

Office of the General Treasurer

Governor's FY 2025 Revised and FY 2026
Budgets

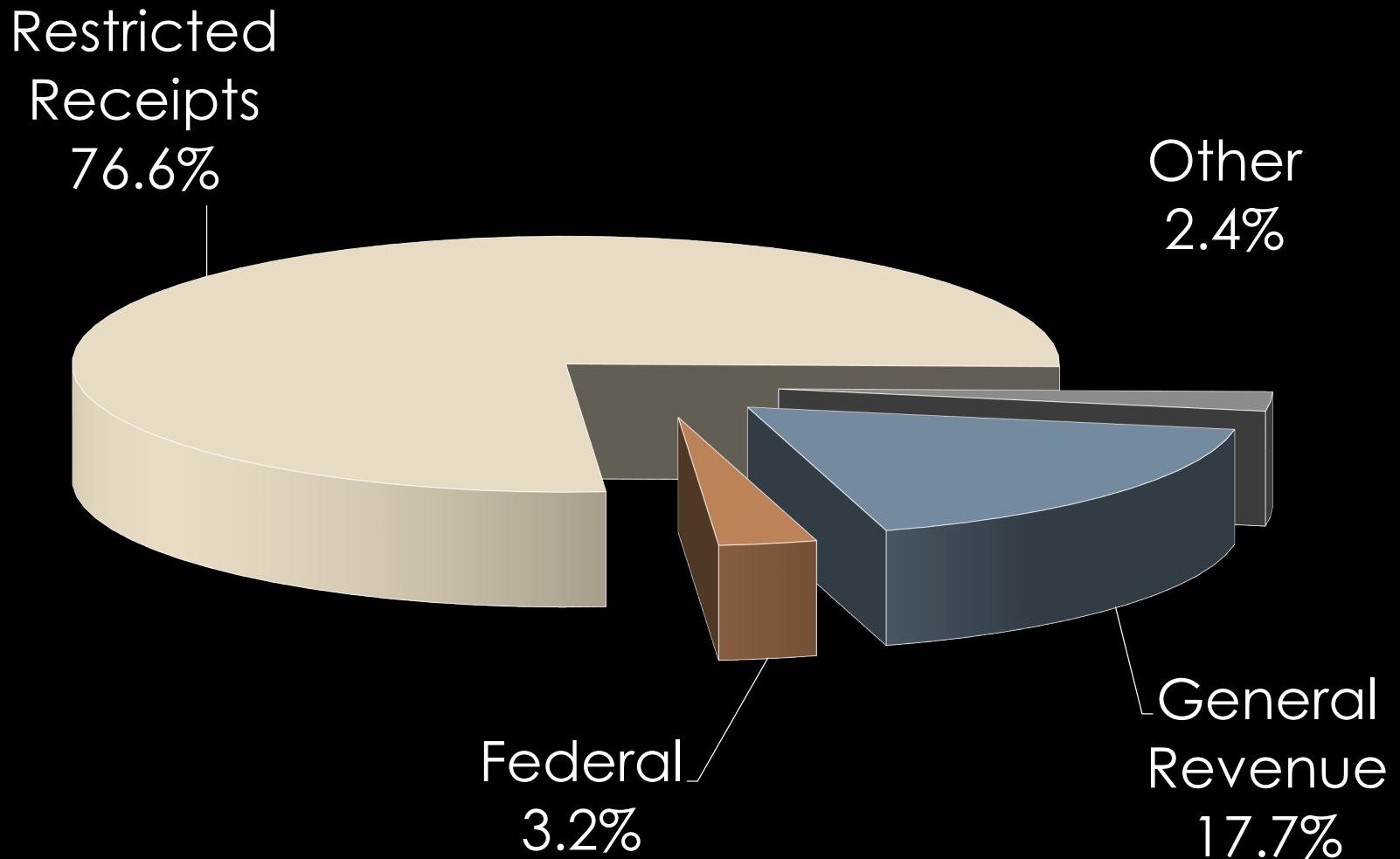
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Summary By Program

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2025 Revised	FY 2026 Governor
General Treasury	\$5.0	\$5.1	\$4.7
Unclaimed Property	3.0	3.1	3.3
Retirement System	14.2	14.7	16.3
Crime Victim Compensation	1.7	1.6	1.7
Total	\$23.9	\$24.6	\$26.0
FTE	91.0	91.0	92.0

\$ in millions

FY 2026 Summary By Source



Crime Victim Compensation

- Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1996 enables state to compensate innocent victims of violent crimes for certain expenses
 - Medical, dental and hospital expenses
 - Mental health counseling expenses
 - Funeral and burial expenses
 - Relocation expenses
 - Loss of earnings (victim only)
 - Loss of support (dependents of homicide victim)

Crime Victim Compensation

Offense Charged	Fine
Felony w/ max penalty 5 > years	Greater of \$150 or 15% of fine
Felony w/ max penalty < 5 years	Greater of \$90 or 15% of fine
Misdemeanor	Greater of \$30 or 15% of fine

- Amounts unchanged since 1996
- Multiple counts may be capped at 2

Crime Victim Funding

- Restricted Receipts
 - Court fees
- Federal Funds
 - 75% match of claims paid by state
 - Increased from 60% in 2021
- General Revenues
 - \$2.2 million in FY 2000 through FY 2002
 - \$0.5 million in FY 2003
 - \$0.5 million for Station Fire in FY 2005
 - General revenue support for regular claims resumed in FY 2019

Crime Victim Funding

- Receipts began declining in FY 2013
 - As restricted receipts decrease, so do federal funds
- Large increase in claims in FY 2017
 - Office began implementing changes in FY 2018 about how relocation claims are handled
 - Limiting rent reimbursements to market rates

	Total	Claims	Avg. Value	Chg. to Prior Avg.
FY 2020	\$1,015,404	349	\$2,909	31.0%
FY 2021	\$908,843	287	\$3,167	8.7%
FY 2022	\$834,806	242	\$3,450	8.9%
FY 2023	\$803,544	244	\$3,293	-4.6%
FY 2024	\$720,175	215	\$3,350	1.7%

Unclaimed Property

- Unclaimed property holders file it with Treasurer
 - Attempts to find owners
- Amounts remaining after expenses & returns to owners are sent to state general revenues
 - Portion is set aside in case people claim money before new revenues come in
- Baby Bonds proposal reduces transfer in FY 2027

November Revenue Estimate Conference		
	FY 2025	FY 2026
Claims	\$15.0	\$15.0
Transfer to GR	\$21.3	\$20.5

\$ in millions

Article 10, Secs. 3 & 4 – Baby Bonds

- Article 10 creates the Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust
 - \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child
 - Born on or after January 1, 2026
 - Born to a family enrolled in RI Works Program
 - Within the first twelve months of their life
 - Authorizes General Treasurer to manage, invest, and administer funds
 - Shall accrue interest until child's 18th birthday

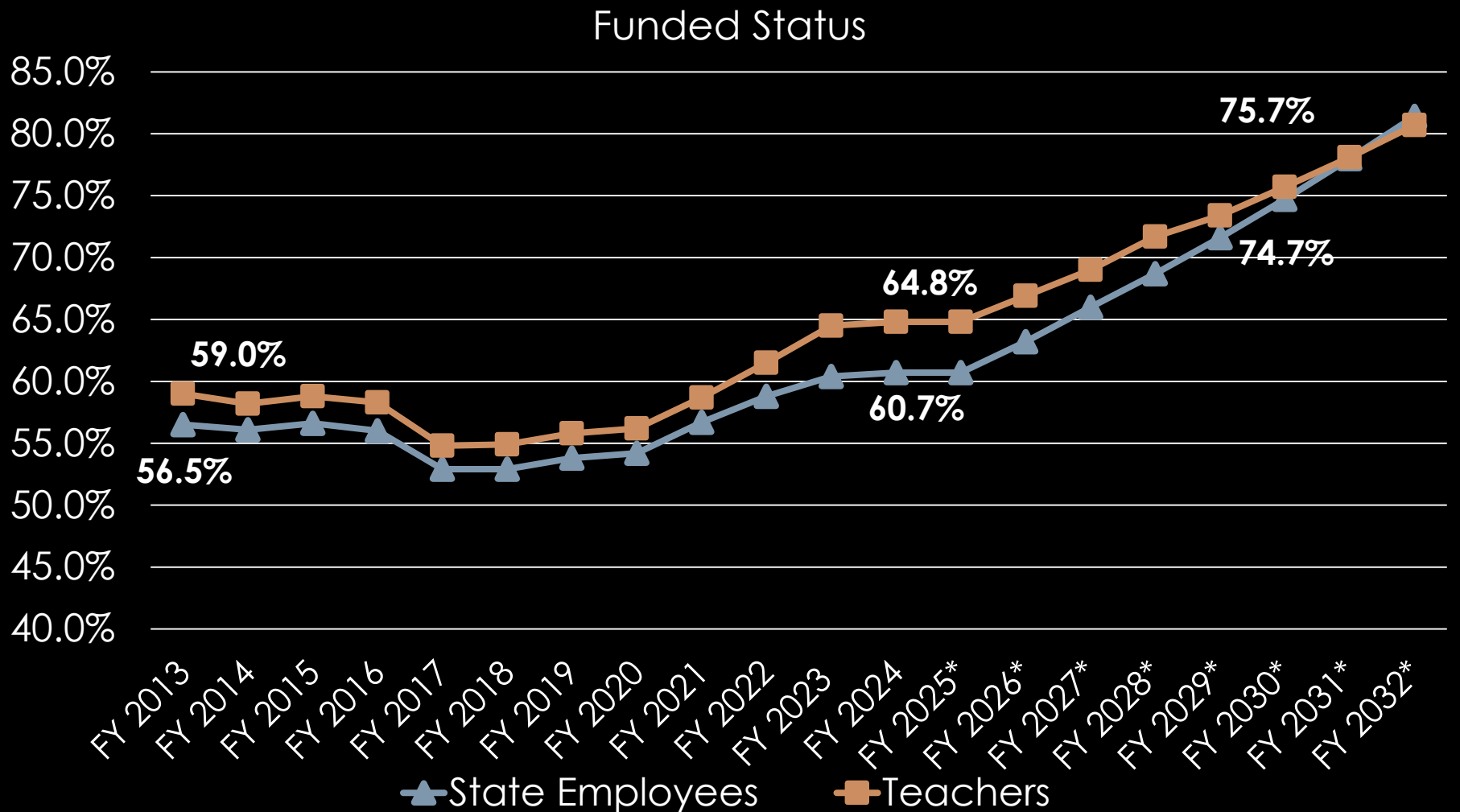
Retirement System

- Administrative costs are funded from 0.175% of average total investments
 - \$14.7 million for FY 2025
 - \$16.3 million for FY 2026

FY 2026 Changes to Enacted Budget	
New Cybersecurity FTE *	\$0.1
Other personnel	1.0
Computer system	1.0
Other expenses	(0.0)
Total	\$2.1

\$ in millions; *50% of cost

Retirement System



CollegeBound Saver

- Admin responsibility for the state's tuition savings program transferred in FY 2016
 - From HEAA to Treasurer's Office
- Investments managed by Fund manager
 - State Investment Commission responsible for oversight & plan selection
- Fees support program & state scholarship programs

CollegeBound Saver

- Fees generate \$3M to \$4M annually
 - CollegeBound Saver fees funded (whole or partially)
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Last Dollar Scholarship
 - OPC also receives fees for operations
- Fees have been declining
 - Governor includes \$3.4 million for Last Dollar only

Fiscal Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*	2025*	2026*
Fees	\$6.2	\$5.7	\$5.6	\$4.9	\$4.1	\$3.9	\$3.8	\$3.8

\$ in millions, *estimated

Office of Debt Management

- 2016 Assembly funded new Office
 - Monitor/manage process by which governmental units issue/manage public debt
- \$160,000 from general revenues for next debt affordability study
 - Study required at least every two years
 - 4th affordability study issued Dec. 14, 2023
 - Recommendations for debt capacity of state, municipal, & quasi-public entities

Cash Management Assessment

- FY 2022 & FY 2023 financials finding
 - Operations complexity has increased without necessary investments in technology & staff to ensure internal control best practices
 - Deputy cash manager hired during FY 2024 to address the finding
- Office also issued RFP in FY 2024 seeking
 - Assessment cash-related activities & recommendations
 - Efficiencies and improvements
 - Best practices

Cash Management Assessment

- FY 2026 Budget Request
 - Office requests funding for selected vendor in current year
 - Phase I – \$140K GR for FY 2025 revised
 - \$140,000 GR for assessment/recommendations
 - Also requests Phase II RFP
 - Banking services & proposal evaluation
 - \$150K GR for FY 2026
 - Governor recommends funding as requested for both items

Medical Debt

- FY 2025 budget has one-time \$1.0 million to discharge certain medical debt
 - Treasurer's Office has contracted with Undue Medical Debt
- FY 2026 request includes \$1.0 million for an additional year
 - Governor does not recommend
 - Unspent funds reappropriate to FY 2026

Move

- Request - \$350,000 for possible move
 - DCAMM notified Office that ERSRI would need to move from Warwick location
 - DCAMM made later decision not to move tenants during renovations
- Governor adds \$31M RICAP for FY 2026
 - Acquire & renovate 115 Tripps Lane in E.P.
 - Administration's plan is to move 50 Service Avenue operations to new facility

Current Locations

Entity	# Staff/ Workstations	Current location	Sq. Feet
DEM	300	Foundry	126,184
Statewide Planning*	24		
DHS	424	DOA, Hazard & Louis Pasteur	74,719
ETSS (Mailroom, Data Center & Telecom.)	61	50 Service Avenue	45,928
Treasury (?)	83		20,481
State Police	66		13,591
Energy Resources	16	DOA	860
Total	974		281,763

*Would go to Powers Building

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