



Mississippi Department of Mental Health

FY26 Budget Request



**MENTAL
HEALTH**



**INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITY SERVICES**



**ALCOHOL AND DRUG
ADDICTION SERVICES**

What is the state's mental health system?

Mississippi's mental health service delivery system comprises three major components:

state-operated programs and community service programs,

regional community mental health centers, and

other nonprofit/profit service agencies/organizations.





FY 2026 Budget Request

Funding Source	Total Request FY 2026
General Funds*	\$283,092,360
State Support Special Funds	\$20,976,886
Other Special Funds	\$439,471,102
Total	\$743,540,348

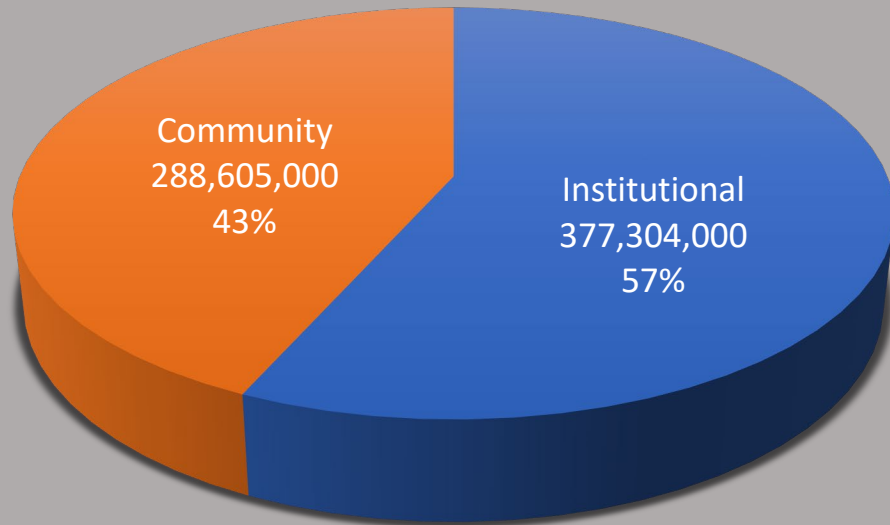
***General funds requested include \$27,458,644 increase from FY25:**

- \$6,617,113 for staffing and operation of the new 81-bed Forensic Unit
- \$2,913,800 to enroll 200 people on the ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver; also requested is \$5,717,634 in rate increases DOM is implementing July of 2025.
- \$4,814,436 for operational shortfalls at DMH state-operated 24/7 program locations
- \$6,615,661 for salary adjustments including: in-range adjustments, educational benchmarks, title changes, longevity increases, and filling of some vacant positions
- \$780,000 for a children and youth specialist for each Mobile Crisis Response Team operated by the CMHCs

Also requested is restoration of general funds reduced under the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations - \$5,978,987.

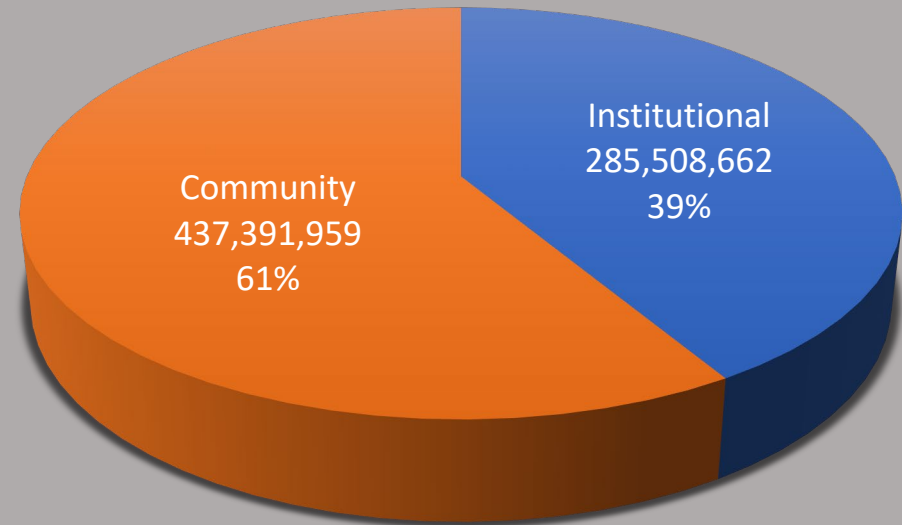
Institutional Care Spending vs. Community Services Spending

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■ Institutional ■ Community

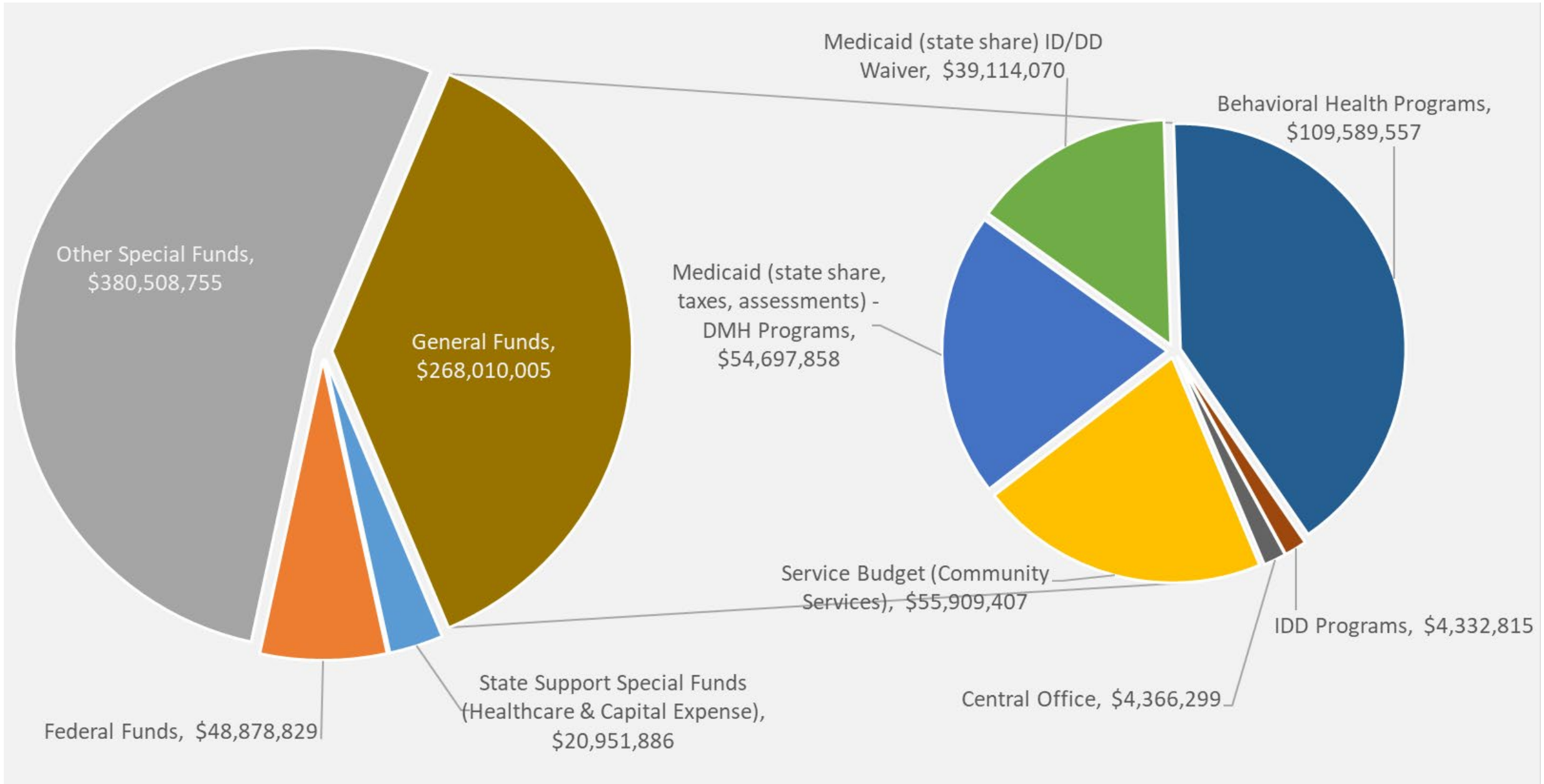
2024



■ Institutional ■ Community

- FY12 to FY24: Decrease in institutional care \$91,795,338
- FY12 to FY24: Increase in community services \$148,786,959

FY25 Budget to be Funded



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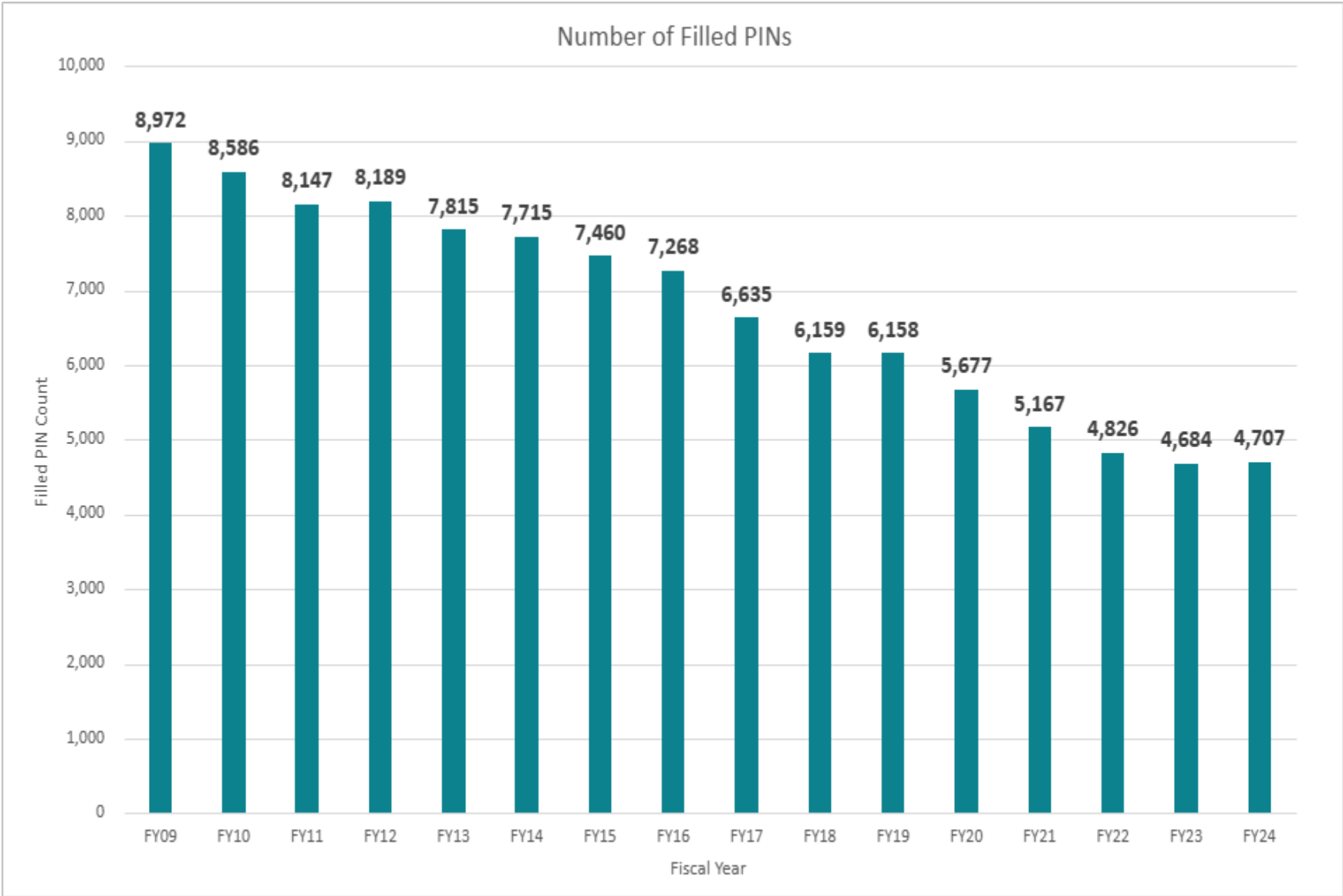
**ARPA
Funding**

SB 2865 and related subsequent legislation provides \$51 million in funding through FY27 to meet the needs of Mississippians with behavioral health and IDD following the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the utilization of community-based services.

Funding is allocated for the following services through December 2026

- Additional CSU beds, including 16-bed units for Region 8 and Region 9
- 988 and Mobile Crisis Response Teams
- Law enforcement training and Court Liaisons
- Peer Respite sites
- Intensive Community Support Services and Adolescent Offender Programs for children and adolescents
- IDD crisis services and supports
- 7-day admissions and staffing challenges at state hospitals

Decrease in
Number of
Employees



Future Goals for FY25 and FY26

- Ensure timely access to a state hospital bed by maximizing the utilization of services and supports in local communities.
- Enhance awareness of 988 in Mississippi for behavioral health crisis.
- Expand access to addiction treatment services.
- Increase availability of crisis services for people with IDD.
- Increase access to intensive/crisis services for children and youth.
- Expand Home and Community Based Services to prevent institutionalization for people with IDD.
- Increase prevention efforts for opioid use.
- Expand mental health law enforcement training.
- Open the 81-bed Forensic Services Unit at MSH.
- Create a statewide, online resource for access to services for behavioral health and IDD.



