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Budget Briefing: General Government

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General Government

The General Government appropriations act includes budgets for the following departments and agencies. Individual budgets are described in more detail in the budget-specific briefings located here:

- Attorney General
- Civil Rights
- Executive Office
- Legislature/Legislative Auditor General
- State
- Technology, Management, and Budget (including Civil Service Commission and Information Technology)
- Treasury (including Bureau of State Lottery, Michigan Gaming Control Board, Revenue Sharing, and State Building Authority)

Key Budget Terms

Fiscal Year: The state's fiscal year (FY) runs from October to September. FY 2026-27 is October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Appropriation: Authority to expend funds. An appropriation is not a mandate to spend. Constitutionally, state funds cannot be expended without an appropriation by the legislature.

Line Item: Specific appropriation amount that establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function in a budget bill.

Boilerplate: Specific language sections in a budget bill that direct, limit, or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

Lapses: Appropriated amounts that are unspent or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year. Appropriations are automatically terminated at the end of a fiscal year unless designated as a multi-year work project under a statutory process. Lapsed funds are available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, historical budget figures in this presentation have not been adjusted for inflation.

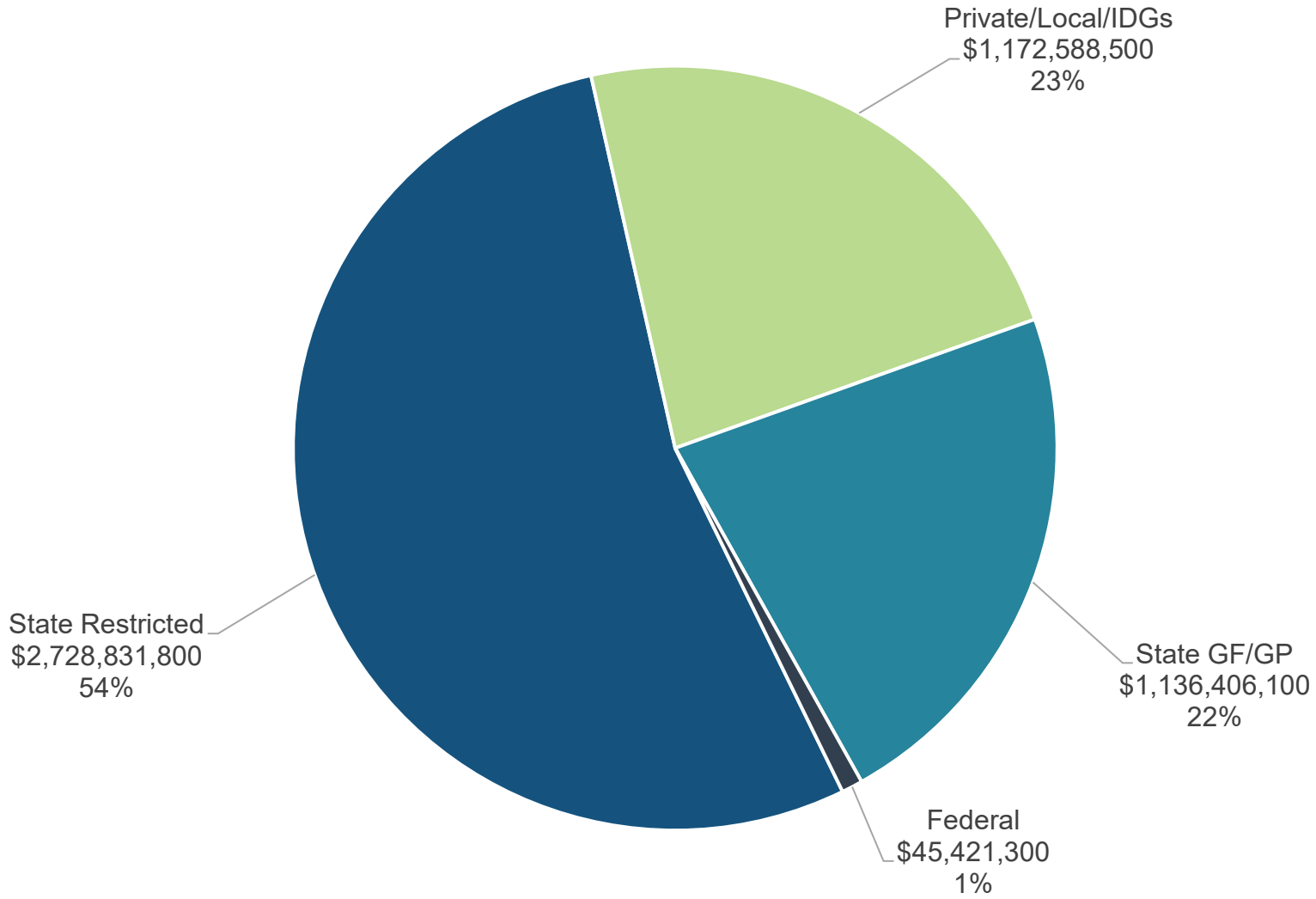
Funding Sources

FY 2026-27 General Government Budget

Fund Source	Funding	Description
Gross Appropriations	$5,083,247,700	Total spending authority from all revenue sources
Interdepartmental Grants (IDG) Revenue	1,151,386,200	Funds received by one state department from another state department, usually for services provided
Adjusted Gross Appropriations	$3,931,861,500	Gross appropriations excluding IDGs; avoids double counting when adding appropriation amounts across budget areas
Federal Revenue	45,421,300	Federal grant or matching revenue; generally dedicated to specific programs or purposes
Local Revenue	19,298,800	Revenue received from local units of government for state services
Private Revenue	1,903,500	Revenue from individuals and private entities, including payments for services, grants, and other contributions
State Restricted Revenue	2,728,831,800	State revenue restricted by the State Constitution, state statute, or outside restriction that is available only for specified purposes; includes most fee revenue
State General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Revenue	$1,136,406,100	Unrestricted revenue from taxes and other sources available to fund basic state programs and other purposes determined by the legislature

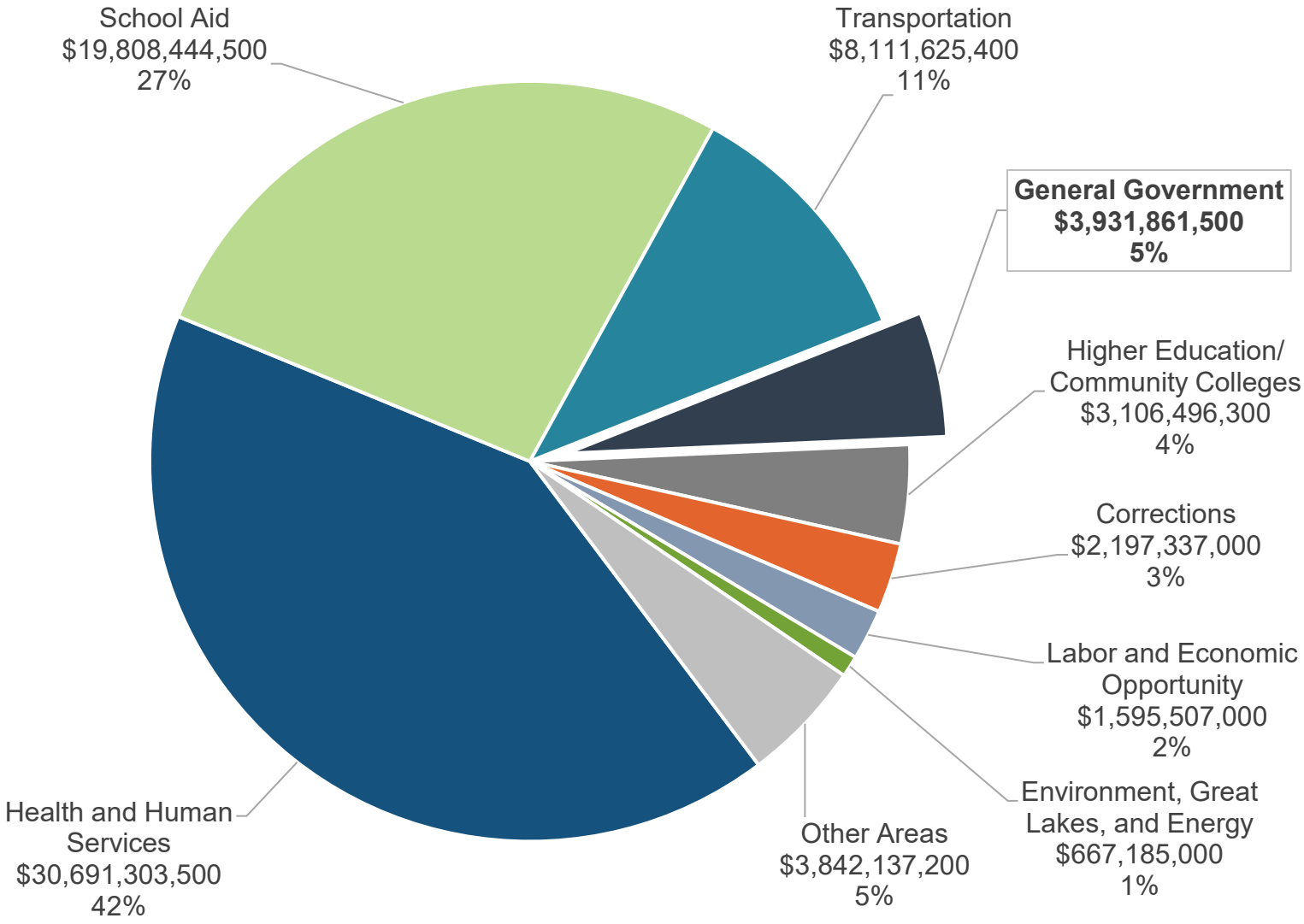
FY 2026-27 Fund Sources

Almost **54%** of the **$5.1 billion** General Government budget is funded by restricted revenue, mainly sales tax revenue supporting revenue sharing payments to local units of government.



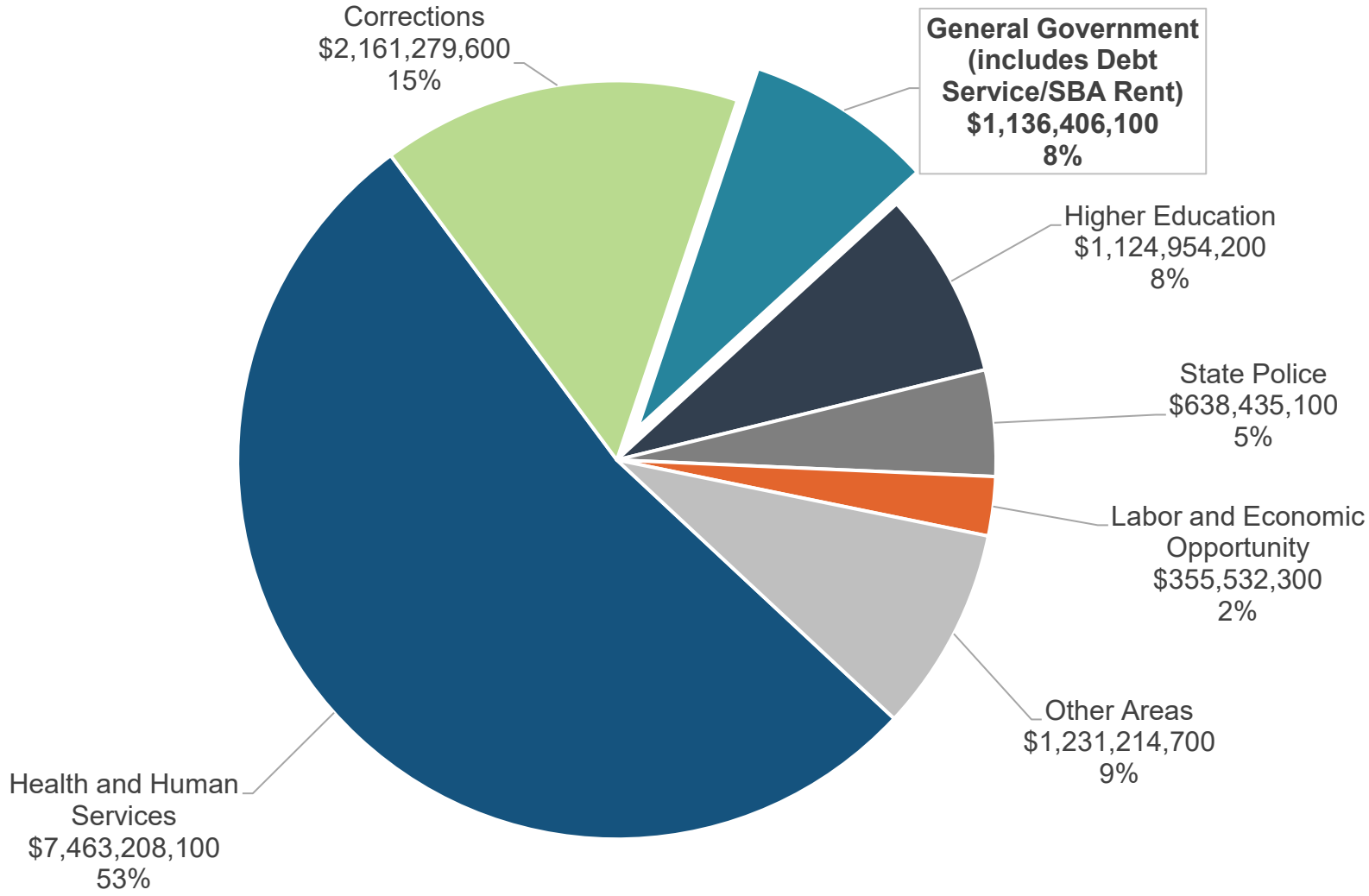
General Government Share of Total State Budget

The General Government budget, including revenue sharing, represents **5%** of the **$74.0 billion** state budget (adjusted gross) for FY 2026-27.



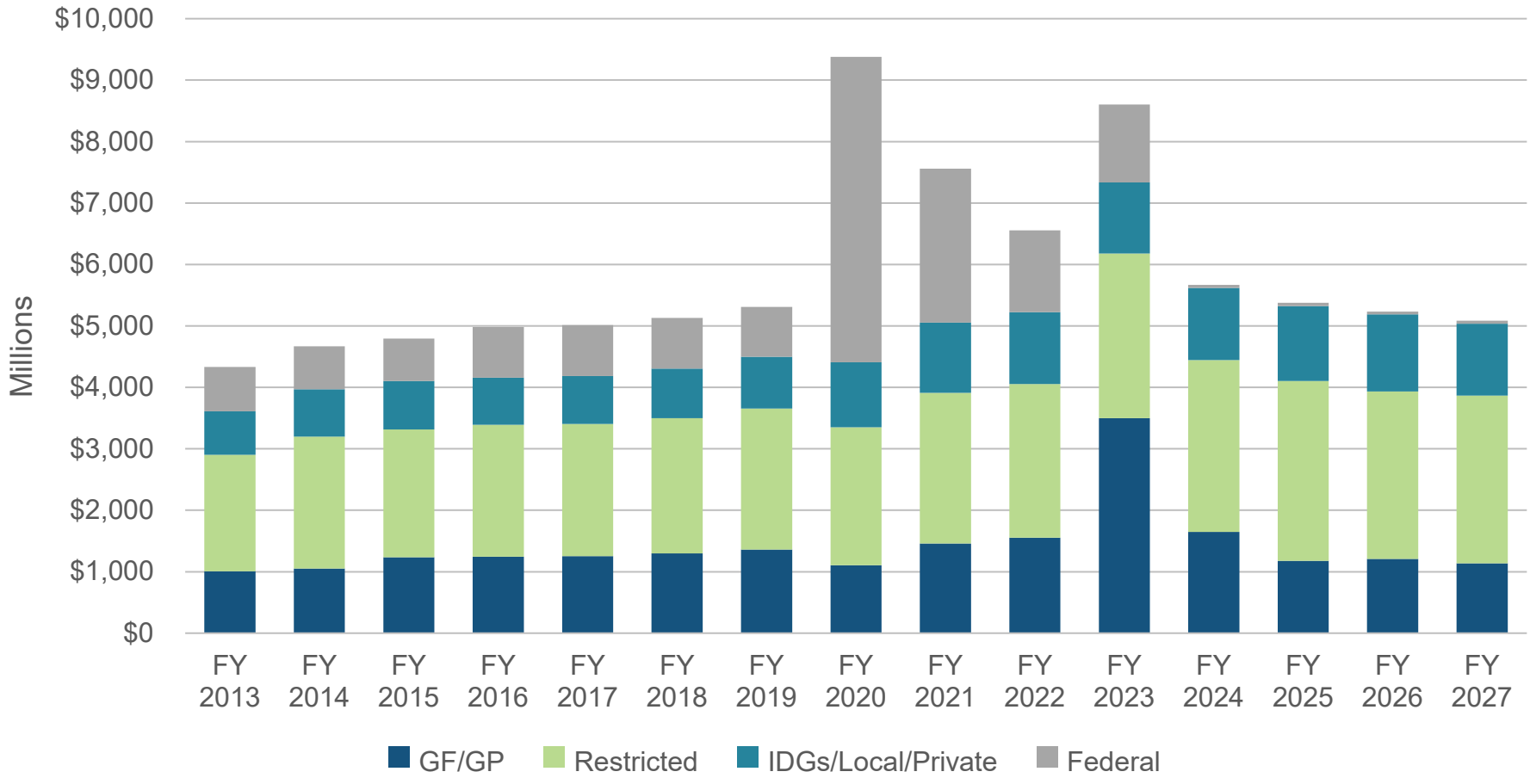
General Government Share of Total GF/GP Budget

The General Government budget, including Debt Service and SBA Rent, represents approximately **8%** of the state's **$14.1 billion** GF/GP budget for FY 2026-27.



General Government Funding History

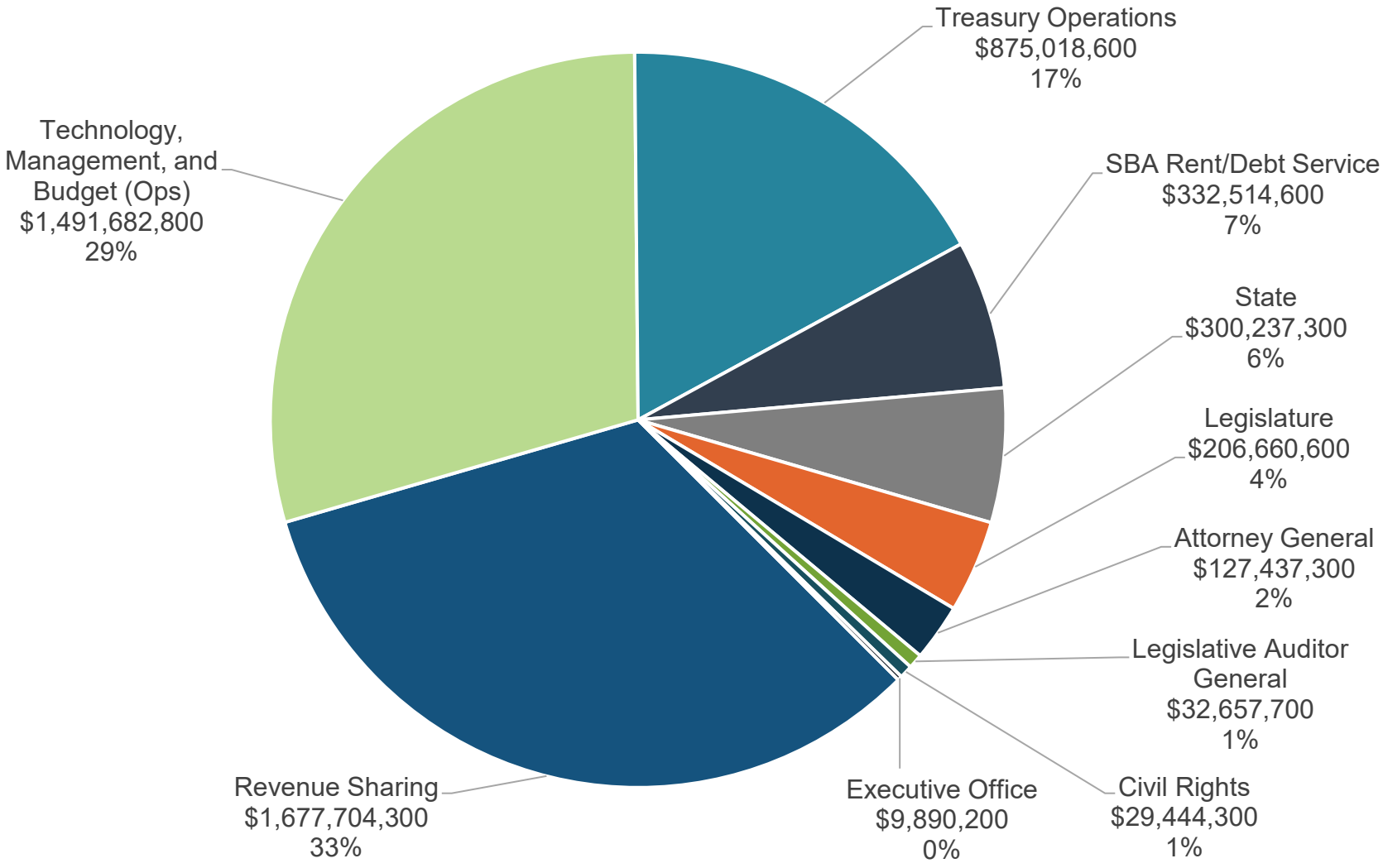
Funding for General Government has grown by **17.3%** since FY 2012-13, driven mainly by the inclusion of Michigan State Housing Development Authority (FY 2011), Workforce Development (FY 2012), Unemployment Insurance Agency (FY 2016), and Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) in FY 2020. The decrease in FY 2024 is due to the removal of LEO and related entities from the General Government budget.



Appropriation Areas

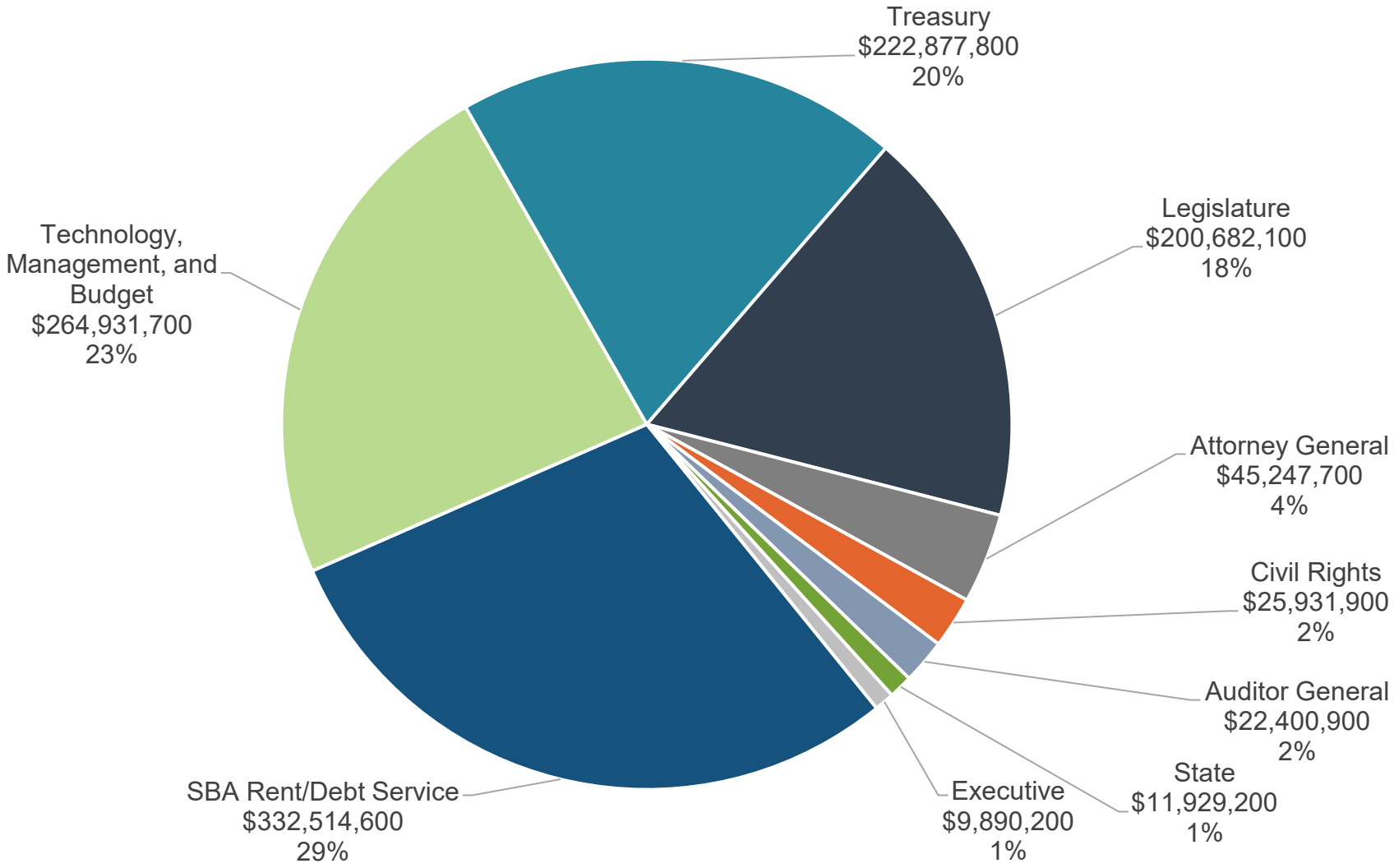
FY 2026-27 Gross Appropriations

Of the **$5.1 billion** General Government budget, **33%** supports revenue sharing payments under Treasury. The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget has the largest department operating budget at **29%**.



FY 2026-27 GF/GP Appropriations

Approximately **29%** of GF/GP funds (totaling **$1.1 billion**) support SBA Rent (debt service on capital outlay state share) and Debt Service on State General Obligation Bonds. DTMB makes up the largest percentage of GF/GP for departmental operations at **23%**.



For more information about the General Government budget:

HFA Resources

http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/GeneralGovernment.asp

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