

NASP is a membership association of Developmental Disability (DD) service providers. Our membership includes providers of all sizes spanning both urban and rural areas. We serve thousands of Nebraska's most vulnerable residents and employ thousands more.



Our Mission

Protecting and strengthening supports for people with Developmental Disabilities.



A recent survey (September, 2021)
conducted by NASP showed that
DD providers are 30% short of critical staff

Every town in every county has individuals and their caregivers in need.
There are currently 3000+ Nebraskans on the waitlist for DD services.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed labor market.
We are in the midst of an historic staff shortage that has already forced non-essential services to be cut, new referrals to be declined, and notices be sent to many people already in service that there is no longer staff to safely meet their needs.

Without support from State leadership, the DD system is facing imminent collapse.

WHAT WE NEED: An emergency deficit request to increase rates by 30%

- Matching State employee wage increase in order to remain competitive + pandemic margin loss

WHY WE NEED IT: To attract and retain critical direct support staff

- DD providers cannot adjust pricing or hours to mitigate staff shortages
- DD providers cannot offer competitive wages without a change in the rates
- Rates are set by the State; DD providers have no control

WHEN WE NEED IT: Immediately

DD providers are facing financial insolvency.



- Despite more funding being allocated to DD services by the Legislature, HHS spending on DD is in decline.
- Costs of overtime and having administrative staff cover open shifts make it impossible to remain financially viable - not to mention the increased safety risks of overextending staff.
- If the OSHA ETS vaccine mandate goes into effect, costs for some providers will increase even further (testing supplies, time, etc.), not to mention exacerbating the staff shortage crisis.

We have the data to support this.

Consolidated Income Summary

- Sample of five providers (representing 45% of all payments made by HHS for DD services)
- Comparing financial data for three months prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, to the same period in 2021); **intentionally using a time period after Appendix K financial assistance ended.**
- **DD providers' operating margin fell by a staggering 12%, from 2.6% to -10.6% between the reporting periods.**

REVENUES:	Jul - Sep 2019	Jul - Sep 2021
HHS Revenue (1915c DD Waivers):	\$41,434,989	\$36,825,398
Other Service Revenue:	\$1,873,860	\$1,268,229
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$43,308,849	\$38,093,627
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and wages	\$20,101,746	\$19,192,109
Employee benefits and payroll taxes	\$5,862,574	\$5,959,739
Travel/Transportation	\$751,690	\$579,965
Supplies	\$410,514	\$299,476
Occupancy	\$2,698,457	\$2,641,494
Equipment	\$239,848	\$239,584
Contracted Services (non-SLP)	\$1,168,837	\$1,060,039
Contracted Services (SLP)	\$8,568,515	\$9,387,093
Other Operating Expenses	\$2,362,623	\$2,754,745
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$42,164,802	\$42,114,245
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES:	\$1,144,047	(\$4,020,618)
MARGIN (%):	2.6%	-10.6%

DD Aid Funding History - Housed in Program 424 of the State's Budget

- The following data will compare appropriations and expenditures dating back to State fiscal year 2015-2016 (three biennia)

Key Take-Aways

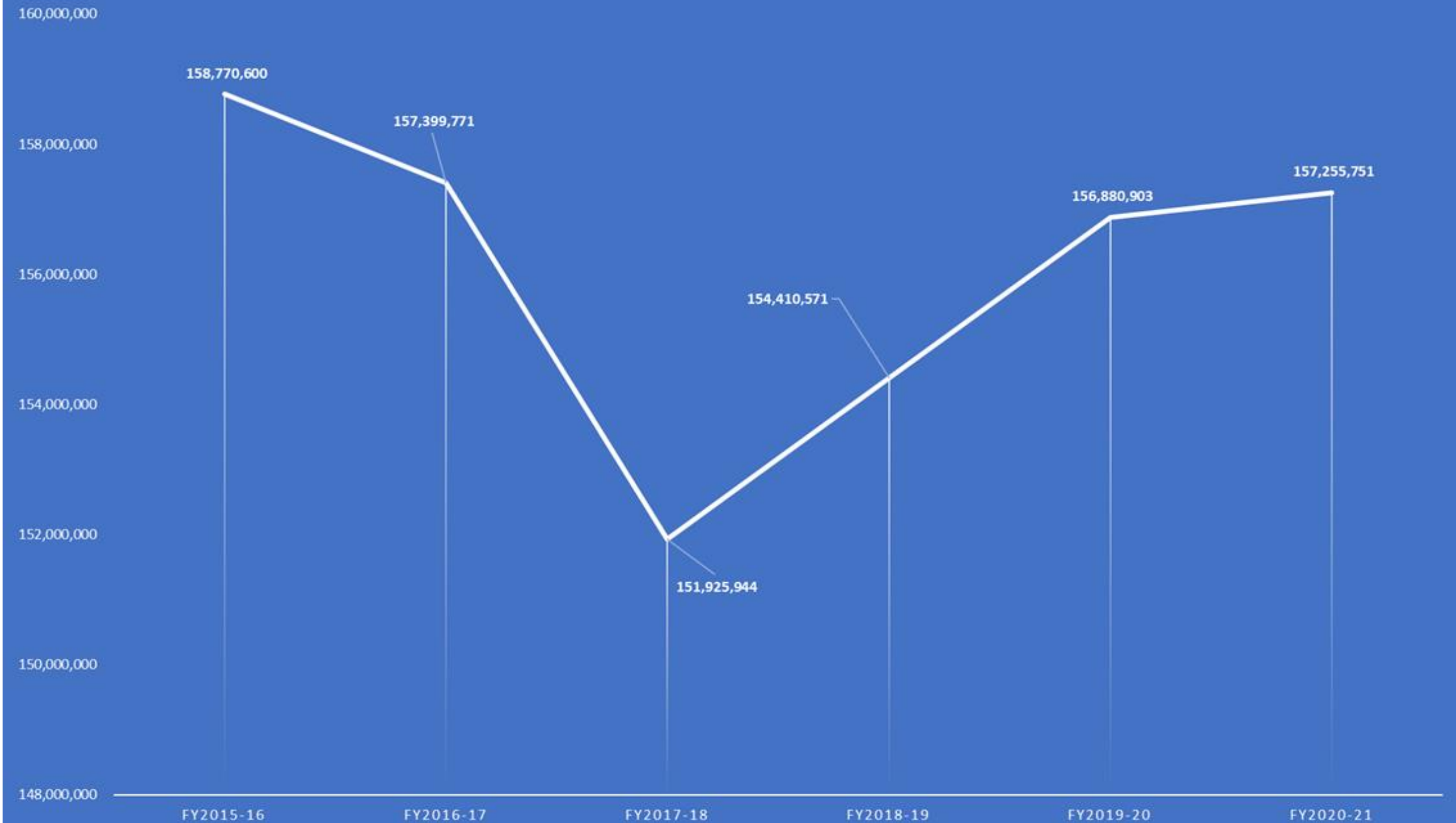
DD State expenditures have decreased by more than \$3.6 million since FY 2015-16

The census of those receiving DD services has increased by roughly 250 people (4,498 to 4,750)

The State cost per person has dropped by 8% over the time frame (\$38,334 to \$35,240)

Total DD State expenses only increased by 0.72% since FY 2015-16 while inflation has been 9.1%

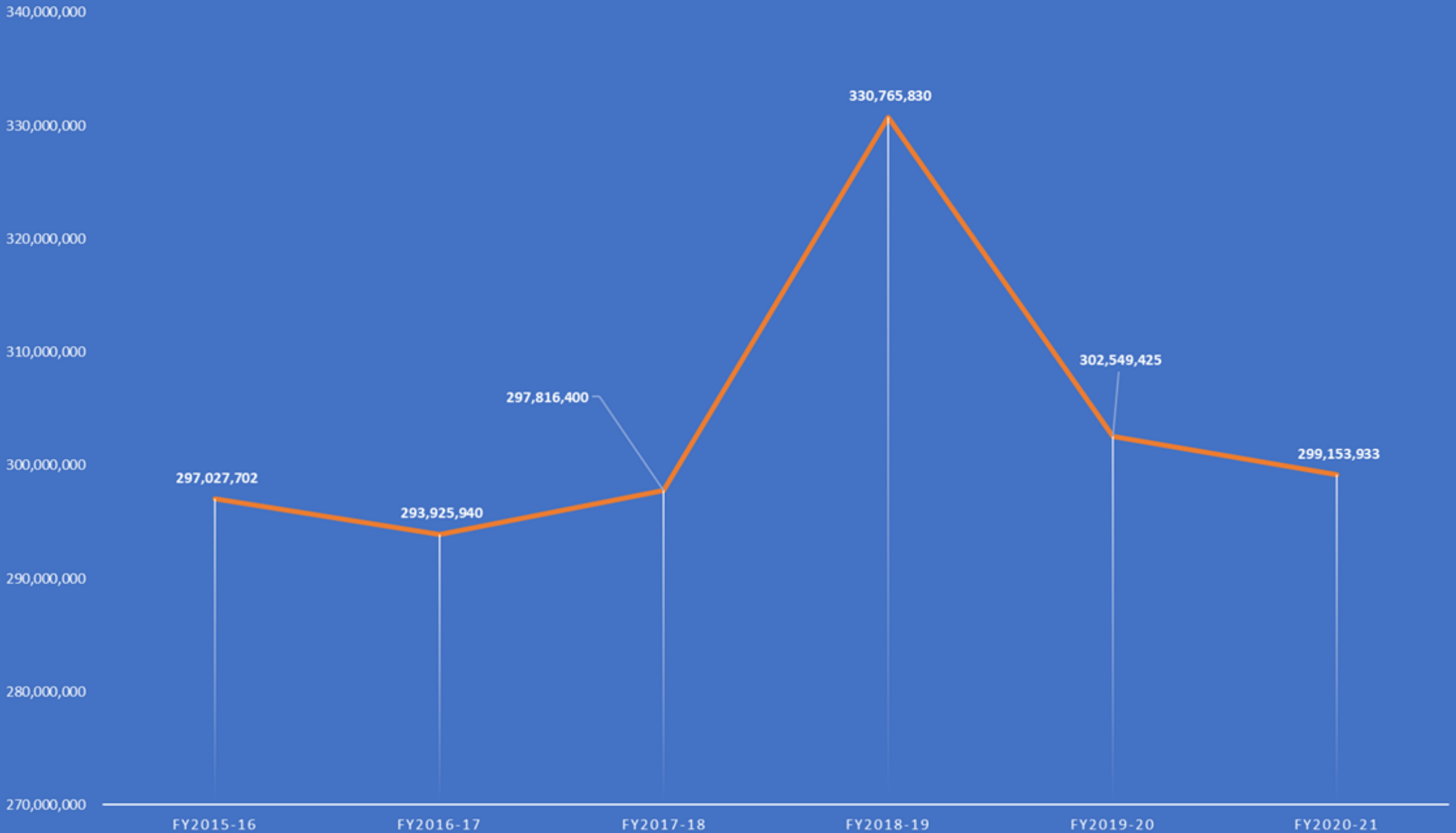
STATE SPENDING ON DD SERVICES



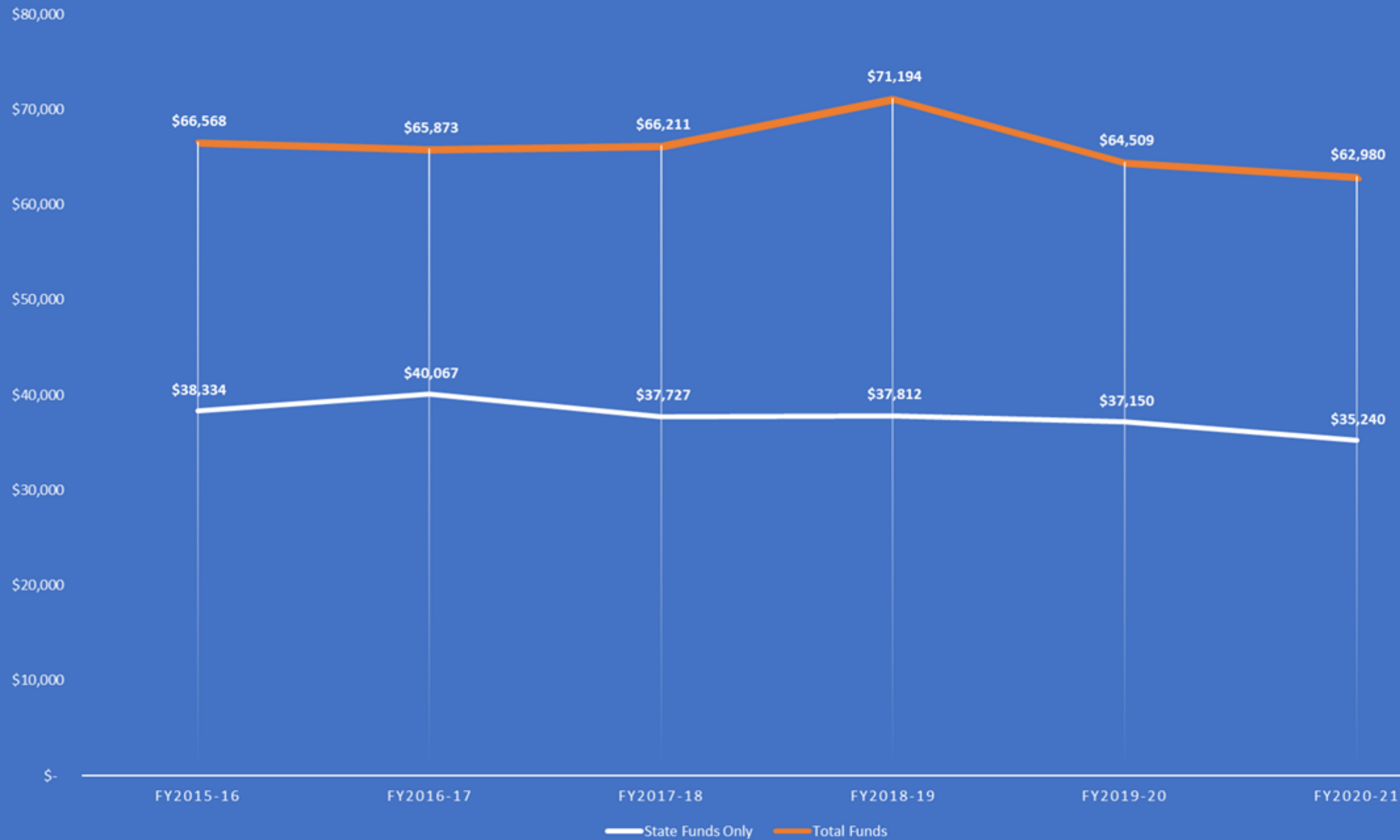
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AID FUNDING

Appropriations (Prog. 424)	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-2022
<i>General</i>	158,770,600	157,399,771	151,925,944	154,410,571	156,880,903	157,255,751	157,634,528
<i>Cash</i>	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000
<i>GF Reapprop./Encumbrances (prev. year)</i>	5,963,060	15,170,113	11,456,147	15,411,462	13,439,355	14,082,792	21,323,716
Total State Appropriations	171,045,660	178,881,884	169,694,091	176,134,033	176,632,258	177,650,543	185,270,244
Expenditures (Prog. 424)							
<i>General</i>	149,563,547	161,011,448	147,970,629	155,829,163	153,837,466	139,755,762	-
<i>Cash</i>	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	6,312,000	-
State Expenditures	155,875,547	167,323,448	154,282,629	162,141,163	160,149,466	146,067,762	-
Reappropriation/Encumbrance	15,170,113	11,456,147	15,411,462	13,533,094	14,082,792	21,323,716	
Total State Expenditures	171,045,660	178,779,595	169,694,091	175,674,257	174,232,258	167,391,478	
Lapsed Funds	-	102,289	-	459,776	2,400,000	10,259,065	
Federal Funding (Prog. 348)	147,464,155	132,914,492	149,845,771	174,936,667	148,711,959	159,398,171	-
Total DD Service Expenditures (non-cash funds)	297,027,702	293,925,940	297,816,400	330,765,830	302,549,425	299,153,933	

TOTAL SPENDING ON DD SERVICES

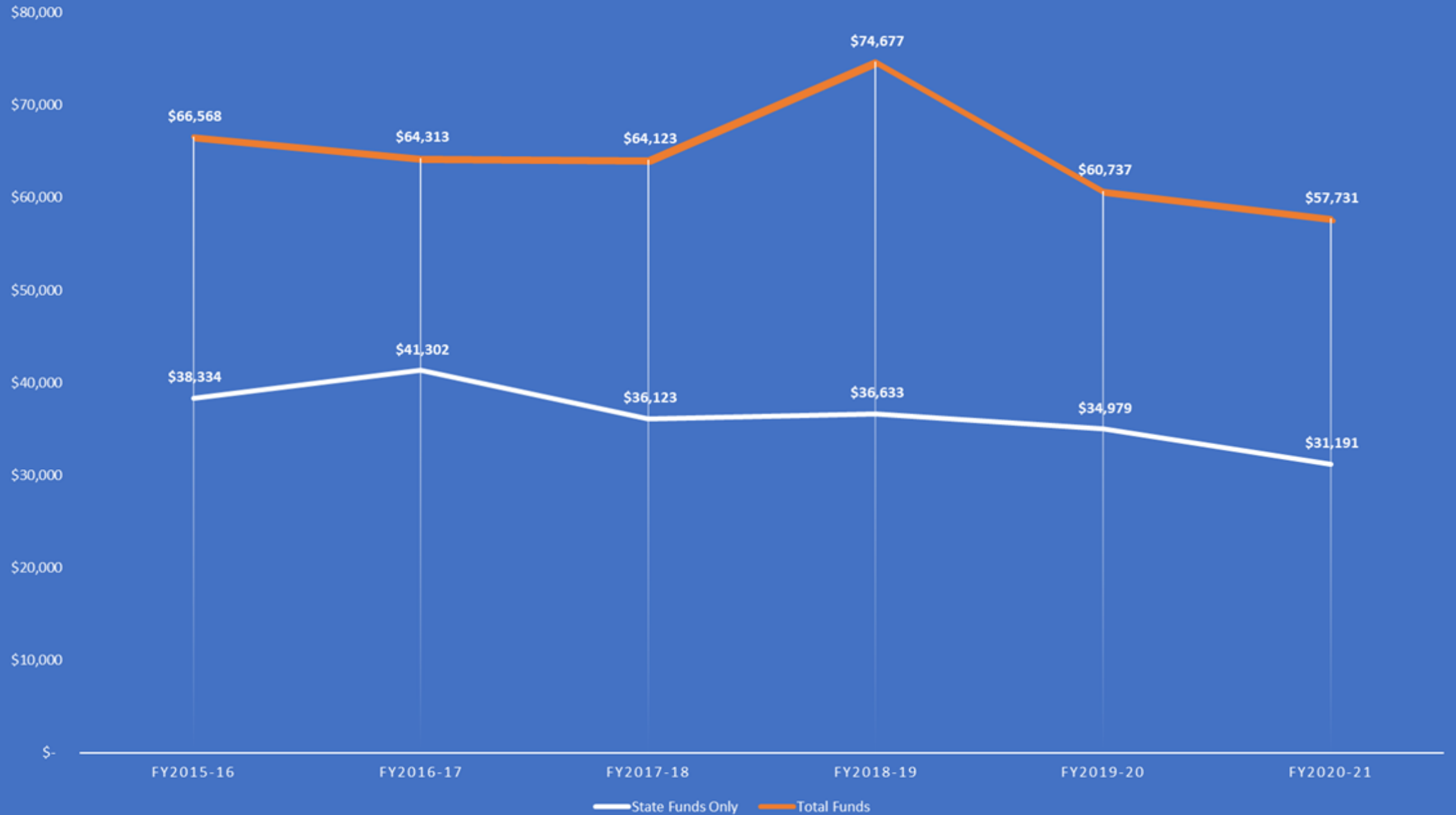


FUNDING PER PERSON

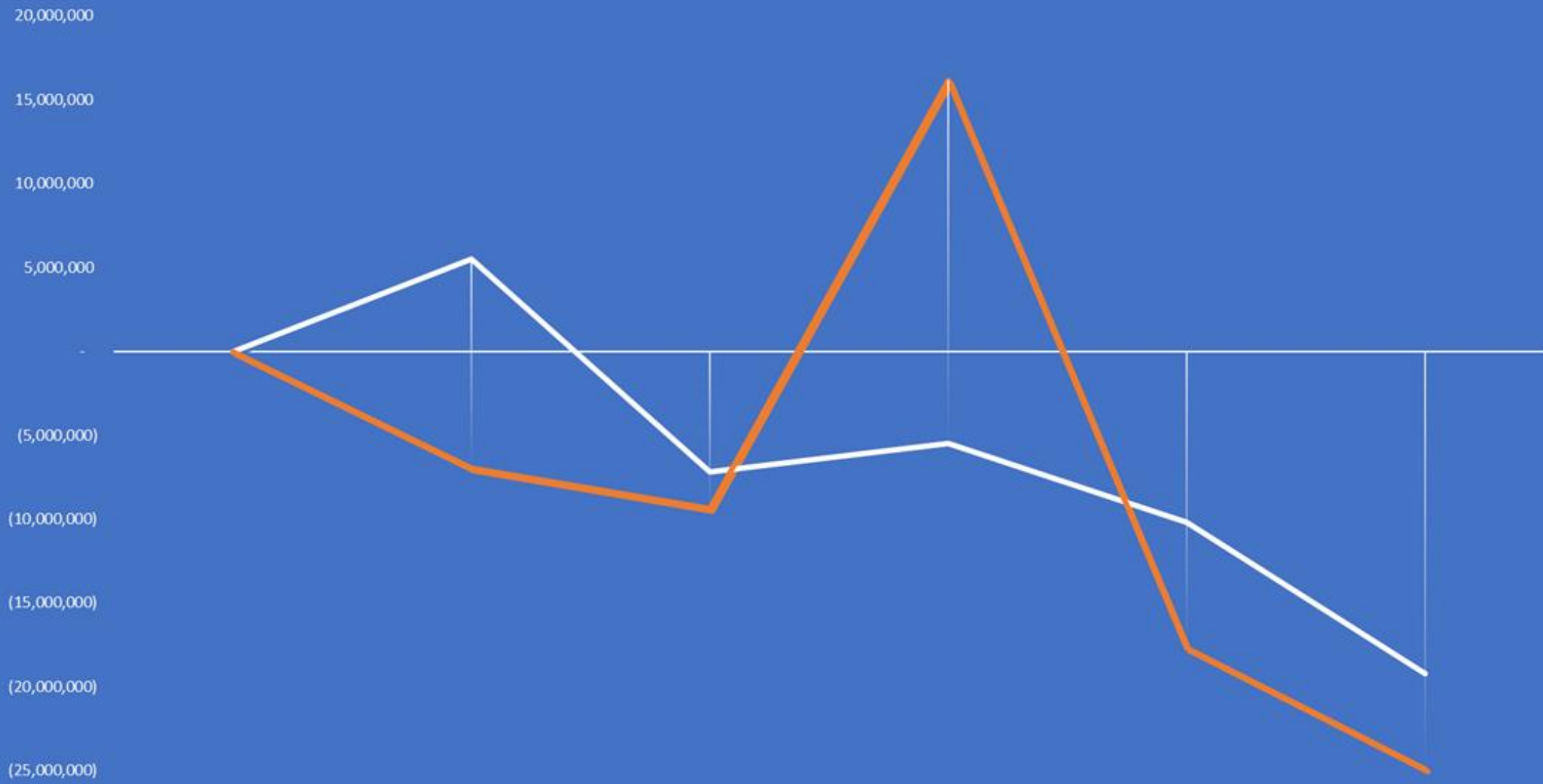


<u>Per Person Cost</u>						
	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
Census	4,462	4,462	4,498	4,646	4,690	4,750
	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
Per Person Spend (State funds only)	\$ 38,334	\$ 40,067	\$ 37,727	\$ 37,812	\$ 37,150	\$ 35,240
Per Person Spend, Inflation Adjusted (State funds only)	\$ 38,334	\$ 41,302	\$ 36,123	\$ 36,633	\$ 34,979	\$ 31,191
Per Person Spend (All funds)	\$ 66,568	\$ 65,873	\$ 66,211	\$ 71,194	\$ 64,509	\$ 62,980
Per Person Spend, Inflation Adjusted (All funds)	\$ 66,568	\$ 64,313	\$ 64,123	\$ 74,677	\$ 60,737	\$ 57,731

FUNDING PER PERSON, INFLATION ADJUSTED



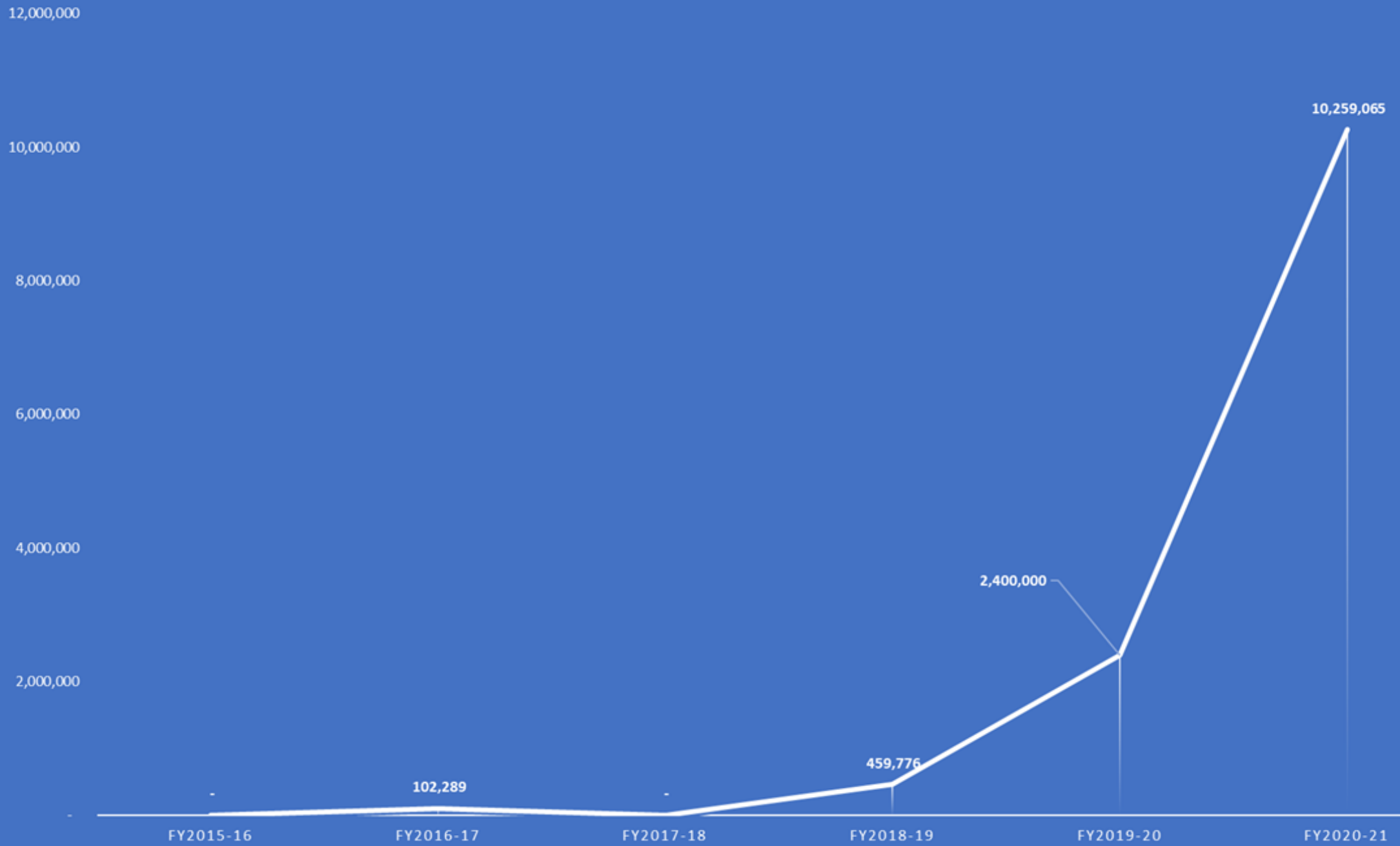
FUNDING TO INFLATION



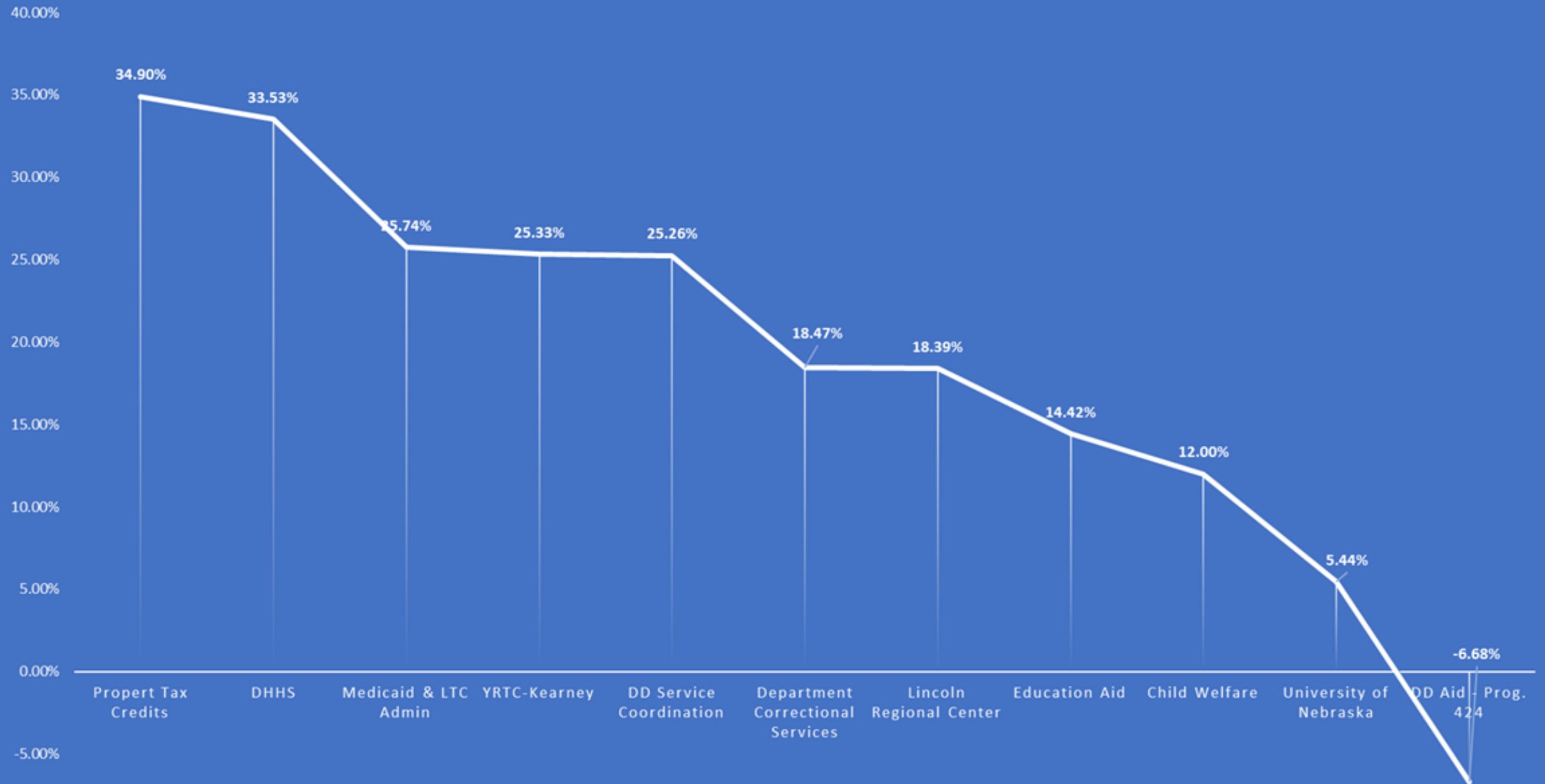
	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
State Funding	-	5,510,341	(7,213,817)	(5,479,441)	(10,182,206)	(19,235,960)
Total Funding	-	(6,963,122)	(9,391,332)	16,185,112	(17,693,746)	(24,932,156)

	<u>Inflation Adjustments</u>					
	FY2015-16	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
CPI (Fed. Reserve)	0.00%	1.30%	2.10%	2.40%	1.80%	1.20%
Inflation Adjusted State	171,045,660	173,269,254	176,907,908	181,153,698	184,414,464	186,627,438
Difference	-	5,510,341	(7,213,817)	(5,479,441)	(10,182,206)	(19,235,960)
State Spend, Inflation Adjusted	171,045,660	184,289,936	162,480,274	170,194,816	164,050,052	148,155,518
Inflation Adjusted Total	297,027,702	300,889,062	307,207,732	314,580,718	320,243,171	324,086,089
Difference	-	(6,963,122)	(9,391,332)	16,185,112	(17,693,746)	(24,932,156)
Total Spend, Inflation Adjusted	297,027,702	286,962,818	288,425,068	346,950,942	284,855,679	274,221,777
Inflation Funding Deficiencies						
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LAPSED DD FUNDING



PERCENT CHANGE IN STATE EXPENDITURES
TO FY 2015-16 (DAS BUDGET PORTAL)



State Expenditures - DAS Budget Portal

	FY2015-16	FY2020-21	% Change over FY 15-16
Propert Tax Credits	202,338,645.54	272,955,049.13	34.90%
DHHS	3,214,794,548.00	4,292,630,226.00	33.53%
Medicaid & LTC Admin	38,570,132.17	48,498,609.71	25.74%
YRTC-Kearney	11,679,164.15	14,638,076.23	25.33%
DD Service Coordination	13,849,955.54	17,347,778.40	25.26%
Department Correctional Services	249,059,041.99	295,067,521.74	18.47%
Lincoln Regional Center	39,367,374.21	46,605,125.77	18.39%
Education Aid	1,506,792,282.21	1,724,063,330.90	14.42%
Child Welfare	193,506,563.22	216,733,249.06	12.00%
University of Nebraska	2,645,344,535.97	2,789,328,870.12	5.44%
DD Aid - Prog. 424	155,466,547.25	145,087,761.53	-6.68%

It is imperative that State leadership provide adequate funding to shore up the DD system before it is too late.

This is an economic development issue. This is a human rights issue.
Nebraska is only as good as we treat our most vulnerable.
Everyone deserves The Good Life.

