



Background Briefing

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through January 1, 2011.

Community Colleges

- **The 28 community colleges**
 - **Have a total annual enrollment of about 460,000 students.**
 - **Fall 2009 enrollment in degree programs is 254,042**
 - **Offer approximately 23,000 individual courses and 92,000 sections each year .**
- **Average age of a MI community college student is 26.4 years old.**
- **About 60% of students attend school on a part-time basis**
- **Fall 2009: 43,127 first-time, first-year students**
- **Minority students make up 20.4% of CC students.**
- **Programs offered include:**
 - **Traditional transfer**
 - **Basic skills**
 - **Technical training**
 - **Customized training/retraining for workers in high-skill fields**

Community Colleges

"The name of the community college arises from the purpose for which it was originally established—to meet the specific educational needs of citizens in the area or district which supports it and to broaden the opportunities to all of its residents. This is done by making the courses and services available within the local community; by adhering to an 'open door' admission policy with careful guidance into appropriate programs of study; by offering numerous types of curriculums and courses designed to develop the wide range of skills and talents inherent in our people; by graduating and placing students on the basis of achievement; and by keeping the cost of education minimal to the student."

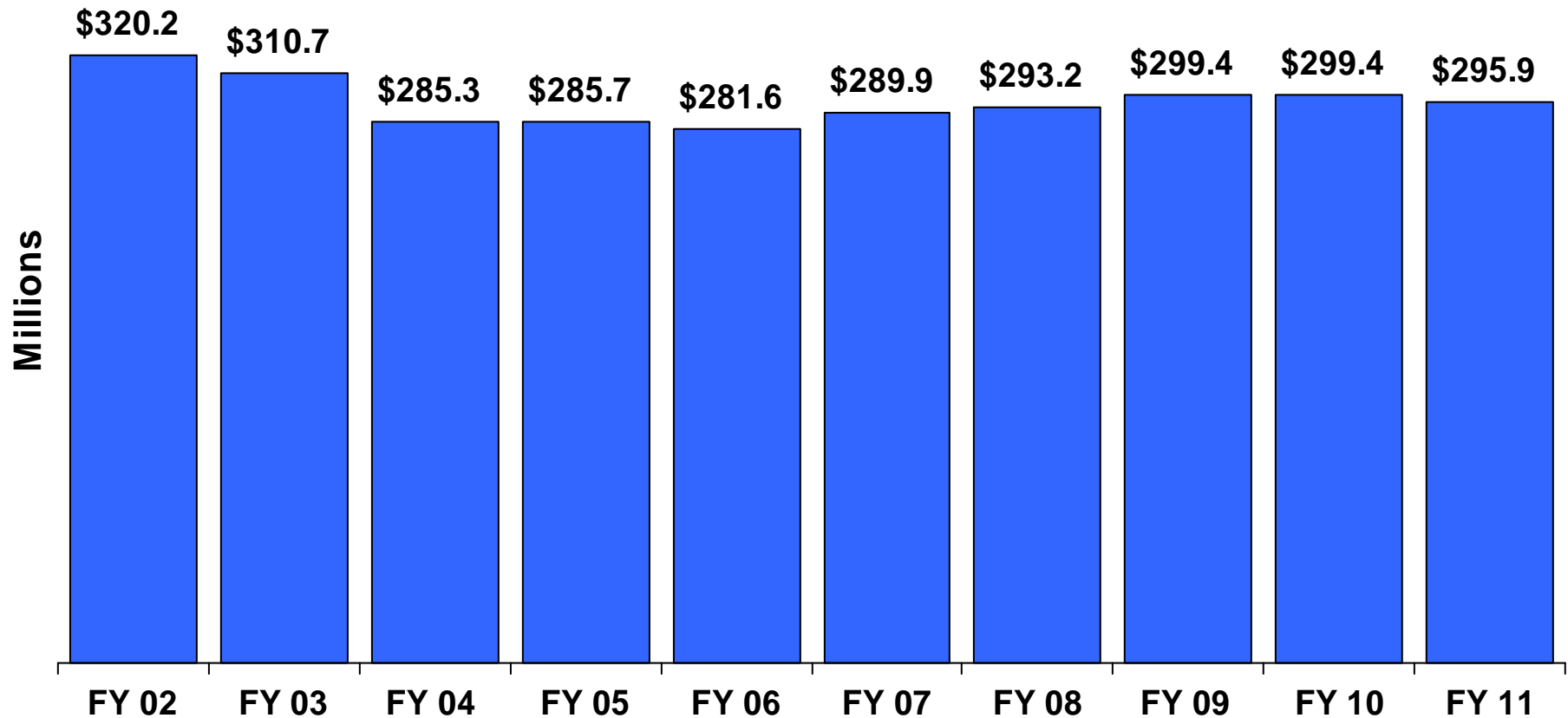
– Michigan Council of Community College Administrators (1964)

"In addition to the provision of the first two years of college work for the thousands of college-bound youth whom they will serve, the community colleges perform other functions. Increasingly we are coming to recognize that the vast group of high school graduates who not do go on to college are tragically ill-prepared to enter the world of work. The beginning unskilled jobs they once filled are rapidly disappearing [...] and there are many adults whose work-skills have become outmoded, and many who have little skill of any sort. The community colleges are ideally situated to take on most of these kinds of education and training".

– Michigan Citizens Committee on Higher Education (1963)

Community Colleges Appropriations

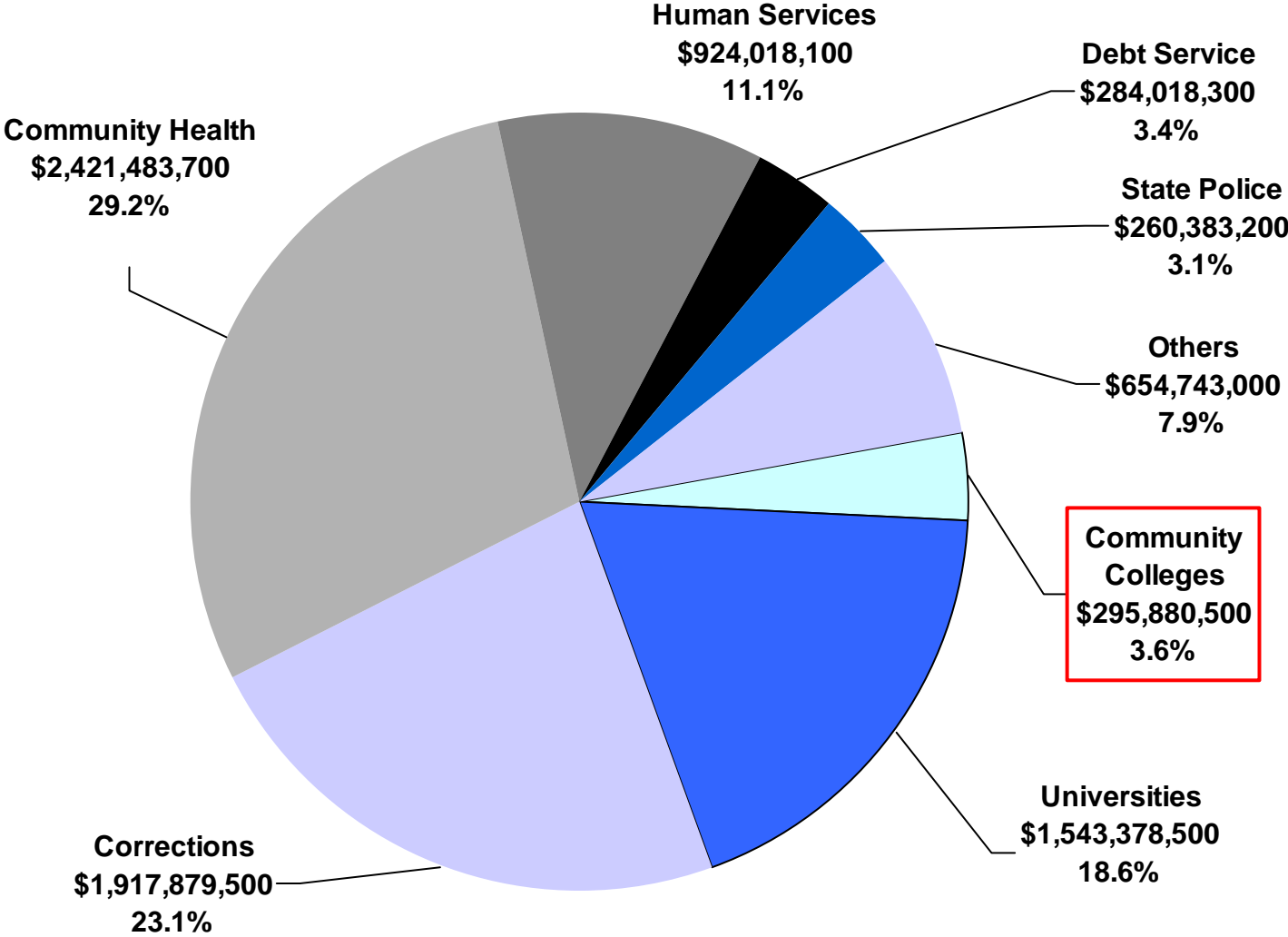
Community College budget is, historically, 100% General Fund/General Purpose. FY 2010 supplemental replaced \$208.4 million GF/GP with SAF. FY 2011 appropriation is \$24.3 million (7.6%) lower than FY 2002 appropriation.



Notes: FY 2006-07 figures include FY 2007-08 \$25.8 million delayed payment reimbursement, but do not include FY 2006-07 retirement savings reduction. FY 2007-08 figures do not include \$25.8 delayed payment reimbursement for reductions taken in FY 2006-07.

Community Colleges Share of State GF/GP

FY 2009-10 GF/GP Total = \$8,301,784,800



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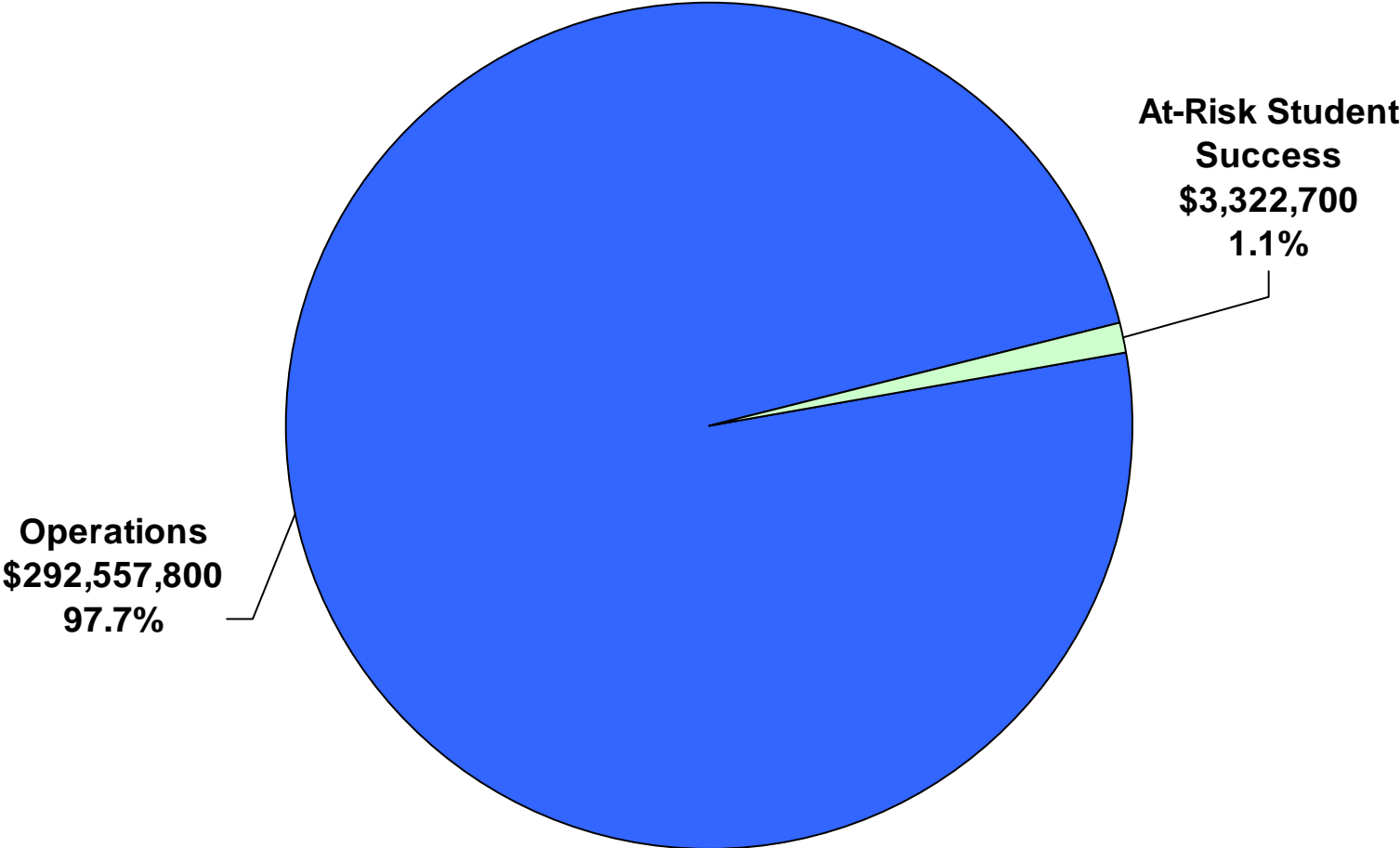
Community College Appropriations

- **The FY 2010-11 Community Colleges budget provides funding to colleges through grants for two purposes:**
 - **General operations**
 - **At-risk student success**

- **Prior years included a reimbursement for property tax revenue foregone because of renaissance zones within the CC district**

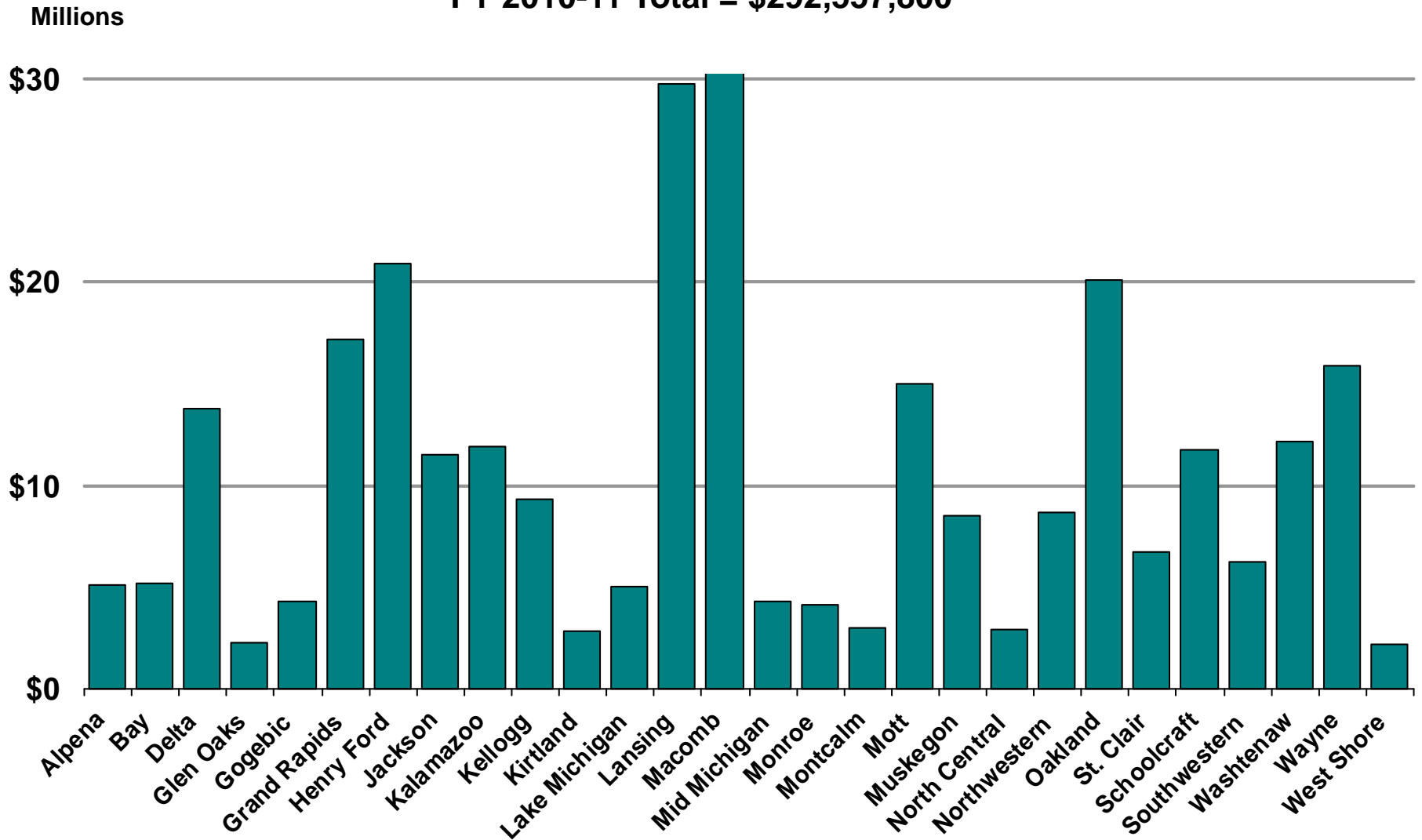
Community College Appropriations

FY 2010-11 Total = \$295,880,500



Operations Grants

FY 2010-11 Total = \$292,557,800

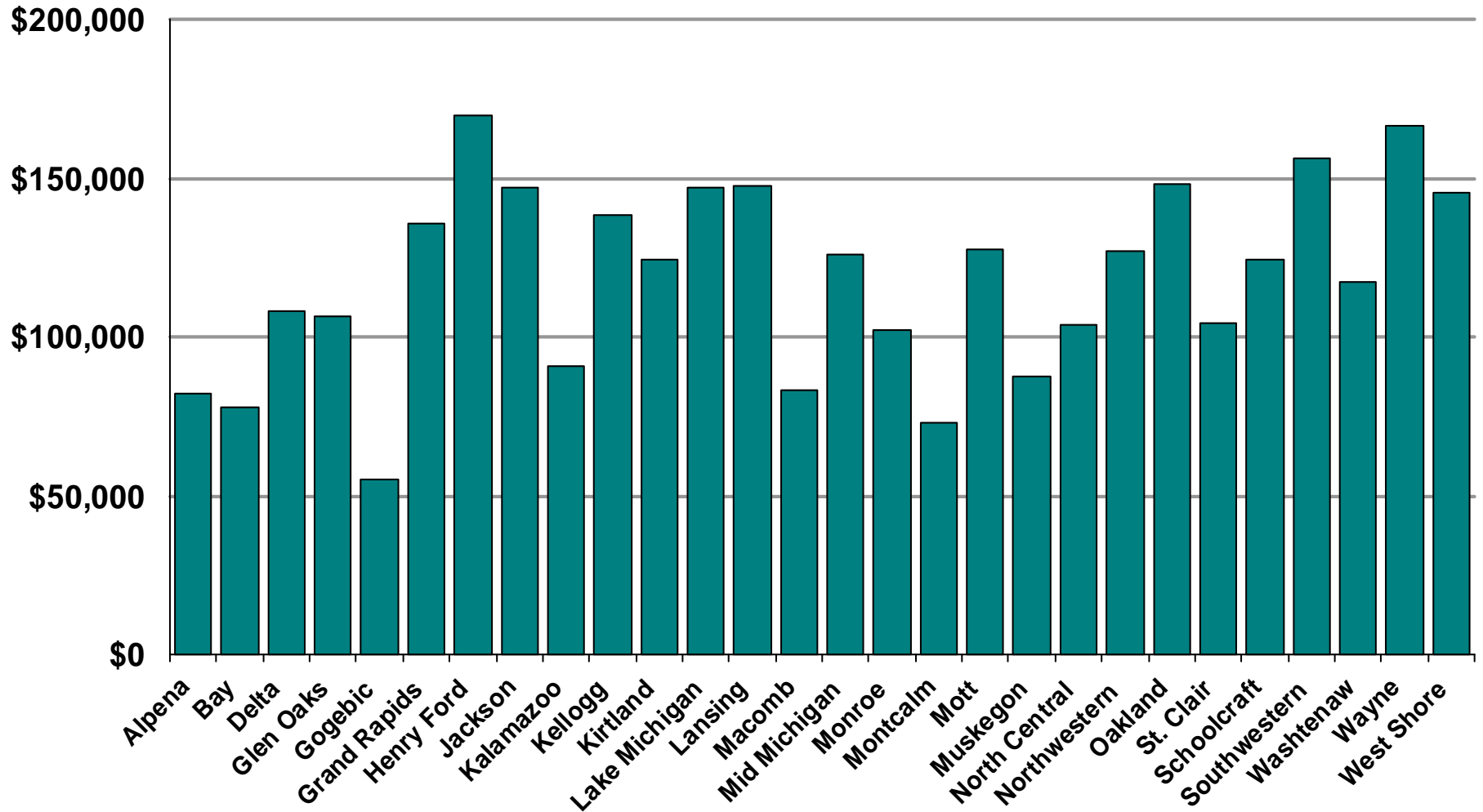


At-Risk Student Success Program

- **\$3.3 million appropriation for At-Risk Student Success Program provides base grant of \$40,000 for each college.**
- **Remaining funds distributed based on each college's ratio of developmental/preparatory contact hours to total contact hours over the last three years.**
- **Funds used**
 - **To address needs of at-risk students, including pre-testing, counseling and other programs.**
 - **For equipment and technology upgrades (must be associated with programs for at-risk students).**
- **At Risk students are those placed in developmental courses, diagnosed as learning disabled, or requiring ESL assistance.**

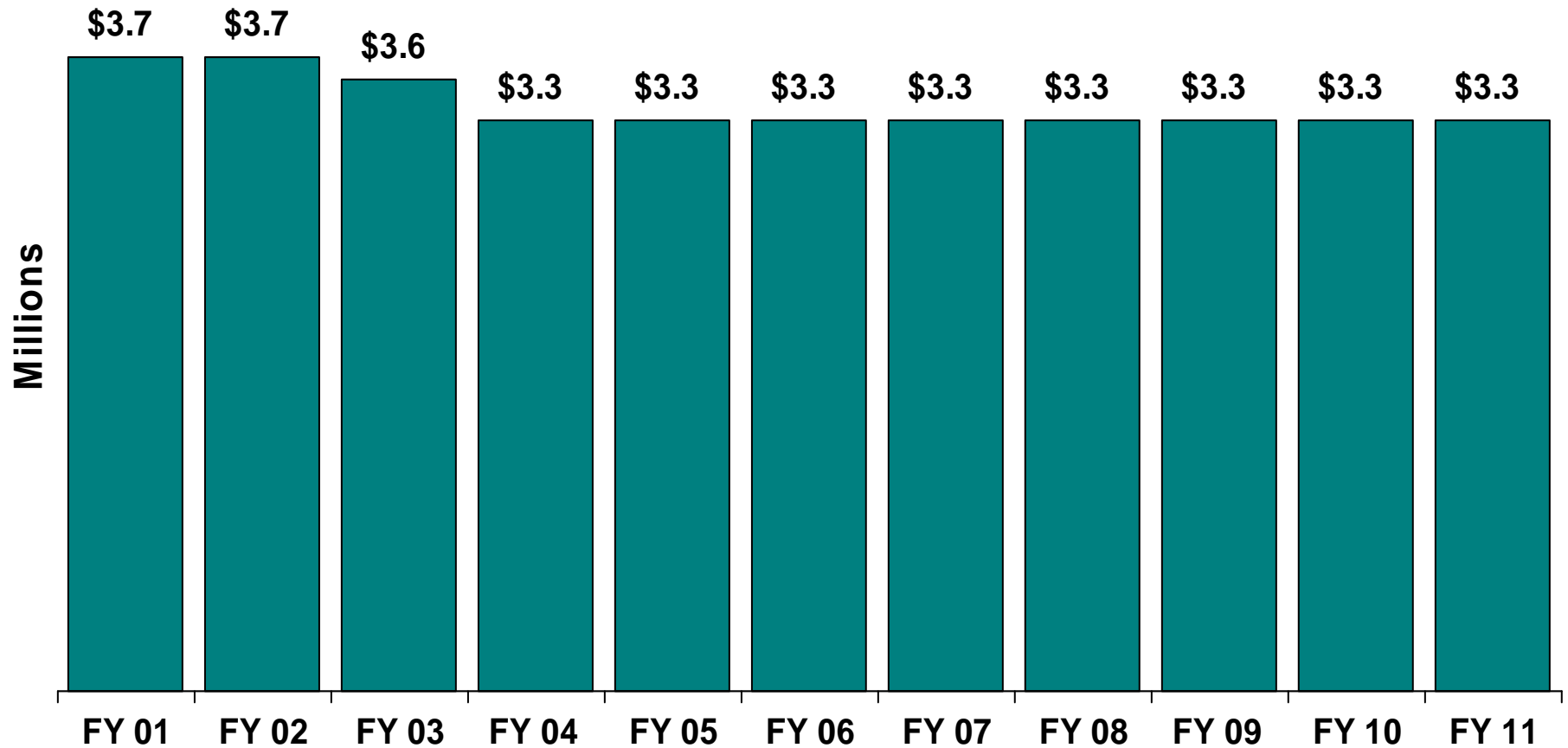
At-Risk Program Grants

FY 2009-10 Total = \$3,322,700



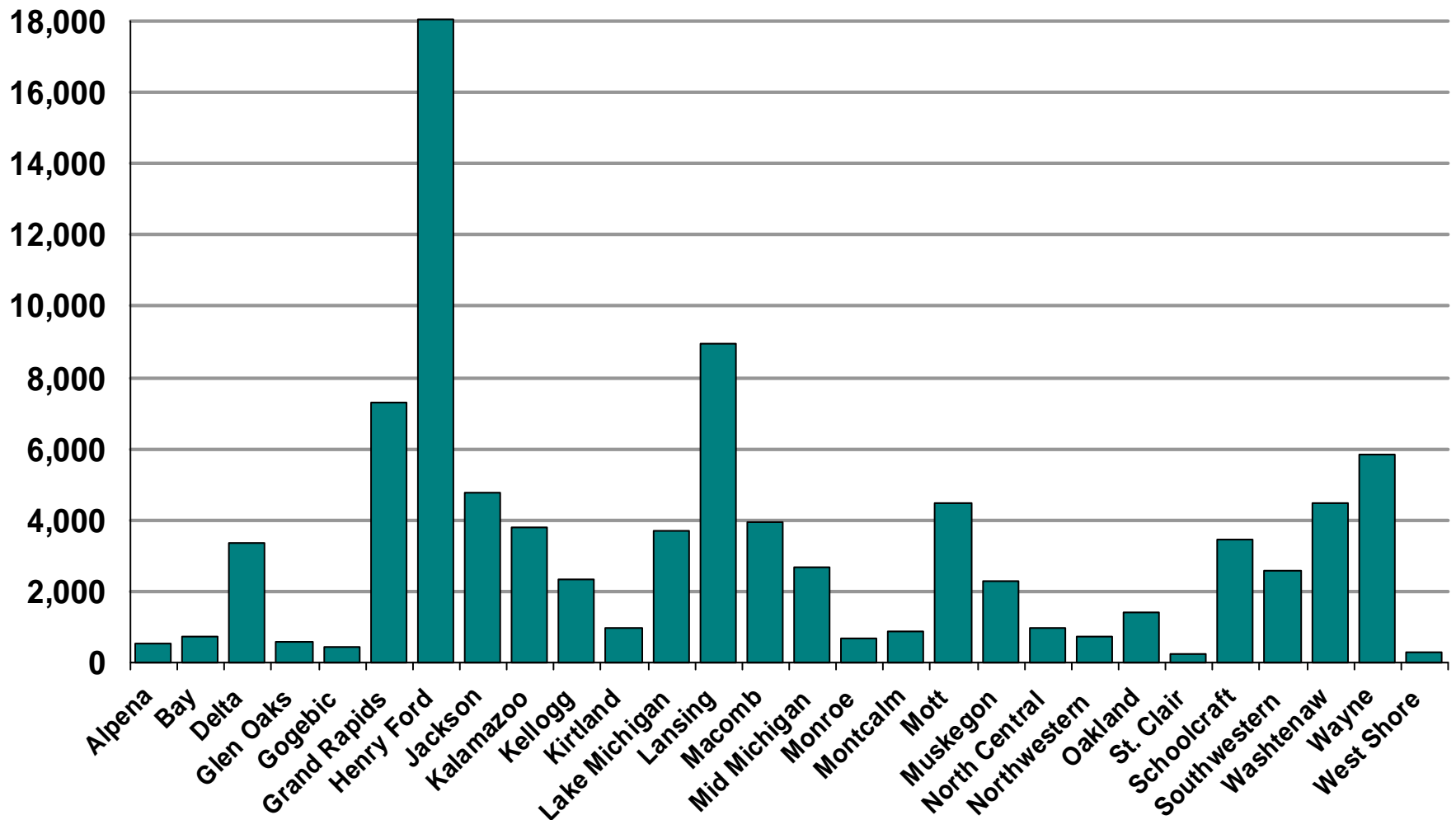
At Risk Program Appropriations

Total funding for At-Risk student programs hasn't been adjusted since FY 2004



At-Risk Program Students Served

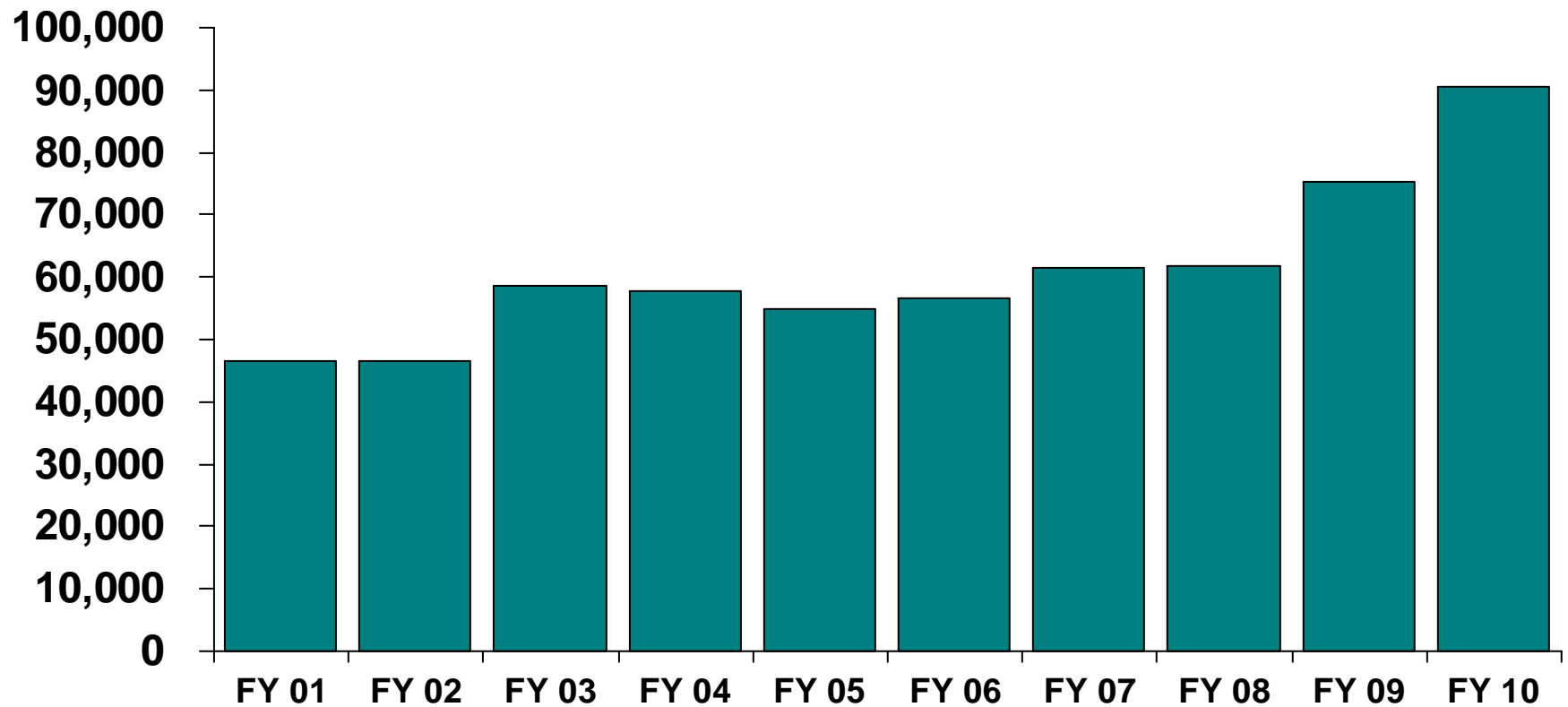
FY 2009-10 Total: 90,515



Source: Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth

At Risk Program Students Served

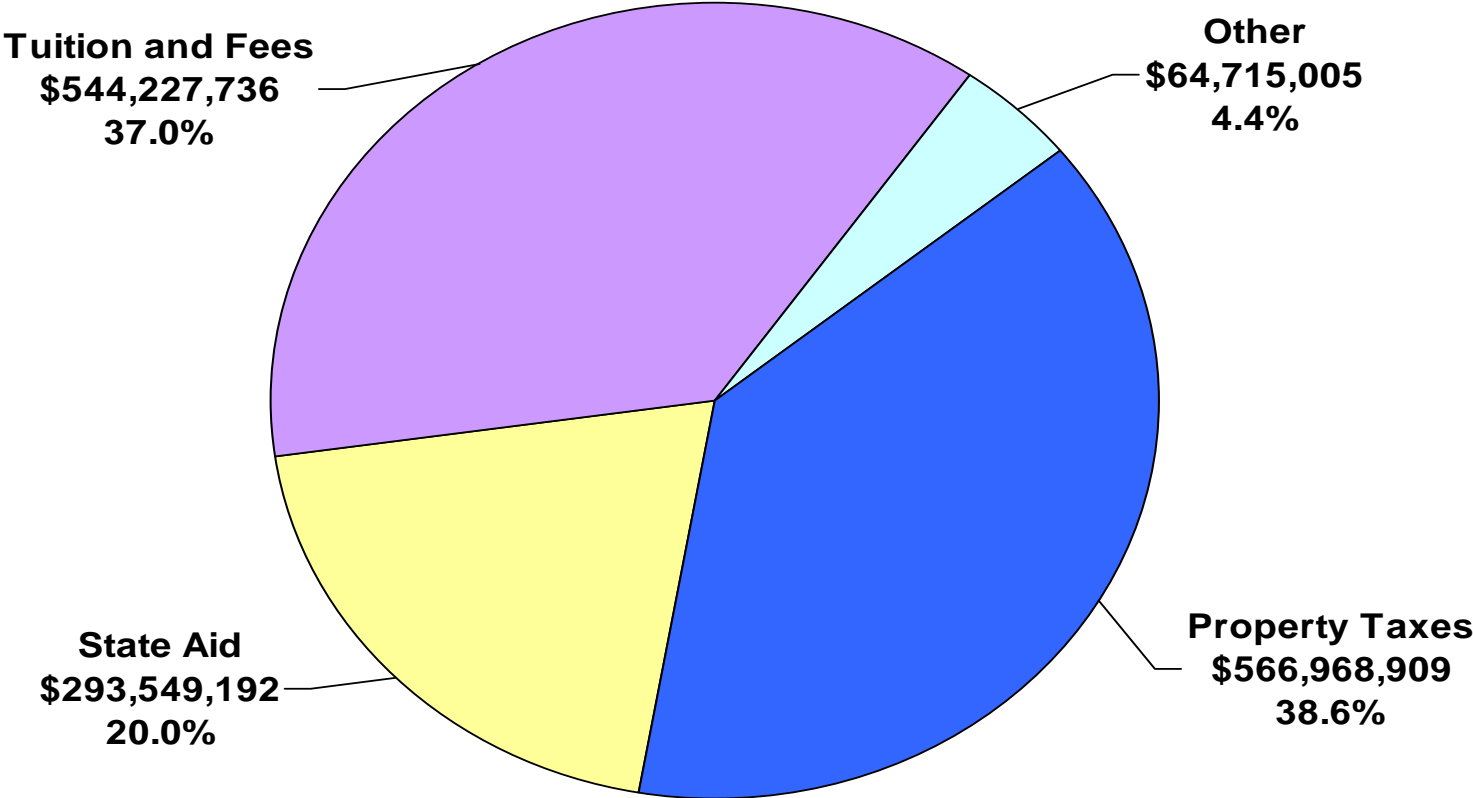
Over the 10-year period from FY 2001 to FY 2010, the number of students receiving at-risk services has increased by 94.1%.



Source: Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth. Note: Total number of students is the unduplicated count.

Community College Operating Fund Revenue

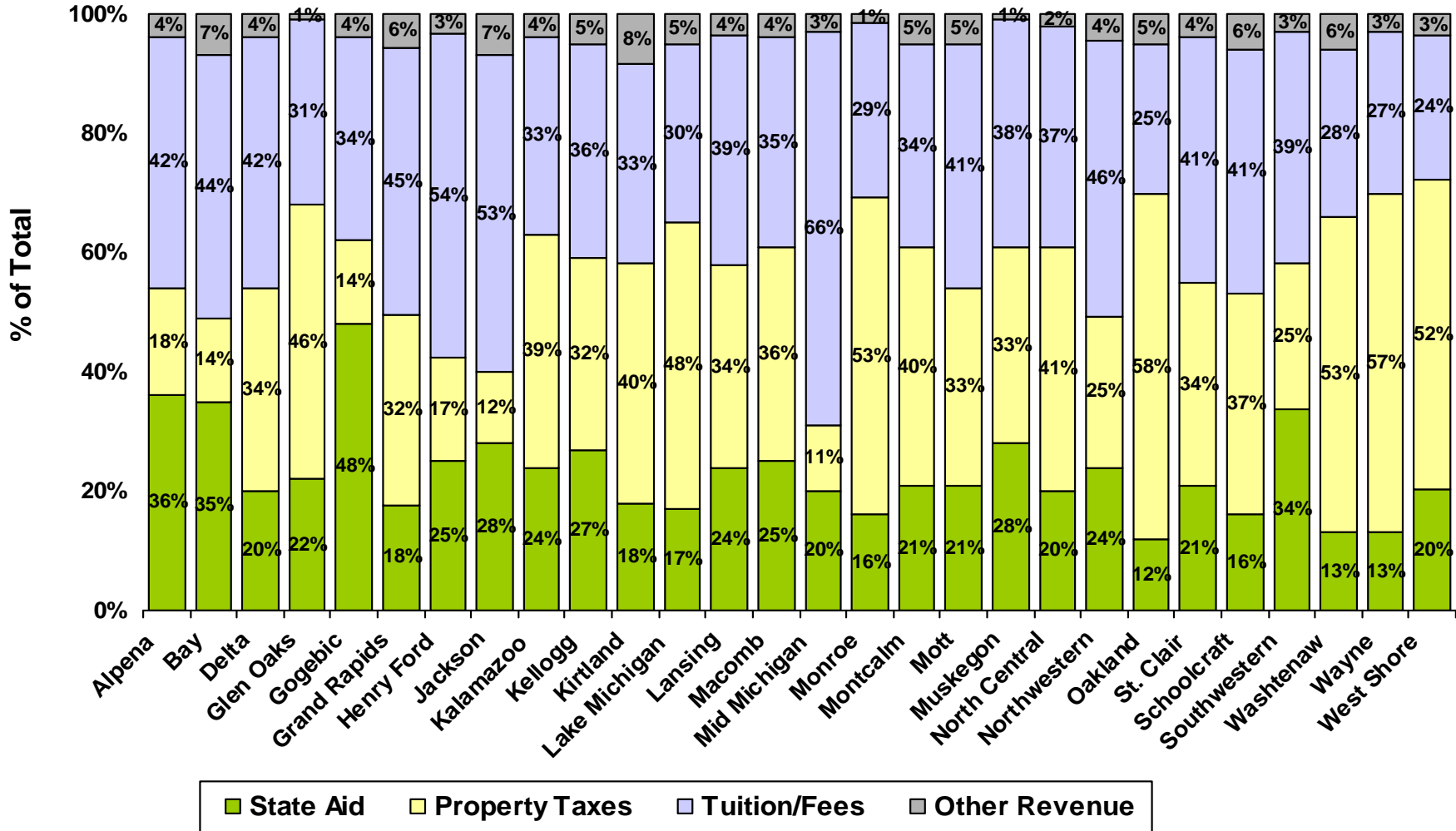
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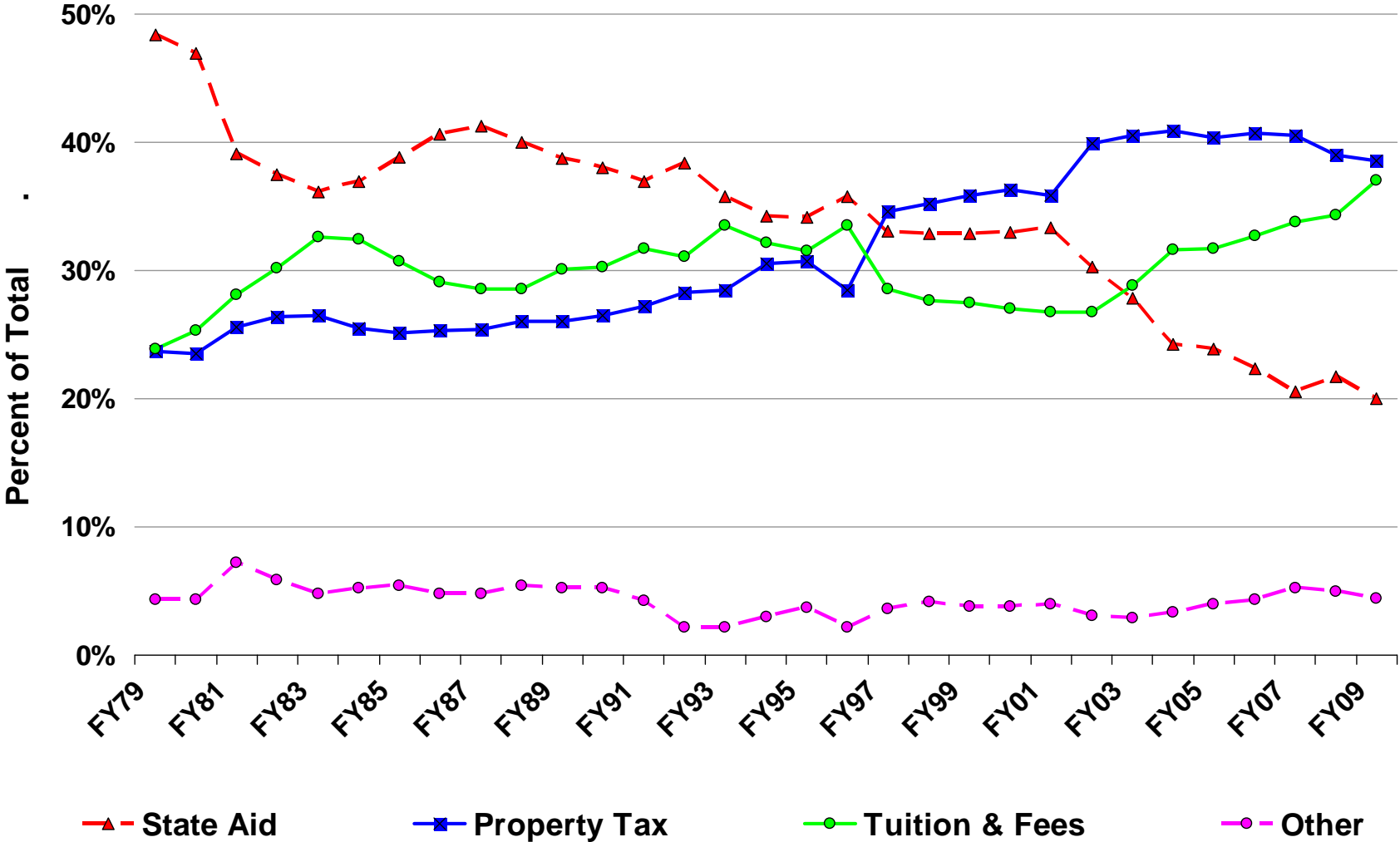
Legislative Study Commission on Higher Education (1957): “The public community colleges of Michigan are supported by funds obtained largely from three sources: student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and local district appropriations. These institutions are the only publicly supported post-high-school educational units whose support is met in part by local tax receipts. In this they manifest the principle usually attached to community colleges, namely, that the best and most direct way to guarantee that they will keep a high emphasis on localized services under local control is to have some local effort expended for their support.”

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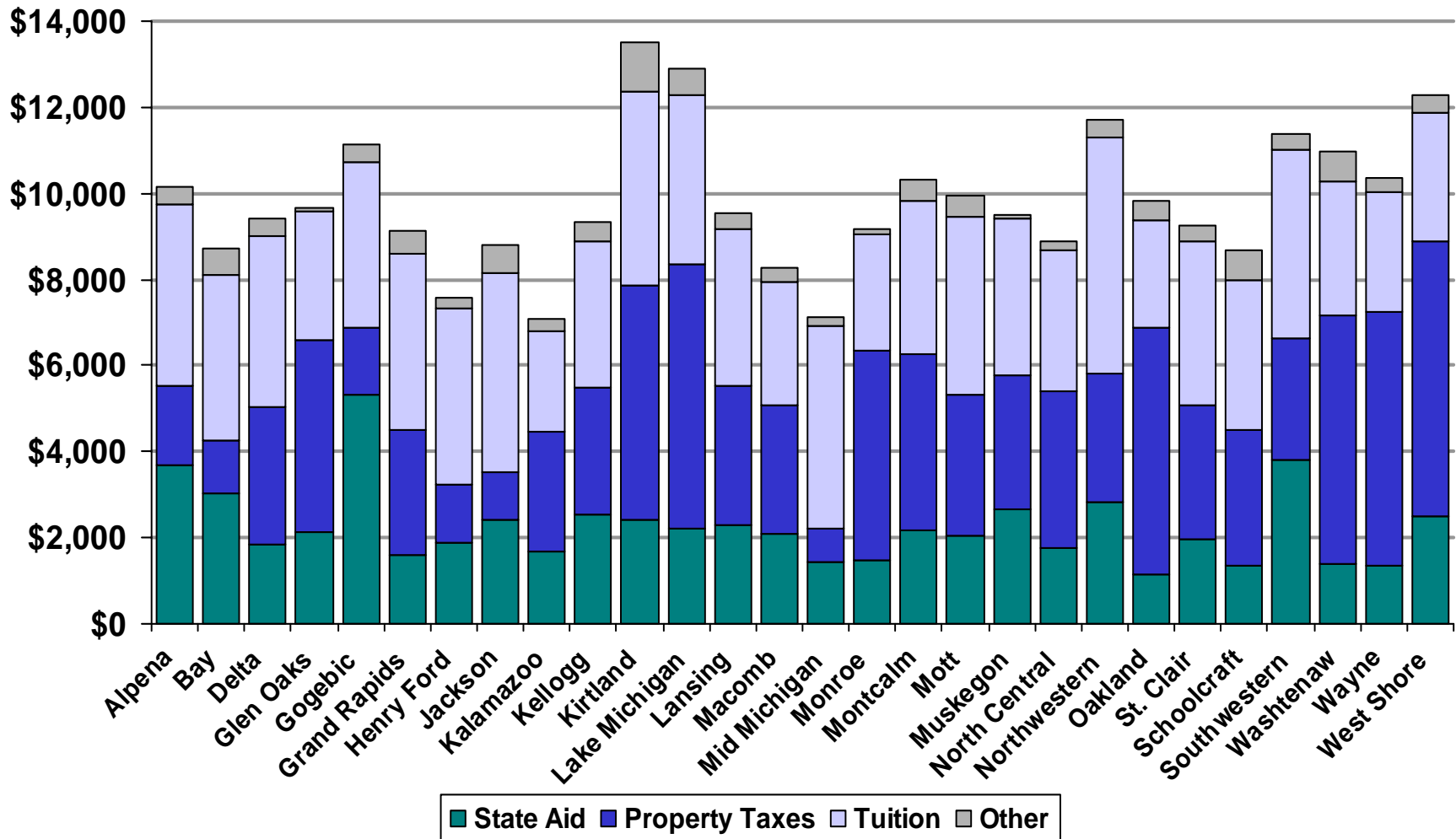
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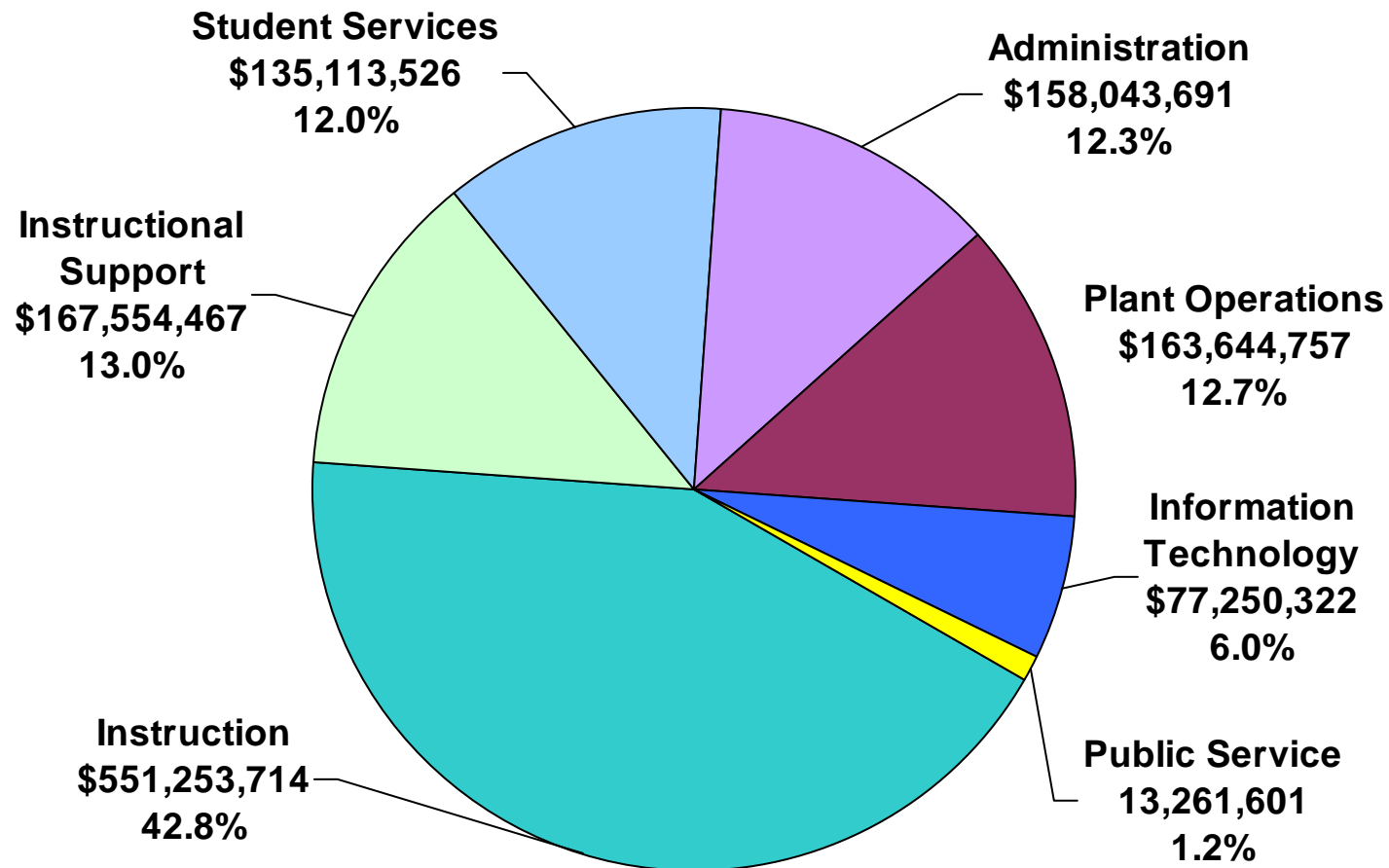
Community College Operating Fund Revenue Per Fiscal Year Equated Student



Source: Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth

Community College Operating Fund Expenditures

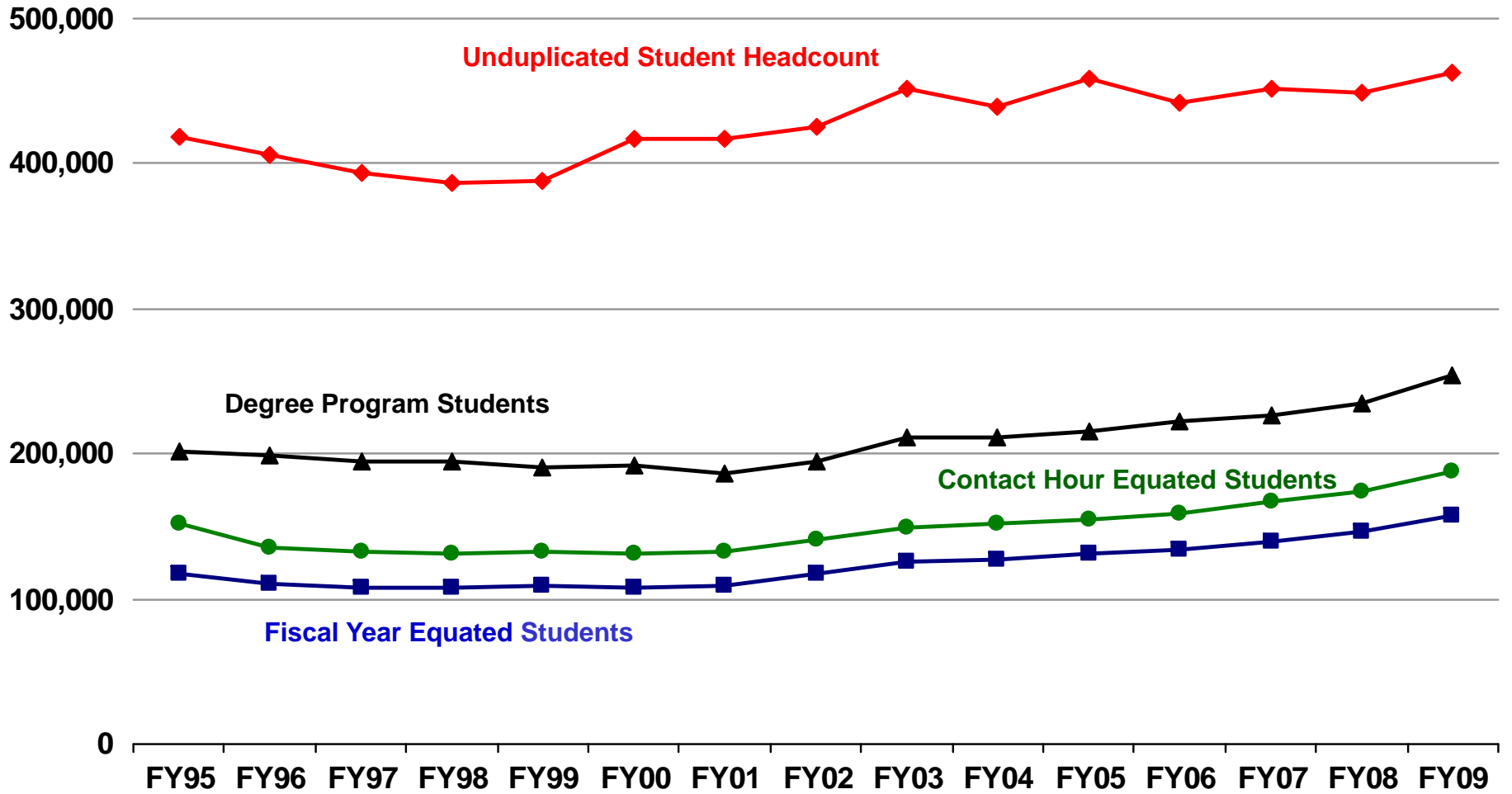
FY 2008-09 Total = \$1,288,918,187



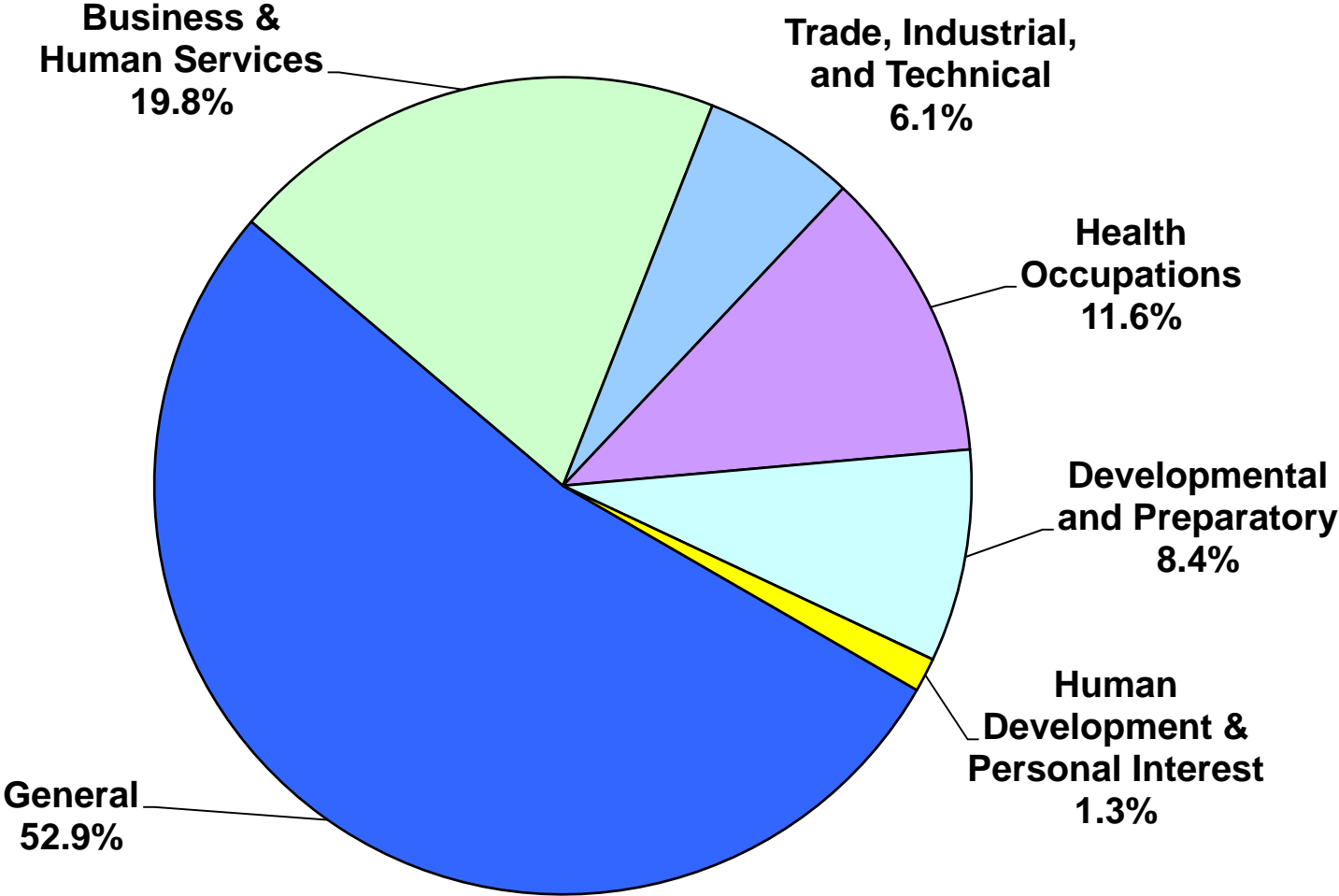
Enrollment Definitions

- **Unduplicated Student Headcount:** total number of students enrolled in at least one course.
- **Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES):** calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 31 semester credit hours.
- **Contact Hour Equated Students (CHES):** calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 496 hours of instruction.

Enrollment History

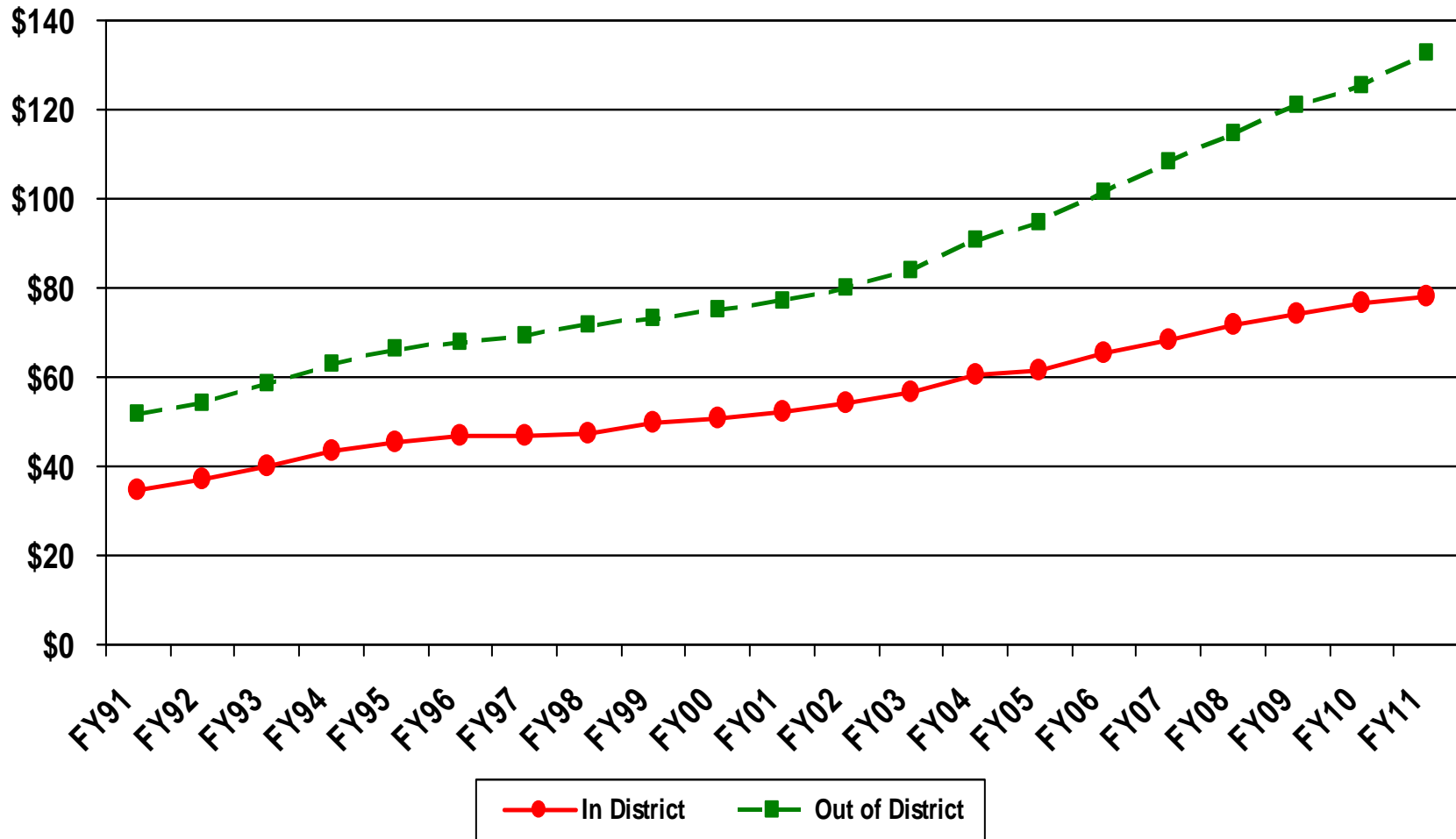


FY 2008-09 Distribution of Students (CHES) by Instructional Area



Tuition Rate History

Average Charge per credit/contact hour

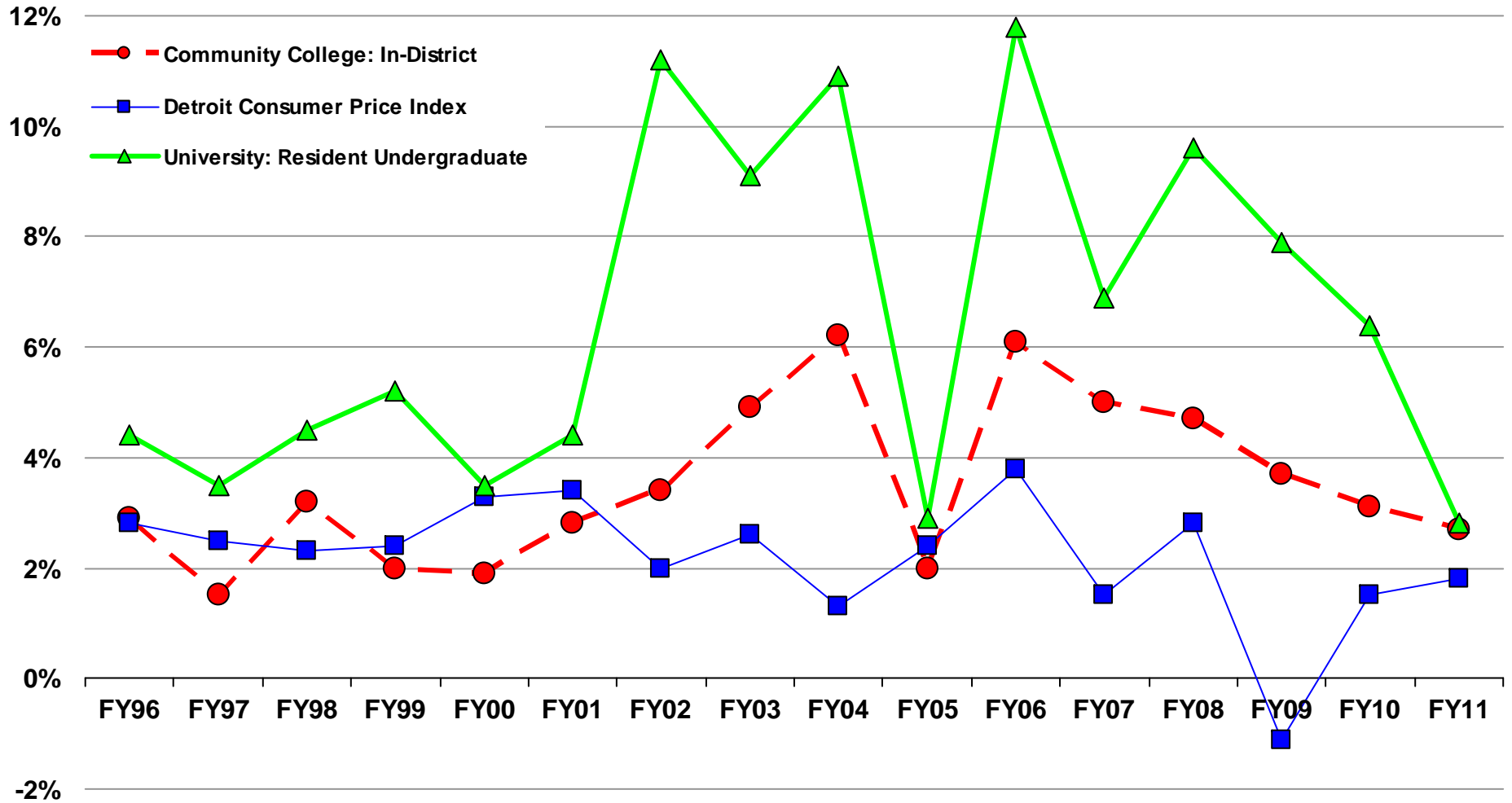


Average Tuition/Fee Costs

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>FY 2010-11 Average Tuition/Fee Costs</u>
State University: Resident Undergraduate	\$9,568
Community College: In-District	\$2,729

Note: Costs based on 30 semester credit hours; assumes no excess contact hours

Increase in Average Tuition Rates



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