



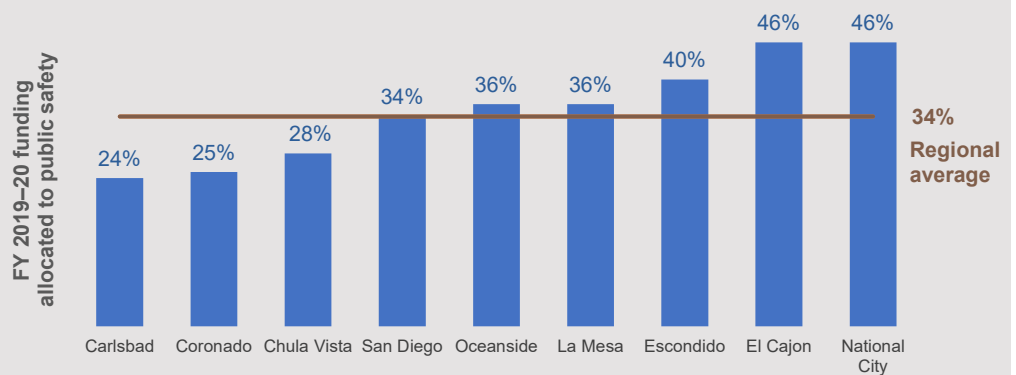
FY 2019–20 Local Public Safety Expenditures in the San Diego Region

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 2019-20 Budget Bulletin in March 2021, this CJ Flash includes highlights from the full report.

Highlight 1 The region’s public safety expenditures in FY 2019–20 equated to \$721 per resident, with half (50%) 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 with their own police departments on law enforcement, but there is variance, from about \$1 in \$5 in Carlsbad and Coronado, to over \$2 in \$5 in El Cajon and National City.



Highlight 3 The region’s sworn officer-to-population ratio in FY 2019-20 was 1.27, significantly below the national average of 2.90. Chula Vista had the lowest ratio (0.96) and Coronado had the highest (1.90).

