



Budget Briefing: State Police

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Department of State Police

The Department of State Police (MSP) provides statewide law enforcement and public safety services. In addition to primary law enforcement, criminal investigation, and traffic safety duties, MSP administers and implements state programs, technologies, and services that enhance capabilities and coordination of federal, state, and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

Major departmental functions include:

- Patrol of major state highways
- Records and information management and sharing
- Criminal investigation and forensic science services
- Special services (aviation section, canine units, bomb squads, Emergency Support Team, marine services)
- Disaster relief and homeland security coordination
- Commercial vehicle regulation and enforcement and school bus inspections
- Law enforcement standards administration and distribution of grants

Key Budget Terms

Fiscal Year: The state's fiscal year (FY) runs from October to September. FY 2024-25 is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

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

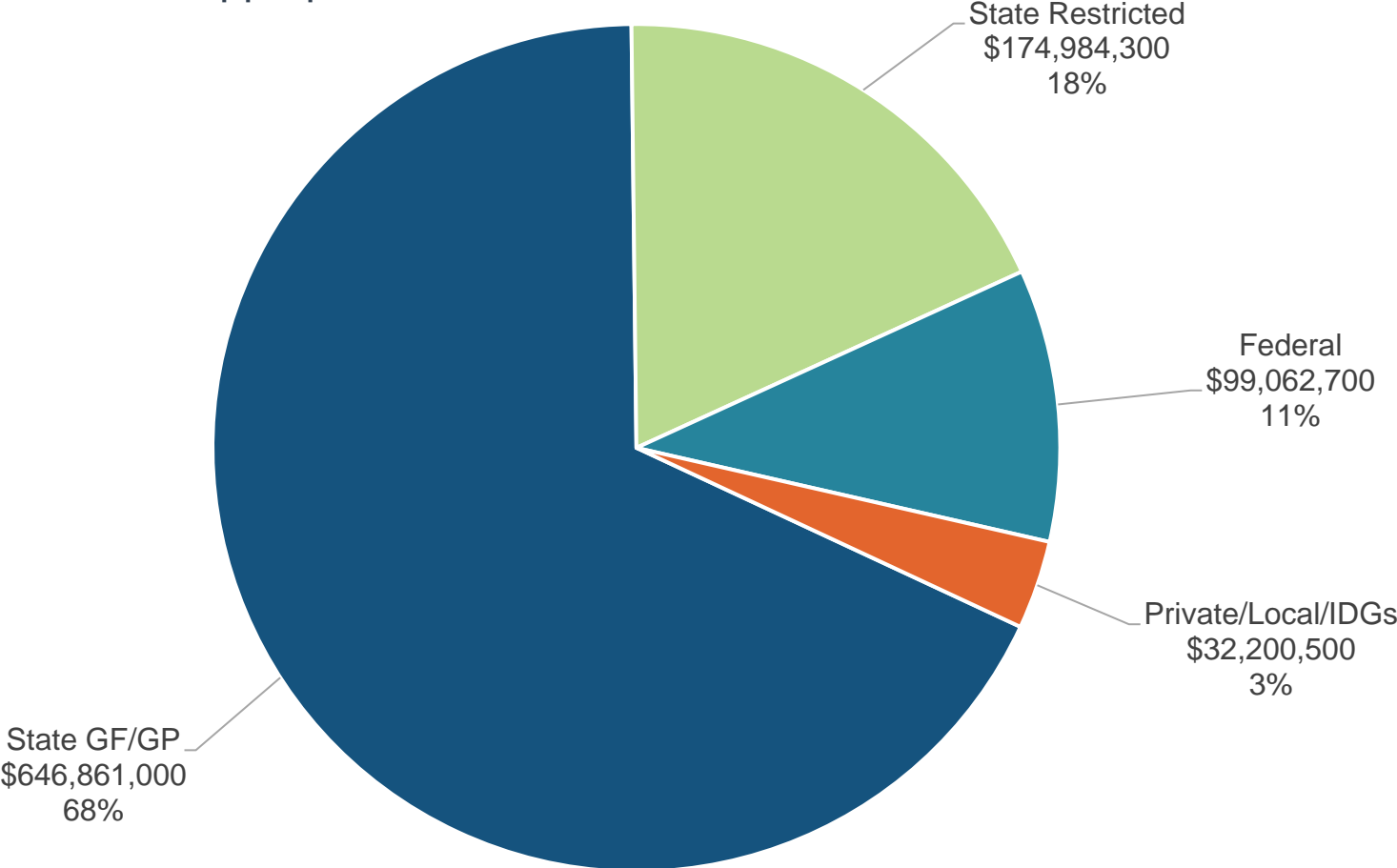
FY 2024-25 MSP Budget

Fund Source	Funding	Description
Gross Appropriations	\$953,108,500	Total spending authority from all revenue sources
Interdepartmental Grants (IDG) Revenue	27,189,800	Funds received by one state department from another state department, usually for services provided
Adjusted Gross Appropriations	\$925,918,700	Gross appropriations excluding IDGs; avoids double counting when adding appropriation amounts across budget areas
Federal Revenue	99,062,700	Federal grant or matching revenue; generally dedicated to specific programs or purposes
Local Revenue	4,975,700	Revenue received from local units of government for state services
Private Revenue	35,000	Revenue from individuals and private entities, including payments for services, grants, and other contributions
State Restricted Revenue	174,984,300	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	\$646,861,000	Unrestricted revenue from taxes and other sources available to fund basic state programs and other purposes determined by the legislature

Note: Due to a technical error, the sum of IDG/IDT line item appropriations in 2024 PA 121 does not equal the subtotal shown here.

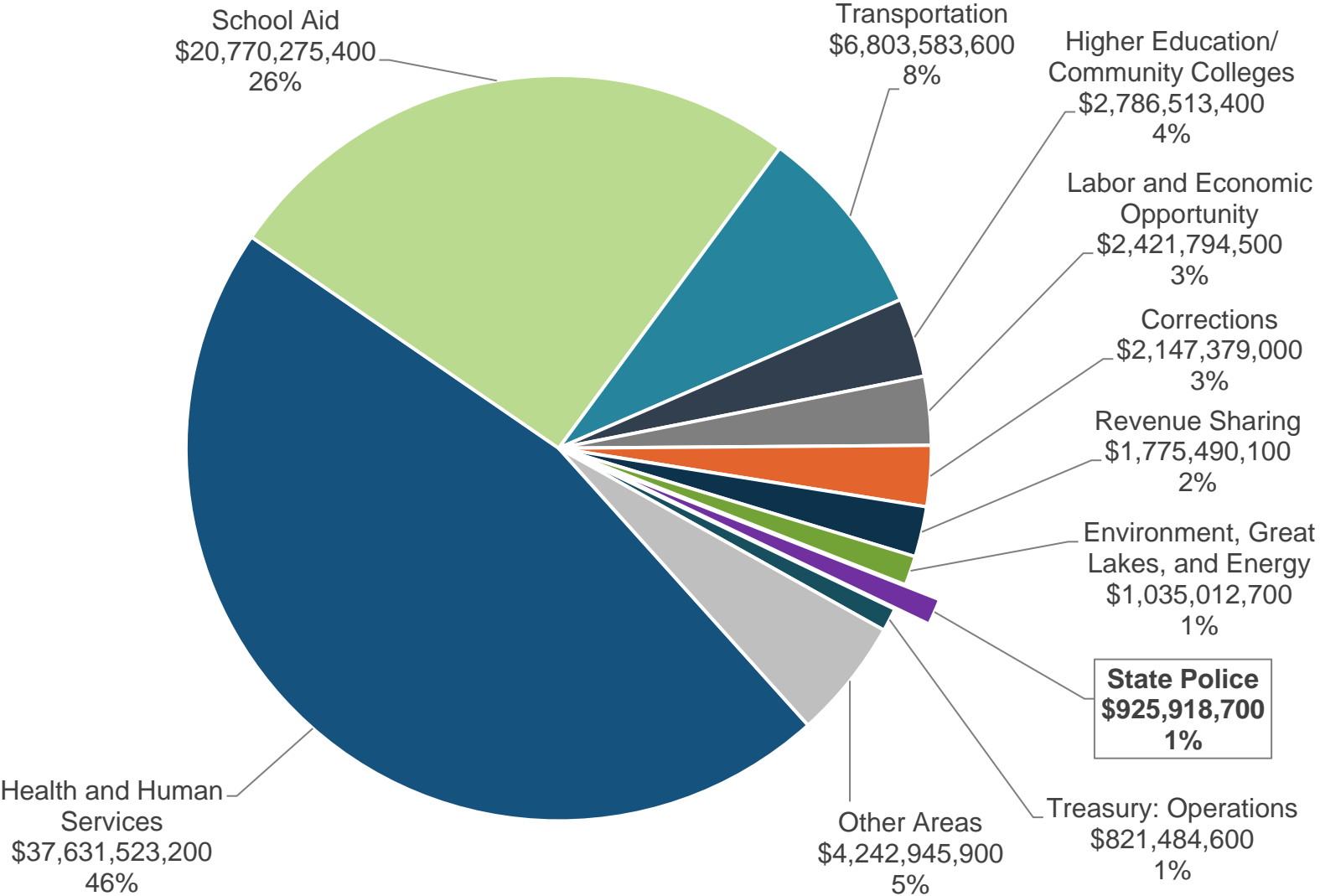
FY 2024-25 Fund Sources

Approximately **68%** of the **\$953.1 million** MSP budget consists of discretionary GF/GP funds. Federal funds and reimbursements received from the Department of Transportation, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security make up **11%** of MSP's Gross appropriation.



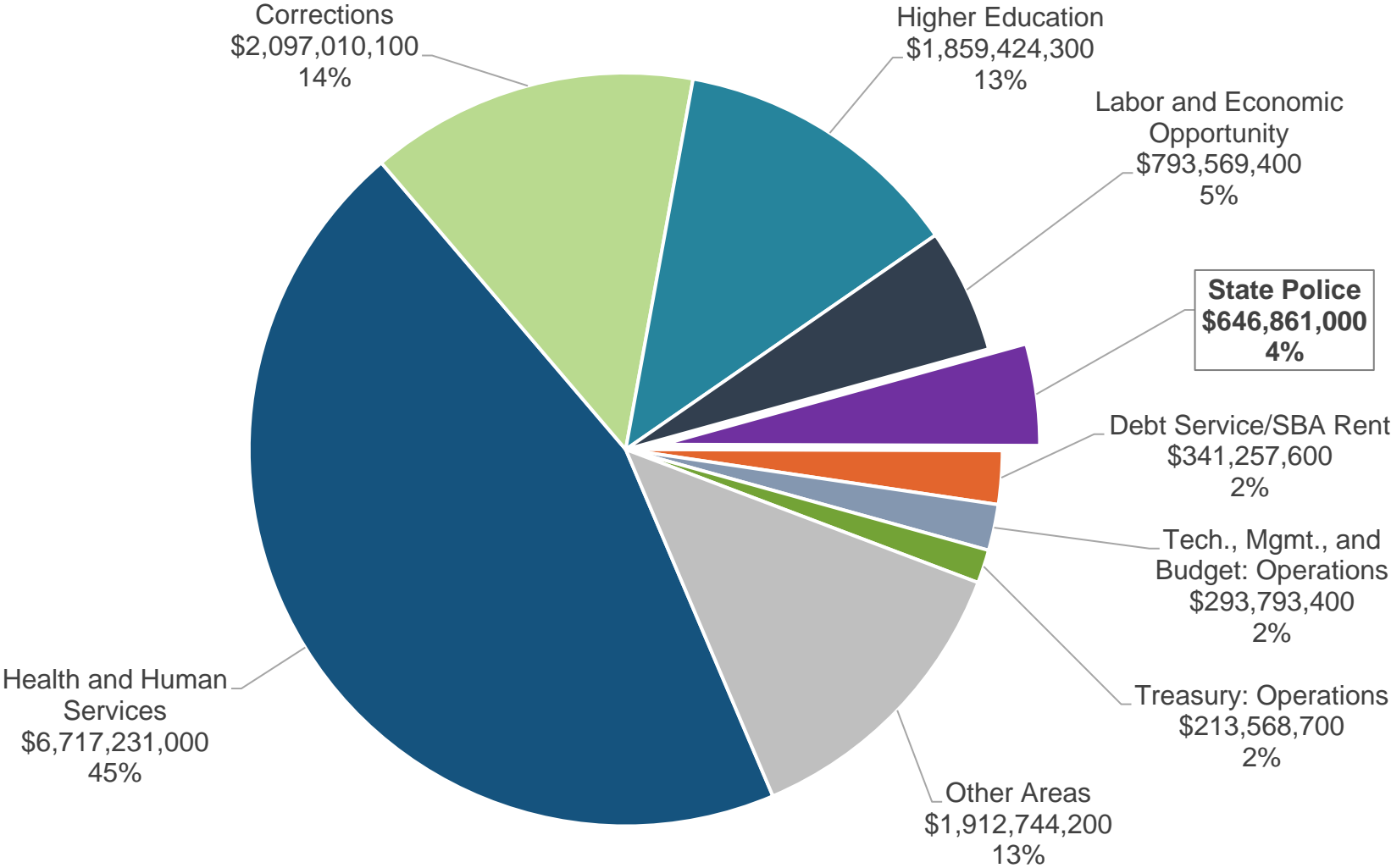
MSP Share of Total State Budget

The MSP budget represents approximately 1% of the **\$81.4 billion** state budget (adjusted gross) for FY 2024-25.



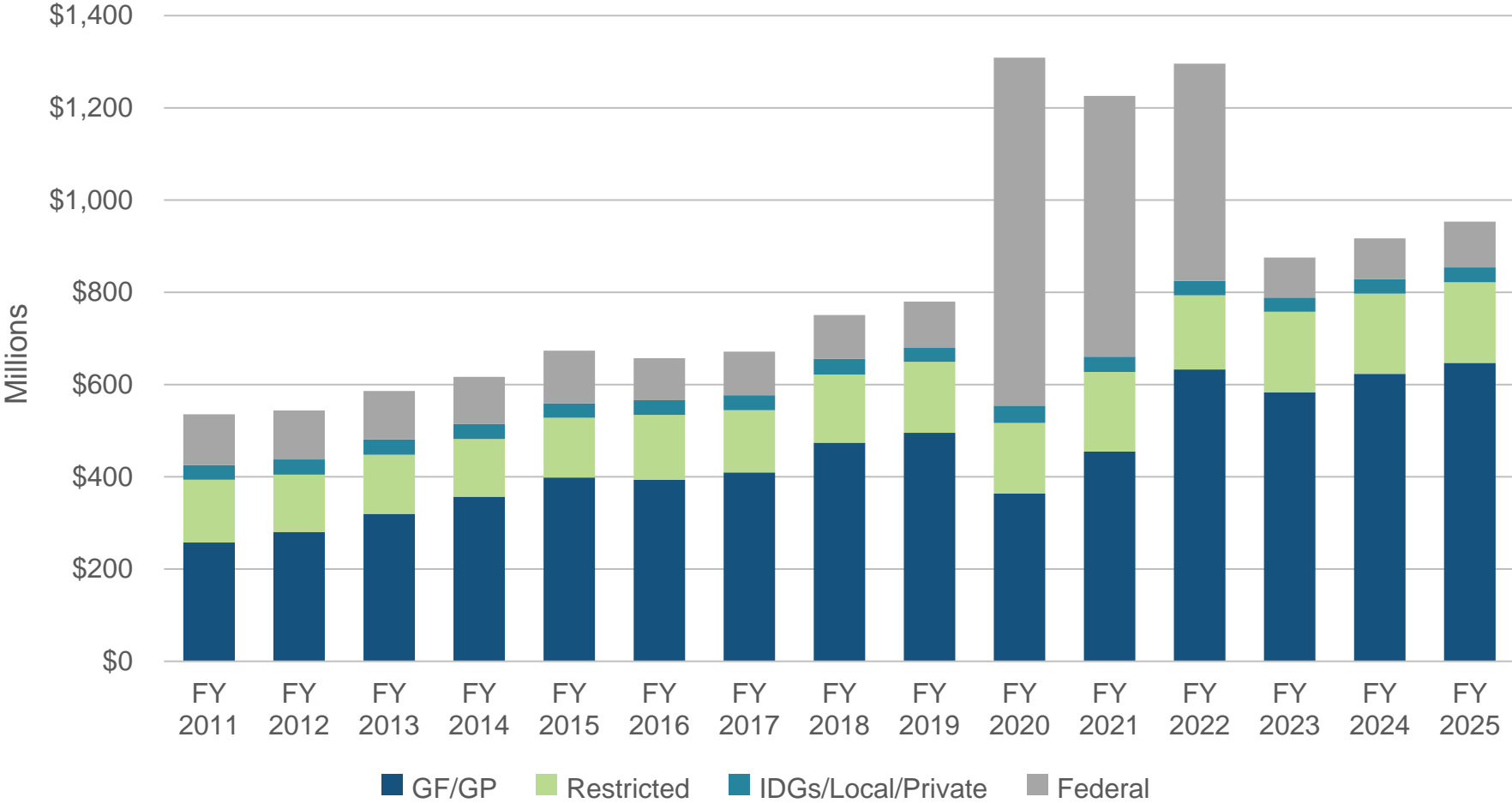
MSP Share of Total GF/GP Budget

The MSP budget represents approximately 4% of the \$14.9 billion state GF/GP budget for FY 2024-25.



MSP Funding History

Gross appropriations for MSP have increased by approximately **44%** since FY 2010-11, largely due to trooper recruit school funding, one-time spending for specific law enforcement initiatives, and the creation of new training programs. Significant funding deviations occurred from FY 2019-20 through FY 2021-22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Appropriation Areas

MSP Appropriation Areas

Departmental Administration and Support: Various administrative functions (fleet costs, lease obligations and property costs, management and accounting staff, etc.).

Law Enforcement Services: Biometric and forensic science services, community services and grants, Criminal Justice Information Center, Michigan Youth Leadership Academy, Office of School Safety, State 9-1-1 Administration, and Training Division.

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES): Training curricula and law enforcement standards development, law enforcement licensure, Public Safety Officers Benefit Program, and partial reimbursements for training employed officer candidates.

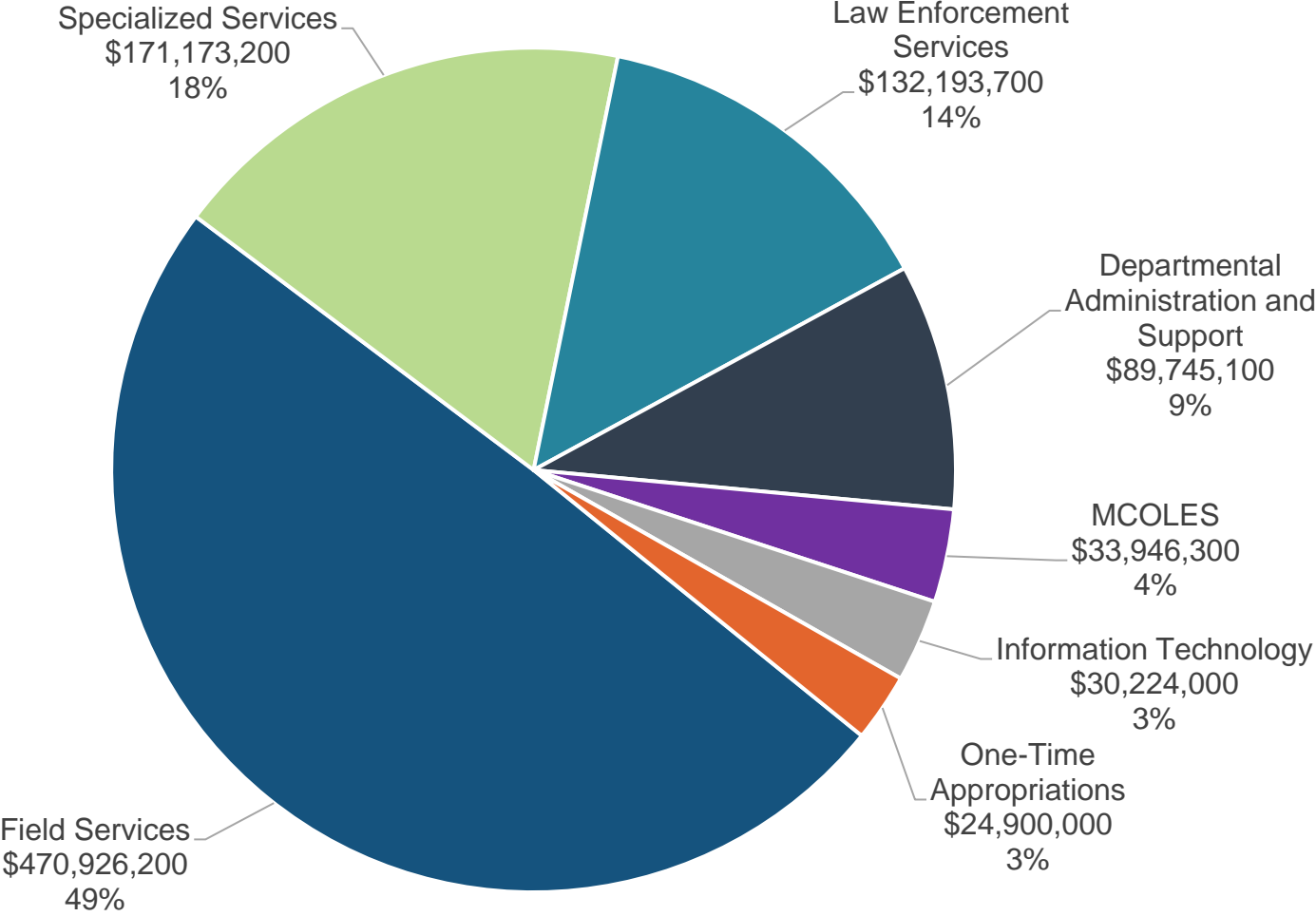
Field Services: Officers and enlisted personnel, law enforcement operations in seven MSP districts, casino gaming oversight and tobacco tax fraud enforcement, Impaired Driving Safety Commission Fund, and Secure Cities Partnership.

Specialized Services: Secondary Road Patrol Grants, commercial vehicle regulation and enforcement, emergency management and homeland security operations, highway safety planning, Michigan Intelligence Operations Center, and Special Operations Division.

One-Time Appropriations: Cold case investigations, disaster and emergency recovery, law enforcement training initiatives, Michigan International Speedway security, and public safety academy assistance programs.

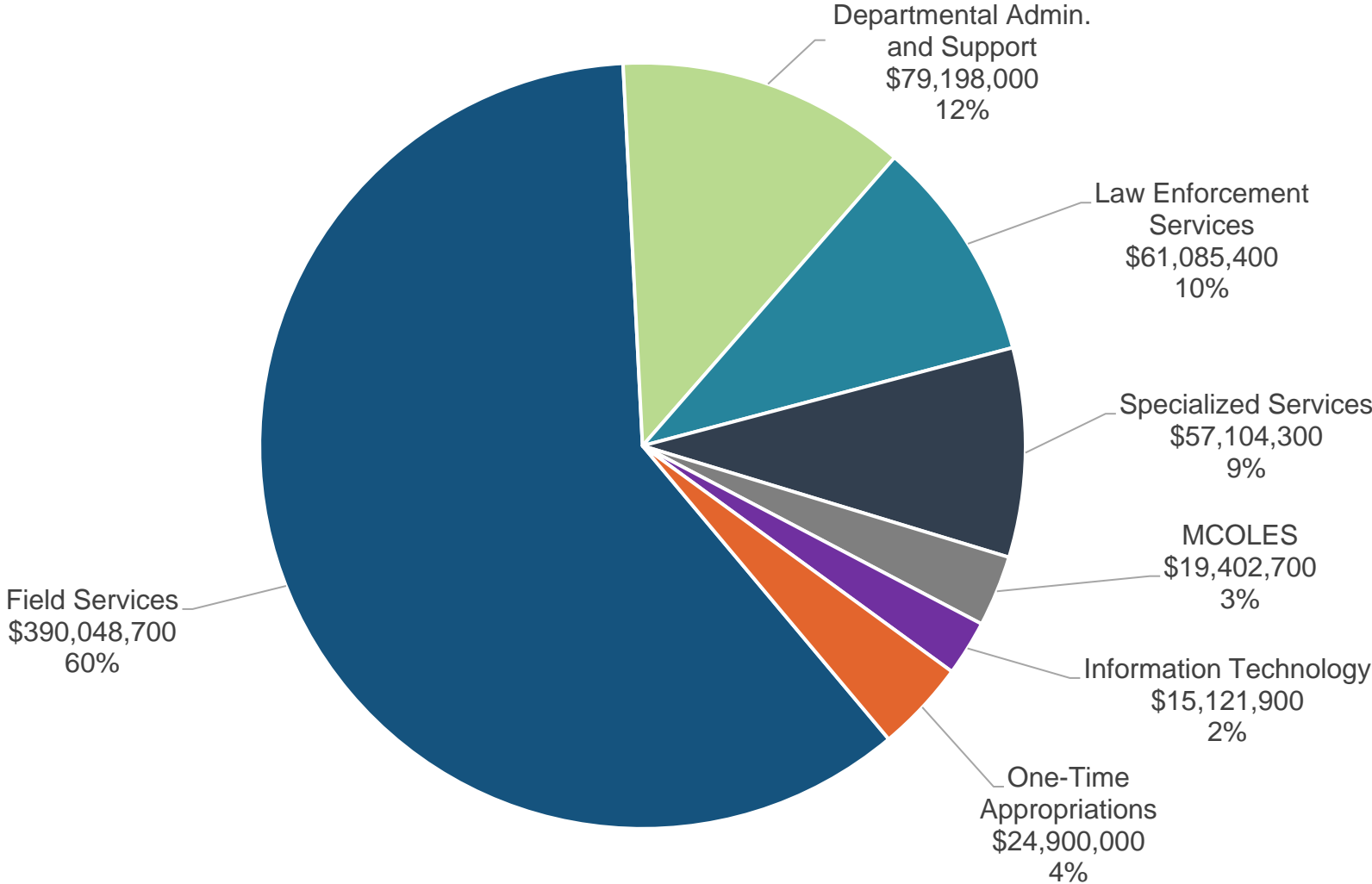
FY 2024-25 Gross Appropriations

Approximately half of the **\$953.1 million** MSP budget consists of the Field Services appropriation unit, which includes the department's general law enforcement and criminal investigation operations. One-time funding is appropriated for specific law enforcement programs detailed on **Slide 31**.



FY 2024-25 GF/GP Appropriations

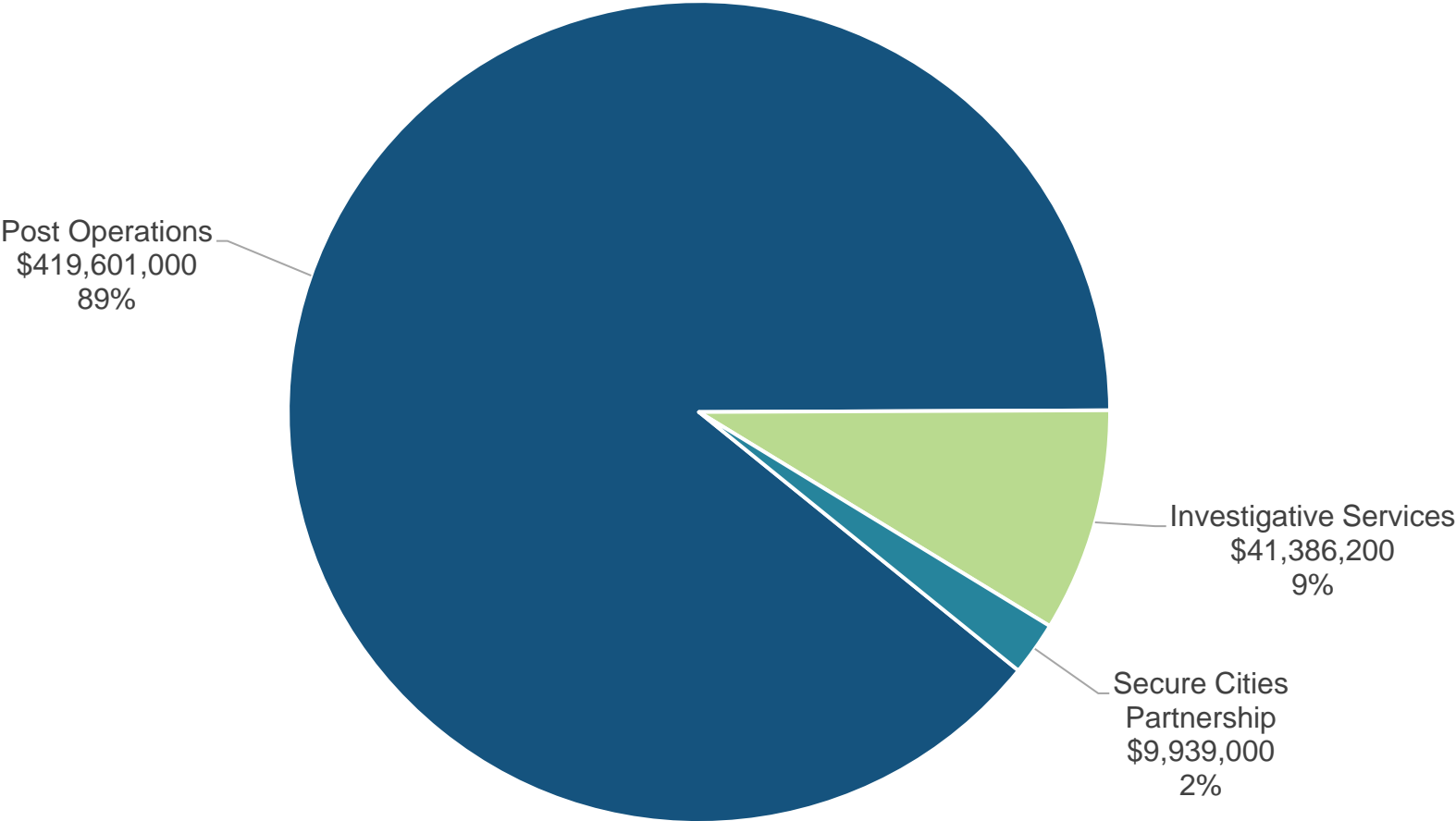
GF/GP funds (totaling **\$646.9 million**) are heavily concentrated in Field Services, which accounts for **60%** of total GF/GP appropriations to the MSP.



Major Budget Topics

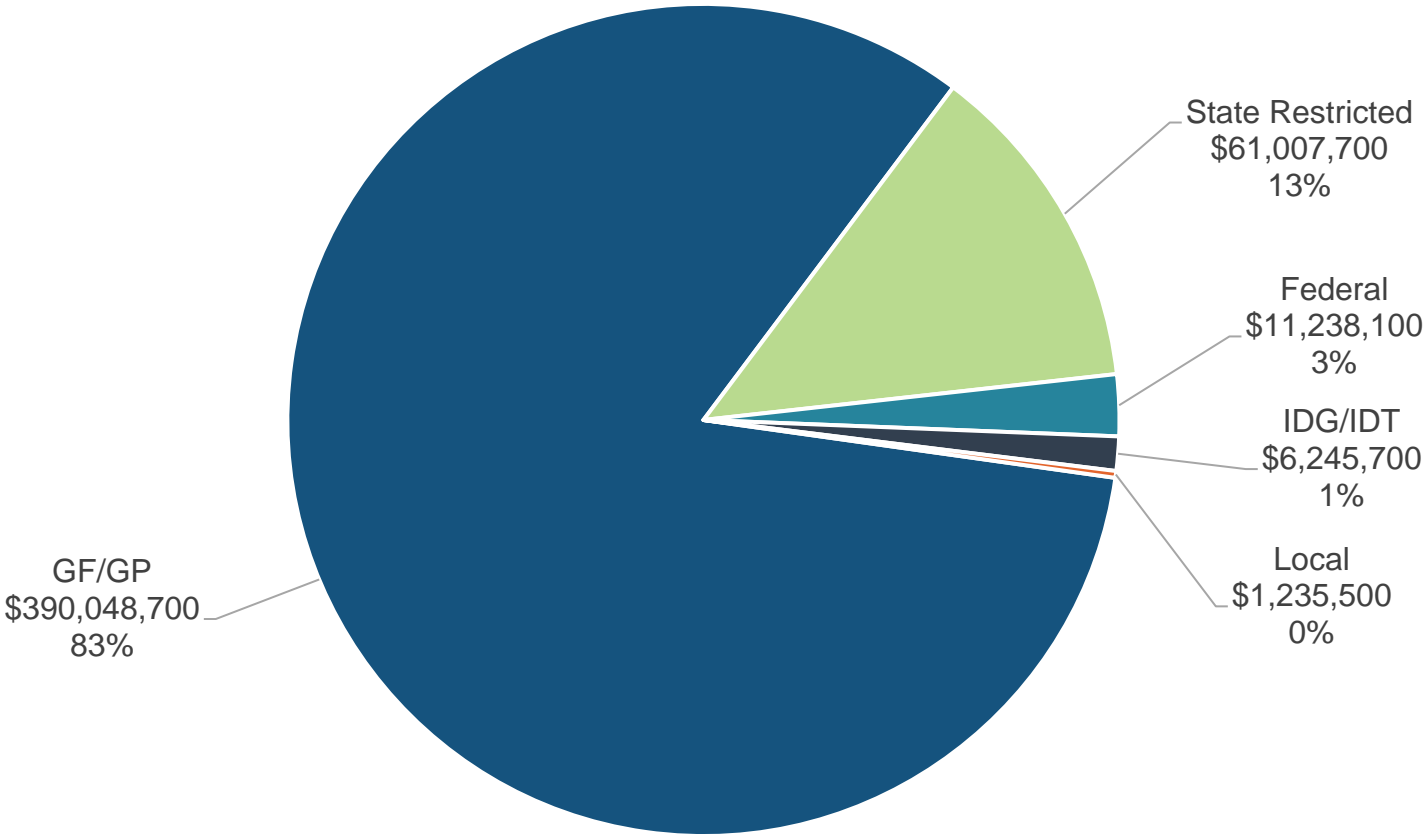
FY 2024-25 Field Services Appropriations

The Field Services appropriation unit supports operations at 30 posts and 20 outposts (or detachments) throughout the state, investigative services (including narcotics, fraud, and automobile theft), and the Secure Cities Partnership. The Gross appropriation for Field Services is **\$470.9 million**, which represents **49%** of MSP's total FY 2024-25 budget.



FY 2024-25 Field Services Fund Sources

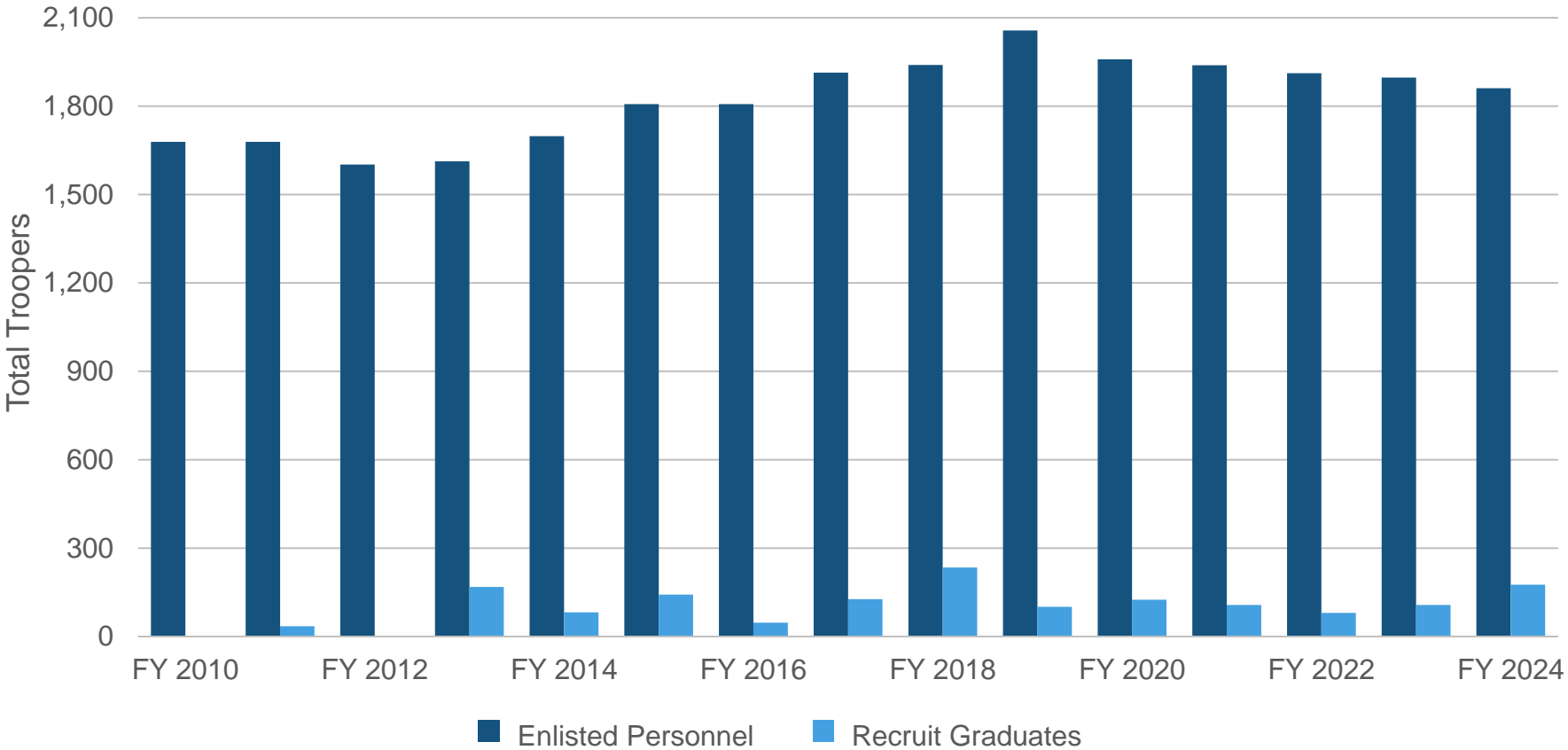
GF/GP revenues make up **83%** of Field Services funding, while **13%** is drawn from a variety of state restricted sources including the Traffic Law Enforcement and Safety Fund (**\$25.3 million**), the Highway Safety Fund (**\$9.3 million**), and revenue from the state tobacco tax (**\$5.3 million**). Federal funds come from the Department of Justice, Department of Transportation, service reimbursements, and forfeiture revenue. Local funds are reimbursements to MSP for services provided to local law enforcement agencies.



Note: Due to a technical error, the sum of fund source subtotals shown here does not equal the Gross appropriation in 2024 PA 121.

MSP Total Enlisted Strength

MSP enlisted strength increased by nearly **10%** from FY 2009-10 to FY 2023-24. Following a period of steady growth from FY 2011-12 to FY 2018-19, enlisted strength has declined slowly since FY 2019-20. This decline has been offset in part by a consistent output of recruits from trooper schools, which have received increased funding in recent fiscal years. In FY 2023-24, an additional **\$4.8 million** GF/GP was appropriated to support four trooper schools that produced 176 graduates.



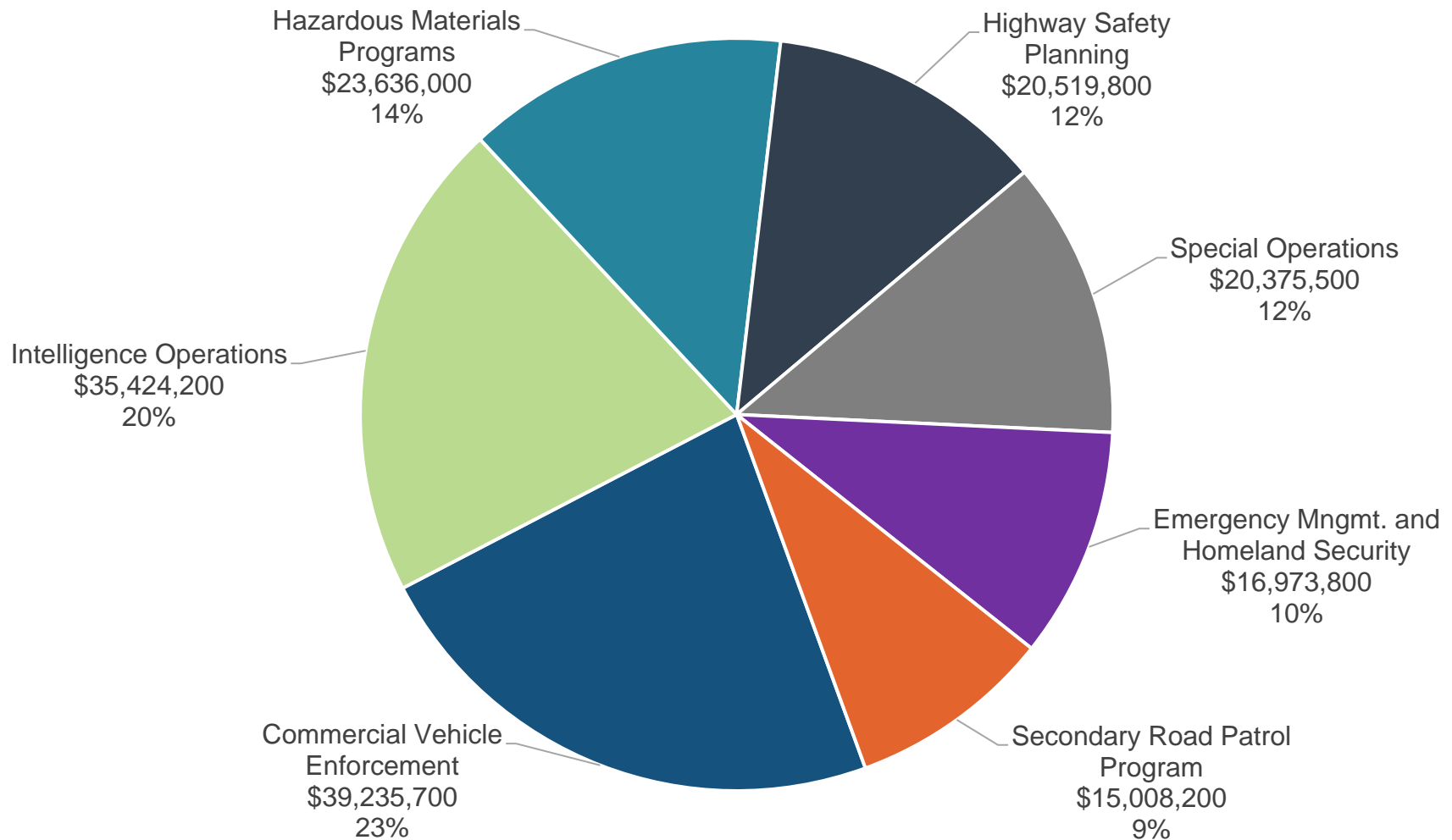
Secure Cities Partnership

- Funds totaling **\$9.9 million** (**\$8.9 million** GF/GP) are appropriated in FY 2024-25 to support MSP cooperation with local law enforcement partners for directed patrols, investigatory assistance, and community outreach programs to cities experiencing increased violent crime
- Cities in **bold** are participants that had dedicated Secure Cities personnel assignments in 2023* (other participants have detectives assigned on an as-needed basis):
 - **Benton Harbor (11)**
 - **Detroit (7)**
 - **Flint (36)**
 - Hamtramck
 - Harper Woods
 - Highland Park
 - **Inkster (13)**
 - **Lansing (10)**
 - **Muskegon / Muskegon Heights (10)**
 - Pontiac
 - **Saginaw (23)**

** SCP data is current to December 13, 2024.*

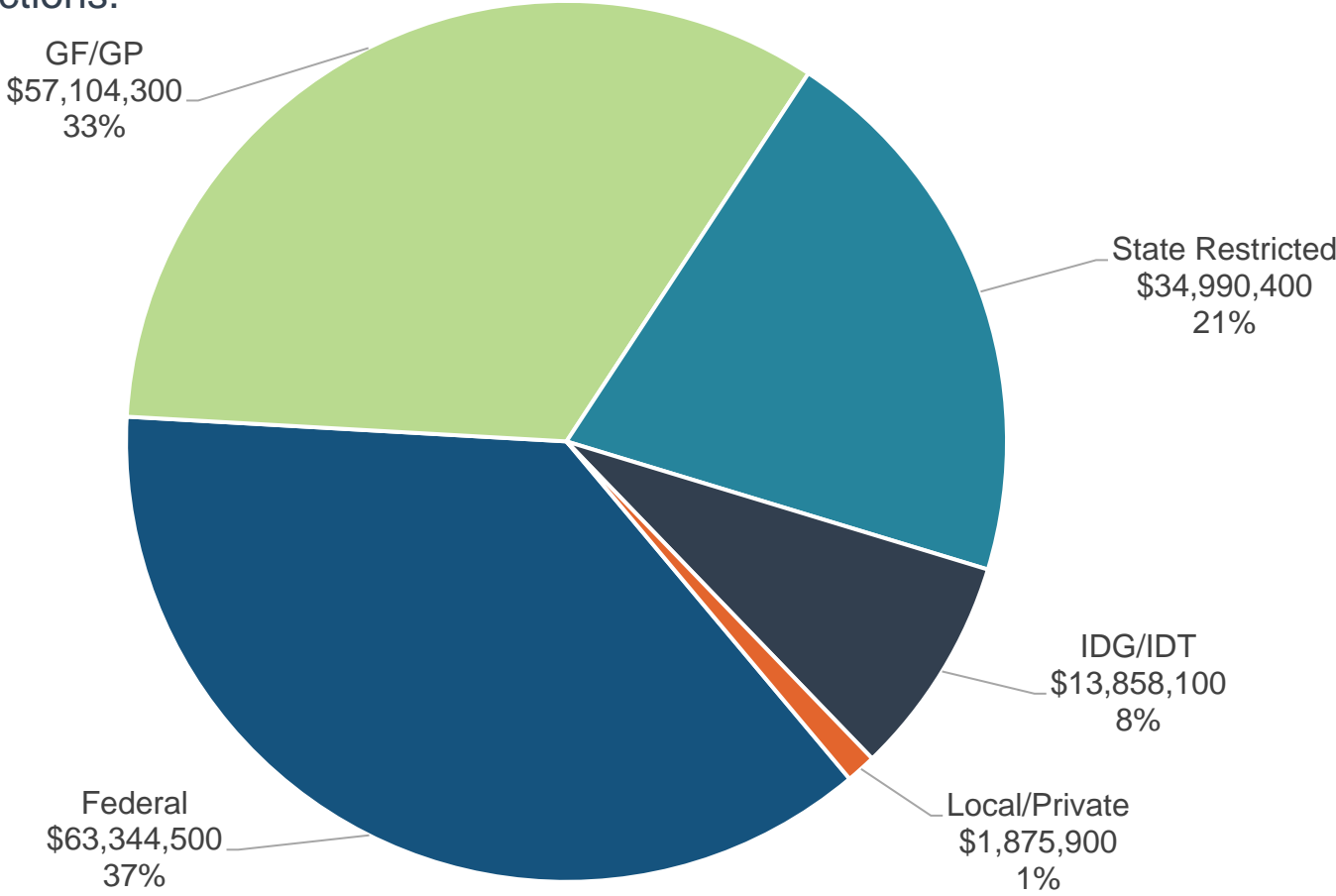
FY 2024-25 Specialized Services Appropriations

The Gross appropriation for Specialized Services is **\$171.2 million**, representing **18%** of MSP's total appropriation. Funds support functions such as commercial vehicle enforcement, emergency management and homeland security, intelligence operations, and assistance to local law enforcement agencies through the Secondary Road Patrol Program.



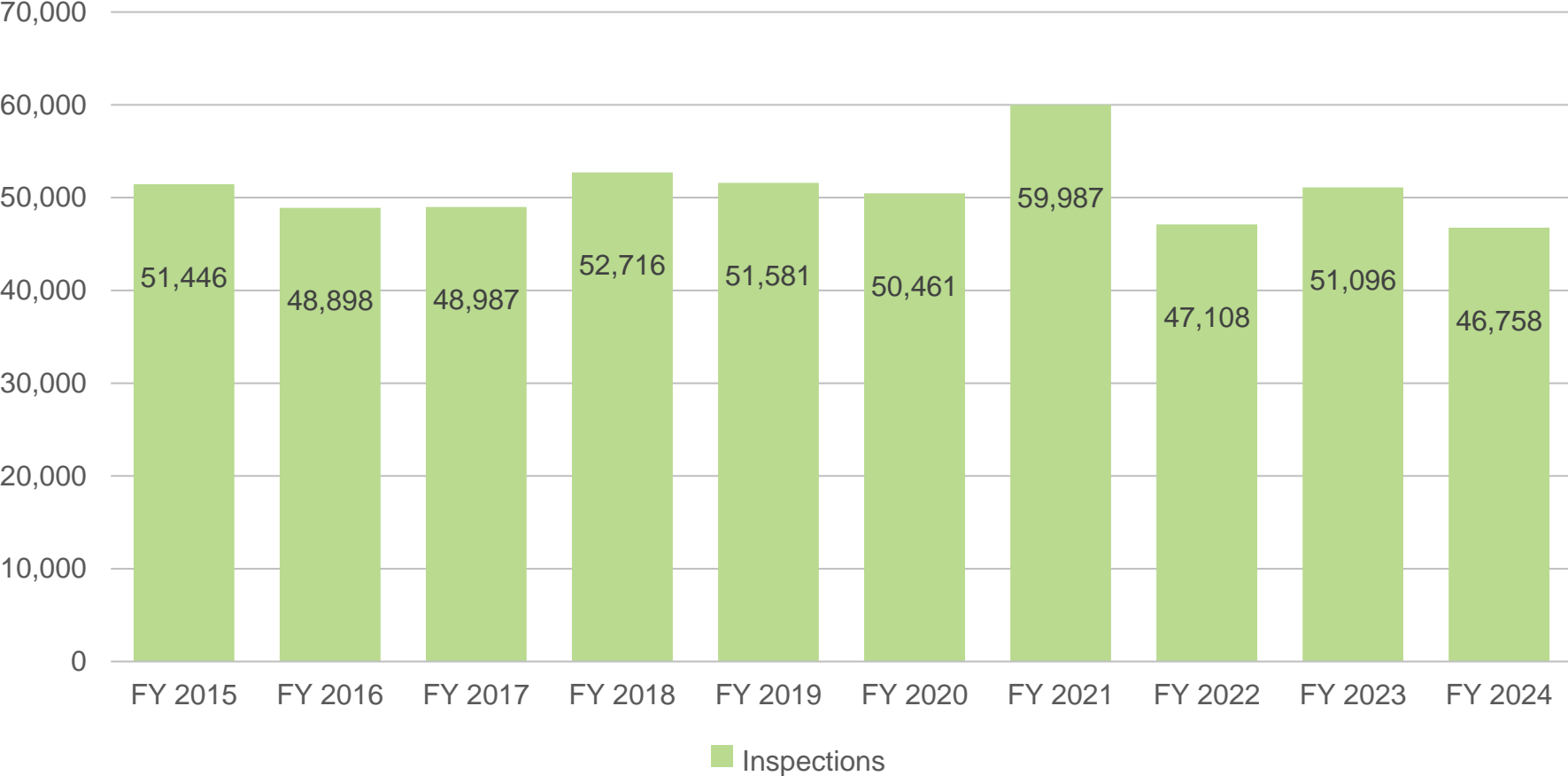
FY 2024-25 Specialized Services Fund Sources

Federal revenue from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Transportation is the largest fund source for Specialized Services at **37%**. More than **80%** (**\$28.1 million**) of state restricted funding is drawn from sources related to secondary road patrols and commercial vehicle fees, while **85%** (**\$11.7 million**) of IDG/IDT revenue is from the State Trunk Line Fund. Local revenue comes entirely from fees related to MSP-conducted school bus inspections.



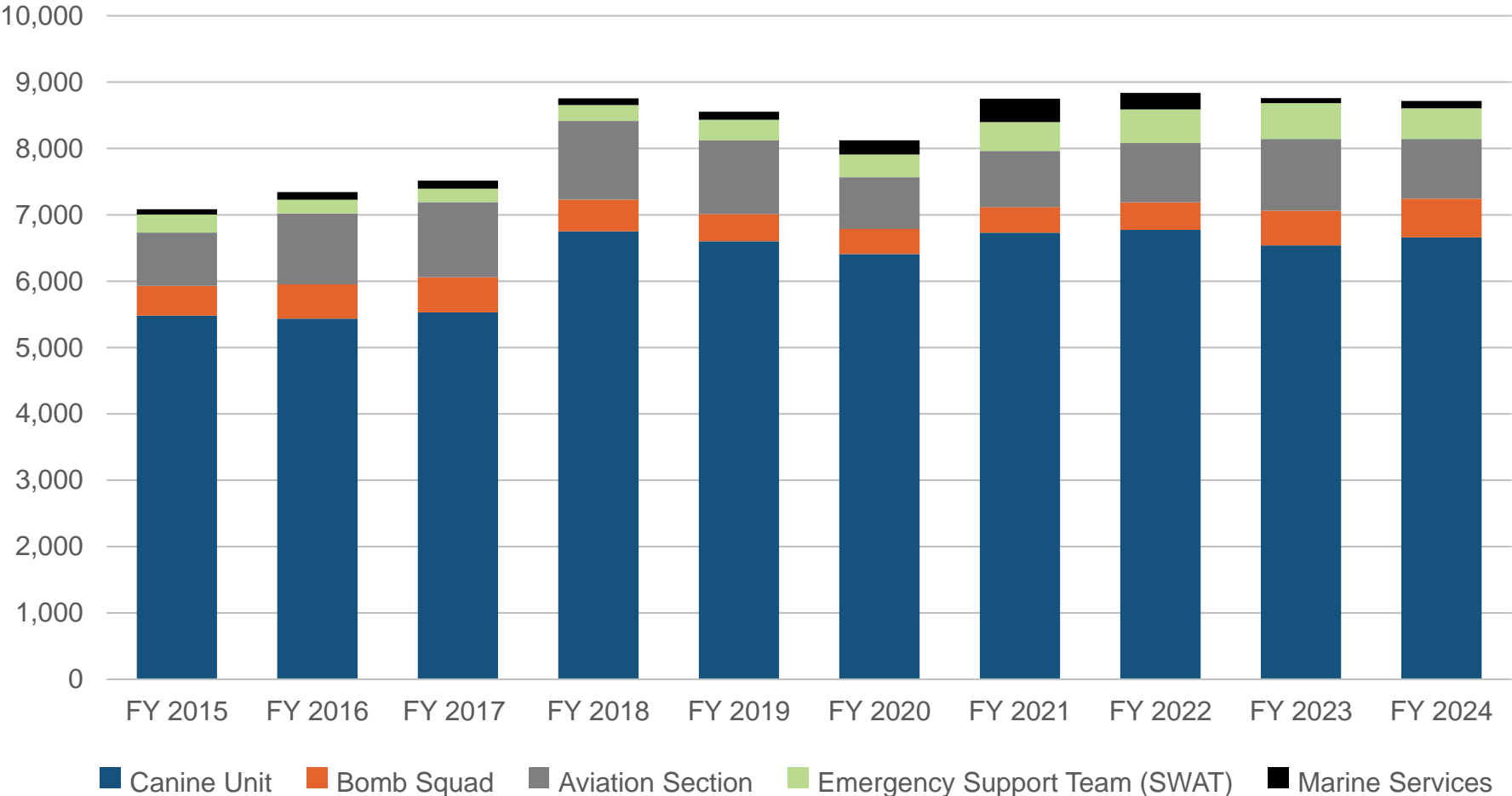
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) is responsible for inspecting commercial vehicles and protecting infrastructure through regulatory enforcement. Total inspections of commercial vehicles operating on Michigan roads decreased by approximately **21%** from FY 2020-21 to FY 2021-22, largely due to motor carrier officer attrition. In FY 2024-25, CVED received a Gross appropriation of **\$39.2 million**, making up **23%** of the Specialized Services appropriation unit.



Requests for Specialized Services

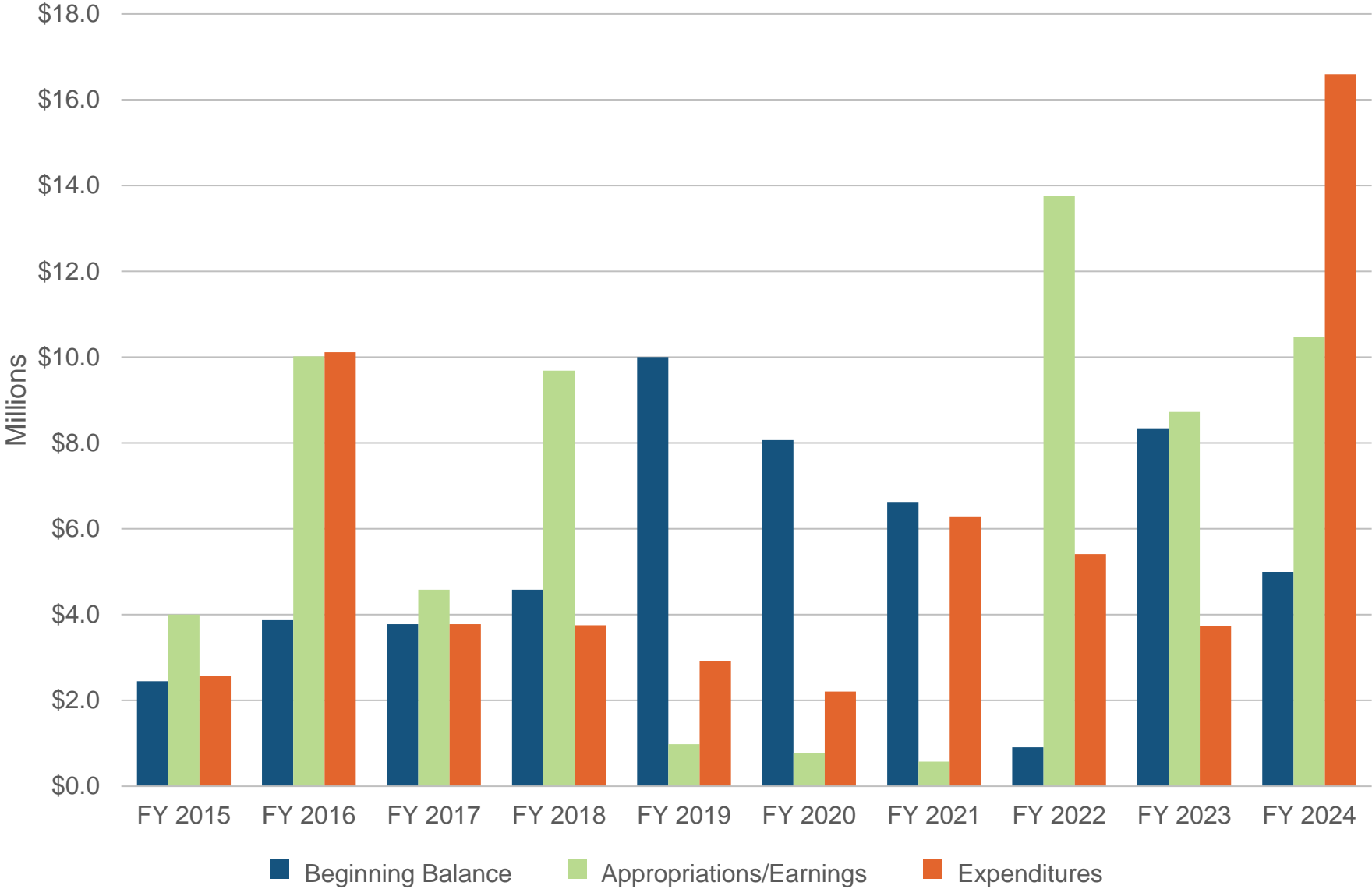
Total requests for MSP specialized services teams increased by **19%** between FY 2014-15 and FY 2023-24. Requests for canine units make up the vast majority of requests, with **6,662** requests for canine services in FY 2023-24.



Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund (DECF)

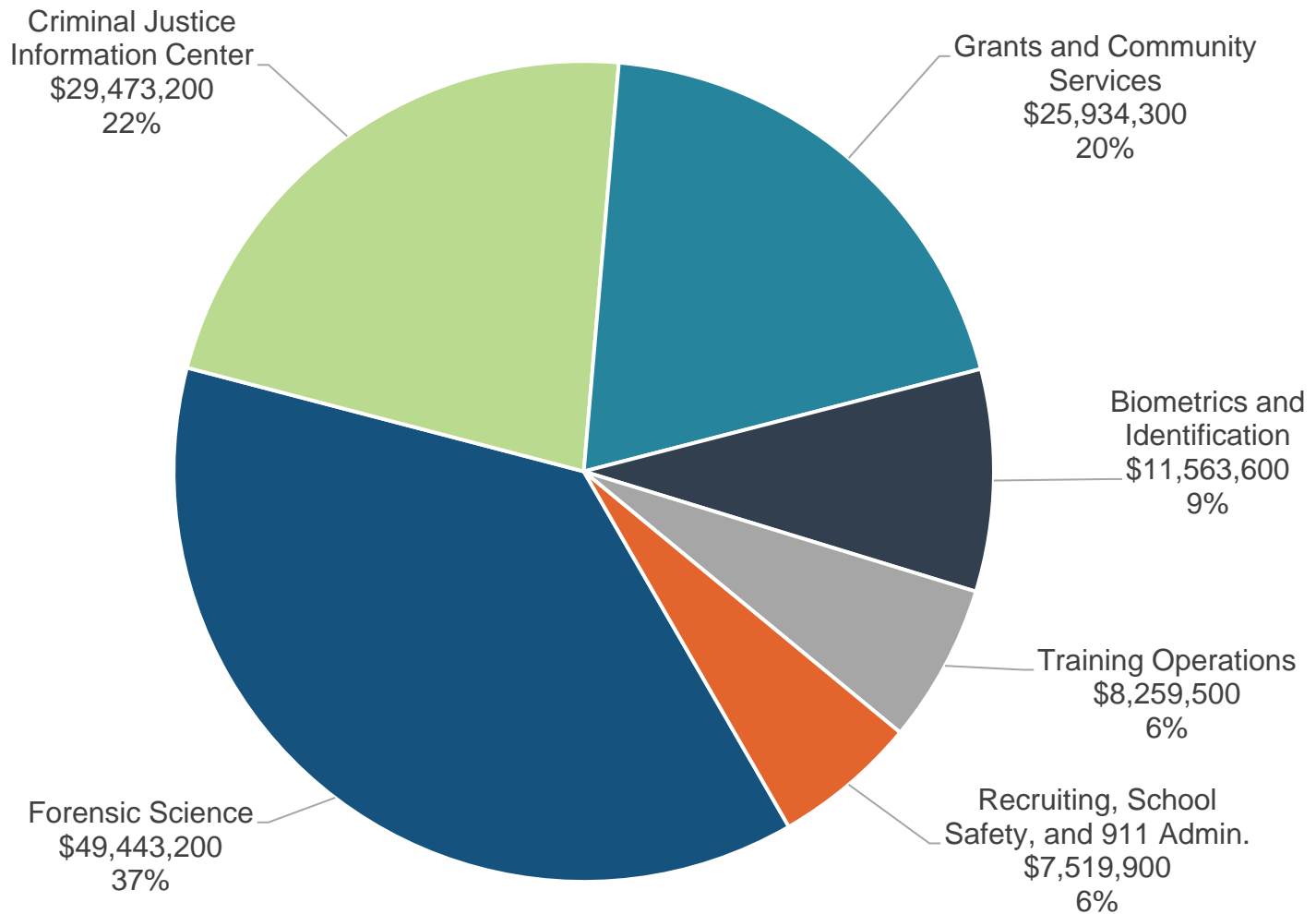
- DECF is a reserve fund utilized during a declared state disaster or emergency to help counties and municipalities respond to and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency
- Since depletion of the fund and subsequent raising of its statutory cap in response to the Flint water emergency (FY 2015-16), the Emergency Management Act requires the legislature to maintain the DECF balance between **\$2.5 million** and **\$10.0 million**
- Recent major DECF actions include:
 - **\$7.5 million** one-time GF/GP appropriated to the DECF in FY 2018-19 to offset expenses related to flooding in the Upper Peninsula
 - **\$2.2 million** expended in FY 2019-20 to cover costs associated with flooding in the Upper Peninsula and Midland County
 - **\$6.3 million** expended in FY 2020-21 for costs associated with flooding in the Upper Peninsula, Midland County, and Southeast Michigan

DECF Funding History



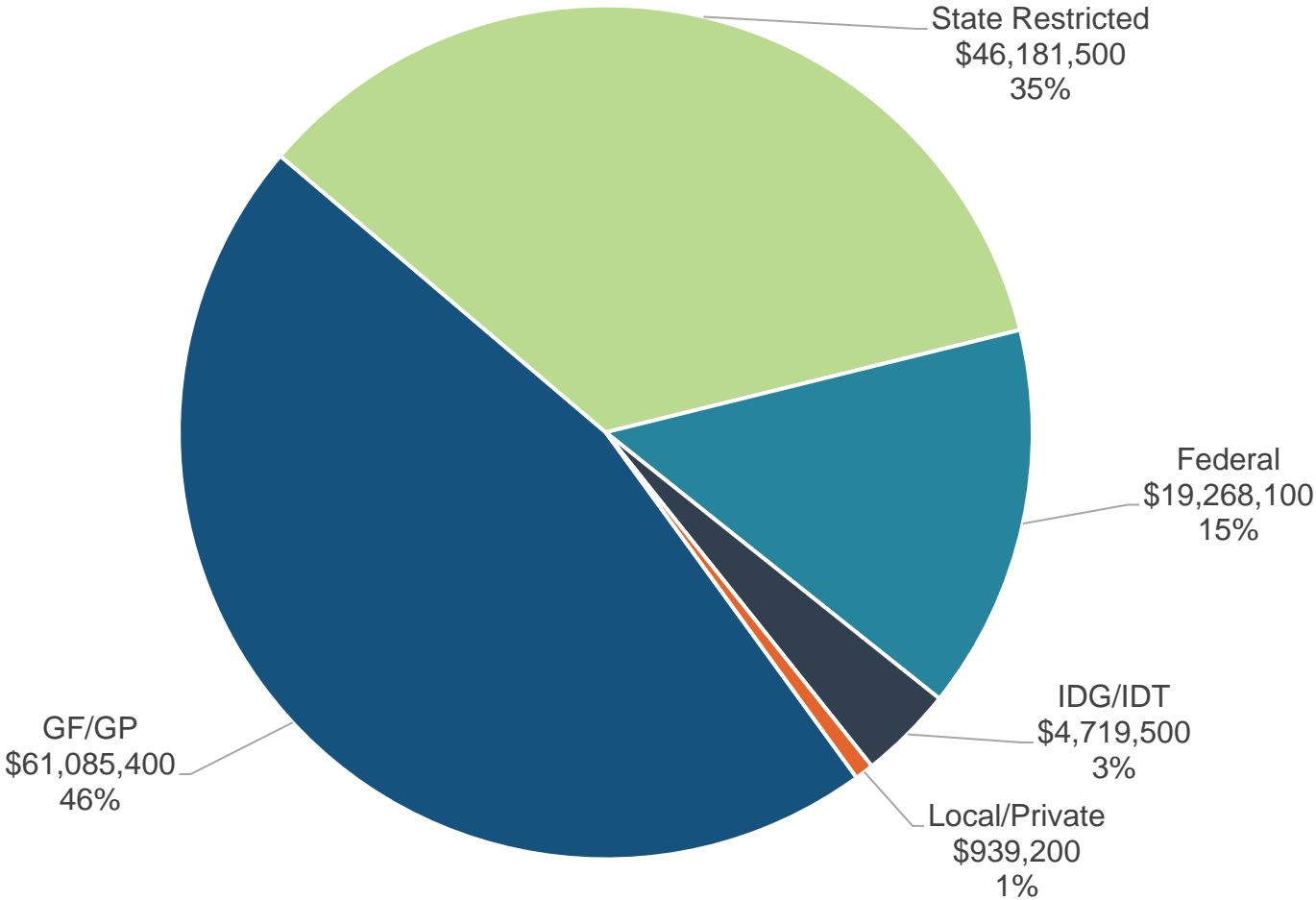
FY 2024-25 Law Enforcement Services Appropriations

The Law Enforcement Services appropriation unit is **14%** (**\$132.2 million**) of the Gross MSP appropriation and includes funding for specific law enforcement functions, support and training services, and grant programs.



FY 2024-25 Law Enforcement Services Fund Sources

GF/GP appropriations comprise **46%** of total funding for Law Enforcement Services. Approximately **90%** of state restricted funding comes from Criminal Justice Information Center fee revenue (**\$24.9 million**), the Automobile Theft Prevention Fund (**\$8.2 million**), and the State Services Fee Fund (**\$8.2 million**), while **97%** (**\$18.6 million**) of federal funding is drawn from Department of Justice revenue.

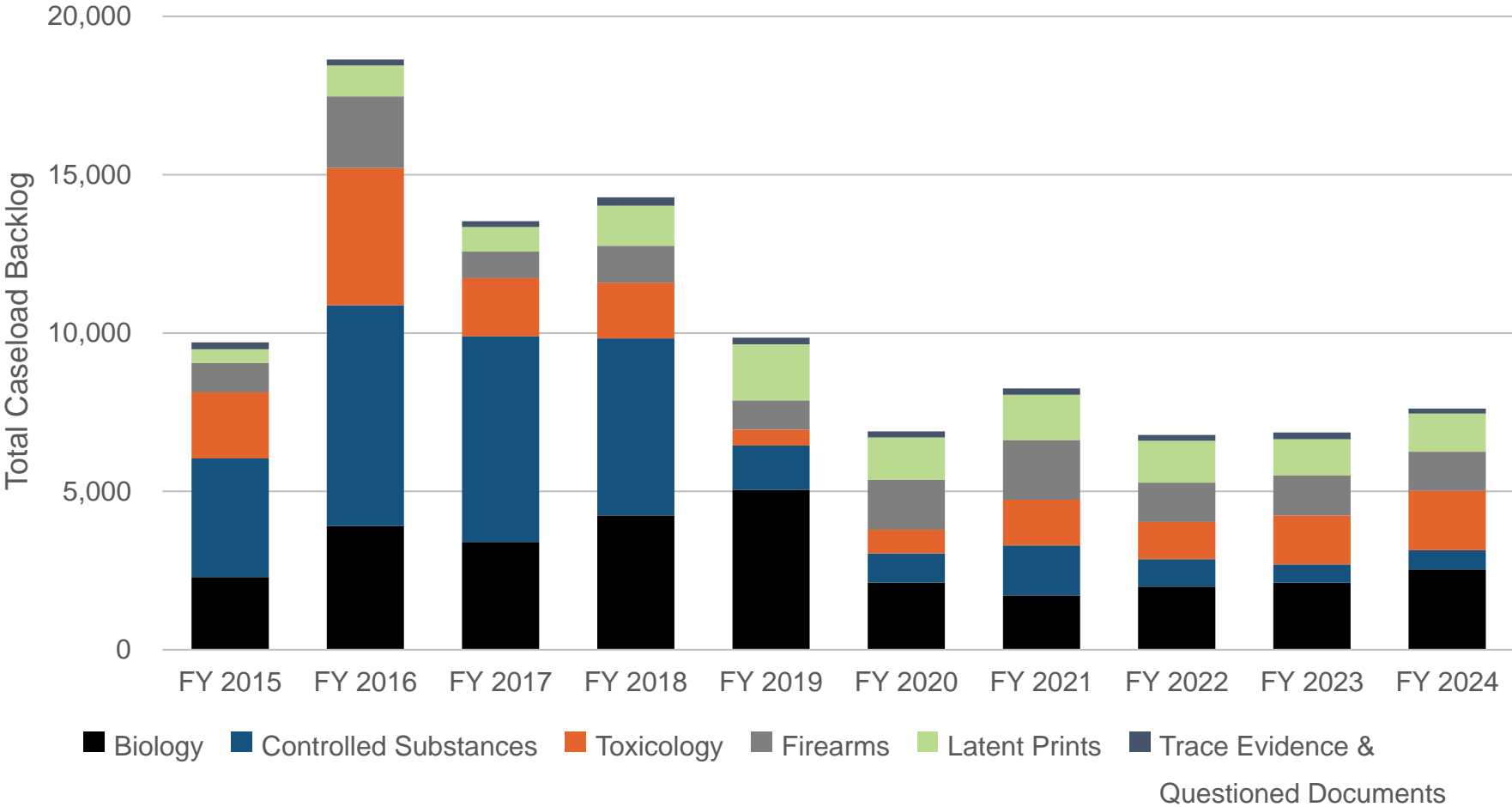


MSP Forensic Laboratories

- MSP's Forensic Science Division (FSD) is supported by a **\$49.4 million** appropriation, which represents **37%** of the Law Enforcement Services unit
- FSD employs scientists with expertise in various forensic science specialties, including biology and DNA, controlled substances, firearms and toolmarks, latent prints, toxicology, and trace evidence
- FSD operates 7 accredited regional forensic laboratories:
 - **Bridgeport** – Approximately **30** staff
 - **Lansing** – Approximately **73** staff (total between north and south)
 - **Northville** – Approximately **55** staff
 - **Grand Rapids** – Approximately **53** staff
 - **Marquette** – Approximately **9** staff
 - **Grayling** – Approximately **15** staff
 - **Metro Detroit** – Approximately **32** staff

Forensic Caseload Backlog

Since reaching a 10-year high in FY 2015-16, total backlogs in forensic caseloads have decreased by **59%**. The substantial increase in case backlogs during FY 2015-16 was due to firearms, toxicology, and biology cases substantially exceeding expected caseload intake.



Criminal Justice Information Center

- All arrests, charges, and convictions of serious crimes committed in Michigan must be submitted by all law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and courts to the central repository housed at the Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC)
- CJIC's appropriation of **\$29.5 million (\$3.9 million GF/GP)** supports a wide variety of law enforcement functions, including:
 - Maintaining and disseminating statewide criminal history data
 - Managing electronic reporting systems for traffic crashes, law enforcement investigations, warrants, stolen property, missing persons, sex offender registry status, and protection orders
 - Conducting concealed pistol license background checks
 - Providing state and local law enforcement agencies with a single point of access to Michigan Criminal Justice Information Network databases
 - Coordination and processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
- Of the more than **\$38.0 million** in CJIC fee revenue, nearly **35%** is appropriated for Information Technology (**\$10.4 million**) and Departmental Administration and Support (**\$2.8 million**)

FY 2024-25 One-Time Appropriations

Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund: \$10.0 million GF/GP to support response and recovery activities and assist local governments responding to a disaster or emergency.

Public Safety Academy Assistance Programs: \$10.0 million GF/GP to fund scholarships for police academy recruits and to support salaries for police cadets.

Disaster Recovery Grants: \$3.2 million GF/GP to fund grants to local governments for weather-related disaster expenses not covered by federal relief funding.

Cold Case Investigations: \$1.0 million GF/GP to support MSP Special Investigation Division, MSP Forensic Science Division, and cold case course programs at WMU and NMU.

Law Enforcement Communication Training: \$500,000 GF/GP for training law enforcement officers to improve communication with persons who experience language barriers or who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Michigan International Speedway Security: \$200,000 GF/GP to support MSP-provided security assistance for MIS in Lenawee County.

For more information about the State Police budget:

HFA Resources

<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/StatePolice.asp>

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