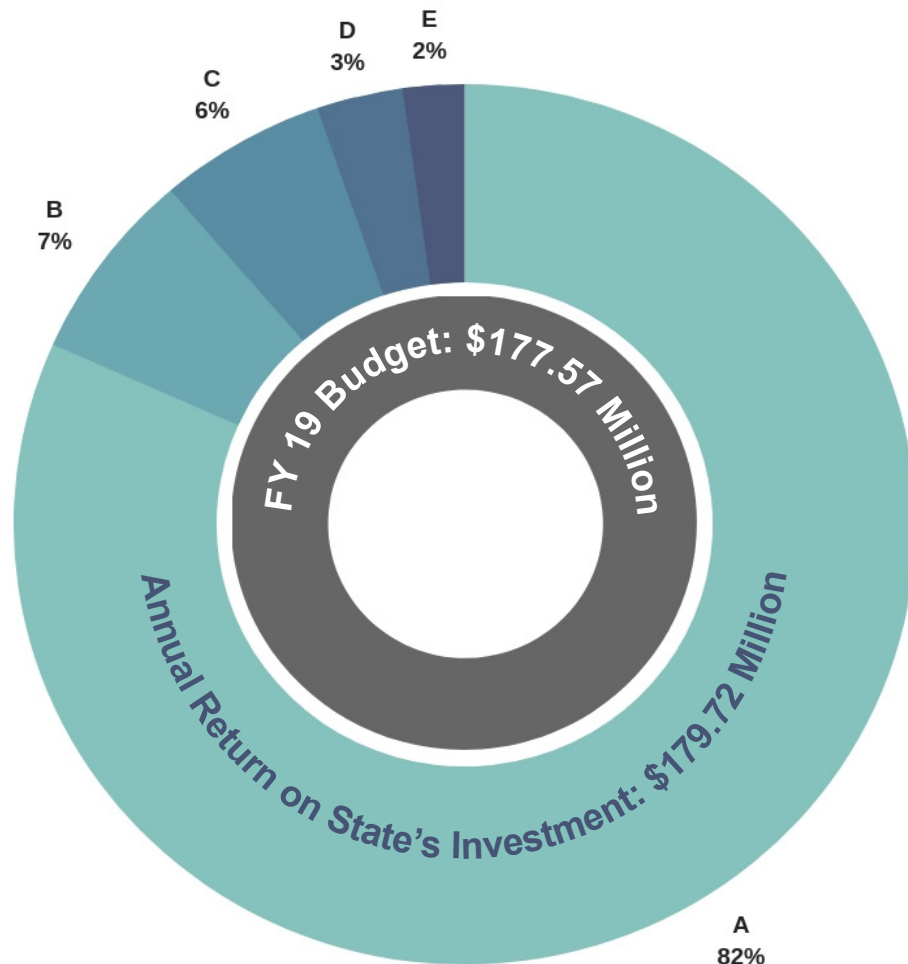


Iowans' Return on Investment

In FY 19, the legislature appropriated \$177.57 million to the judicial branch. The estimated annual return on that investment is \$179.72 million. The chart below details estimates on return on investment for select judicial branch programs.

**A**

Fines, fees, and court costs collected:
\$146.9 Million (81.7%)

D

Specialty treatment courts' cost avoidance: **\$5.52 Million (3.1%)**

B

Juvenile diversion cost avoidance:
\$12.56 Million (7%)

E

Family treatment courts' cost avoidance:
\$3.96 Million (2.2%)

C

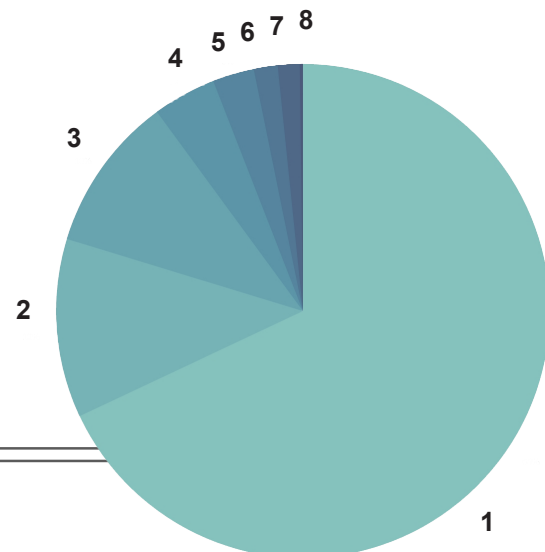
Fewer young adults entering adult prison cost avoidance: **\$10.78 Million (6%)**



(A) In 2018 Iowa Courts Collected \$146.9 Million in Revenue

Each year, with the aid of several state and local government entities, Iowa courts collect millions of dollars in fines and fees that directly benefit state and local government. The \$146.9 million Iowa courts collected in 2018 was distributed as follows:

1. **\$99.9 million** – Iowa General Fund
2. **\$17.2 million** – Cities and Counties
3. **\$15.0 million** – Prison Infrastructure Fund
4. **\$4.0 million** – Attorney General Victim Comp. Fund
5. **\$6.1 million** – Court Tech. & Enhanced Fund
6. **\$2.3 million** – Road Use Tax Fund
7. **\$2.1 million** – Third Party Collection Fee
8. **\$0.3 million** – Other



(B) Juvenile diversion cost avoidance

In 2018, 10,800 juveniles were diverted from Iowa courts using evidence-based practices. According to a State of Washington report on juvenile diversion programs, each child diverted from formal court creates a \$538 cost avoidance to taxpayers. **In Iowa, the cost avoidance totals \$5.81 million.** Additionally, in 2017*, 175 fewer juveniles were placed into group care at a cost avoidance of \$38,602 per child per year for a total **Iowa cost avoidance of \$6.75 million.**

* 2018 statistics were not available.

(C) Fewer young adults entering the adult prison system cost avoidance

In FY 2009, 618 criminal offenders under age 21 entered the adult prison system. That number has steadily declined since 2009, and in FY 2018, 302 criminal offenders under age 21 entered the adult prison system—a decrease of 50 percent. The average annual cost per inmate in an Iowa prison is \$34,138 according to the Iowa Department of Corrections, which is a **cost avoidance of \$10.78 million** due to fewer youth offenders entering the adult prison system.

(D) Other specialty treatment courts' cost avoidance

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals states that specialty treatment courts provide system-wide savings (cost avoidance) of \$3,000 to \$13,000 per specialty treatment court participant, depending on the program. We assume that Iowa's specialty treatment courts fall at the midpoint—\$8,000 cost avoidance per participant. Since Iowa currently has 690 cases pending in specialty treatment courts this year, the estimated **system-wide cost avoidance is: 690 X \$8,000 = \$5.52 million per year.**

(E) Family treatment courts' cost avoidance

Family treatment courts served 314 families in 2017 and 344 families in 2018, an average of 329 families a year. 329 families a year multiplied by \$12,044.67* = **\$3,962,696.43 in cost avoidance.**

* In December 2018 Iowa Children's Justice found that family treatment courts have generated over \$14.5 million dollars in cost avoidance for the state since their inception in 2007, an average of \$12,044.67 per family treated.