

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit 2016 Budget Presentation



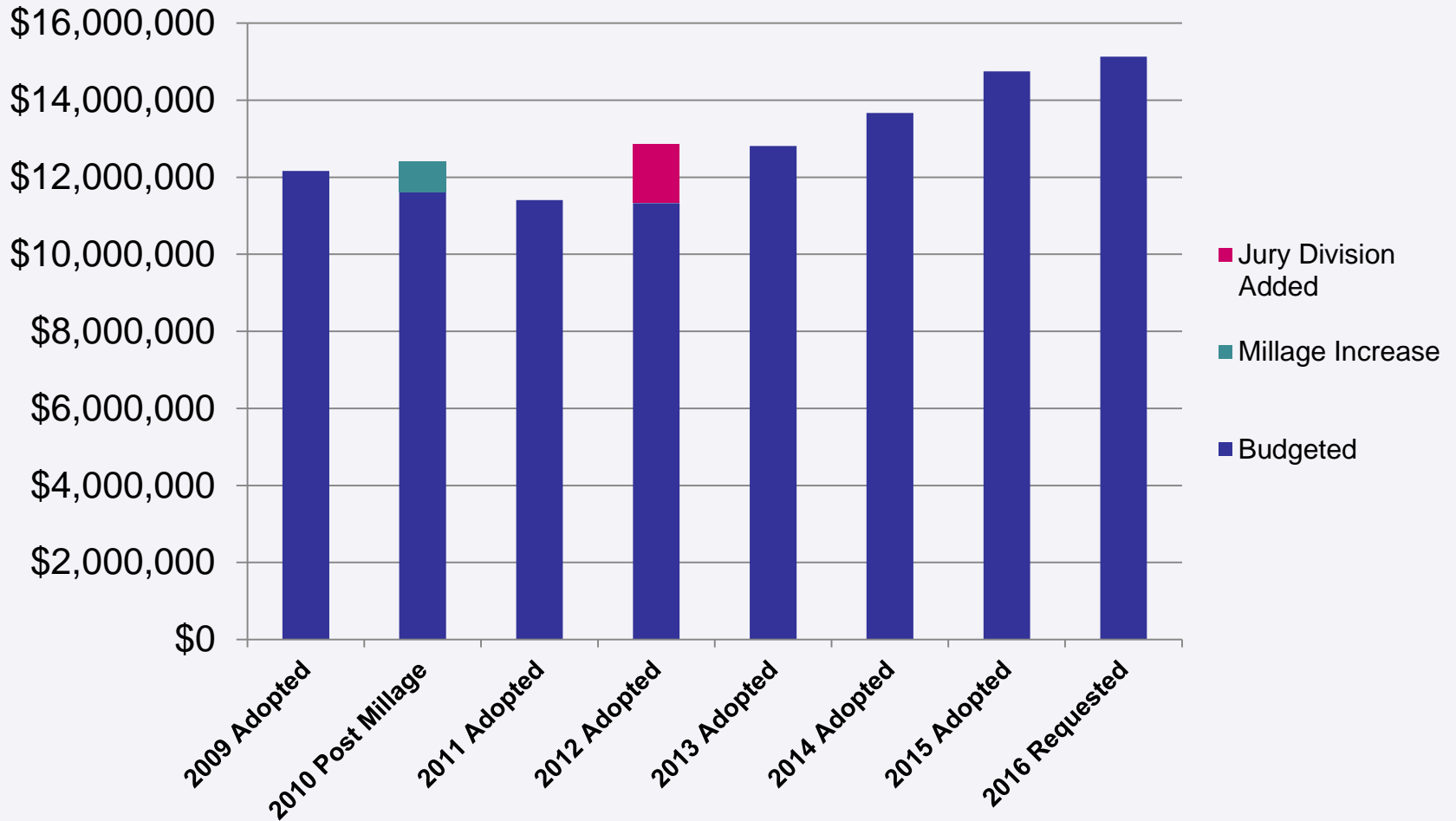
Superior Court
State Court
Magistrate Court
Administrative Office of the Courts



Budget Comparison

Superior - State - Magistrate

General Operating & Personal Services

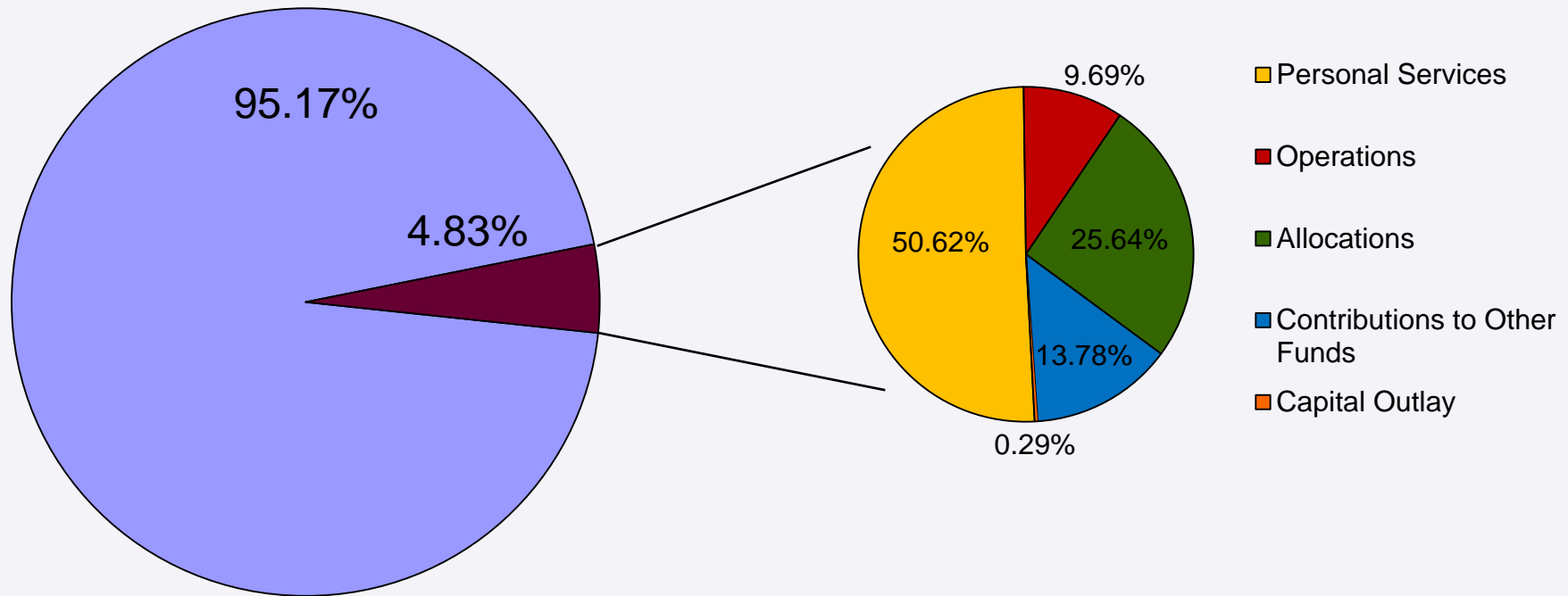


Percentage of Department General Fund Utilized

Superior, State, Magistrate Courts and Administrative Office of the Courts

■ County Department General Fund

■ Superior, State, Magistrate Courts & AOC



Magistrate Court

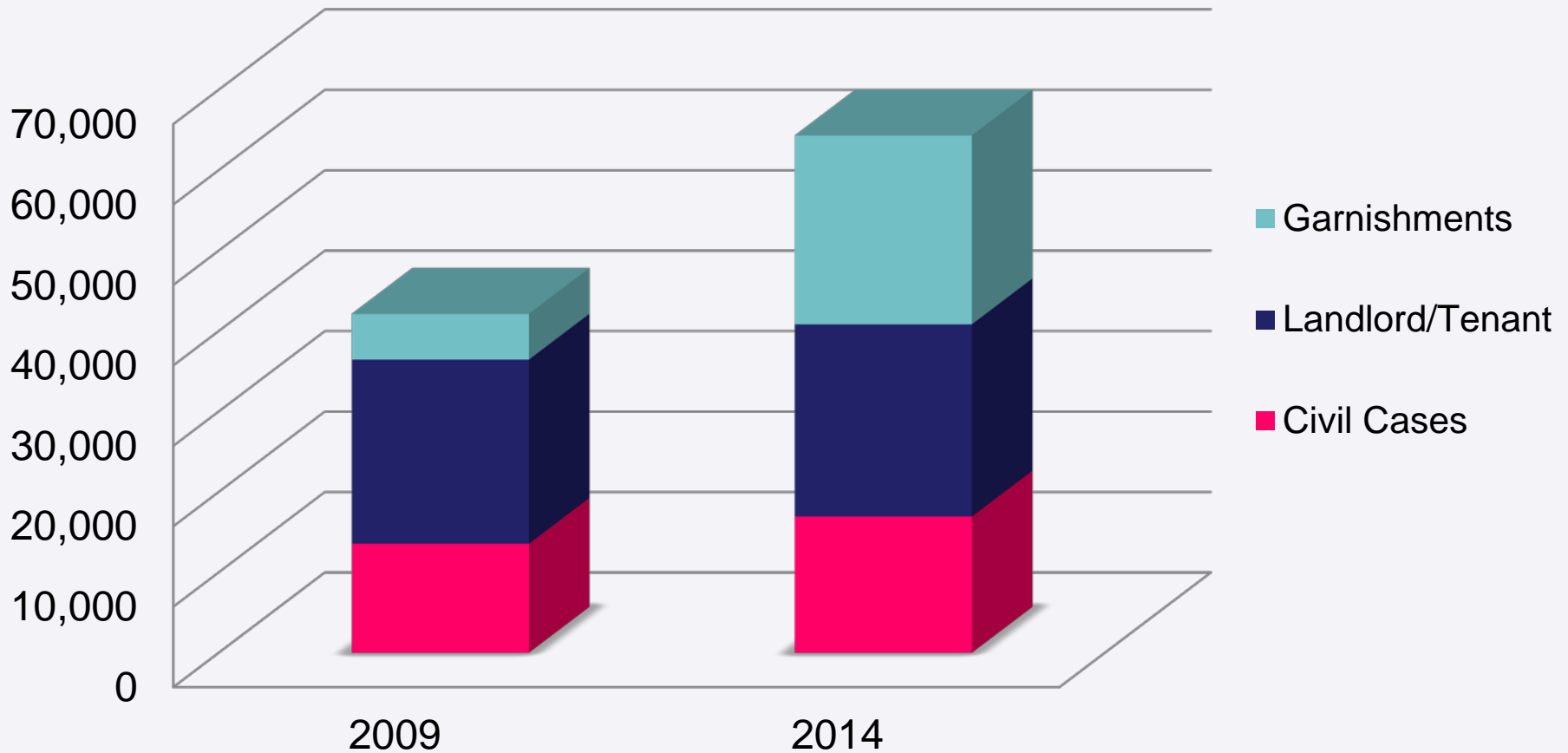
Part Time Magistrate Hourly Rate Increase

- Magistrate Court operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- The functions of Magistrate Court are primarily performed by 18 part time Magistrate Judges.
- The current hourly rate is \$43.84, which is below the hourly rate of court interpreters, court reporters, and appointed counsel. The Judiciary is requesting to increase the hourly rate to \$50.00.

Decision Package	Salary & Wages	FICA	Total
1	\$82,804	\$6,335	\$89,139

Magistrate Court

Civil Cases Filed



Superior Court Caseload Study

- In 2014, the Superior Court received a grant through the State Justice Institute to conduct a judicial caseload study.
- Based on the 12 week National Center for State Courts' study, Gwinnett Superior Court needs a total of 16.49 full time judges.
- Superior Court currently has 10 judges.

Magistrate Court

Full Time Magistrate

- There is one Chief Magistrate, five full time and 18 part time Magistrates to carry out the functions in Magistrate Court.
- The last full time Magistrate position was added in 2009.
- Magistrate Court handles a wide variety of civil and criminal matters. In 2014, there were 23,491 criminal and 67,053 civil matters filed.
- Magistrates also provide judicial assistance to the Superior Court.

Decision Package	Salary	FICA	OPEB	GSI	DC Retirement	Additional Items	Total
2	\$134,101	\$10,260	\$6,547	\$22,557	\$10,729	\$6,400	\$190,594

Judiciary

Bailiff Per Diem Increase

- The Superior, State, and Magistrate Courts utilize bailiffs during trials and hearings to assist the Court and jurors.
- At the recommendation of the Grand Jury (Panel B Grand Jurors from the 2014 September Adjourned Term), the Judiciary request funds to increase the per diem rate for bailiffs from \$70 to \$80.

Decision Package	Salary & Wages	FICA	Total
3	\$34,938	\$2,673	\$37,611

Comparison

	2015 Budget	2016 Request	Difference	Decision Pkg 1	Decision Pkg 2	Decision Pkg 3
Personal Services	\$11,991,083	\$12,376,229	\$385,146	\$89,139	\$184,194	\$37,611
General Operating	\$2,757,590	\$2,750,820	(\$6,770)		\$6,400	