

UJS Interactions with County Government

Unification of the Court System

- 1972 the Voters Approved Constitutional Amendment Unifying the Court System.
- Transition from County Based System to Current State-Based Unified Structure of Magistrate Court, Circuit Court and Supreme Court. Former system included:
 - County Courts, District Courts, Municipal Courts, Justice of Peace Courts, Police Magistrate Courts.

Who Pays for What...

■ Counties pay for:

- ❑ Courthouse facilities
- ❑ Court transcripts
- ❑ Indigent defense costs
- ❑ Jury expenses
- ❑ Interpreters- criminal cases
- ❑ Witness fees
- ❑ Law library costs (supported by fees)
- ❑ Security

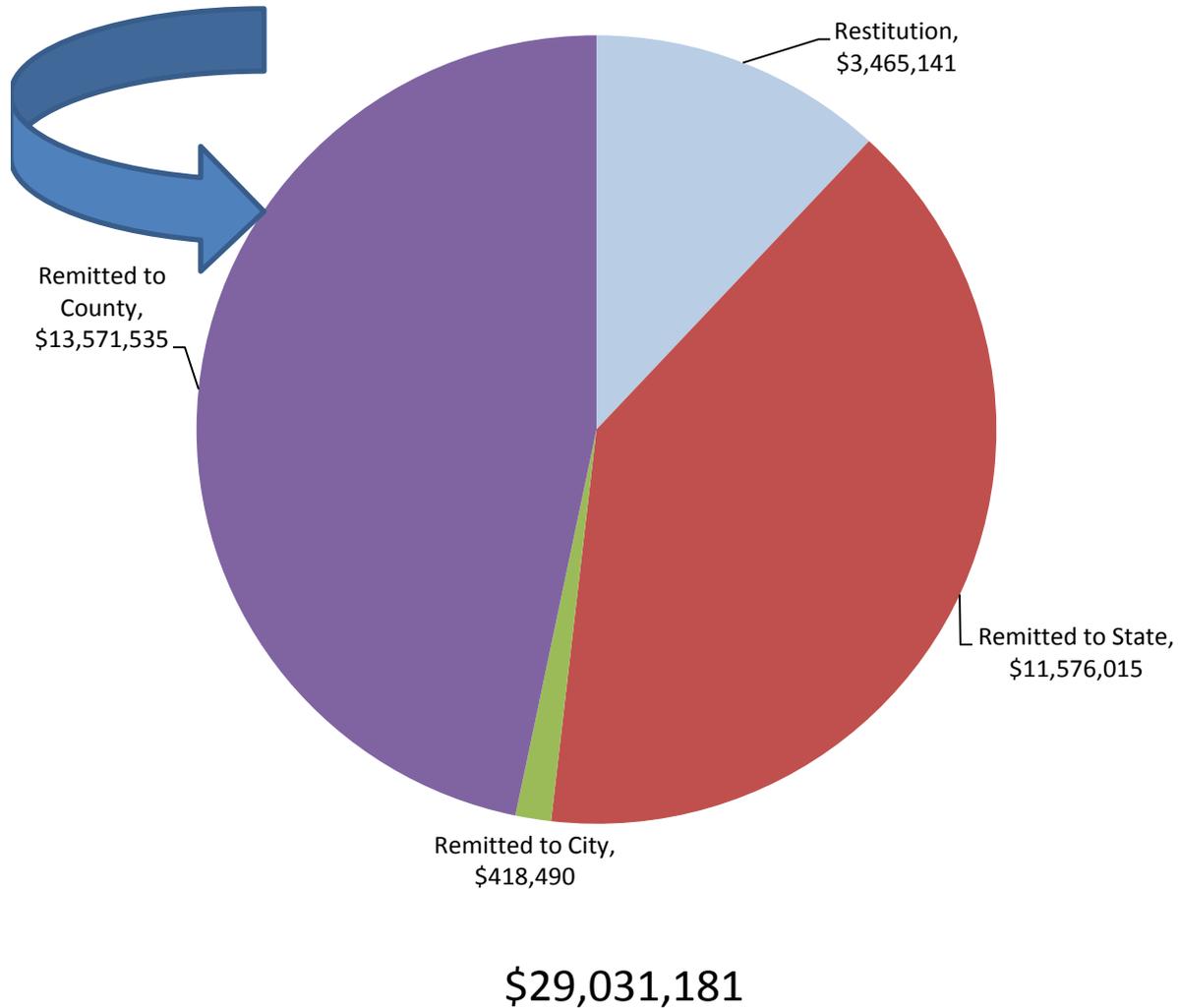
■ State pays for:

- ❑ Judge/employee salaries and benefits
- ❑ Training & education
- ❑ Operating expenses
 - ❑ Travel
 - ❑ Contractual services
 - ❑ Supplies & materials
 - ❑ Capital assets
- ❑ Automation/Technology

County Jail Usage

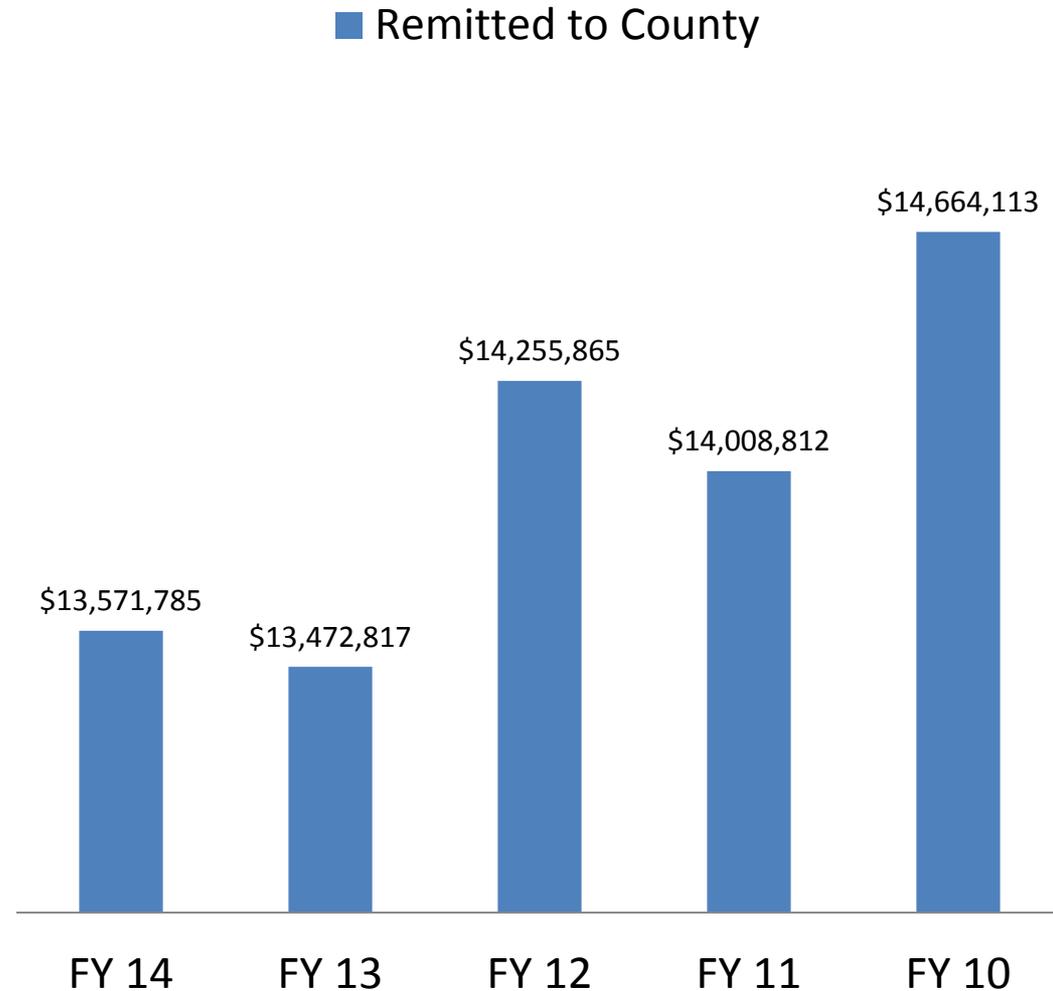
- Arrest/Pretrial Detention;
- Post-conviction;
- Sentences to County Jail;
- Awaiting Transport to State Penitentiary;
- Sanctions for Probationers.

FY14 UJS Selected Disbursements



Disbursements to Counties

- Disbursements to counties include state fines, including funds returned to school districts in accordance with SD Cost Art VIII, Section 3, costs, forfeitures and various fees for civil filings.



County Disbursements- Breakdown

- **County Costs:** Costs levied in conjunction with a fine for an identifiable amount spent by the county in prosecuting a case. Goes into county general fund.
 - **County Fines:** Fines collected for county ordinance violations. 65% goes to county general fund/ 35% goes to state general fund.
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- FY 14= \$530,342
 - FY 14= \$8,624

- **County Forfeitures:**
Forfeitures of bail bonds posted for violations of county ordinances. 65% goes to county general fund/ 35% goes to state general fund.
- FY 14= \$1,445
- **Civil Filing Fees:** Filing fees on civil actions. 100% to county general fund.
- FY 14=\$870,442
- **Divorce Filing Fees:** \$50 fee for filing a divorce action. Half into county domestic abuse program fund and half to county general fund.
- FY 14= \$125,010

- **Law Library Fee:** A fee of \$2 or \$5 added to civil case filings to support county law library.
- **State costs:** Money collected in conjunction with state fine. Deposited in county general fund.
- FY 14= \$127,288
- FY 14= \$112,443

- **State Forfeitures:**
Forfeitures of bonds posted for violations of state law. Deposited in county general fund.
- FY 14= \$341,218
- **State Fines:** Fines for violations of state law. Paid to county treasury to be transferred to school district of county where violation occurred.
- FY 14= \$8,543,243

*On July 1, 2015 a \$50 surcharge was added to all DUI Convictions to go to county general fund.

Liquidated Costs Distribution Assessed on Criminal Convictions

\$40

