

**Revenue Estimating Conference for Unclaimed Property
and Transfers to the State School Trust Fund
Executive Summary**

Estimates of receipts and refunds to owners from unclaimed property and the subsequent distribution into the State School Trust Fund were discussed on March 10, 2025, by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

The transfer to the State School Trust Fund is the product of a multi-part calculation. The process begins with an analysis of the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund at the Department of Financial Services (DFS). After reconciling to state accounts, the Conference slightly revised the data for FY 2023-24, which resulted in a change to the funds available for FY 2024-25. While the receipt and refund amounts remained at \$766.6 million and \$428.7 million, respectively, the FY 2023-24 retained balance and FY 2024-25 beginning balance at DFS were corrected to \$30.0 million from \$30.9 million.

Further, an ongoing expenditure of approximately \$0.7 million for the Division of Unclaimed Property's information technology costs was discovered to have been erroneously excluded from prior calculations. That annual expenditure was incorporated into the model, lowering the amount available for transfer to the State School Trust Fund by \$0.7 million throughout the forecast.

The eight months of receipt and refund data since the last conference were also discussed. From July 2024 to February 2025, receipts totaled \$80.0 million, approximately \$9.7 million over the previously adopted monthly estimates. Conversely, year-to-date refunds totaled \$293.6 million, approximately \$4.4 million under the cumulative monthly estimates. While both results affect the potential transfer to the State School Trust Fund favorably, about 88% of total receipts typically arrive in the last four months of the year. The Conference takes this into account as it considers midyear changes.

As a result, the new forecast's receipt and refund projections are unchanged since the estimates previously adopted in July 2024. The projected transfer to the State School Trust Fund decreased by \$1.6 million in FY 2024-25 due to the combination of the corrected beginning balance and the additional expenditure. The remaining years of the State School Trust Fund transfer forecast were only affected by the additional expenditure and decreased by approximately \$0.7 million. The following table shows the differences from the previous forecast for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

	July 2024	Mar 2025	Difference
2024-25 Receipts	\$727.5	\$727.5	\$0.0
2024-25 Refunds	\$424.7	\$424.7	\$0.0
2024-25 Transfer to State School Trust Fund	\$312.5	\$310.9	-\$1.6
2025-26 Receipts	\$727.5	\$727.5	\$0.0
2025-26 Refunds	\$417.1	\$417.1	\$0.0
2025-26 Transfer to State School Trust Fund	\$303.9	\$303.2	-\$0.7

Dollars shown in millions.

Revenue Estimating Conference

Unclaimed Property

Forecast of Receipts, Refunds to Owners, and Transfers to the State School Trust Fund

Spring Conference

Monday, March 10, 2025

Unclaimed Property Receipts, Refunds to Owners, and Transfers to the State School Trust Fund
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Actual	Receipts	Refunds	Transfer to State School TF
2019-20	500.5	321.9	144.0
2020-21	685.4	343.5	328.5
2021-22	637.7	383.3	263.3
2022-23	835.6	341.0	425.0
2023-24	766.6	428.7	395.0

ADOPTED FORECAST												
	Receipts			Refunds			Adjustments			Transfer to State School TF		
	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>change</u>
2024-25	727.5	727.5	0.0	424.7	424.7	0.0	9.6	8.0	-1.6	312.5	310.9	-1.6
2025-26	727.5	727.5	0.0	417.1	417.1	0.0	-6.5	-7.2	-0.7	303.9	303.2	-0.7
2026-27	734.8	734.8	0.0	417.6	417.6	0.0	-6.3	-6.9	-0.7	310.9	310.2	-0.7
2027-28	745.8	745.8	0.0	422.7	422.7	0.0	-6.2	-6.9	-0.7	316.9	316.3	-0.6
2028-29	757.0	757.0	0.0	429.1	429.1	0.0	-6.4	-7.0	-0.7	321.5	320.9	-0.6
2029-30	769.4	769.4	0.0	436.3	436.3	0.0	-7.0	-7.7	-0.7	326.1	325.4	-0.7

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Unclaimed Property Receipts and Refunds to Owners

RECEIPTS	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total Fiscal Year
2019-20 ACTUAL	17.6	5.9	8.0	5.0	9.1	10.1	5.4	12.7	21.7	161.8	197.8	45.4	500.5
2020-21 ACTUAL	26.2	18.9	9.4	12.0	6.8	27.7	4.6	13.6	35.1	251.7	248.4	31.1	685.4
2021-22 ACTUAL	15.5	6.8	5.4	6.6	5.7	7.2	3.4	11.9	31.5	241.1	258.7	43.9	637.7
2022-23 ACTUAL	16.7	26.1	18.6	11.6	3.6	8.8	4.3	12.4	47.5	296.0	354.5	35.5	835.6
2023-24 ACTUAL	9.0	4.8	7.7	5.6	7.4	3.3	4.4	14.8	35.8	341.6	308.7	23.4	766.6
2024-25 ACTUAL	12.5	6.8	9.7	20.4	2.6	5.1	8.2	14.6					
2024-25 JULY ESTIMATE	12.5	11.7	9.9	7.6	5.5	6.4	3.9	12.8	37.1	285.6	298.9	35.6	727.5
Above/Below Estimate	0.0	(4.9)	(0.2)	12.8	(2.9)	(1.3)	4.3	1.8					9.7
REFUNDS	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total Fiscal Year
2019-20 ACTUAL	32.9	24.1	26.9	29.2	23.2	24.6	34.0	26.7	34.1	24.8	24.2	17.5	321.9
2020-21 ACTUAL	43.0	39.3	28.8	27.7	26.5	25.8	23.9	25.5	29.4	23.7	27.0	23.0	343.5
2021-22 ACTUAL	43.9	36.1	28.5	37.6	27.6	25.2	30.1	37.1	31.1	30.4	36.0	19.7	383.3
2022-23 ACTUAL	26.1	32.3	22.4	35.3	20.0	25.9	26.0	27.7	31.9	30.9	31.0	31.5	341.0
2023-24 ACTUAL	33.9	53.0	40.3	35.3	31.3	33.2	32.6	44.0	32.8	34.1	32.4	25.9	428.7
2024-25 ACTUAL	50.3	39.2	32.9	36.1	30.4	30.1	32.1	42.6					
2024-25 JULY ESTIMATE	48.4	44.2	33.1	40.2	28.8	31.0	32.7	39.7	35.6	35.3	36.8	18.9	424.7
Above/Below Estimate	1.9	(5.0)	(0.2)	(4.1)	1.6	(0.9)	(0.6)	2.9					(4.4)

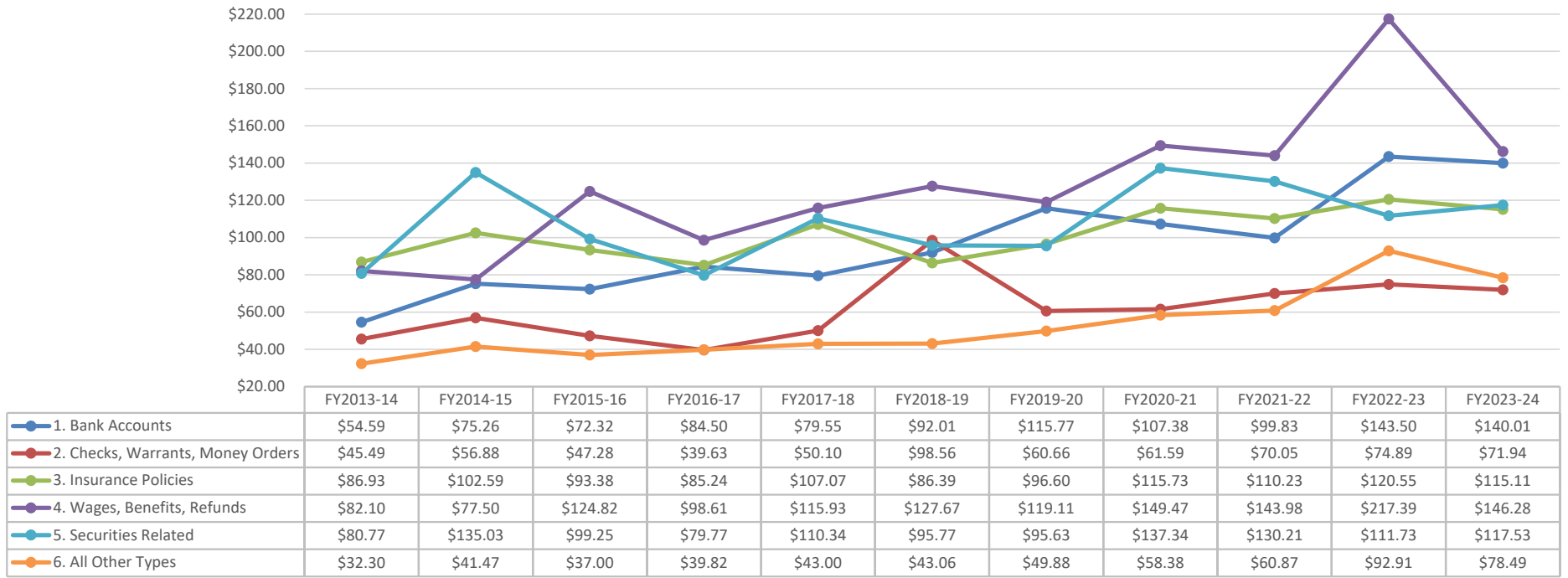
Unclaimed Property Trust Fund

Historical Detail (Revised)

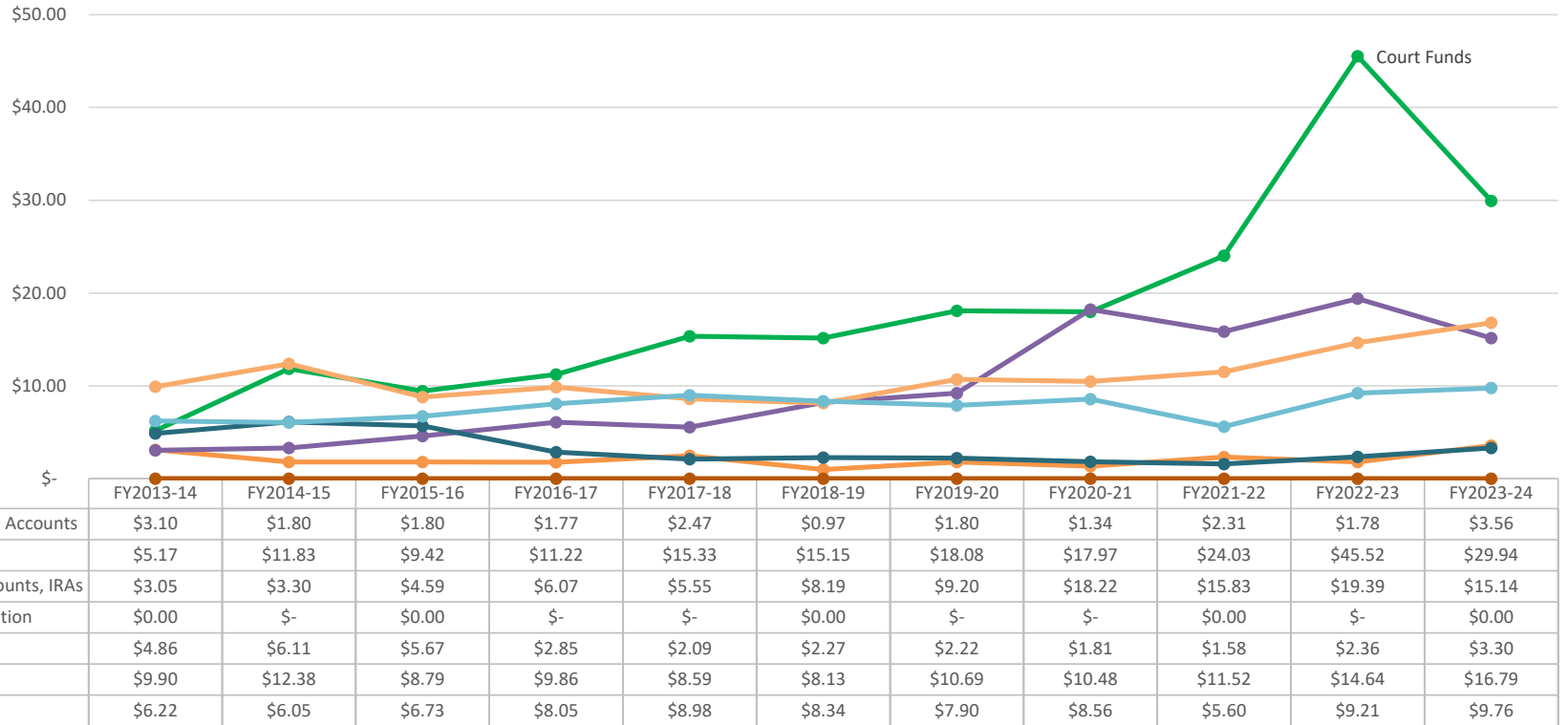
	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24
1 <u>Funds Available</u>							
2 Beginning Balance	11.3	15.5	8.8	36.8	43.1	29.5	93.9
3 Abandoned property receipts	483.3	510.0	500.5	666.4	637.7	804.4	766.6
4 Atypical receipts	24.5	25.5	0.0	19.0	0.0	31.2	0.0
5 Transfers in	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6 Other nonoperating receipts	1.2	2.2	1.1	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.2
7 Total Funds Available	520.4	553.1	510.3	724.2	683.1	867.2	862.8
8 <u>Uses of Funds</u>							
9 Operating Expenses	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.8
10 Refunds to owners - regular	317.9	316.8	321.9	335.0	375.6	340.3	427.6
11 Refunds to owners - FDIC	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	7.7	0.7	1.1
12 Miscellaneous disbursements	2.8	3.0	1.9	3.3	1.5	1.4	2.7
13 Other - See Note	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6
14 Retained Balance	15.5	8.8	36.8	43.1	29.5	93.9	30.0
15 Total Uses	341.9	334.3	366.3	395.7	419.8	442.2	467.8
15 Available for transfer to							
16 State School TF (Actual)	178.5	218.8	144.0	328.5	263.3	425.0	395.0
18 Growth rate of regular receipts	14.0%	5.5%	-1.9%	33.2%	-4.3%	26.1%	-4.7%
19 Growth rate of regular refunds	2.4%	-0.4%	1.6%	4.1%	12.1%	-9.4%	25.7%
20 Change in transfer amount	33.3%	22.6%	-34.2%	128.2%	-19.9%	61.4%	-7.1%

Note: Prior data reported an incorrect retained balance and also rounded some numbers while not rounding others. This revised estimate reports the corrected Retained Balance/Beginning Balance, in part due to cascading errors from prior years and in part due to the addition of a new row (number 13) containing the difference between funds available and the sum of the previously reported expenditure categories and the State School TF transfer. The difference is assumed to be due to timing issues and possibly a transfer relating to Information Technology.

Unclaimed Property Receipts by Major Property Type Group (in millions)

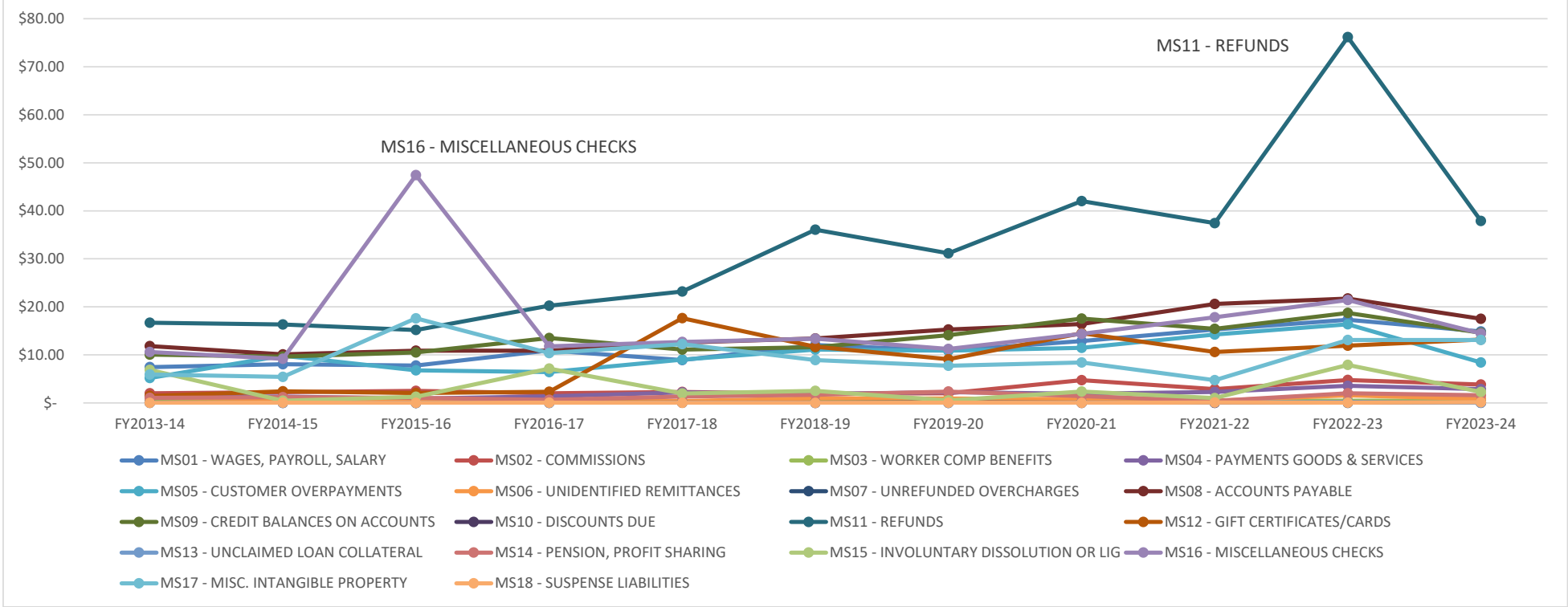


Receipts Detail: Group 6. All Other Types (in millions)

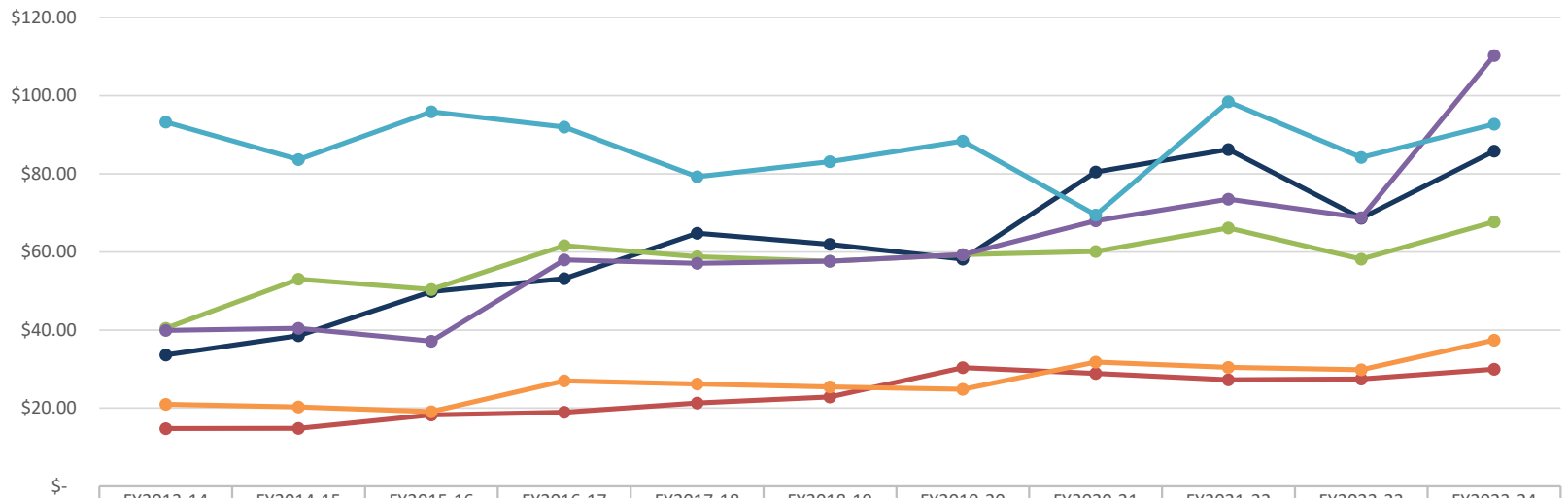


Note: Property Type "Tangible Personal Property" has been removed from chart as nothing has been reported in those receipt type codes since 2005.

Receipts Detail: Group 4. Wages, Benefits, Refunds (in millions)



Unclaimed Property Paid Claims by Property Type Group (in millions)



	FY2013-14	FY2014-15	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	FY2023-24
1. Bank Accounts	\$33.62	\$38.58	\$49.83	\$53.13	\$64.74	\$61.96	\$58.14	\$80.46	\$86.21	\$68.59	\$85.82
2. Checks, Warrants, Money Orders	\$14.78	\$14.80	\$18.26	\$18.93	\$21.29	\$22.89	\$30.36	\$28.91	\$27.27	\$27.46	\$29.94
3. Insurance Policies	\$40.44	\$53.03	\$50.39	\$61.58	\$58.75	\$57.61	\$59.29	\$60.12	\$66.11	\$58.16	\$67.70
4. Wages, Benefits, Refunds	\$39.92	\$40.43	\$37.15	\$57.92	\$57.04	\$57.62	\$59.29	\$67.93	\$73.46	\$68.73	\$110.27
5. Securities Related	\$93.21	\$83.64	\$95.89	\$91.95	\$79.21	\$83.11	\$88.32	\$69.45	\$98.40	\$84.18	\$92.68
6. All Other Types	\$20.96	\$20.28	\$19.11	\$26.99	\$26.15	\$25.43	\$24.81	\$31.78	\$30.42	\$29.84	\$37.42

Schedule of Estimated Liability: By Year*

Year 1	2.69%
Year 2	27.21%
Year 3	12.82%
Year 4	4.38%
Year 5	2.96%
Year 6	1.98%
Year 7	1.45%
Year 8	1.18%
Year 9	0.93%
Year 10	0.75%
Year 11	1.10%
Year 12	0.86%
Year 13	0.55%
Year 14	0.44%
Year 15	0.37%
Year 16	0.40%
Year 17	0.34%
Year 18	0.30%
Year 19**	0.24%
Year 20**	0.15%
Aggregate Payout	61.10%

* 3-Year Average of the Most Recent Liability Report Claim Data

** Detailed data begins in FY2004-05. The Year 19 percentage is a 2-year average and the Year 20 percentage is a single year's data.

Unclaimed Property Trust Fund

Adopted Forecast

Changes: History is corrected, including the FY23-24 Beginning and Retained balances. Additionally, the FY23-24 row 13 "Other" transfer (\$0.6) matches the History - Revised worksheet. These changes caused the total funds available and the total uses to each decrease by approximately \$0.1. The forecast begins with a corrected FY24-25 Beginning Balance and includes the \$0.7 expenditure in row 13.

		FY 23-24	FY 24-25 est.	FY 25-26 est	FY 26-27 est	FY 27-28 est	FY 28-29 est	FY 29-30 est
1	<u>Funds Available</u>							
2	Beginning Balance	93.9	30.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
3	Abandoned property receipts	766.6	727.5	727.5	734.8	745.8	757.0	768.4
4	Atypical receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
5	Transfers in	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	Other nonoperating receipts	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
7	Total Funds Available	862.8	759.6	744.7	751.9	763.0	774.1	786.5
8	<u>Uses of Funds</u>							
9	Operating Expenses	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
10	Refunds to owners - regular	427.6	424.7	417.1	417.6	422.7	429.1	436.3
11	Refunds to owners - FDIC	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.8
12	Miscellaneous disbursements	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
13	Other - See Note	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
13	Retained Balance	30.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
14	Total Uses	467.8	448.8	441.4	441.7	446.7	453.3	461.1
15	Available for transfer to							
16	State School TF (NEW estimate)	395.0	310.9	303.2	310.2	316.3	320.9	325.4
17	State School TF (OLD estimate)	395.0	312.5	303.9	310.9	316.9	321.5	326.1
18	Change in estimate	0.0	-1.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7
20	Growth rate of regular receipts	-4.7%	-5.1%	0.0%	1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
21	Growth rate of regular refunds	25.7%	-0.7%	-1.8%	0.1%	1.2%	1.5%	1.7%
22	Change in transfer amount	-7.1%	-21.3%	-2.5%	2.3%	2.0%	1.4%	1.4%
23	Assumed Receipts Growth Rate NEW	-4.70%	-5.10%	0.00%	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
24	Assumed Receipts Growth Rate OLD	-4.70%	-5.10%	0.00%	1.00%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
25	Assumed Refunds % NEW	58.1%	53.0%	55.8%	57.4%	57.8%	58.0%	58.1%
26	Assumed Refunds % OLD	58.0%	53.0%	55.8%	57.4%	57.8%	58.0%	58.1%

Note: Prior forecast used incorrect beginning and retained balances for FY23-24. This row allows for the correction for the FY23-24 retained balance.