

The Benefits of County Tax Dollars

Where they come from, where they go, and who uses `em



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County Services

■ Mandated

- 17th Circuit & Probate Court
- County Prosecutor
- Friend of the Court
- 63rd District Court
- Sheriff's Department
- County Clerk/Clerk of the Court
- County Treasurer
- Bureau of Equalization
- Drain Commissioner
- DHS
- Health Department
- Medical Examiner
- Solider & Sailor's Relief

■ Discretionary

- John Ball Zoological Gardens
- Cooperative Extension
- Parks
- Community Development/Housing Commission
- Economic Development
- Property Description & Mapping
- Enhanced Services
 - Jail beds for ordinance violators
 - Road Patrol Services

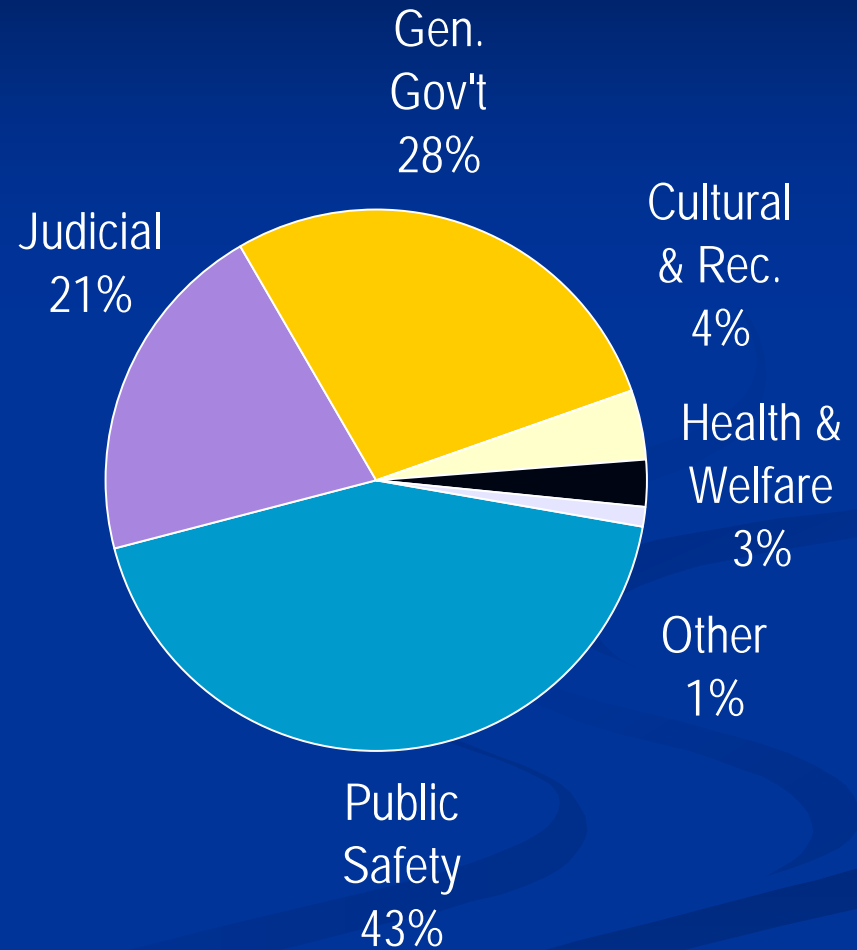
General Property Tax Levy

- **General Property Tax Levy = \$72,118,005**
 - Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of total taxable value (.0042803 or 4.2803 mills)
 - 14th Lowest General Property Tax Levy in State (2004)
 - Excludes \$6.2 million captured by DDA and other TIFA
- **General Property Tax Levy supports 57.8% of General Fund**

General Fund Expenditures

- Functional Areas

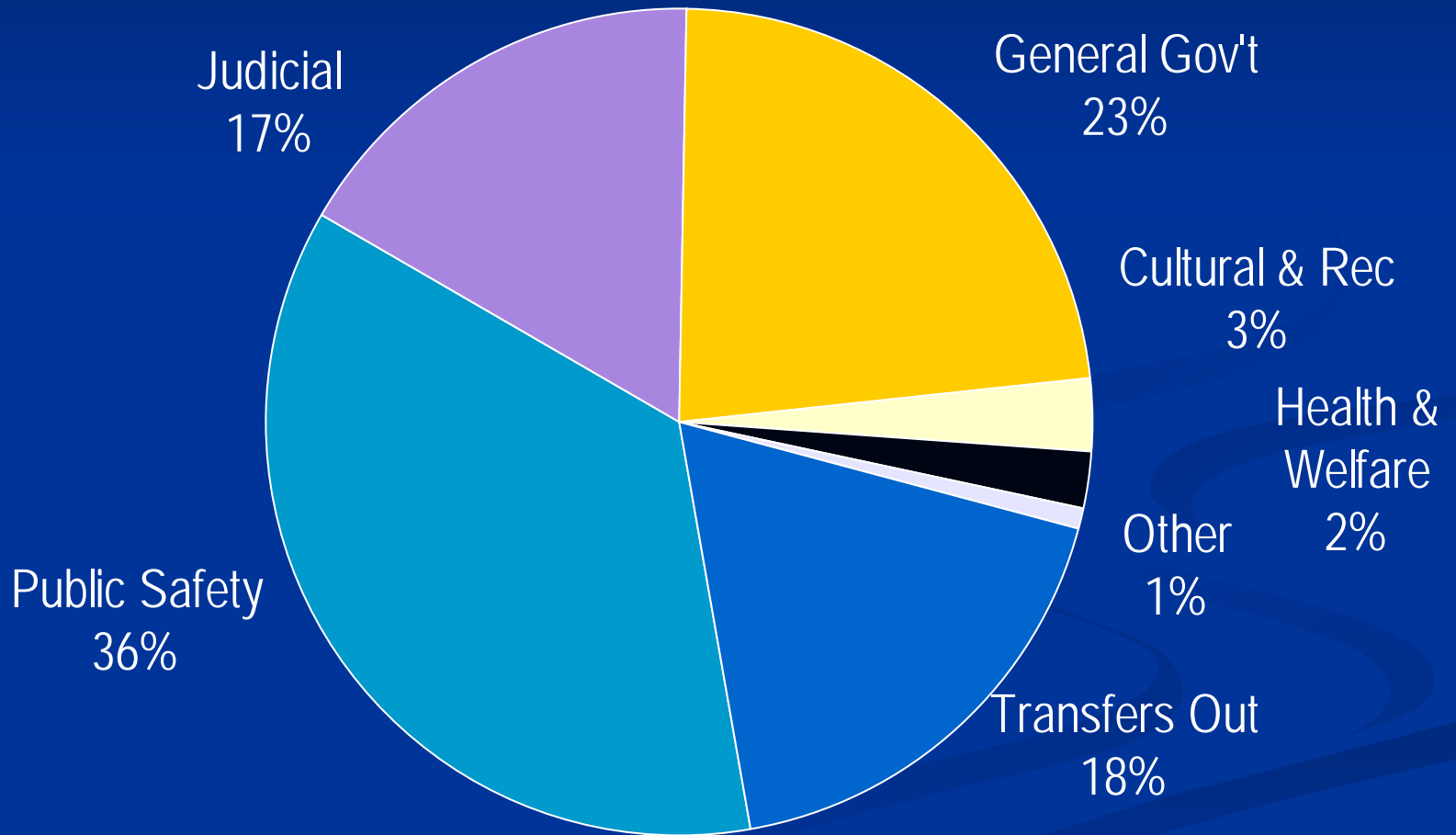
- Total GF = \$120,660,607



General Fund Expenditures Cont..

- Additional \$31.8 million “Transferred Out”
 - Child Care Fund (DHS & 17th CC) – \$15.1 million
 - Health Department – \$9.4 million
 - Friend of the Court – \$2.1 million
 - Parks – \$3.2 million
 - Other programs (Fire Commission, DHS Social Welfare, & Special Projects) – \$2 million

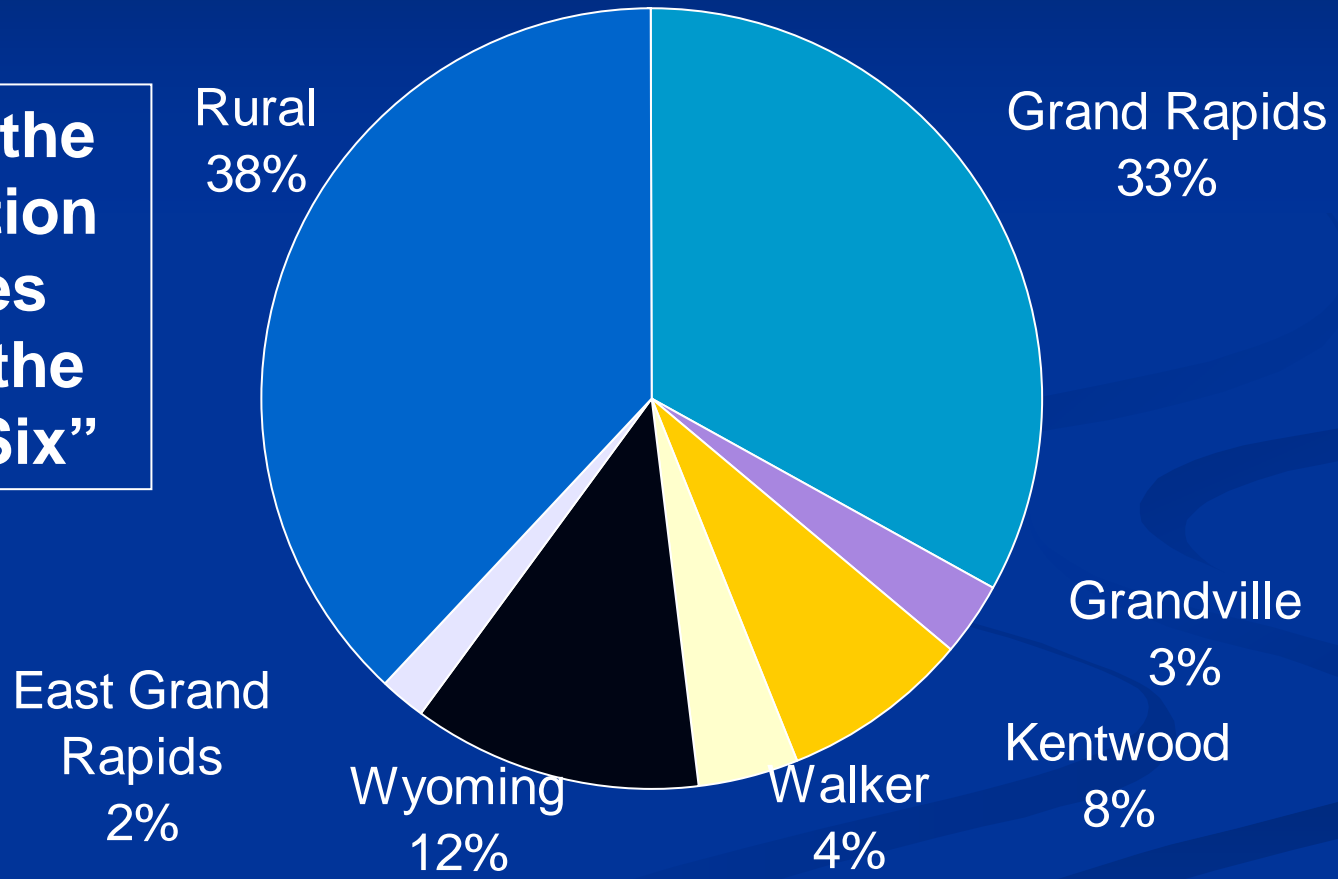
2005 General Fund Expenditures & Transfers Out



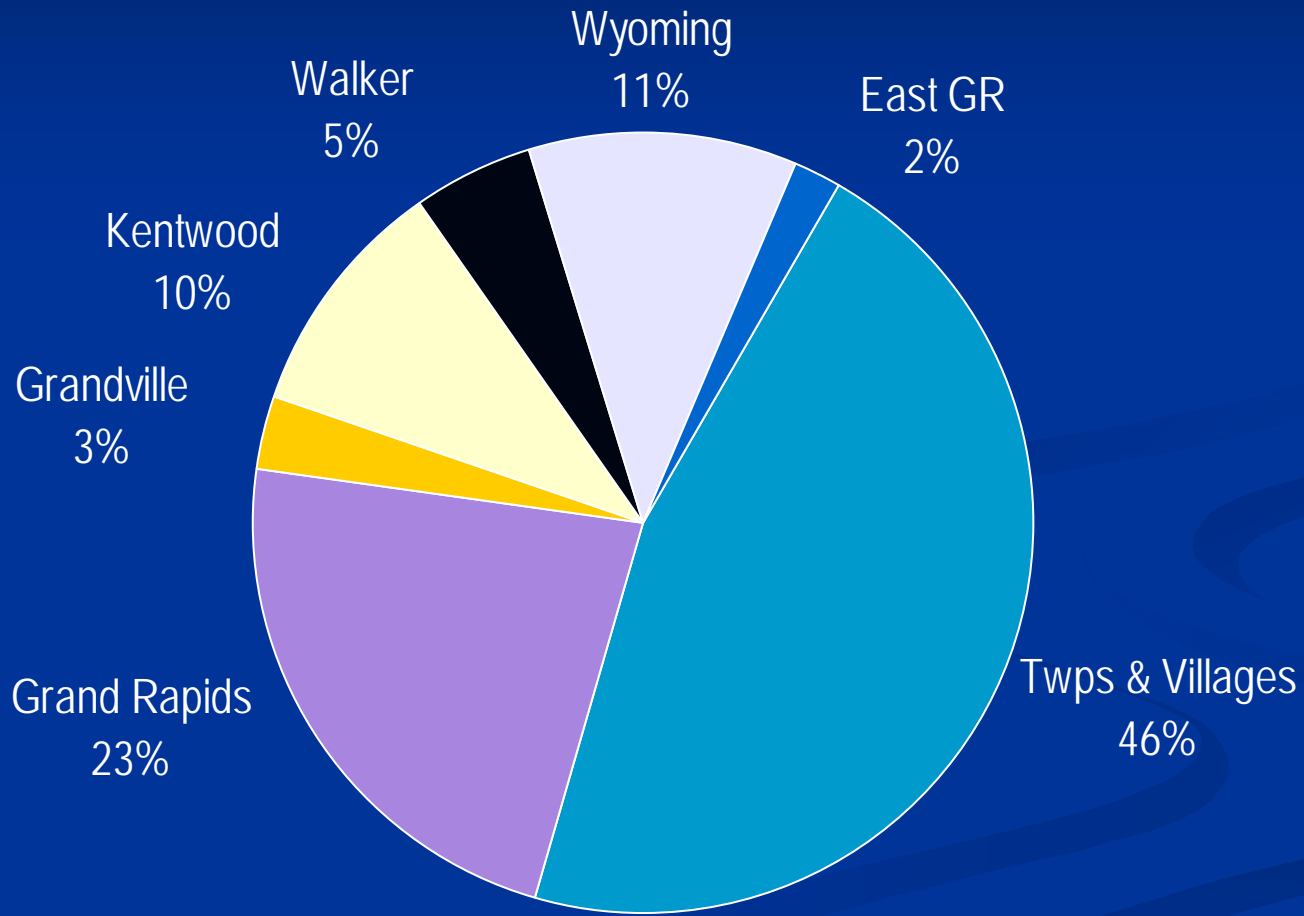
County Population Distribution

2005

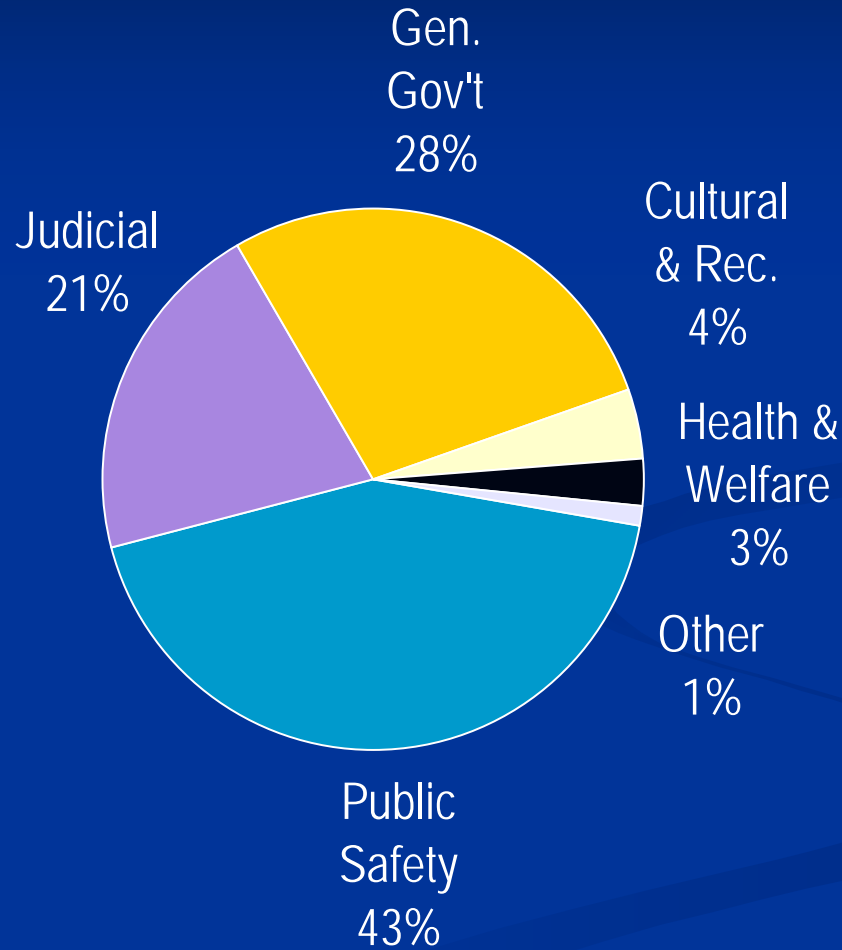
62% of the population resides within the "Core-Six"



2005 Total Taxable Value Dist.

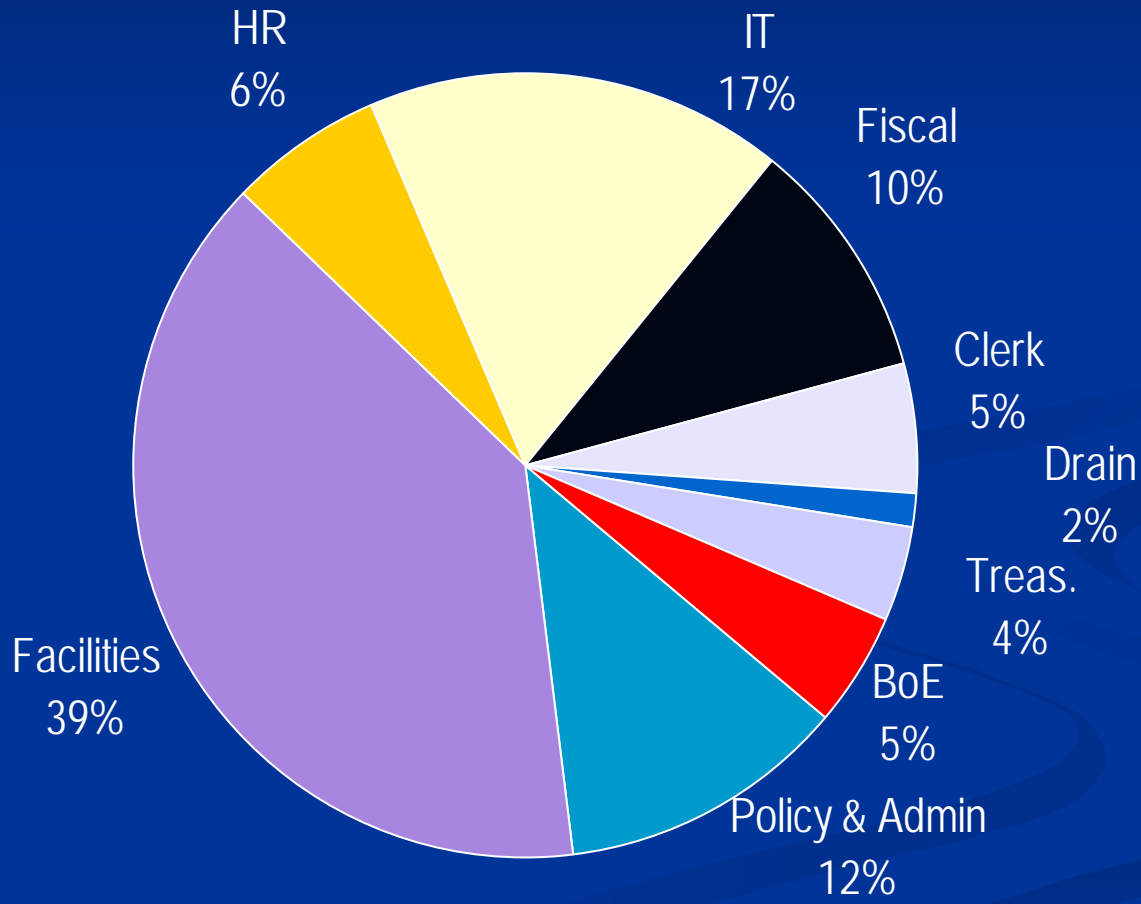


General Fund Expenditures



General Government

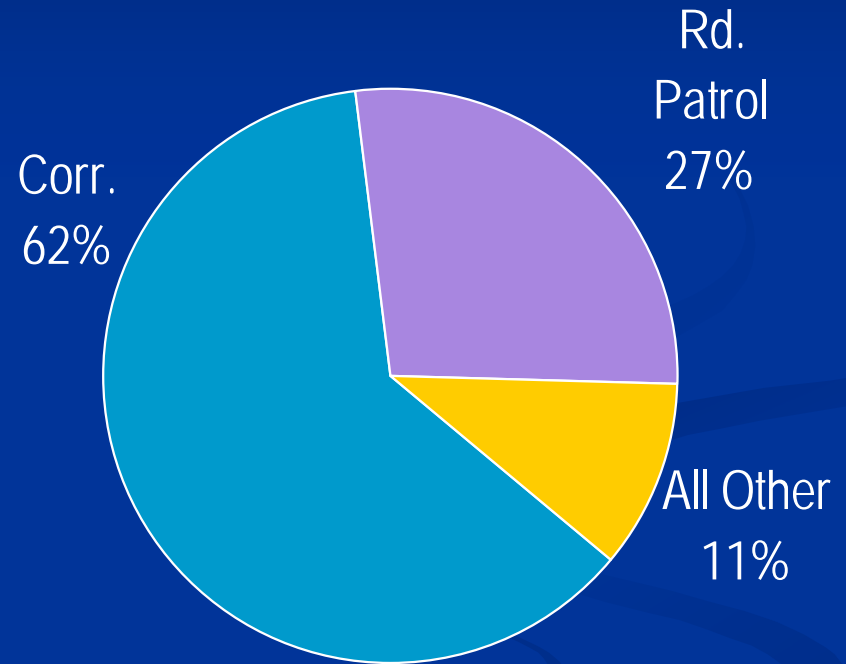
28% of General Fund = \$34.1 Million



Public Safety

43% of General Fund

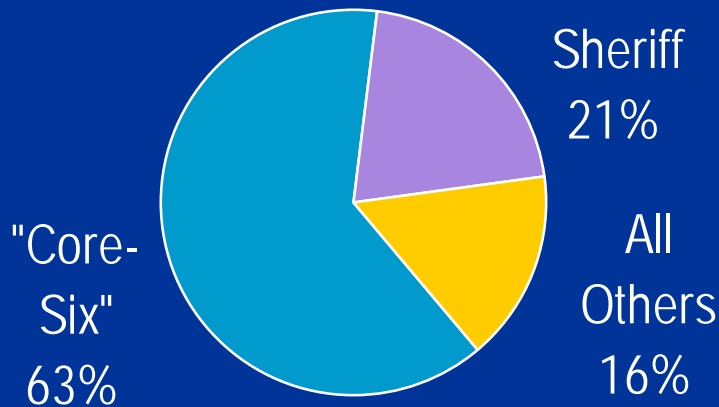
- Corrections
 - \$32.7 million
- Admin & Road Patrol
 - \$14.4 million
- Dispatch, Emergency Mgmt, Parks, Marine, Enhanced Twp Enforcement
 - \$5.6 million



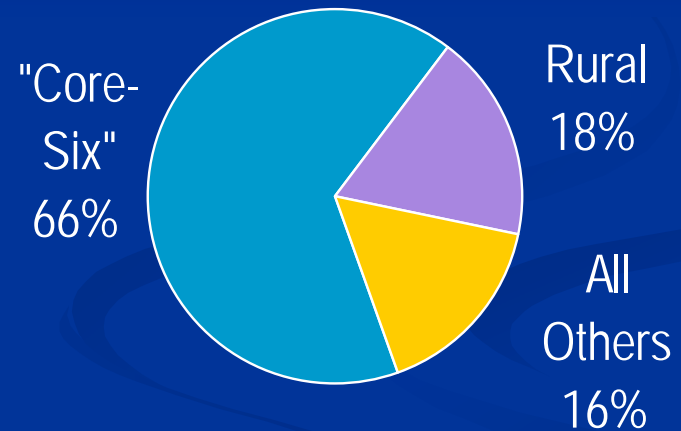
Corrections

\$32.7 million or 62% of Sheriff's Dept Budget

Arrests by Agency



Arrests by Home Address

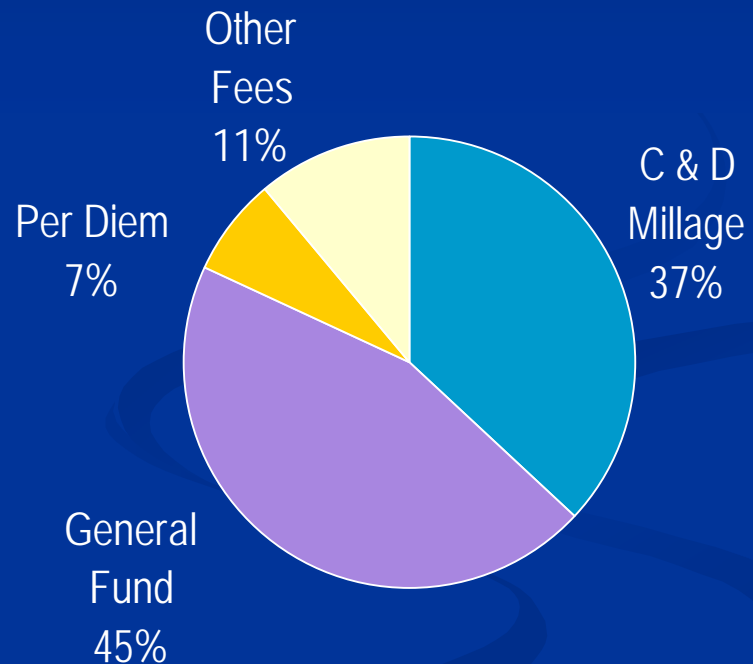


Corrections Continued

■ County Provides Access

- Actual Cost
\$81/Day/Inmate
- Per-Diem Fee \$52.97
 - Supplemented by C & D Millage
- 11% of inmates have at least one ordinance violation = 120 jail beds/day

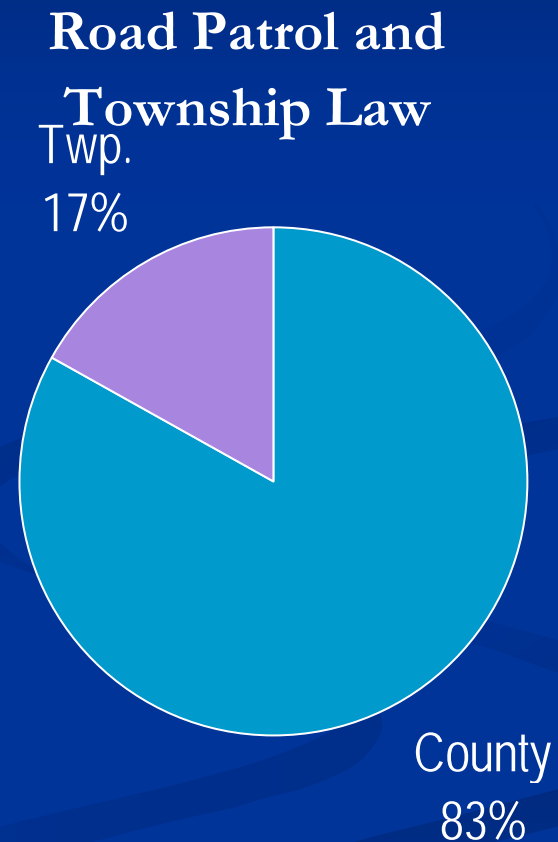
Correctional Facilities Revenues



Road Patrol

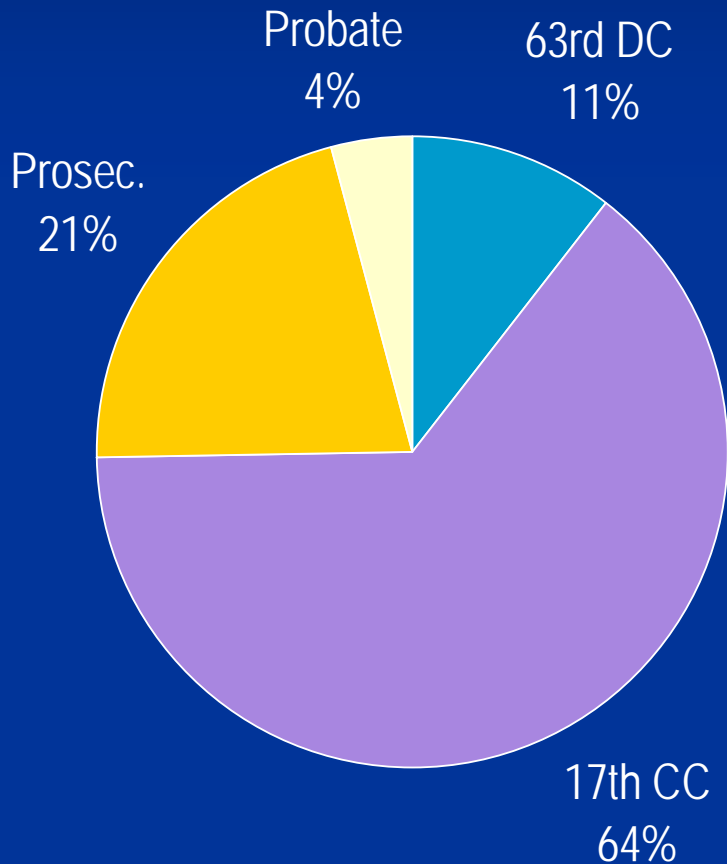
\$17.4 million or 27% of Sheriff's Dept. Budget

- Provides seamless enforcement
- Enhanced Services
 - Twps Pay Salary & Benefits
 - County outfits Deputy
 - Uniform
 - Gun/vest/baton, etc.
 - Patrol Car/Maintenance
 - Administration



Judicial

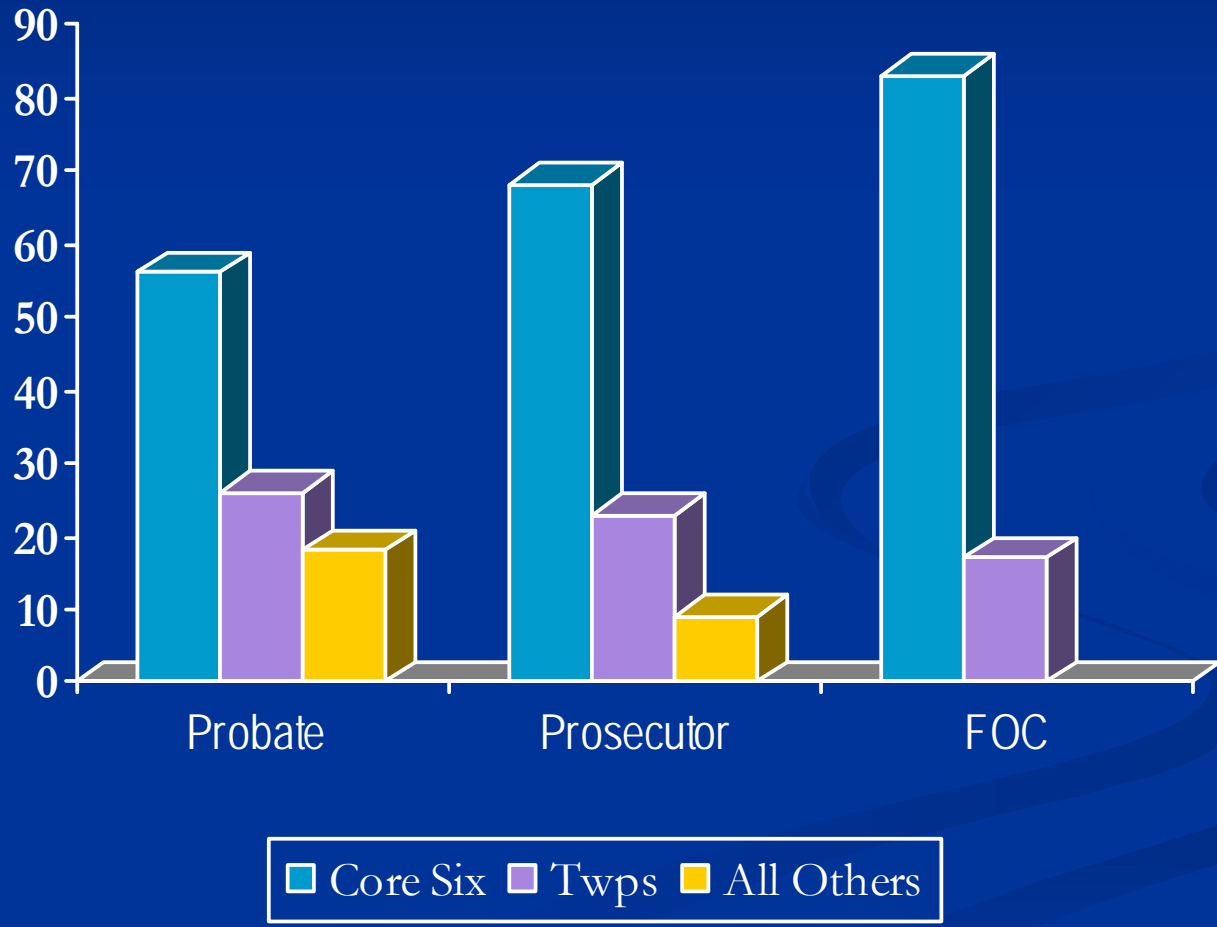
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- CC and Probate Ct. provide mandated services to all Kent County Residents.
- 63rd provides mandated services for Rural Residents & EGR.

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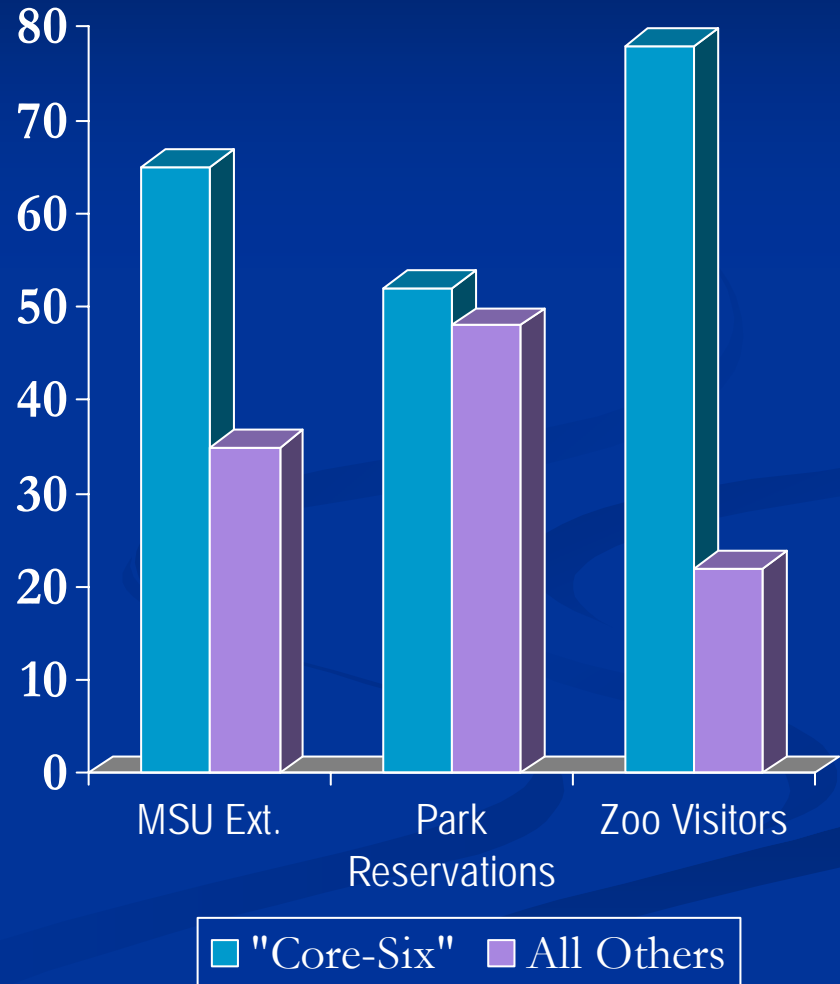
Cultural and Recreation

4% of General Fund

- Services

- MSU Extension
- Kent County Parks
- John Ball Zoological Garden

- Supplemented by User Fees, memberships, & passes.

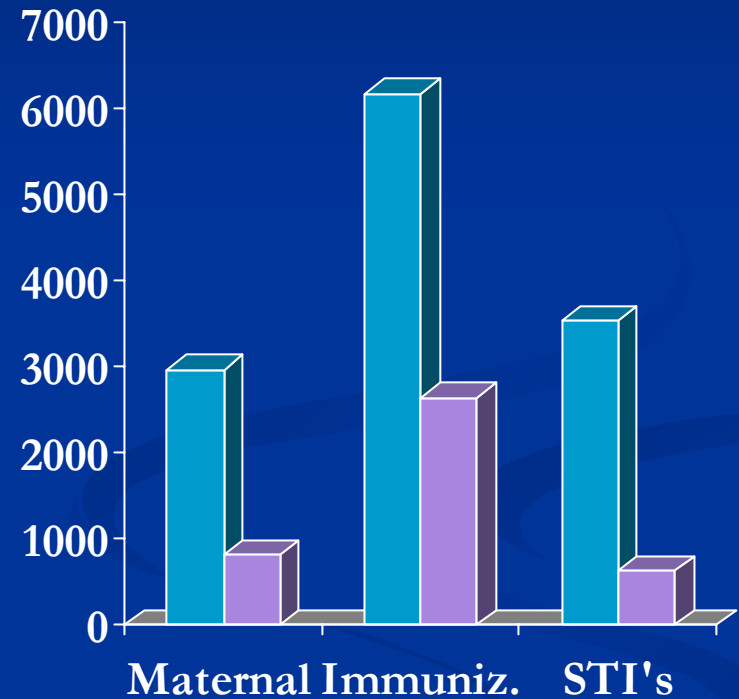


Health & Welfare

3% of General Fund & \$29.2 million “Transfers Out”

■ Major Public Health Services

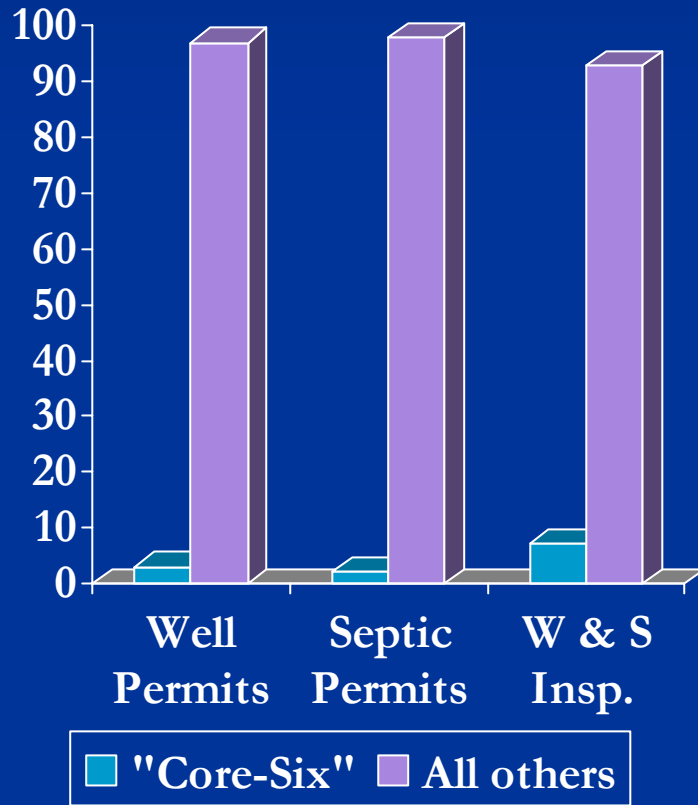
- Immunizations
- Maternal Infant Services
- STI



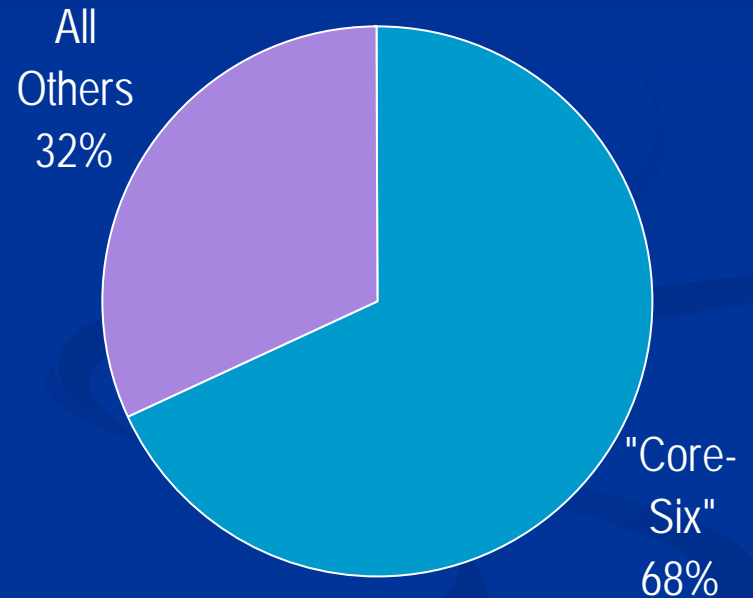
■ "Core-Six" ■ All Others

Health & Welfare Continued

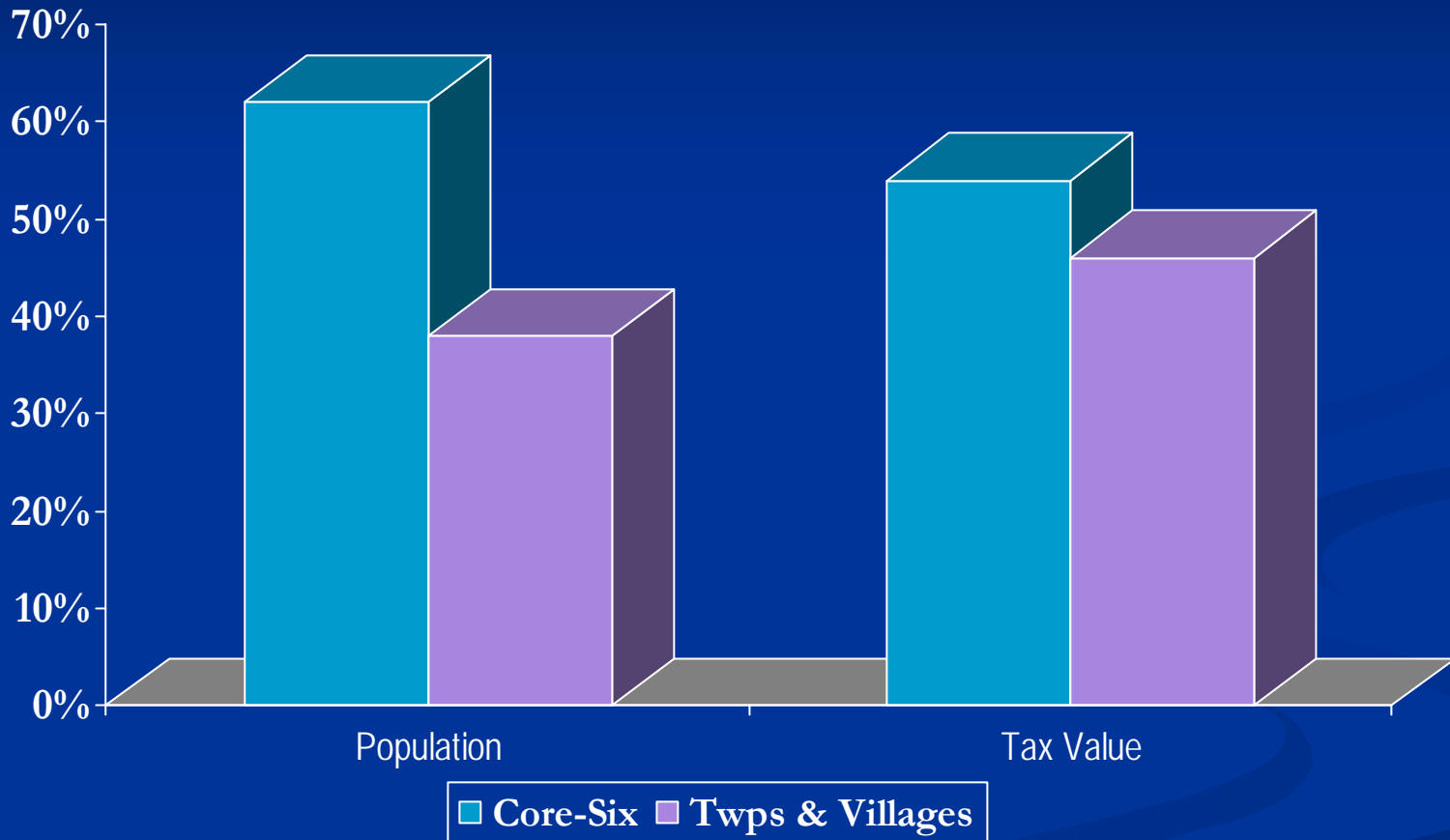
Environmental Health



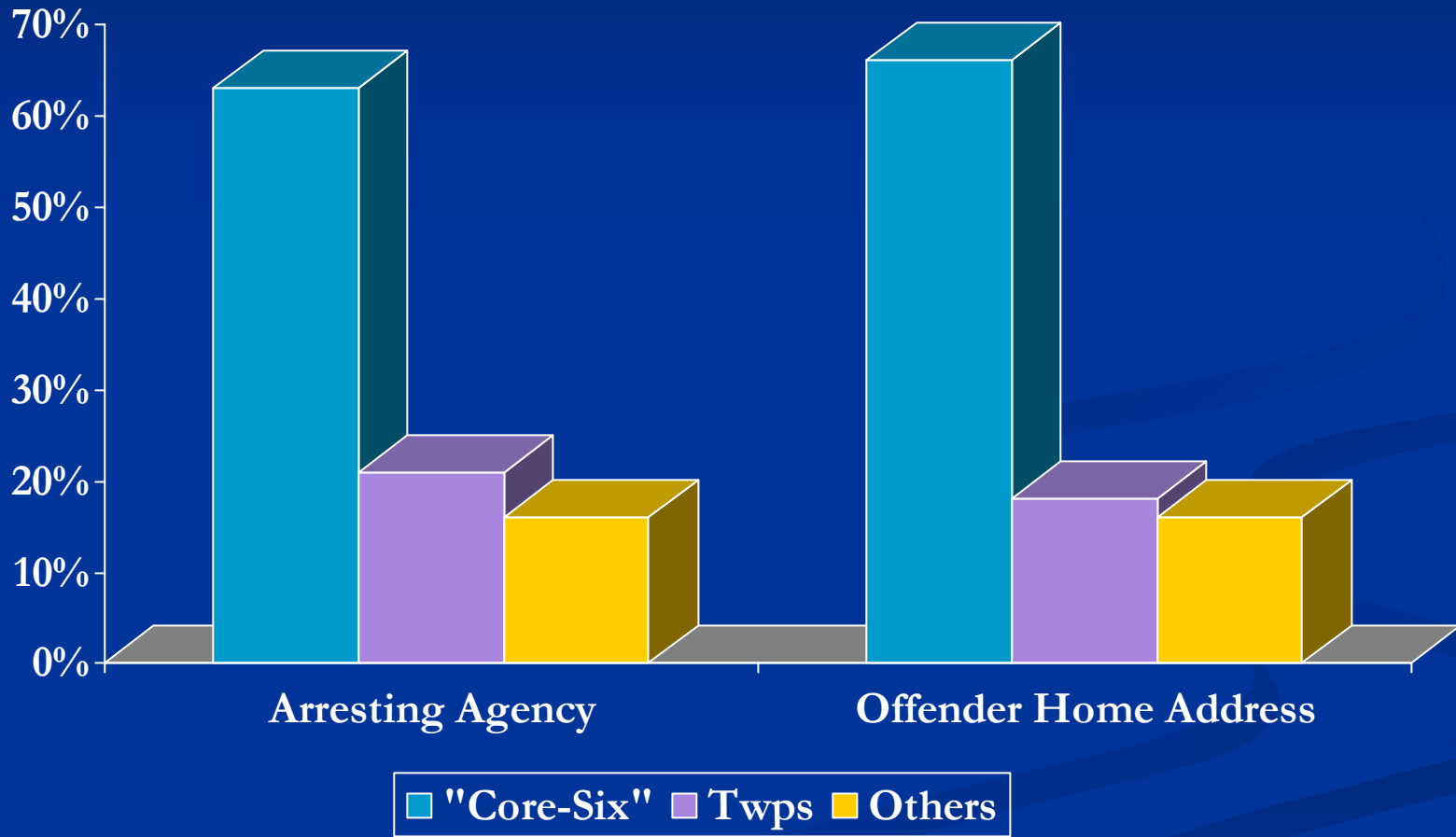
Food Service Activities



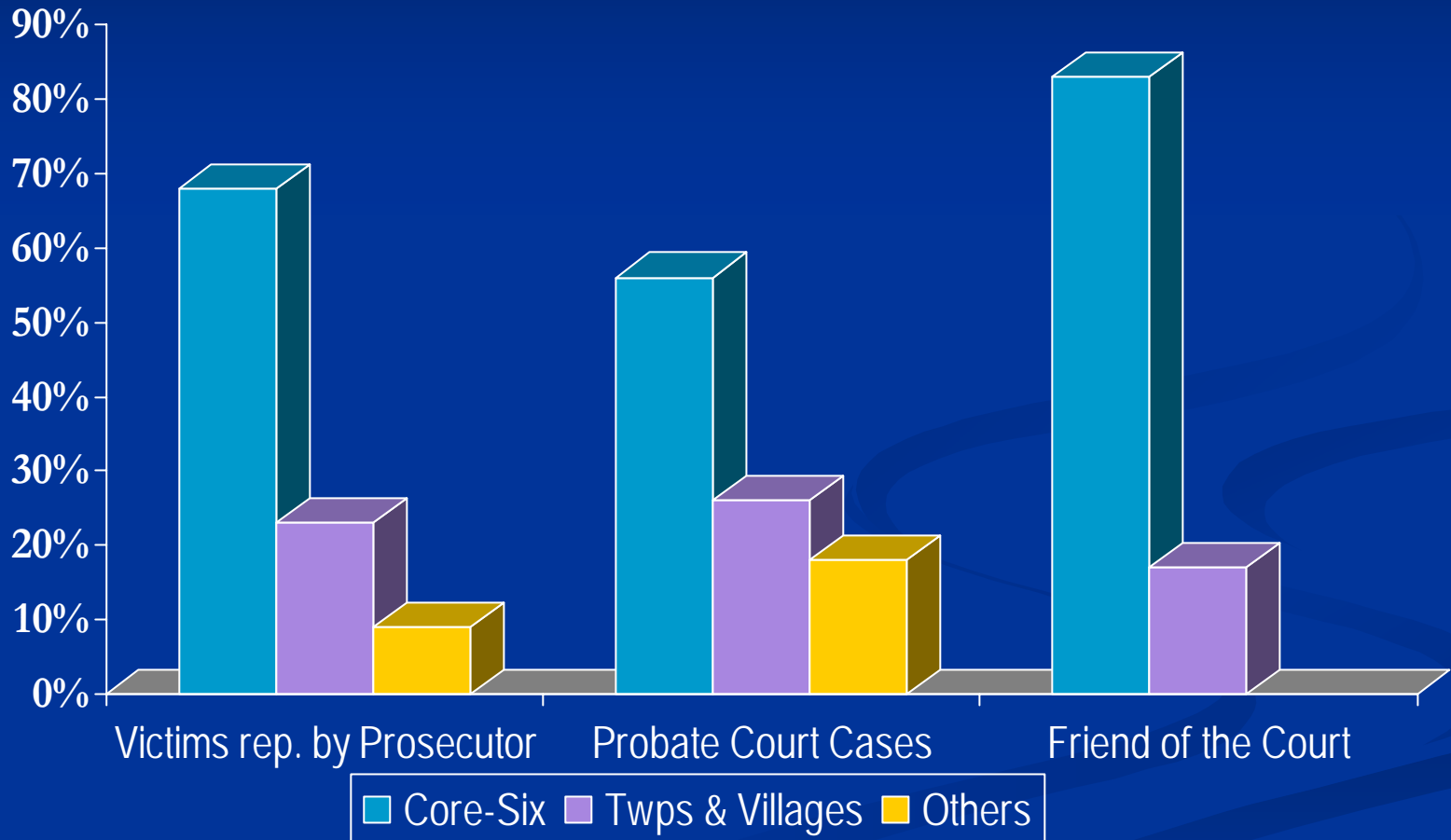
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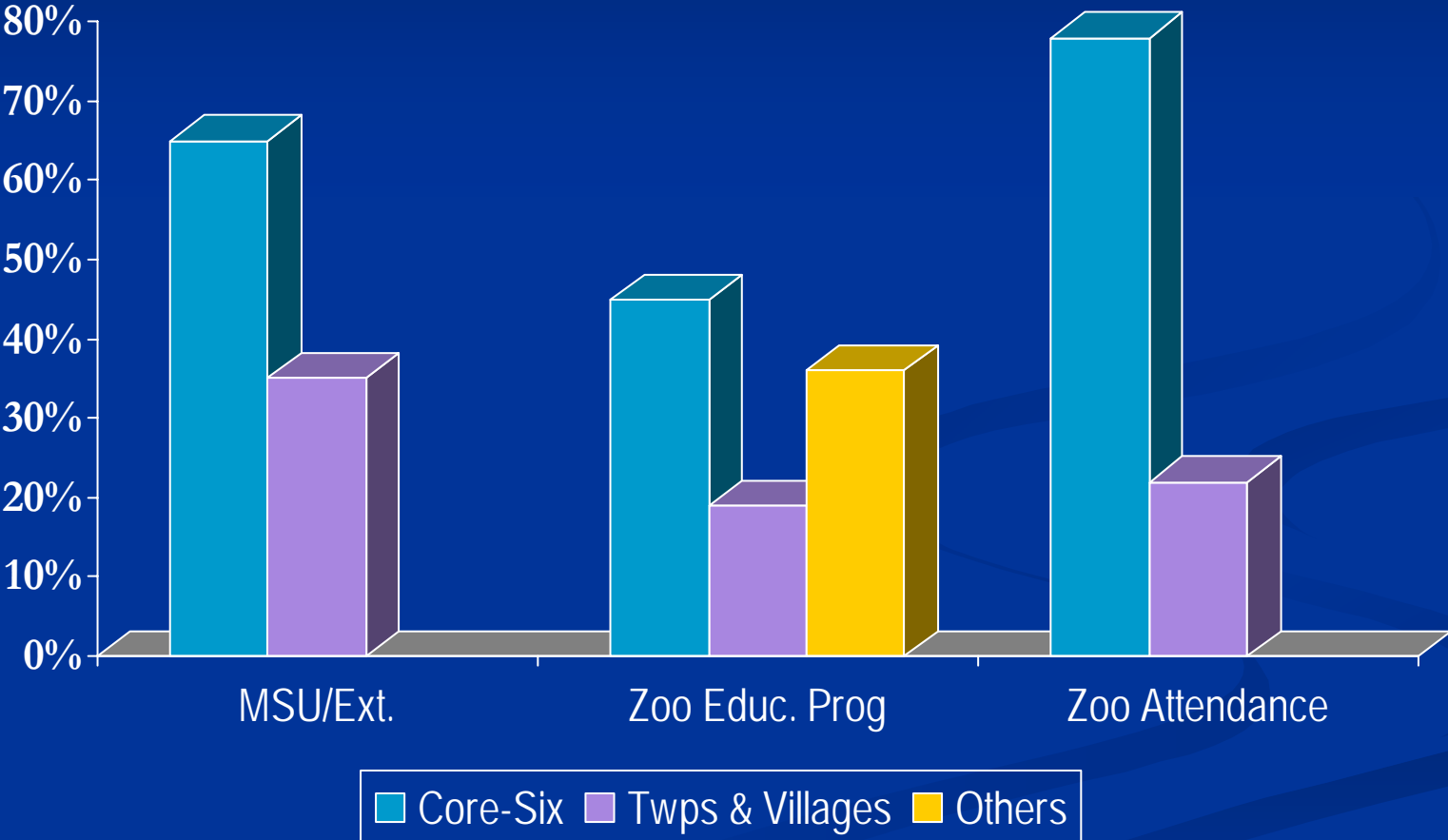
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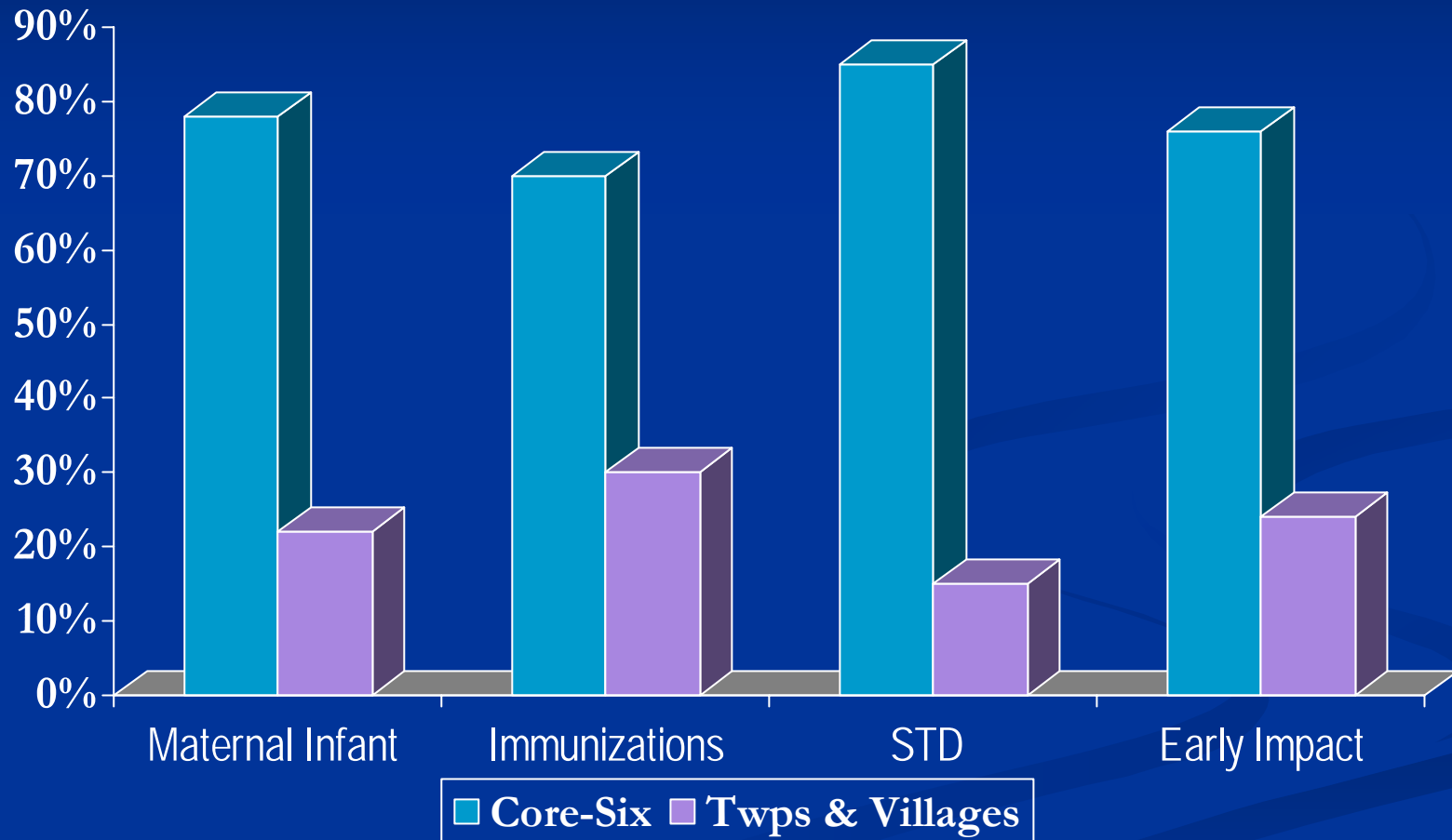
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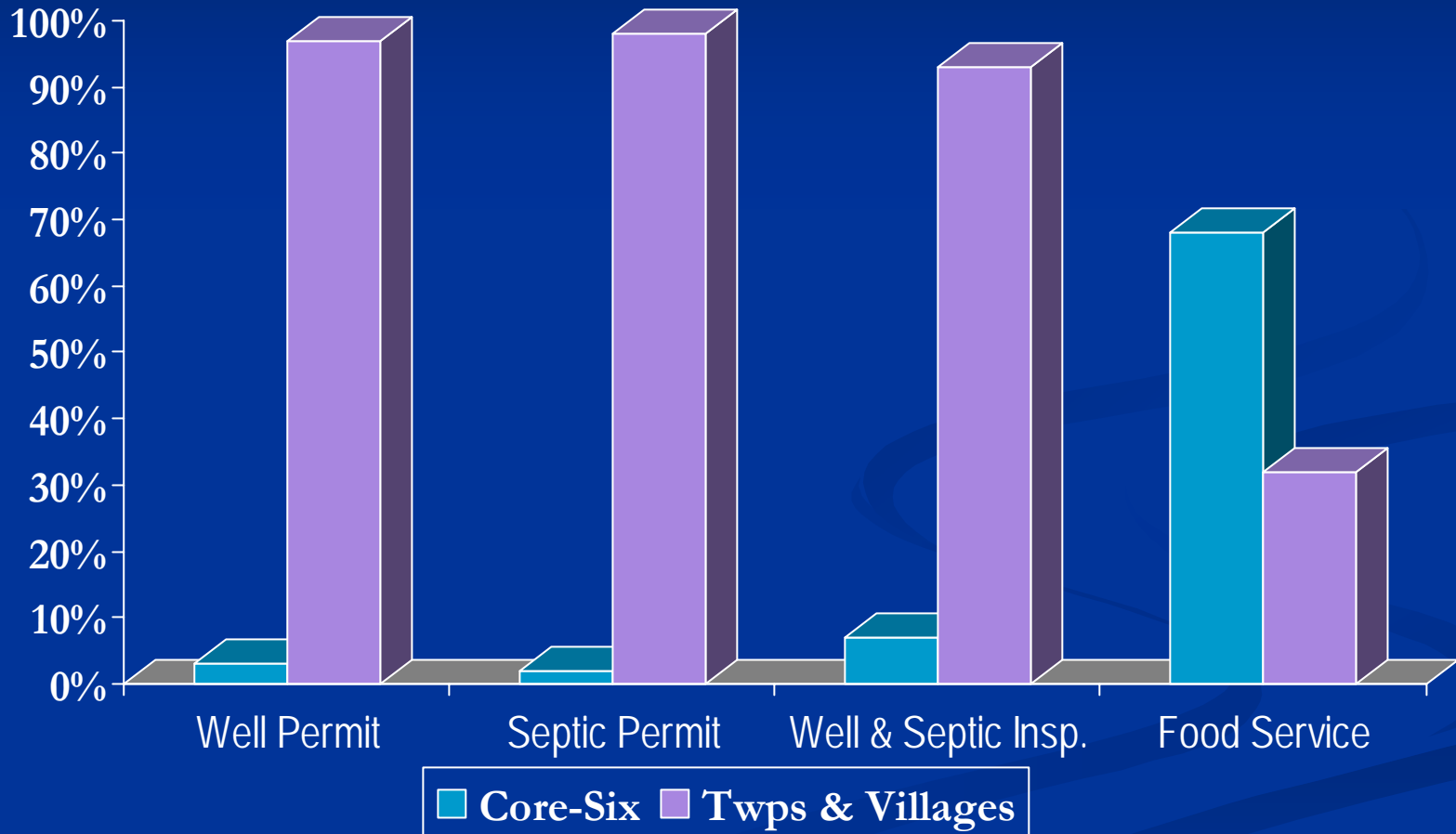
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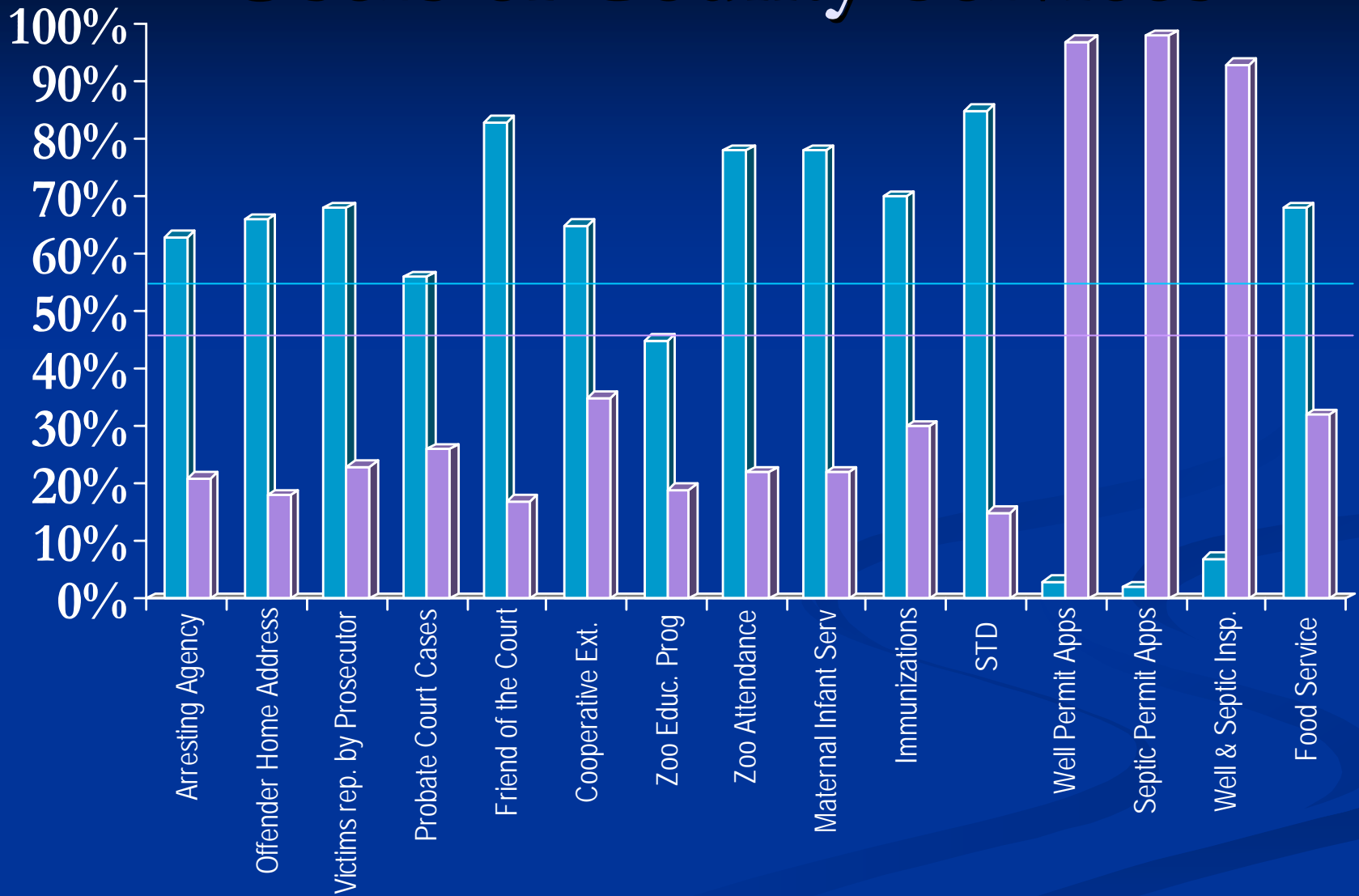
Health & Welfare



Environmental Health



Users of County Services



Core-Six Twps & Villages

Conclusions

- County services are primarily mandated by Statute.
- Residents of the “Core-Six” are the majority users of County services but ALL County residents benefit from base-level service
 - Enhanced Quality of Life
 - Economies of Scale
 - Risk Sharing

Conclusions Cont...

- Senior Millage & Corrections & Detention Millage
 - Without renewal County could reduce services
- Collaboration & Consolidation
 - Amend: Urban Cooperation Act & Intergovernmental Transfers of Function Responsibilities

Final Thoughts...

Economic and social health of a community
and its quality of life depend on
a healthy urban core and
healthy suburban and rural
neighbors.