

Executive Summary

FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget

September 2025



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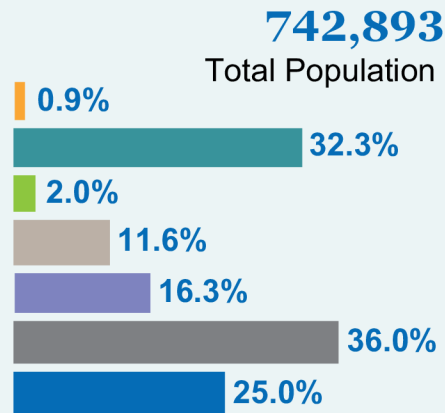
**COUNTY OF
SAN MATEO**

County Demographics

Data From 2024
ACS Estimates &
Other Sources

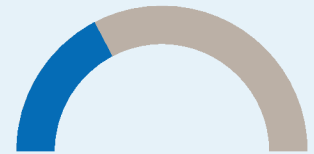
Race and Ethnicity

American Indian and Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Some Other Race
Two or More Races
White
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)



Foreign Born

35.6%



Medi-Cal

161,056 Participants

Hispanic **47.6%**
Asian **14.9%**
Not Available **15.3%**
White **12.0%**
Other **7.0%**
Black or African American **1.7%**
Samoan & Pacific & Other Islander **1.4%**
American Indian or Alaskan Native **0.1%**

Human Services Agency

Housing

Median Gross Rent

\$2,832



37.2%

of renters with rent exceeding 35% of household income

\$1.7M

Median Home Sales Price



2,130

Individuals experiencing homelessness

2024 One Day Homeless Count and Survey

Median Income

\$160,733

Family

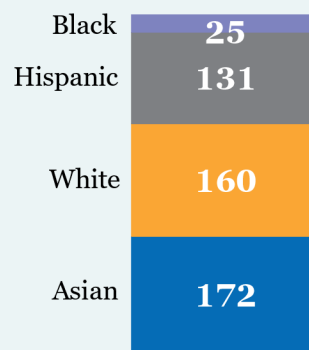


Unemployment

4.0%

Average Weekly New Unemp. Claims in 2024*

*All claimants age 18+



California Employment Development Department: Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Data for California.

Age Groups



Under 5



5 to 19



20 to 64



65+

41.5
Median Age

Poverty Level

\$93,600

300% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Level for a family of 4



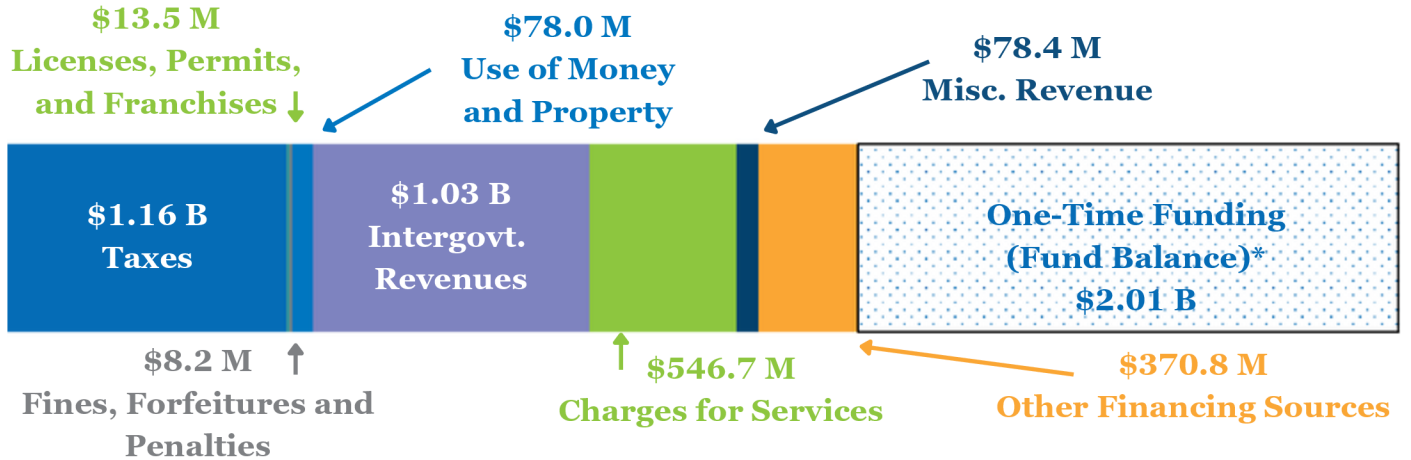
18%

Families experiencing poverty

FY 2025-26 Budget Highlights

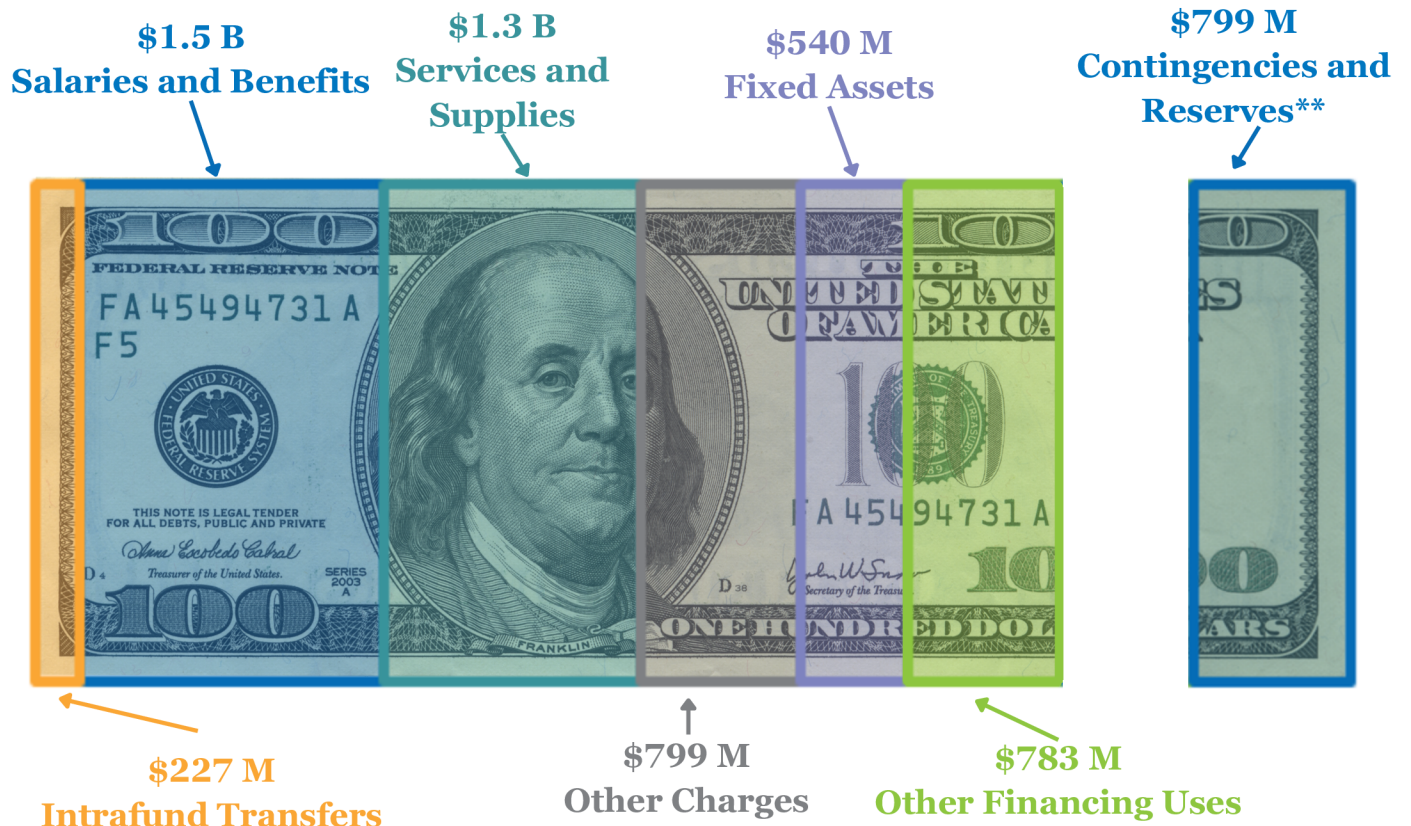
TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,515,645,791

Sources



*One-time funding sources are set aside for a multitude of countywide projects, including infrastructure (information technology, building/property acquisitions), vehicle replacement, roads, fixed assets/equipment, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) planning, and more.

Expenditures



** Contingencies and Reserves are budgeted as expenditures but are not typically utilized. County Administrative Memorandum B-15 states that any expenditures of Reserves during the Fiscal Year requires Board of Supervisors Approval via Appropriation Transfer Request.

Number of Positions | 5,889 Total

634
Admin/
Fiscal



866
Social
Services



1,311
Criminal
Justice



716
Community
Services



2,362
Health
Services



FY 2025-26 Highlights

With the Board of Supervisor's priority areas of Housing & Homelessness, Children, Families, & Seniors, Emergency Preparedness, and Mental Health as a guiding light, the County has implemented and progressed on several major initiatives since the adoption of the FY 2024-25 Budget. Some of the major initiatives are highlighted in the following section.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

The County of San Mateo continues to strive to reach a functional zero level of homelessness, where every unsheltered person who chooses assistance will be provided interim or permanent housing. In FY 2024-25, Human Services Agency's Center on Homelessness launched a new model of services to help house people living in encampments including tailored case management, diversion, and housing services and will continue to implement the improved model in FY 2025-26.



2,412
people

enrolled in a
homeless program
as of June 30, 2025



Youth Shelter

Purchase and remodel of new facility to provide interim housing for youth (18-24) in San Mateo County

749
households



moved into
Permanent Housing in
the past 12 months



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The County is boosting its investment to protect communities from various natural disasters and severe weather events. This involves updating emergency response protocols and enhancing communication systems to guarantee quick and efficient responses during emergencies.

167
Acres of fire fuel
reduced in
FY 2024-25



146,998

Number of residents
signed up for
SMC Alert



FY 2025-26 Emergency Preparedness Goals:

- Establish 13 Library Resilience Centers
- Disaster Service Worker Program Expansion

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS

To promote the well-being of children and families, funds are allocated for programs like affordable housing, early childhood literacy, and foster youth support.

Family Childcare Center Support

- \$1.5 M to support expansion of family childcare centers in San Mateo County

Elder Abuse Hotline

- \$1.3 M in funding to investigate reports of elder abuse

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Collaboratively improving health and well-being for all residents, especially those most impacted by systemic barriers and health disparities

Focus on Collaboration

- Includes over 100 community partners, organizations, and residents working together toward long-term community goals

Three Priority Areas:

- Mental Health & Wellness
- Health & Affordable Housing
- Gun Violence Prevention

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Fair and Just Government for All: Creating Conditions that Allow All to Fully Participate in Social, Economic, and Civic Opportunities

Operationalize functions of the new Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement

Implement procurement ordinance establishing preference for local and small businesses

Finalize Shared Prosperity Economic Mobility Action Plan with updates from community input

Design a comprehensive local workforce pipeline into key County positions

Develop a narrative strategy to effectively communicate a vision of a diverse and inclusive county

Create 4.0 Departmental Action Plans: Targeted Strategies to Improve Outcomes for All

CAPITAL PROJECTS

To ensure long-term stability, all Capital Projects are fully-funded in the current year and funding is rolled forward as needed through the life of each project. The chart below shows how funds are allocated by department and significant projects are listed below.

\$557 M Projects funded in FY 2025-26

\$69 M Rollover from FY 2024-25

Non-Departmental,
\$268.1 M

DPW,
\$119.4 M

PDU,
\$138.2 M

ISD, \$7.0 M

Parks, \$24.5 M

The Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is available at <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/cip>

- South San Francisco Wellness Center - \$98 M
- 455 County Center Renovation - \$52.5 M
- Mitten Road - \$25 M
- Pescadero Fire Station - \$23 M
- Bridgepointe Renovations - \$13 M



Admin/Fiscal



Board of Supervisors
County Executive's Office/Clerk of the Board
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
Controller's Office
Treasurer-Tax Collector
County Attorney's Office
Human Resources Department
Information Services Department
Grand Jury
Retirement Office (Info Only)
Non-Departmental Services
Debt Service Fund

Social Services



Department of Child Support Services
Human Services Agency

Criminal Justice



District Attorney's Office
County Support of the Courts
Private Defender Program
Sheriff's Office
Probation Department
Coroner's Office

Community Services



Real Property Services
Public Safety Communications
Agriculture/Weights and Measures
Structural Fire
County Service Area 1
Local Agency Formation Commission (Info Only)
Fire Protection Services
County Library (Info Only)
Planning and Building
Parks Department
Sustainability Department
Department of Emergency Management
Department of Public Works
Department of Housing
County One-Time Expense Fund
Courthouse Construction Fund
Criminal Justice Construction Fund
Other Capital Construction Fund
Capital Projects

Health Services



First 5 San Mateo County (Info Only)
County Health

VISIT



Budget Publications:

smcgov.org/ceo/budget-publications

smcmeasurek.org

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