

Office of the State Public Defender

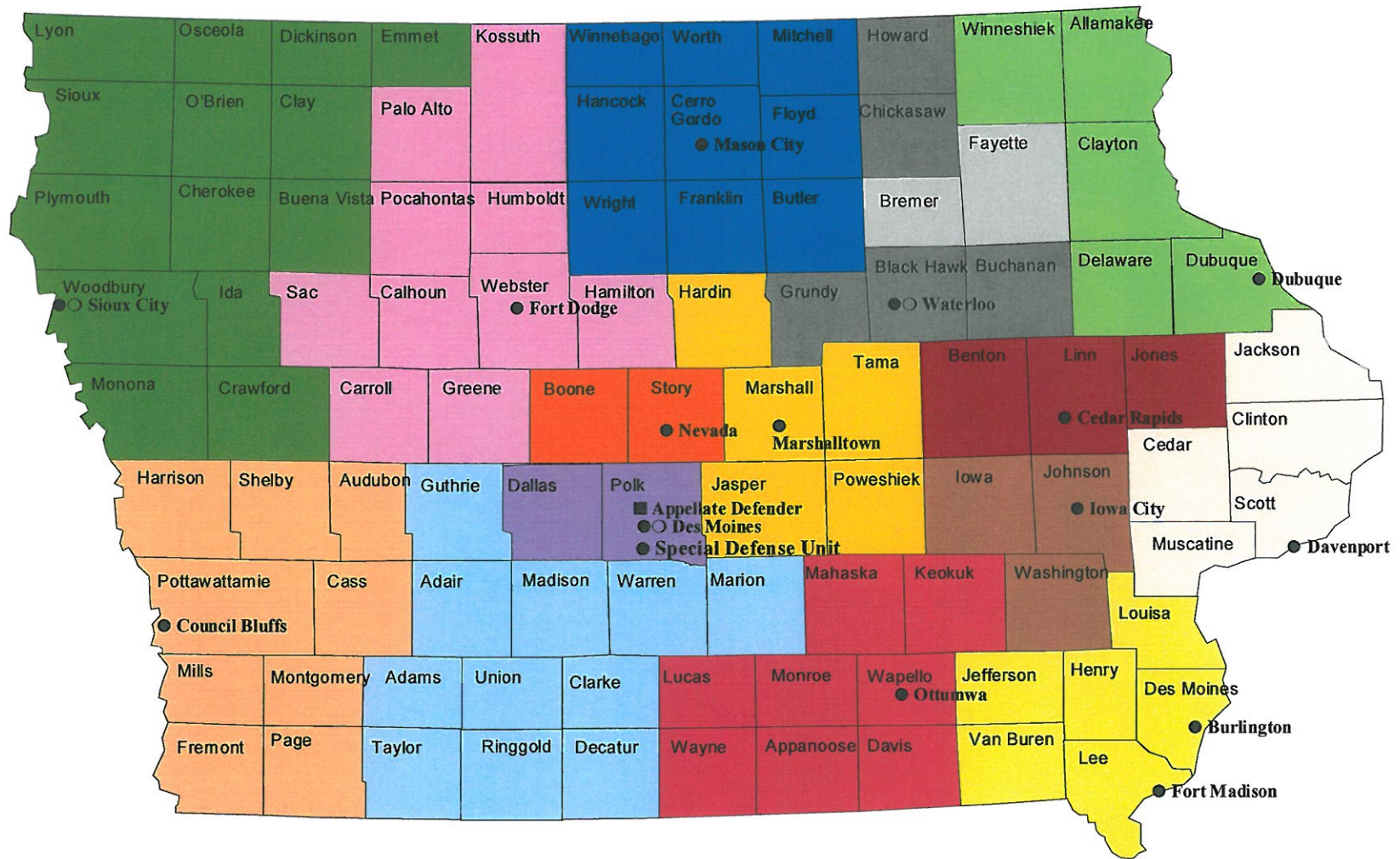


**Presentation to the
Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
January 31, 2012**

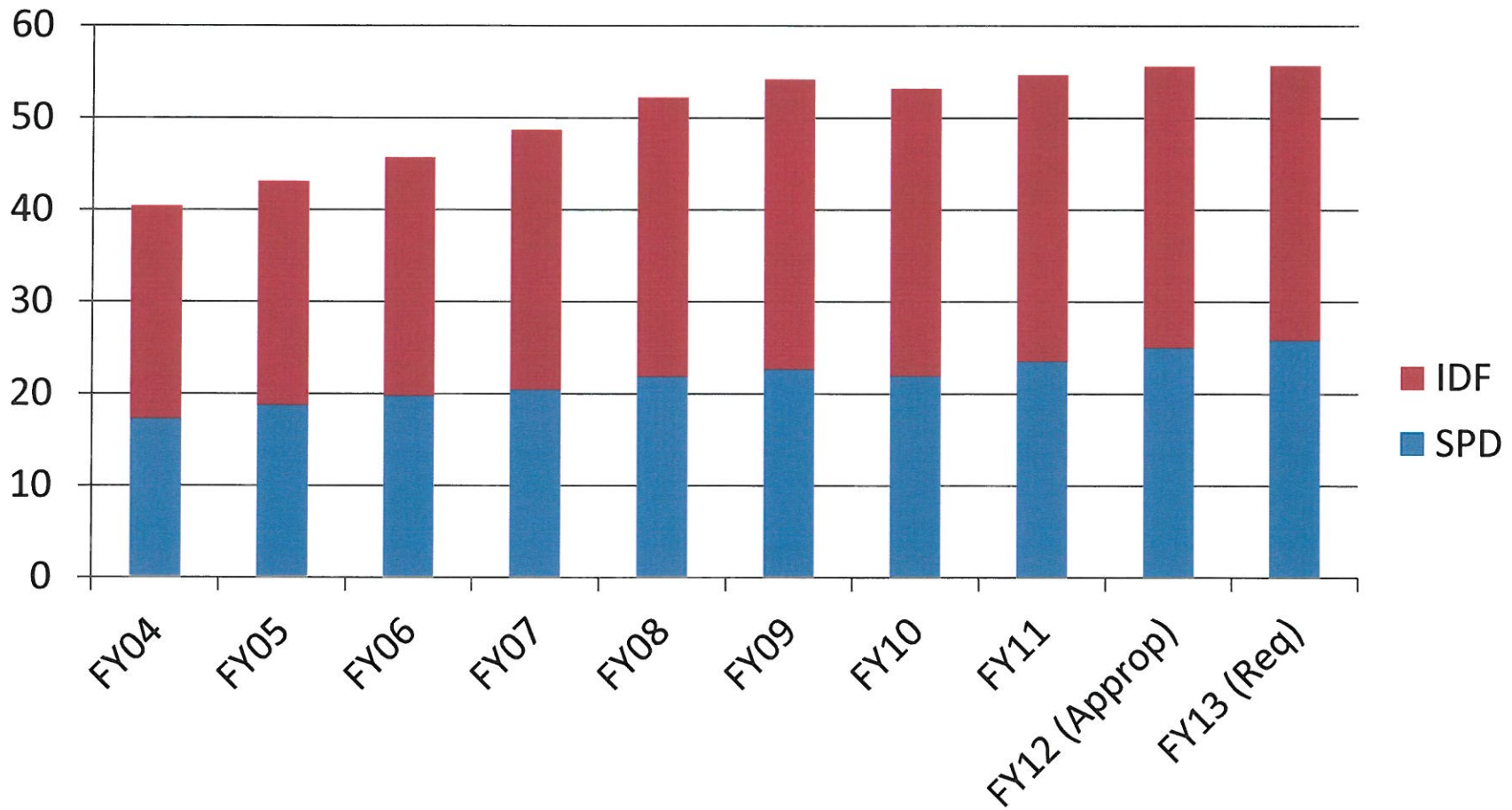
Mission of the State Public Defender

To ensure that all indigent persons in Iowa are provided high-quality legal representation in criminal, juvenile, and other eligible proceedings in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner.

State Public Defender Criminal Case Coverage

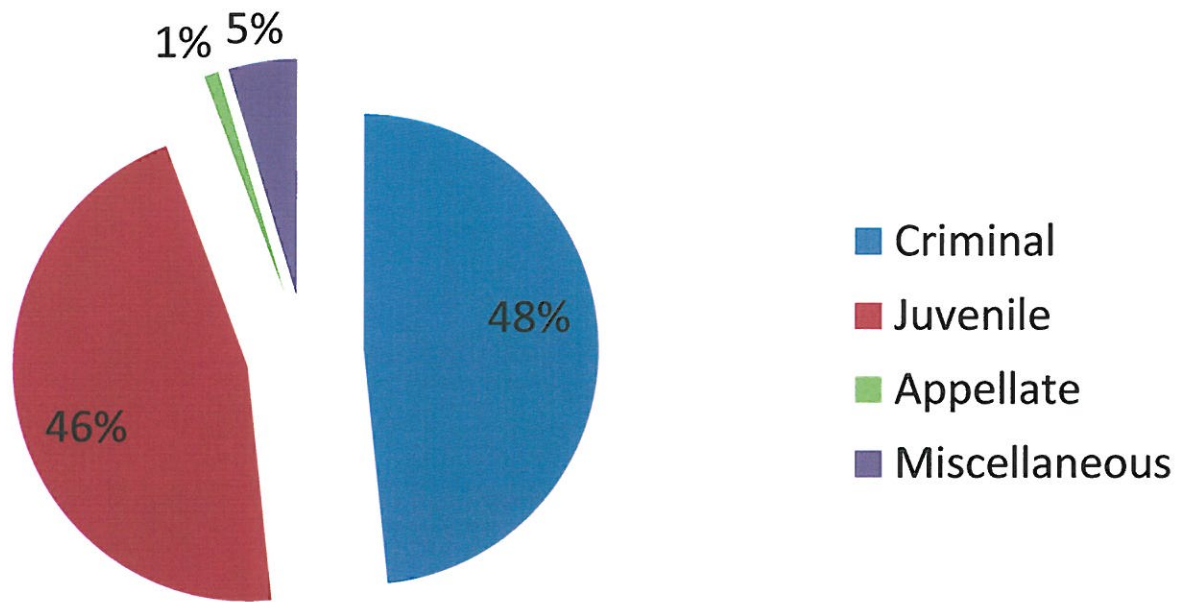


Total Indigent Defense Spending



FY11 Spending Breakdown

Indigent Defense Fund Spending



SPD/IDF Cost Comparison

Fiscal Year	SPD Cases	Cost / Case	IDF Claims	Cost / Claim
FY07	73,252	\$280	73,998	\$383
FY08	69,596	\$313	72,642	\$419
FY09	68,356	\$330	60,042	\$526
FY10	80,405	\$273	65,360	\$480
FY11	87,504	\$268	70,266	\$444

Preliminary Savings from FY11 Expansion

	FY10 Indictables	FY11 Indictables	Savings	Percentage Savings
Black Hawk	\$654,725	\$548,885	\$105,841	16%
Mahaska	\$163,800	\$117,313	\$46,487	28%
Scott	\$919,252	\$684,257	\$234,995	26%
Story	\$238,899	\$113,782	\$125,117	52%
Wapello	\$413,130	\$326,776	\$86,354	20%

Fiscal Challenges

- Lack of control over volume of criminal and juvenile court filings and limited control over cost of representation.
- Simmons v. State Public Defender Supreme Court decision striking down flat fee appellate contracts
- Change in Supreme Court approach to Appellate Defender Motions to Withdraw for frivolous appeals
- Transition to Electronic Court Filing (EDMS)

Opportunities for Cost Savings

- Moving to Online Indigent Defense Claim Submission System
- Increasing use of specialized contracts with attorneys and other indigent defense providers
- Evaluating targeted expansion of SPD Offices