



VSO JANUARY 2026 REPORT FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SHAWN BONDON

TEHAMA COUNTY VETERANS

SERVICES OFFICER



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Veterans Service Office Staff

- VSO, *Shawn Bondon*
 - United States Navy(1981-1987),
Electronics Technician
- VSR, *Travis Thomas*
- Office Assistant, *Kayla Larson*



WHAT IS A VETERAN...

“A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.”

-VA

US Military Branches

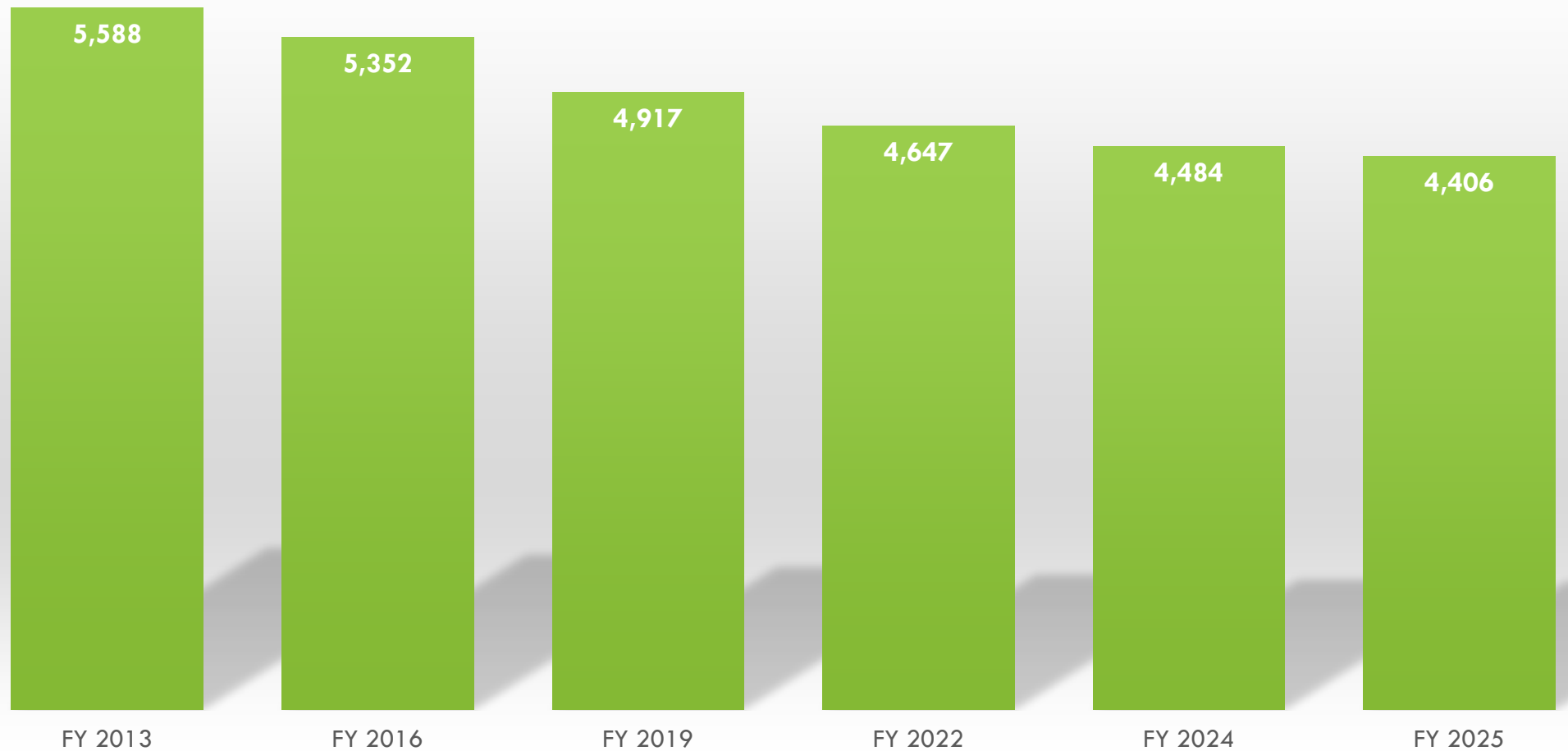
- Army
- Navy
- Marines
- Coast Guard
- Air Force





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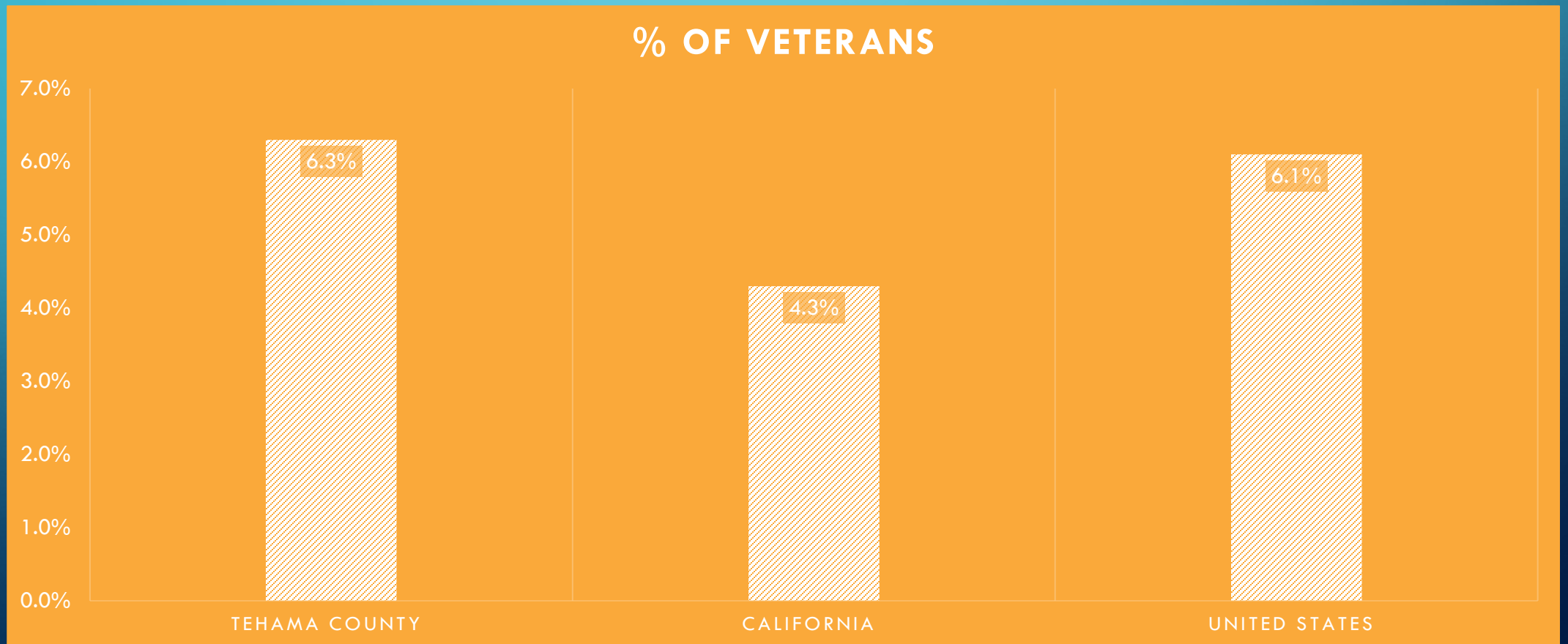
Tehama County Population of Veterans





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VETERAN POPULATION PERCENTAGE





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Type of Claims Assistance

Enroll in VA Health
Care and
CHAMPVA

Service-connected
compensation

Low-income pension
for wartime era
Veterans over age
65

College Fee
Waivers

Aid and
Attendance –
Housebound
Veterans

Individual
Unemployability
(IU)

Burial Benefits

Survivor pension
for qualified
surviving spouses



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Types of Non-Claim Assistance



Help with DD-214's(Discharge Papers), Medals, and Citations



Change Phone Numbers, Addresses, and Bank Account Information in VA Profile



Disability Percentage Verification Letters and Income Verification Letters Faxed from VA



Referrals to Housing, Employment Resources, Social Services, Nations Finest, P.A.T.H(Poor And The Homeless), and the County Assessors Office



Check on Claim Status, Provide Copies of Decision Letters and Discharge Papers, Answer questions about Home Care Processes as well as the Community Care Program Process



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Types of Non-Claim Assistance

01

Marriage License and
Divorce Decree
Research

02

Inquiries to Veterans
about the status of
Completing Paperwork,
Counseling, Medical
Appointments, or
Obtaining Medical
Records

03

MC-05's and Other
Assistance

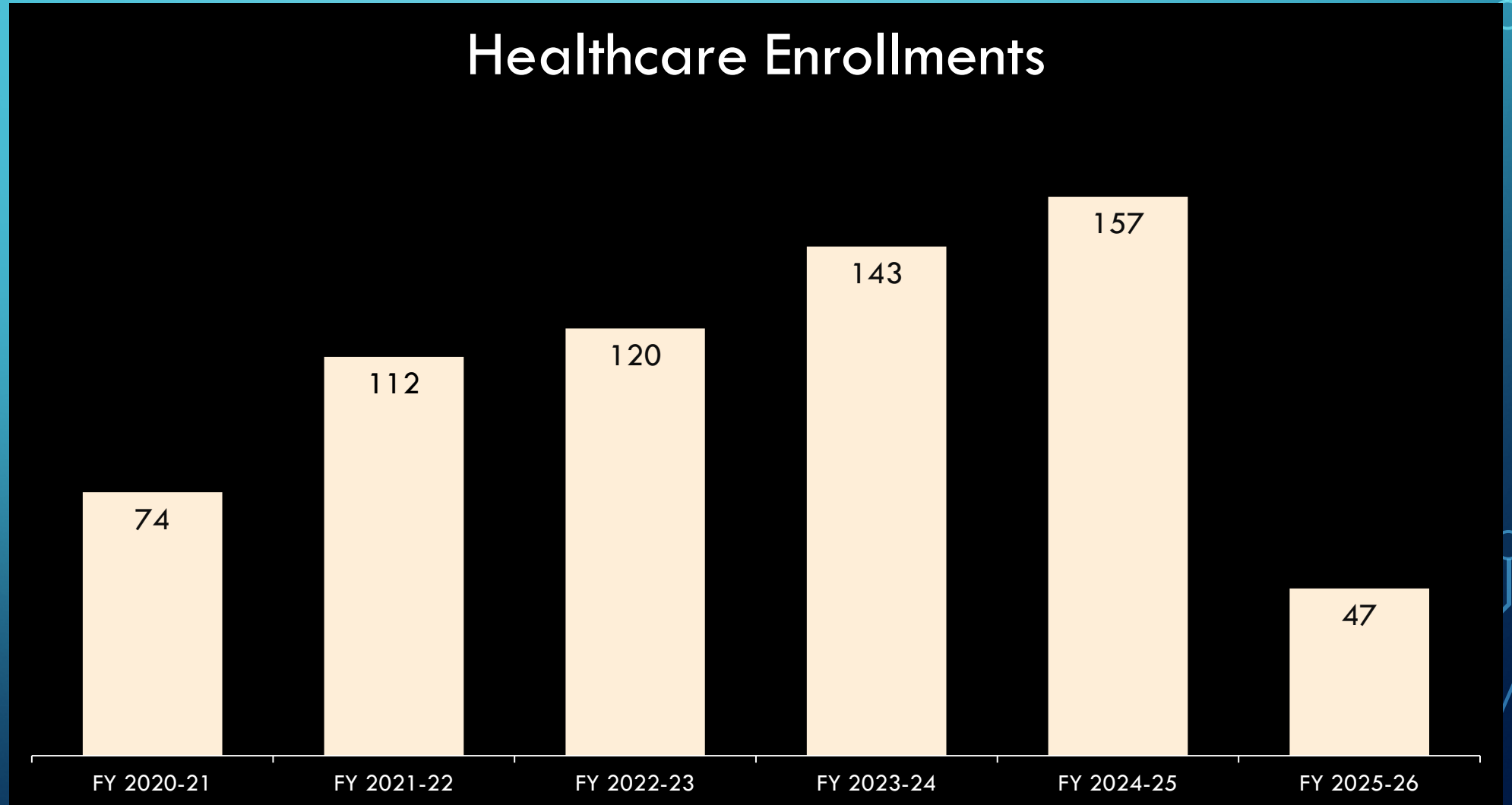
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DMV Verification



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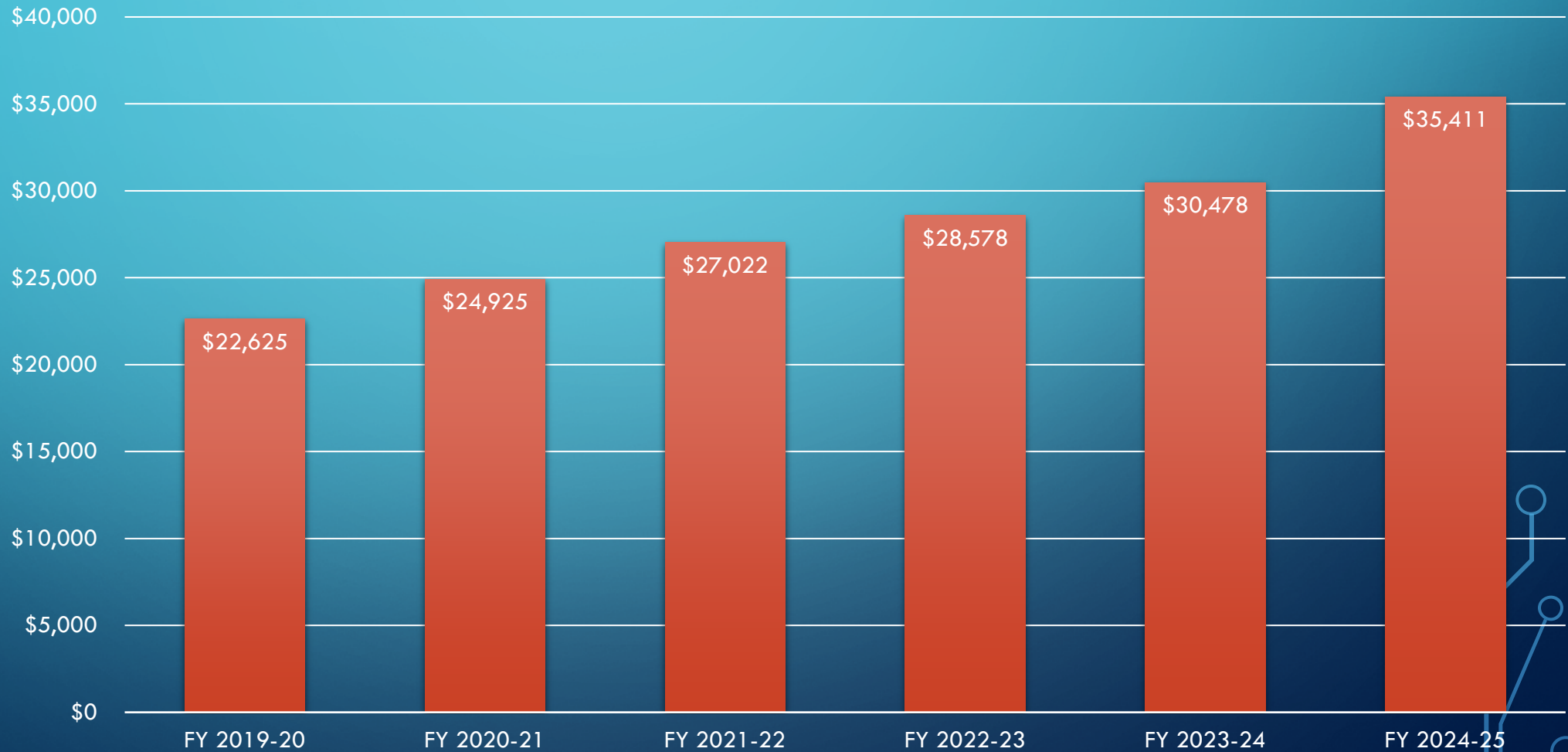
Healthcare Enrollments





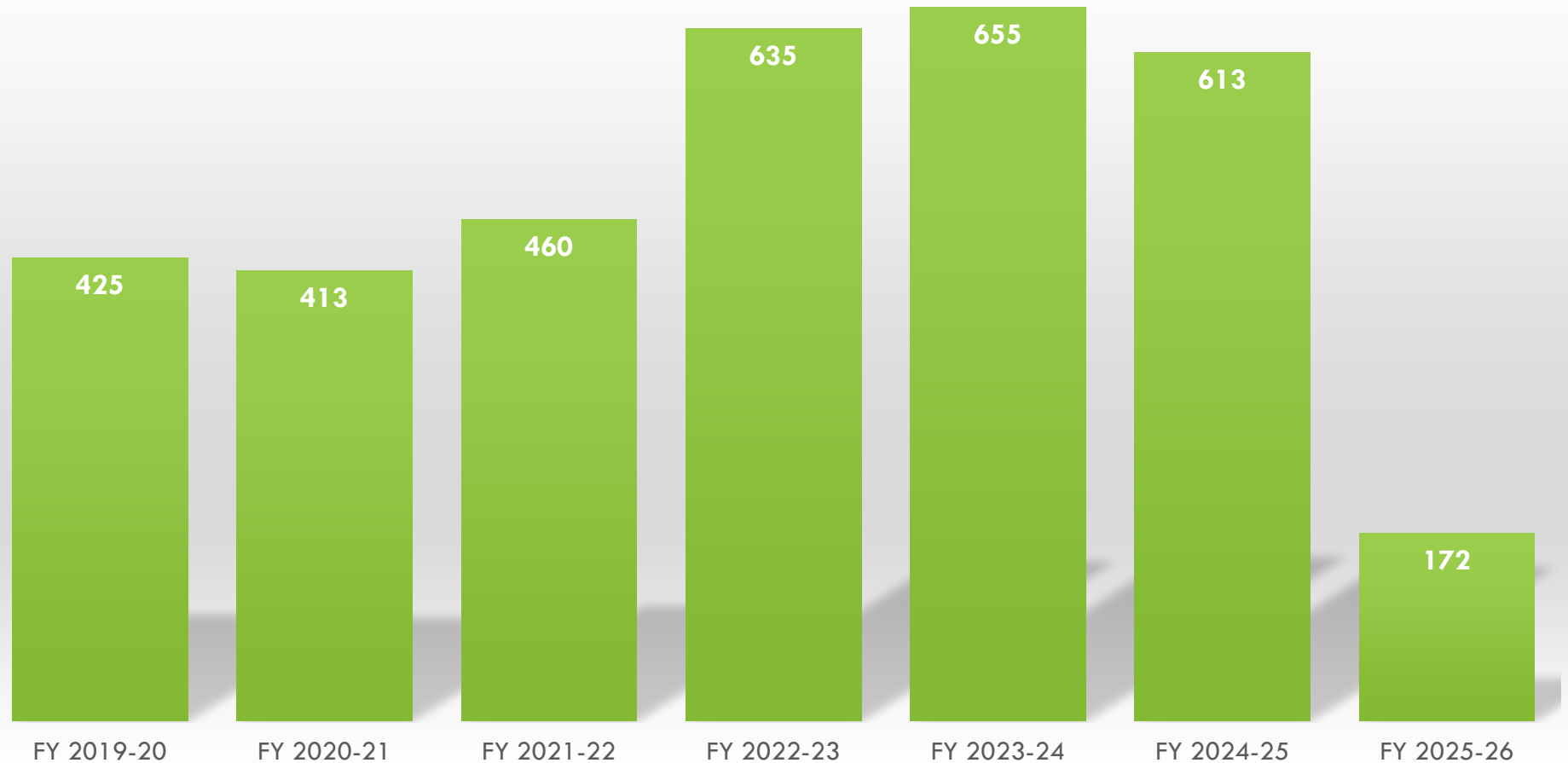
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VA Healthcare Expenditures in Millions





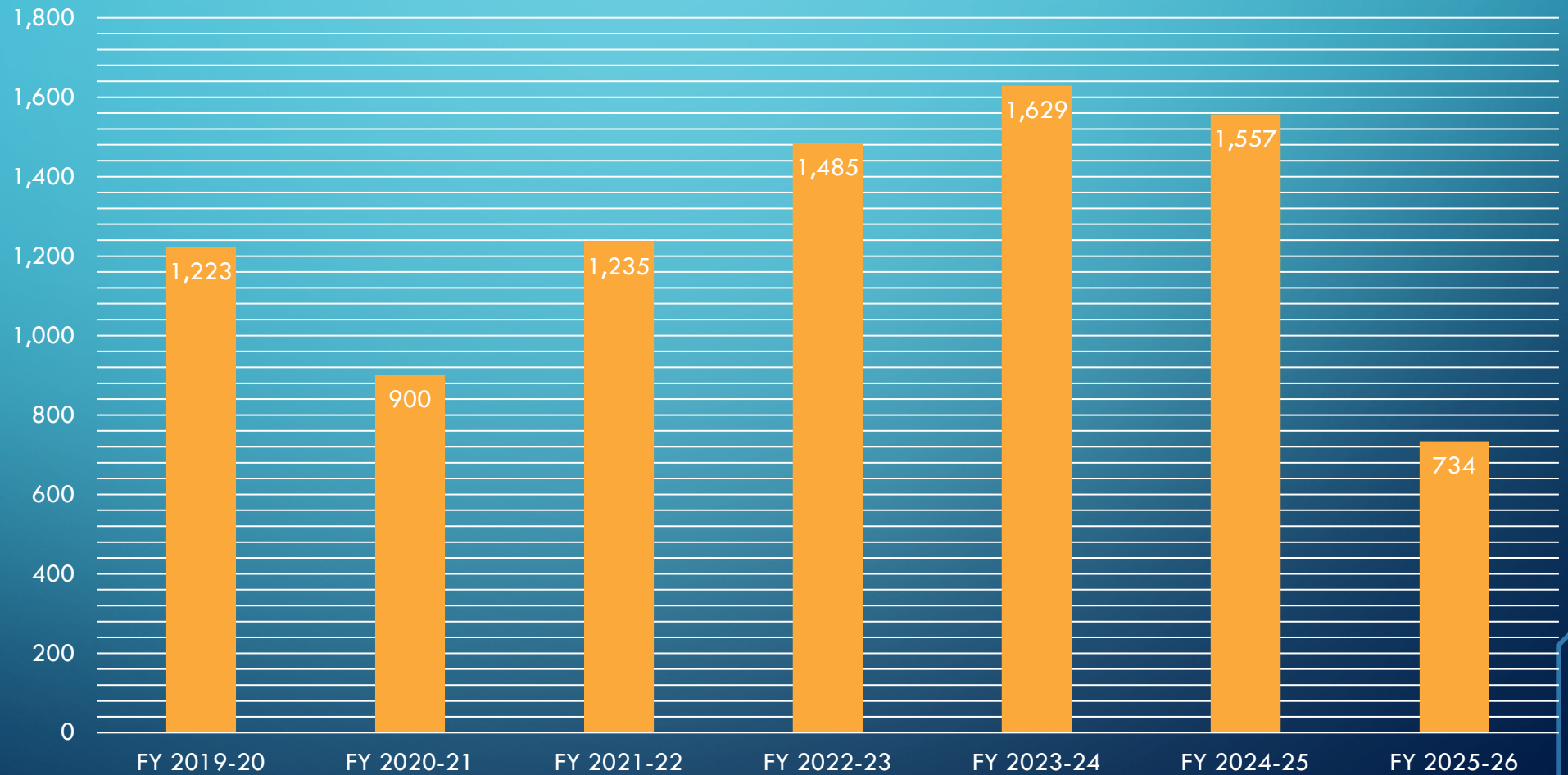
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Total WLU's

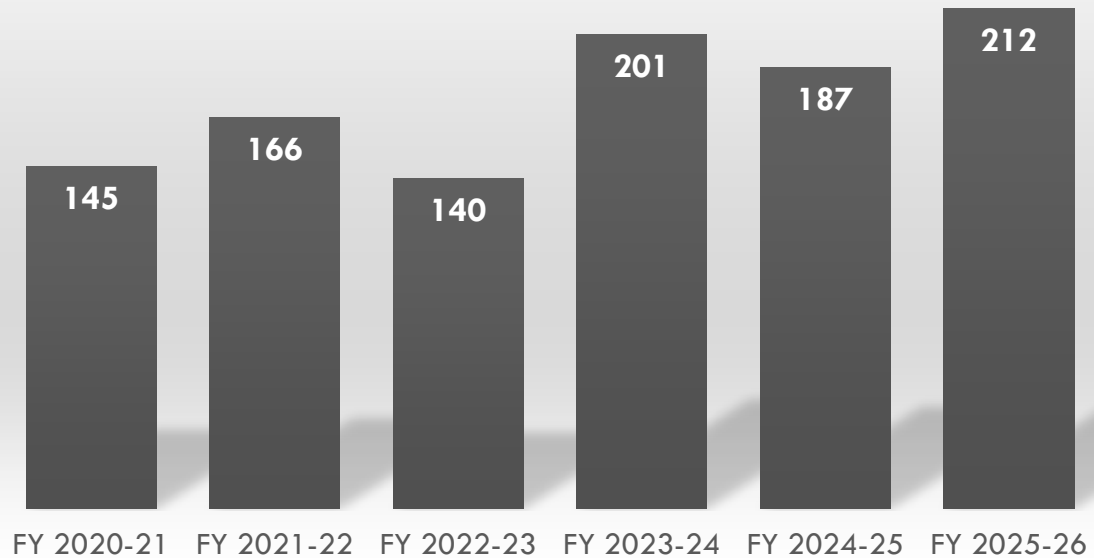




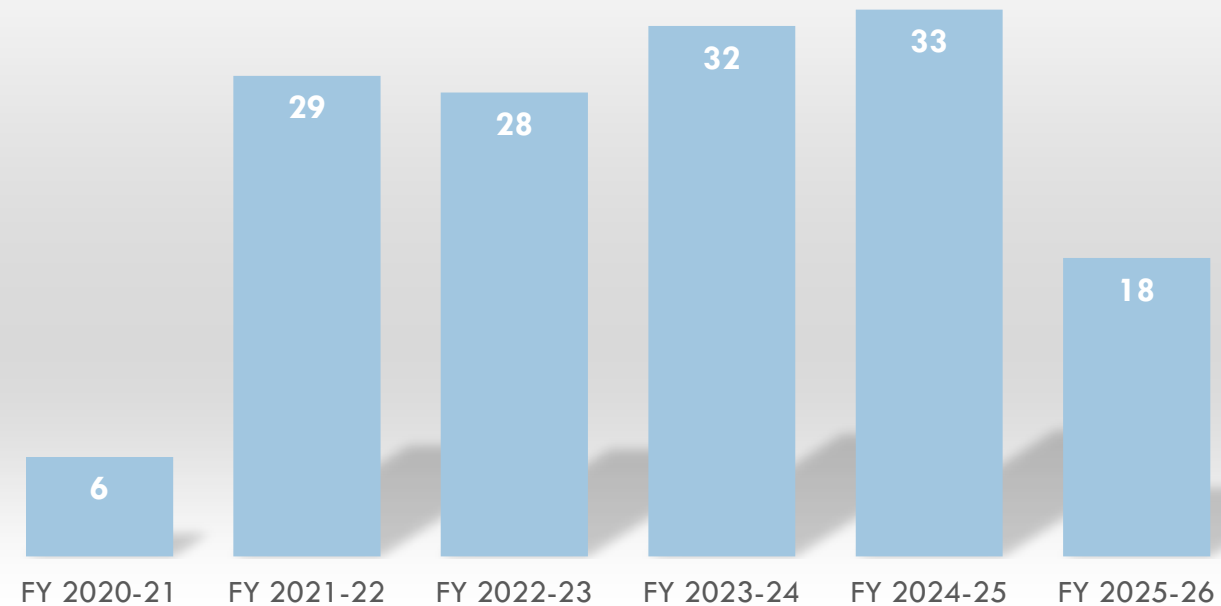
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SOCIAL SERVICES

MC-05



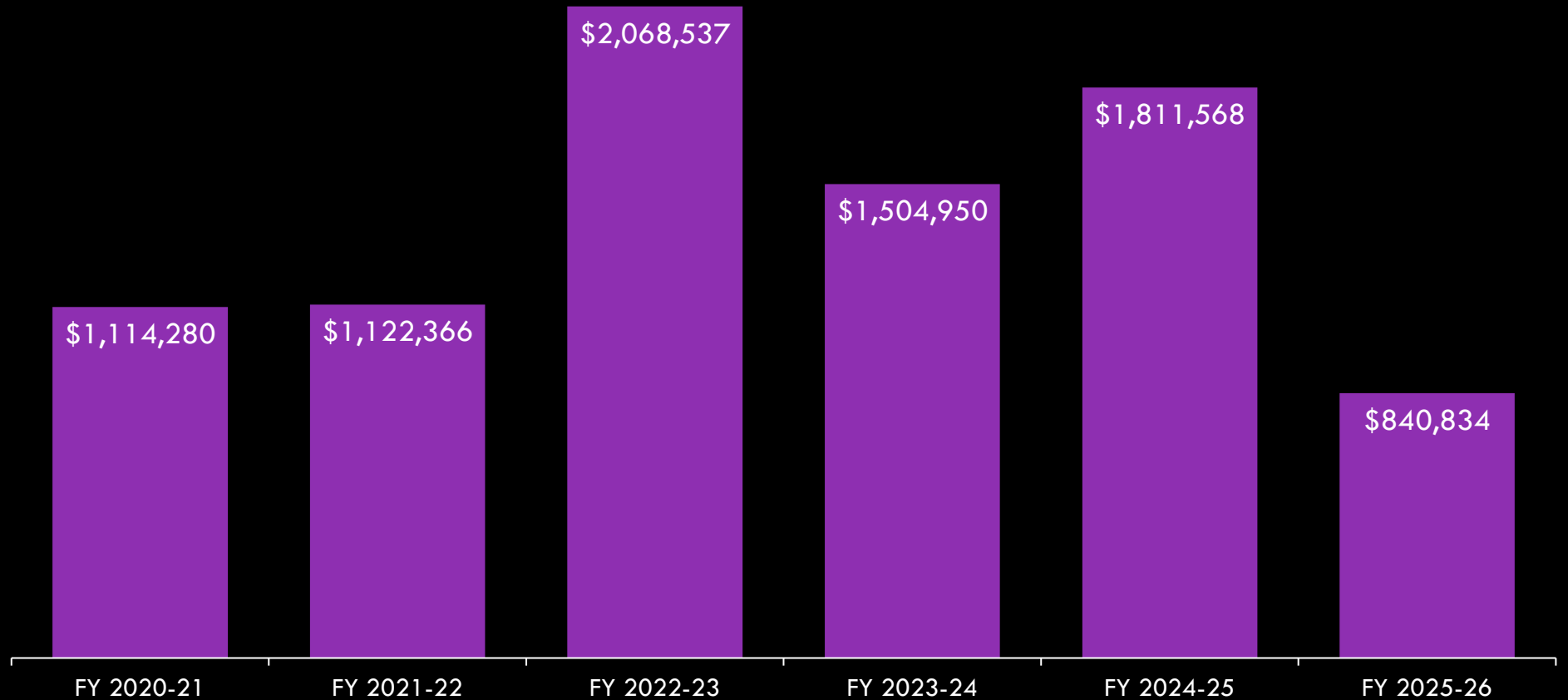
10 WLU's





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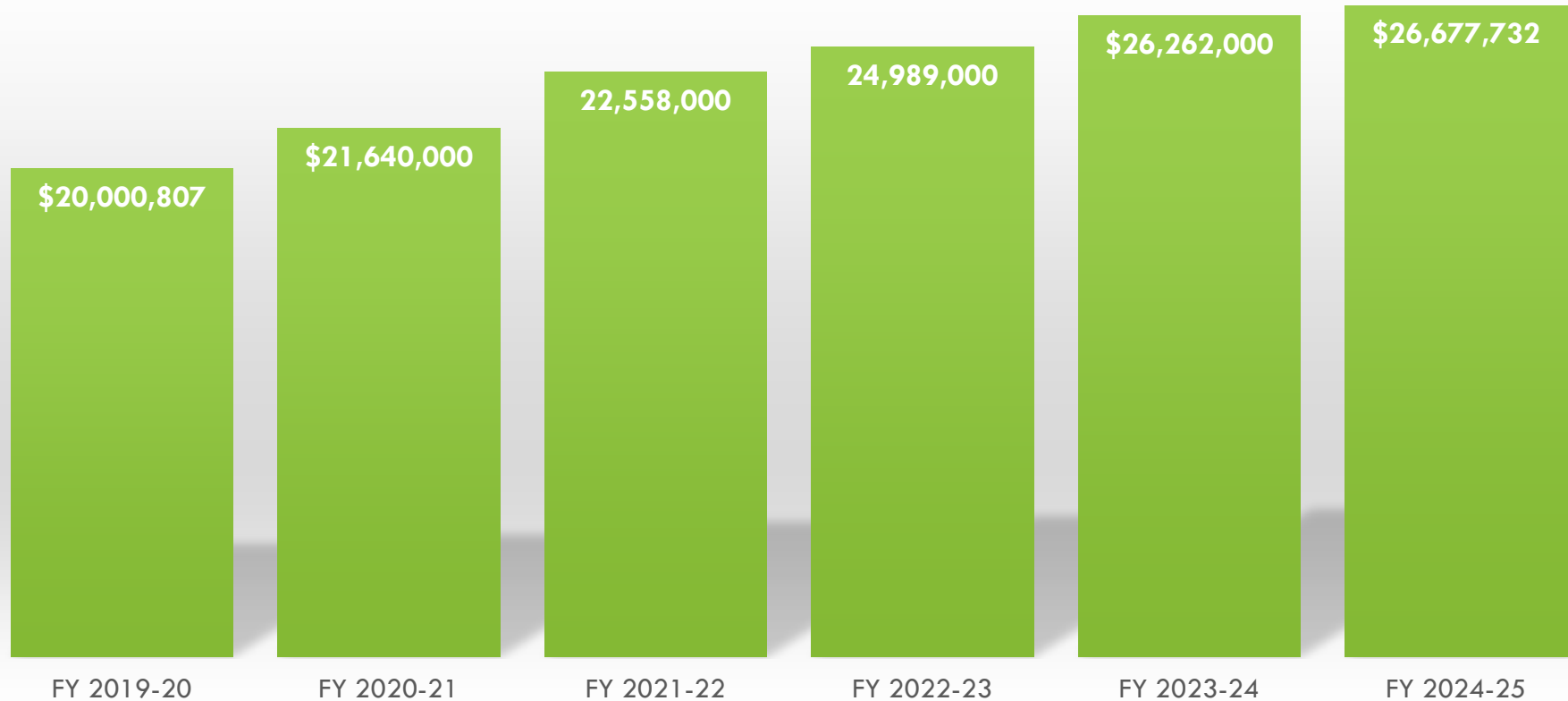
Veterans Tax-Free Retroactive Pay Earned





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Total County Annual Payments to Veterans





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Total Annual Expenditures for Veterans

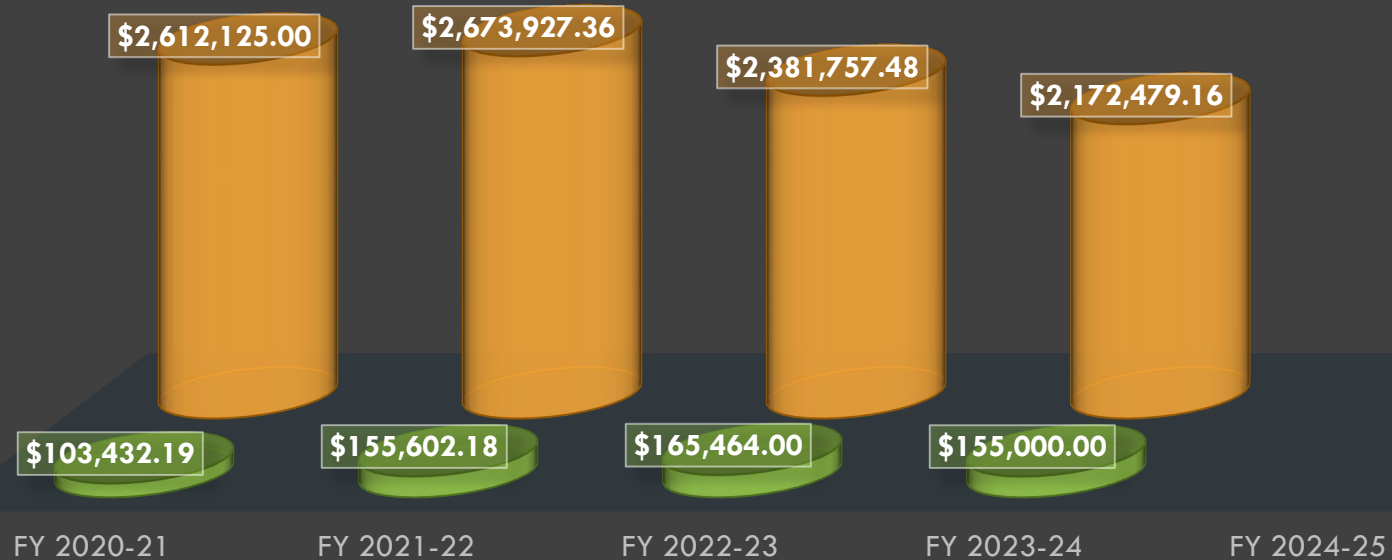




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RETURN ON INVESTMENT

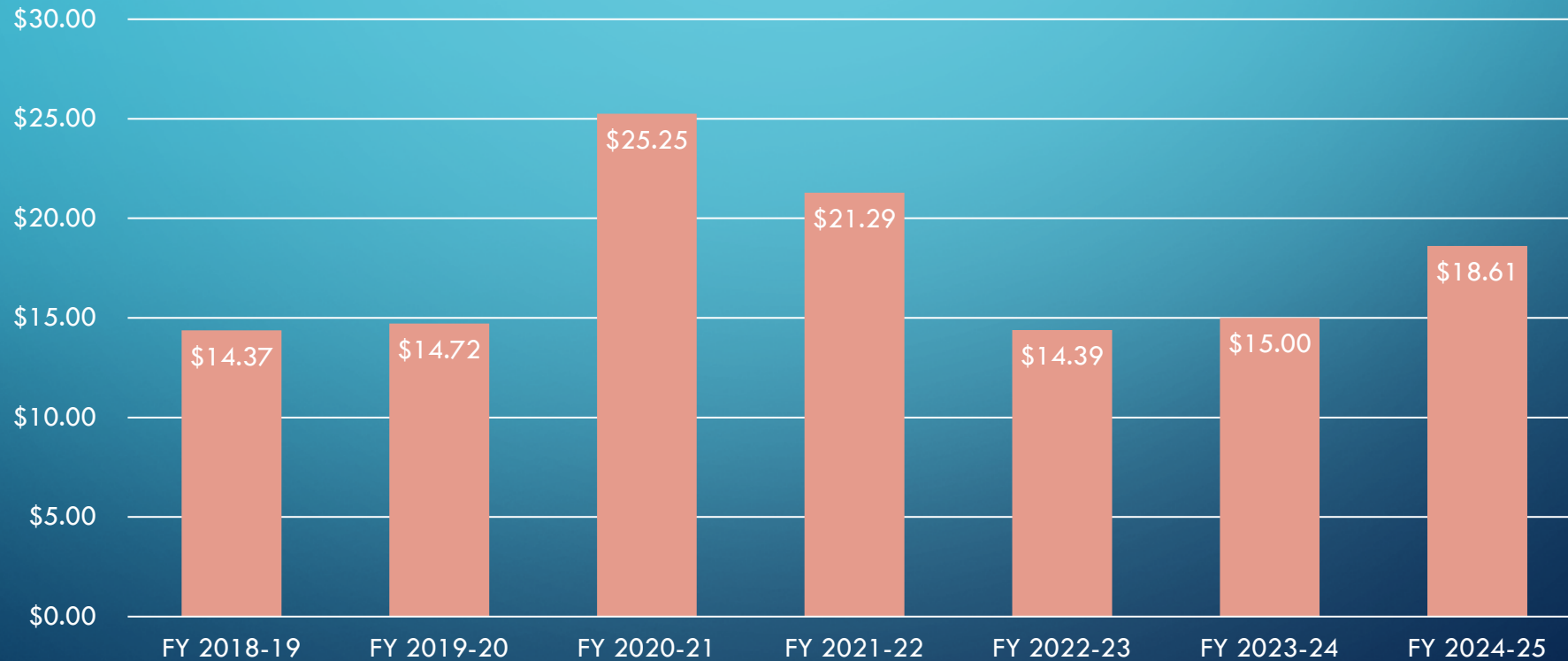
■ County Cost ■ New Awards





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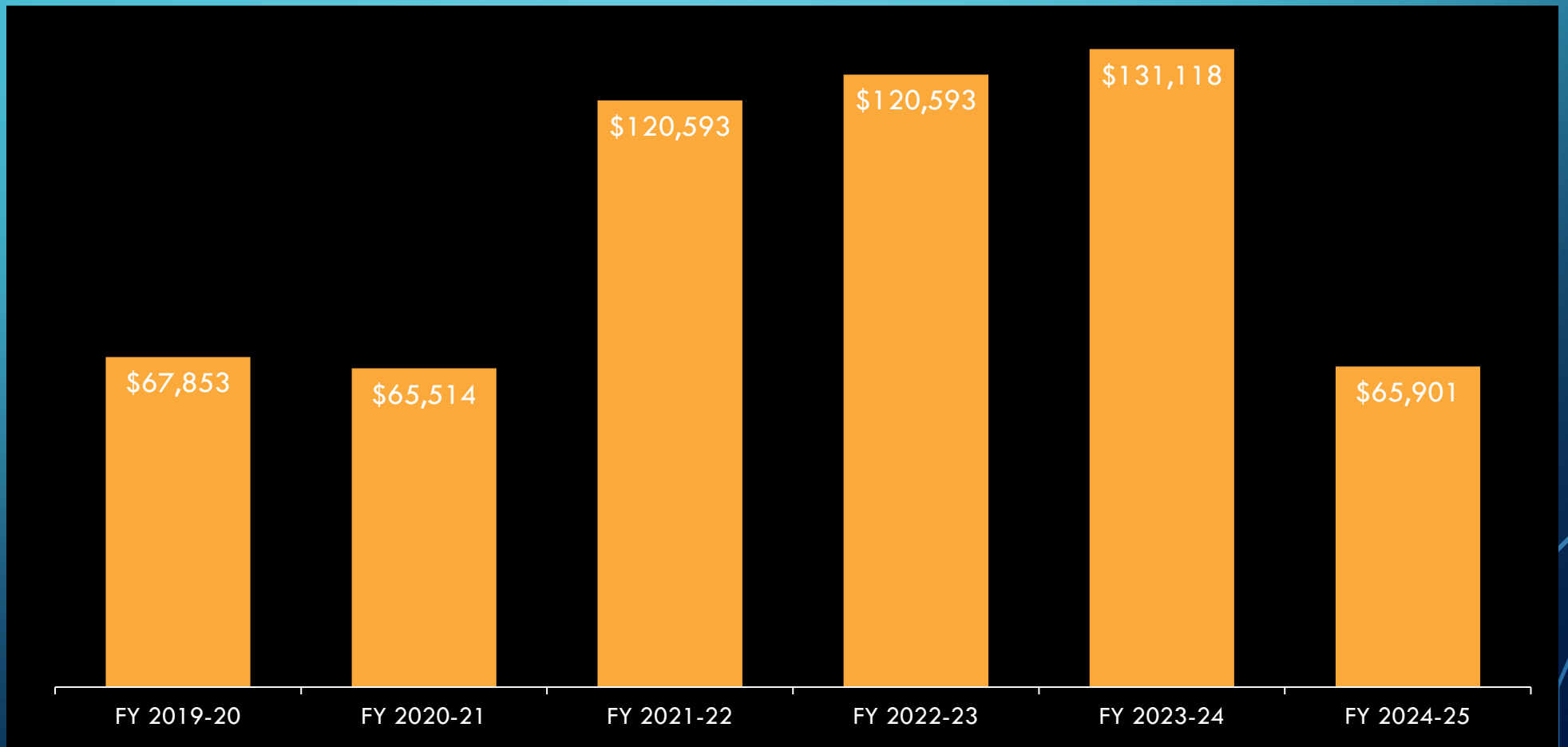
RETURN ON INVESTMENT II DOLLARS EARNED PER \$1 INVESTED





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Total Subvention Dollars to County Budget





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