

Budget Presentation



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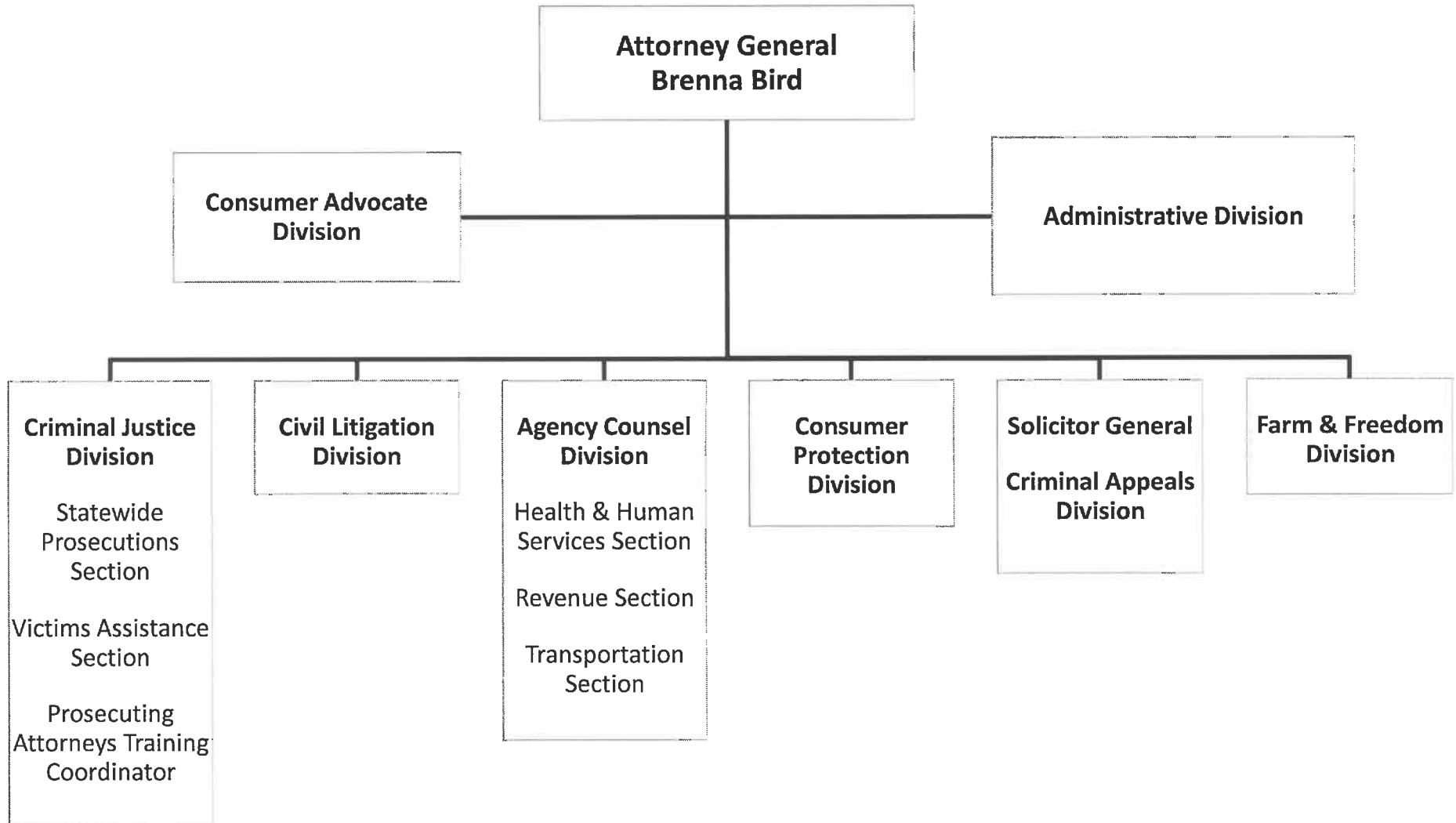
Iowa Attorney General

Attorney General Bird's Priorities

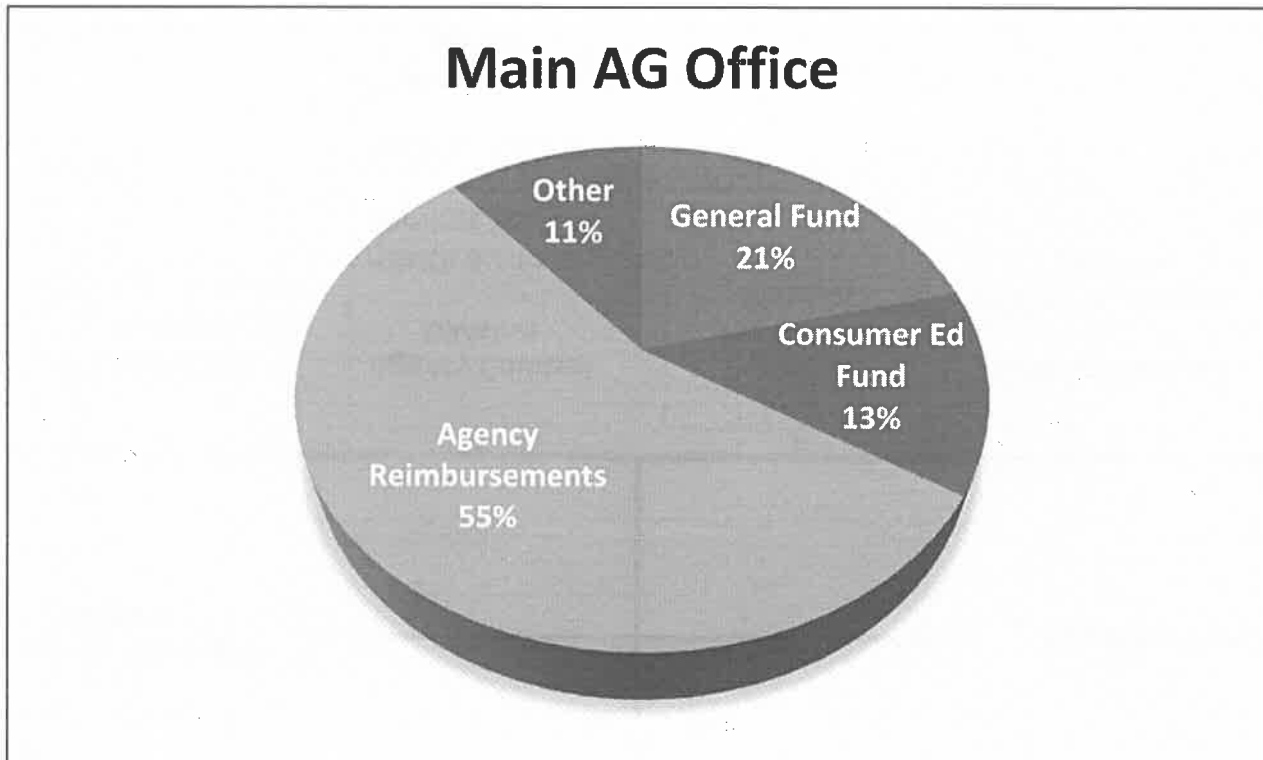
- Protecting Victims
- Supporting Law Enforcement
- Keeping Iowans Safe
- Pushing back on Federal Overreach
- Defending taxpayer dollars and our statutes in suits against the State



Attorney General's Office



Funding



Only about \$6.5 million of the \$30.5 million Main AG Office budget is a General Fund appropriation

Funding Challenges

- The \$6.5 million General Fund appropriation funds only a small portion of the AG Office—including existing prosecutors and litigators.
- The other primary funding sources—agency reimbursements or consumer protection funds—can't be repurposed to pay for prosecutors or protecting against federal overreach.

Protecting Victims

- Conducting top down, bottom up audit of Victim Assistance Programs, including listening sessions with stakeholders around the State.

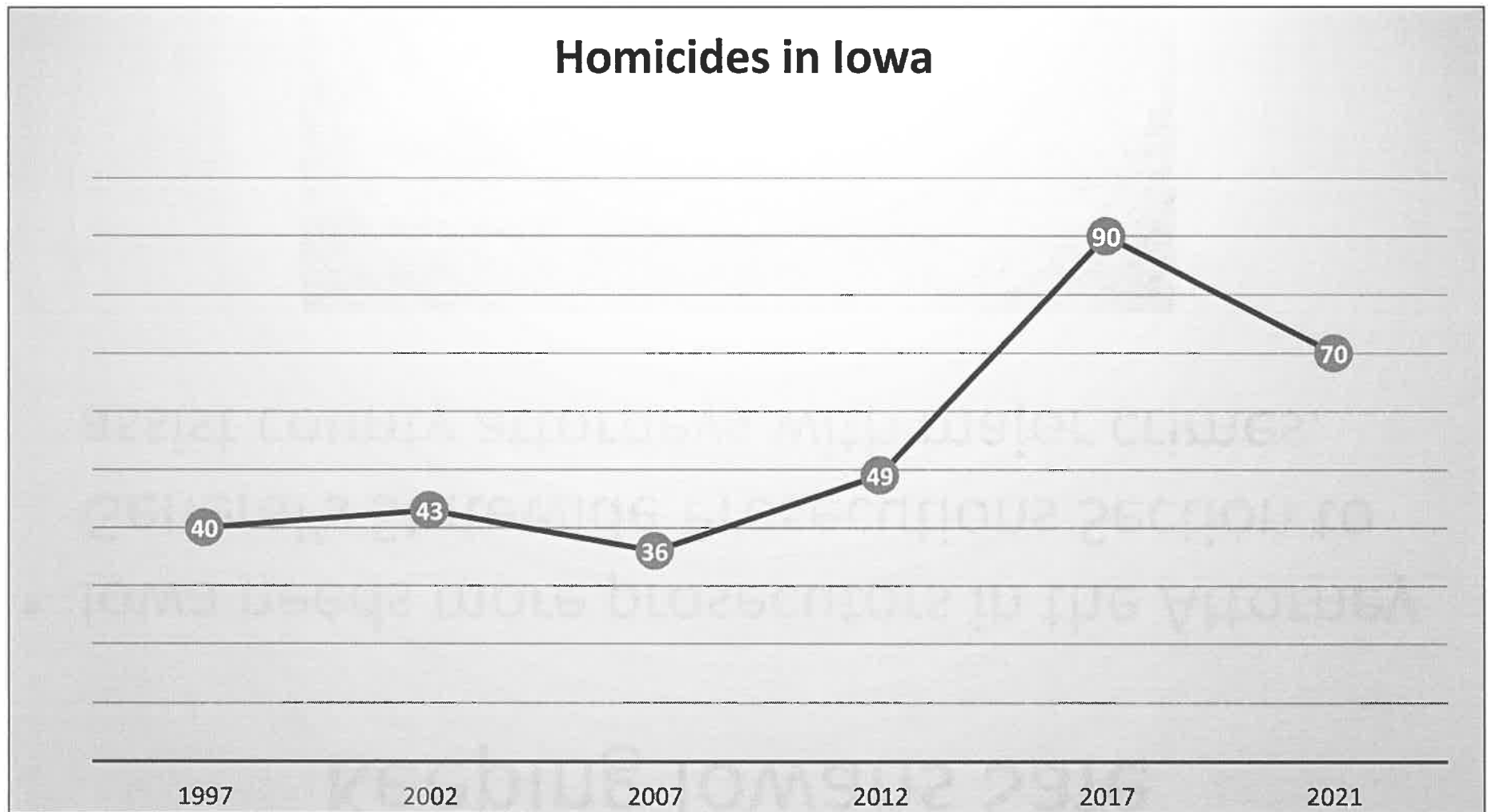


Keeping Iowans Safe

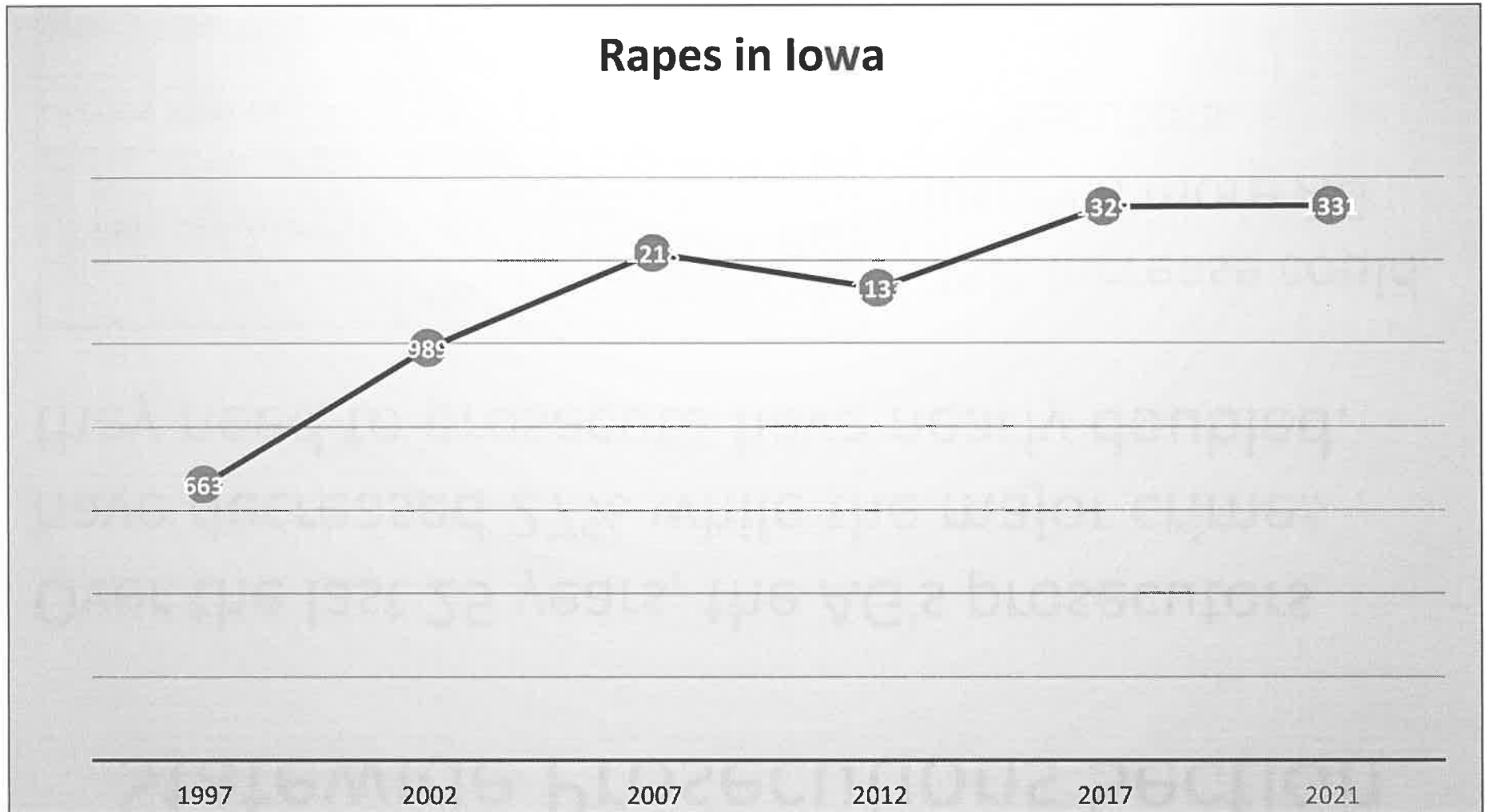
- Iowa needs more prosecutors in the Attorney General's Statewide Prosecutions Section to assist county attorneys with major crimes.



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Statewide Prosecutions Section

Over the last 25 years, the AG's prosecutors have decreased 27% while the major crimes they need to prosecute have nearly doubled.

	1997	Now
Homicides in Iowa	40	70 (75% Increase)
Rapes in Iowa	663	1331 (101% Increase)
AG Prosecutors for Violent Crimes	11	7 (27% Decrease)

75% increase could justify 8 more AG Prosecutors.

We are seeking 6.

Crime statistics: FBI Crime Reporting Program

<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr>

Hiring More Prosecutors

\$1,611,411 and 11 FTEs would fund:

- 6 attorneys
- 3 investigators
- 2 paralegals

This would properly staff the Statewide Prosecutions Section, including a new Cold Case Unit and Special Victims Unit.

Pushing Back on Overreach

\$920,514 and 6 FTEs would fund:

- 4 attorneys
- 2 paralegals

This would provide resources to protect the State's interests against federal overreach, protect Iowa farmers, and defend Iowa's statutes.

Improving Technology

- Basic technology infrastructure and cybersecurity has been neglected.
- Maintaining the \$202,060 line-item for Cybersecurity and IT Infrastructure and adding \$278,503 from TRF as recommended by the Governor will help us to start to address the problem.

