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**Socorro County &  
City of Socorro**

Legislative Finance Committee Hearing

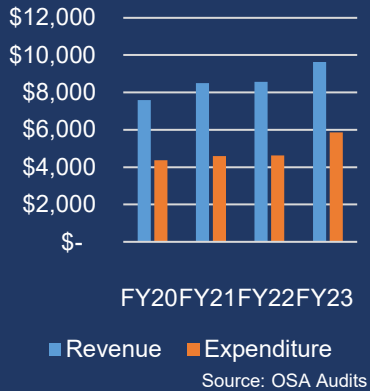
July 15-17

Socorro, New Mexico

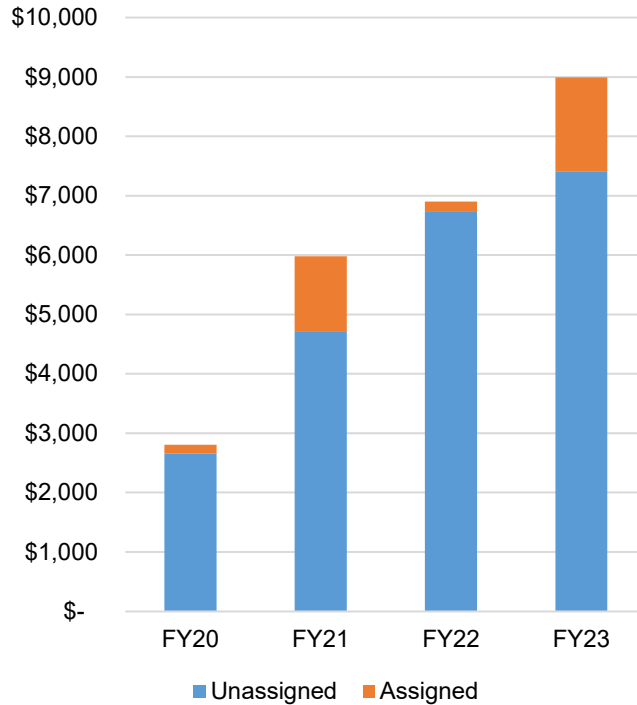
# Economy & Finance

Socorro County's taxable gross receipts in construction grew by \$8 million, or 112 percent from this time last year. Retail trade is still the largest industry of the county's taxable gross receipts, making 26 percent of total taxable gross receipts, followed by construction at 21 percent.

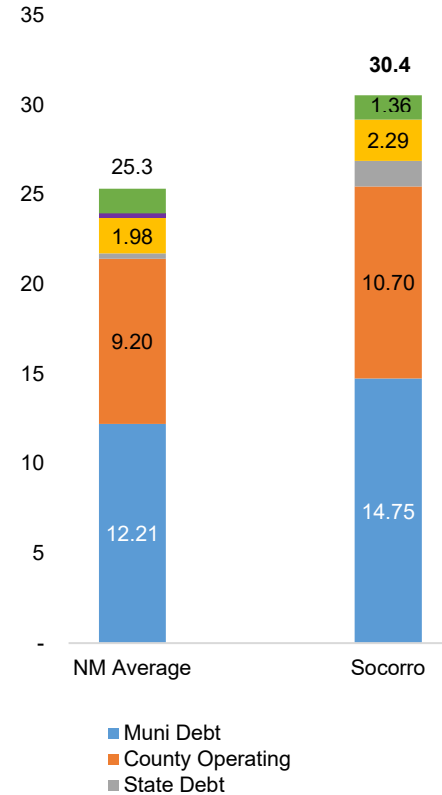
## Socorro County Revenue vs. Expenditures (in thousands)



## Socorro County General Fund balance (in thousands)



## Residential Property Tax Mills by Use, 2021

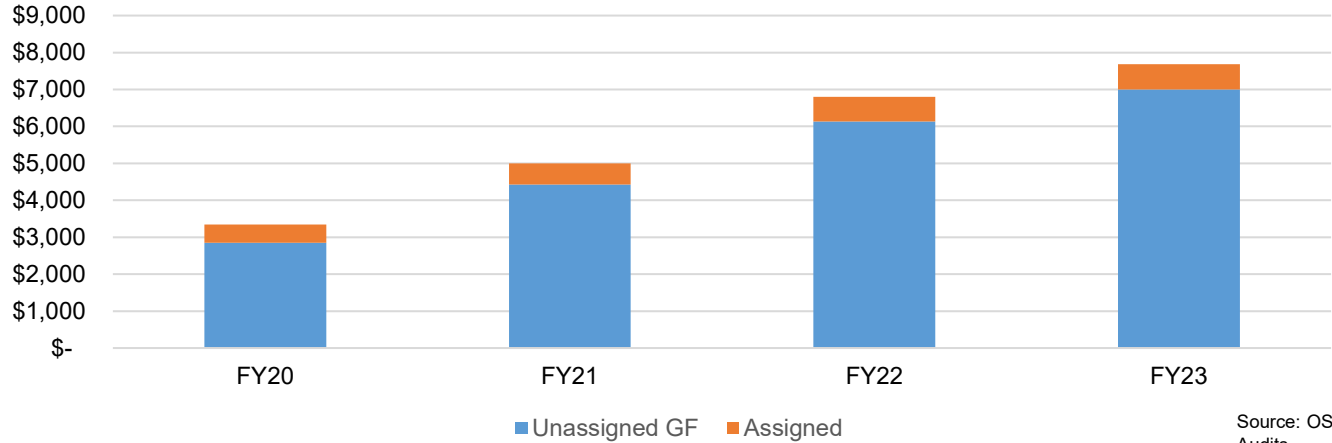


- Socorro County's general fund is primarily made of unassigned funds. Unassigned fund balance represents money that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. Socorro County has been receiving increases in state operating grants like the DWI grant and law enforcement protection.
- Socorro County residents are paying more in property tax in relation to their property value than the New Mexico average. The main driver of this is special levies, which constituents vote on. Voted special levies include levied property tax towards hospitals, public schools, local colleges, etc.

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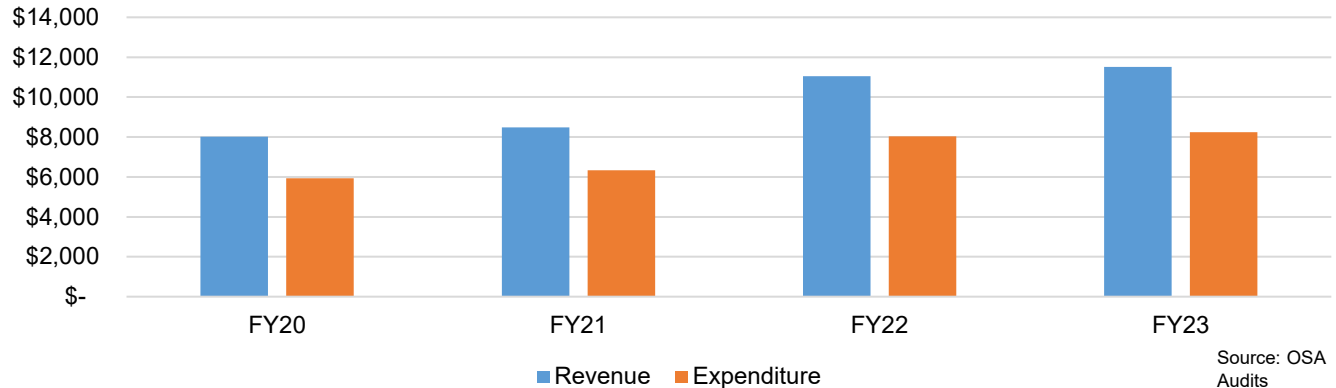
\*Following the Office of the State Auditor's FY23 audit, the City of Socorro did not have any major audit findings.

## City of Socorro General Fund Balance (in thousands)



- The City of Socorro's general fund is primarily unassigned fund balance. Socorro received an increase of \$475 thousand for the law enforcement protection fund in FY23 compared to FY21, and the city also has seen an increase of revenue from lodger's taxes.

## City of Socorro Revenue vs. Expenditures (in thousands)



# Law Enforcement Agencies

## Socorro County Sherriff's Office

- Leadership:
  - Sheriff Lee Armijo
- Certified Officers: 11

## Socorro Police Department

- Leadership:
  - Chief Angel Garcia
- Certified Officers: 14

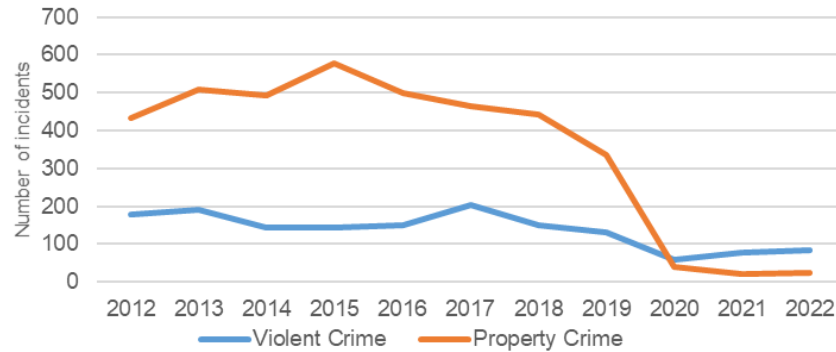
## Magdalena Marshal's Office

- Leadership:
  - Marshal Michael Zamora
- Certified Officers: 2

Source: Agency Websites and DFA Local Government Division Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distributions by County and Municipality

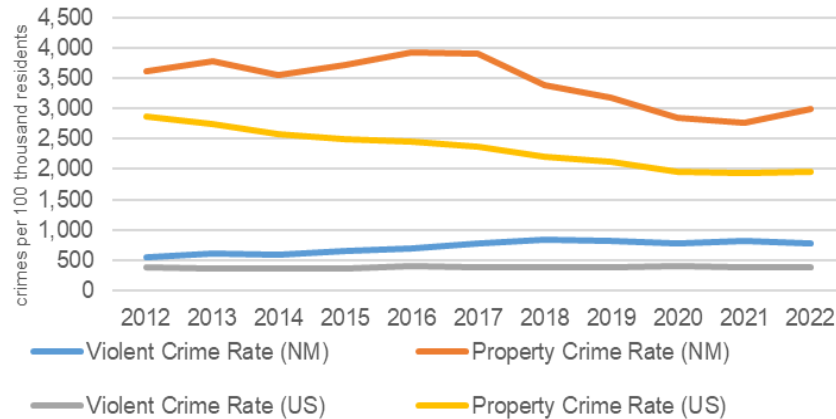
## Summary Crime Reported

(Magdalena, Socorro PD\*, Socorro County Sheriff)



Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

## Crime Rate History



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

# Crime Trends and Data Reporting

Rates of Violent and Property Crime had been declining in 2019, which was the last year the FBI has full data for the region.

\*The Socorro Police Department has not reported to the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and consequently, data is incomplete from 2020-2022

# Leadership & Resources

## Socorro County Leadership

- **County Commissioners:**  
Joe Gonzales  
Craig Secatero  
John Aguilar  
Glen Duggins  
Antonio R. Martinez
- **County Manager:**  
Andrew Lotrich
- **County Clerk:**  
Betty Saavedra



# Leadership & Resources

## City of Socorro Leadership

- **Mayor:**  
Ravi Bhasker
- **City Council:**  
Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez  
Deborah Dean  
Nick Fleming  
Damien Ocampo  
Michael Olguin Jr.  
Joel D. Partidge  
Peter D. Romero  
Anton Salome
- **City Administrator :**  
Donald Monette