# Michigan's Budget: Issues and Options

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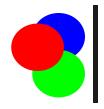


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- What is the House Fiscal Agency and what can we do for you?
- Michigan's budget process
- Where we are and how we got there
- Budget issues for FY 2010-11 and beyond





### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU





- A non-partisan agency; neither supports nor opposes policy, legislation, or recommendations made by any House member
- Provides confidential assistance with fiscal questions to
  - House Appropriations Committee
  - All House members
  - Caucus staff
- Prepares reports/publications throughout the budget process; publishes special reports on topics of interest





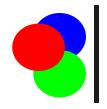
- Fiscal Analysts
- Economists
- Legislative Analysts
- HFA reports/publications available on the HFA website: www.house.mi.gov/hfa
- HFA bill summaries/analyses available on the Michigan Legislative Information System website: www.michiganlegislature.org (as well as the House session website)





- Analyze/explain proposals and budgets
- Research and analyze fiscal issues
- Respond to breaking news
- Monitor issues/trends that may affect the state budget





### MICHIGAN'S BUDGET PROCESS: HOW IT WORKS

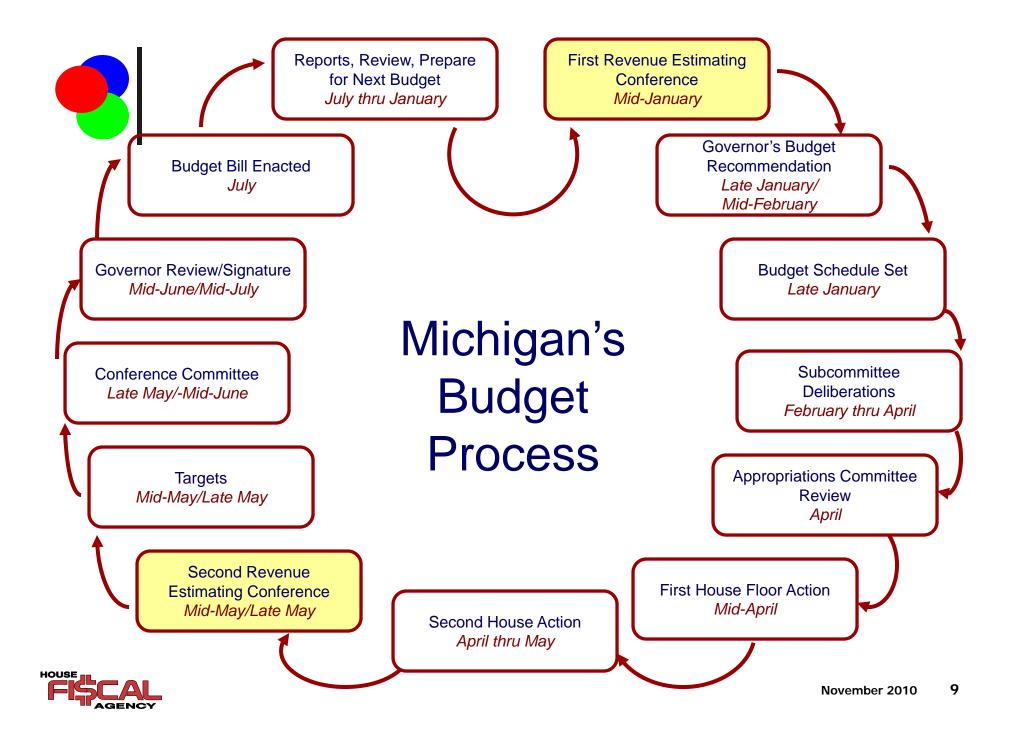


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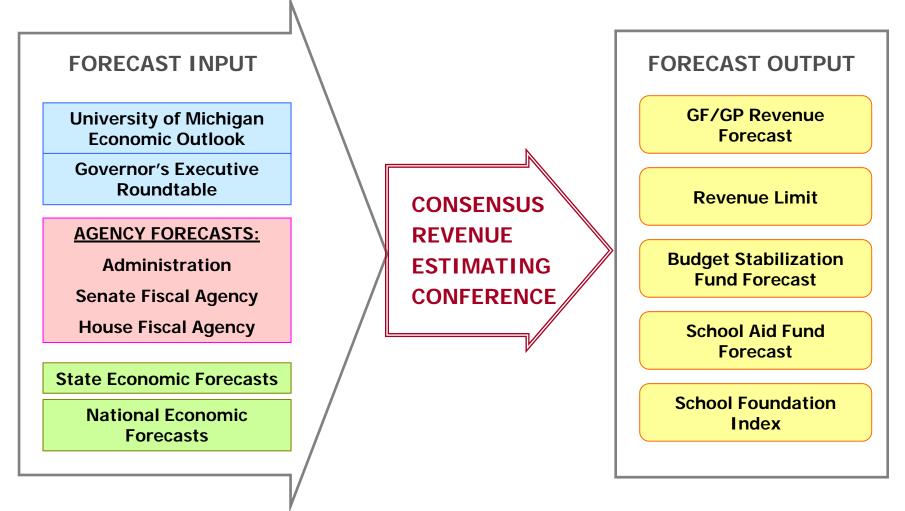


- Michigan Constitution and statute provide that executive and legislative branches share power and responsibility for the state budget process
  - Governor submits a balanced budget
  - Legislature enacts a balanced budget
  - Governor and Legislature maintain a balanced budget
- Legislature has the power to tax and borrow
- Legislature has the power to control spending
- APPROPRIATIONS
  - Are an authority, not a mandate, to spend
  - Are state law while they are in effect











#### Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference

#### Conference held each January and May

- January forecast used for Executive budget recommendation
- May forecast used to revise Legislature's proposed budget
- Conference requirements are defined by statute
- Conference principals are HFA and SFA Directors and State Budget Director or Treasurer (or designees)
- Conference is open to the public
- Unanimous consensus among principals is required





Adjustments to the budget can be made by

- Transfer (administrative or legislative)
- Supplemental appropriations bill
- Executive Order





- It's important to remember that the Governor proposes, and the Legislature disposes.
- The Legislature is responsible for passing a balanced budget each year – not the executive branch. The Governor has a line-item veto, but he can't change the budget the Legislature sends him – and he doesn't have a vote.
- Balancing the FY 2011-12 budget on a structural basis will require decisions by the Legislature about which services are provided/funded by state government, not just how services are delivered – the Governor makes recommendations, but the Legislature will make the decisions.





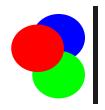
- If there are changes to the process the Legislature must retain its constitutional authority to hold the executive branch accountable.
- There has been a great deal of discussion about "outcomesbased budgeting" – remember that the role of the Legislature is to decide which outcome is appropriate.
- It is inherently difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of government functions in a precise, quantitative manner – particularly for those functions with longer-term goals such as health care, education, and public safety – but it's the role of the Legislature to evaluate government functions.





- There has been a great deal of discussion about multi-year budgets. Multi-year budgeting may improve planning, but would almost certainly result in more frequent and large postenactment budget adjustments. It would also increase uncertainty about revenue and expenditure estimates.
- Under government accounting standards, an annual comprehensive financial report would still be required.





### WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT THERE



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#### One-Time Funding Sources Utilized in FY 2010-11 Budget

	\$ Amount by Affected Fund (Millions)
Funding Source	<u>GF/GP</u>
Federal Funds	\$976.5
Tax Amnesty (\$88.8M in FY11 plus assumed \$20.5M loss in FY12)	\$109.3
Unclaimed Property (difference between FY11 and FY12)	\$107.0
Debt Service Restructuring (difference between FY11 and FY12)	\$162.2
Early Retirement (one-time replacement savings minus 3% phase-in)	\$24.0
County Revenue Sharing: Projected FY 2011-12 Increase	\$40.0
Total One-Time Funding Sources	\$1,419.0
Impact of Enacted Tax Cuts on FY 2011-12 Revenue	\$210.4
Total Structural Issues for FY 2011-12 Budget	\$1,629.4



#### One-Time Funding Sources Utilized in FY 2010-11 Budget

\$ Amount by Affected Fund (Millions)		
School Aid	<b>Transportation</b>	
\$184.3		
\$318.1		
	\$84.0	
\$502.4	\$84.0	
\$6.0	\$0.0	
\$508.4	\$84.0	
	(Mill <u>School Aid</u> \$184.3 \$318.1 \$502.4 \$6.0	

\* Note: Not built into foundation





Interest payments on \$3.8 billion of UI Trust Fund borrowing

- Approximately \$150 million due September 30, 2011
  - State share approximately \$100 million
- It will take a decade or more to pay down this debt





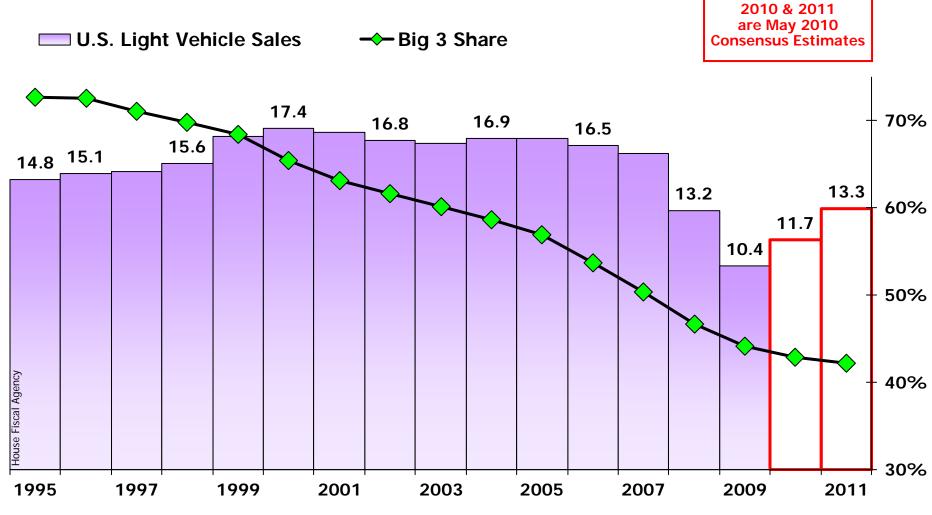
Severe economic contraction led by domestic auto industry

State tax policy

Increasing cost of Medicaid and corrections



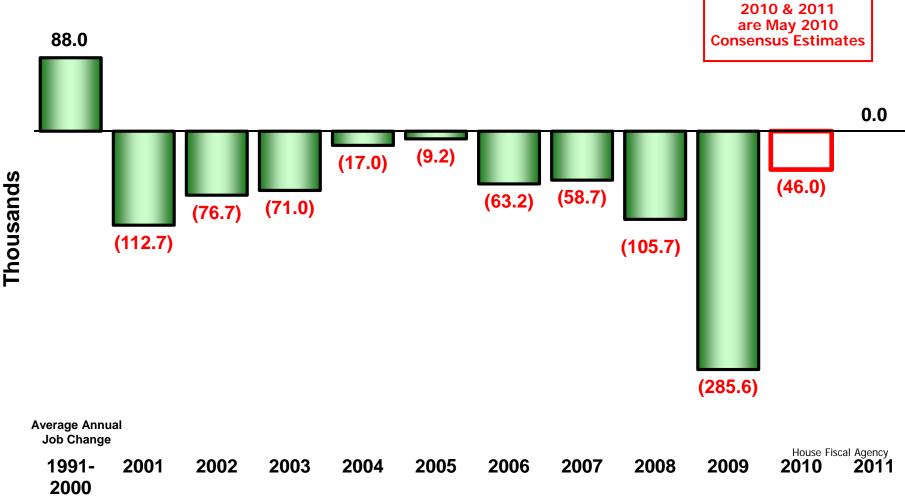






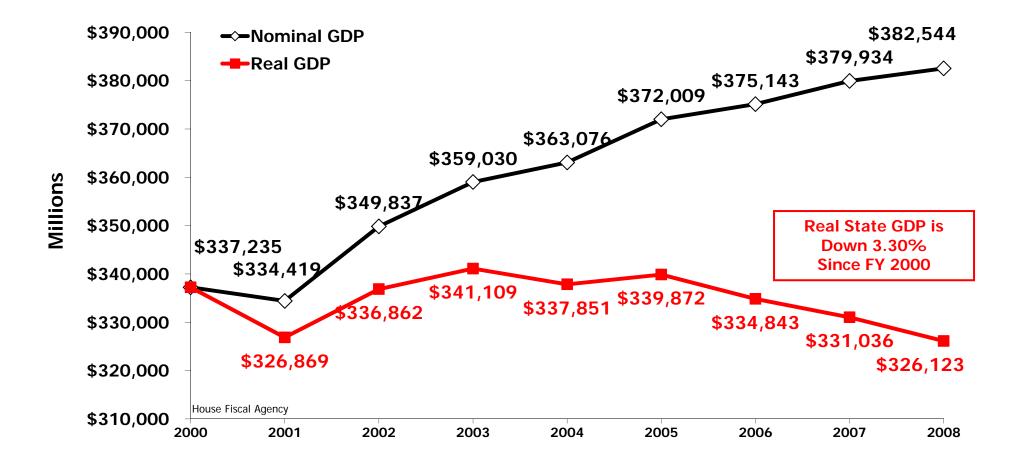
Source: Automotive News and May 2010 Consensus Estimates





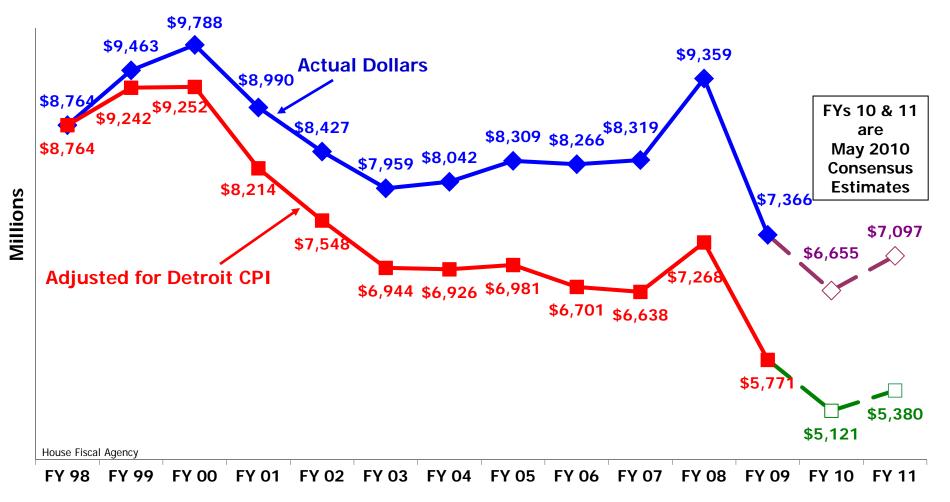






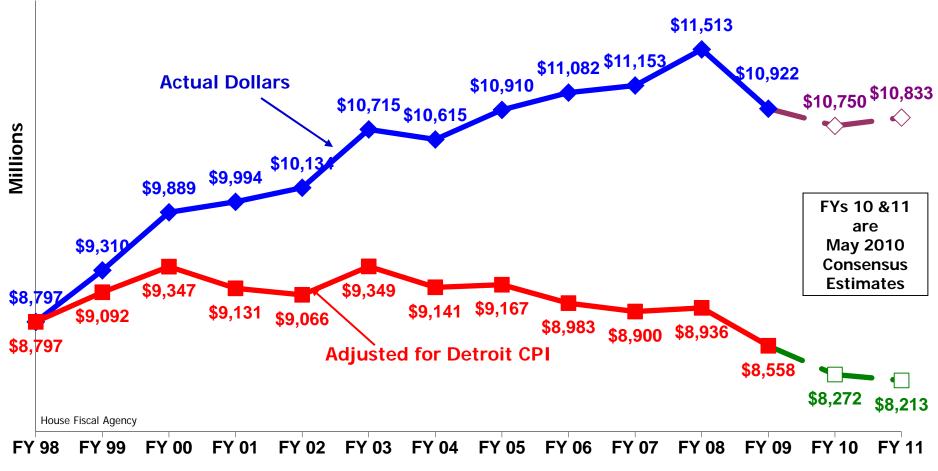












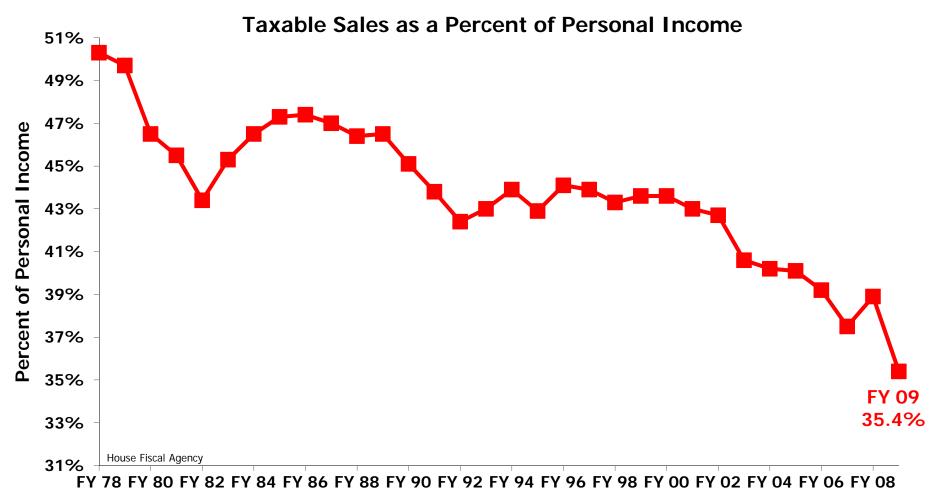




Average growth of Michigan personal income = 1.7% per year from 2000 through 2011 Average decline of Michigan revenue = 0.5% per year from 2000 through 2011 \$0.16 FYs 10 and 11 are May 2010 Consensus **Estimates** (\$2.41) (\$3.92) (\$4.18) (\$4.44) (\$4.22) (\$4.65)(\$4.95) (\$5.32) (\$7.14) **Billions of Dollars** (\$7.99) (\$8.85) House Fiscal Agency FY 04 FY 05 **FY 06** FY 07 FY 09 **FY 10** FY 11 FY 00 FY 01 FY 02 FY 03 **FY 08** 

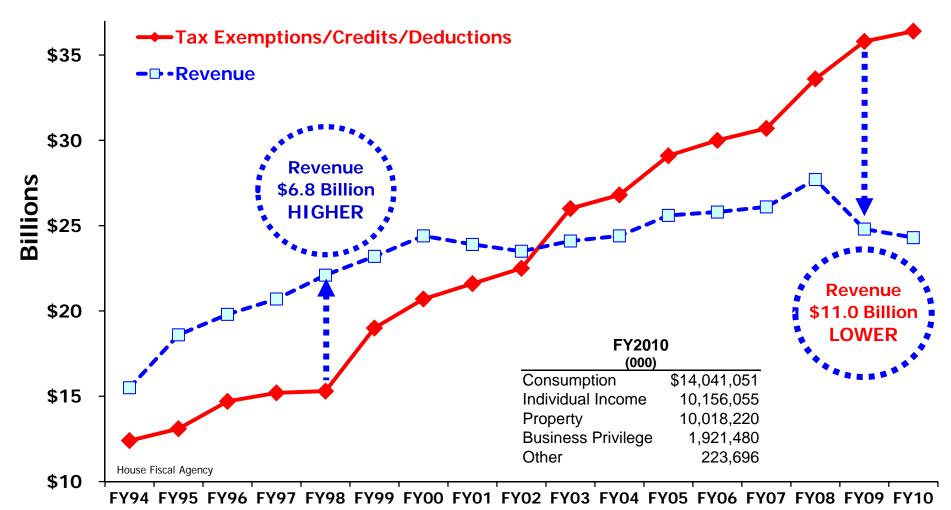








#### Impact of Tax Exemptions/Credits/Deductions







Tax expenditures are an <u>alternative</u> to direct spending.

- They can be used to effectively continue to spend tax dollars on policy initiatives while the budget is being reduced.
- They're "off-budget" for all practical purposes.
- Transparency and government accountability demand they be reported and evaluated.



### Impact of Recent Tax Cuts on Future Revenues

	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>
Reducing Michigan Income Tax Rate	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$150.0)	(\$329.0)	(\$522.5)
Alternative Energy Credits - Income Tax	(\$16.0)	(\$46.0)	(\$47.0)	(\$42.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0
Michigan EITC	(\$140.0)	(\$325.0)	(\$338.0)	(\$358.3)	(\$379.8)	(\$402.6)
Eliminating MBT Surcharge		E	liminated in T	ax Year 2017		
MBT Battery Credits (Assumes Maximum Used)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$40.0)	(\$268.0)	(\$278.0)
MBT Film Production Credit	(\$37.5)	(\$100.0)	(\$125.0)	(\$125.0)	(\$125.0)	(\$125.0)
Photovoltaic Technology - Facility & Manufacturing	\$0.0	(\$0.8)	(\$9.8)	(\$12.5)	(\$12.5)	(\$15.0)
Polycrystalline Manufacturing Credit	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$25.0)	(\$25.0)
MBT Gross Receipt Changes	(\$115.8)	(\$80.5)	(\$93.4)	(\$117.8)	(\$129.9)	(\$132.7)
Decouple Bonus Depreciation/Production Activities	\$172.5	\$23.4	\$19.2	\$45.3	\$52.3	\$60.0
Historic Preservation Credits	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$5.0)	(\$8.6)	(\$9.6)	(\$10.6)
Promise Zones - SET	\$0.0	(\$1.0)	(\$4.0)	(\$10.0)	(\$15.0)	(\$20.0)
IFT Exemption for Commercial Real Land	\$0.0	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)	(\$2.0)
Use Tax Bad Debt Deduction Change (Court Case)	(\$2.0)	(\$25.5)	(\$16.6)	(\$17.1)	(\$17.7)	(\$18.4)
Exempt Supplies for Cobo Center	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$2.5)	(\$2.5)	(\$3.5)	(\$1.5)
Totals in Millions	(\$138.8)	(\$557.4)	(\$624.1)	(\$840.5)	(\$1,264.7)	(\$1,493.3)





	Consensus FY 2011	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>
Baseline Revenue * Assume 3% Growth	\$6,968.4	\$7,177.5	\$7,392.8	\$7,614.6
Adjust for Tax Change Not Built Into FY 2011	N/A	(\$194.4)	(\$591.5)	(\$789.1)
Net GF/GP Revenue	N/A	\$6,983.1	\$6,801.3	\$6,825.5
Percent Change from Prior Year	N/A	0.2%	(2.6%)	0.4%

\* Note: 3% baseline growth has not been achieved since 2000.





Income Tax Rate	Collections as Percent of State Personal Income
4.0%	2.6%
4.35%	1.5%
Base	\$3,653.50
Sales and Use Tax Rate	Collections as Percent of State Personal Income
6.0%	2.8%
6.0%	2.1%
	Rate 4.0% 4.35% Base Sales and Use Tax Rate 6.0%

Revenue Impact of Declining Base

(In Millions of Dollars)



\$2,511.60



<u>All Filers</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Tax Liability < \$0	19.5%	25.6%
Tax Liability = \$0	8.0%	8.0%
Tax Liability < \$100	33.6%	38.6%



# Refundable Credits on the Michigan Income Tax

- Homestead Property Tax Credit (\$987.5 million in FY2009-10)
- Earned Income tax Credit (\$333.0 million in FY2009-10)
- Alternative Energy/Qualified Home Improvement Credit (\$46.0 million in FY2009-10)
- Adoption Credit (\$1.0 million in FY2009-10)
- Stillbirth Credit (\$41,000 in FY2009-10)



# Indexed Provisions of the Michigan Income Tax

Personal Exemption

- Special Exemptions for Seniors and/or Disabled Individuals
- Special Exemption for Qualified Disabled Veterans
- Income Threshold for Pension Income Deduction
- Income Threshold for Deduction of Interest and Capital Gains Earned by Seniors
- Home Heating Credit
- Stillbirth Credit



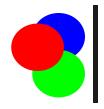
## PROBLEM: The State tax base is not stable and will not support any level of service for long.

SOLUTION: Stabilize the tax base at some level – higher, lower, or revenue neutral by doing the following.

- Reduce or eliminate as many tax expenditures as possible and lower marginal rates as much as possible.
- Institute a Sunset Commission that officially reviews economic development incentives on a regular basis.
- Institute a Peer Review process using M.S.U., U of M, and the Upjohn Institute to verify the expected impact of economic development incentives.
- Institute a Pay-As-You-Go system to identify spending cuts or revenue increases to fund program expansions and new tax expenditures.

The same principles apply to a flat tax and a graduated tax. The "Best" tax system is a diverse set of taxes that are stable, simple to understand, and easy to comply with. The tax base would be as broad as possible, and marginal rates as low as possible.

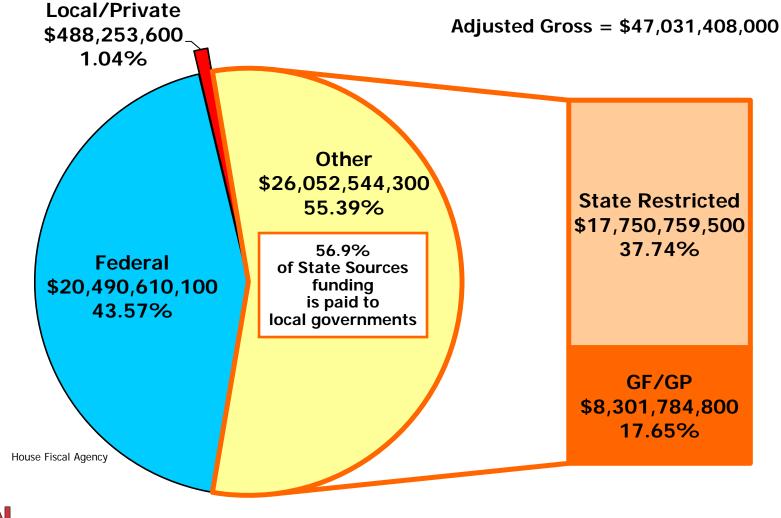




## MICHIGAN'S BUDGET



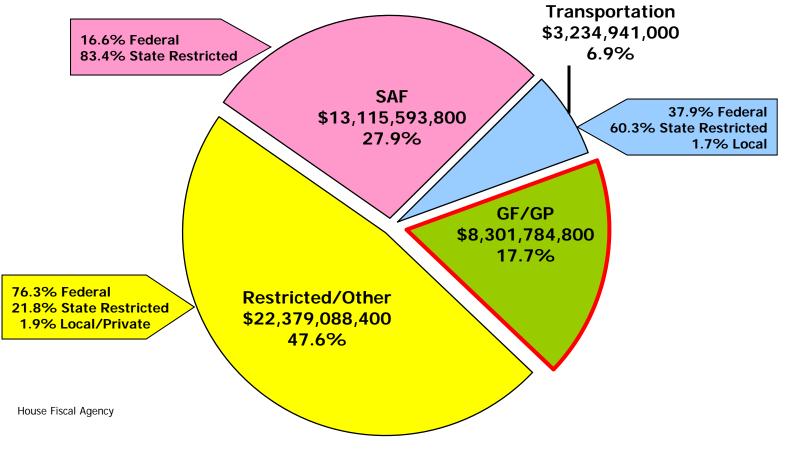




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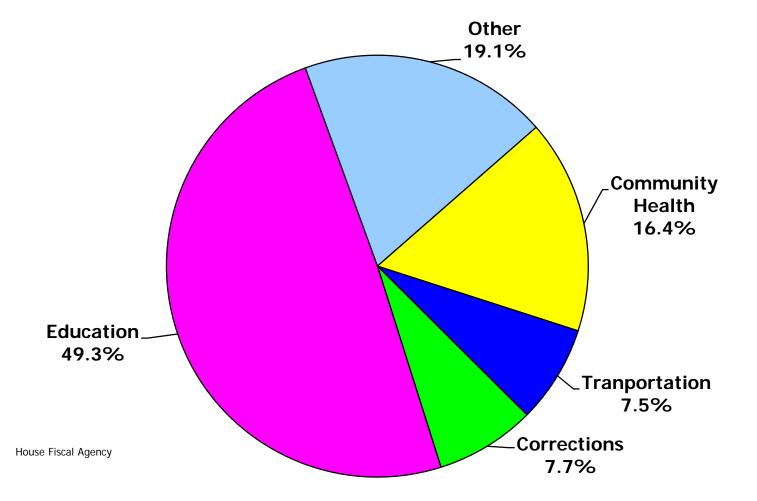
Adjusted Gross = \$ 47,031,408,000







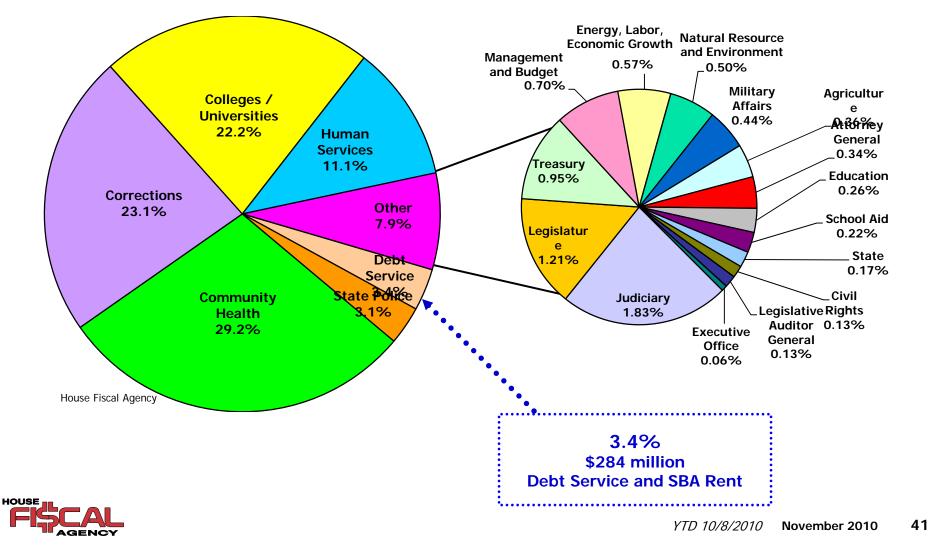
FY 2010-11 Total = \$26,052,544,300



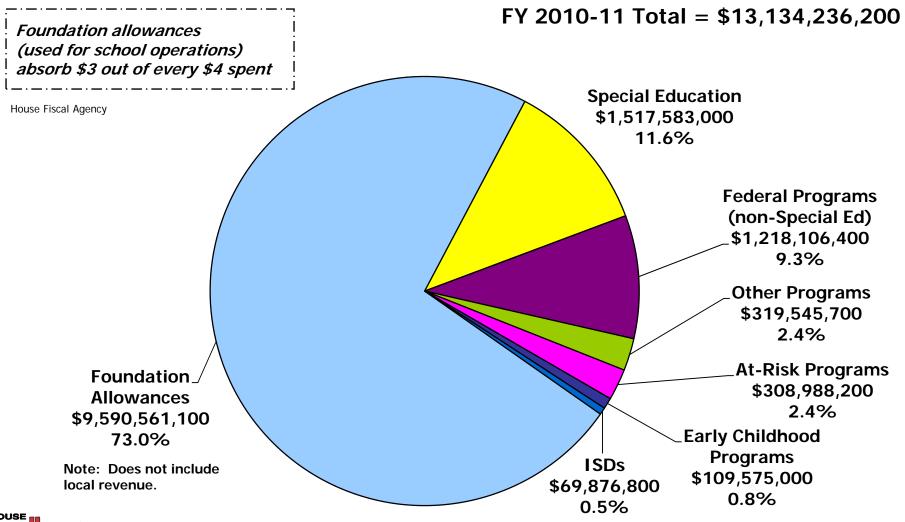




#### FY 2010-11 Total = \$8,301,784,800







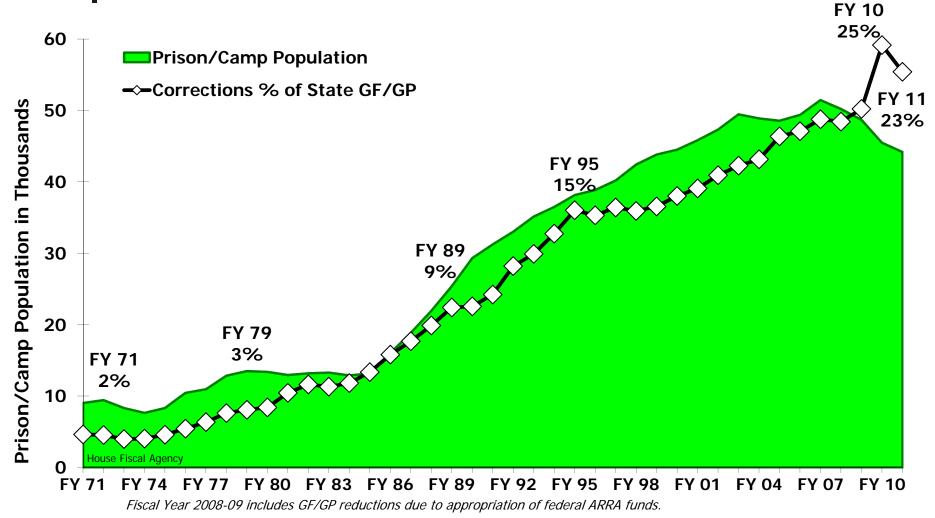




- For FY 11, approximately 19.1% of Michigan GF/GP revenue is appropriated for Medicaid
- 1 of 6 Michigan residents were eligible for Medicaid in April 2009
- 42% of births and 70% of nursing home expenditures in Michigan are financed through Medicaid
- Total state and federal Medicaid appropriation is over \$11.5 billion in FY 11
- Since FY 1999-2000
  - 126.5% increase in Medicaid funding
  - 71.5% growth in Medicaid caseload (759,800 cases)



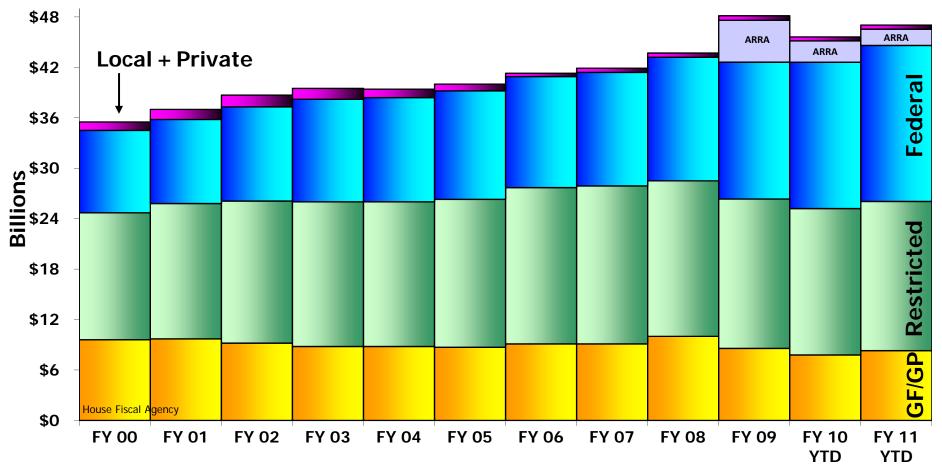






# Adjusted Gross Appropriations by Fund Source

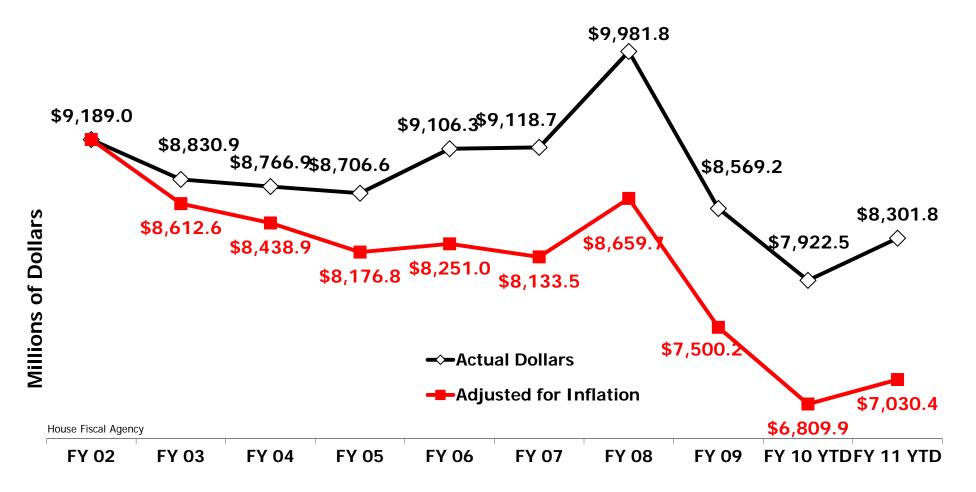
Excluding federal funds, FY 00 = FY 10 adjusted gross appropriations





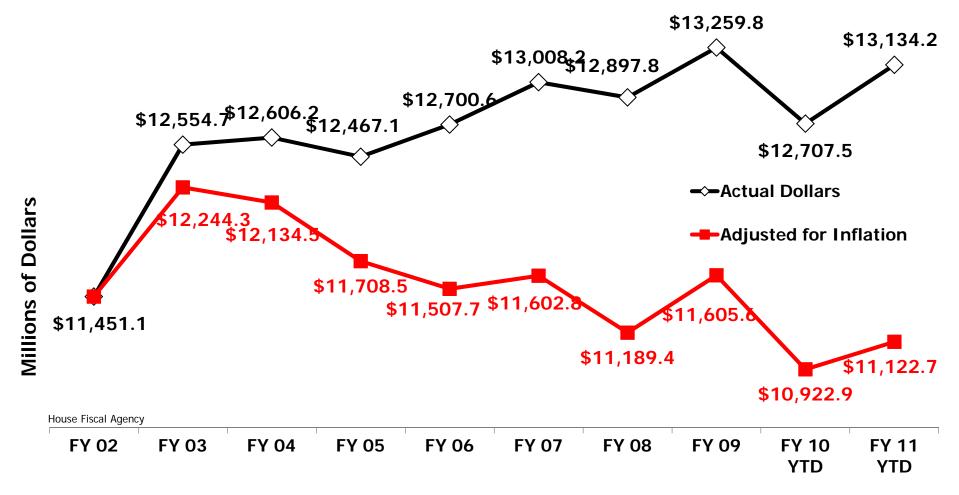
Fiscal Year 20010-11 amounts include funds received under extension of temporary enhanced FMAP rate (DCH/DHS) and Ed Jobs bill (DOE/School Aid).





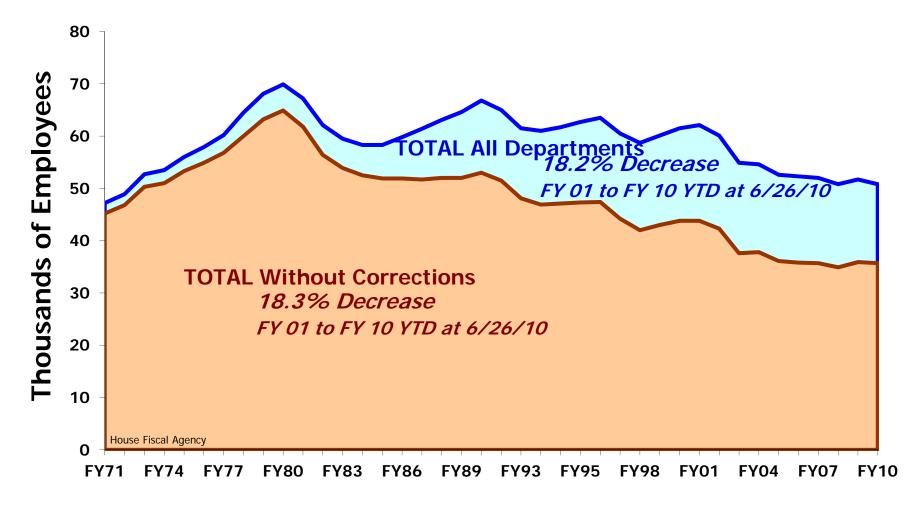




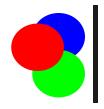












## CURRENT ISSUES



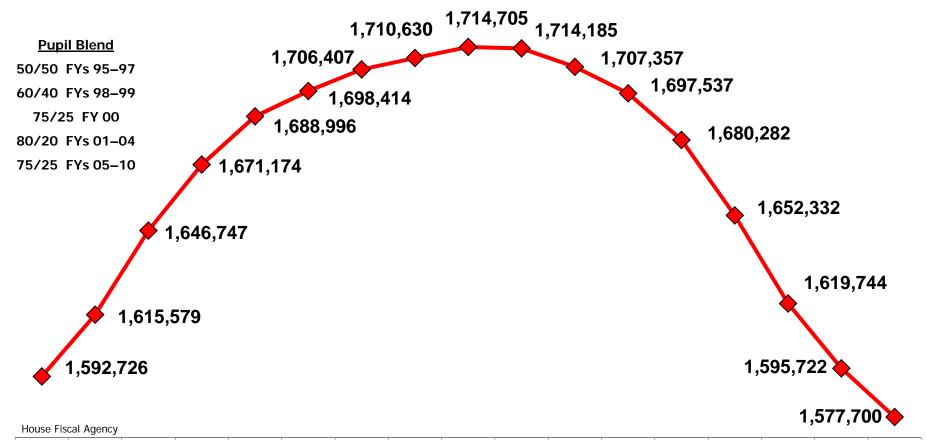
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- Funding levels
- Declining enrollment
- Deficit districts
- Retirement costs
- Infrastructure financing
- Local property taxes



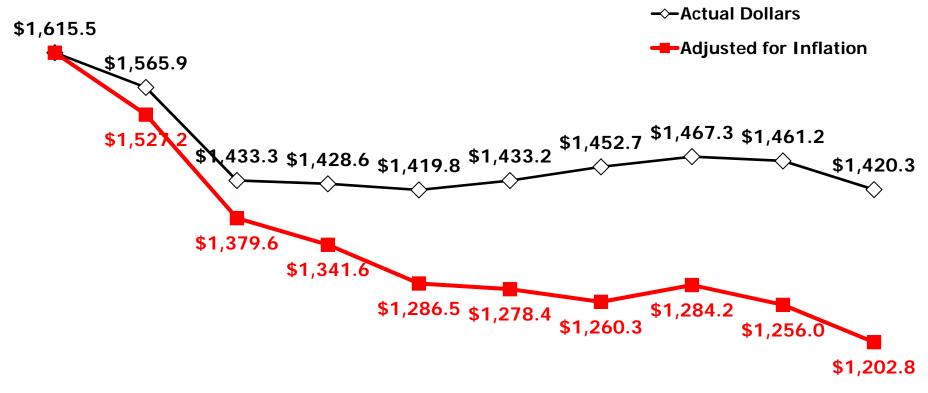




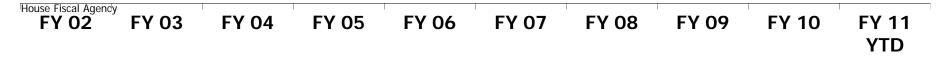
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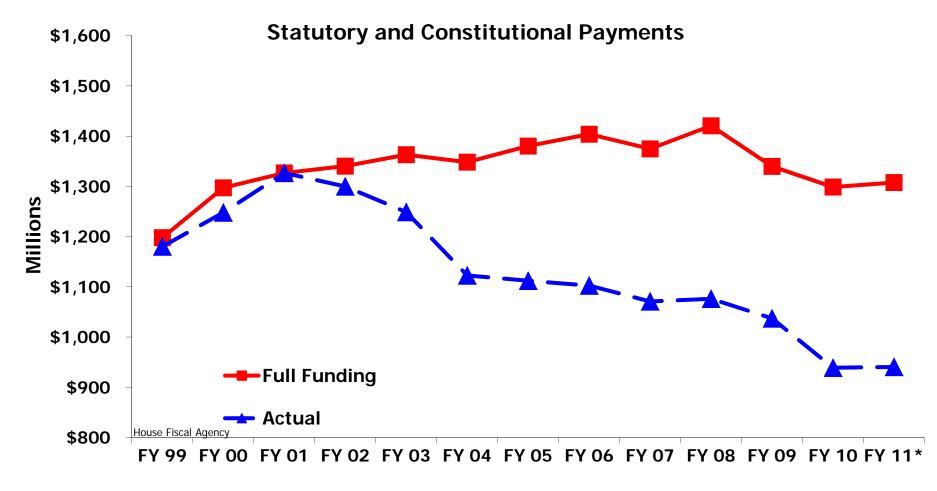


Note: Appropriations include delayed payments in FY in which funds were originally appropriated



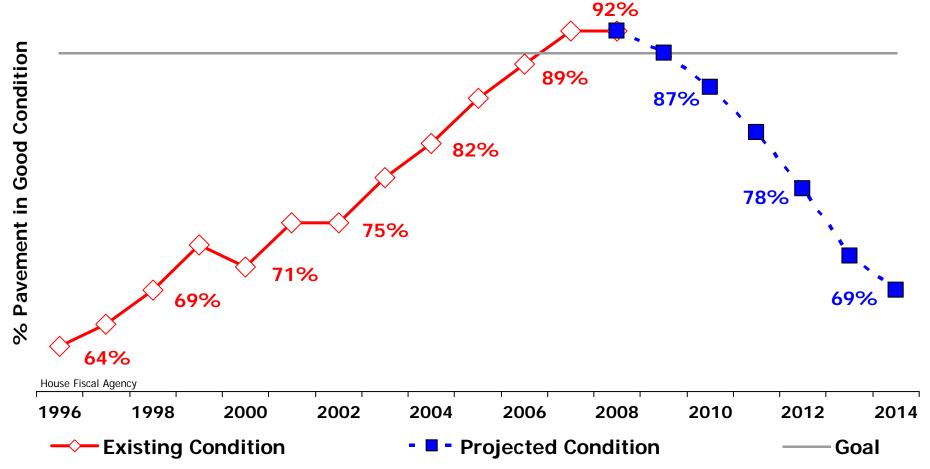








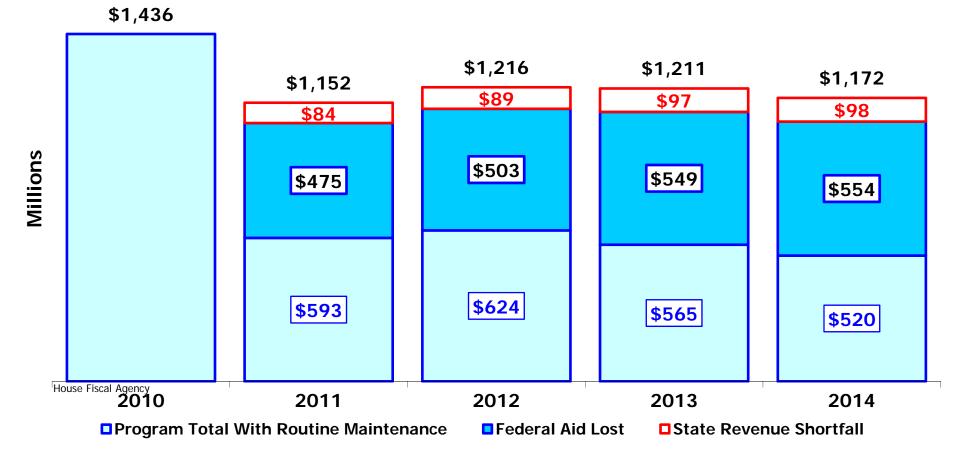
### Statewide Pavement Condition Combined Freeway and Non-Freeway





Sources: Michigan Department of Transportation website and 2010-2014 Draft Five-Year Highway Program Presentation 11/19/09









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