

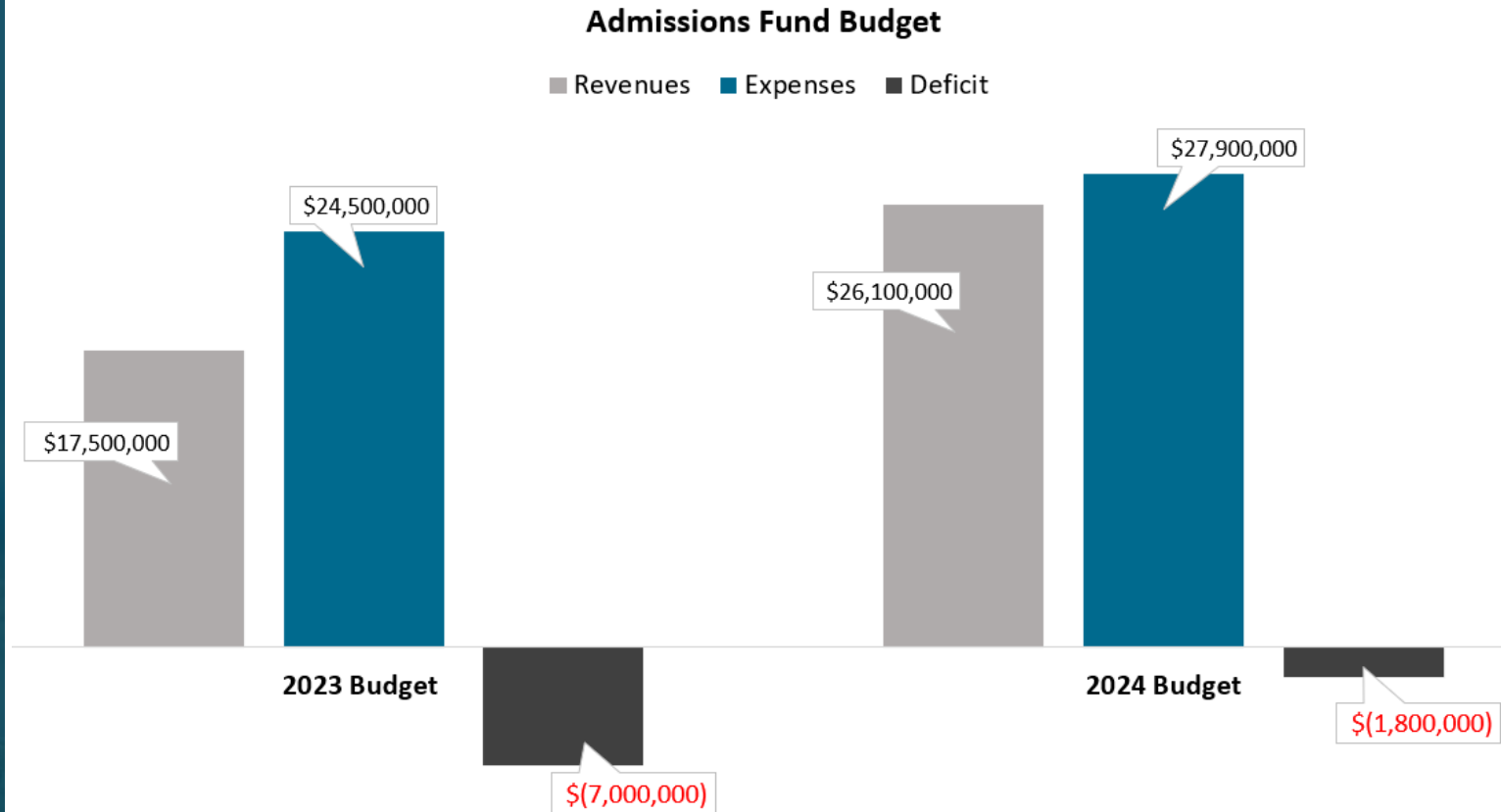


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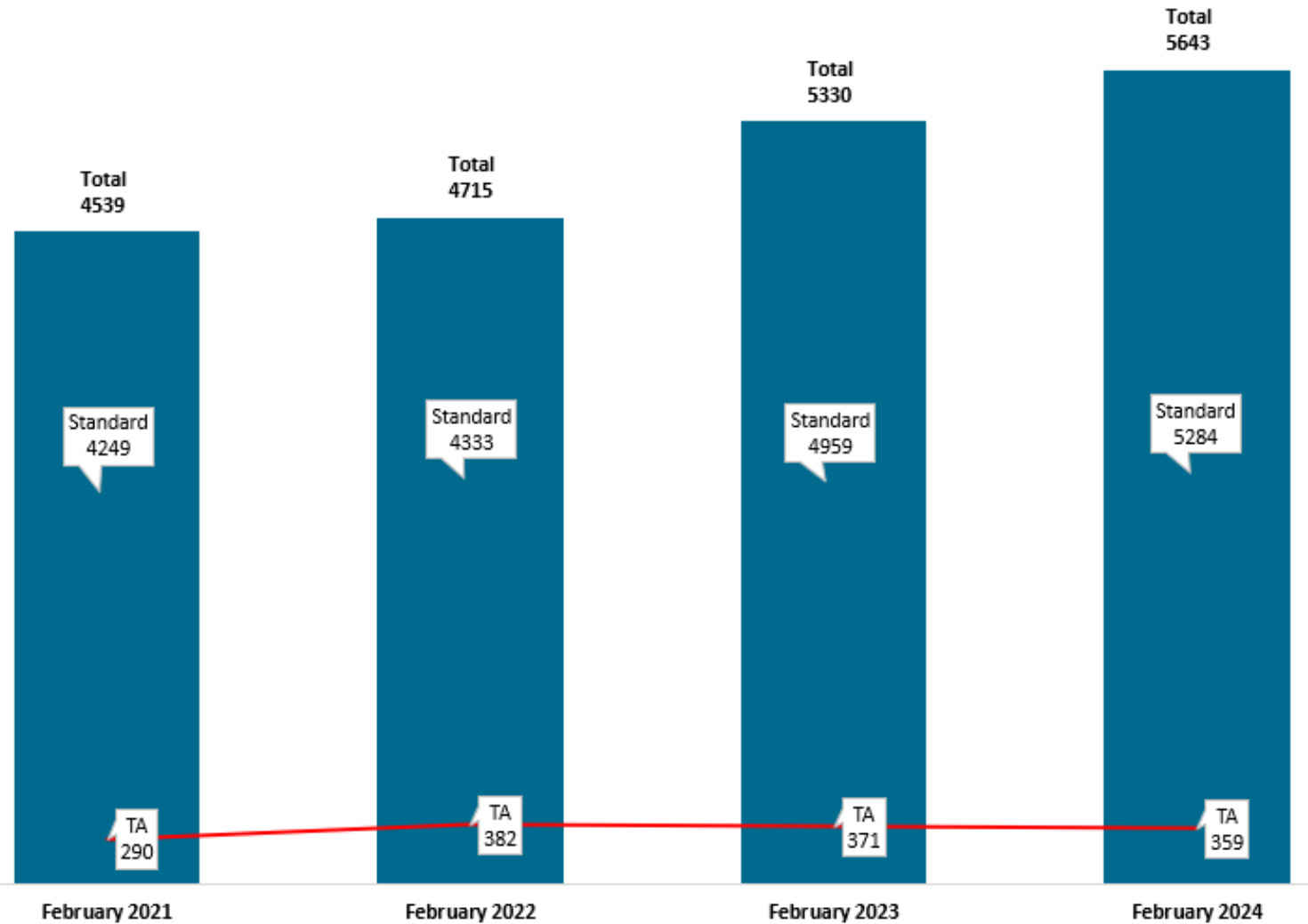
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# Admissions Financials and Program Numbers



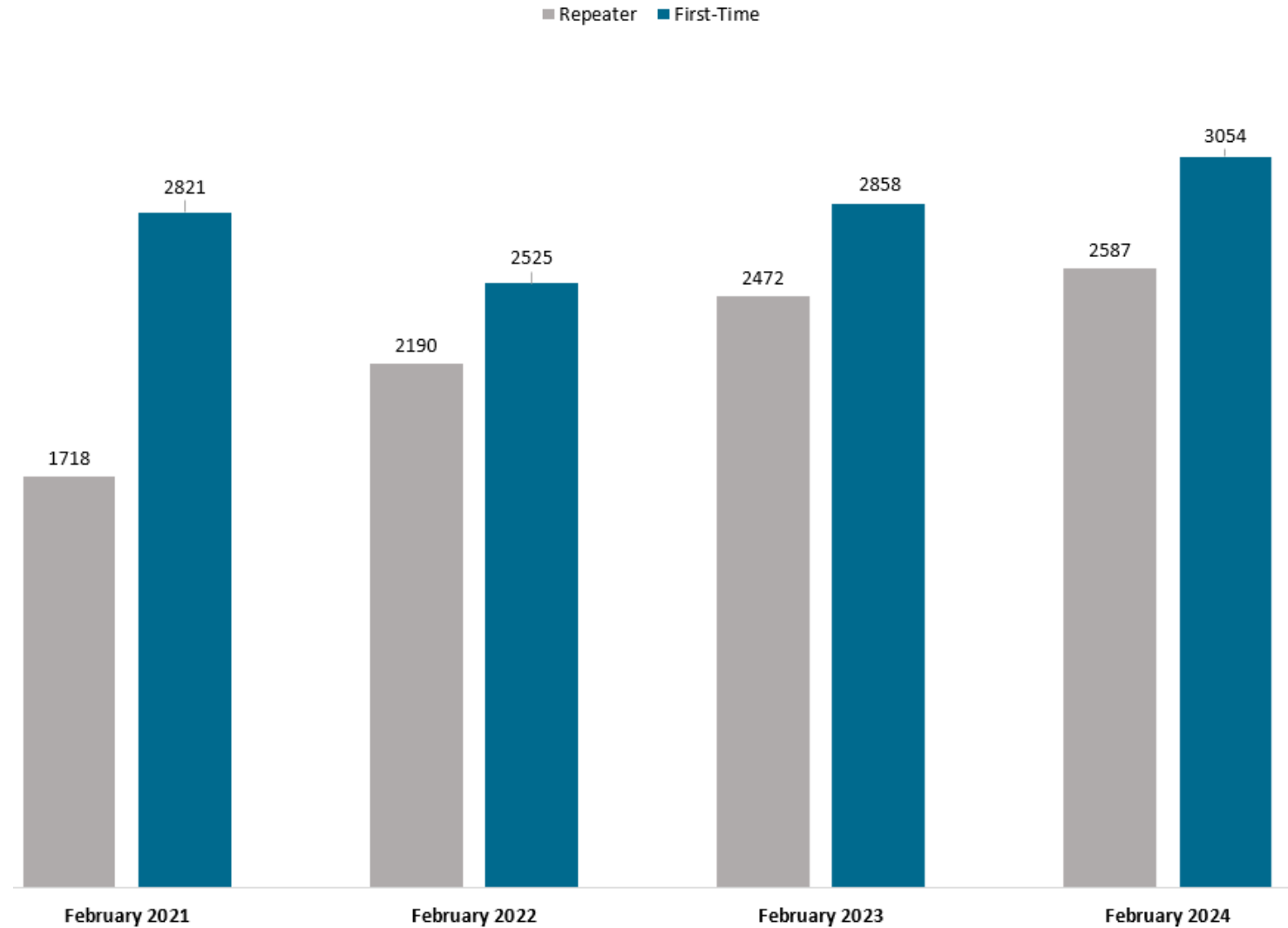
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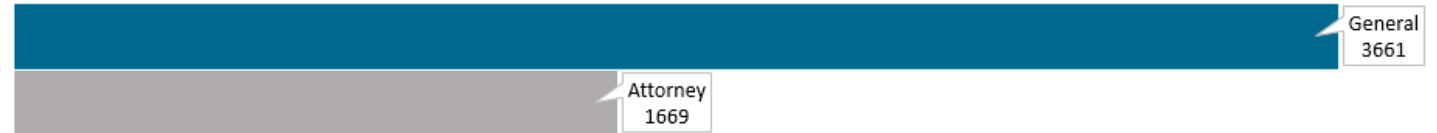
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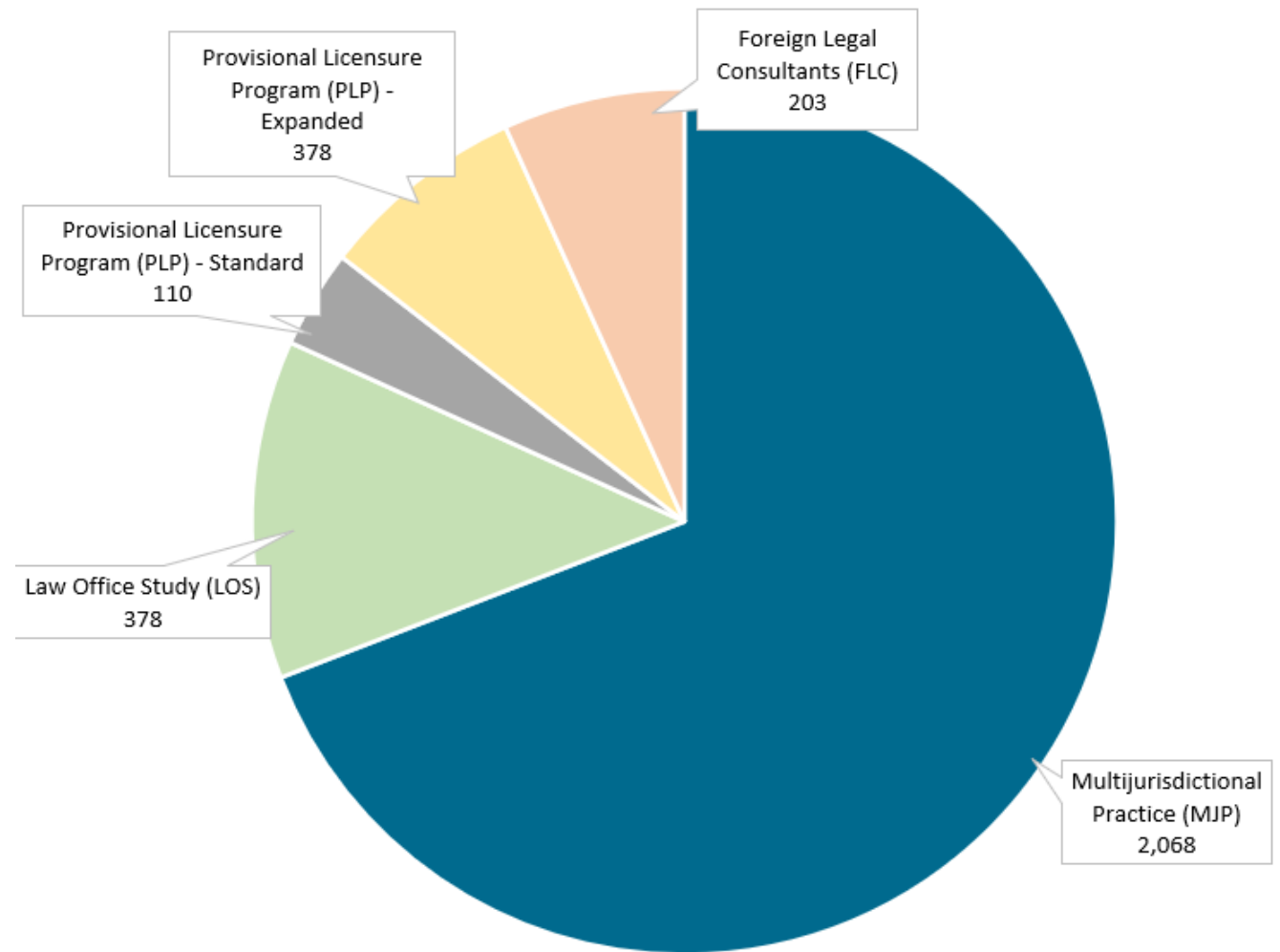


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# Admissions Financials and Program Numbers

Number of Applicants Participating in Special Programs as of January 2024



# Update on February 2024 bar exam

Anticipated Number of Examinees:  
Approximately 5,640

	February 2024 Exam Locations
Standard Exam Locations	San Francisco Bay Area: - Cow Palace (Daly City)
	Southern California: -Pasadena Convention Center -Ontario Convention Center
Testing Accommodation Exam Locations	San Francisco Bay Area: -Cow Palace (Daly City) -Judicial Council Office (downtown SF)
	Sacramento: -Hilton Arden West
	Los Angeles: -CA State Bar (downtown LA)
	Orange: -DoubleTree Hotel Fera Anaheim
	Southern California: -Ontario Convention Center







# Update on July 2024 bar exam

## **One-day remote exam findings:**

- ExamSoft platform remains incompatible with many testing accommodations
- Record-and-review proctoring is labor-intensive (hidden costs)
- New vendors are promising but untested at the scale of bar exam; further validation is required
- In-home proctoring presents risks re: safety, no shows, liability
- Test center capacity limitations; further exploration required

## **Reduced number of facilities model approved by Board:**

- Reduced number of facilities model balances cost reductions and other considerations
- Fully in-person at 8 contracted facilities and no-charge facilities at State Bar and Judicial Council
- Sacramento and San Diego facilities confirmed







# Admissions fees update

Need for further refinement of  
fees related to the CALS –  
coming back to BOT at the  
March meeting






# Recommendations and Requests before the Supreme Court

- Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations
- Portfolio Bar Exam
- CALS letter to the Court





# Pathway Provisional Licensure Program

- 1,154 applicants were eligible for the Pathway PLP but had not applied as of November 2022
- Application for the Pathway PLP was reopened from January 2023 to December 2023
- During that time, 359 of those applicants submitted Pathway PLP applications





# Other Recent Developments

**Next meeting:** March 15, remote

