

The seal of the Florida State Mental Health Regulatory Agency is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a ship, a sun, and a plow. The shield is surrounded by a ring of stars. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "FLORIDA STATE MENTAL HEALTH REGULATORY AGENCY" and the year "1859".

# 2025-27 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

## Mental Health Regulatory Agency

Board of Psychology

Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

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# Program Summary

The Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA) was created in 2018 to **protect the public from harm** by providing administrative and regulatory oversight to two regulated boards that oversee mental health professions in the State:

- Oregon Board of Psychology
- Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

# Program Summary

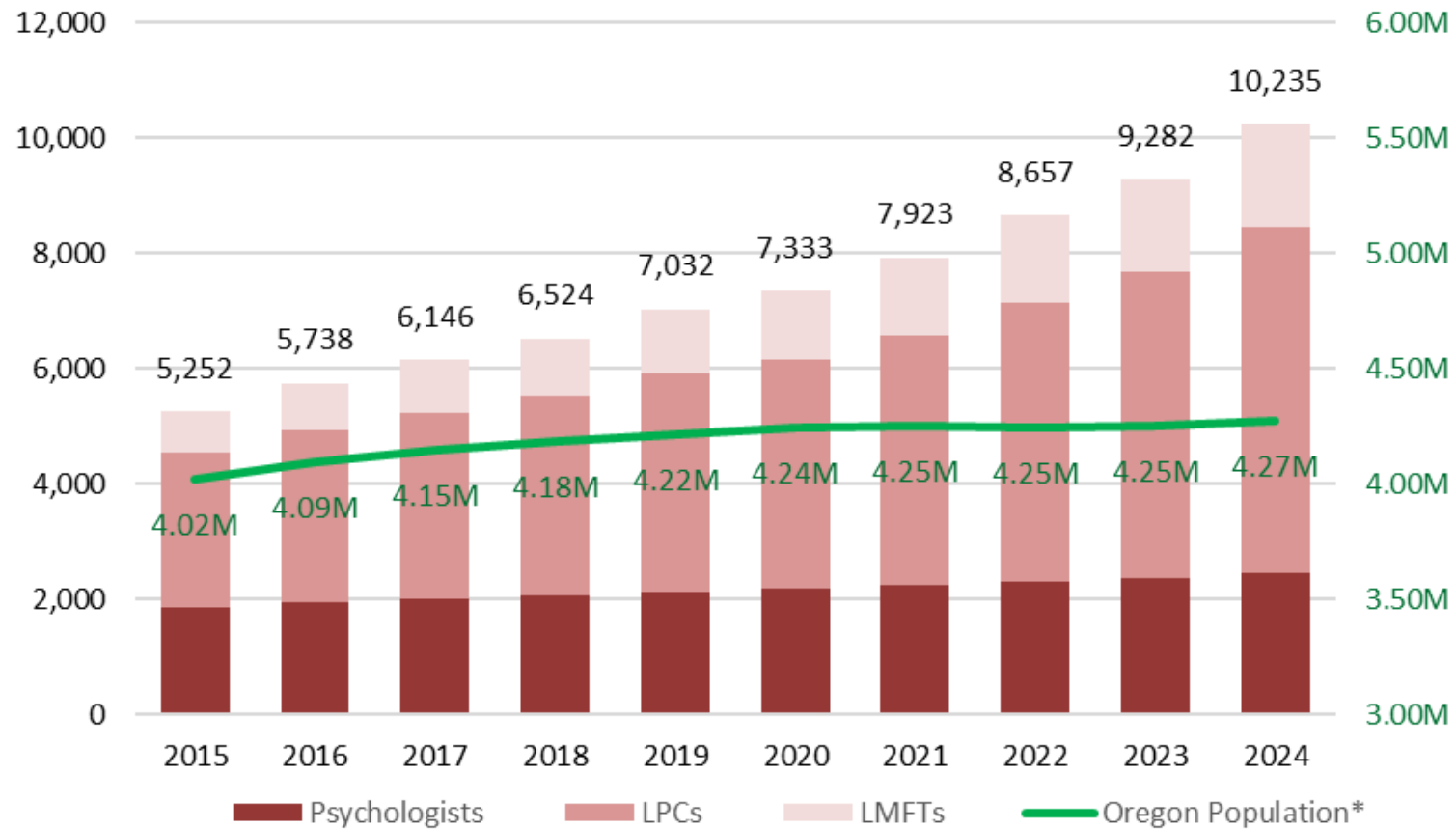
- Licensing
  - Determine qualifications for licensure (education, exam, experience)
  - Issue and renew licenses
  - Continuing education
  - Forms, fees, and consumer outreach
- Compliance
  - Code of Ethics / Statutes / Administrative Rules
  - Investigate complaints (unethical / unprofessional / unlicensed practice)
  - Board review and vote on enforcement action
  - Settlements / Contested Case Hearings / Appeals

# Program Summary

<b>Year-End 2024</b>		
<b>Board</b>	<b>License Type</b>	<b>Count</b>
Board of Psychology	Psychologists*	2,432
	Psychologist Associates	19
	Psychologist Residents*	79
	Psychologist Limited Permit*	124
Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists	Licensed Professional Counselors	5,989
	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	1,795
	Registered Associates	2,122
	Counselor/Therapist Limited Permit	98
*Doctoral-level practitioners		<b>TOTAL: 12,658</b>

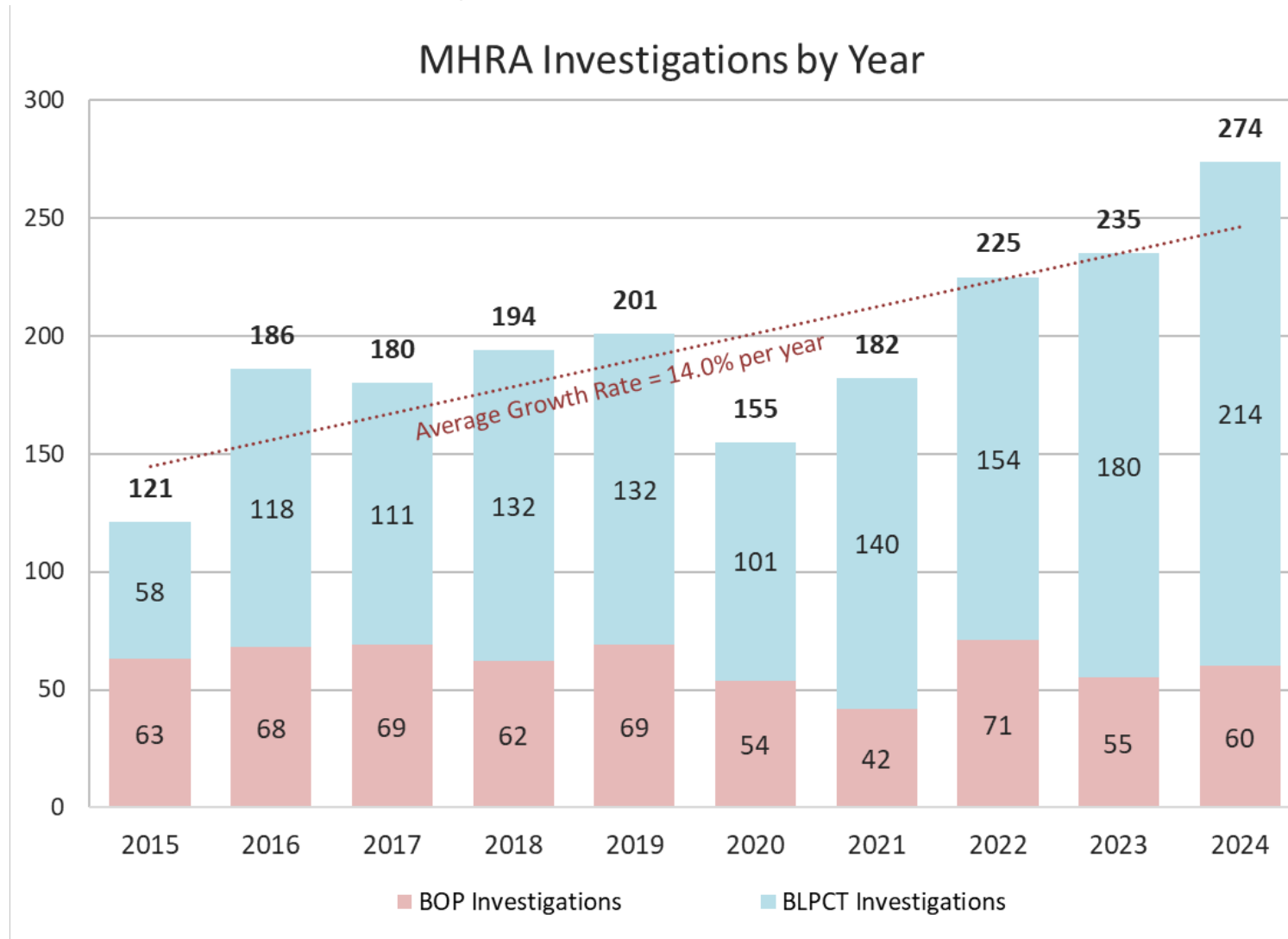
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## Growth: Oregon Population & MHRA Licensees

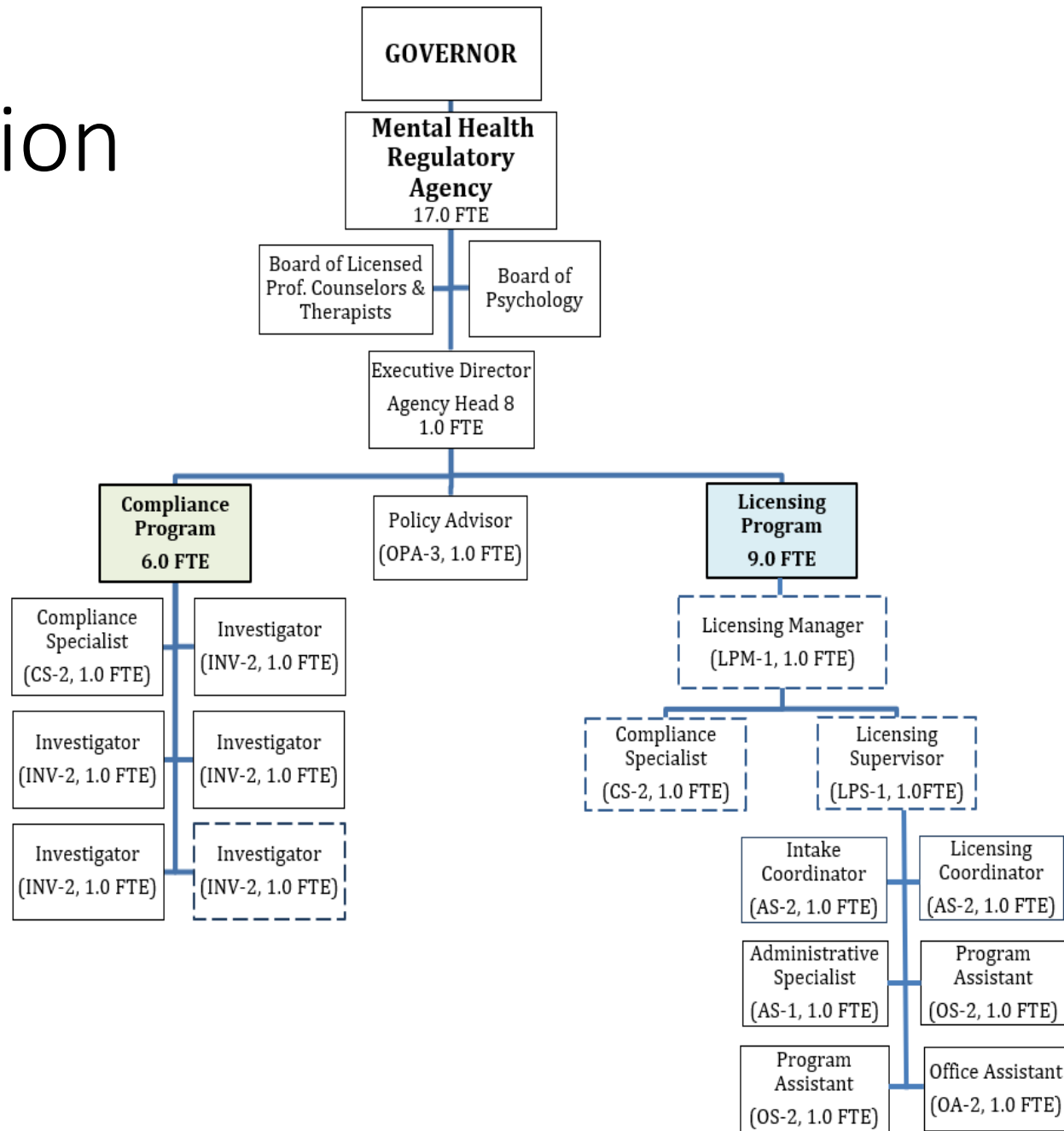


\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program data by State

# Program Summary



# Organization



# Major Changes & Projects

- 2019-21
  - First full biennium of MHRA as an agency (established 2018)
  - Significant work towards streamlining of Board operations
  - Planning for new licensing system (database); begin implementation
- 2021-23
  - New licensing system implementation; ongoing adjustments
  - Diversity Study / Addressing Barriers to Licensure
- 2023-25
  - Planning for new licensing system (database)
  - Limited permit added to BLPCT (HB 3300)
  - Fee decreases
  - New MHRA Leadership



# Fee Reductions

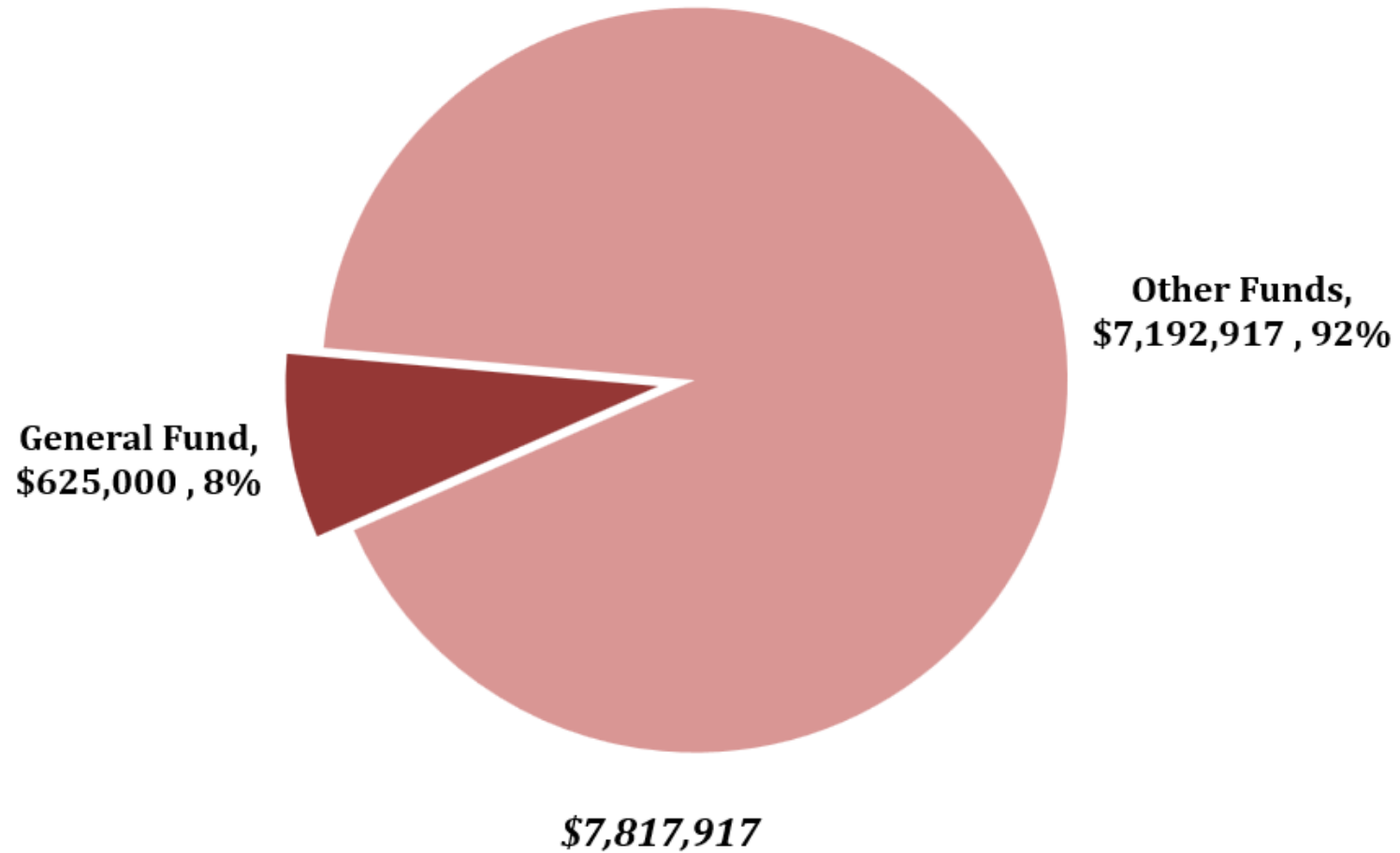
<b>Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists</b>			
<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024*</b>	<b>Change</b>
Active License Annual Renewal	\$165	\$145	-12%
Inactive License Annual Renewal	\$100	\$90	-10%
Initial License	\$125	\$115	-8%
Registered Associate Annual Renewal	\$120	\$105	-13%
Temporary Practice Authorization	\$505	\$405	-11%

\*2024 renewal fees are annualized for comparison; BLPCT began transitioning to a biennial renewal schedule in 2024.

<b>Board of Psychology</b>			
<b>Fee Type</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Change</b>
Active License Biennial Renewal	\$780	\$600	-23%
Semi-Active License Biennial Renewal	\$390	\$300	-23%
Inactive License Biennial Renewal	\$105	\$90	-14%
Temporary Practice Authorization	\$900	\$700	-22%

# Funds by Source

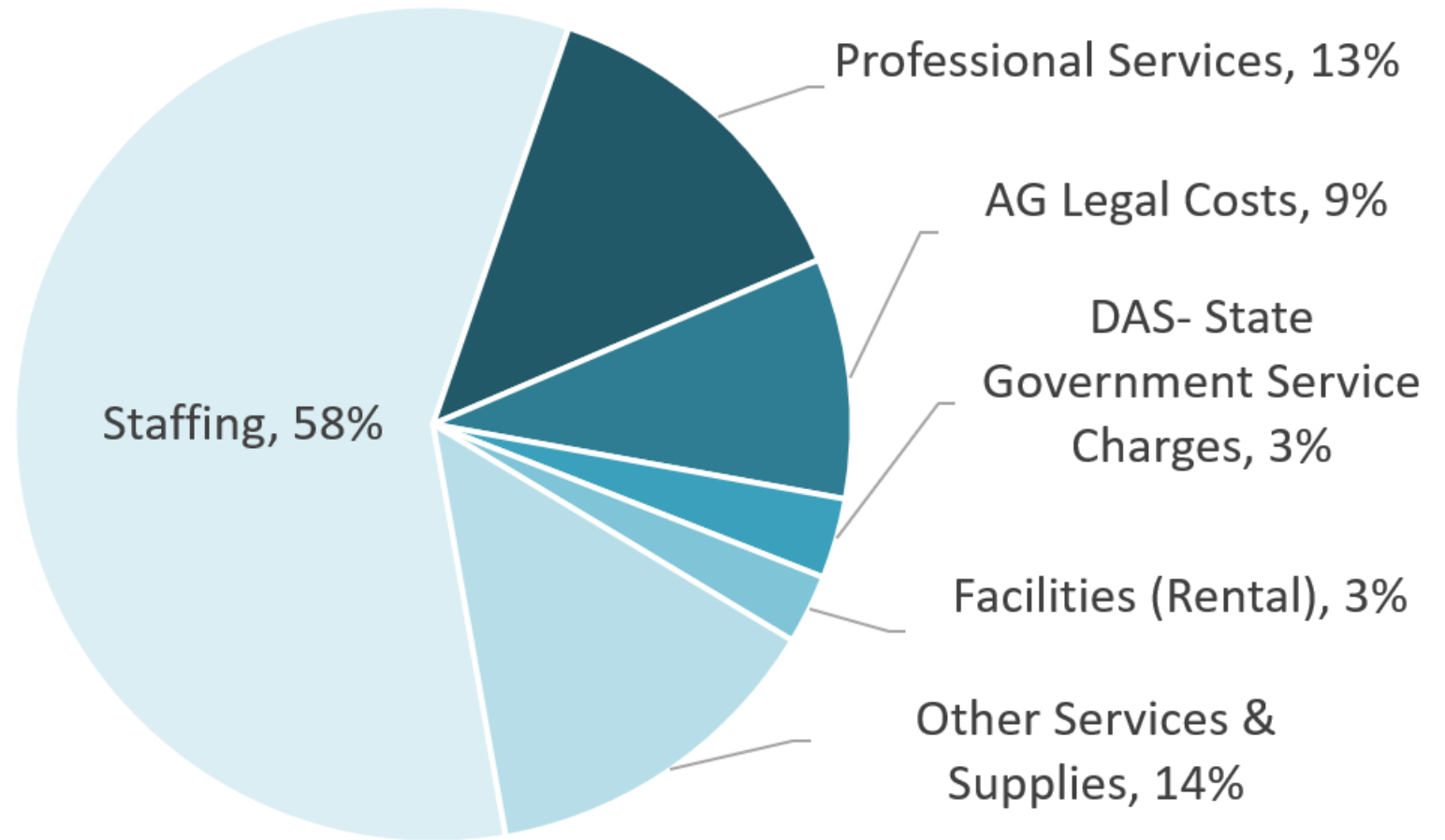
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# Budget Drivers & Risks

## Risks:

- Case Fluctuation
- Limited Staffing, Impact of Turnover, & Recruitment Time
- New Mandates



# Package 100: Disciplinary Cost Recovery

- Adds \$17,753 Other Funds Revenue in 2025-27
- SB 789: Allows the Board of Psychology to recover some of the costs of the disciplinary process from respondents that do not prevail against the Board in disciplinary proceedings via a “tiered” fee assessment structure.

# Package 550: Licensing System Replacement

- \$625,000 in General Fund Expenditure Limitation (one-time)
- Partners: Oregon State Chief Information Officer, Board of Licensed Social Workers, & Board of Pharmacy
- Identify & procure a new licensing system (database)
- Optimal customer service
- History: system availability, limited budget, & vendor reliability

# Package 551: MHRA Staff Restructuring

- New Permanent Positions:
  - Compliance Specialist 2 (1.0 FTE)
  - Investigator 2 (1.0 FTE)
- Position Reclassifications
  - Licensing and Permitting Supervisor 2 (1.0 FTE) → Licensing and Permitting Manager 1 (1.0 FTE)
  - Program Analyst 1 (1.0 FTE) → Permit Supervisor 1 (1.0 FTE)

# Long-Term Vacancies

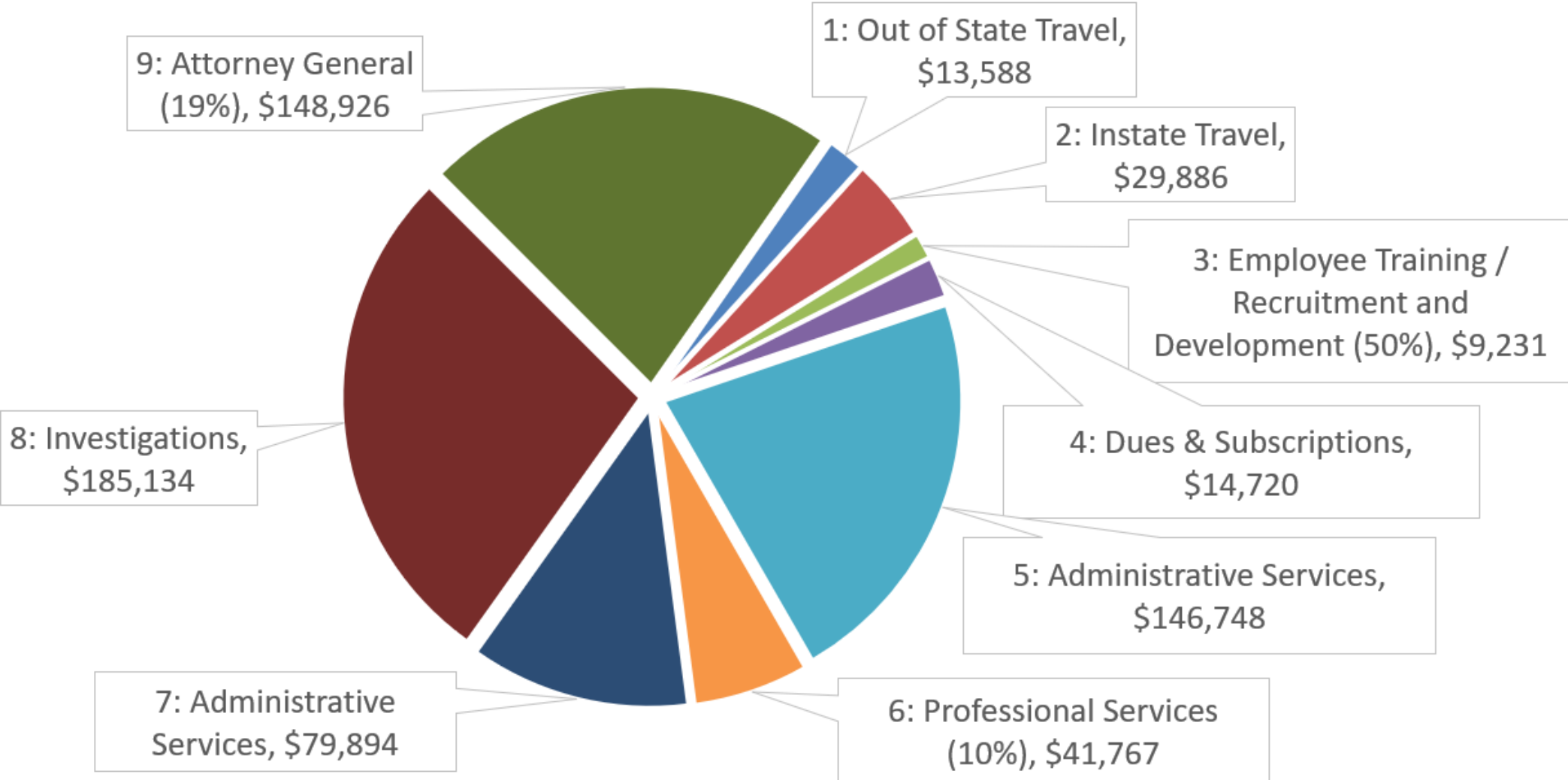
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# Efficiencies & Service

- Cost Containment
  - Continue to improve MHRA structure
  - Reducing barriers
- Service Improvement:
  - Customer satisfaction
  - New licensing system
  - Continuous feedback

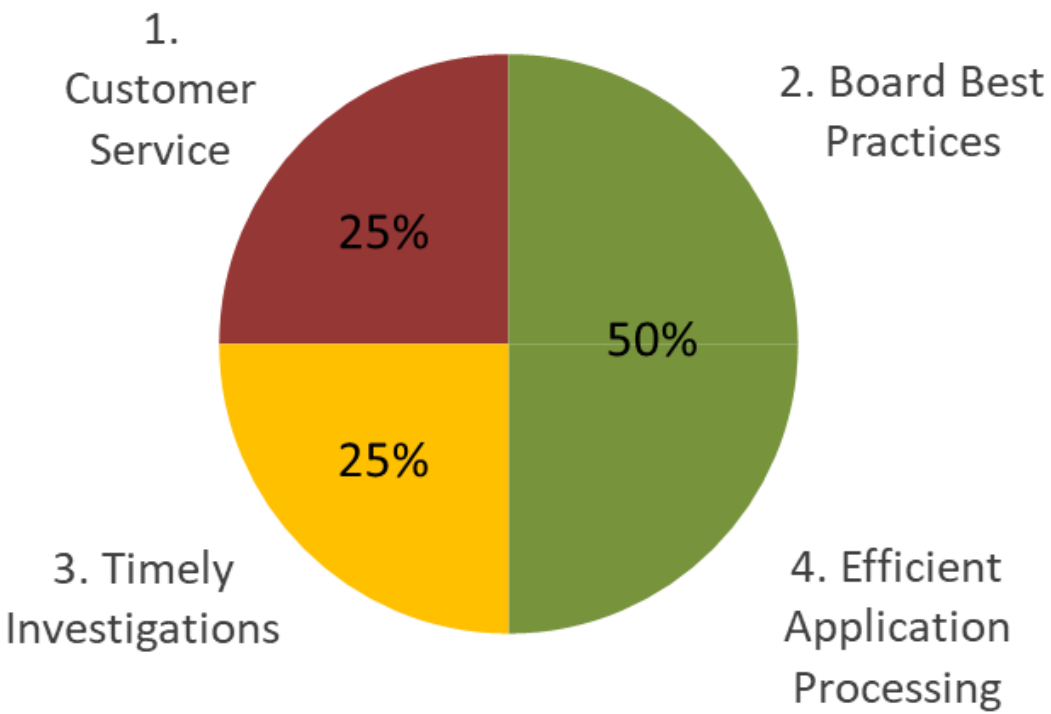


# 10% Reduction Options

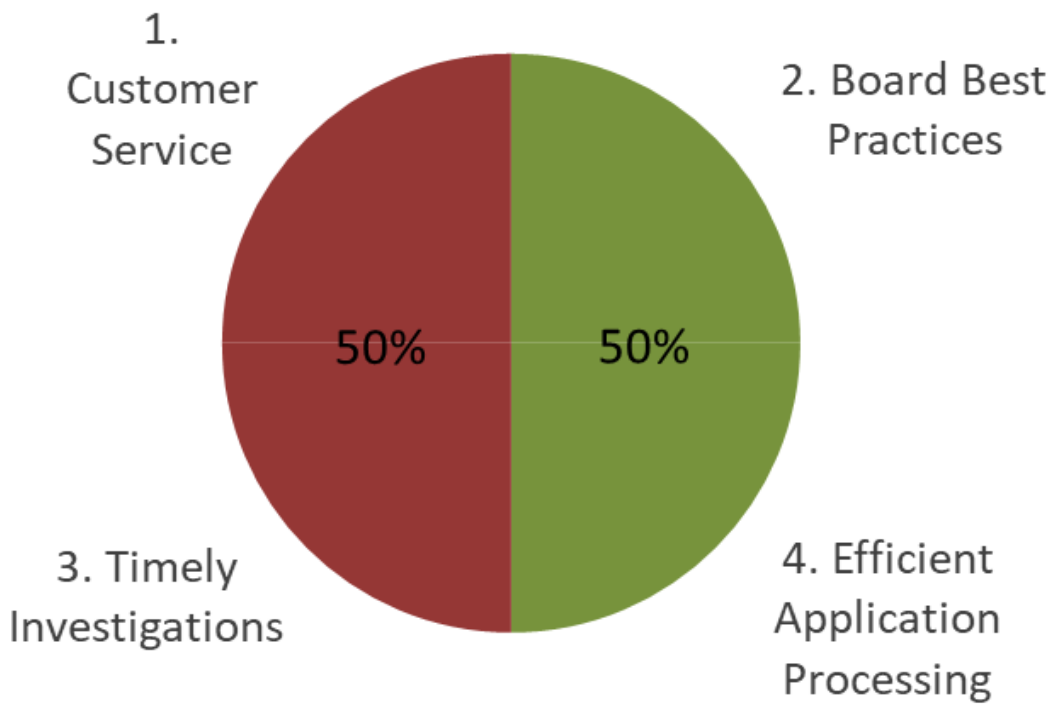


# KPMs Not Achieved

**BLPCT**



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# Conclusion

We are hopeful that we will continue to receive support as we strive to achieve excellence in our service to Oregonians.

**Questions?**