



Five Year Forecast

FY 2014 THROUGH FY 2018



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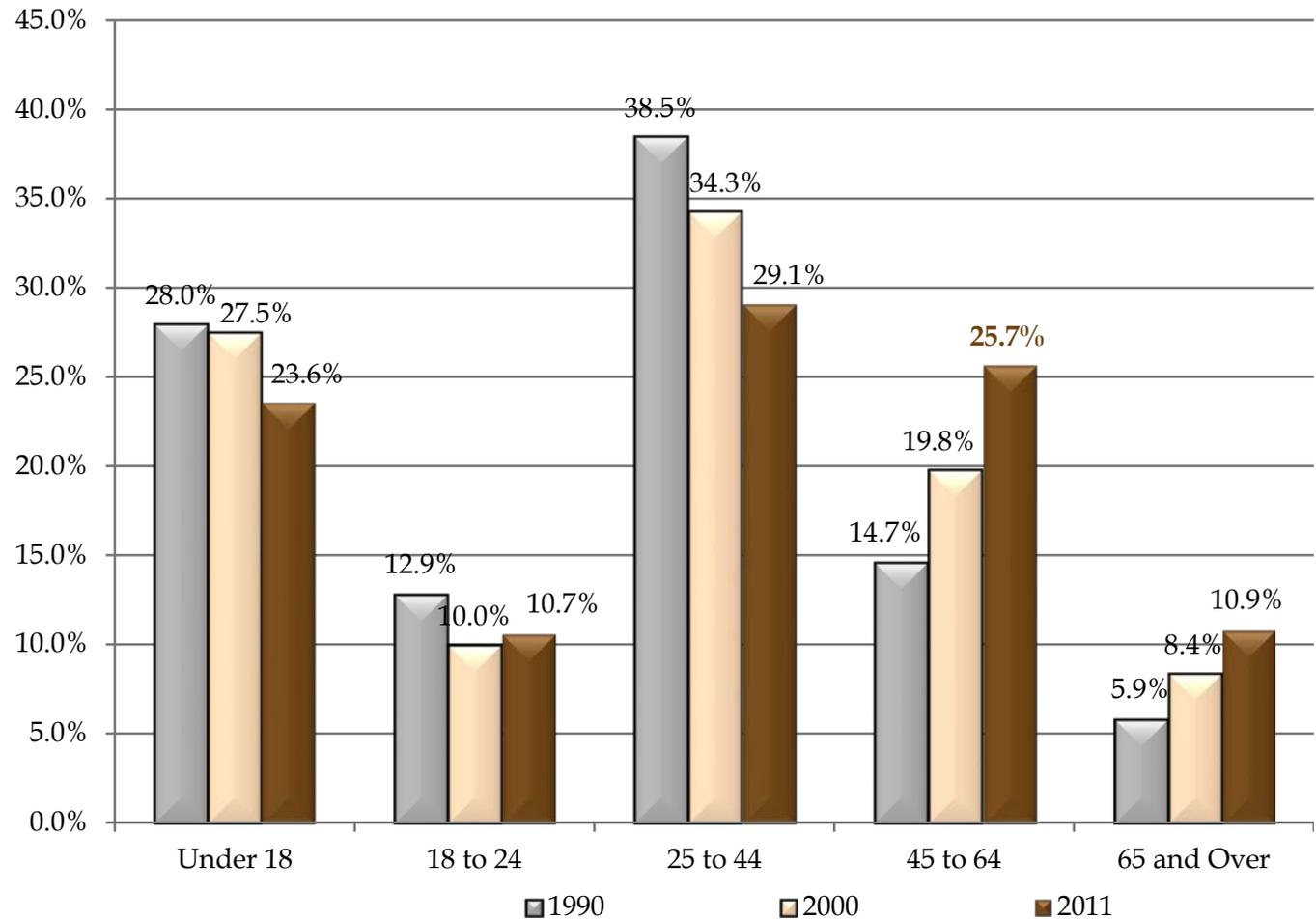
In addition to the cuts that could occur as a result of sequestration, Congress has already approved \$487 billion in reduced defense spending that will occur over the next 10 years (\$259 billion over the first five years).

There is a great deal of uncertainty about the potential impacts of sequestration. According to ODU's Annual State of the Region Report, most of the cuts in military spending will impact the Army, Marines, and Air Force. Due to the large Navy presence in our City and region, we may not experience the massive cuts if the budget sequester does in fact occur.

What concerns this forecast regarding the budget sequester are the cuts to non-defense programs that could occur beginning in January. These cuts would impact programs supported in part or fully by the Federal government in Human Services, Education, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, and the Courts. We will outline the specific programs that could experience cuts in the "Appendix" section of this document.

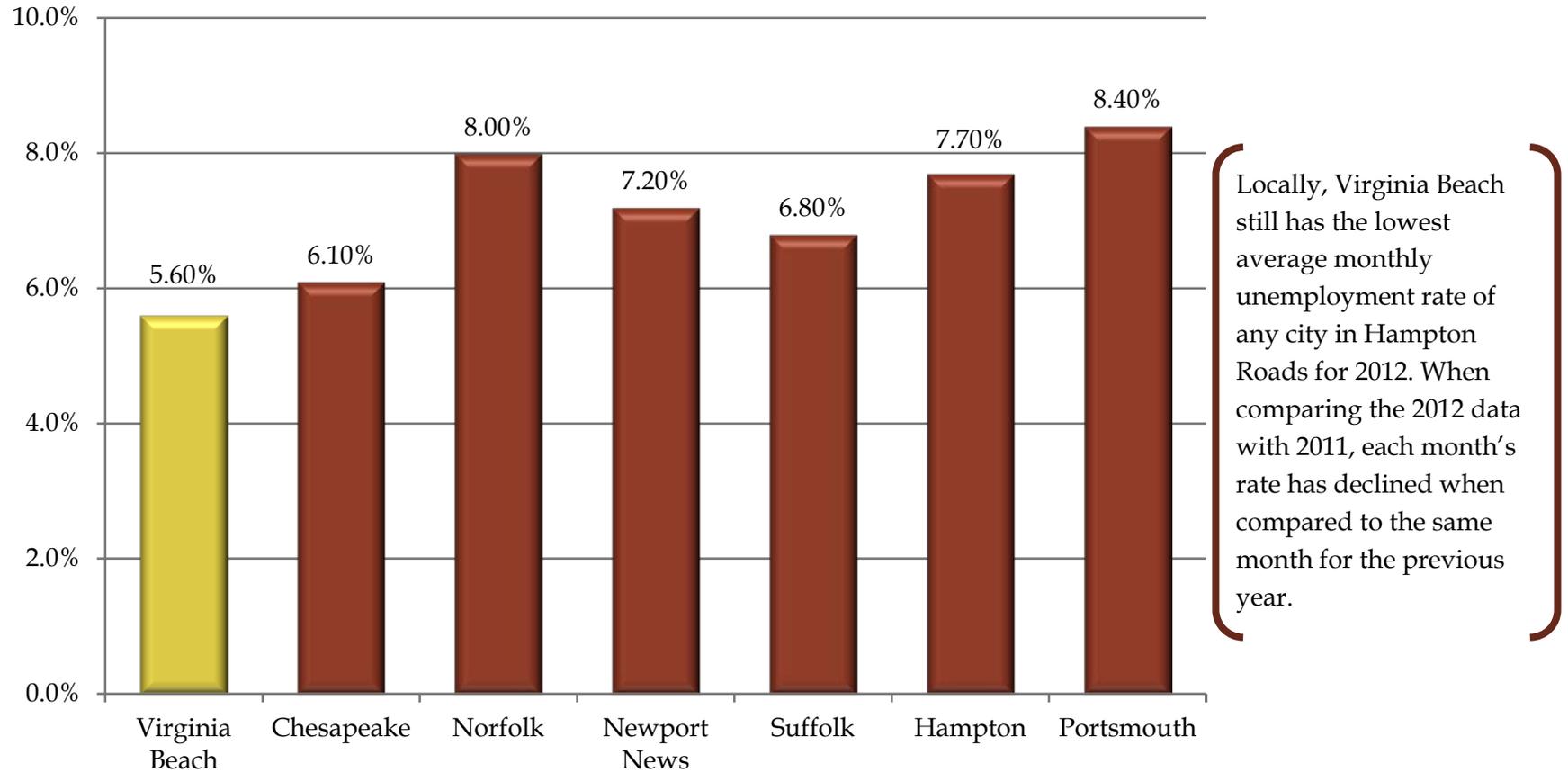
Proportion of the Population by Age

Like the rest of the country, over the last twenty years Virginia Beach has experienced growth in the older population age groups. Over the same time period, younger segments of the population have declined. The most rapidly growing segment of the population from 1990 to 2011 was persons age 45 to 64.



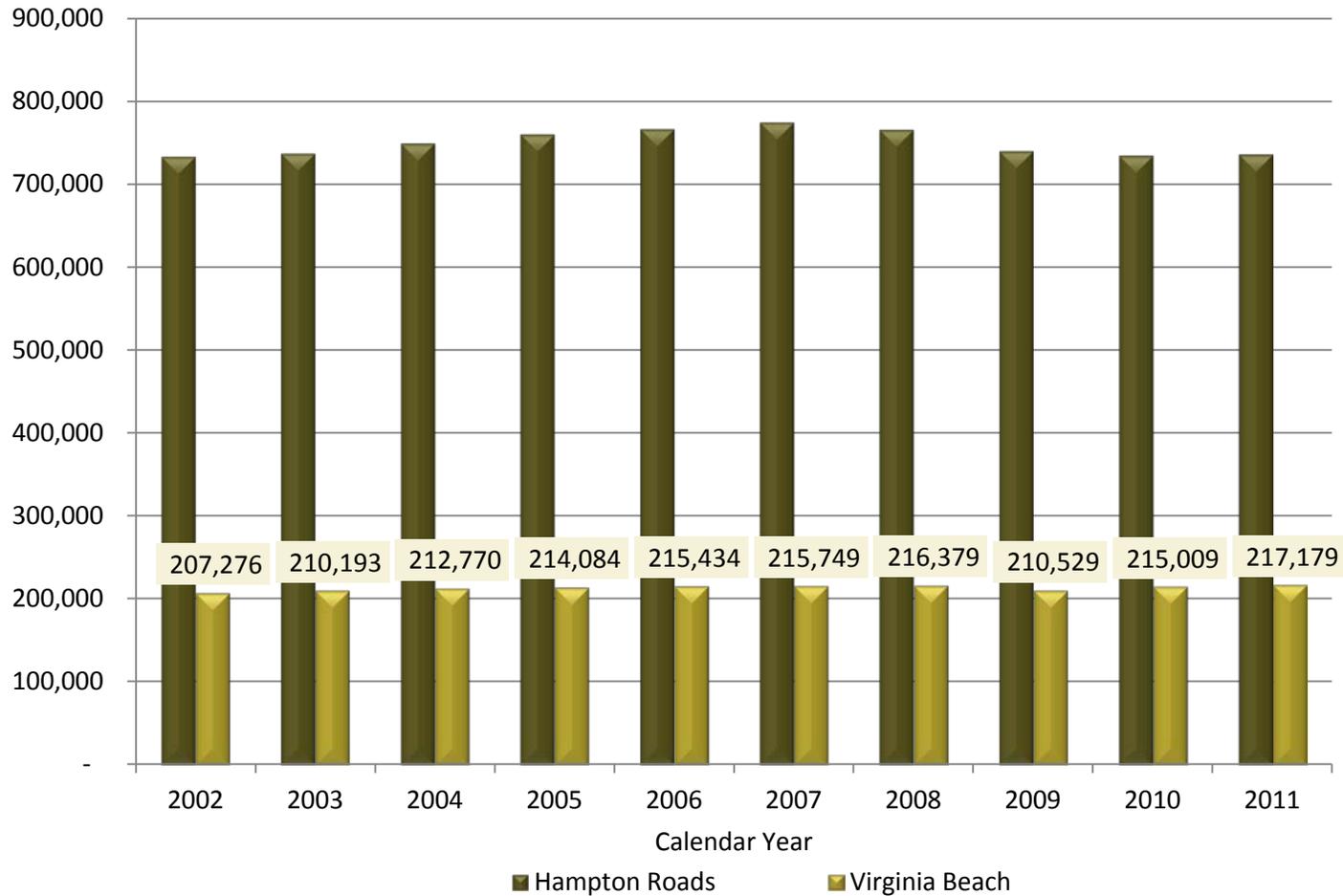
Source: US Census Bureau

Regional Average Monthly Unemployment Rate's for 2012 through September



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Comparison of Average Monthly Civilian Employment (Jobs)



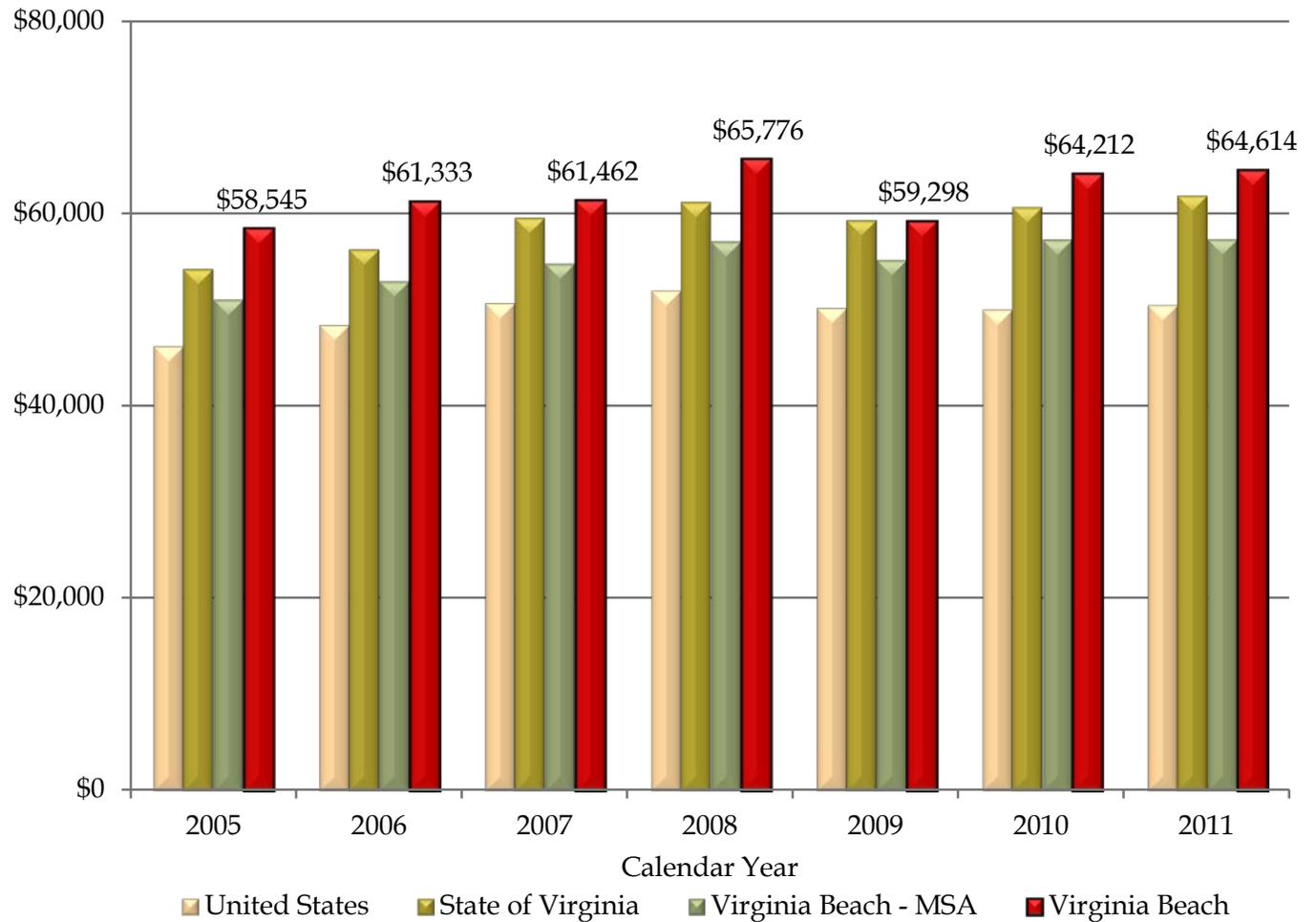
This graph shows civilian employment in Hampton Roads and Virginia Beach. While the region experienced declines in employment for three consecutive years from 2008 to 2010, the City experienced only one year of declining civilian employment (2009). Regional employment remains below its pre-recession level; however, Virginia Beach has already exceeded its previous high for employment which occurred in 2008.

Source: US Department of Labor

Median Household Income

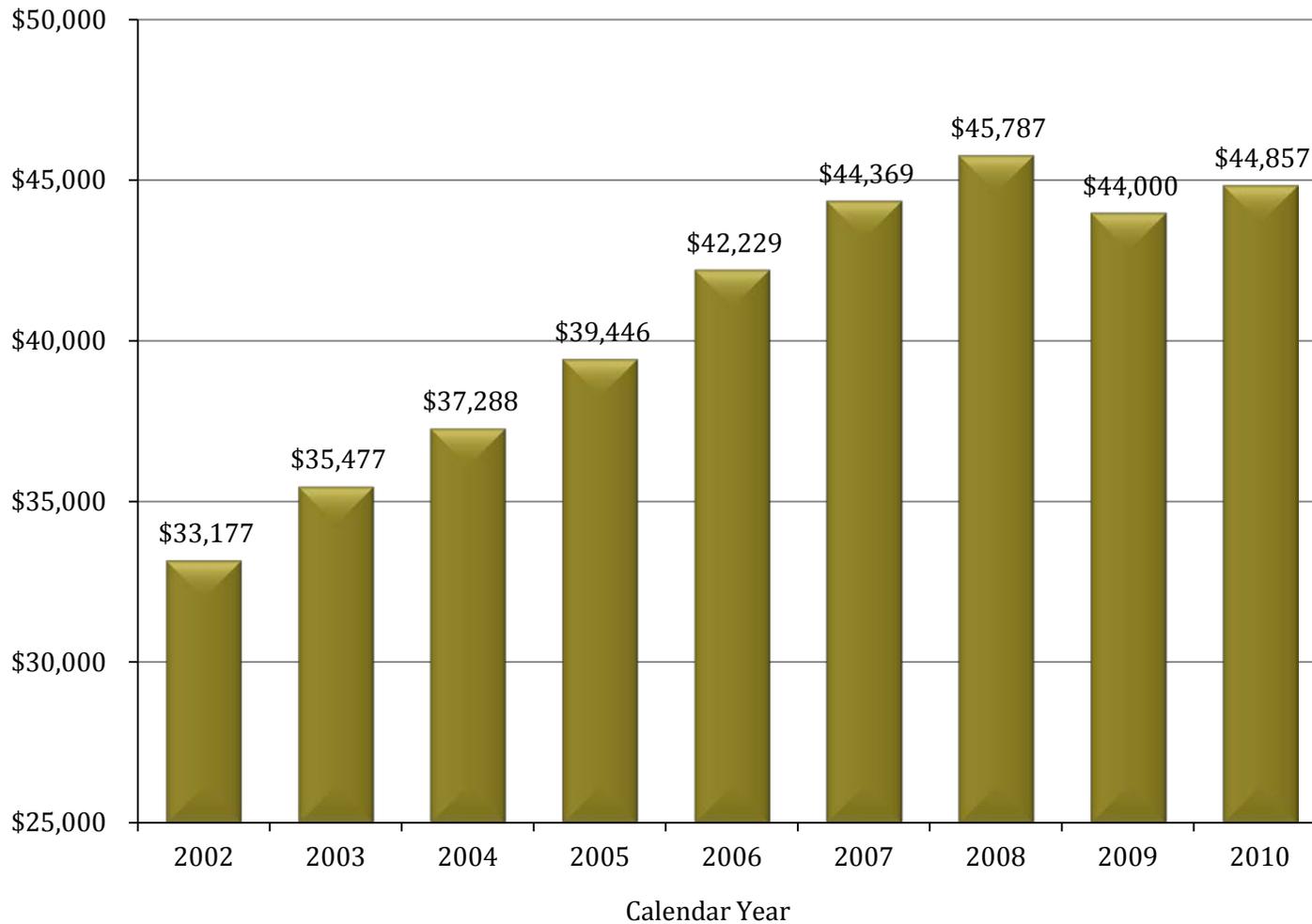
After declining in 2009, median household income in Virginia Beach grew for the second consecutive year. Despite this growth, median household income remains more than \$1,000 below its high which occurred in 2008.

Median household income in Virginia Beach also remained higher than the same measure when compared to the nation, State, and region.



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Per Capita Income

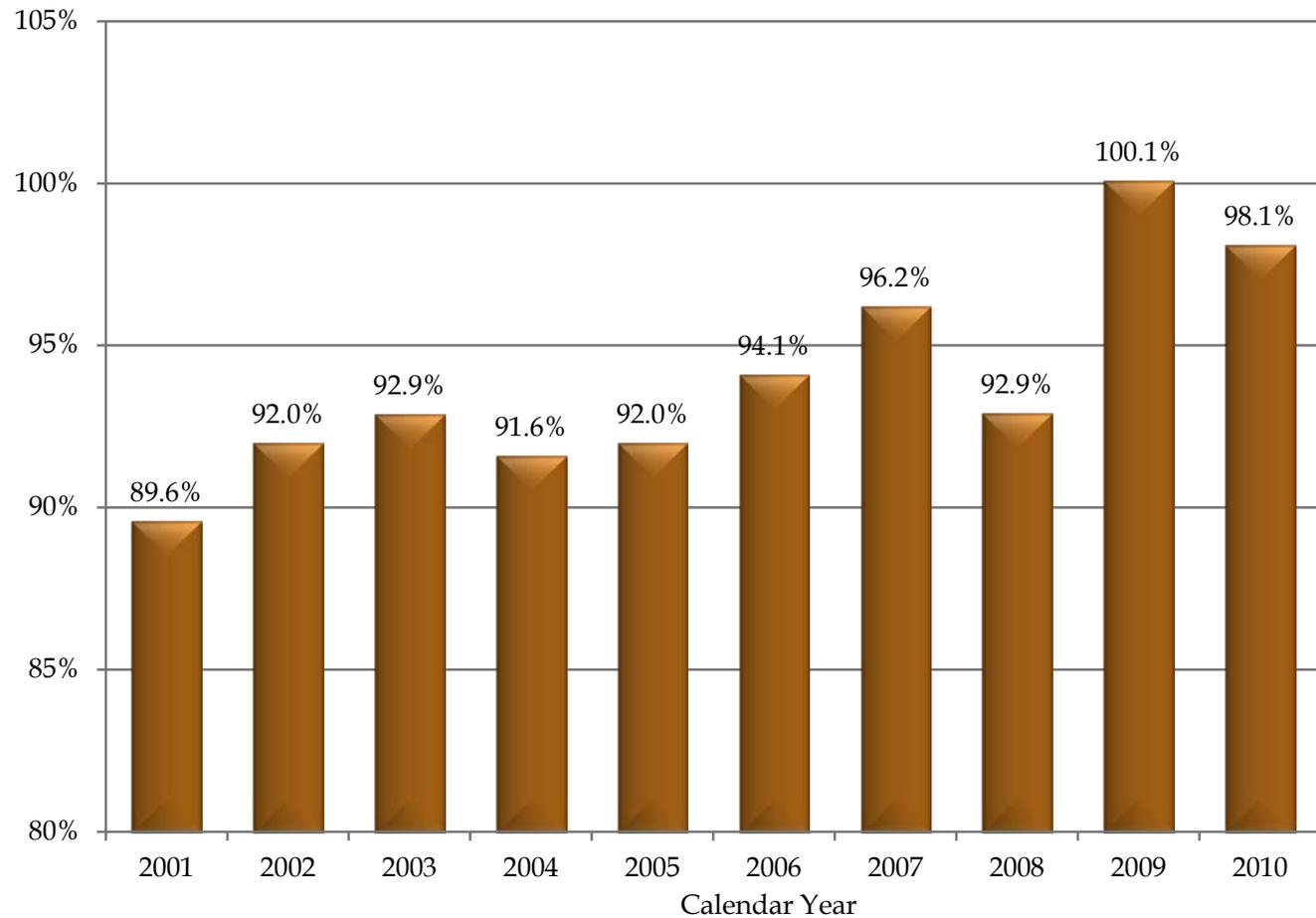


Despite declining in 2009, per capita income bounced back in 2010. While not achieving the same level as 2008, there was an increase of 49% from 2002 to 2010.

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income of People Moving into Virginia Beach as a Percentage of the Income of People Moving Out

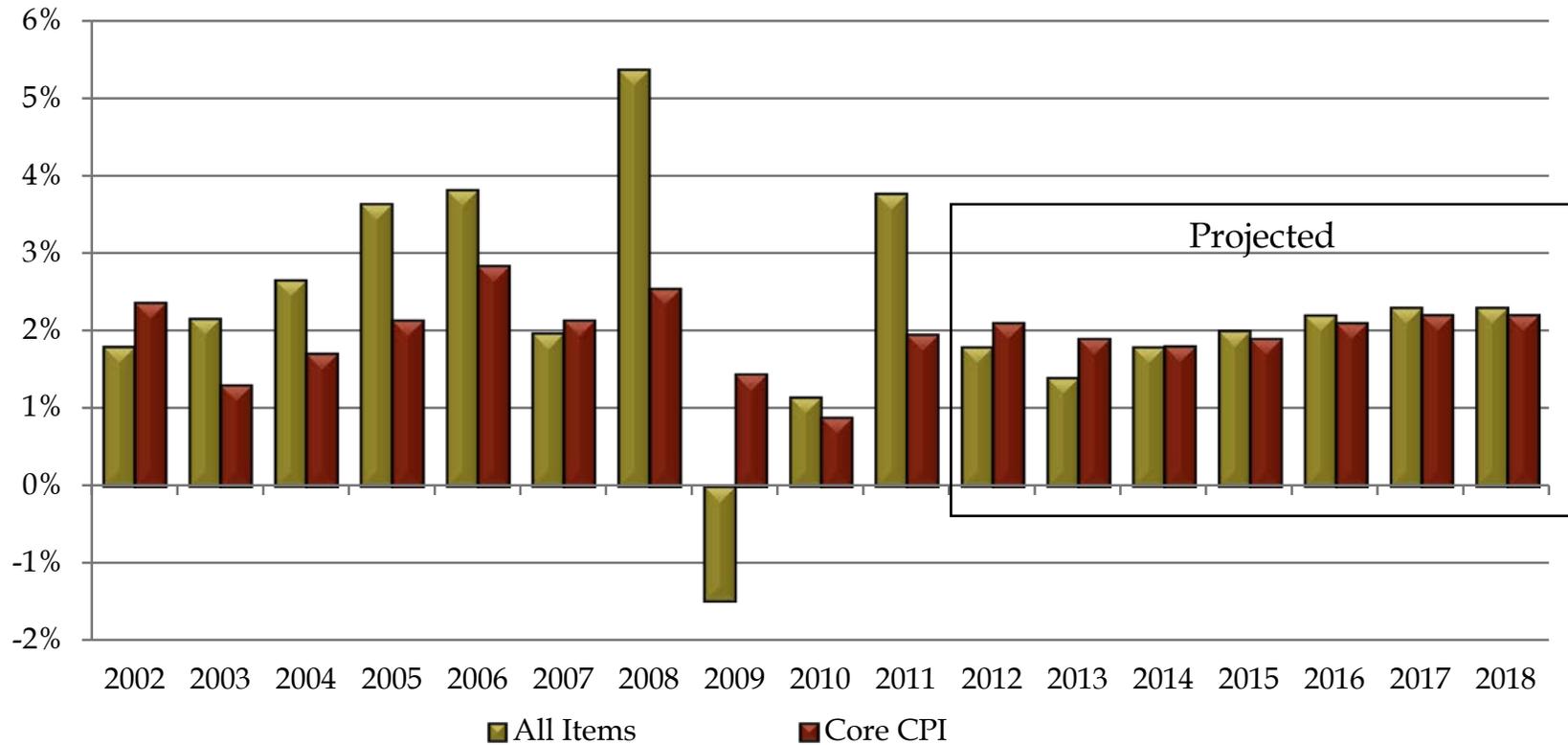
Over the past ten years, there is only one year (2009) in which the incomes of people moving into the City have exceeded the incomes of the people moving out.



Source: Internal Revenue Service and Management Services

Change in Consumer Price Index (CPI)

While inflation increased from 2010 to 2011, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is projecting that inflation will decline in 2012 and then level out over the remainder of the forecasted period. Please note that the figures for 2002 through 2011 are annual percent changes from August to August, while the figures for 2012 to 2018 are calendar year projections from the CBO.

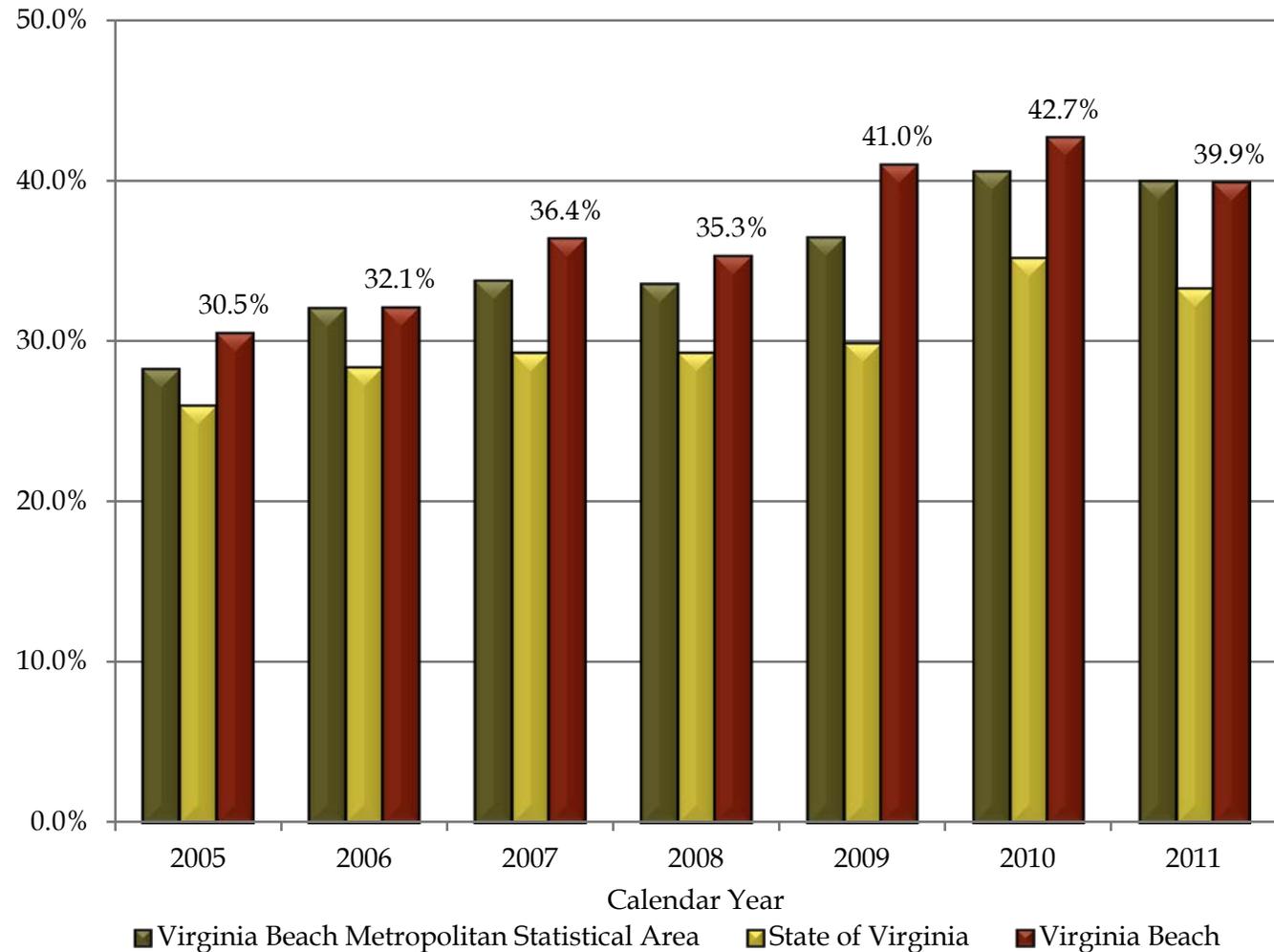


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Congressional Budget Office

Note: Core inflation does not include energy or food

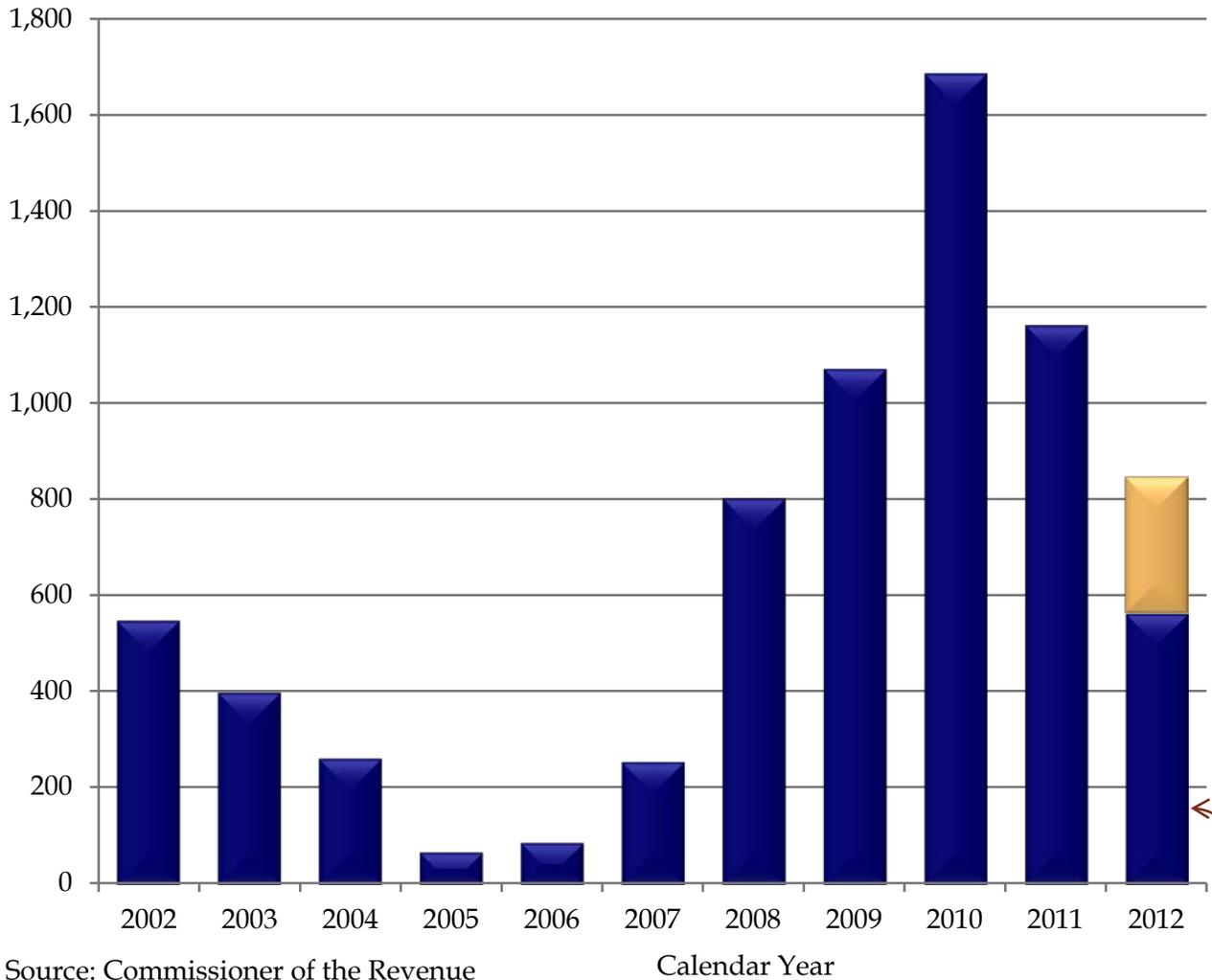
Monthly Owner Costs of Housing Units with a Mortgage Exceeding 30% of Household Income

The graph illustrates the growth in the percentage of homeowners whose mortgage exceeds 30% of their household income. The percentage of homeowners expending more than 30% of their household income for housing costs declined from 2010 to 2011. As housing costs grow as a percentage of the family budget, there is less disposable income for food, clothing, transportation, healthcare, entertainment and other goods and services.



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Foreclosures in Virginia Beach

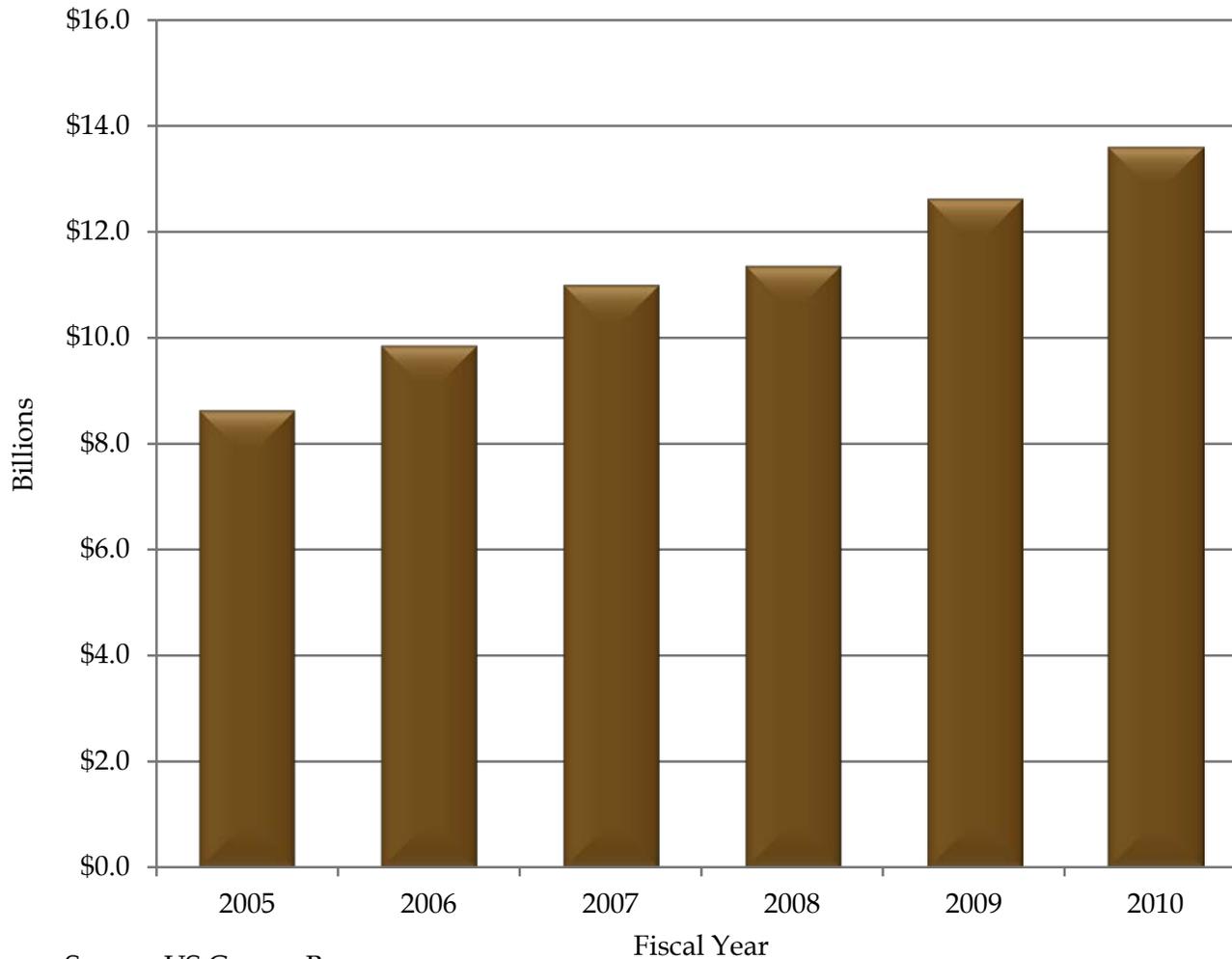


After increasing for five consecutive years, the number of foreclosures in Virginia Beach declined in 2011. Projecting 2012 (using data through August) it appears that the number of foreclosures will decline for the second consecutive year.

The ODU Economic Forecasting Project indicates that regionally the number of homes sold as a distressed sale (either a short sale or a bank owned home) has decreased from last year's high of 34% of all sales to 29% of all sales. They also indicated that a bank owned sale will be sold at 56.8% of a similar non-distressed sale price.

Source: Commissioner of the Revenue

Department of Defense Spending in Virginia Beach

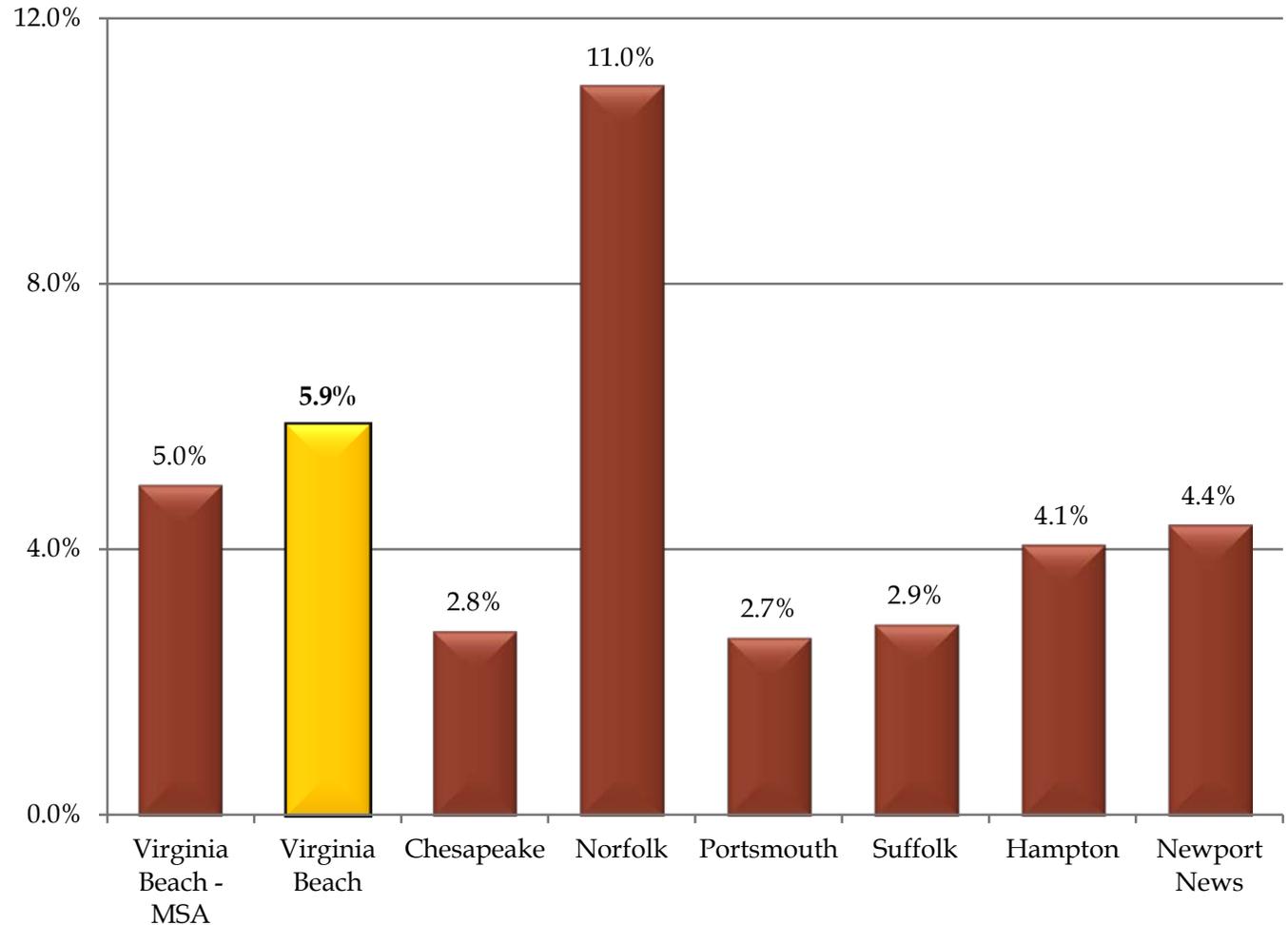


Source: US Census Bureau

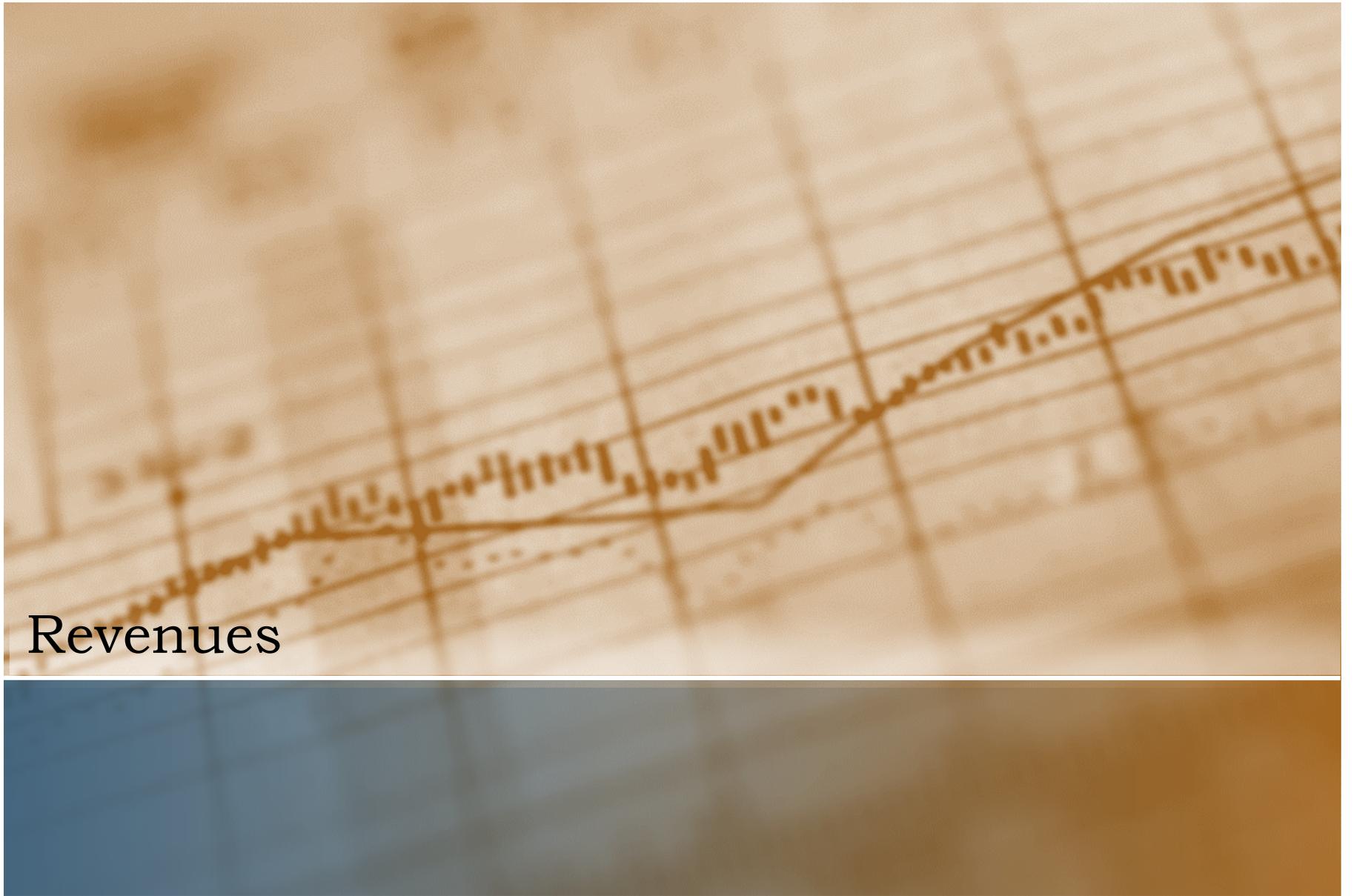
Direct Department of Defense spending grew in Virginia Beach significantly over the past five years. The continuation of this trend is highly dependent on sequestration and other deficit reduction measures enacted by Congress.

Percentage of the Labor Force in the Military – 2011

Sequestration or any other significant reduction in defense spending will impact military related jobs in the region. Both Norfolk and Virginia Beach stand to be hit the hardest. Of potentially greater concern than sequestration would be the potential loss of carrier groups and other naval assets through the Quadrennial Defense Review.



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey



Revenues

Revenues

Five years ago, in FY 2008-09, the City of Virginia Beach's adopted budget was based on revenues of a growing economy. As displayed by charts in the previous section, unemployment was lower, median household income was higher, per capita income was higher and foreclosures had just begun increasing. Most of the economic data indicating a slowing economy was not available at the time the FY 2008-09 budget was adopted. Below is a chart that compares total City revenues from the FY 2008-09 amended budget with the adopted FY 2012-13 budget:

Revenue	FY 2008-09	FY 2012-13	Change
Real Estate Tax	\$ 506,261,981	\$ 474,312,812	\$ (31,949,169)
Personal Property Tax	135,568,880	132,412,895	(3,155,985)
General Sales Tax	56,040,158	54,098,252	(1,941,906)
Utility Tax	49,045,450	44,979,473	(4,065,977)
Business License	43,180,830	42,423,932	(756,898)
Automobile License	8,960,647	9,627,435	666,788
Cigarette Tax	13,199,518	12,153,510	(1,046,008)
Amusement Tax	5,597,076	5,800,563	203,487
Hotel Room Tax	24,133,253	26,608,521	2,475,268
Restaurant Tax	48,745,131	55,155,356	6,410,225
Other Tax*	16,143,498	16,690,556	547,058
Other Local Revenues**	215,877,888	274,677,740	58,799,852
State Revenue	513,633,249	442,109,756	(71,523,493)
Federal Revenue	106,910,488	120,604,286	13,693,798
Non-Revenue Receipts	4,478,456	2,835,095	(1,643,361)
Specific Fund Reserves	17,489,914	52,903,829	35,413,915
Total	\$ 1,765,266,417	\$ 1,767,394,011	\$ 2,127,594

* Other Tax includes: Franchise tax- Cox Cable, Bank Net Capital tax, City tax on deeds and City tax on wills

** Other Local Revenues include: Permits, Privilege Fees, From Use of Money, Charges for Service, Miscellaneous Revenue and Fines and Forfeitures

Over the last five years, the two biggest losses in terms of revenue have been in real estate taxes and State revenue. Real estate revenue has decreased \$31.9 million (net of the \$28.8 million from the six-cent rate increase) and State revenue has decreased \$71.5 million for a combined loss of \$103.4 million over this five year period. The largest revenue increase over this five year period is found in other local revenues. These revenue sources increased a total of \$58.7 million over this five year period. This increase seemingly offsets half of the revenue lost from real estate and the State; however, a large part of this increase is attributable to storm water and sewer rate increases. These increases were programmed to address a Federal sewer consent decree and the known backlog of storm water projects and as a result, did not benefit services offered citywide. The second largest increase is in the use of fund balance or specific fund reserves. In FY 2012-13, the City of Virginia Beach used \$52.9 million in fund balance or \$35.4 million more than the amount used in FY 2008-09. The City of Virginia Beach’s bottom line revenue is similar to what was budgeted five years ago; however, the City is much more reliant on fund balance to equal that level of revenue.

Sources of Local Government Revenue			
Virginia Beach			
FY	State Aid	Local Revenue	Federal Revenue
2002	30.1%	62.9%	7.0%
2003	29.7%	63.5%	6.8%
2004	28.5%	64.0%	7.5%
2005	29.0%	63.5%	7.5%
2006	29.6%	63.0%	7.4%
2007	29.5%	64.0%	6.5%
2008	28.7%	64.8%	6.4%
2009	29.2%	64.8%	6.0%
2010	28.8%	65.4%	5.8%
2011	26.0%	66.4%	7.6%

Sources of Local Government Revenue			
Statewide			
FY	State Aid	Local Revenue	Federal Revenue
2002	34.8%	58.3%	6.9%
2003	33.9%	59.1%	7.6%
2004	32.6%	59.0%	8.4%
2005	33.2%	59.3%	7.5%
2006	32.2%	60.5%	7.3%
2007	33.0%	60.2%	6.8%
2008	32.5%	60.9%	6.5%
2009	32.8%	60.5%	6.7%
2010	30.6%	60.6%	8.8%
2011	30.6%	61.4%	8.0%

State revenue totals 25% and real estate revenue is 27% of the total revenue collected by the City. These are the City’s two largest sources of revenue. State revenue is difficult to project and can be almost impossible to capture all the variables that will enter into the equation with the opening of the General Assembly session. Previously mentioned in this report is a discussion of sequestration and the potential trickle down impact that it could have on the Commonwealth of Virginia. With so many unknowns at the State level, it is assumed that the best case scenario would be 0% growth over the forecasted period in State revenue. This is assumed to be the best case scenario compared to the alternative of State cuts.

As displayed in the previous tables, the State Aid to localities decreasing is not a trend unique to the City of Virginia Beach but a trend that is occurring statewide. As long as the economy remains slow, it appears that the State will continue to balance the budget in part by reducing aid to the localities, primarily in education.

Fortunately real estate revenue, the largest City revenue source, is more predictable than State revenue. Variables such as revenue collected, foreclosures, housing trends, assessments and assessment rates can be collected and analyzed to determine a projected monetary value. The City’s Real Estate Assessor is projecting real estate to **decline 3%** in FY 2013-14, **decline 1%** in FY 2014-15, **no change** in FY 2015-16, increase **1%** in FY 2016-17 and **increase 2%** in FY 2017-18. This projection of real estate is better than what was estimated in the Five Year Forecast presented to City leaders last November. Below is a table that displays last year’s projection to this year’s forecast projection:

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Last Year’s Projection	-5.5%*	-3.0%	-3.0%	0.0%	1.0%	--
This Year’s Projection	--	-3.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%

* At the time of budget adoption, this was only a 3.7% decrease in assessments

This year’s Five Year Forecast assumes smaller decreases and more growth in real estate revenue compared to last year’s Five Year Forecast. Real estate revenues are projected to decrease significantly the first couple of years of the forecast before increasing the last two years of the forecasted period. By FY 2017-18, real estate revenues are estimated to be \$2.5

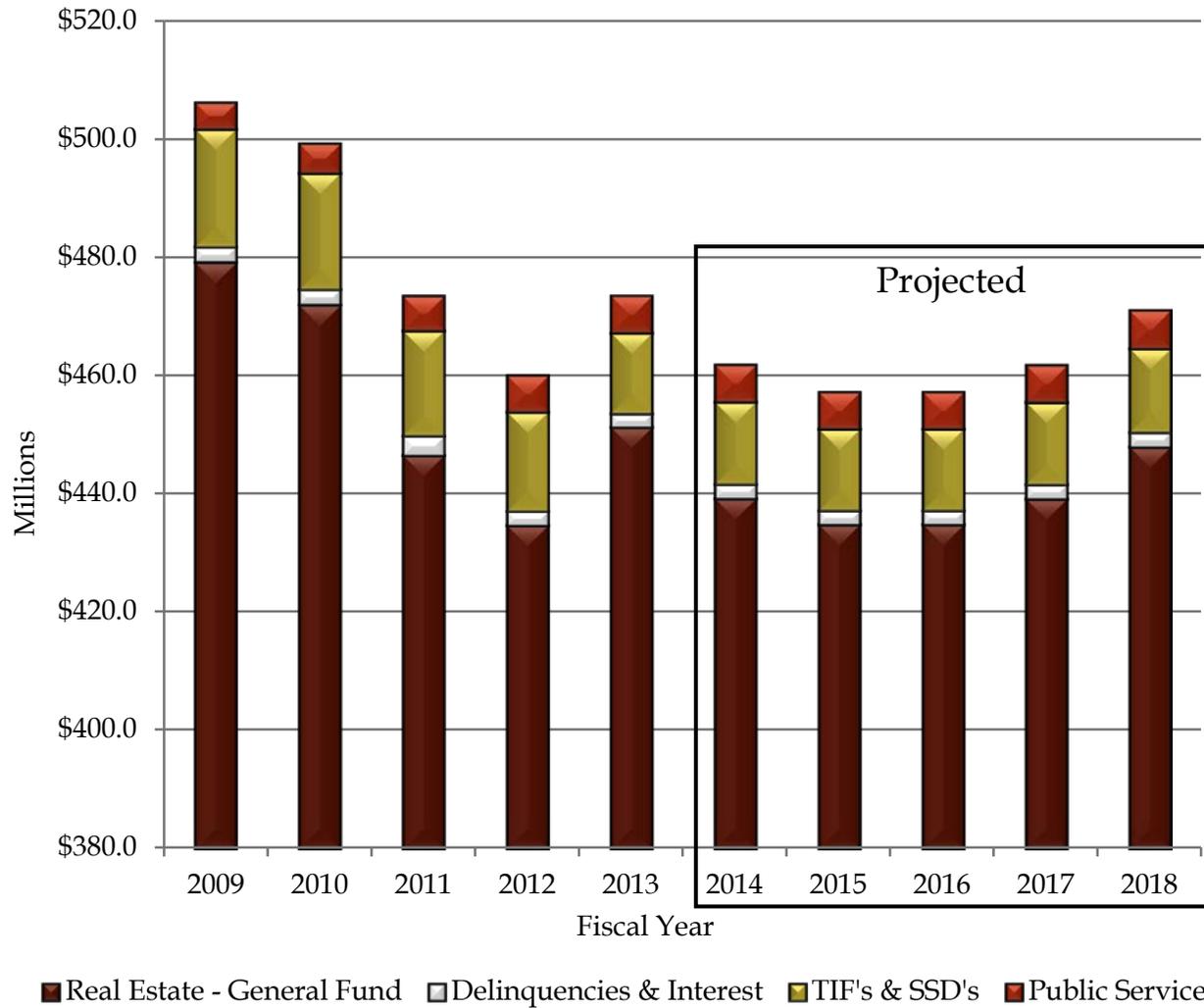
million less than the amount adopted in the FY 2012-13 Operating Budget. This is a significant improvement compared to last year's Five Year Forecast that anticipated a loss of \$44.2 million in real estate revenue over a five year period. Several elements contribute to this improvement including, City Council increasing the tax rate to .95 cents and real estate assessments decreasing less than anticipated in FY 2012-13 (3.7%).

Although real estate revenues look bleak over the next five years, upward trends in consumer spending indicate increases in other tax revenues. Several revenues are anticipated to return to and, in several cases exceed, their FY 2008-09 levels during the forecast period. Anticipated growth in these revenues significantly improves the financial forecast for the City over the next five years compared to what was estimated a year ago. Below is a table displaying the overall net change in revenues between each year of the forecast period.

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Net Change in Millions	\$ (13.8)	\$ 2.8	\$ 14.9	\$ 25.6	\$ 21.4

The following pages will briefly touch on each source of revenue; discuss their trend, and some of the factors impacting their projected trend over the next five years.

Real Estate Tax Revenue



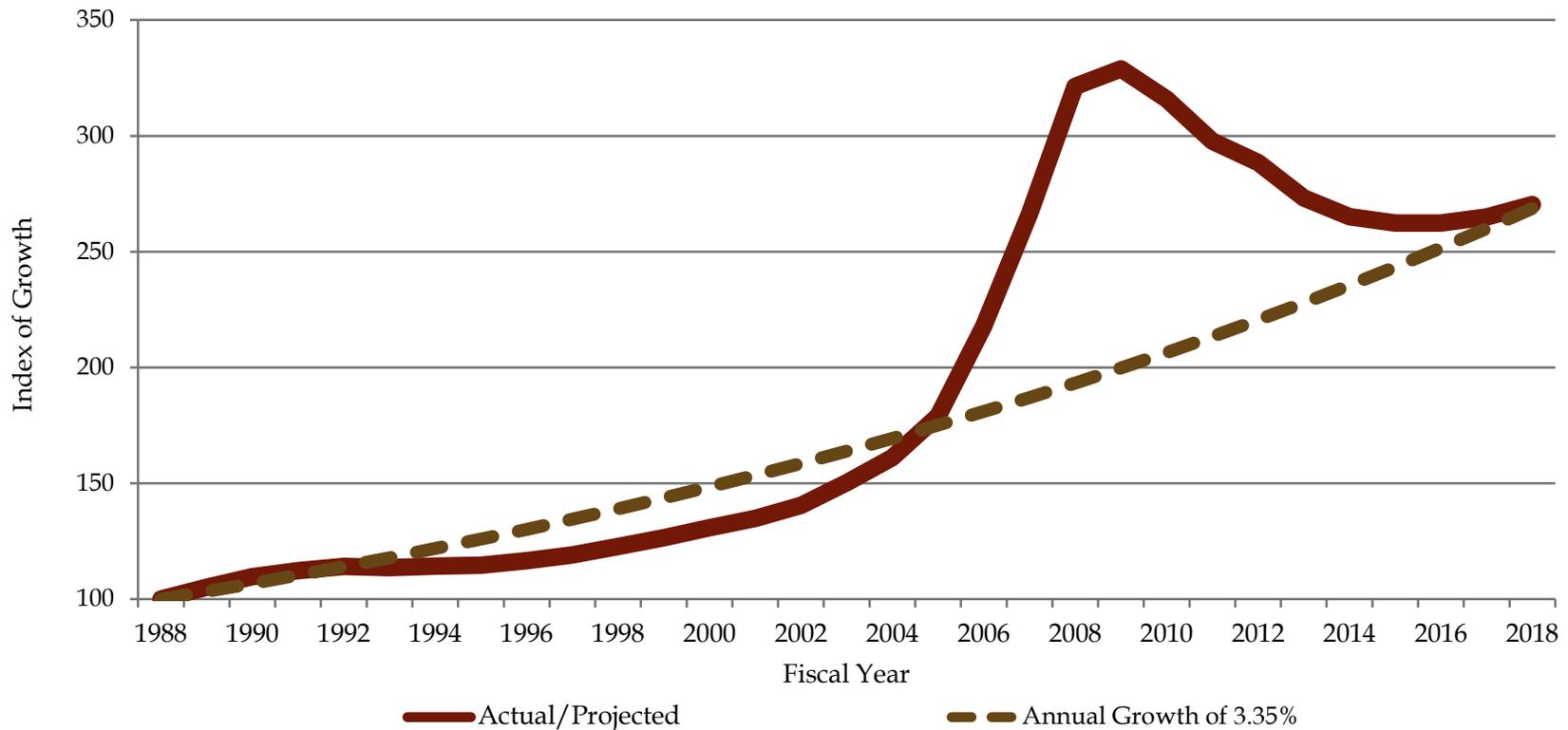
While real estate assessments are expected to decline the first two years of the forecast, revenue is expected to increase the final two years as assessments are projected to grow by 1% and then 2% in FY 2017-18. In FY 2012-13, City Council adopted a six cent increase in the real estate tax rate in order to provide funding for Schools, transportation, and line of duty pay. As this graph illustrates, despite the six cent increase in the rate, the amount of revenue projected in FY 2013-14 is only slightly higher than the revenue generated in FY 2011-12. In FY 2014-15, real estate revenue is expected to decline below the FY 2011-12 collections. These projections are based on assessment projections provided by the City Assessor's Office along with collection data and State assessment trends for public service real estate.

Source: Department of Management Services and the City Real Estate Assessor's Office

Actual and Projected Real Estate Appreciation/Depreciation

Versus 3.35% Annual Growth

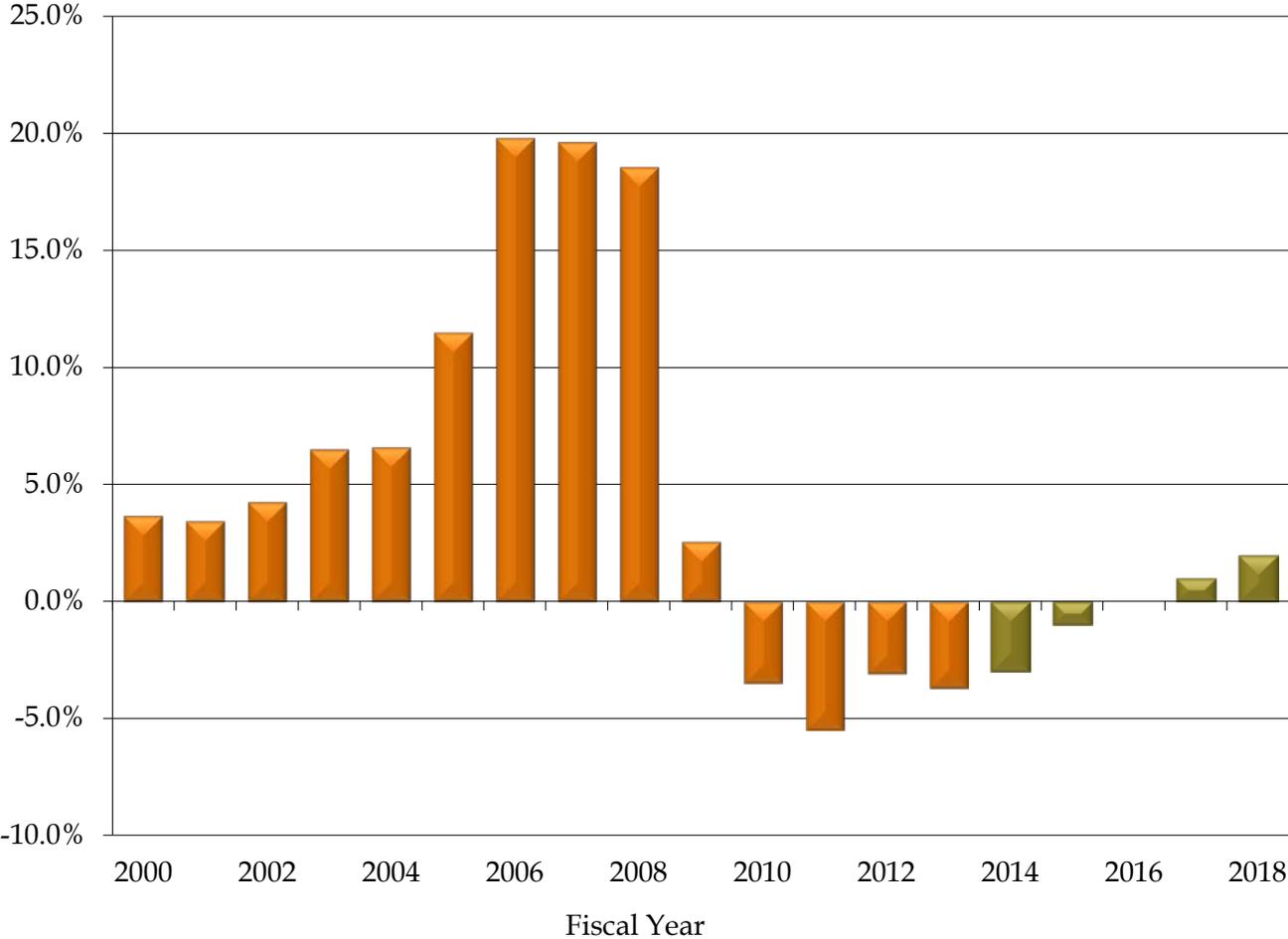
Research by Robert Shiller, a noted economics expert on real estate from Yale University, indicates that 3.35% represents the long-term average for real estate appreciation. By plotting this 3.35% growth rate against actual observed appreciation/depreciation, it illustrates that from 1991 through 2004 real estate values underperformed the trends. Beginning in 2005, real estate values exceeded the long-term average growth rate but appear to be moving back toward the trend in the latter years of the forecast that Shiller describes.



Source: Department of Management Services

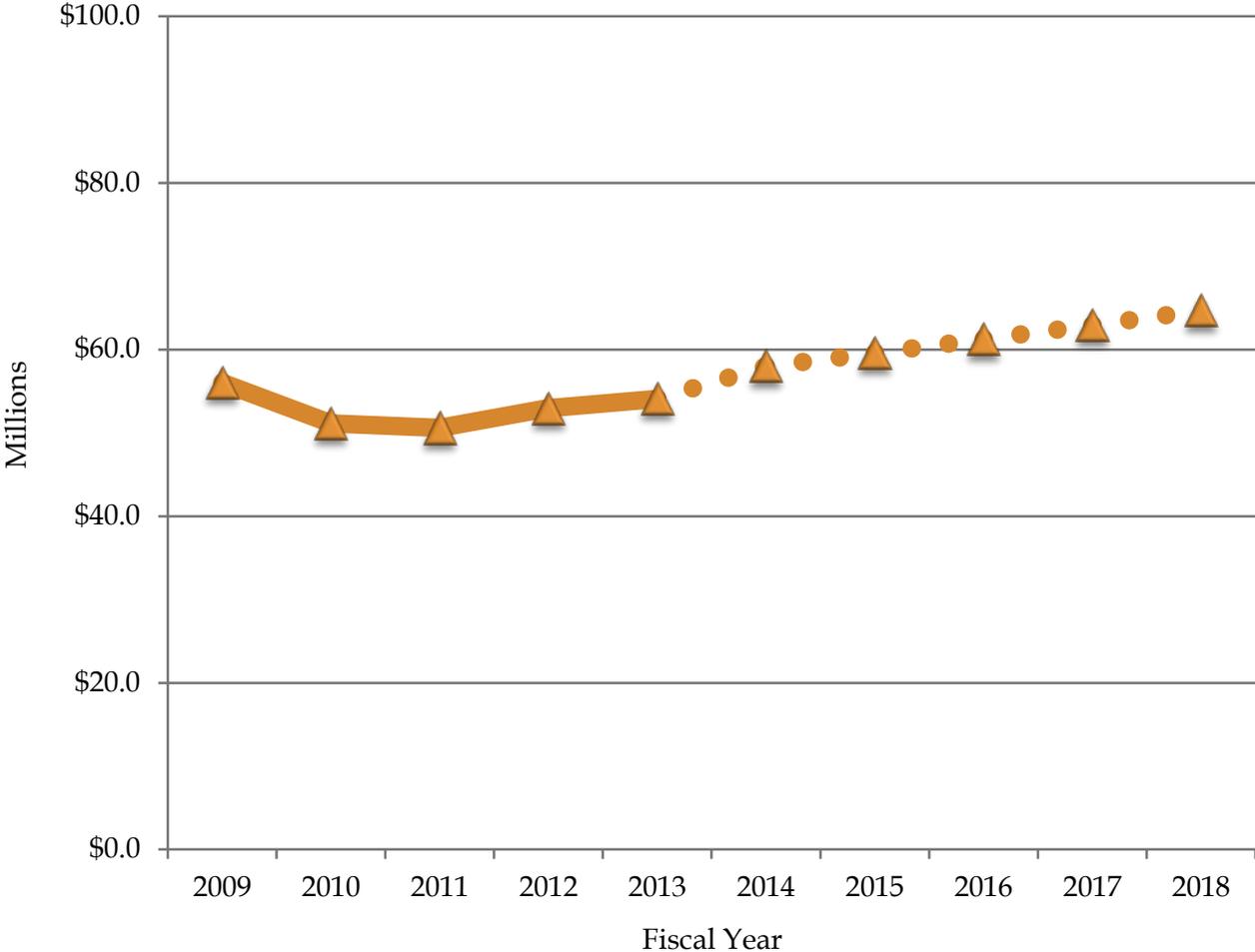
Change in Total Assessed Value

As this graph illustrates, real estate assessment increased dramatically in the mid and late 2000's. However, assessments declined 15.8% from FY 2009-10 to FY 2012-13 and are anticipated to decline another 4% over the next two years before bottoming out in FY 2015-16 then increasing the last two years of the forecast.



Source: Real Estate Assessor's Office

General Sales Tax

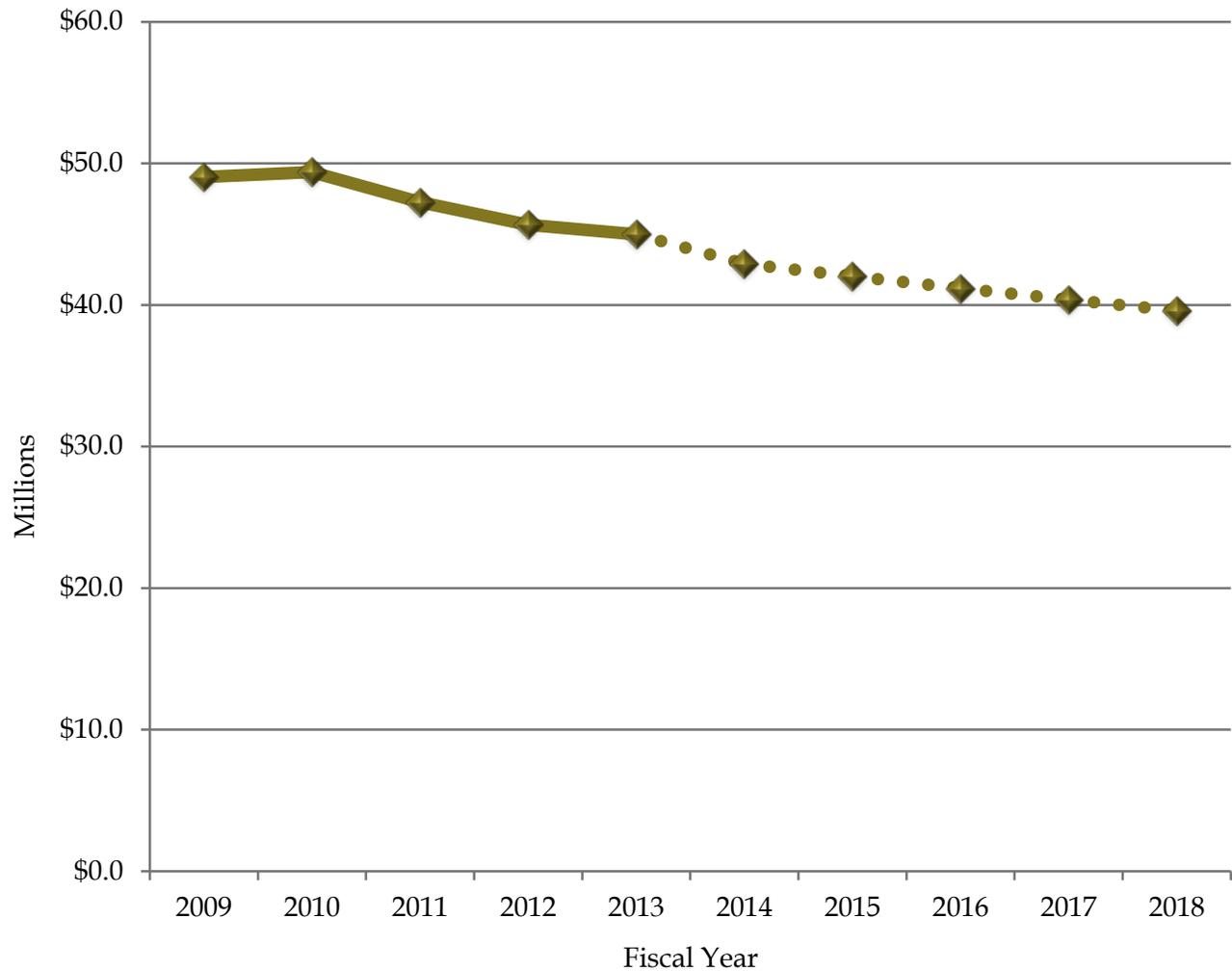


Based on revenues collected and the steady level of national consumer spending. General Sales tax is forecasted to grow over the forecasted period. Currently this revenue is on pace to exceed the amount budgeted for in FY 2012-13. Comparing budget to budget General Sales tax revenue is estimated to grow by 7% in FY 2013-14 and at a yearly rate of 3% throughout the remainder of the forecast.

Source: Department of Management Services

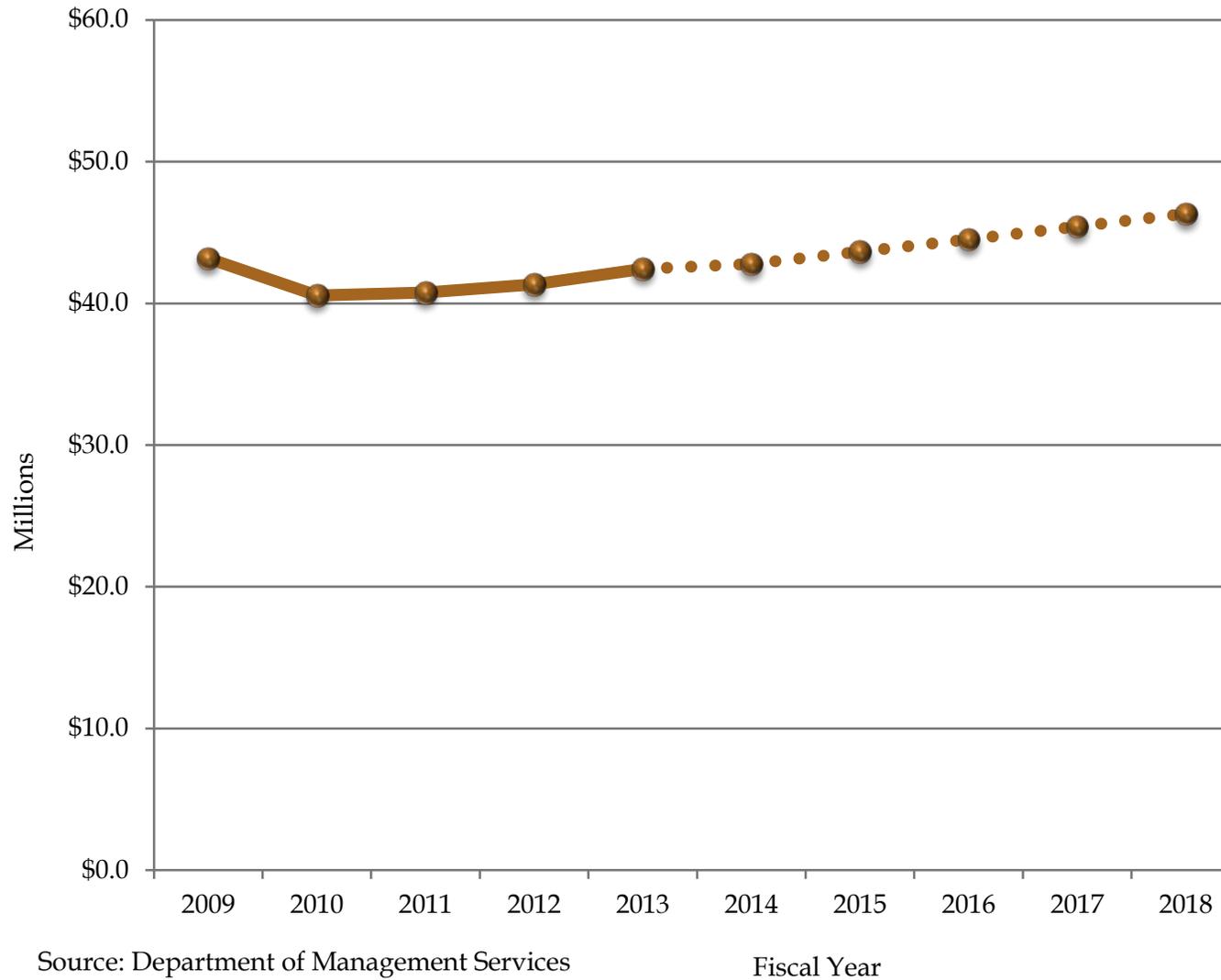
Utility Taxes

Utility tax consists of water taxes, electric and gas utility tax, electric/gas consumption tax, and the Virginia Telecommunications tax. Three of these revenue sources are anticipated to grow slightly over the forecasted period; however, telecommunications tax, the largest of the four, is anticipated to decline at a rate of 8% in FY 2013-14 and decline at an annual rate of 5% over the forecasted period. Utility taxes in total are anticipated to decline at an average rate of 2% per year. Reasons for this decline in telecommunications tax include the decreasing number of households that have both a landline and a cell phone along with large exonerations of the tax by the State.



Source: Department of Management Services and the Virginia Department of Taxation

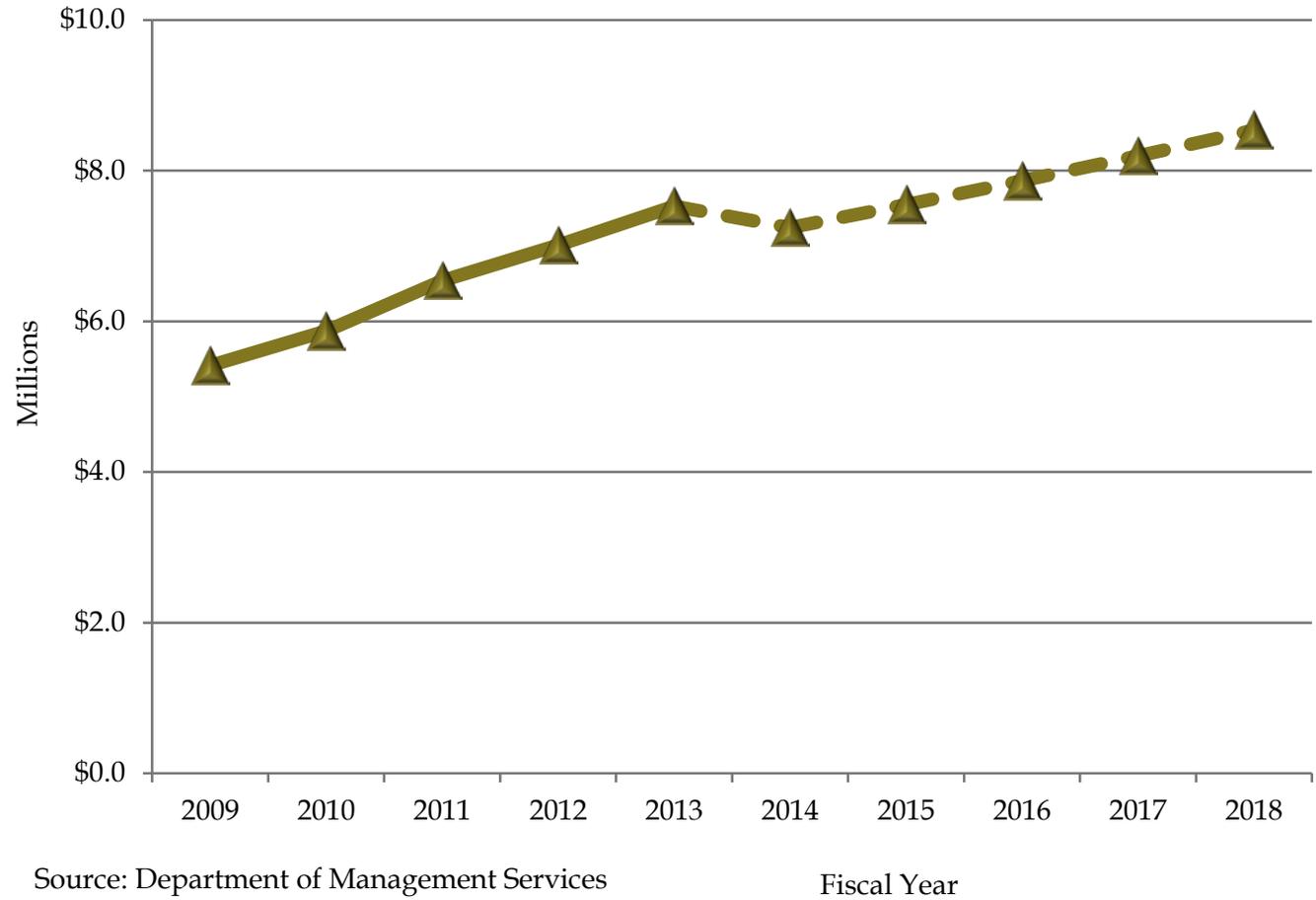
Business License



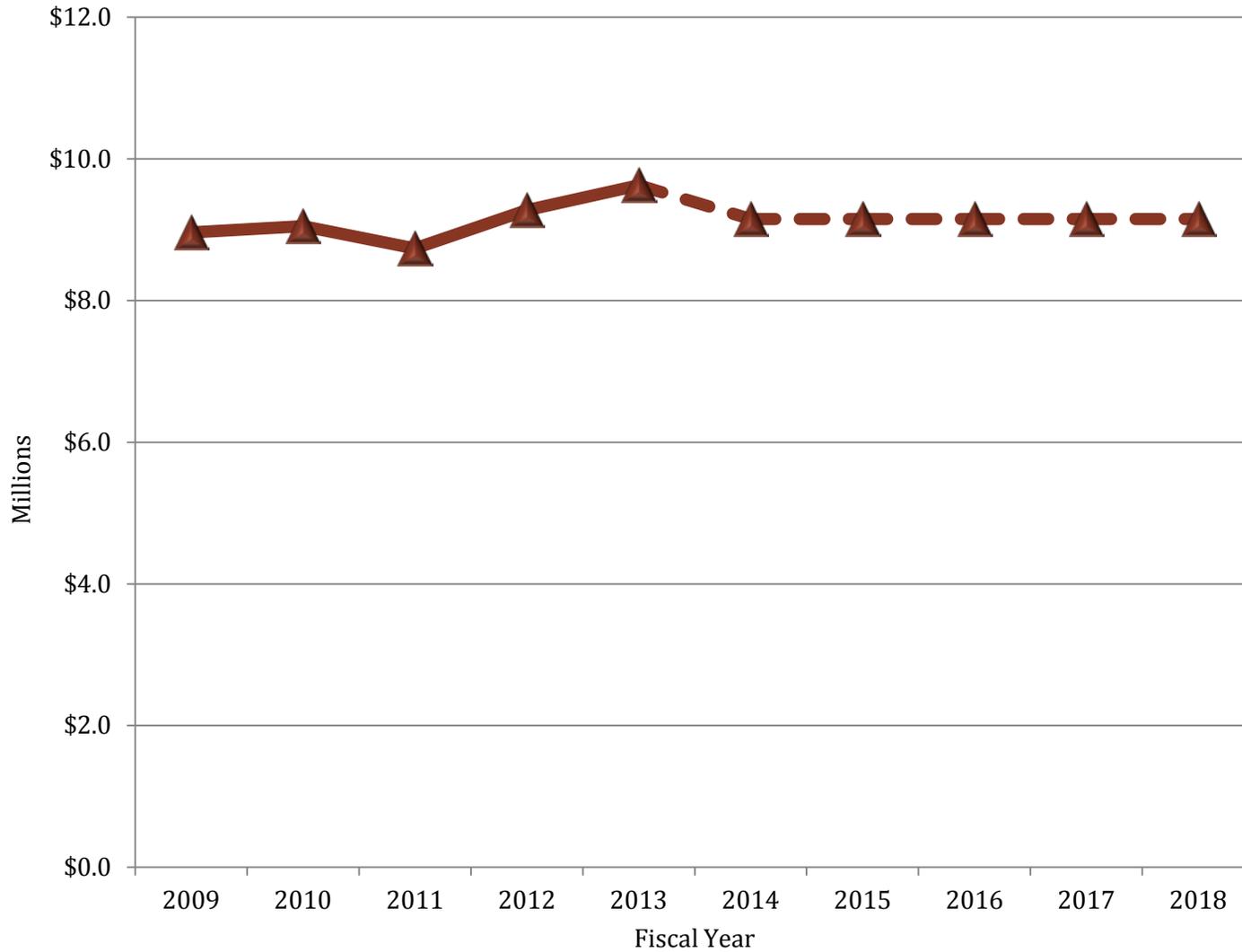
Business License revenue has proven difficult to predict over the last few years. Actual revenue realized has been higher than budgeted revenues. Following this trend, Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax revenue has been estimated 1% higher in FY 2013-14 and increases at an average of 2% each year over the remainder of the forecast.

Cable Franchise Tax

During the recession, Cable Franchise tax grew at a rate greater than 7% per year. Over the forecasted period, the growth in this revenue is anticipated to slightly slow down. After the initial decline of 4% in FY 2013-14, Cable Franchise tax revenue is anticipated to increase annually by 4% the remainder of the forecast.



Automobile License

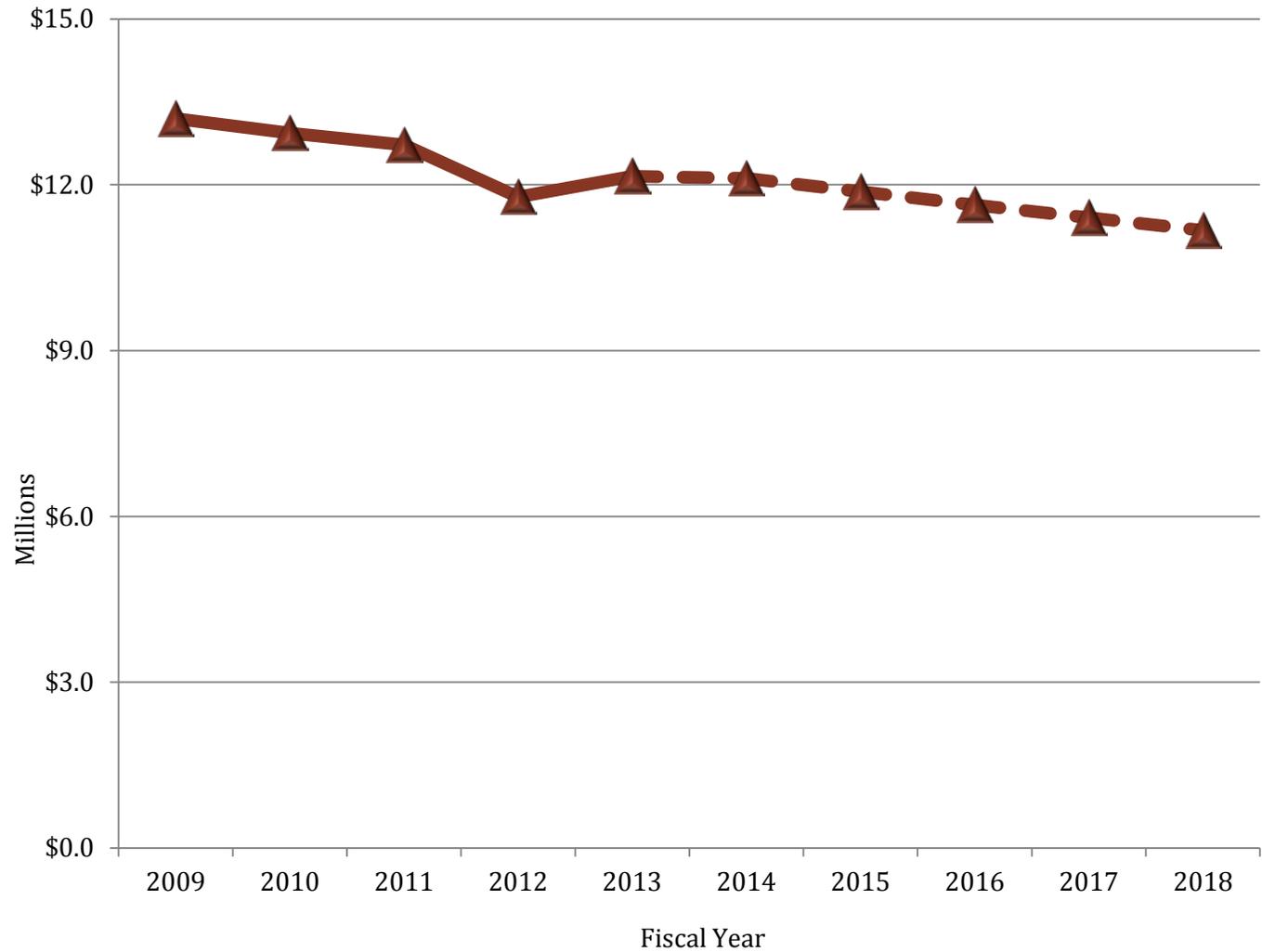


Automobile license revenue is anticipated to decrease 5% in FY 2013-14 and remain flat for the remainder of the forecasted period. The reason for the decrease is an adjustment for actual collections in FY 2011-12, causing the need to adjust estimated revenue.

Source: Department of Management Services

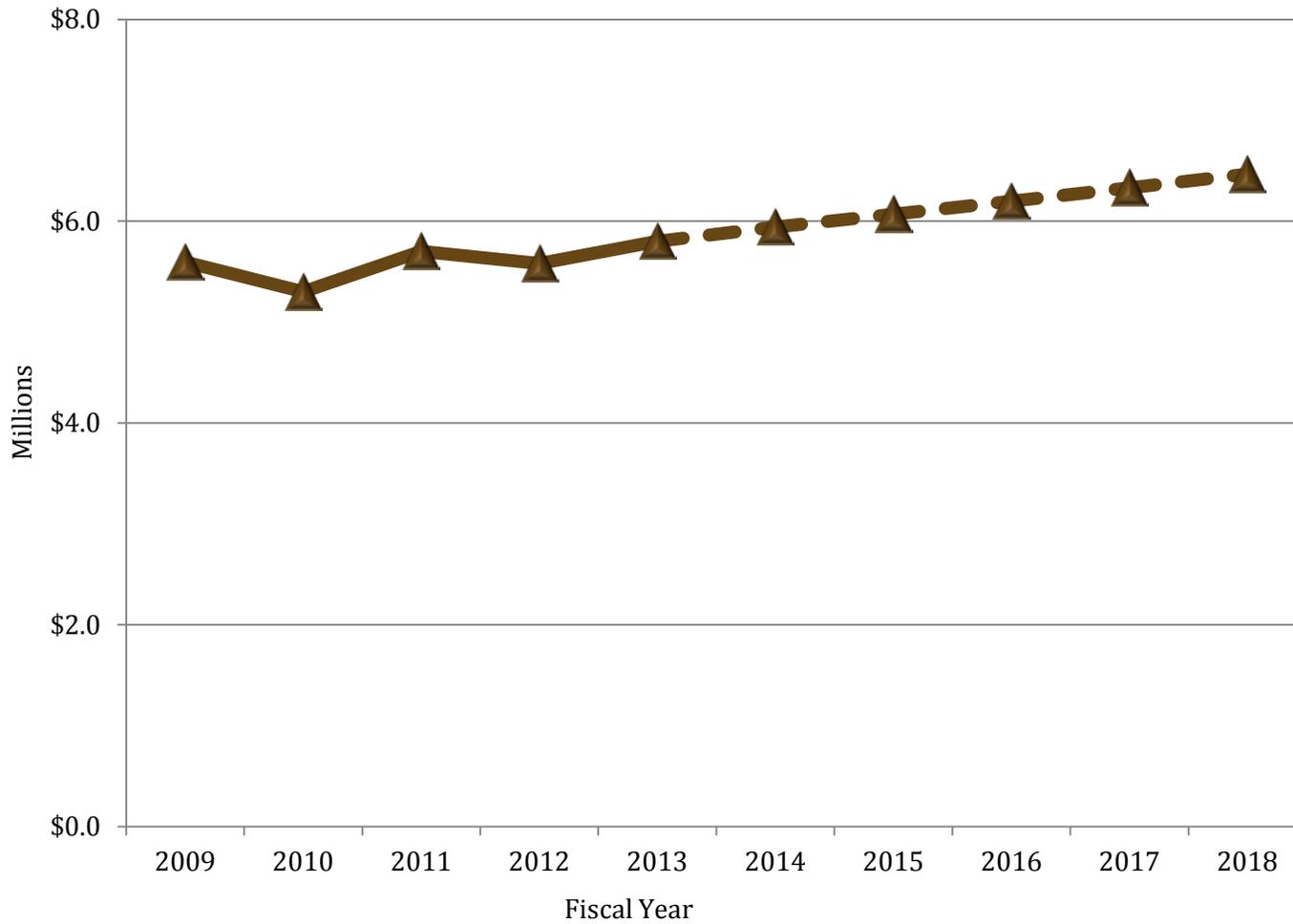
Cigarette Tax Revenue

Cigarette Tax revenue continues to decline. Factors such as cigarette tax increases, restaurant smoking bans, and increased awareness of smoking health risks have fewer people smoking. Cigarette tax revenue is anticipated to decrease by less than 1% in FY 2013-14 and then decline by an annual rate of 2% throughout the remaining years of the forecast.



Source: Department of Management Services

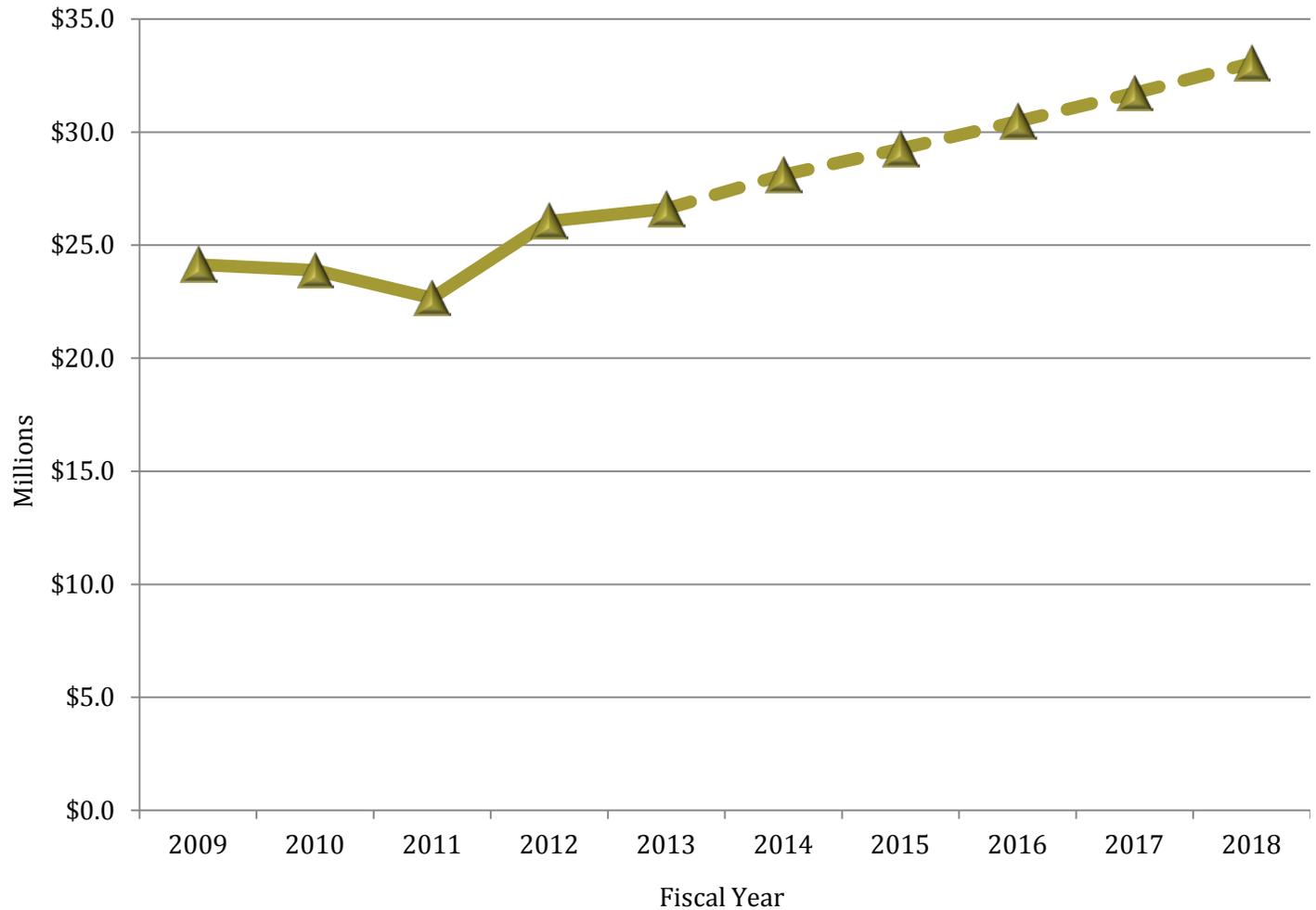
Amusement Tax



Amusement tax revenue has grown moderately over the last few years. Amusement tax revenue is projected to grow by 2% per year throughout the forecast period. This revenue is wholly dedicated to tourism and related projects and services.

Source: Department of Management Services

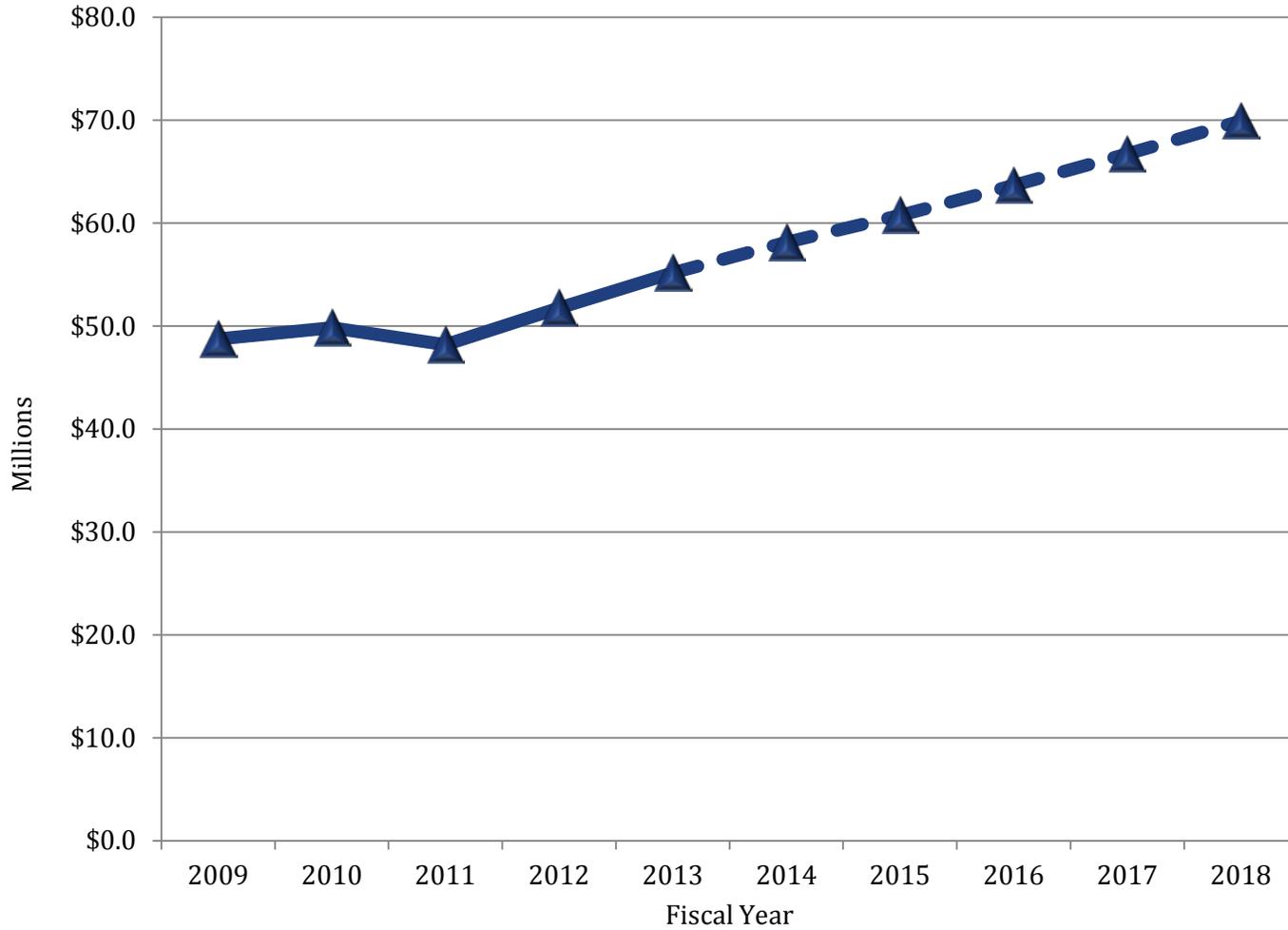
Hotel Occupancy Tax



After declining during the recession, Hotel Occupancy tax revenue has started to rebound. Hotel occupancy tax is expected to increase by 6% in FY 2013-14 and then grow annually by 4% throughout the remainder of the forecast period.

Source: Department of Management Services

Restaurant Tax

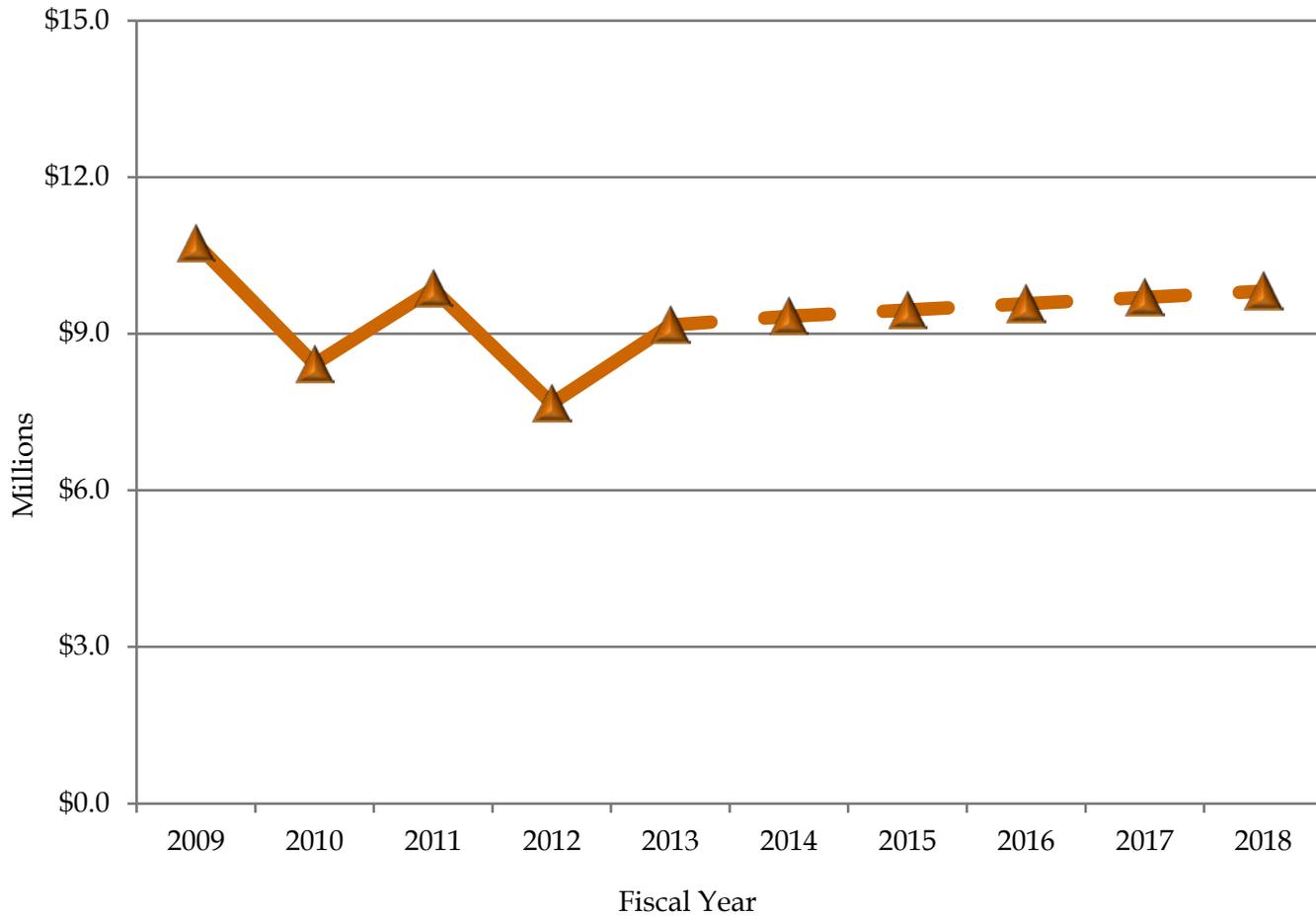


Restaurant tax revenue remained steady throughout the recession. Since FY 2010-11, restaurant tax revenue has increased 7% each fiscal year. Following this growth trend, restaurant tax revenue is anticipated to grow by an average of 5% throughout the forecasted period.

Source: Department of Management Services

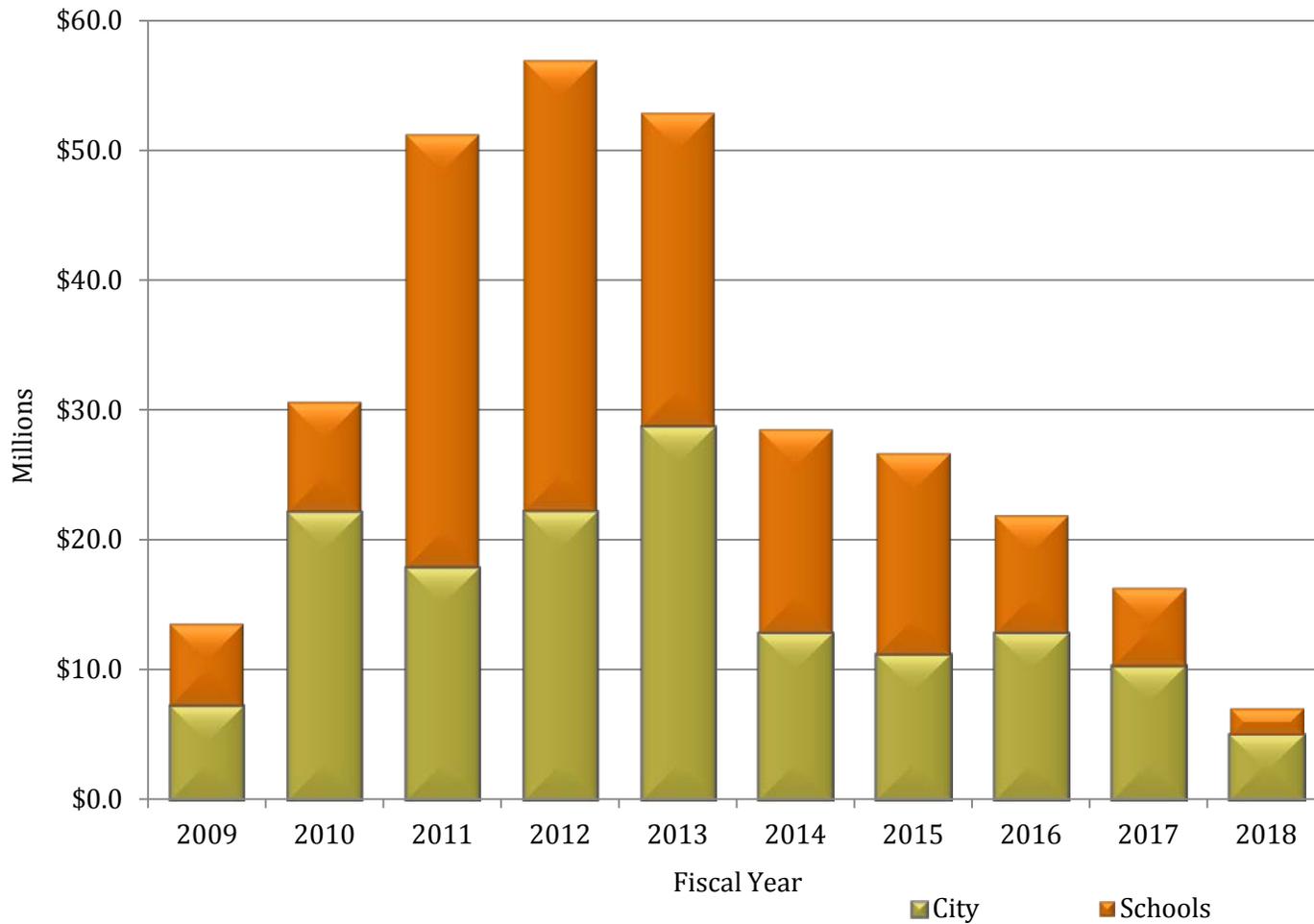
Other Taxes
(Tax on Deeds, Tax on Wills and Bank Net Capital)

Other tax revenues consist of Tax on Deeds, Tax on Wills and Bank Net Capital. These revenues have been difficult to estimate in previous years. Over the forecasted period, these revenues are conservatively estimated to grow annually at 1%.



Source: Department of Management Services

Use of Fund Balance - City and School's



In FY 2008-09, the City and Schools use of fund balance totaled less than 1% of the total operating budget. City and Schools have both relied heavily on the use of fund balance in recent years. The FY 2011-12 operating budget included the use of nearly \$57 million or four times the amount of fund balance used in FY 2008-09. The forecast assumes the gradual reduction in the use of fund balance by both the City and School's as real estate tax is projected to rebound in the out years of the forecast.

Source: Department of Management Services

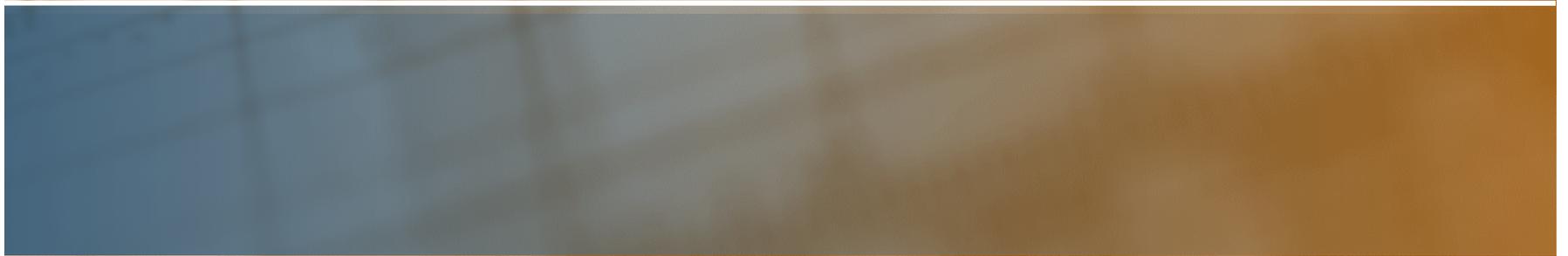
Revenue Summary Table

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Real Estate	474,312,812	462,146,656	457,972,275	457,972,275	462,526,118	471,724,878
Personal Property Tax	132,412,895	138,327,181	145,235,168	151,438,359	157,930,838	163,523,165
General Sales Tax	54,098,252	57,987,462	59,593,715	61,244,461	62,940,932	64,684,396
Utility Tax	44,979,473	42,898,636	42,009,902	41,165,606	40,363,524	39,601,546
Business License	42,423,932	42,791,543	43,647,374	44,520,321	45,410,728	46,318,942
Cable Franchise*	7,527,233	7,243,599	7,547,830	7,864,839	8,195,162	8,539,359
Automobile	9,627,435	9,150,843	9,150,843	9,150,843	9,150,843	9,150,843
Cigarette	12,153,510	12,117,050	11,874,708	11,637,214	11,404,470	11,176,381
Amusement	5,800,563	5,941,774	6,068,759	6,198,530	6,331,147	6,466,675
Hotel	26,608,521	28,104,282	29,259,085	30,464,749	31,723,539	33,037,826
Restaurant	55,155,356	58,140,927	60,749,619	63,668,455	66,728,277	69,935,910
Other Taxes	9,163,323	9,334,383	9,452,923	9,573,135	9,695,033	9,818,646
Fees & Other Local Revenues	277,512,835	288,164,968	288,305,907	294,634,661	301,122,766	307,786,948
State and Federal	442,109,756	440,362,295	436,993,774	439,227,426	446,396,811	448,794,374
Federal	120,604,286	122,249,358	121,751,999	120,614,881	120,687,068	120,737,962
Fund Balance	52,903,829	28,568,349	26,722,030	21,944,178	16,387,600	7,123,658
Total	1,767,394,011	1,753,529,305	1,756,335,910	1,771,319,932	1,796,994,855	1,818,421,508

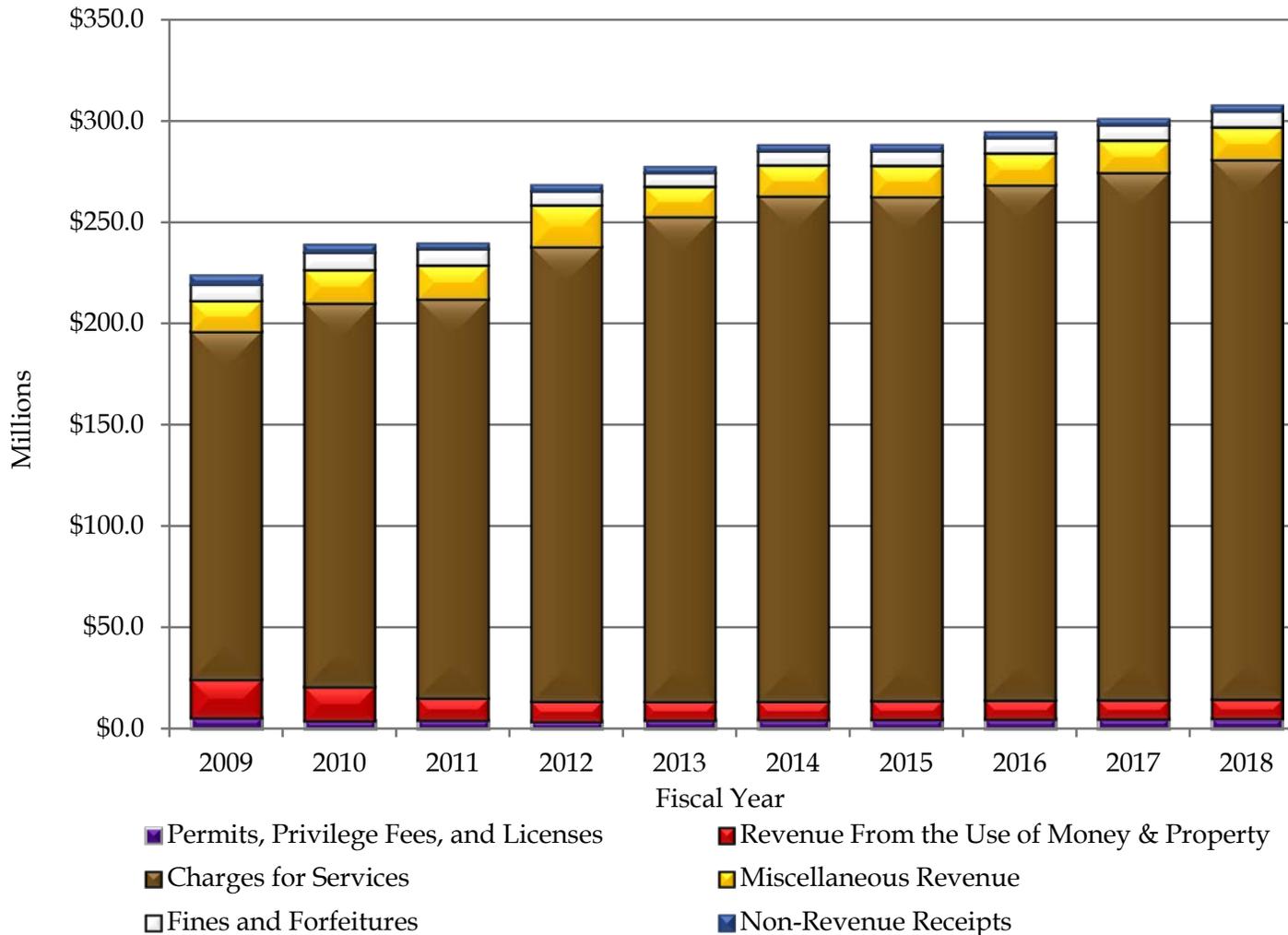
* Cable Franchise is rolled up within Other Taxes in expenditure to revenue spreadsheet



City Forecast



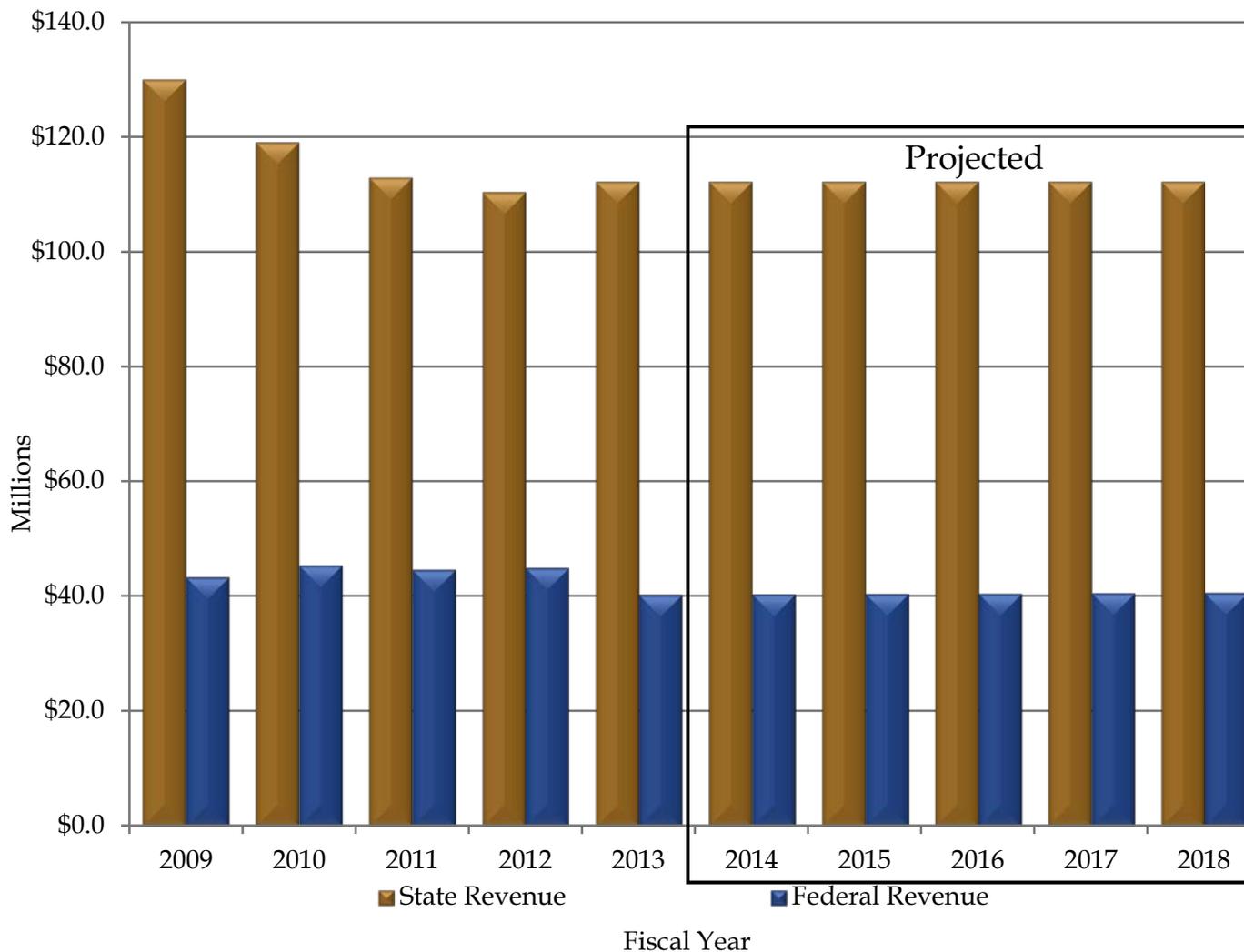
Fees and Local Revenues – City



Fees and Other Local Revenues consist of various revenue sources specific to different departments and funds. The largest of these revenues are the Charges for Services including utilities and solid waste collection fees. Included in the forecast are approved rate increases for storm water and utility sewer rate increases.

Source: Department of Management Services

State and Federal Revenue – City



As previously discussed, sequestration remains a significant threat to the City of Virginia Beach and the Hampton Roads region. The uncertainty of sequestration and funding impacts has resulted in Federal and State revenues remaining flat over the forecasted period.

Source: Department of Management Services

City Expenditures

Expenditures	FY 2008-09	FY 2012-13	\$ Change	% Change
Personal Services	\$ 319,526,685	\$ 322,910,857	\$ 3,384,172	1%
Fringe Benefits	112,030,605	129,214,799	17,184,194	15%
Operating (includes reserves) *	309,060,310	311,071,437	2,011,127	1%
Pay-As-You-Go	56,078,423	45,655,285	(10,423,138)	-19%
Debt Service	100,050,282	111,025,013	10,974,731	11%
Total	\$ 896,746,305	\$ 919,877,391	\$23,131,086	3%

* An accounting change occurred driving this number up by about \$9 million. Prior to FY 2011-12 the budgeted SPSA payment was net of the revenue received. This expenditure is now fully grossed up resulting in a higher budgeted expense for SPSA services of which \$9 million is offset by revenue. The FY 2008-09 number is adjusted to reflect this accounting change.

City Forecast

The FY 2012-13 City of Virginia Beach operating budget is about 3% higher than it was five years ago in FY 2008-09. The two largest cost increases over this time period are attributable to increased cost in fringe benefits and increases in debt service. Over the last five years, expenses related to fringe benefits have increased by \$17.1 million. Fringe benefits are by far the largest driver of the City’s operating budget and are primarily attributable to increases in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) rate, life insurance rate and health insurance costs. Fringe benefit costs represented 35% of the total salaries in FY 2008-09 and grew to 40% in FY 2012-13.

Debt service increased over the last five years as City Council replaced CIP pay-as-you-go with debt financing options in the CIP. During the recession, pay-as-you-go was brought back to the City’s operating budget to support services. The relationship between reduced pay-as-you-go and increased debt is almost one to one as reflected in the above table.

Five year forecast base line expenditures are not typically reduced nor are reductions to services ever assumed without direction from City Council. The Adopted Operating Budget and Adopted CIP are the guiding tools in developing the

Five Year Forecast. This creates a base line expense that typically only grows and compounds as other budget drivers are introduced into the operating budget.

City Expenditure Assumptions

	Fiscal Year				
	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
VRS Mandated Pay Increase	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Other Pay Increase	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mandated VRS Rate Change	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	0.0%
Other VRS Rate Change	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Health Insurance (percentage change)	5.2%	15.3%	12.4%	8.7%	10.1%
Inflation	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Pay-As-You-Go (percentage change)*	45.0%	0.0%	15.0%	-3.0%	0.0%

* Increase related to change in pay-as-you-go usage as reflected in the adopted CIP and increased transportation funding from the dedication of two cents of the real estate tax. Over the past several years, pay-as-you-go has been reduced so that it could be used in the operating budget to preserve services.

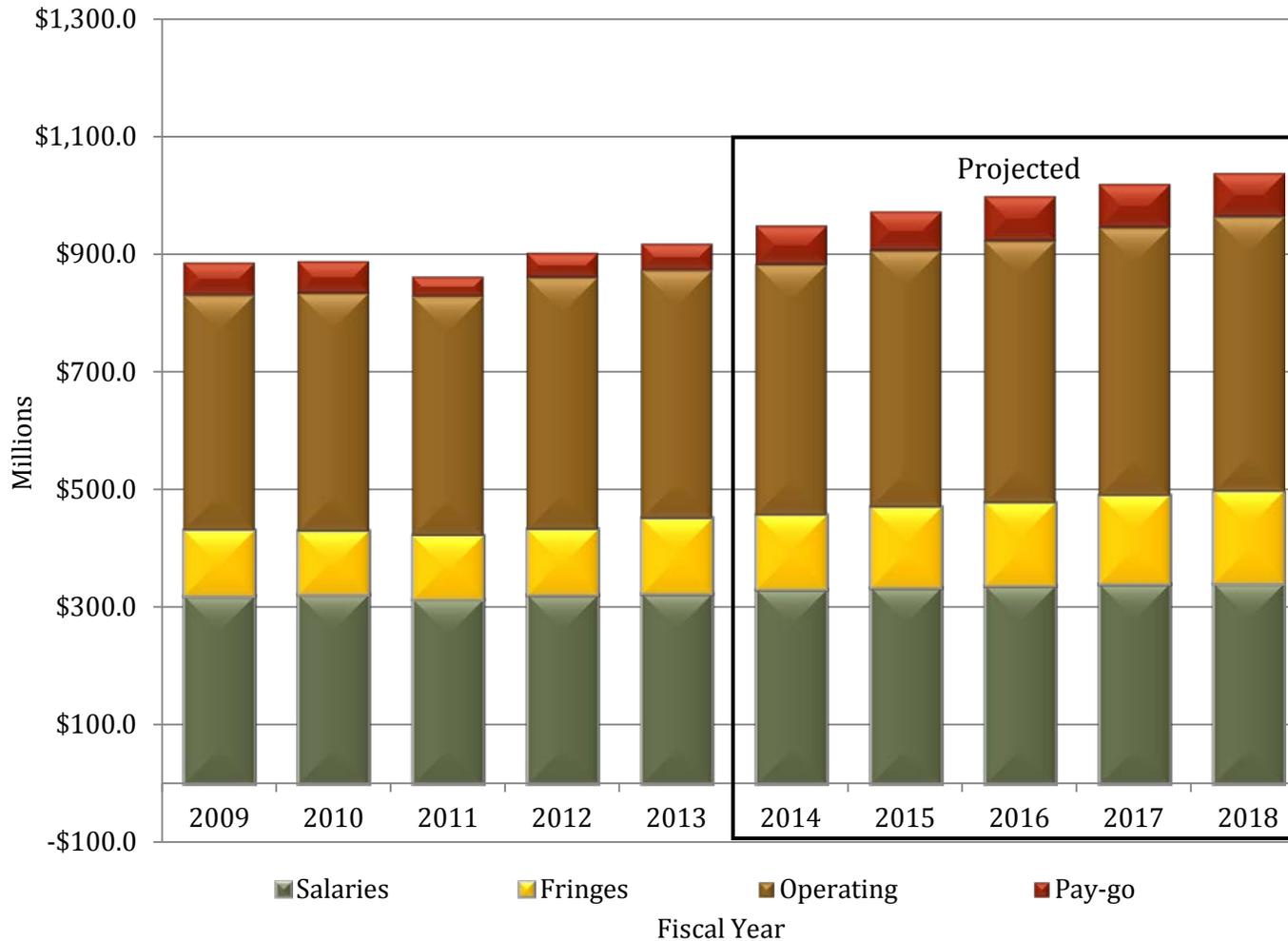
In looking out five years, there are five key drivers of the City’s operating budget.

- **Salary Increases** - The projected forecast assumes a 1% pay increase for full-time personnel for the first four years of the forecasted period. This pay increase is based on City Council’s decision to phase in the transition of employees 5% contribution toward their retirement. This phased in approach will be fully implemented by the last year of the forecasted period.

- **Fringe Increases** - The projected forecast assumes increased cost in both health insurance and VRS payments.
 - **Health Insurance** - Costs are estimated to increase by 5.2% in FY 2013-14, 15.3% in FY 2014-15, 12.4% in FY 2015-16, 8.7% in FY 2016-17 and 10.1% in FY 2017-18.
 - **VRS Changes** - The next five years are based on multiple assumptions, the primary one being the City's VRS contribution rate will annually decrease 1% for the first four years of the forecasted period until all employees contribute 5% annually to VRS. In addition, the City's VRS contribution rate is assumed to increase by 2% every two years throughout the forecast period. This 2% increase every two years is applied to both Plan I and Plan II employees.
- **SPSA** - The projected forecast assumes a decrease in the SPSA tipping fee reimbursement revenue. SPSA reimbursement revenue and refuse disposal revenues decline by 50% in FY 2014-15 and completely goes away in FY 2015-16. This represents an annual revenue loss of \$11.4 million in the out years of the forecast. Ultimately the loss in this revenue increases the expense required to continue receiving SPSA services.
- **Debt/Pay-As-You-Go** - Debt service and pay-as-you-go are both anticipated to increase over the forecast. These increases are based on debt projections and scheduled pay-as-you-go contributions per the City of Virginia Beach Adopted CIP document. Pay-as-you-go is assumed to increase by the adopted CIP amount plus the additional amount of real estate tax dedicated to roadways by City Council. Debt projections include all debt types including utility, general obligation, public facility revenue bonds, etc.
- **Inflation** - The projected forecast assumes an annual inflation rate of 2% for all City operating expenses in line with projections with the urban inflation rate.

The following pages will briefly touch on each major driver and other operating expenditures for the City over the next five years.

Total City Expenditures

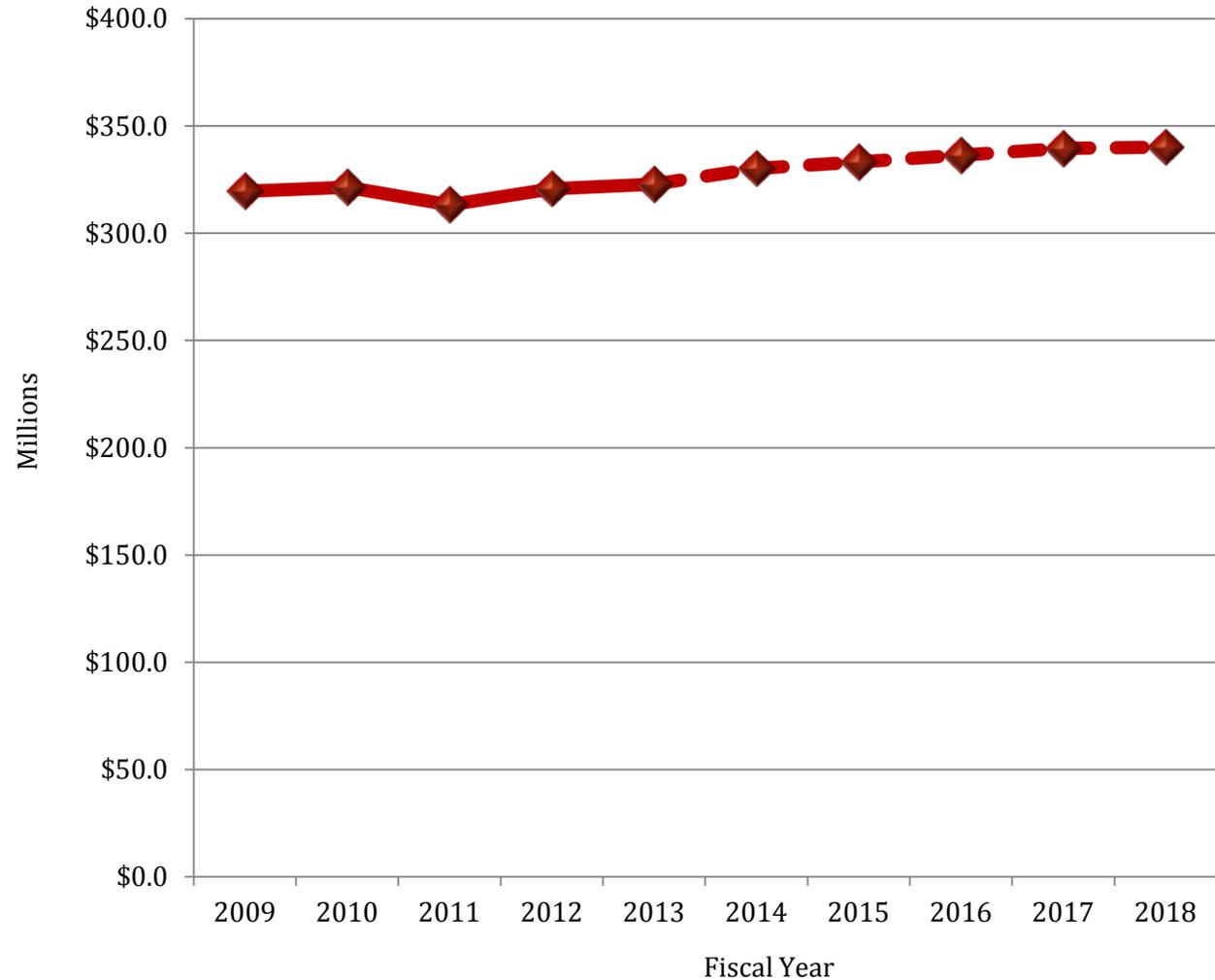


Total City expenditures are anticipated to increase by 3% in FY 2013-14 then increase annually by an average of 2.3% the remainder of the forecasted period. The largest percent increases are attributable to fringe benefits and planned increases in pay-as-you-go funding.

Source: Department of Management Services

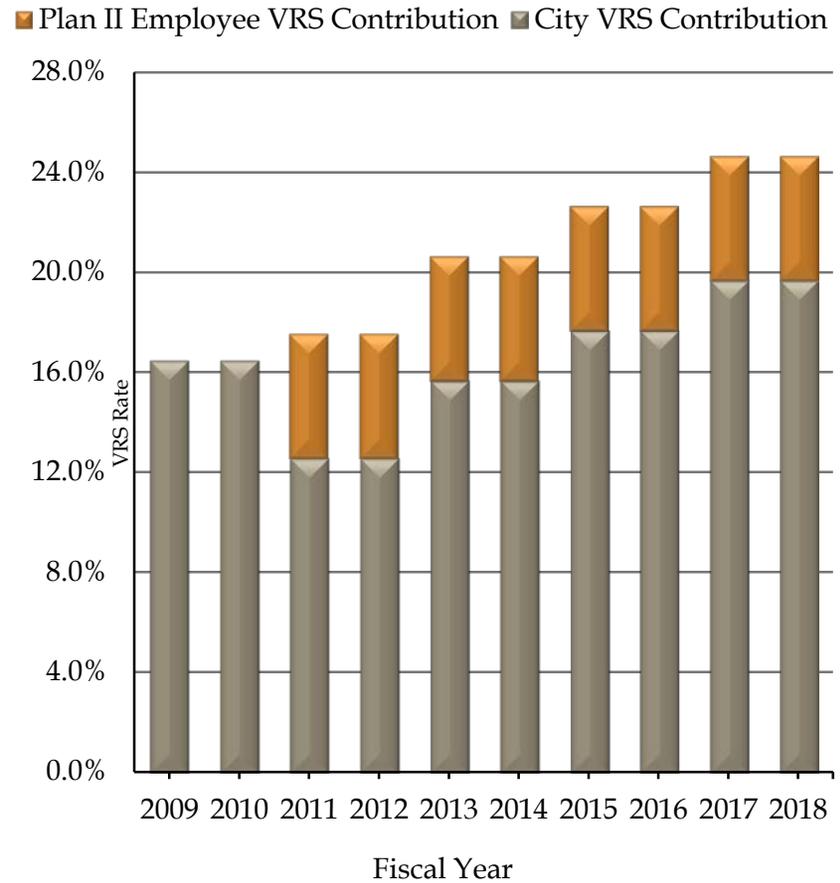
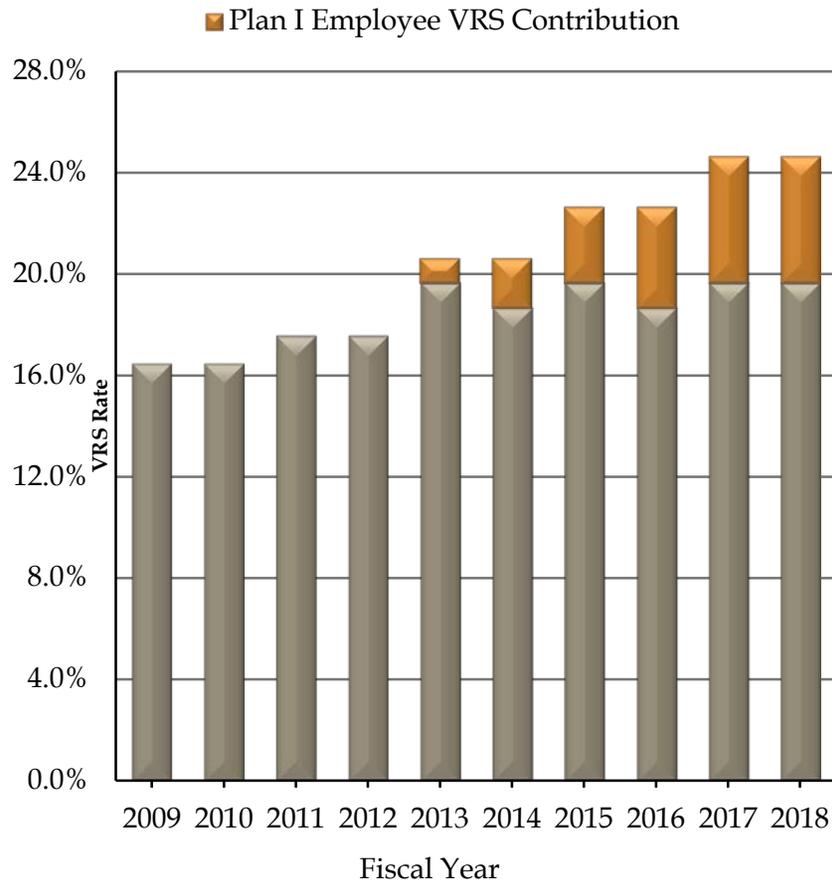
City Salaries

Salaries will increase by 1% each year through FY 2016-17 due to a State law requiring a salary increase to offset increased employee costs for retirement. The first salary increase was given in FY 2012-13. Over the five year span, this will shift 5% of retirement costs from the City to the employee. Other than this State mandated increase, there are no other salary increases included in the forecast.



Source: Department of Management Services

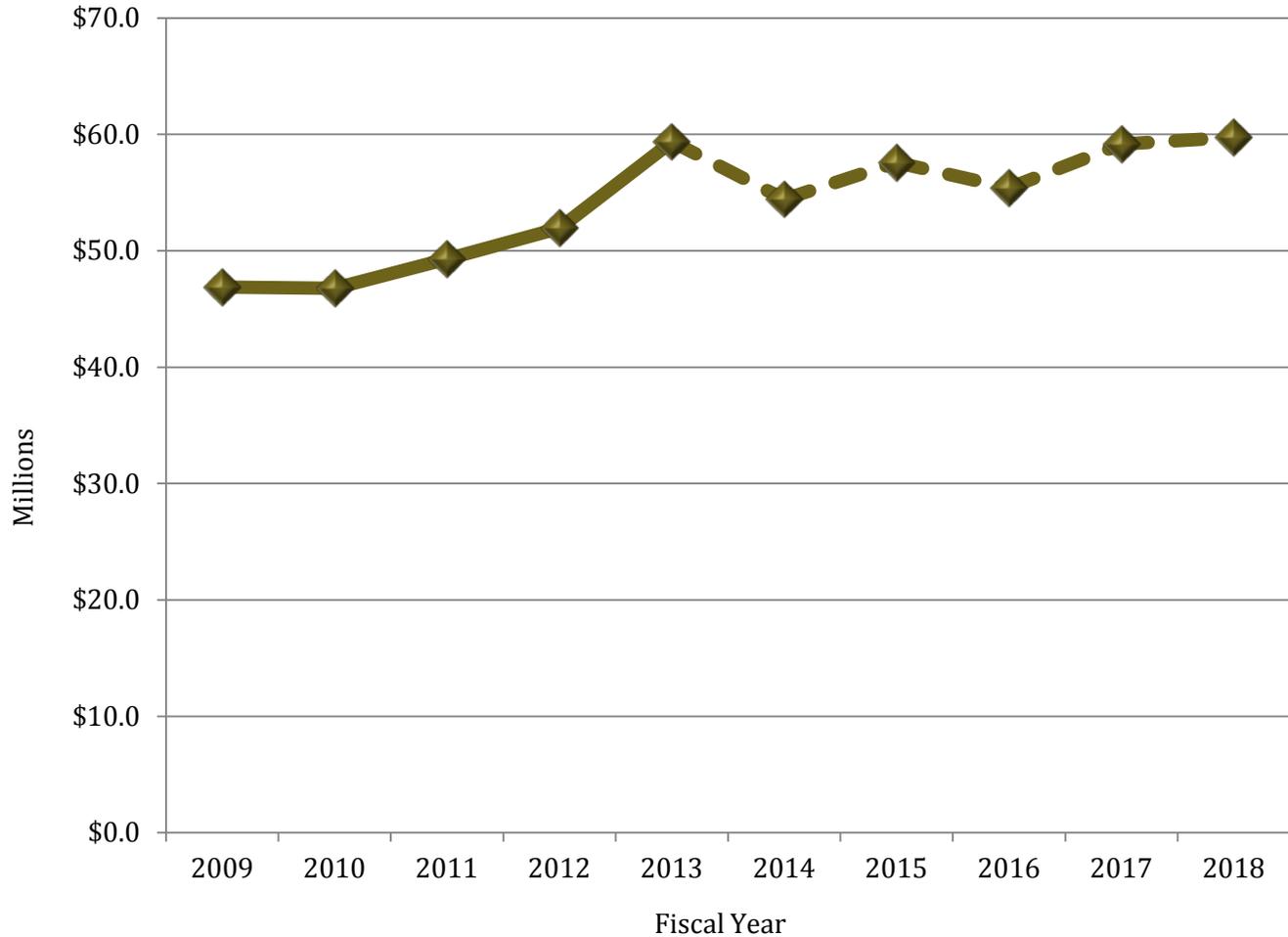
Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Contribution Rate



Plan I employees were hired prior to July 2010 and paying into their VRS through the phased in approach of 1% per year.

Plan II employees are employees hired after July 2010 with no prior VRS and paying 5% into their VRS.

Virginia Retirement System (VRS) City Cost

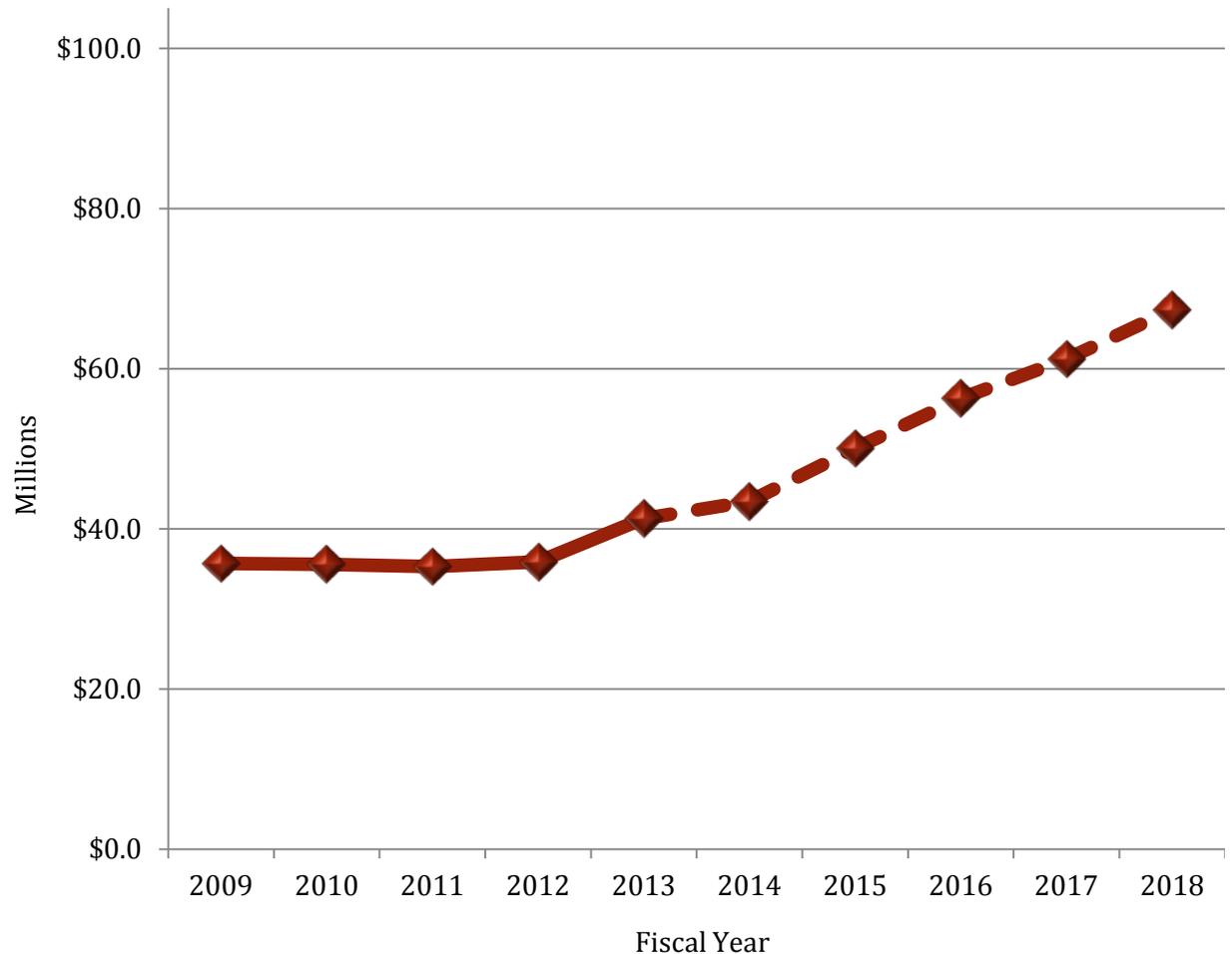


The City's contribution to VRS increased significantly over the last few years. As some of this cost responsibility is shared with employees, a decrease in City expenditures will be seen over the next five years; however, assumed increases in the VRS rate ultimately consume these cost savings. The City's projected VRS cost the last year of the forecasted period is anticipated to be slightly more than the FY 2012-13 budgeted amount.

Source: Department of Management Services

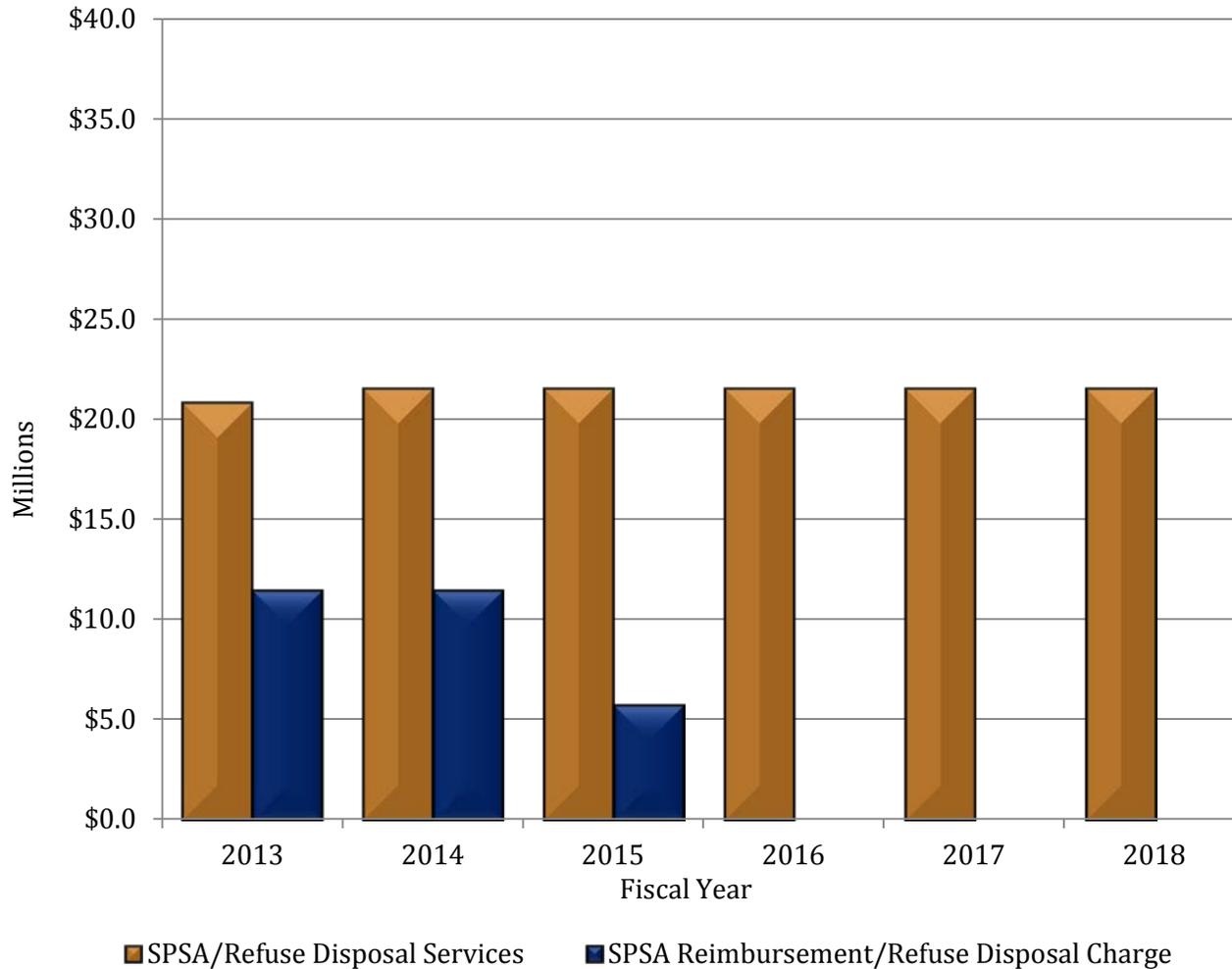
Health Insurance Costs

Health insurance costs for the City are driven by medical cost trends and utilization. Over the last five years these have resulted in an average annual increase of nearly 6%. The most recent evaluation decreased the GASB 45 liability from \$8 million to \$4 million for FY 2012-13 and 2013-14. This decrease has been used in this forecast to partially offset projected increases in the health insurance plan related to the elimination of a known deficit (the City Council and School Board agreed for FY 2010-11 and 2011-12 to use the fund balance of the health fund to keep employee premiums and the employer contribution lower through the recession); increases in employee utilization and medical trend; and beginning January, 2014 the implementation of the Federal Health Care Reform Act. Midway through the 2014 fiscal year the City/School health insurance plan will have to make several adjustments to accommodate the implementation of this new law.



Source: Department of Management Services

Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) Contract Cost

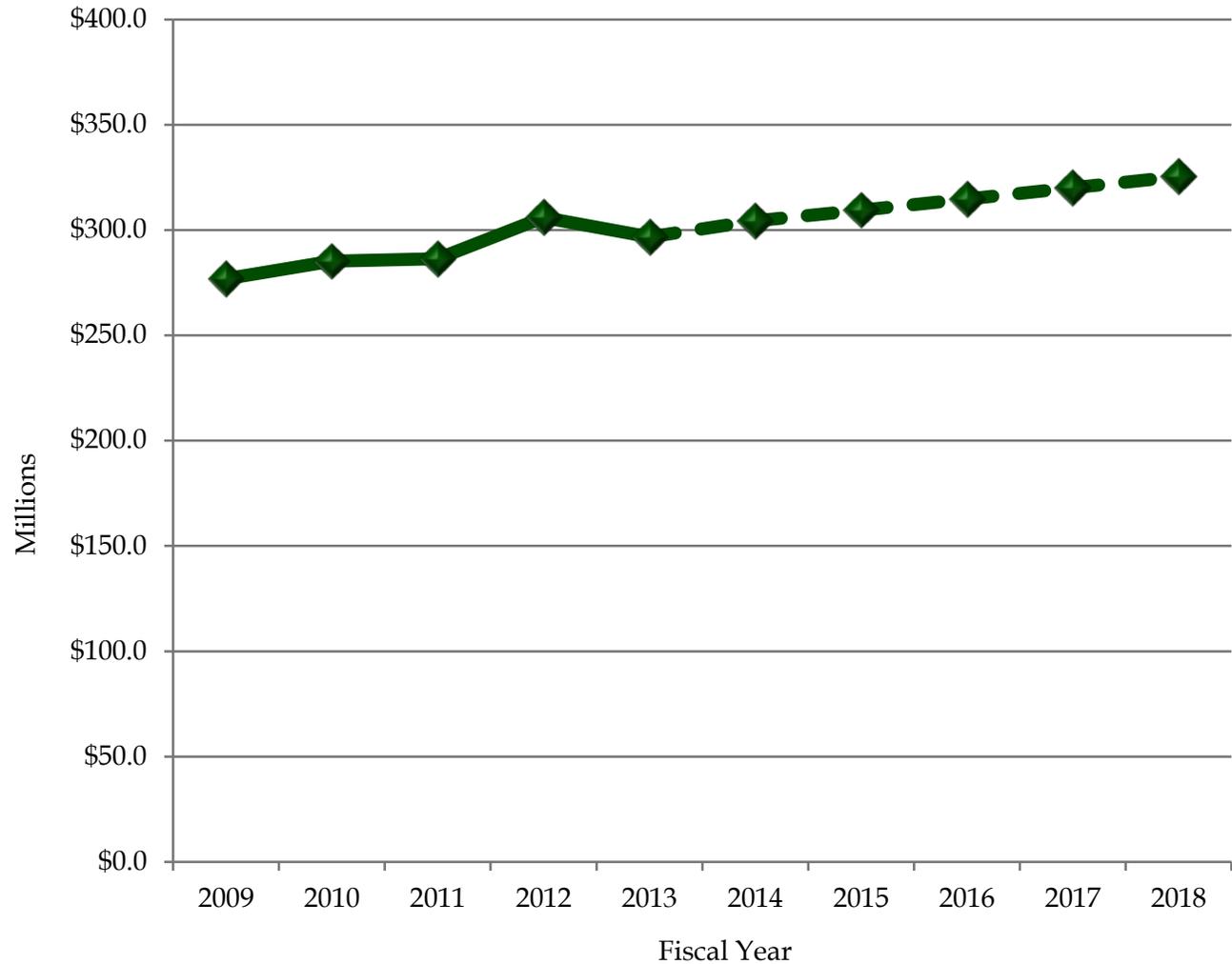


The Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) provides solid waste disposal services for the City of Virginia Beach on a contractual basis. This contractual agreement currently consists of a reduced per ton tipping fee that comes to the City in the form of a reimbursement. In mid FY 2014-15, the reimbursement for this reduced tipping fee goes away and the City will begin bearing the full cost of SPSA disposal services.

Source: Department of Management Services

City Operating Expenditures

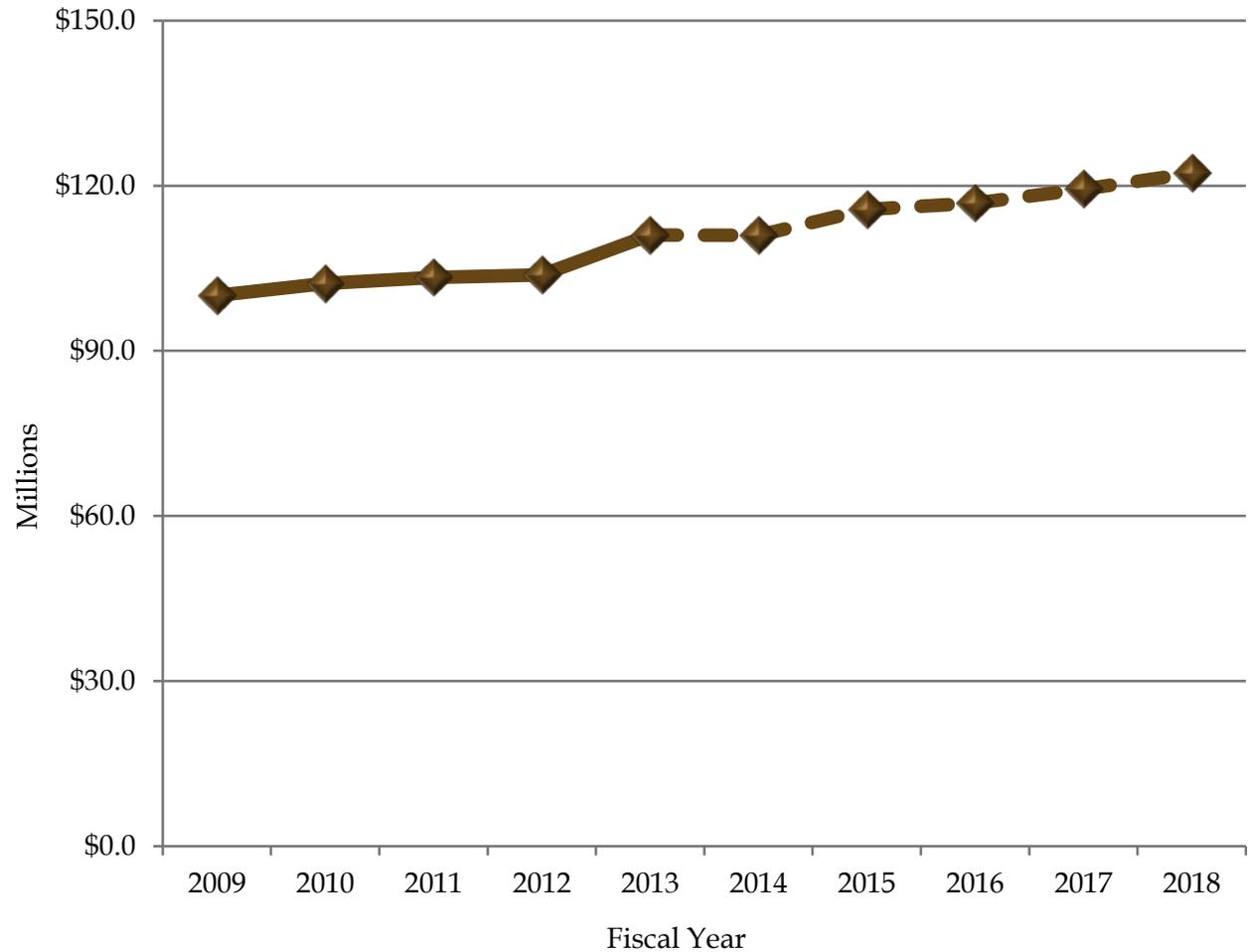
Other City expenditures consist of expenses such as contractual services, internal service charges, capital outlay, leases, etc. These expenditures are anticipated to increase on average 2.5% throughout the forecasted period. Increased cost in these expenditure accounts is primarily attributable to inflation.



Source: Department of Management Services

City Debt Service

Debt service is anticipated to grow at an average annual rate of 2% each year over the forecasted period. Debt projections for the City include general obligation bonds, public facility revenue bonds, storm water utility bonds and water and sewer bonds. This projection includes the issuance of debt for projects such as the Fire & Rescue Station-Blackwater; Elbow Road Extension, Williams Farm Recreation Center, Joint Use Library, Consent Order compliance and to address water quality and flood control backlogs.

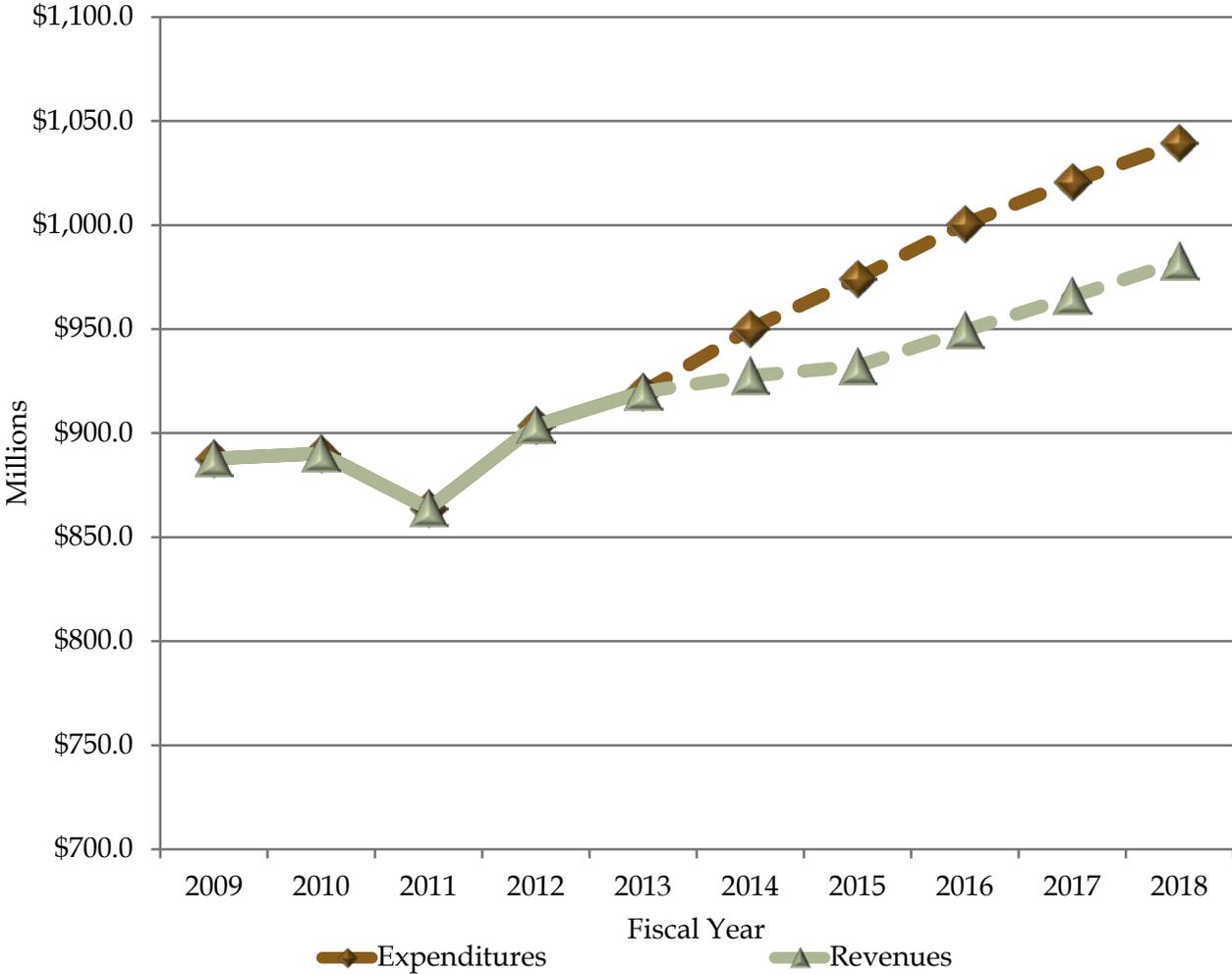


Source: Department of Management Services

City Forecast

Over the next five years when comparing City revenues to expenditures, it is anticipated that the City will run a deficit each year. Below is the estimate of each year's deficit: (in millions)

FY 2013-14	(\$22.65)
FY 2014-15	(\$42.14)
FY 2015-16	(\$51.36)
FY 2016-17	(\$55.20)
FY 2017-18	(\$56.79)



Source: Department of Management Services



School Forecast

School Forecast

The School system, like the City, has seen an erosion of revenue over the past few fiscal years. Until last year, the City's contribution to the School system had been declining due to the deterioration of the real estate tax base, which provided the lion's share of local revenue to the School's based on the previous revenue sharing formula.

In addition to declining local revenue, the State also began reducing its contribution to local school systems as total State revenue declined during the recession. Historically, the State's goal for school funding has been to split costs between the State at 55% and the City at 45%. As the table on the next page illustrates, from 2008 to 2010, the State cut \$1.6 billion statewide in funding to education. In terms of the region, these reductions amounted to approximately \$400 million on a biennial basis. As a consequence, localities in Hampton Roads are now paying approximately one half of the cost of education.

Despite these reductions in State support, the cost of education has not declined. In FY 2012-13, the City Council determined that the existing revenue sharing formula would not sustain the School system's high

academic standards. City Council adopted a budget that included \$387.4 million for Schools and tasked the City Manager and the School Superintendent to develop a new funding formula. The resulting formula links the amount of local funding to the Schools on the State's contribution (SOQ) and then on a discretionary match above this amount which equals 32.37% of non-dedicated local tax revenues.

In addition to requesting the new formula, City Council dedicated the revenue generated from four cents of the six cent real estate tax rate increase adopted in FY 2012-13 to the Schools.

Based on the new formula and the dedication of four cent of the real estate tax rate, the Schools will receive \$374.5 million in FY 2013-14. Over the remainder of the forecast period, revenue sharing dollars will increase each year and are projected to reach \$391.3 million in FY 2017-18.

The School system receives the second largest share of its revenue after local funding from the State. This aid is distributed to school districts based on two criteria. The first is average daily membership, which in the simplest terms, is a calculation of the average enrollment for the

School system. As discussed previously in the “Demographics” section, School enrollment is projected to decline in each year of the forecast. In total, Schools are projecting a decline of 1,449 students from 2013 to 2018.

The second criterion for disbursement of State funds is the Local Composite Index (LCI). The LCI is a formula that uses a multitude of variables including net income and assessed property values to calculate a local community’s ability to pay for education.

State Aid, which is the largest portion of State funding, is projected to decline slightly for the first three years of the forecast (primarily due to anticipated decreases in student enrollment), increase slightly in the fourth year, and then remain flat in the final year of the forecast. The other major source of State funding is State Share Sales Tax. Over the forecast, State Share Sales Tax like the City’s General Sales Tax, is expected to increase based on an improving economy and growing statewide sales tax collections.

The other major source of revenue for the School system is the Federal government. Federal revenue is distributed in the form of grants as well as direct funding to assist with educating students associated with military families. Federal revenue is expected to remain essentially flat over the forecast period.

The School system also plans to reduce their reliance on fund balance and year end reversion funds over the forecast period. Over the past several fiscal years as State and City funding declined, the Schools have redirected reversion funding as well as fund balance from their non-operating funds in order to maintain operations. Typically, reversion and fund balance from these funds was used for large capital purchases or other one-time expenditures. Within the forecast, the use of fund balance declines from over \$15 million in FY 2013-14 to just over \$2 million in FY 2017-18.

School expenditures throughout the forecasted period are anticipated to grow by 0.2% in the first year and then 1% annually in the remaining years. The main drivers of these increases are salaries, health insurance costs, debt service, and pay-as-you-go capital financing in the latter years of the forecast. Overall expenditure growth is minimal due to reductions in operating costs.

Like the City, the School Board decided to phase-in the VRS required 1% pay increase for employees each year in order to offset the 1% increase in retirement costs paid by employees. This 1% salary increase will continue through FY 2016-17 and Schools are projecting no additional pay increases throughout the forecast. The Schools are projecting a decline in staffing in each of the first four years of the forecast, with a small increase in the final year. When comparing projected staffing in FY 2017-18 to the current fiscal year, the Schools will have reduced 43.92 FTE's.

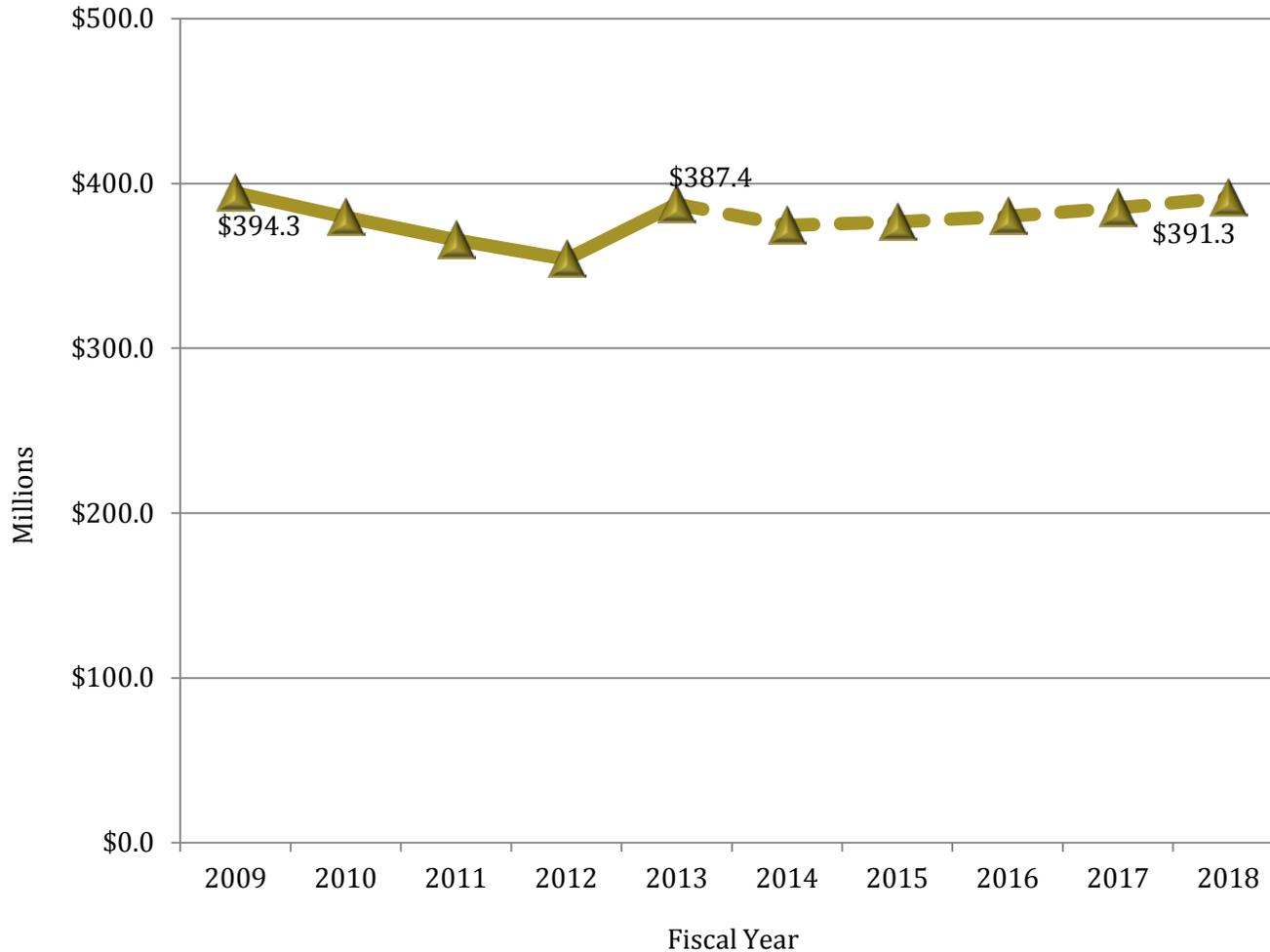
In terms of VRS costs, the Schools are projecting an annual decline due to the State mandate previously discussed. Other than the annual 1% reduction in the VRS rate through FY 2016-17, Schools are not projecting any VRS rate increases over the forecast period. This assumption will not hold for the entire five years as the unfunded liability for the teacher's pension plan is just over \$800 million. The difficulty in projecting the impact of addressing this is that the VRS Board has not yet taken this into account for future rates and the General Assembly has not historically followed the VRS Board's recommendation in setting the biennial rate for the teacher's pension plan. However, the General Assembly recently adopted legislation to begin following that recommendation within the next several years. One concern for the City with this large unfunded liability is the new GASB requirement to begin showing it on the City's balance sheet at the end of the current fiscal year.

Health insurance is the largest driver of fringe benefit costs for the Schools as it is for the City. These costs are anticipated to increase over the forecast period as a result of the Federal Health Care Reform Act and increased utilization based on medical trends.

While personnel costs will be increasing during the forecast period, Schools are projecting declining spending in some operating accounts. Despite increases in fuel and energy costs, overall non-utility operating accounts are projected to decline 6% in the first year and an additional 3% over the final four years of the forecast.

Expenditures for pay-as-you-go capital financing and debt service are projected to increase over the forecast period. For several years, Schools have been redirecting pay-as-you-go capital financing to their operating budget to offset lost revenue. In order to continue the construction and maintenance of school facilities, this funding was replaced with the issuance of debt, which has created increased debt service costs over the forecasted period. Schools are also projecting the resumption of pay-as-you-go for the final three years of the forecast at \$1 million each year.

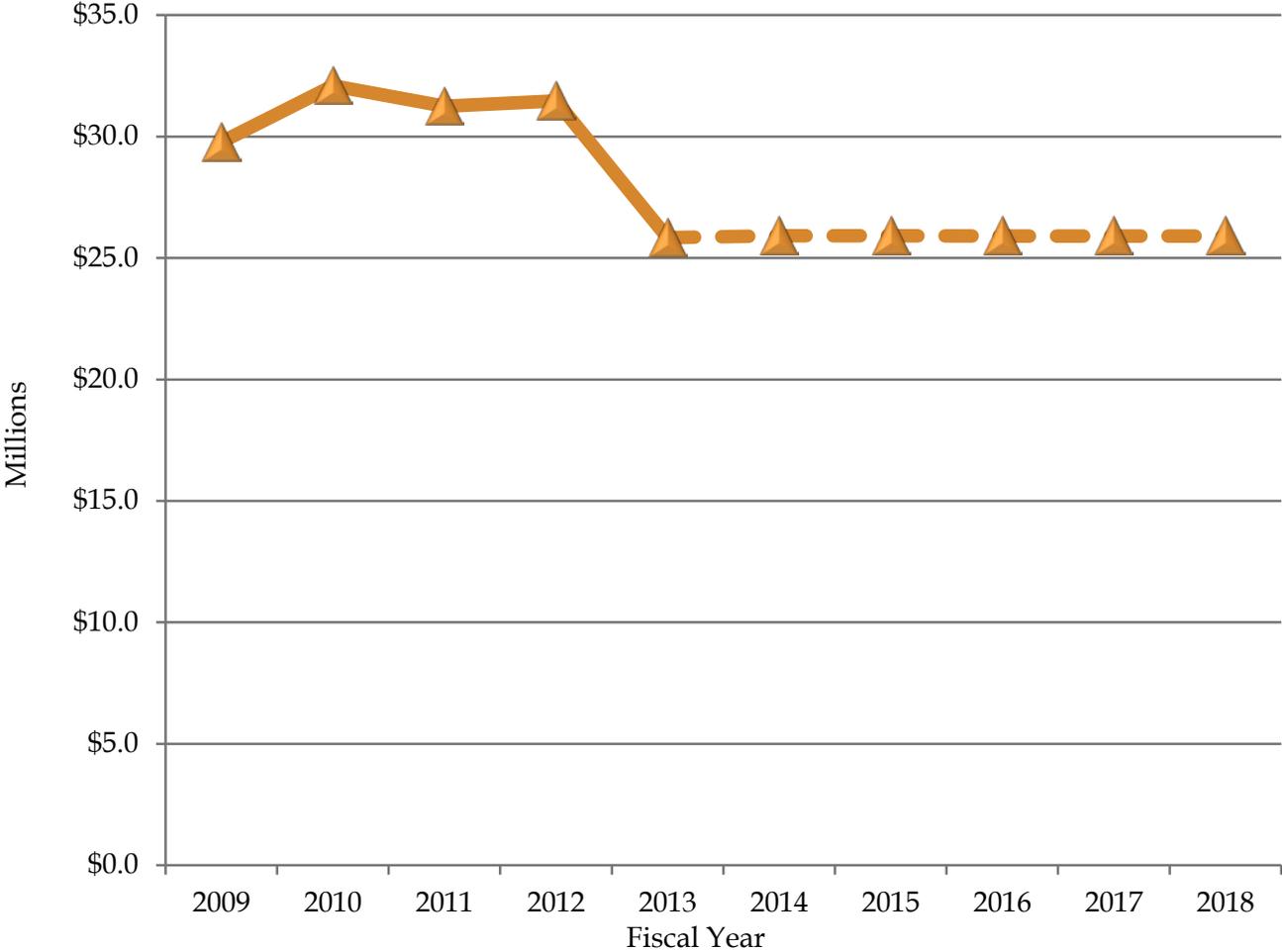
City Contribution to Schools



This graph displays the projected revenue Schools will receive from the City via the newly adopted City/School Revenue Sharing Formula. The FY 2012-13 amount included the one-time use of General Fund Fund Balance to balance the Schools Operating Budget.

Source: Department of Management Services

Other Local Revenue – Schools

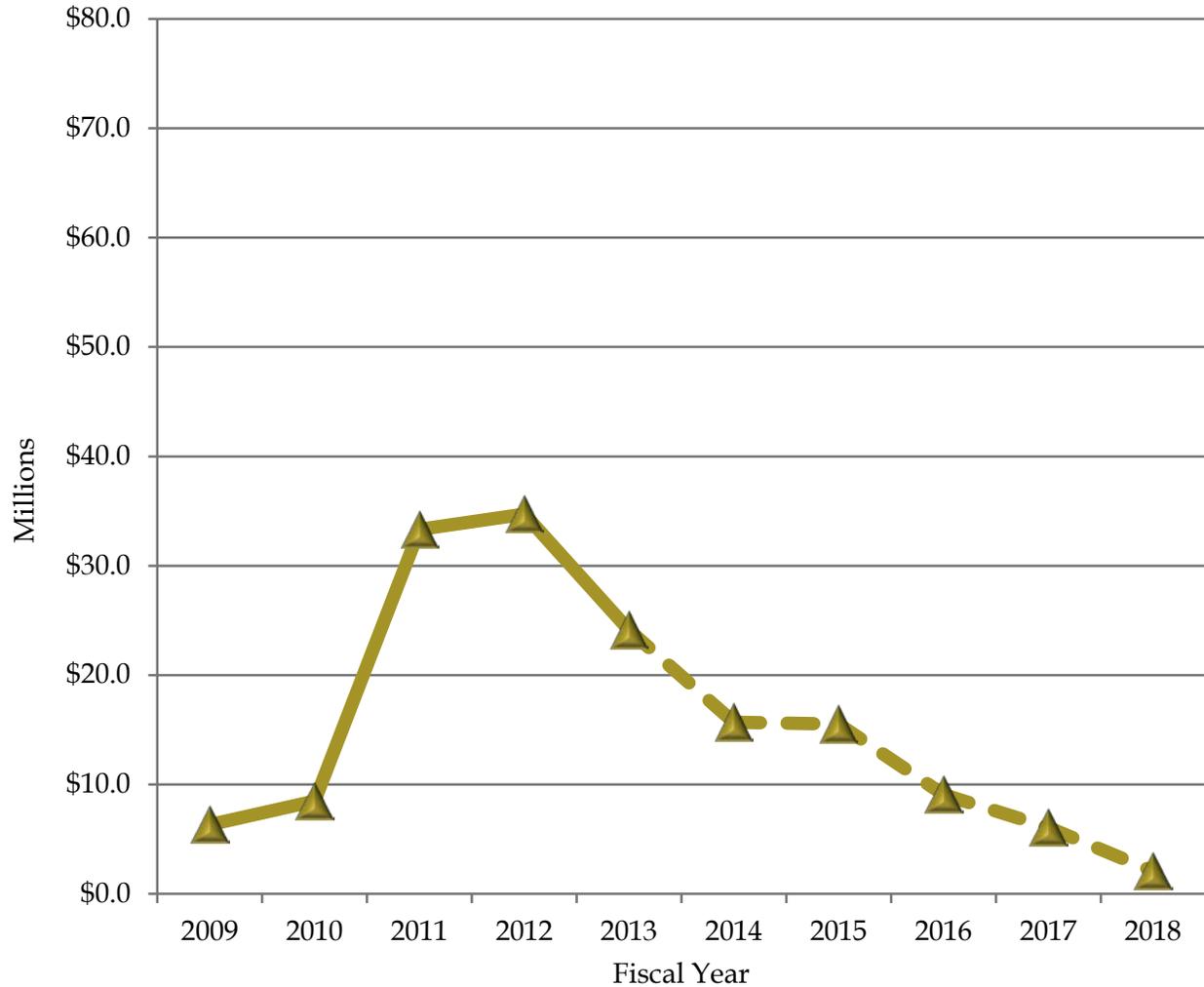


Other local School revenue includes charges for service, tuition and fees for certain programs, facility rental fees, and interest income. This revenue is expected to remain flat over the forecasted period. The decrease from FY 2011-12 to FY 2012-13 is due to the one-time use of School Risk Management funds to support the School operating budget.

Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

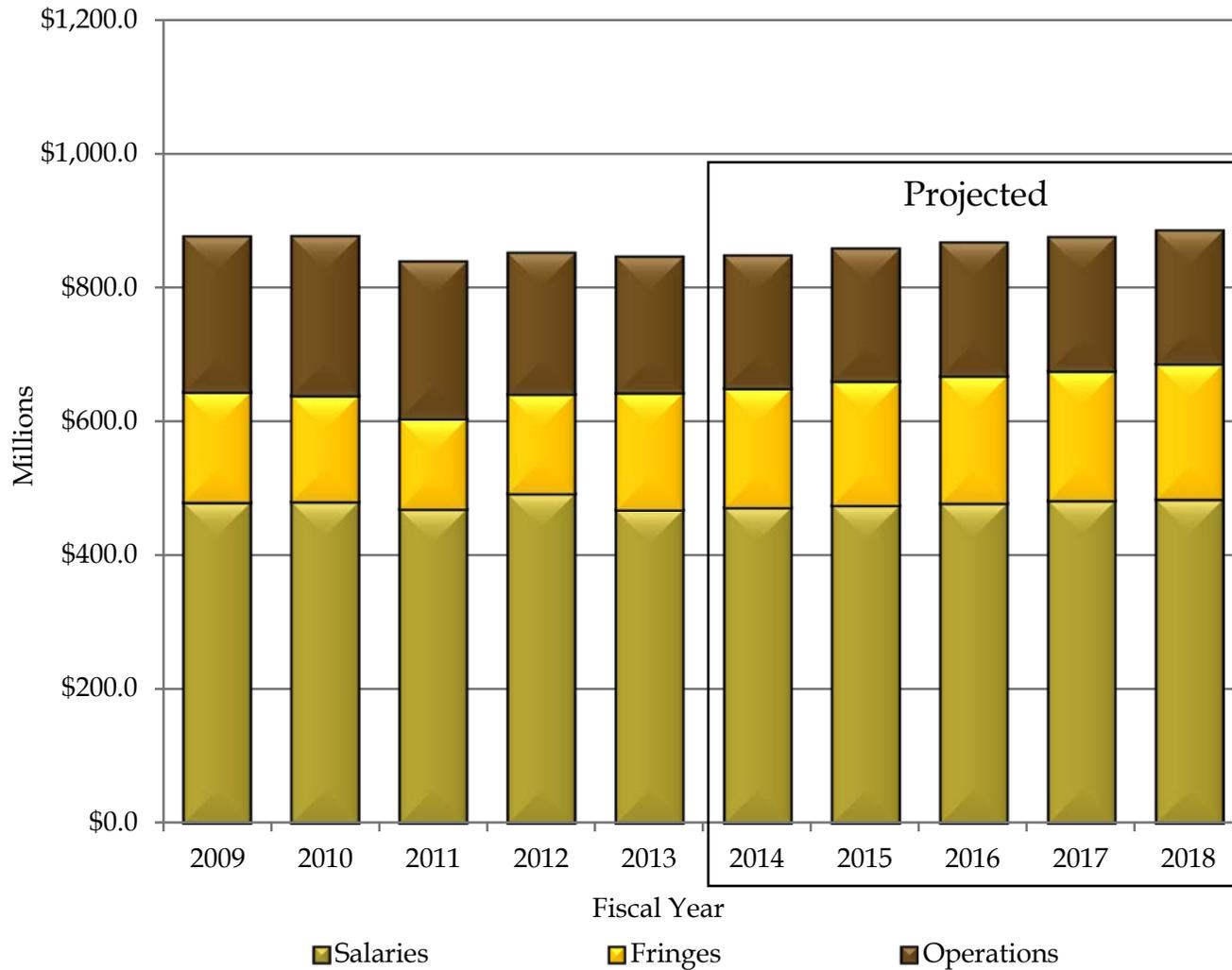
Fund Balance – Schools

Like the City, the School system has used fund balance and reversion funding to avoid draconian cuts to School programming as revenues fell during the recession. The School system plans to reduce their reliance on this funding to support their operating budget over the next five years.



Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

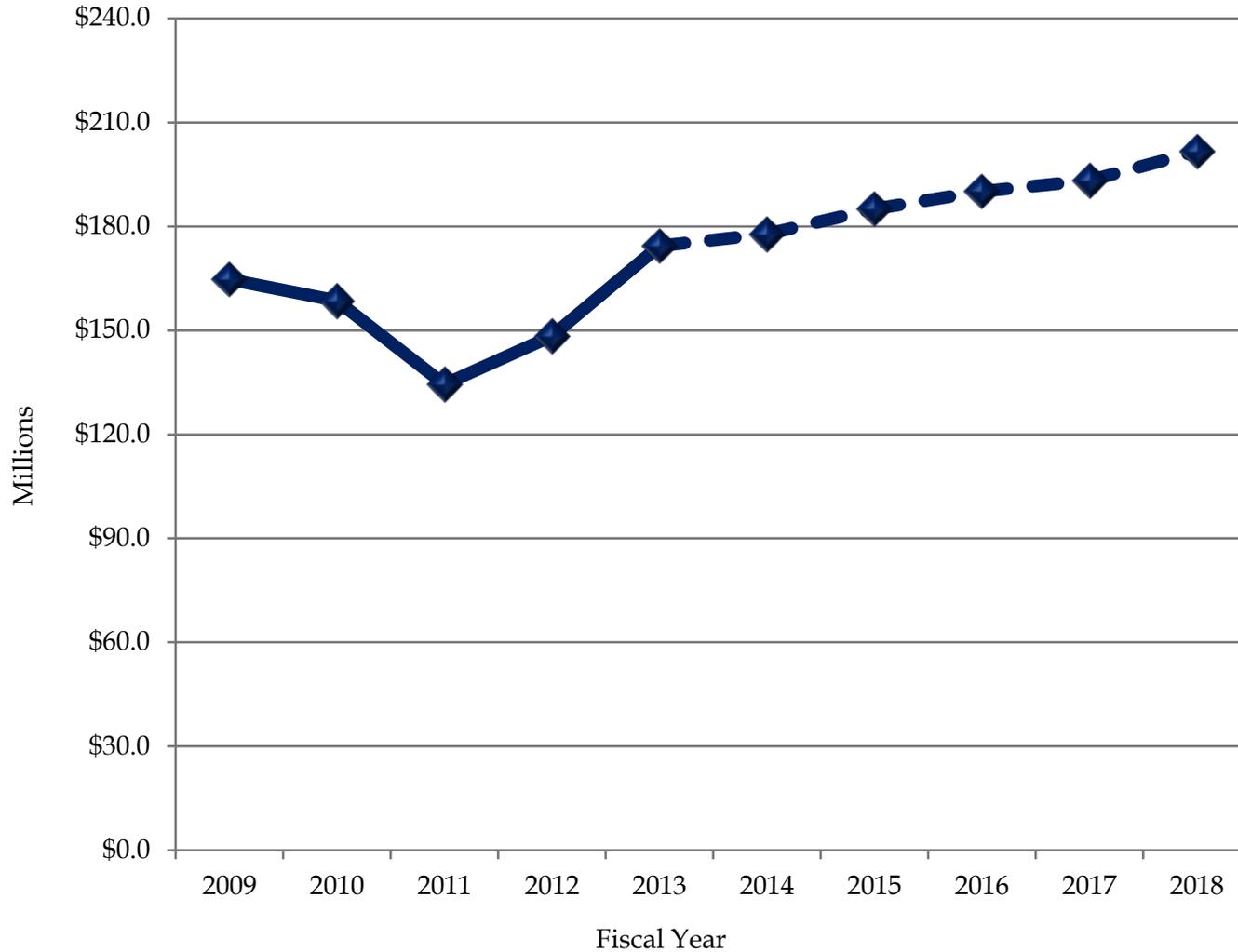
Total School Expenditures



Schools project overall expenditures to increase by less than 1% in FY 2013-14 and then increase an additional 1% annually throughout the forecasted period.

Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

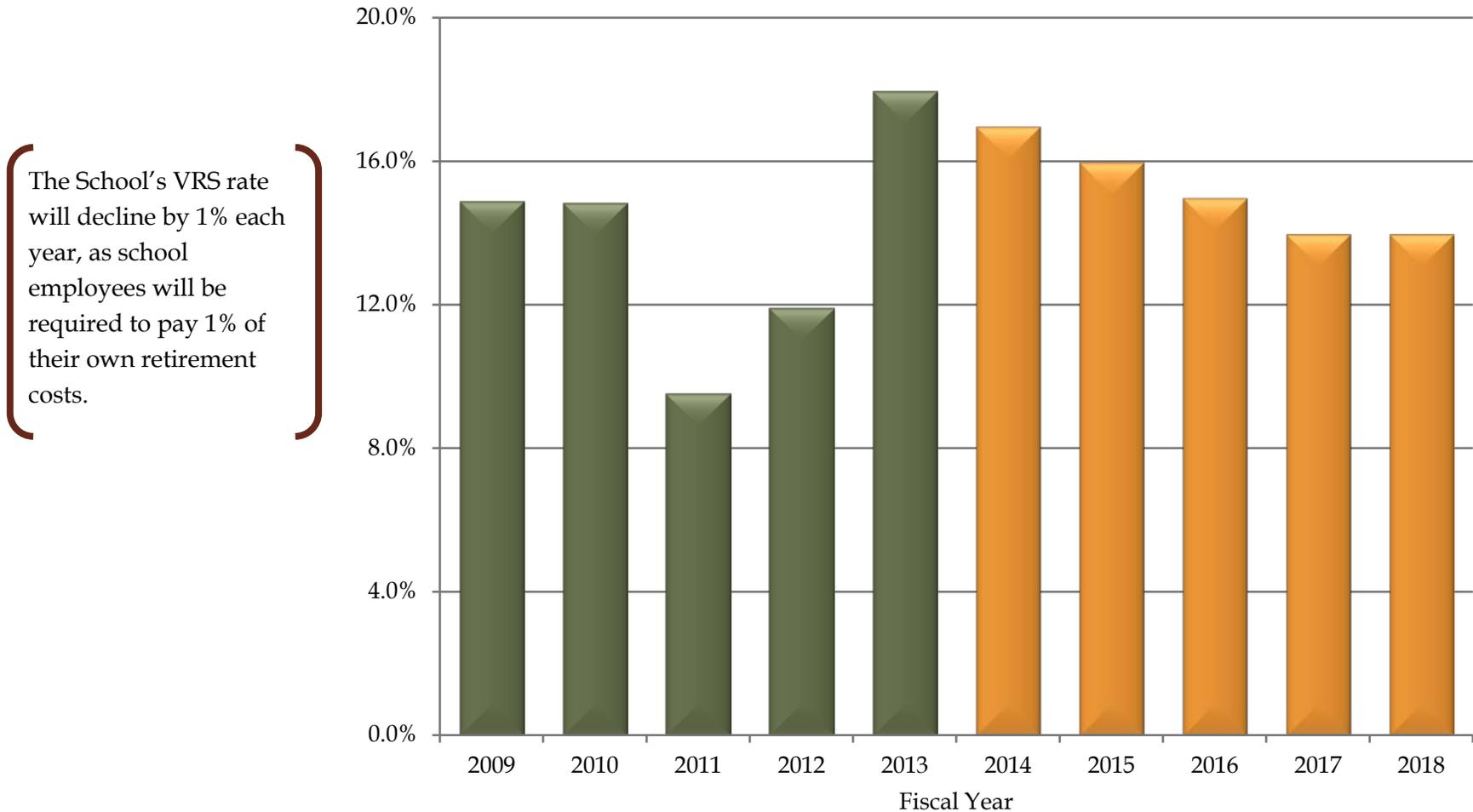
School Fringe Benefit Costs



The same issues driving up City fringe benefit costs over the forecast period will impact Schools. Schools will also experience a decline in retirement costs due to a change in State law, but fringe benefit costs in total will increase, driven primarily by rising health care costs.

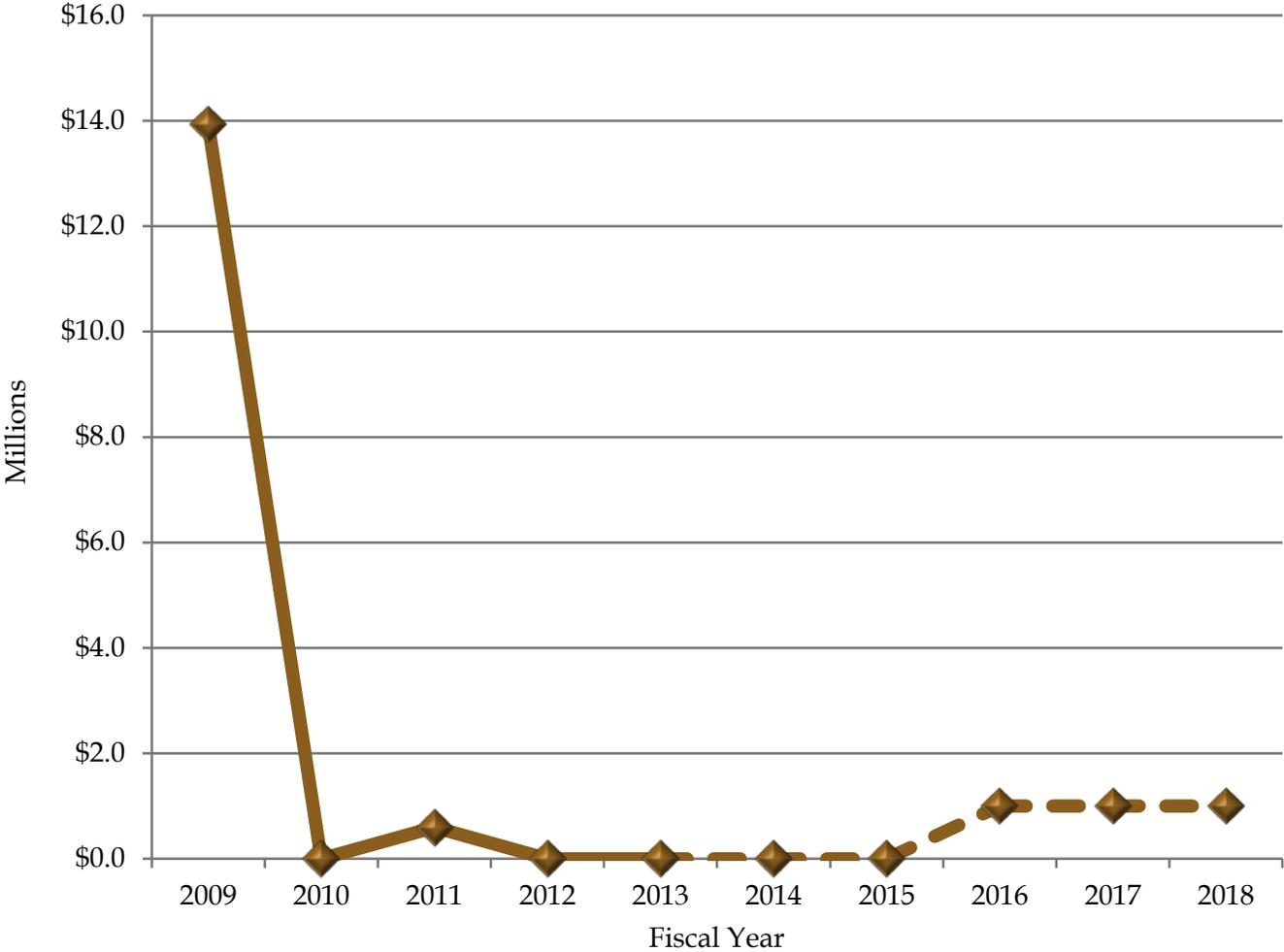
Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Contribution Rate School Employees (Includes retirement and life insurance)



Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools

School Pay-As-You-Go



After reaching a peak in FY 2008-09, the Schools eliminated pay-as-you-go financing of capital projects and instead used this funding to offset deficits due to declining State and local revenue that had supported School programs. Schools are projecting to maintain this policy through FY 2015-16. Over the last three years of the forecast period, Schools have included \$1 million in pay-as-you-go annually.

Source: Virginia Beach City Public Schools



Conclusions and Threats

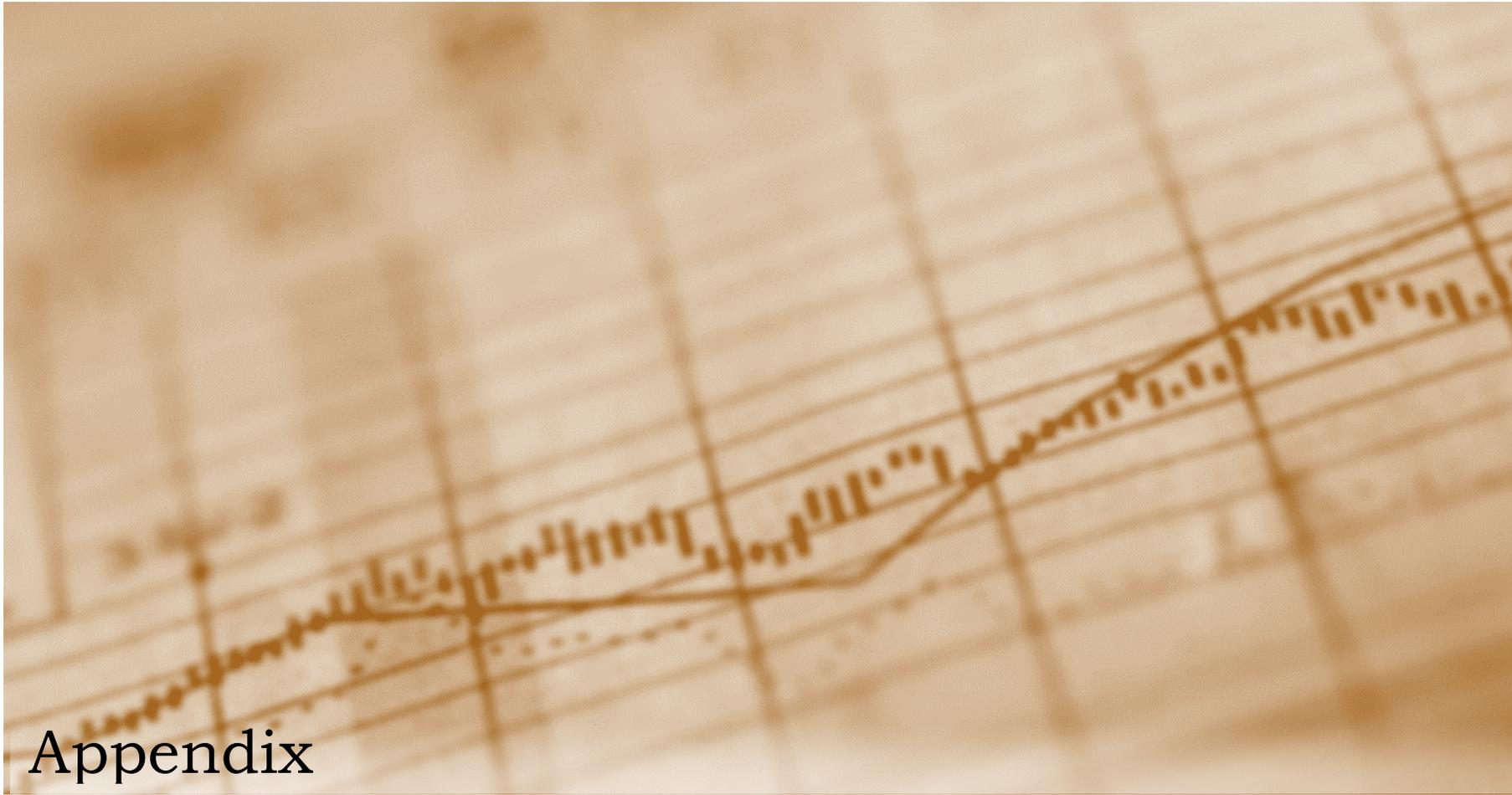


citizens. Given the intertwined nature of the global economy and banking system how the European Union resolves this issue could affect American banks and businesses. Many major American corporations do a significant amount of business in these countries and have seen the amount of purchases decline significantly. If the European economy does not recover or at least stabilize, a global recession could occur which would certainly have consequences for the US economy.

While Europe has financial issues, the United States has a few of its own. The national debt and the budget deficit continue to weigh heavily on the economy. The amount owed in debt per person in the U.S., as of the date of this

writing, is over \$51,000. While both political parties agree that something needs to be done to stem the tide of debt, both have differing ideas on how to accomplish this.

No matter what is done in Washington or in Richmond over the next 5 years, there will certainly be ramifications on our local budget. While our local revenues, including real estate, continue to strengthen over the forecast period, we rely heavily on our federal and state partners to provide them funding needed to support critical safety net programs for our residents. Without this support, programs like food stamps, housing assistance, and education will be severely impacted.



Appendix

List of Additional Programs That Could Be Impacted by Sequestration:

- Community Development Fund (Housing and Neighborhood Preservation)
- Section 8 Housing (Housing and Neighborhood Preservation)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (Housing and Neighborhood Preservation)
- Homeless Assistance Grants (Housing and Neighborhood Preservation)
- State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (Police)
- Juvenile Justice Programs (Police)
- Community Policing (Police)
- FEMA State and Local Programs (Fire)
- Disaster Relief (Fire)
- Emergency Food and Shelter (Fire)
- Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (VBCPS)
- Title II Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (VBCPS)
- Title IV 21st Century Community Learning Centers (VBCPS)
- Impact Aid - Public Law 874 (VBCPS)
- Title VI-B Special Education Grants to States (VBCPS)
- Special Education Preschool Grants to States (VBCPS)
- Title III English Language Acquisition State Grants (VBCPS)
- Perkins - State Grants for Career and Technical Education (VBCPS)
- Department of Defense - Public Law 486 (VBCPS)
- Adult Basic Education (VBCPS)
- NJROTC Reimbursements/Rebates (VBCPS)
- Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Strategic Foreign Languages Expansion Program (S-FLEP) Grant (VBCPS)

- Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Military Connected Academic Support Program (MCASP) Grant (VBCPS)
- National Security Agency (NSA) STARTALK Elementary Chinese Summer Academy Grant (VBCPS)
- Food Stamps Administration (Human Services)
- Family Preservation (Human Services)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (Human Services)
- Refugee/Entrant Assistance (Human Services)
- Home Energy Assistance (Human Services)
- Child Care Assistance (Human Services)
- Child Care Development Fund (Human Services)
- Chafee Education/Training (Human Services)
- Child Welfare Services (Human Services)
- Foster Care Title IV-E (Human Services)
- Adoption Assistance (Human Services)
- Social Services Block Grant (Human Services)
- Independent Living (Human Services)
- FAMIS (Human Services)
- Medical Assistance Programs (Human Services)

