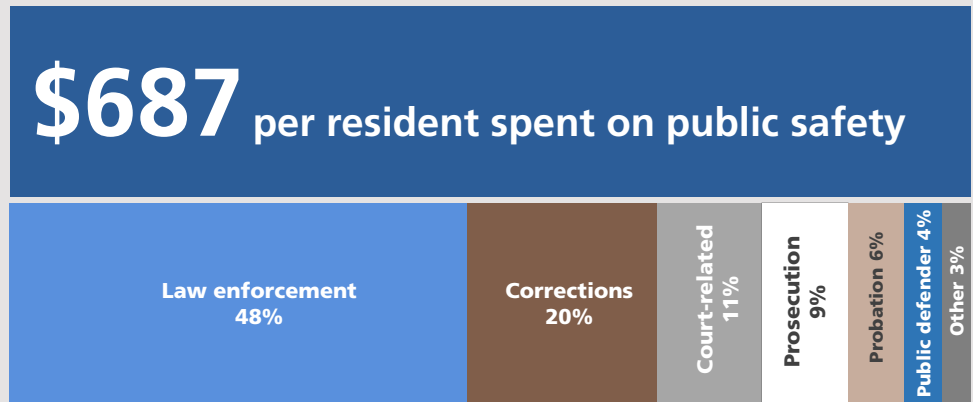




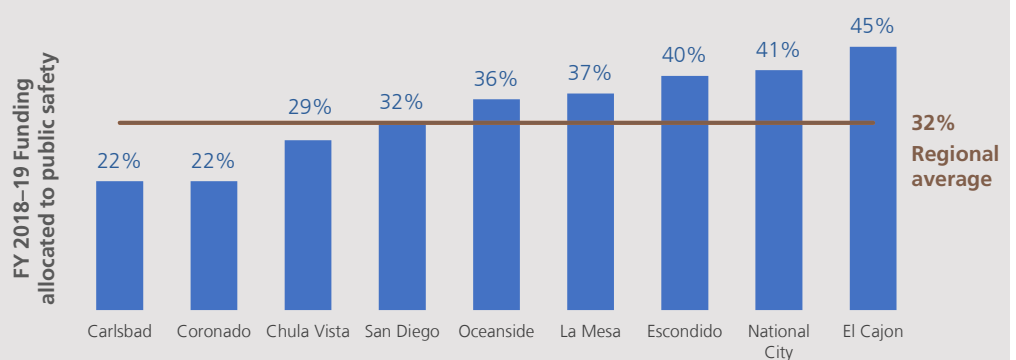
FY 2018–19 Local Public Safety Expenditures in the San Diego Region

On an annual basis, the Criminal Justice Research Division of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) collaborates with local jurisdictions to compile recent budget data in a comparable way to track public safety spending in the San Diego region over time. With the release of the FY 19 Budget Bulletin in January 2020, this CJ Flash includes highlights from the full report, which is available [here](#).

Highlight 1 The region’s public safety expenditures in FY 2018–19 equated to \$687 per resident, with about half (48%) of every dollar supporting local law enforcement functions.



Highlight 2 On average, about \$1 in every \$3 general fund dollars are spent by local jurisdictions on law enforcement, but there is variance, from about \$1 in \$5 in Carlsbad and Coronado, to over \$2 in \$5 in National City and El Cajon.



Highlight 3 The region’s sworn officer-to-population ratio in FY 2018-19 was 1.28, significantly below the national average of 2.80. Chula Vista had the lowest ratio (0.93) and Coronado had the highest (2.08).

