

## City of Sanford



**From the Desk of  
Steven R. Buck  
City Manager**



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### Memo

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To: City Council  
Subject: City Manager's Report for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Date: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Emergency Response Summary from April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018:

There are a number of times when “the perfect storm” strikes our public safety personnel and they are called upon to perform extraordinary levels of service in a very immediate time frame. April 23, 2018 was one of those days as is summarized by one of the City's Dispatchers, Kathleen Levesque below;

“Good afternoon everyone,

I wanted to take a moment to commend our fire department / fire departments for their impressive work today (and every day!)

At 1356 hours the SRCC received a request for an ambulance in the South district  
At 1408 hours the SRCC received reports of a brush fire in the Springvale district that would soon extend into the residential structure  
At 1418 hours the SRCC received a second rescue call in the South district.  
At 1432 hours the SRCC received a report of a second brush fire in the South district.

In a matter of 76 minutes there would be 2 medical calls, a working brush and structure fire all in one scene, and an additional 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm brush fire on the exact opposite end of the city.... Sanford had utility 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 4, Engine 5, Ladder 1, Ambulance 1, Heavy Rescue 7, Forestry 2 out running to all these calls alongside Chief 1 and Chief 2. North Berwick sent their Ambulance 2, forestry 2, Engine 2. Kennebunk sent Brush 1 and Ladder 1. Wells sent their Engine 3. Shapleigh sent their Tank 4 and squad 1. Acton sent their Forestry 1, Ambulance 1, and Tank 7. Goodwin's Mills sent their Engine 83 . Lebanon sent their Tank 145, Engine 144, as well as their Chief 1. Wakefield sent their Engine 3 to cover Acton. Alfred sent their Forestry 1, Forestry 2, and Engine 1.

That is TWENTY EIGHT (28) pretty red trucks and 3 chiefs working in our city or covering the stations in a matter of 76 minutes, while battling 2 separate fires. I can only assume there were plenty of volunteers showing up as well! That is *incredible*. You ladies and gentlemen should be very proud of the work you do, you never cease to amaze us here in dispatch.

Extraordinary job everyone. As always, stay safe!”

**Kathleen M. Levesque**  
**Sanford Regional Communications**  
**207-324-3644 EXT 1**

I want to further commend the Staff of the Sanford Regional Communications Center in the performance of comprehensive Dispatch Services during this period of time. None of this equipment, man-power, and Departments roll without Dispatch. It is Dispatch that coordinates the responses in consultation with the Chiefs and pursuant to our Mutual Aid Agreements rolls the necessary equipment for response and backfilled coverage.

I further want to commend the exceptional Volunteer Staffed Departments and the dedication of their personnel for providing the coverage in a time of extreme demand. It should be a peace of mind for all to know that this type of response and professional coverage is within our City and our Region. The City of Sanford is blessed to have such exceptional neighboring Towns to assist in such times of extreme demand. Thank you to all the Towns and even more so to the Men and Women that are the public safety personnel that respond and protect our lives and property. We should never take for granted all that occurs so seamlessly. There is much work, planning and dedication that produces these results. Thank you again.

**Start of the Springvale Fire:**

The City contracts crack sealing of our roadways as preventative maintenance to best preserve the road due to water intrusion. It was determined that the first fire on 4/23 in Springvale was caused by the heated crack sealing wand coming in contact with very dry grasses along the roadside. The City took the following actions:

Director Hill and Foreman Smith met with Mike Capano (Coastal Road Repair) and Patrick Cotter (Sanford Fire Marshall) this morning to discuss the brush fire on Payeur Circle that occurred on April 23, 2018 at approximately the same time that they were performing crack seal utilizing a hot lance on the roadway surface.

M. Capano was the site foreman and immediately stated in the meeting that they were responsible for starting the fire. They attempted to control the fire initially but were unable to contain it. Two of their crew members called 911 (Chris Butts at 207-402-9098 and Andrew). M. Capano had his crew move from the area once fire response personnel were inbound so as to not interfere with response operations. M. Capano remained on scene when the Fire Department arrived both attempting to control the fire with a nearby garden hose from a residence as well as helping to lug hose for the Fire Department. He said that this had never happened in his twelve years of experience performing this work. The hot lance operator on the crew was distressed and apparently refused to operate the lance for the remainder of the day.

P. Cotter advised that Coastal Road Repair must additionally carry portable water fire suppression tanks in addition to their ABC extinguishers. Coastal Road Repair must also designate a NFPA Fire Watch designee to remain on hot work sites for 30 minutes to ensure there are no fires. P. Cotter was comfortable allowing Coastal Road Repair to continue their

work immediately as long as the above measures were set in motion. The State Forest Ranger will likely also want to talk with the crew as well.

The Department of Public Works provided P. Cotter with a copy of the authorized contract with Coastal Road Repair as well as a copy of their current Certificate of Insurance with the City of Sanford listed as the Certificate Holder. No buildings were damaged as a result of the fire, according to P. Cotter, although it came very close to a garage full of antique cars apparently valued at over \$1M. P. Cotter thinks that costs for the Fire Departments' response will likely be processed through insurance (although this was not discussed with the CRR foreman).

The Department of Public Works recognizes this as an accident and has conveyed clear expectations on remedies and preventative measures to the Contractor. The Department feels that CRR took the appropriate actions (pending 911 call verification by P. Cotter) and that CRR is competent to remain working per their contractual agreement at this time.

**Sanford Regional Communications Center – New Partners of Berwick and South Berwick:** Administration continues to work with the Towns of Berwick and South Berwick to iron out the details of the two Communities obtaining PSAP and Dispatch Services with the City starting as soon as July 1 or a late as August 1 of this year. A Memorandum of Understanding for this startup have been drafted for authorization by the respective Town/City Councils as well as Draft Agreements with terms. Administration will bring the MOU and Contracts forward for Council review and action for the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Administration notes the exceptional working knowledge and cooperative development of all materials and the provision of future services that has been the work product of our three Communities and Staff. We (Administration in Sanford) recognize the ability to again bolster service provisions within the Regional Dispatch Center because of this mutually beneficial partnership of regional service provisions. The Towns of Berwick and South Berwick are providing a great opportunity for this continued evolution of the regionalized service of PSAP and Dispatch.

**Stenton Trust Building:**

We have received confirmation from EPA Administrator John McKeown that EPA Washington has approved the demolition plan for Stenton Trust as a Time Critical Remediation Action. Mr. McKeown will be placing the Project under the responsibility of Katherine Young. Administration will meet with EPA for a Site Orientation and Scoping meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 10:00AM at the Site.

Demolition is still planned to occur during the 2018 Summer Construction Season, after which the City will implement a plan to remove and dispose of the remaining steel and other inert concrete and brick. The City has also applied for an EPA Brownfield Area Wide Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000 Hazardous Substances and \$100,000 Petroleum Assessment to develop remediation plans and subsequent remediation of contamination present at these historic mill sites allowing for future redevelopment.

Administration will provide further reporting as the Grant becomes known and on the future redevelopment Plan for Stenton Trust and International Woolen Mill.

### **Economic Importance of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard:**

The attached information is a couple of weeks old at this point, but I included in this week's Report to continue to illustrate the importance and positive economic impact of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to Sanford and our entire Region. Please review the attached graphical compilation of the contributions due to direct purchasing and payroll:

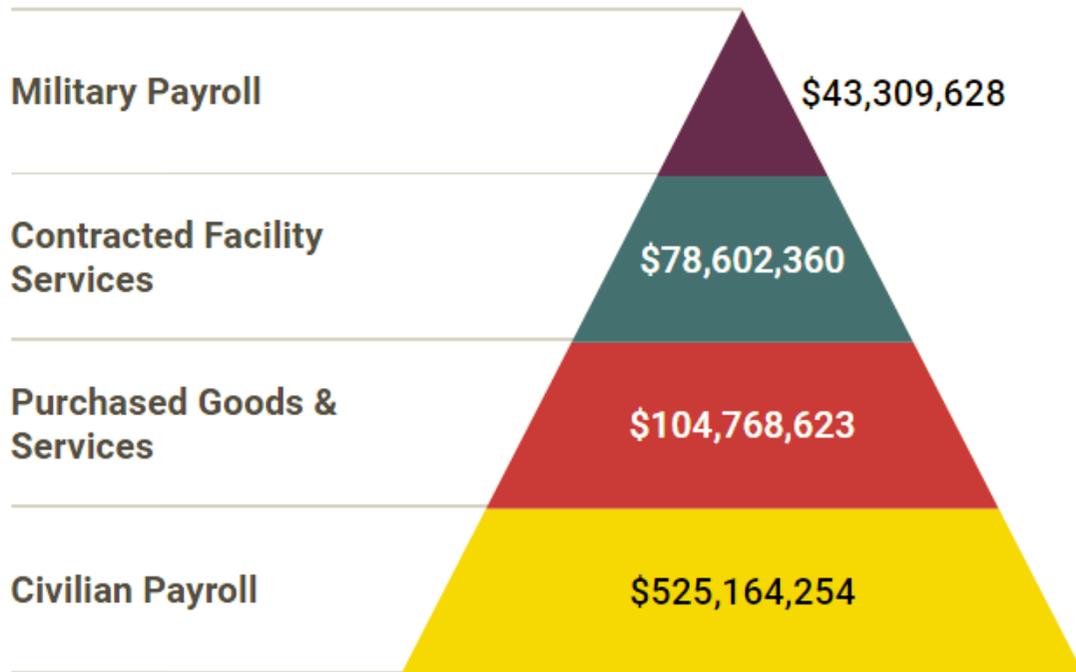
#### Summary:

- PNSY produces and economic impact of over \$751.84 Million in 2017
- Civilian Payroll of \$525,164,254 comprised of 6,450 employees
- Sanford Residents are the highest total payroll by Community at \$34,459,163 paid to 460 Residents
- Maine Workers comprise 57% of the Workforce or 3,679 people earning \$299,519,915
- PNSY's total economic impact increased by 9.8% in 2017 year over year

# Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Economic Impact 2017

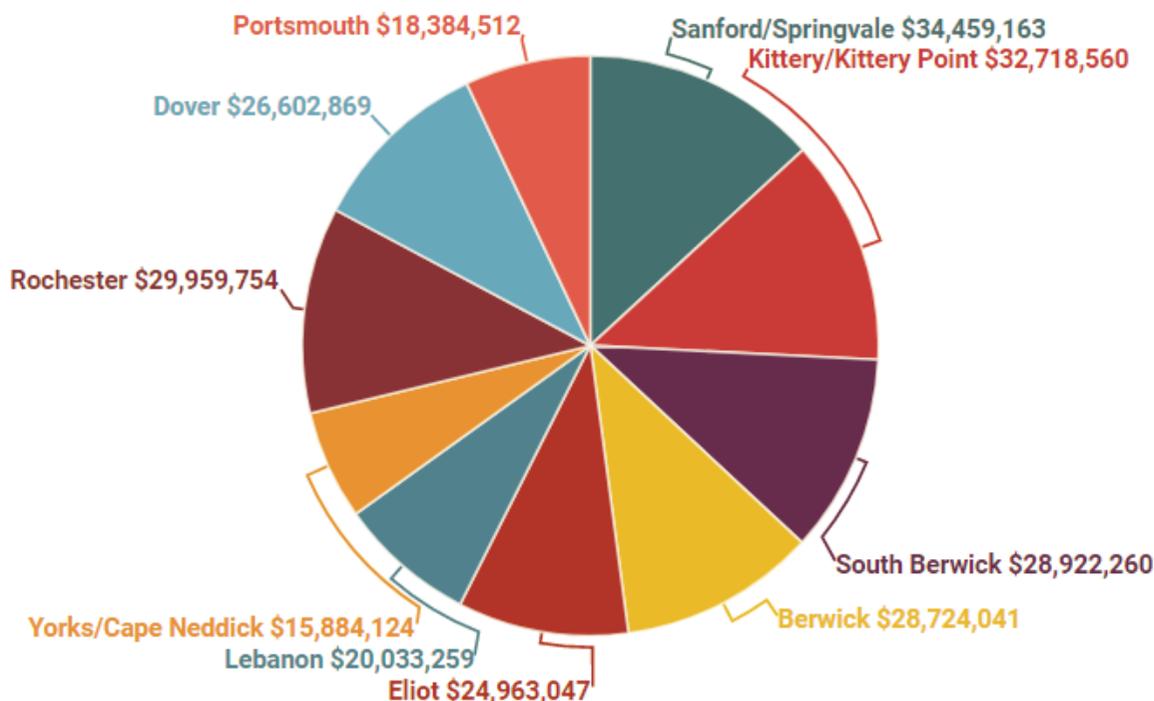


PNSY had a total economic impact of **\$751.84 Million** in 2017.



69.9% of PNSY's economic impact comes from its civilian payroll. In 2017, this was over \$525 Million.

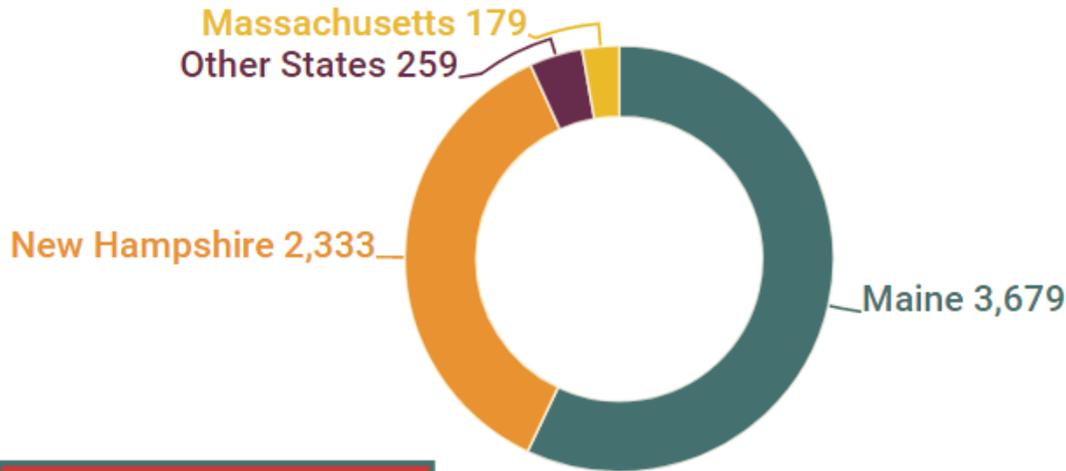
## Payroll - Top 10 Communities



PNSY payroll is higher for **Sanford, Maine** than for any other community.

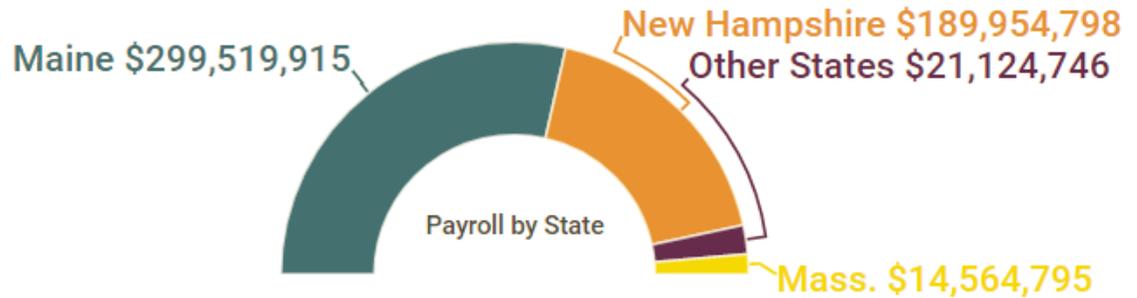
PNSY employs more workers from Maine than from any other state.

### Number of Employees by State



**57%**  
of PNSY's  
employees are  
from Maine  
communities.

Maine workers  
at PNSY earned  
**\$299.5 Million**  
in 2017.



● Maine ● New Hampshire ● Other States ● Mass.

PNSY employs more workers from **Sanford-Springvale, Maine**  
than from any other community.

### Employees - Top 10 Communities by State



**460**  
Sanford residents  
earned  
**\$34.5 Million**  
in 2017.

● Maine ● New Hampshire

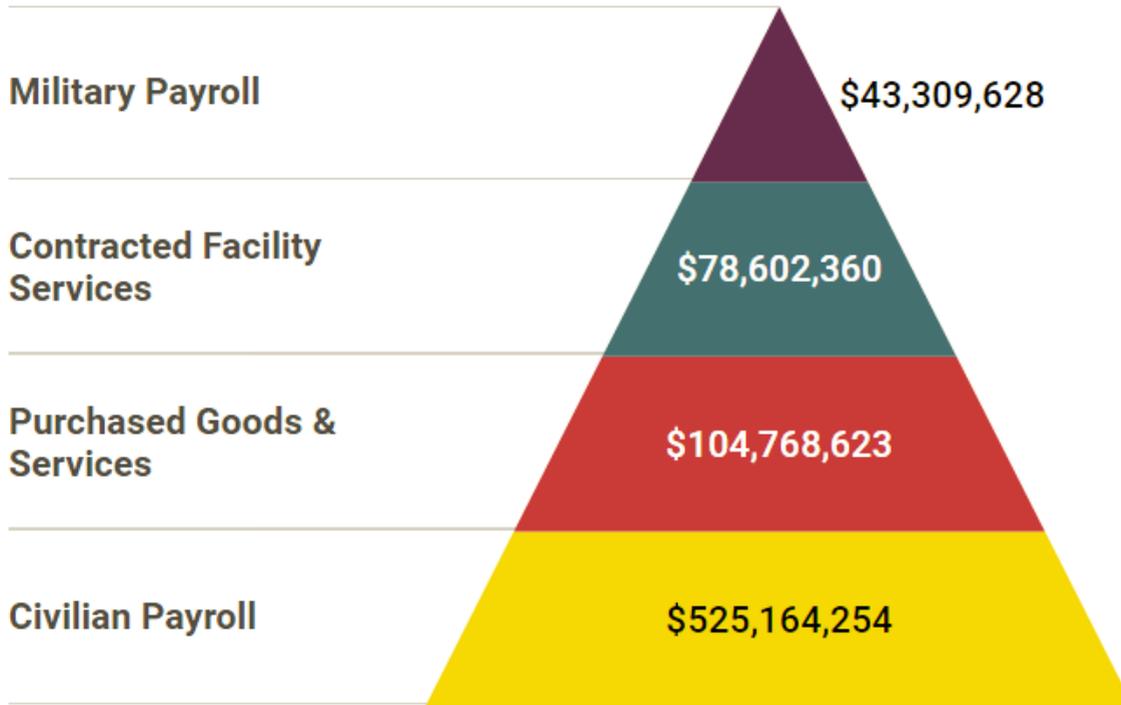
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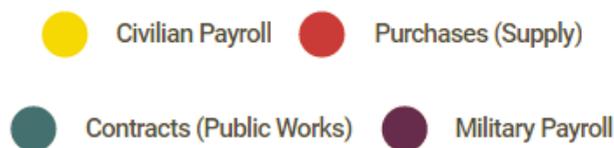
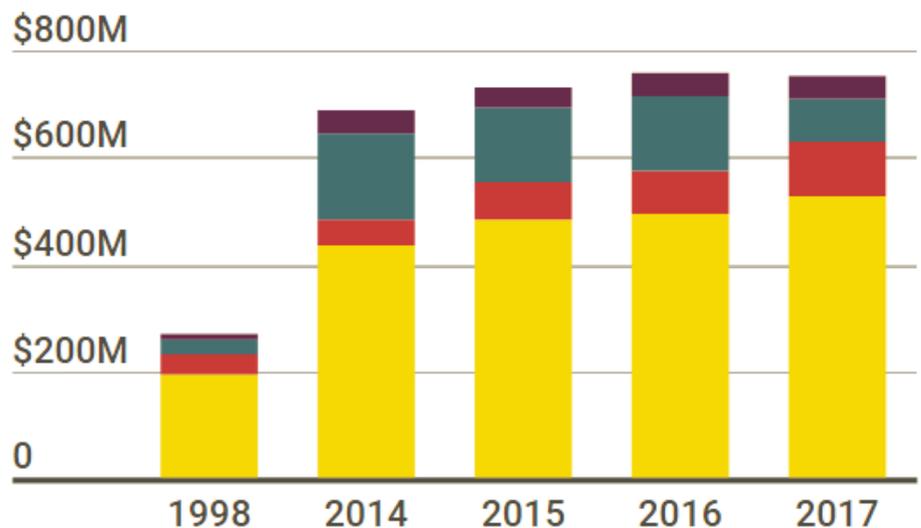
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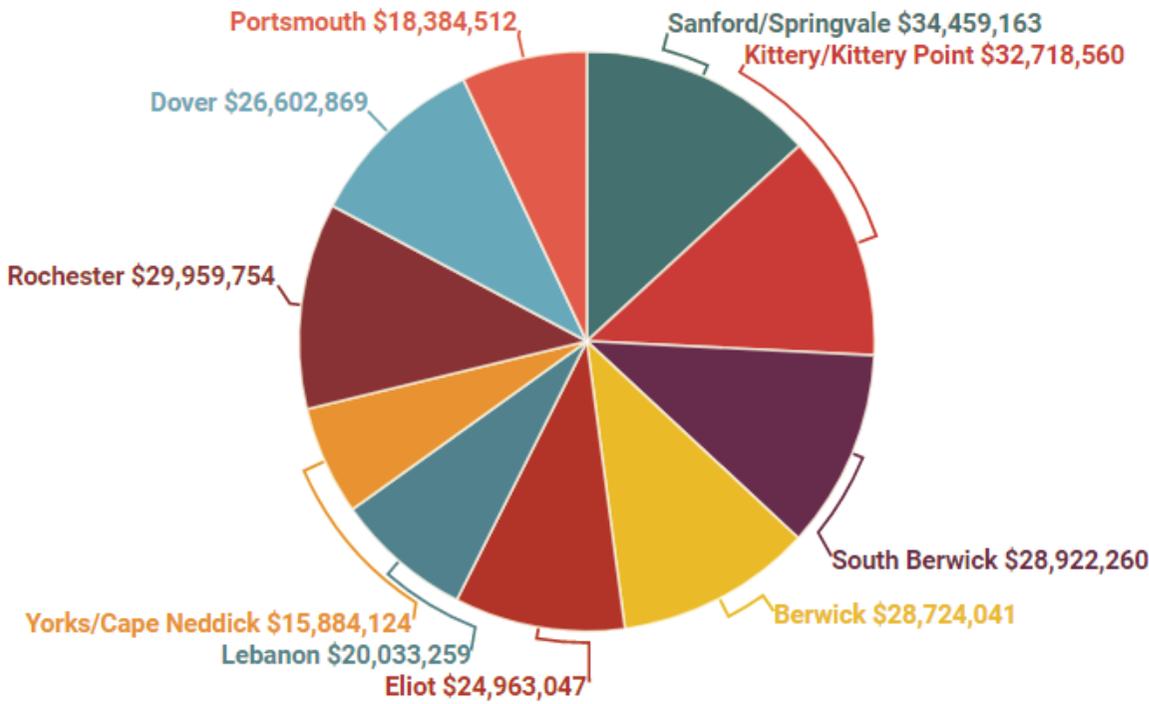
PNSY significantly impacts communities in ME, NH and MA through civilian and military payrolls, contracted facility services, and purchased goods and services.

PNSY's total economic impact has grown by **9.8%** since 2014



PNSY employed 6,450 civilians in 2017 and 52% of them came from the ten neighboring communities with the most PNSY workers.

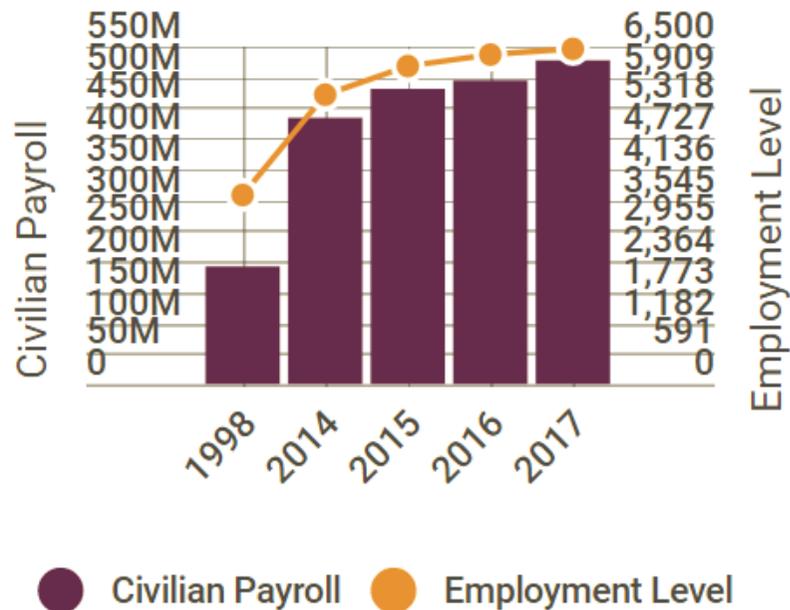
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**PNSY's civilian payroll was \$525.2 Million in 2017.**

PNSY's civilian employment numbers have been steadily increasing year on year and its annual payroll figures reflect that increase.

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