

Voted Levies & Bonds: Data

Revenue Interim Committee

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Data Collection Process

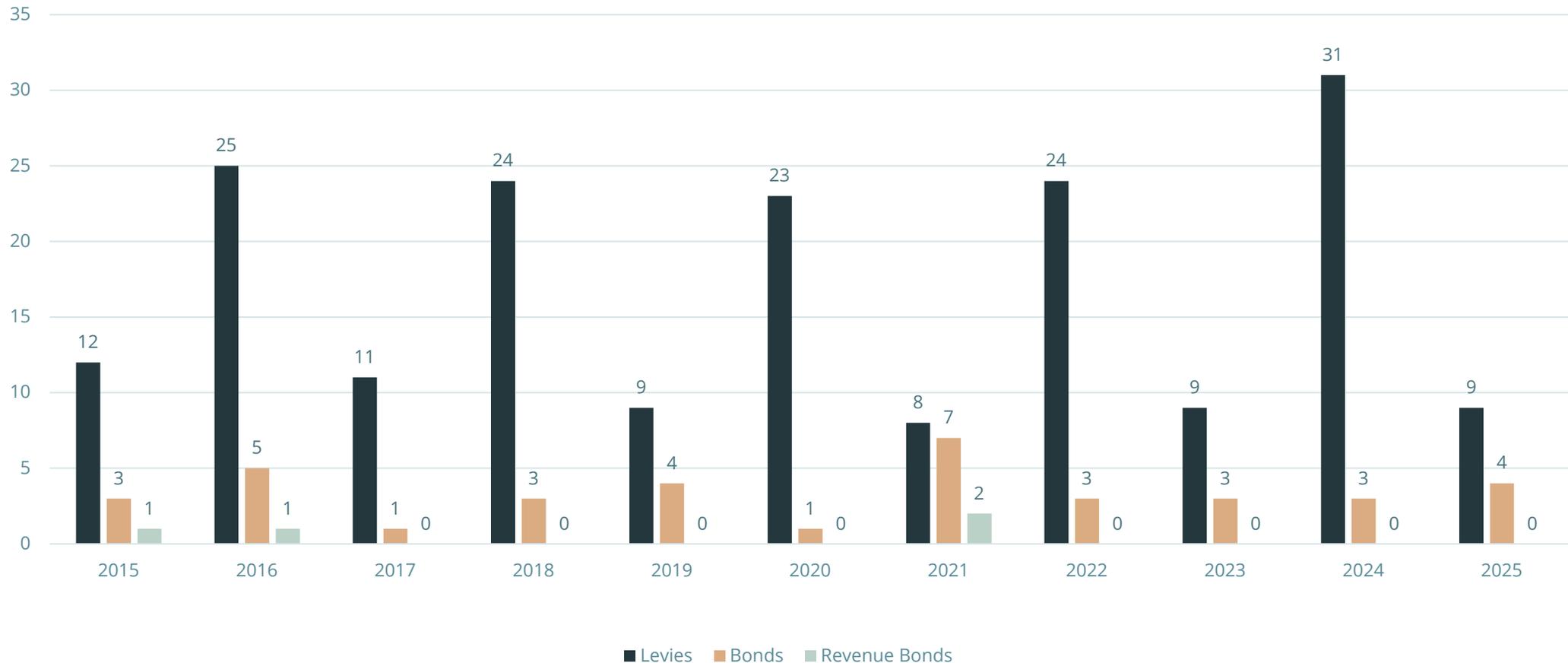
- Survey of Clerk and Recordors
 - Original request Dec. 5
 - Follow up Jan. 20
 - Supplemental questions/research
- Request:
 - Voted levies and bonds, 2015-2025
 - Entity
 - Election
 - Ballot language (amount, duration, purpose)
 - Yes/No votes and Outcome
 - Total electors qualified to vote

Non-School Data

- Data for 36 counties
- All info not included for all levies/bonds
- When discussing levy amounts: use \$ estimate for those expressed as mills

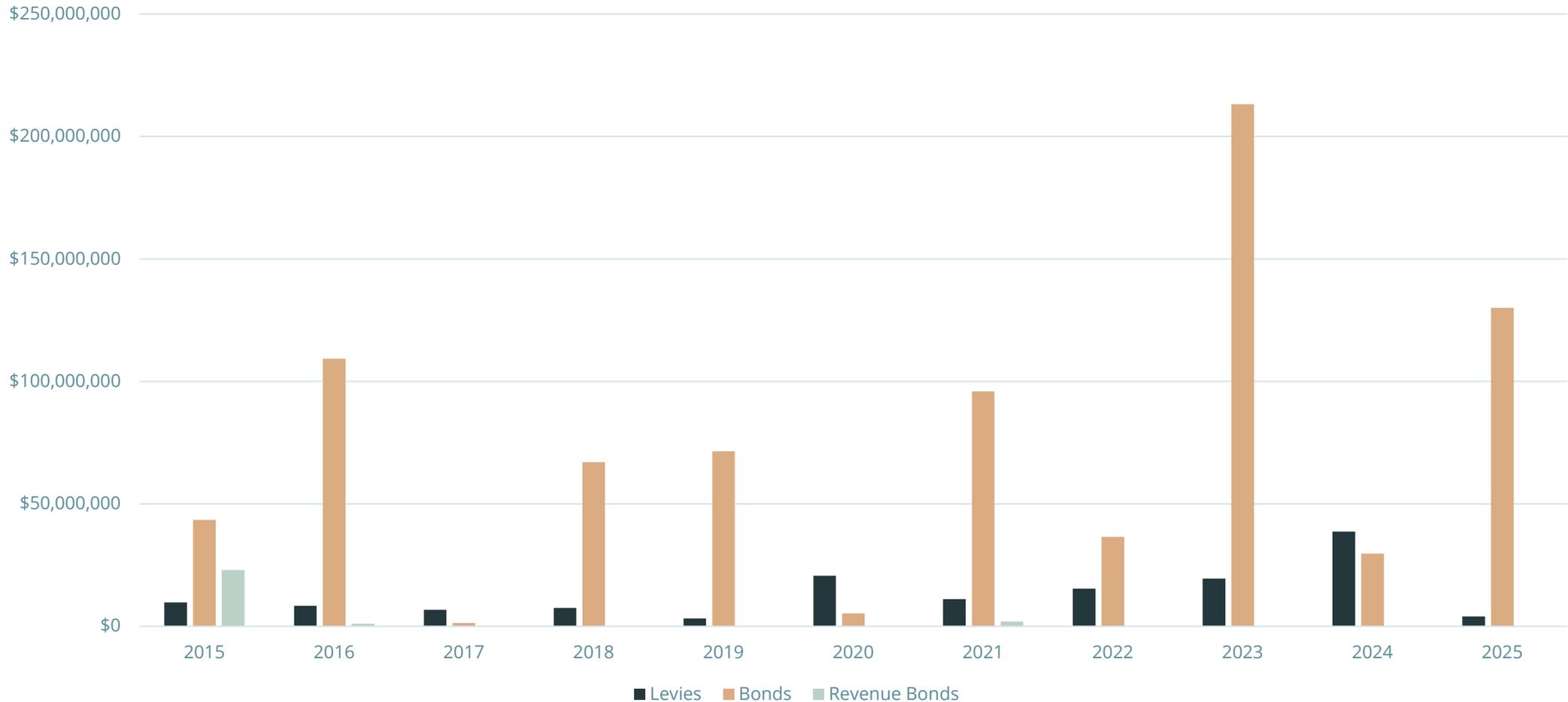
Non-School Levies & Bonds by Year

Voted Levies and Bonds, 2015-2025



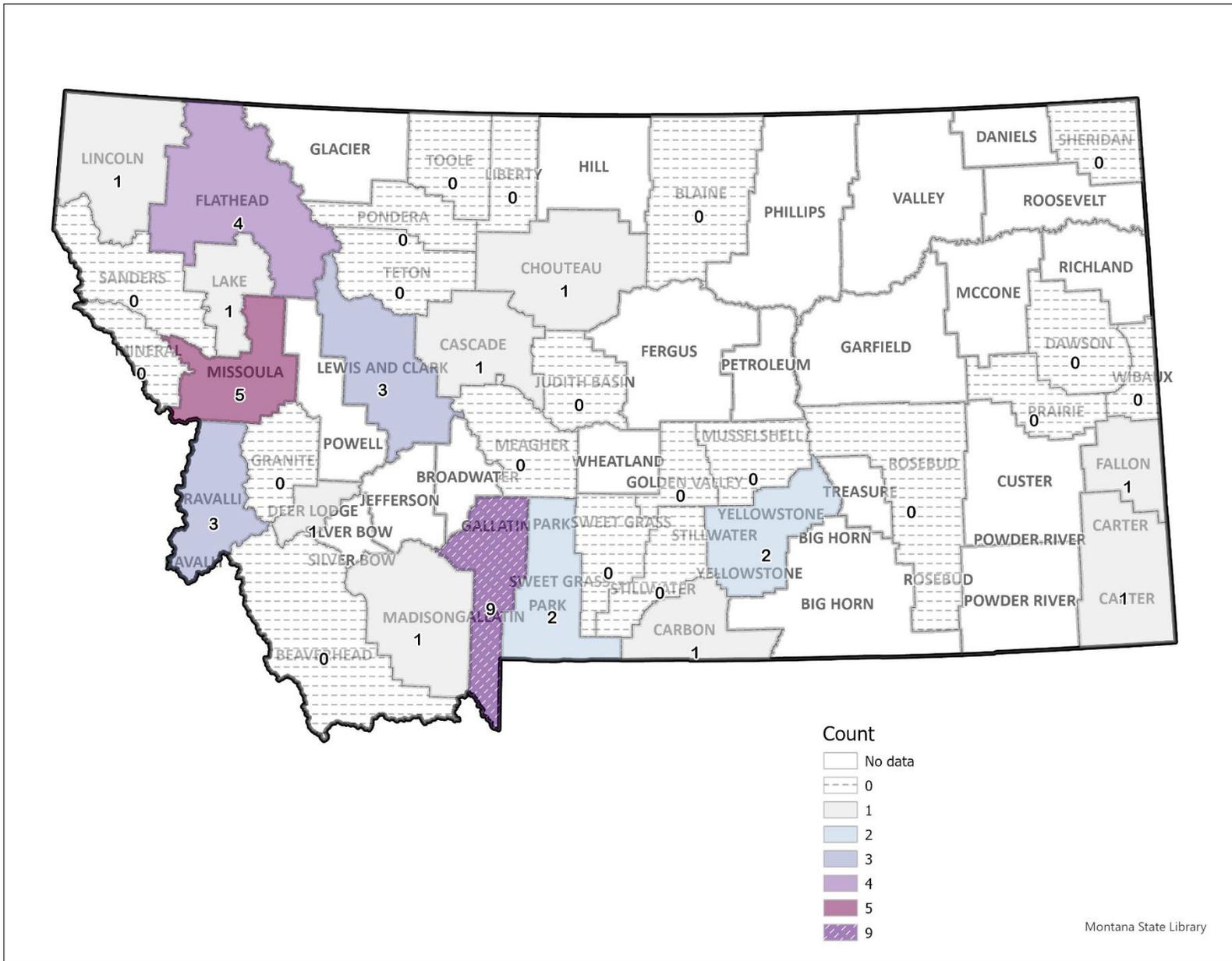
Non-School Levy & Bond Dollars by Year

Voted Levies & Bonds, 2015-2025



Non-School Bonds by County

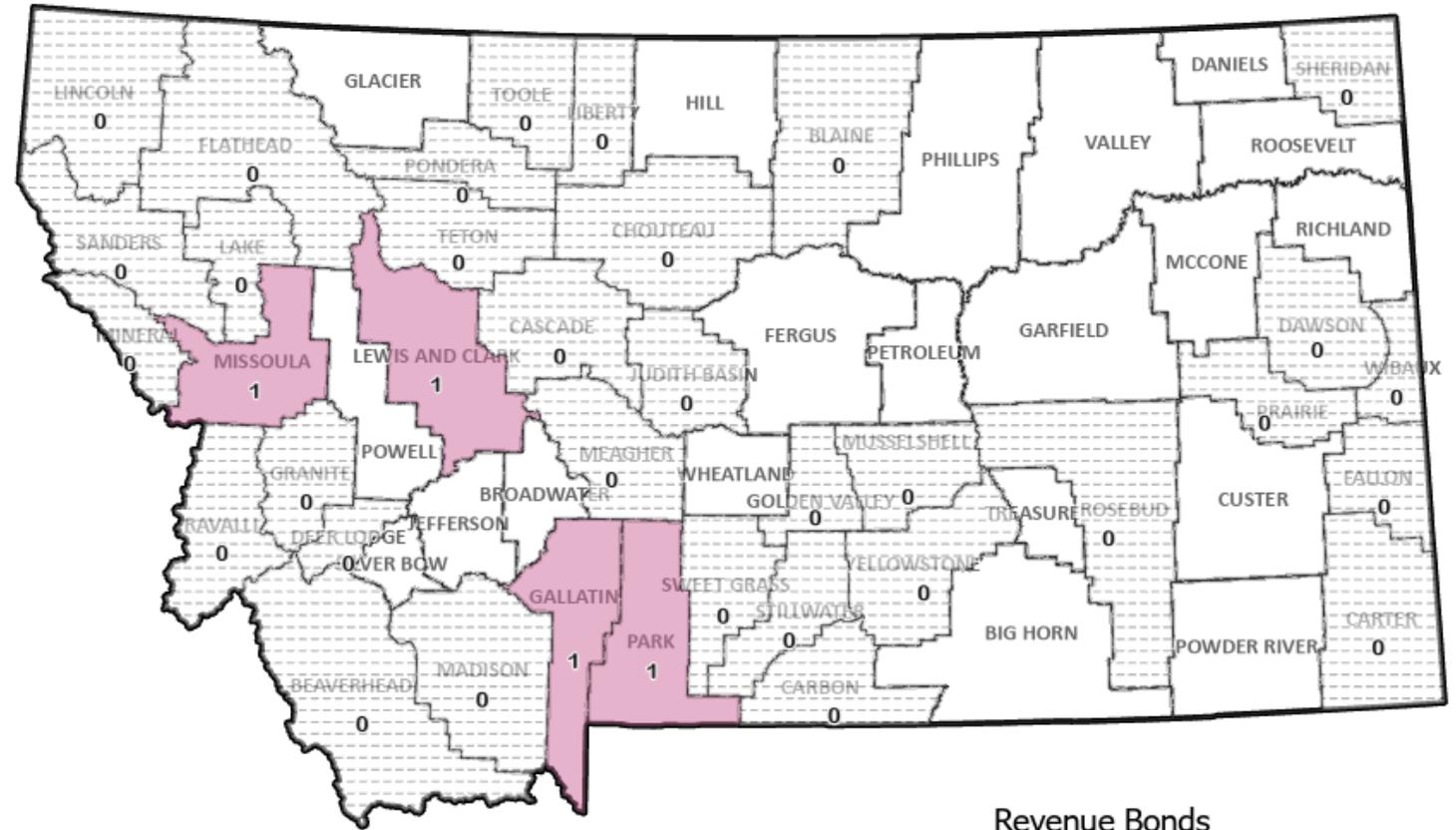
Includes bonds for all entities within the county



Montana State Library

Non-School Revenue Bonds by County

All are for water/sewer districts



Revenue Bonds

Count

- No Data
- 0
- 1

Montana State Library

Expression of Voted Levies

Year	Dollars	Mills
2015	6	6
2016	10	15
2017	4	7
2018	8	16
2019	1	8
2020	13	10
2021	0	8
2022	10	14
2023	3	6
2024	10	21
2025	5	4
Total	70	115

- HB 20 requires levies voted after October 1, 2025, to be expressed in dollars
 - Requested by Revenue Interim Committee

Non-School Levies & Bonds by Entity

Entity Type	Levy #	Levy \$	Bond #	Bond \$	Revenue Bond - \$	Revenue Bond - #
City	36	\$66,021,572	12	\$273,930,000	0	\$0
County	90	\$51,778,851 ¹	16	\$439,045,389 ³	0	\$0
Fire District	28	\$18,344,659 ¹	3	\$19,000,000	0	\$0
Hospital District	18	\$3,444,830 ²	0	\$0	0	\$0
Water/Sewer District	0	\$0	3	\$14,760,000	4	\$26,039,000
Other Special District	13	\$5,485,102	3	\$56,613,976	0	\$0

¹Dollars unknown for 4 levies

²Dollars unknown for 1 levy

³Dollars unknown for 1 bond

Non-School Levies & Bonds by Purpose

Purpose	Levy #	Levy \$	Bond #	Bond \$	Revenue Bond - #	Revenue Bond - \$
Childcare, Economic Development, Housing	9	\$1,874,512	1	\$7,500,000	0	\$0
Elderly Services and Transportation	14	\$2,774,546	0	\$0	0	\$0
Fire/EMS	36	\$29,304,727 ¹	8	\$56,180,000	0	\$0
Hospital and Nursing Home	37	\$13,486,765 ²	1	\$15,100,000	0	\$0
Law Enforcement	14	\$17,181,576	0	\$0	0	\$0
Law Enforcement - Combined	16	\$61,287,304	10	\$395,885,389	0	\$0
Library and Museum	21	\$3,999,411	2	\$44,000,000	0	\$0
Mosquito Control	3	\$78,957	0	\$0	0	\$0
Parks, Recreation, and Open Space	12	\$557,500	8	\$245,470,000	0	\$0
Roads	11	\$5,200,000	2	\$22,680,000	0	\$0
Search and Rescue	3	\$771,084	0	\$0	0	\$0
Water/Sewer	0	\$0	3	\$14,760,000	4	\$26,039,000
Other	9	\$8,558,632 ³	2	\$1,773,976 ⁴	0	\$0

¹Dollars unknown for 4 levies

²Dollars unknown for 3 levies

³Dollars unknown for 2 levies

⁴Dollars unknown for 1 bond

Non-School Levies & Bonds by Duration

Duration	Levy #	Levy \$
1-4 years	64	\$8,675,687
5-8 years	20	\$3,361,131 ¹
10 years	15	\$4,390,500 ¹
15 years	2	\$4,740,000
20 years	4	\$2,539,238
Permanent	77	\$116,016,110 ²
Unknown	3	\$5,352,347

¹Dollars unknown for 2 levies

²Dollars unknown for 5 levies

Duration	Bond #	Bond \$	Revenue Bond - #	Revenue Bond - \$
15 or 17 years	2	\$21,600,000	0	\$0
20 years	30	\$740,545,389	0	\$0
29 or 30 years	2	\$31,773,976	1	\$23,000,000 ¹
40 years	2	\$9,430,000	3	\$3,039,000

¹Includes a special assessment bond for 30 years and a revenue bond for 20 years

Non-School Levies & Bonds by Election

Election	Levy #	Levy \$	Bond #	Bond \$	Revenue Bond - #	Revenue Bond - \$
Federal General	48	\$44,584,945 ¹	11	\$231,065,000	0	\$0
Federal Primary	65	\$26,855,239 ¹	2	\$7,000,000 ⁴	0	\$0
Federal Special	1	\$39,000	0	\$0	0	\$0
Municipal General	16	\$32,363,267	12	\$436,400,389	0	\$0
Municipal Primary	1	\$25,245	1	\$10,000,000	0	\$0
School/Special District	24	\$9,064,253 ²	1	\$49,000,000	1	\$23,000,000
Special	27	\$29,258,577 ³	10	\$69,883,976	3	\$3,039,000
Unknown	3	\$2,923,488	0	\$0	0	\$0

¹Dollars unknown for 1 levy

²Dollars unknown for 3 levies

³Dollars unknown for 4 levies

⁴Dollars unknown for 1 bond

Non-School Levies by Result

Year	Pass #	Pass \$	Fail #	Fail \$	% Pass #	% Pass \$
2015	8	\$2,611,587	4	\$7,111,904 ¹	67%	27%
2016	21	\$1,514,679	4	\$6,897,285	84%	18%
2017	10	\$6,241,537	1	\$463,488	91%	93%
2018	19	\$4,331,963 ²	5	\$3,179,493 ¹	79%	58%
2019	7	\$2,882,680 ¹	2	\$350,000 ¹	78%	89%
2020	20	\$19,782,797	3	\$904,738	87%	96%
2021	5	\$7,975,500	3	\$3,172,083	63%	72%
2022	23	\$10,449,133 ¹	1	\$5,000,000	96%	68%
2023	5	\$2,069,745	4	\$17,464,464	56%	11%
2024	16	\$16,027,321 ¹	15	\$22,661,431	52%	41%
2025	7	\$2,000,186	2	\$2,022,000	78%	50%

¹Dollars unknown for 1 levy

²Dollars unknown for 3 levies

Non-School Bonds by Result

Year	Pass #	Pass \$	Fail #	Fail \$	% Pass #	% Pass \$
2015	2	\$2,523,976	1	\$40,945,389	67%	6%
2016	4	\$40,988,000 ¹	1	\$68,300,000	80%	38%
2017	1	\$1,350,000	0	\$0	100%	100%
2018	3	\$67,065,000	0	\$0	100%	100%
2019	2	\$6,680,000	2	\$64,840,000	50%	9%
2020	1	\$5,330,000	0	\$0	100%	100%
2021	4	\$52,010,000	3	\$43,942,000	57%	54%
2022	1	\$10,000,000	2	\$26,500,000	33%	27%
2023	1	\$49,000,000	2	\$164,175,000	33%	23%
2024	1	\$7,000,000	2	\$22,700,000	33%	24%
2025	4	\$130,000,000	0	\$0	100%	100%

¹Dollars unknown for 1 bond

Non-School Revenue Bonds by Result

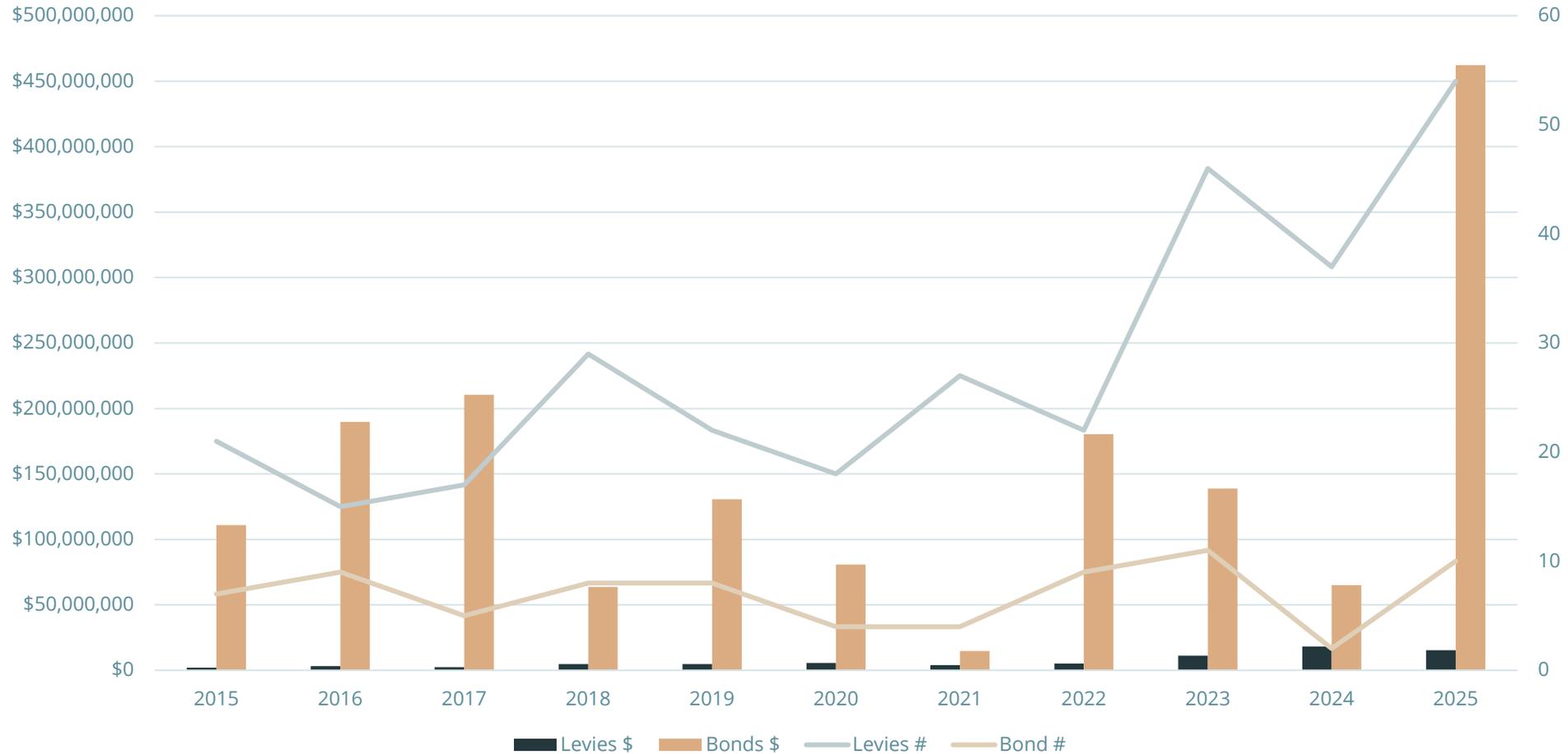
Year	Pass #	Pass \$	Fail #	Fail \$	% Pass #	% Pass \$
2015	1	\$23,000,000	0	\$0	100%	100%
2016	1	\$1,091,000	0	\$0	100%	100%
2021	1	\$460,000	1	\$1,488,000	50%	24%

School Data

- Includes mostly elections administered by county
- Among 36 county responses:
 - 4 counties administer all school elections
 - 21 counties administer some school elections
 - 11 counties do not administer school elections
 - 9 counties had change in administration over past 10 years

School Levies & Bonds by Year

School Levies & Bonds, 2015-2025



School Levies & Bonds by Entity

Entity Type	Levy #	Levy \$	Bond #	Bond \$
Community College	3	\$1,759,205	0	\$0
K-12	305	\$74,790,427	77	\$1,647,614,675

School Levies & Bonds by Purpose

Purpose	Levy #	Levy \$
Building Reserve & Facilities	65	\$32,190,220
General Fund, District Programs & Operations	183	\$33,230,349
Miscellaneous/Multiple	8	\$958,243
Teachers	9	\$490,110
Technology	43	\$9,680,710

Purpose	Bond #	Bond \$
Athletics	3	\$6,630,000
Elementary facilities	32	\$647,514,000
High school facilities	21	\$763,555,000
School facilities	21	\$229,915,675

School Levies & Bonds by Duration

Duration	Levy #	Levy \$
1 - 5 years	61	\$8,692,058
6 - 10 years	45	\$20,589,115
15 years	2	\$250,000
20 years	1	\$15,000
Permanent	194	\$46,889,661
Unknown	5	\$113,798

Duration	Bond #	Bond \$
8 or 10 years	4	\$23,770,000
14 - 17 years	4	\$33,350,000
20 years	49	\$1,043,089,675
25 years	15	\$216,475,000
30 years	2	\$309,500,000
Unknown	3	\$21,430,000

School Levy & Bond by Election

Election	Levy #	Levy \$	Bond #	Bond \$
Federal General	3	\$1,100,000	8	\$138,475,000
Federal Primary	0	\$0	4	\$3,320,000
Municipal General	1	\$345,000	10	\$135,260,000
Municipal Primary	0	\$0	2	\$240,000,000
School/Special District	297	\$71,287,816	29	\$603,792,000
Special	3	\$173,000	20	\$378,902,675
Unknown	4	\$3,643,816	4	\$104,865,000

School Levies by Result

Year	Pass #	Pass \$	Fail #	Fail \$	% Pass #	% Pass \$
2015	16	\$1,759,710	5	\$342,725	76%	84%
2016	14	\$2,773,421	1	\$440,000	93%	86%
2017 ¹	14	\$1,744,875	2	\$696,000	88%	71%
2018 ¹	22	\$1,625,365	6	\$3,076,487	79%	35%
2019	13	\$3,020,804	9	\$1,831,353	59%	62%
2020	13	\$3,588,694	5	\$1,946,634	72%	65%
2021	23	\$3,418,122	4	\$514,914	85%	87%
2022	18	\$3,414,562	4	\$1,727,201	82%	66%
2023	29	\$7,008,982	17	\$4,109,000	63%	63%
2024	14	\$1,504,529	23	\$16,579,426	38%	8%
2025	26	\$10,756,089	28	\$4,621,684	48%	70%

¹1 levy with unknown outcome excluded

School Bonds by Result

Year	Pass #	Pass \$	Fail #	Fail \$	% Pass #	% Pass \$
2015	6	\$40,960,000	1	\$70,000,000	86%	37%
2016	5	\$156,065,000	4	\$33,642,000	56%	82%
2017	5	\$210,575,675	0	\$0	100%	100%
2018	3	\$19,475,000	5	\$44,134,000	38%	31%
2019	4	\$75,438,000	4	\$55,190,000	50%	58%
2020	3	\$48,500,000	1	\$32,380,000	75%	60%
2021	3	\$7,800,000	1	\$7,000,000	75%	53%
2022	4	\$3,320,000	5	\$177,000,000	44%	2%
2023	3	\$9,000,000	8	\$129,805,000	27%	6%
2024	1	\$4,600,000	1	\$60,500,000	50%	7%
2025	3	\$293,500,000	7	\$168,730,000	30%	63%