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Mission

The mission of the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner (PCOME) is to provide accurate, timely, compassionate and professional death investigation services for the citizens of Pima County, Arizona.

Purpose

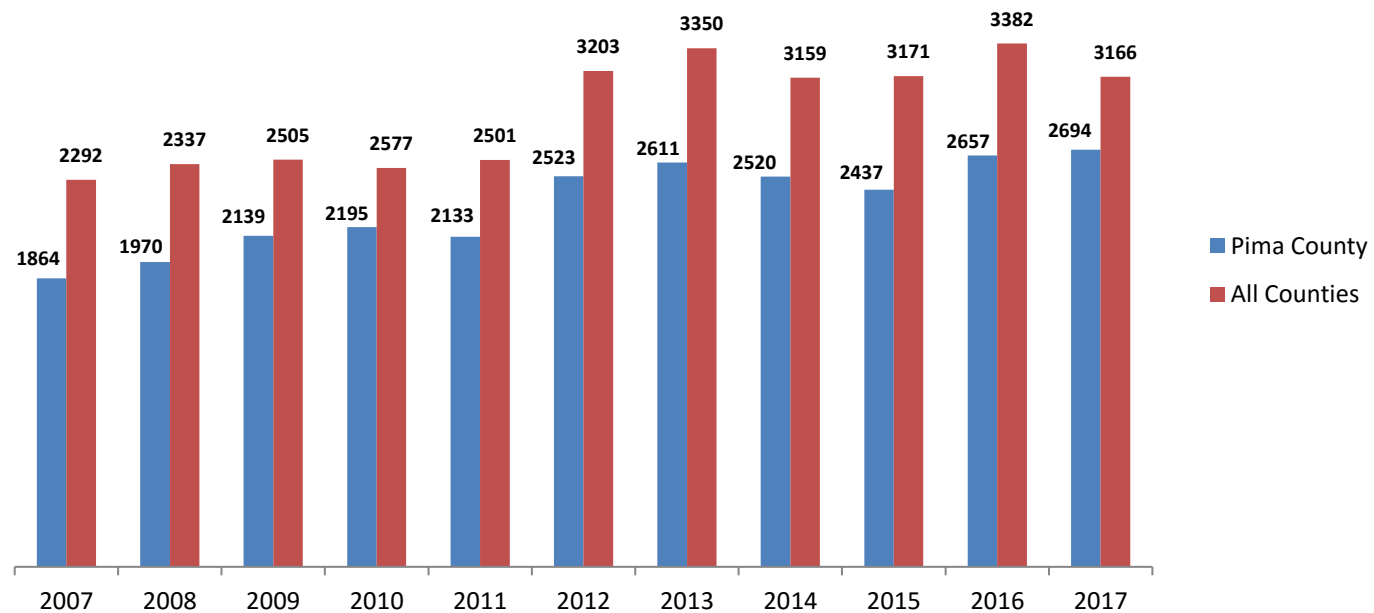
The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner investigates any death in Pima County that is sudden, violent, unexpected, or in which the cause of death is unknown. The PCOME also serves as the Medical Examiner for Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties and performs examinations as needed for eight additional counties.

Federal, State and Local governments maintain an interest in the determination of the cause and manner of death of its citizenry for matters of public health, disease prevention, litigation and population statistics.

ARS §11-592 directs each county in Arizona to appoint a Medical Examiner or Alternate Medical Examiner to investigate deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner pursuant to §11-593.

The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) is the accreditation organization for medical examiner's offices in the United States. NAME accredited offices represent the highest quality of death investigation systems. At the time of the authoring of this document, there are 78 fully accredited Medical Examiner's Offices across the United States. The PCOME has the distinction of being the sole fully accredited office in Arizona. The PCOME provides a full accounting of the numbers and types of deaths that occur in Pima County in an Annual Report format that is available for viewing on the County website (www.pima.gov).

Total Reported Deaths 2007 - 2017



9460* Deaths in Pima County CY2017

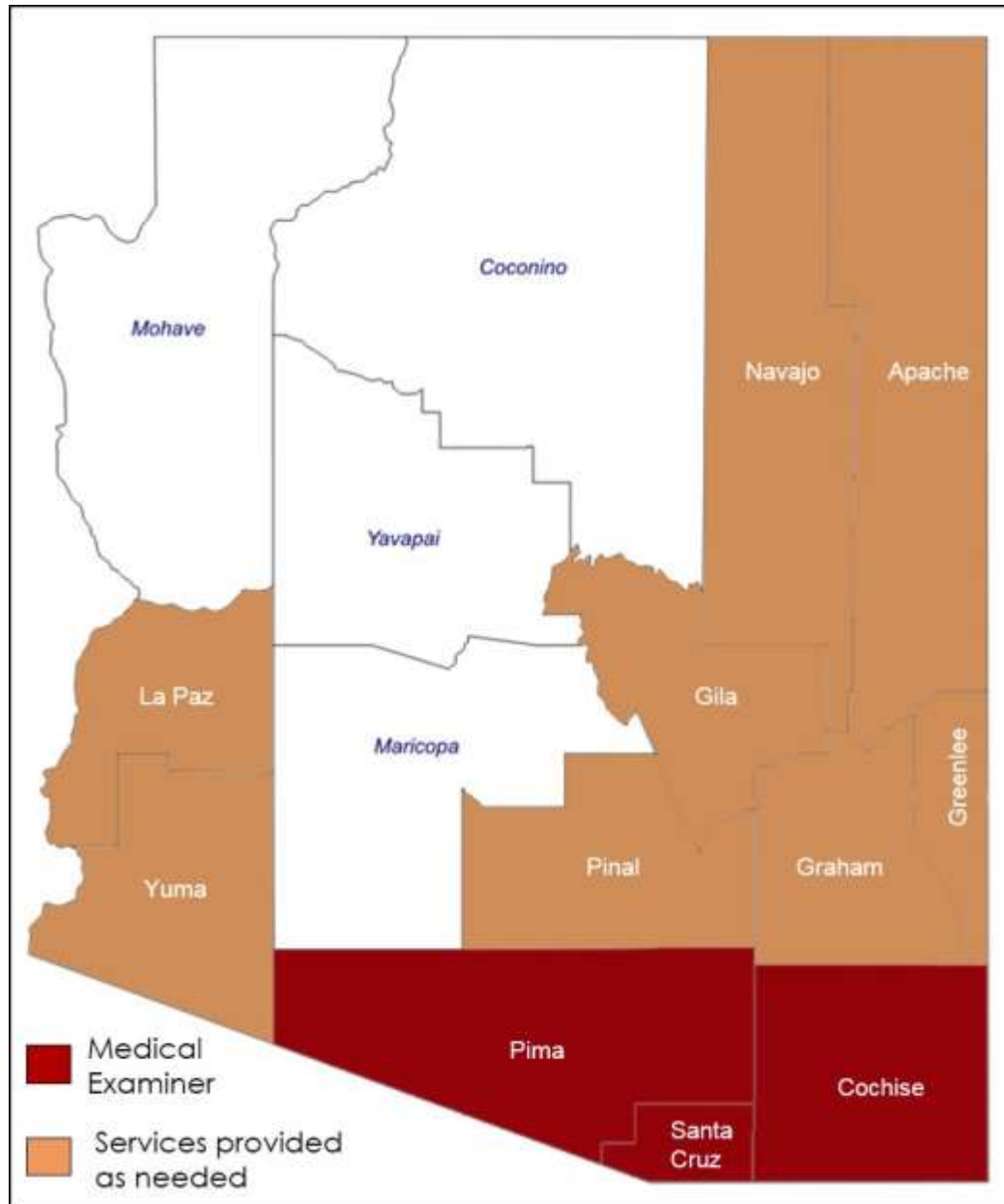
* Arizona Department of Vital Statistics as of 04/03/18



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Department Expenditures and Revenues

Medical Examiner's Office	FY 17/18 BUDGET	FY 18/19 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
Operating Expenditures - Total	\$3,846,635	\$3,944,048	+2.5%
Personnel Services	\$3,202,946	\$3,301,559	+3.1%
Operating Expenses	\$643,689	\$642,489	-0.2%
Operating Transfers	\$500,000	\$0	-100%
Revenues - Total	\$1,830,700	\$1,224,500	-33%
FTEs	32	32	0%



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Major programs and related services provided by the department

Investigation of Deaths	Some deaths are reportable to the Medical Examiner
Certification of Deaths	Follow requirements concerning certification of deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner
Cremation Authorization	Review deaths certified by community physicians in which the family has elected to cremate the remains
Vital Statistics	Local, State and Federal governments track cause and manner of death
Public Health	Inform health department of trends as appropriate; respond to requests for information; pandemic planning; etc.
Organ and Tissue Donation	Work with Organ/Tissue procurement organizations to allow opportunities for donation
Mass Fatality Planning	Work with the Office of Emergency Management & Public Health as necessary; participate in exercises
Law Enforcement and Legal	Partner with LE in the investigation of deaths; provide appropriate information to justice system allow appropriate litigation decisions; testimony
Education	Undergraduate, Medical Student; Resident teaching

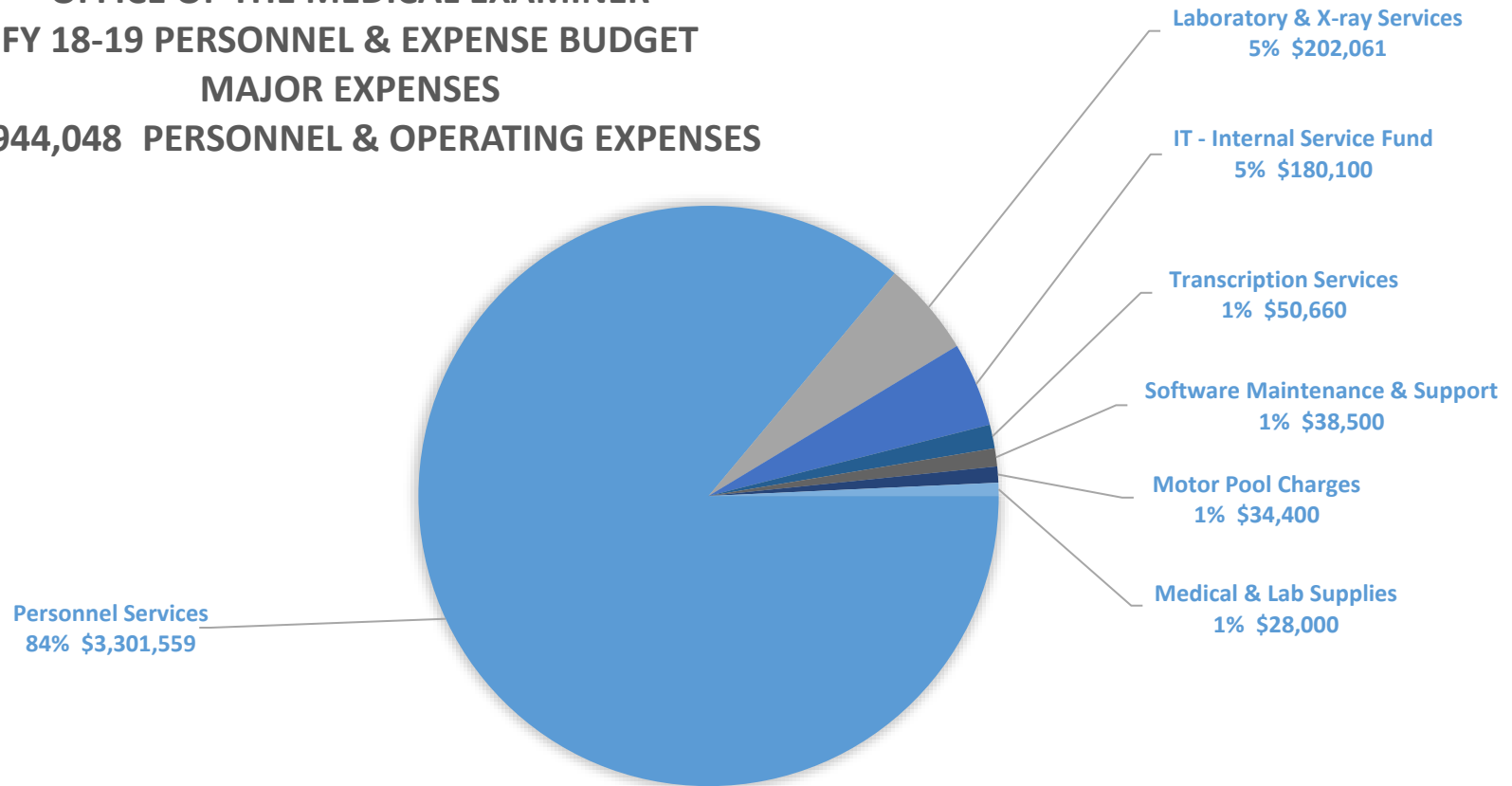


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Major costs of providing programs and related services by the department

**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
FY 18-19 PERSONNEL & EXPENSE BUDGET
MAJOR EXPENSES
\$3,944,048 PERSONNEL & OPERATING EXPENSES**





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Significant changes between FY17/18 and FY18/19

Change Categories	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,394,948	\$ 2,492,170	\$ 97,222	4%
Sick Payout	\$ 9,266	\$ 23,330	\$ 14,064	152%
Vacation Payout	\$ 11,270	\$ 37,945	\$ 26,675	237%
Clothing, Uniforms, & Safety Apparel	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,000	\$ (7,000)	-32%
Motor Pool Charges	\$ 31,368	\$ 34,400	\$ 3,032	10%
Dues & Memberships	-	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	100%
ISF Computer Hardware	\$ 51,260	\$ 58,900	\$ 7,640	15%
ISF Server & Storage	\$ 76,744	\$ 81,600	\$ 4,856	6%
Mobile Devices - External	\$ 27,339	\$ 12,000	\$ (15,339)	-56%

Major budget issues department is facing in FY18/19

None

Requests for supplemental funding

None