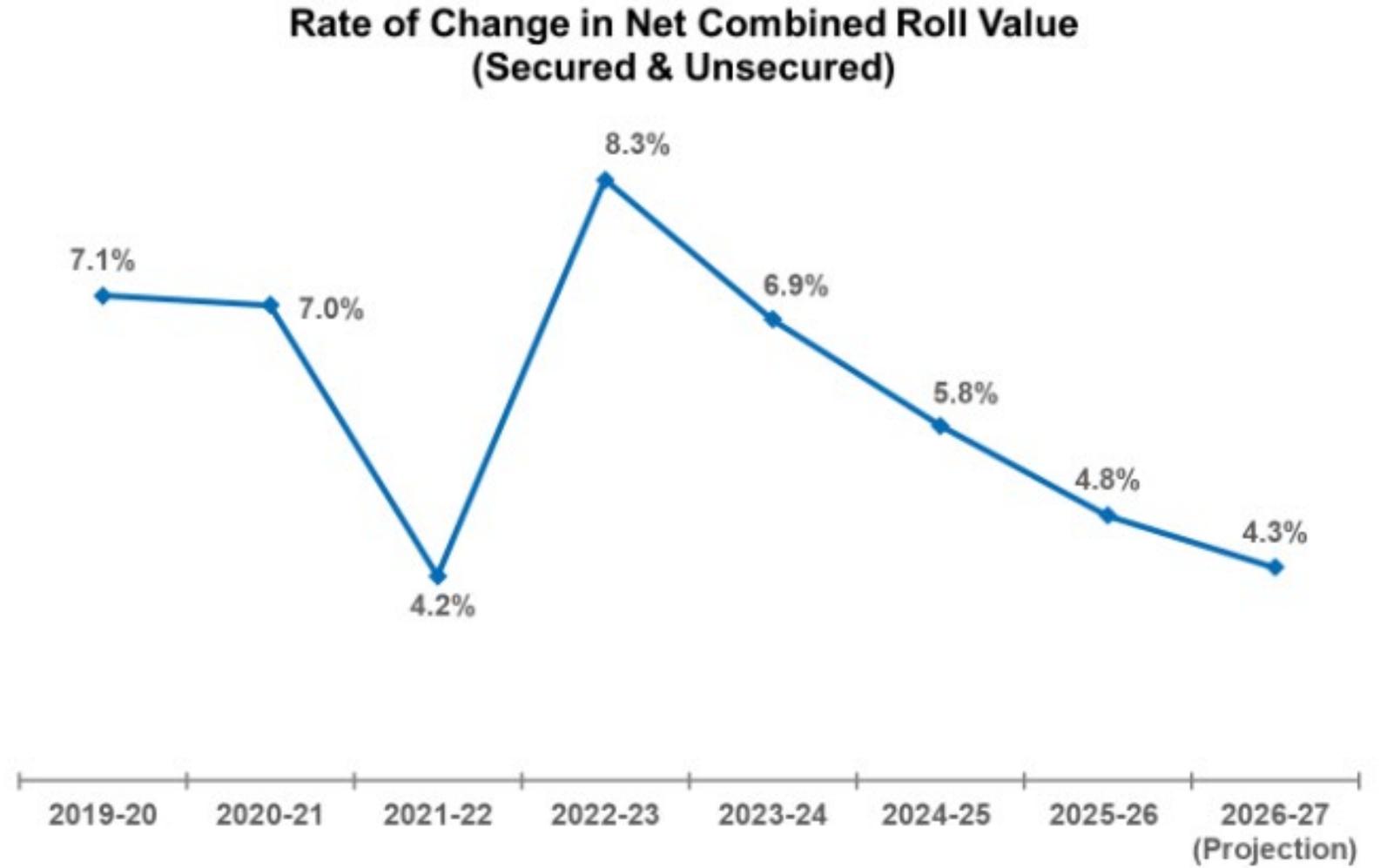
- State budget and Medi-Cal policy changes
- Federal HR-1 impacts



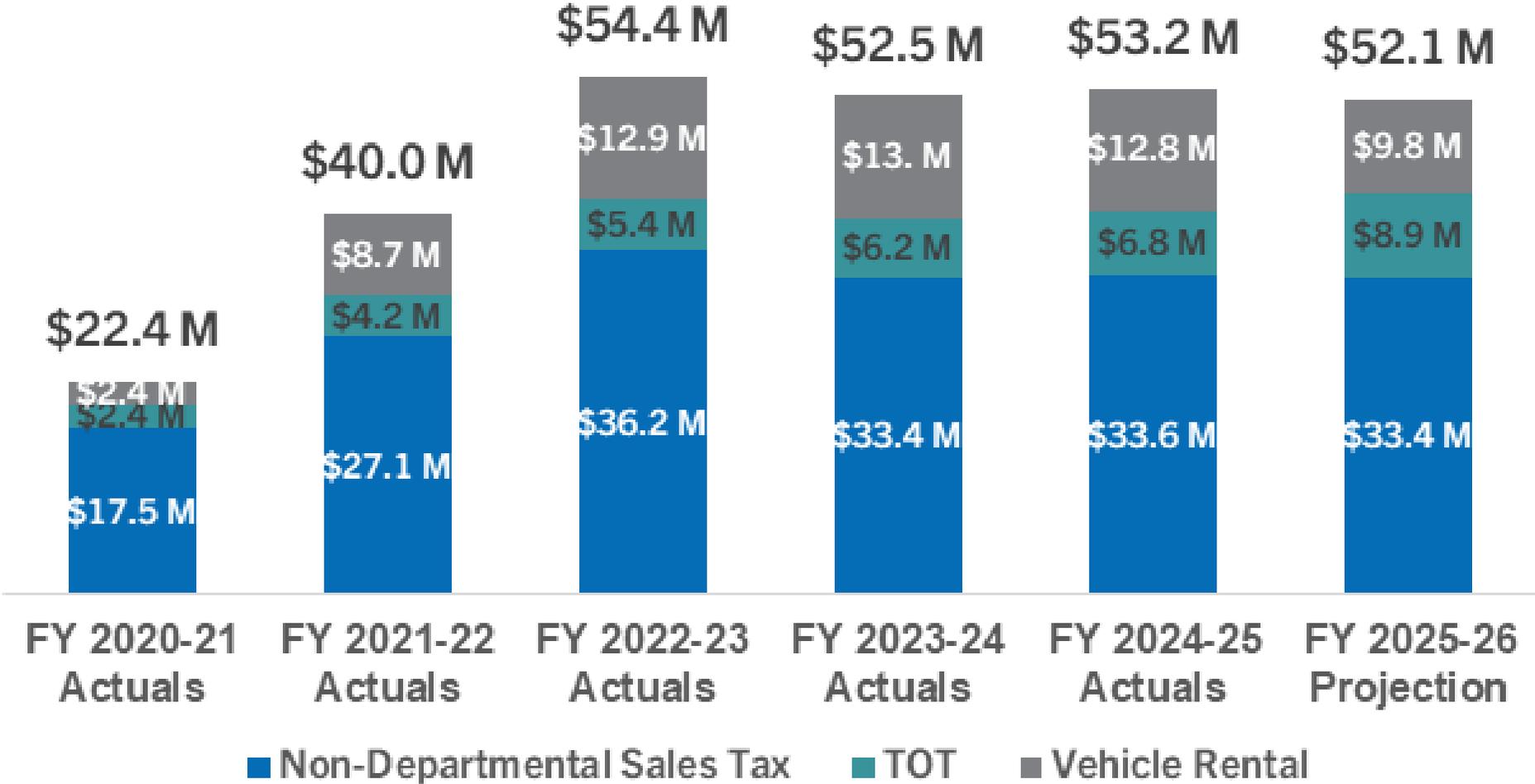
A scenic coastal path with a cyclist, a wooden fence, and a view of the ocean under a clear blue sky. The path is paved and runs along the beach. On the left, there is a wooden fence and a large tree. On the right, there is a rocky shoreline with green vegetation and a rope railing. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking on the beach. The sky is clear and blue.

Economic Analysis

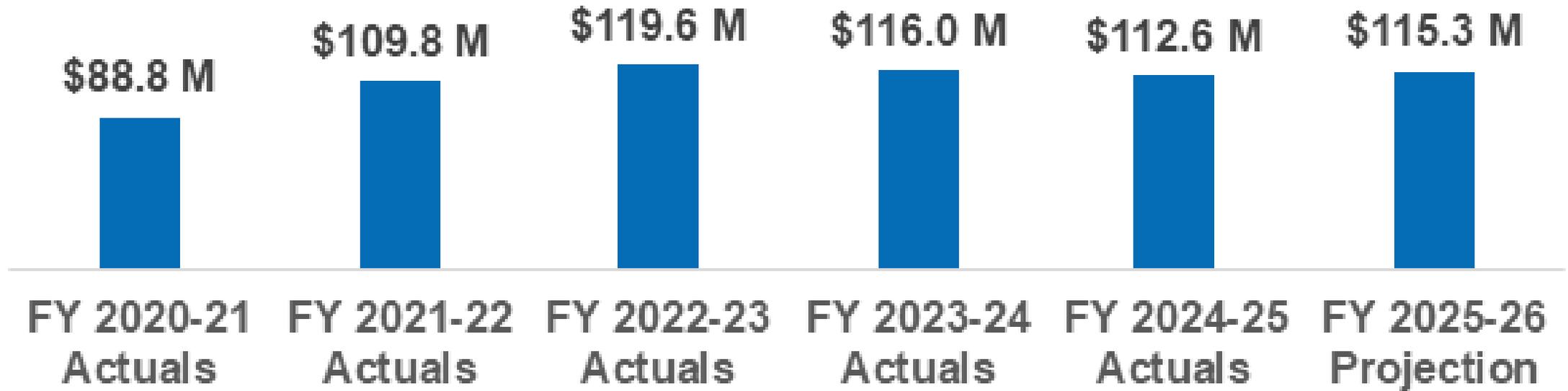
Property Tax (Roll Value)



County Sales & Other Tax Revenue



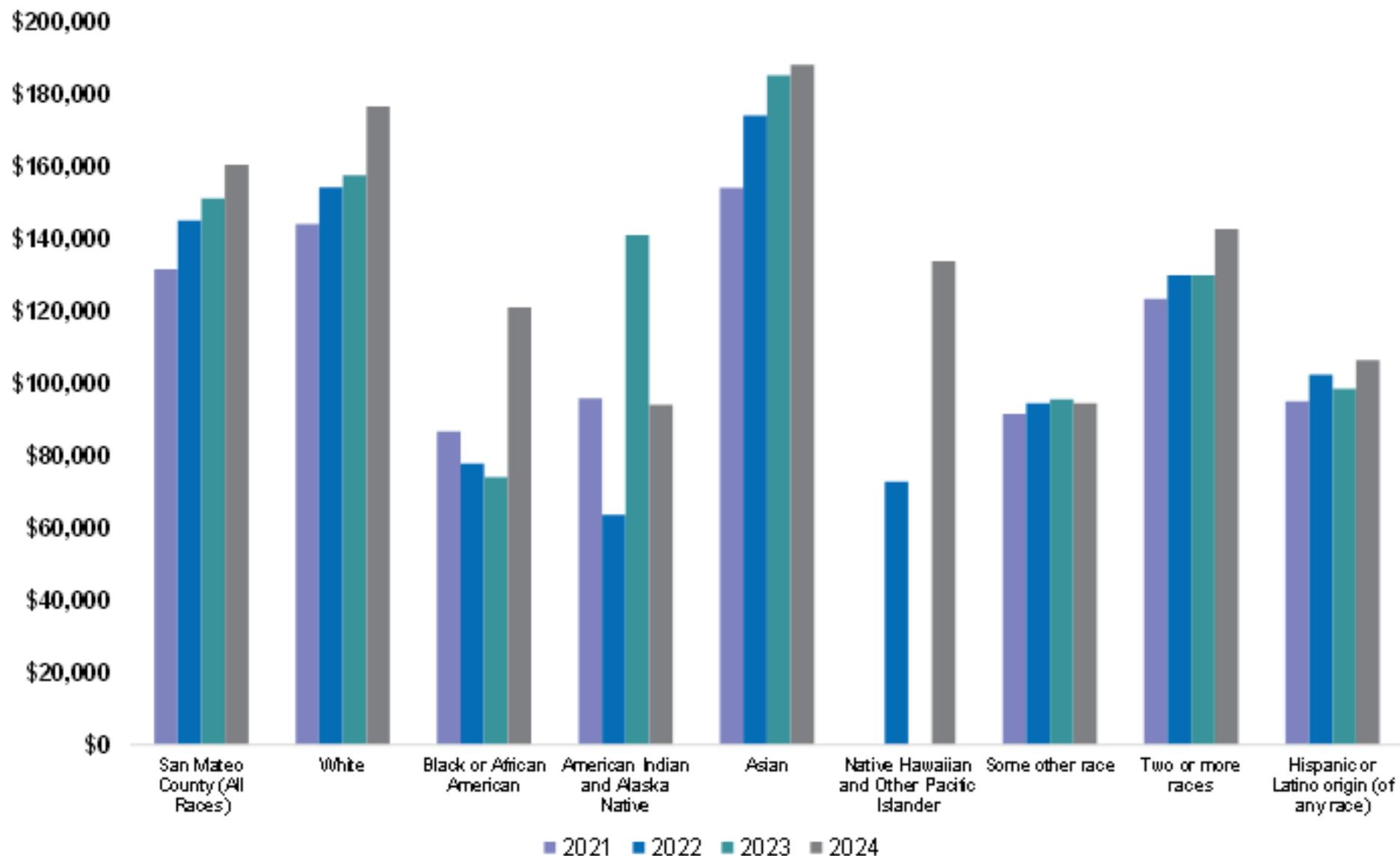
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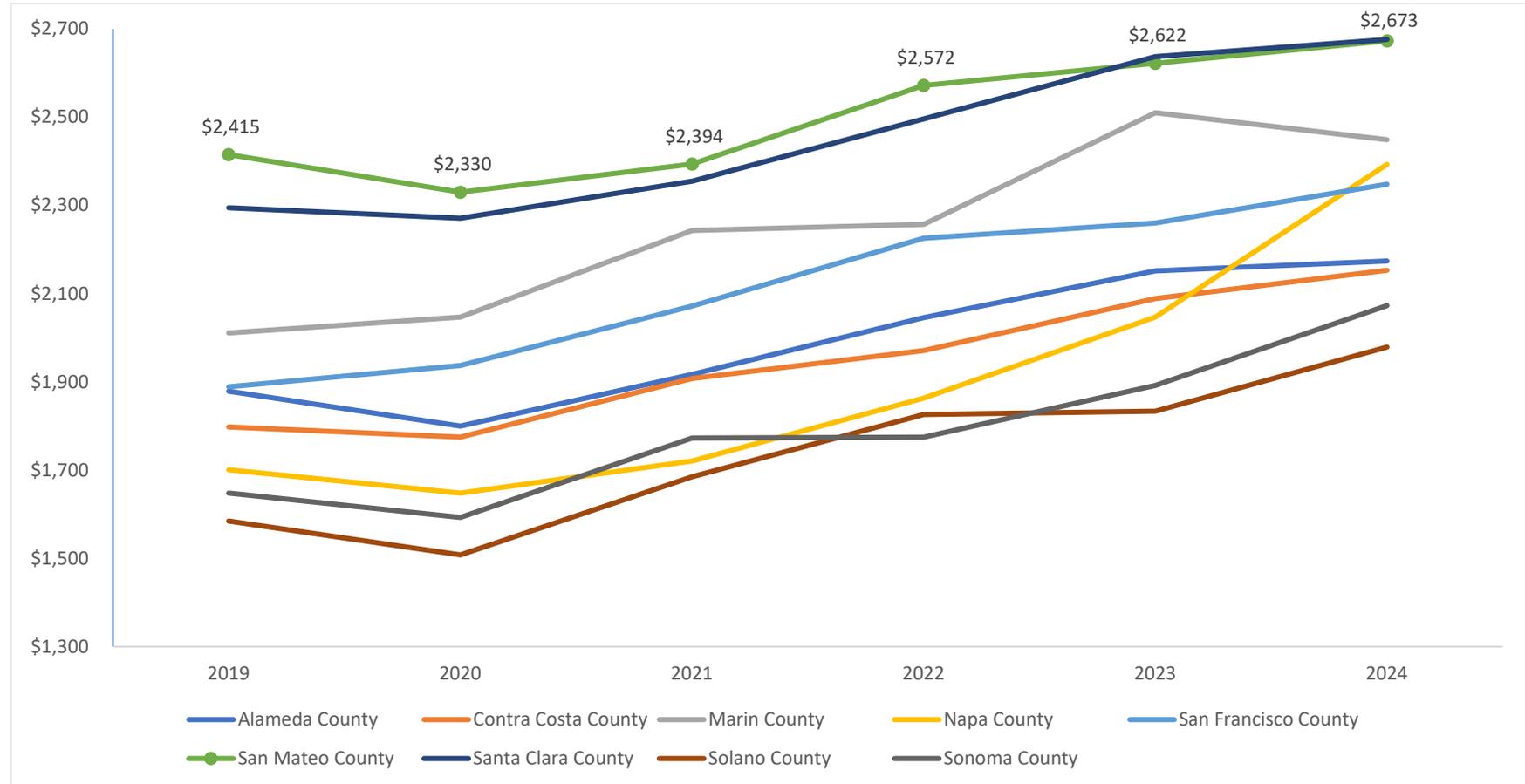
Local Indicators



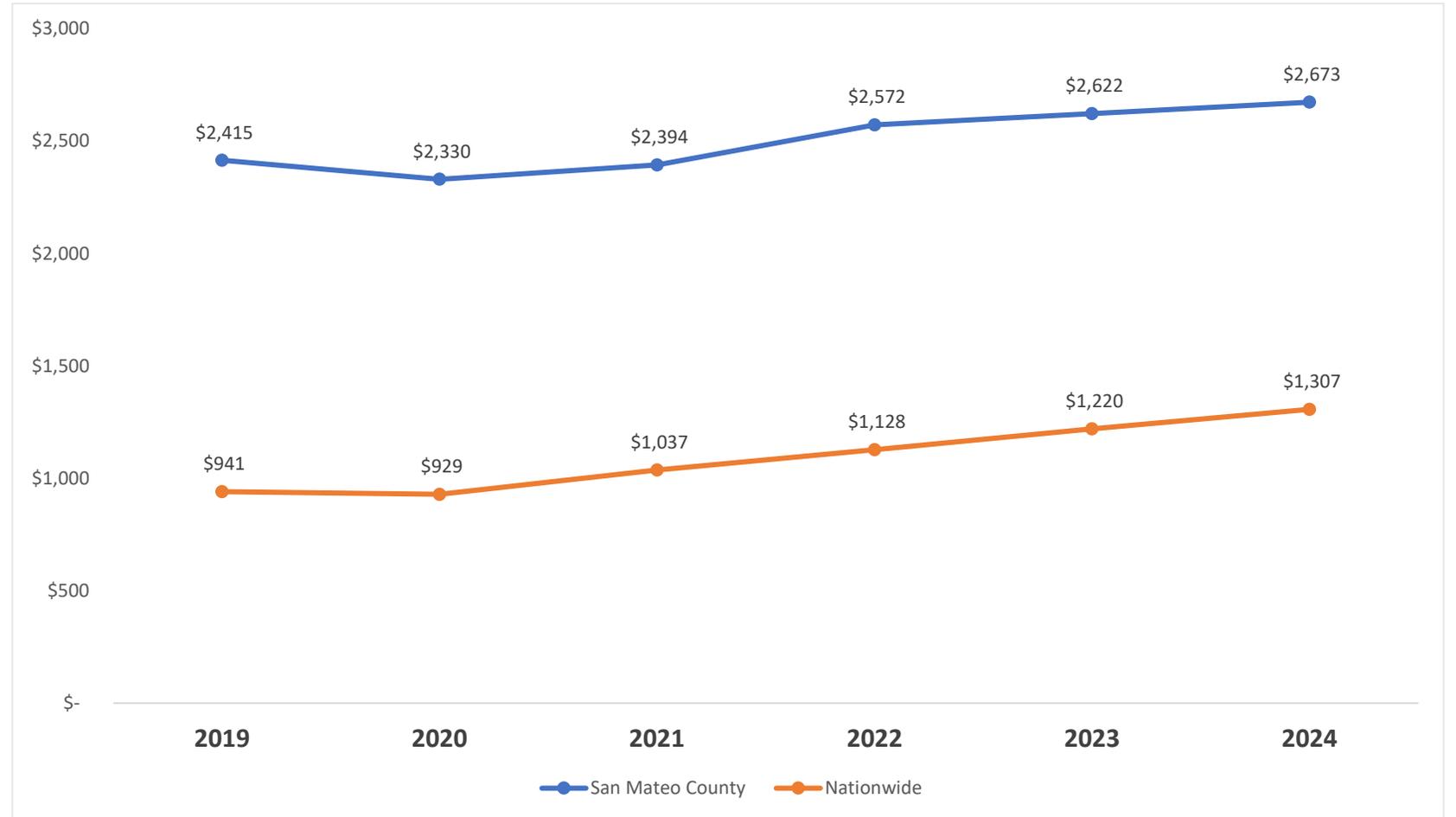
Median Household Income by Race (in 2024 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)



Median Monthly Rent

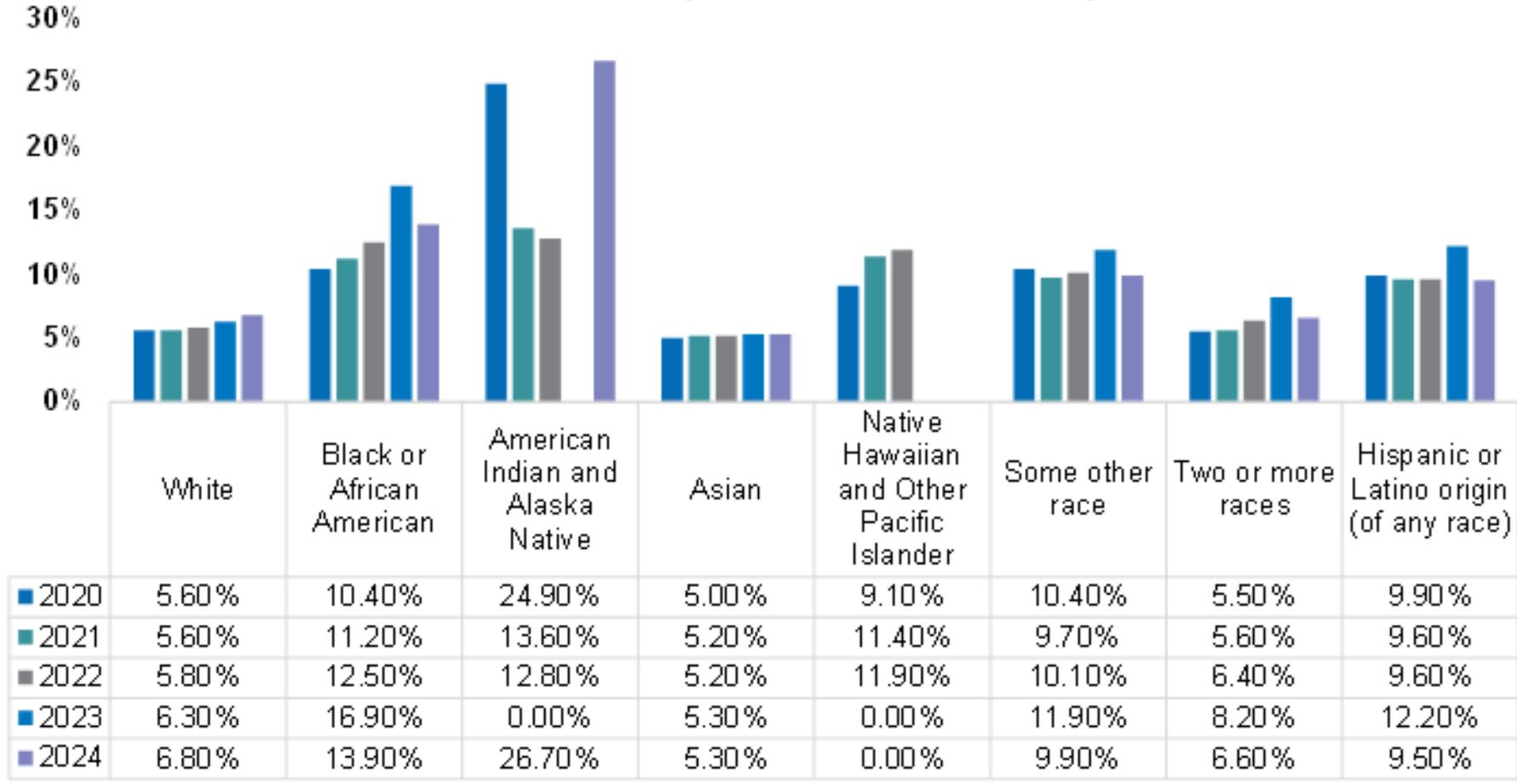


Median Contract Rent



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates: Median Contract Rent (Dollars)

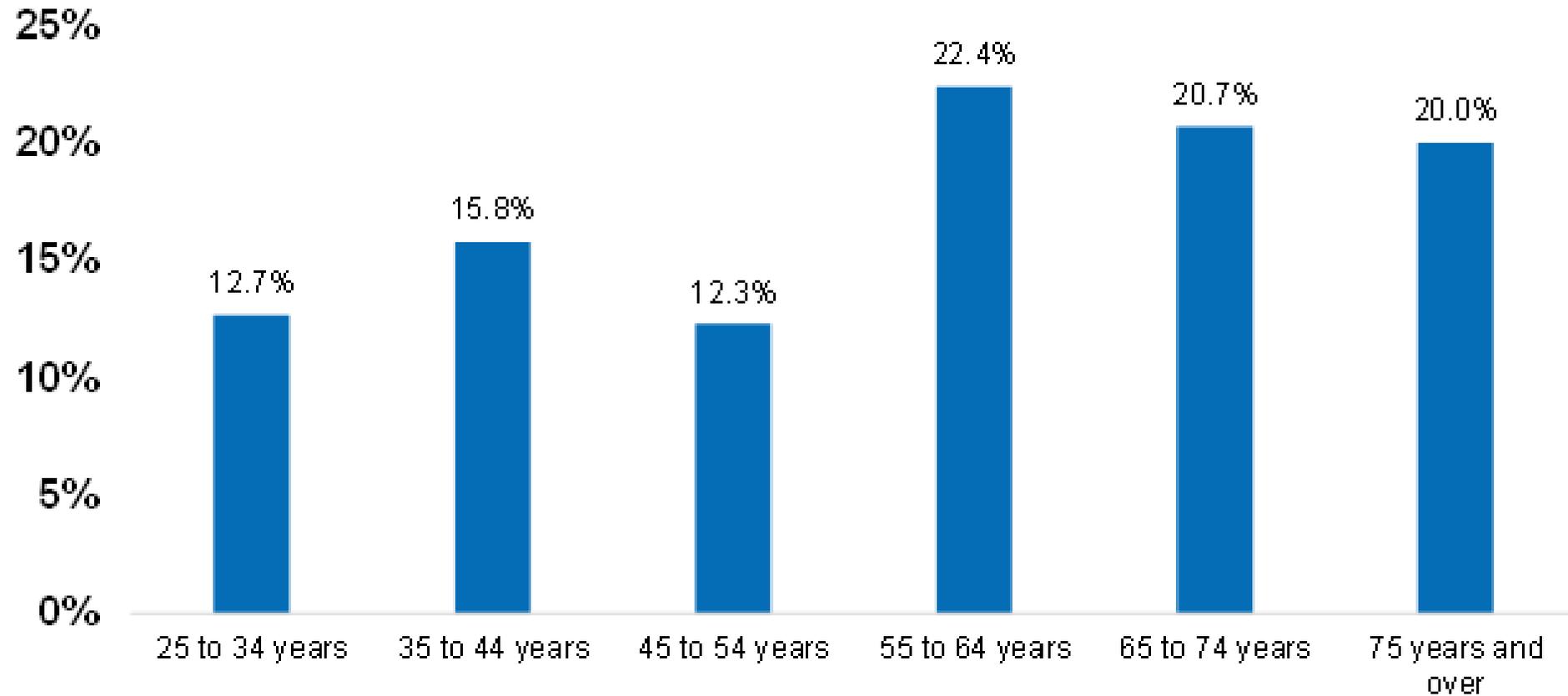
Percent of County Residents Below Federal Poverty Guideline by Race and Ethnicity



For 2023, no data was collected for American Indian and Alaska Native, as well as Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander. For 2024, no data was collected for Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander.

Source: United States Census Bureau: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables – 2024. [S1701: Poverty Status in the Past ... - Census Bureau Table](#)

Percent of County Residents Below the Federal Poverty Guideline by Age



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“Optimism is the
faith that leads to
achievement.”
– Helen Keller



Recommendation

- A. Accept the FY 2025-26 County Mid-Year Budget Update, including key revenue and expenditure projections and budget assumptions; and
- B. Accept the Proposed Proposition 172 Maintenance of Effort Certification; and
- C. Approve ATRs in the aggregate amount of \$831,829 to support 8 positions in the Sheriff's and District Attorney's Offices for a Human Trafficking Taskforce, the Family Justice Center, and to address increased crime lab demand; and
- D. Accept the FY 2025-27 Children, Youth and Families Budget

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Thank You

