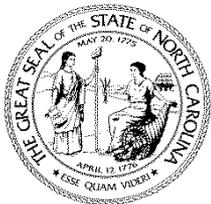


# Governor McCrory's Recommended 2015-2017 Budget

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# FISCAL DISCIPLINE

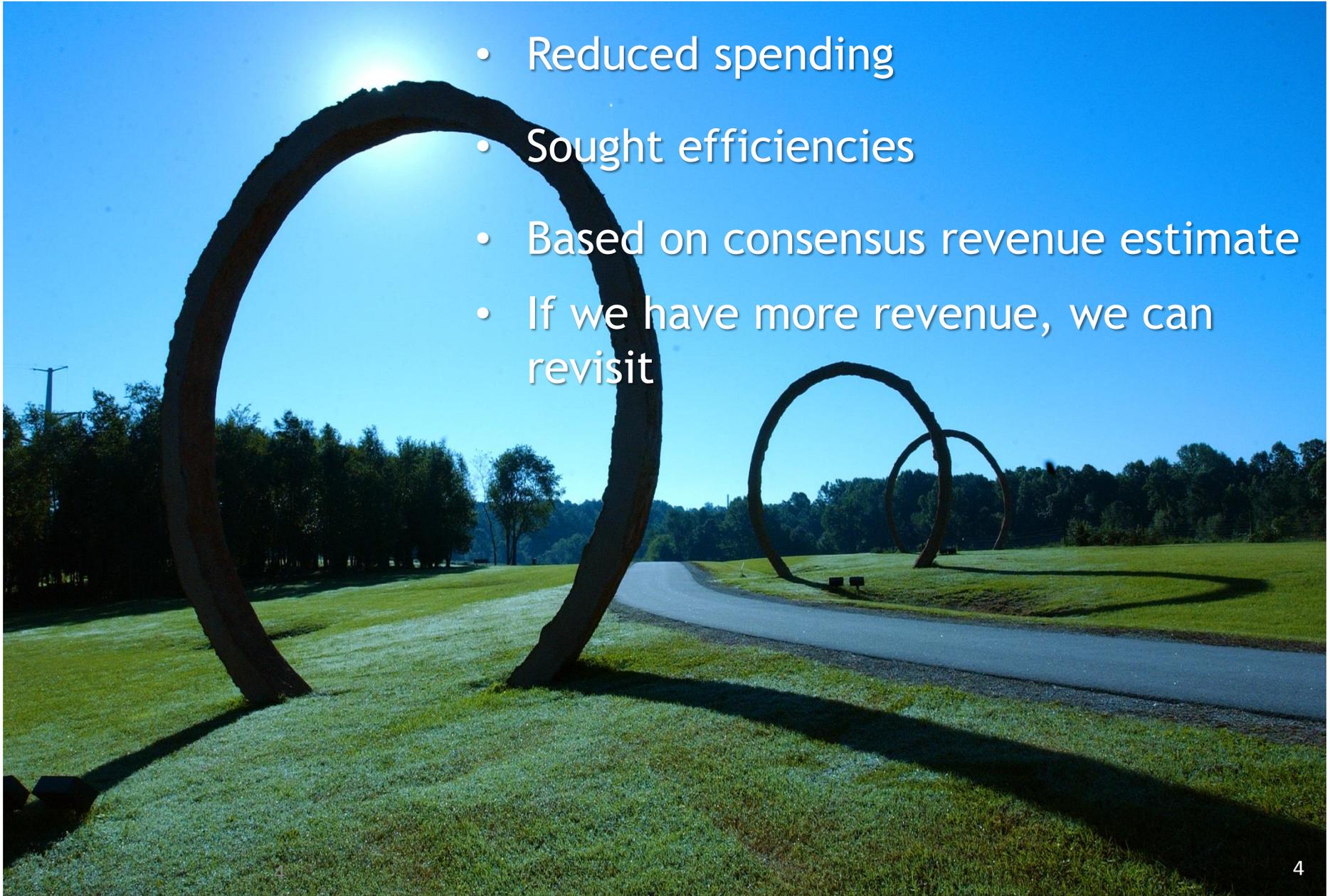
- NO NEW TAXES
- Triple A bond rating from all three major ratings agencies
- Budget grows more slowly than inflation and population
- Balanced budget, consistent with state constitution



# MOST OF GENERAL FUND IS ALREADY OBLIGATED BY STATUTE

- More than \$3 billion annually to maintain the retirement system and health plan for state employees
- 76 % of new spending (\$741 million) devoted to education and Medicaid
- Medicaid
  - \$3.8 billion or 18 % in year one
  - \$4 billion or greater than 18 % in year two

- Reduced spending
- Sought efficiencies
- Based on consensus revenue estimate
- If we have more revenue, we can revisit

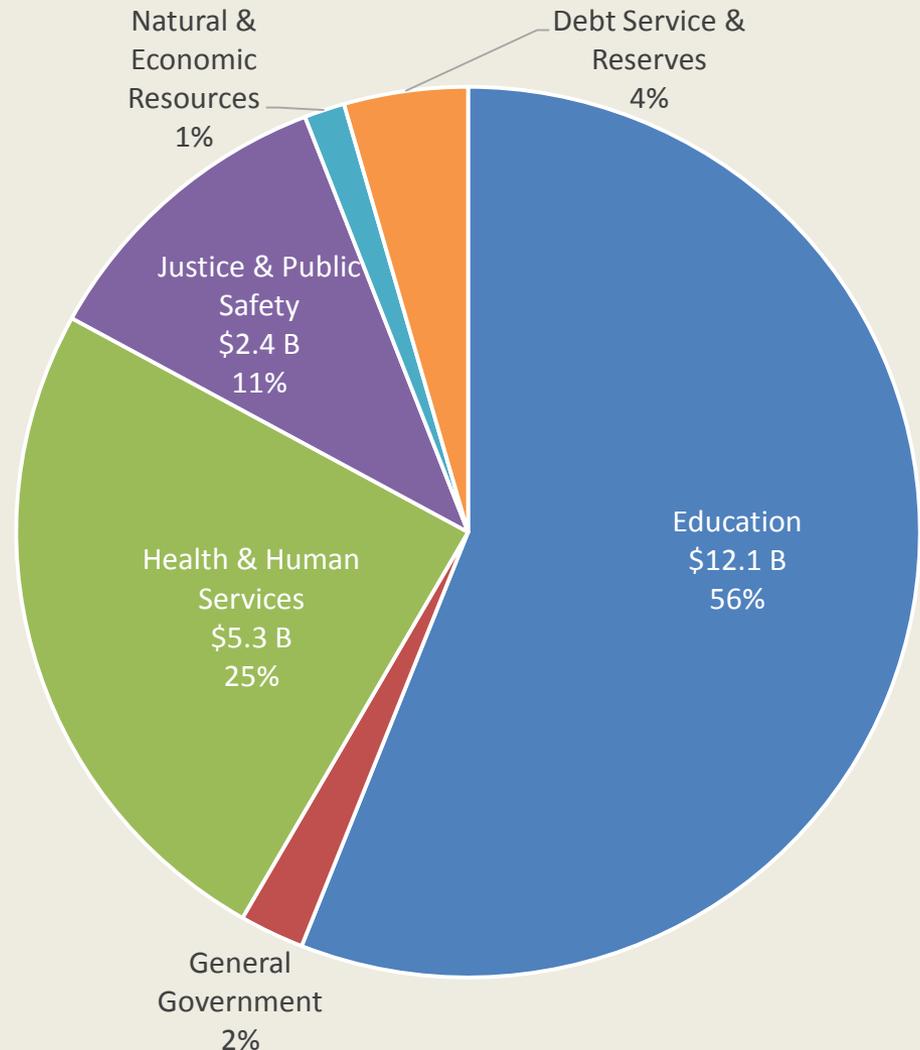




- Will collect more than \$43.7 billion during the next two years
- Must be effective, efficient, accountable
- Spend where it matters most

## FY 2015-16 General Fund Appropriations = \$21.5 billion

- Education is 70% K-12, 22% university system, and 8% community colleges
- Health & Human Services is more than 2/3 Medicaid
- Justice & Public Safety is 73% Public Safety (law enforcement & corrections), 25% Judicial, and 2% Justice
- General Government and Natural & Economic Resources combine to comprise nearly 4% of all appropriations





- Fulfill our pledge to raise the starting salary for public school teachers to **\$35,000**
- This budget proposes **MORE THAN HALF A BILLION DOLLARS** in new funding for k-12 education

- **Corrections officers**
  - 10,000 officers
  - Reflects relative danger of prisons
  - Last increased in the mid-1980s
- **State Highway Patrol troopers**
  - Five percent step increase for eligible troopers
- **Longevity pay**
  - Continues for nearly 40,000 state employees
- **\$82 million salary exception fund**
  - To attract and retain in high-demand fields



- Targeted, long-term investments
- Vital to competitiveness
- Pay for assets that will last for 50 years as they are used
- Historically low interest rates
- Will not jeopardize our credit ratings



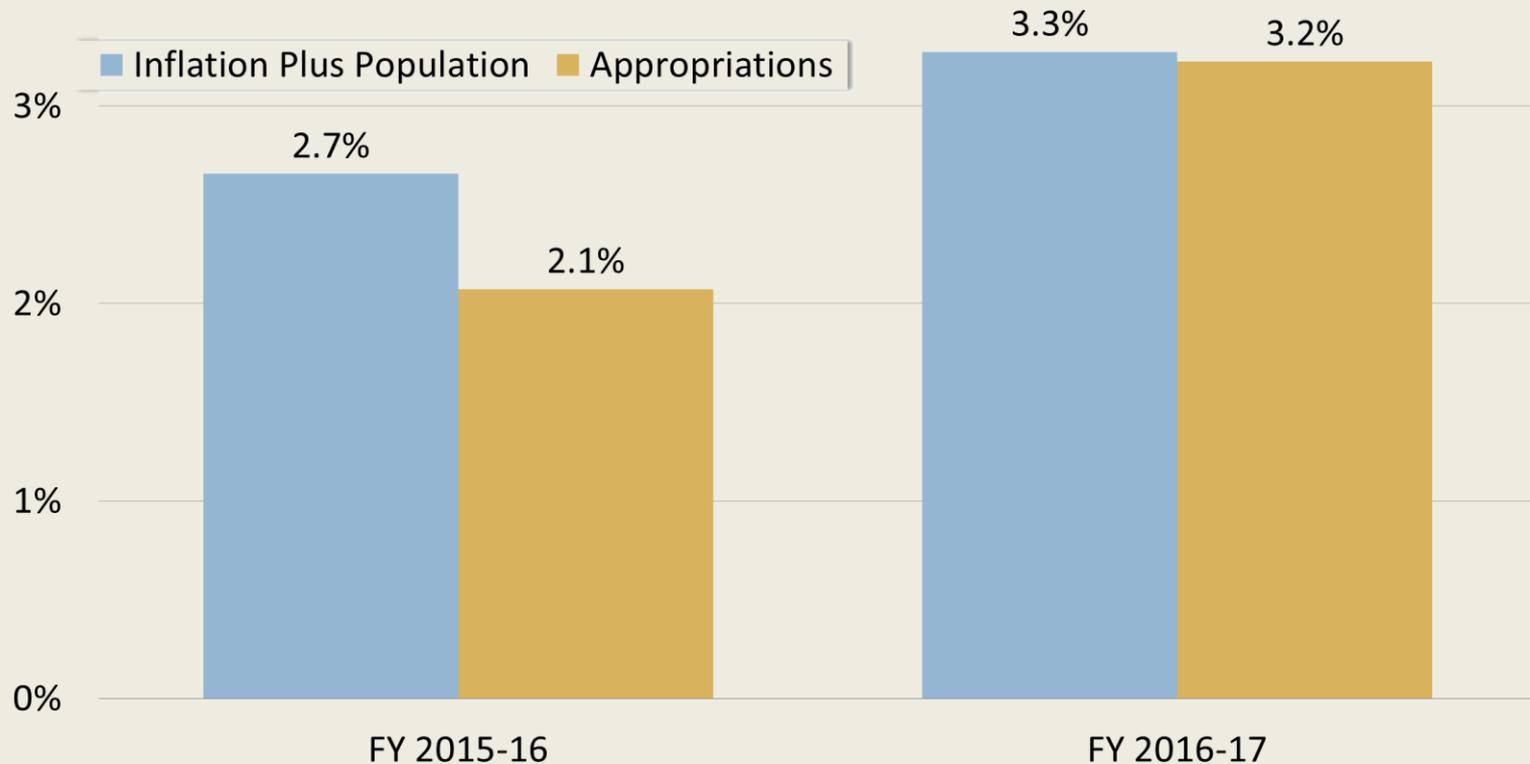
- 1.8 million people or 18% of our state population supported by Medicaid
  - \$7.8 billion over two years
- Mental health
- Pre-K
- Other key social services



# Grows more slowly than inflation and population

## Remaining well below the statutory cap

Recommended Appropriations to Grow Slower than Population & Inflation  
Year-Over-Year Growth in Projected CPI-U Plus Population and Recommended General Fund Appropriations



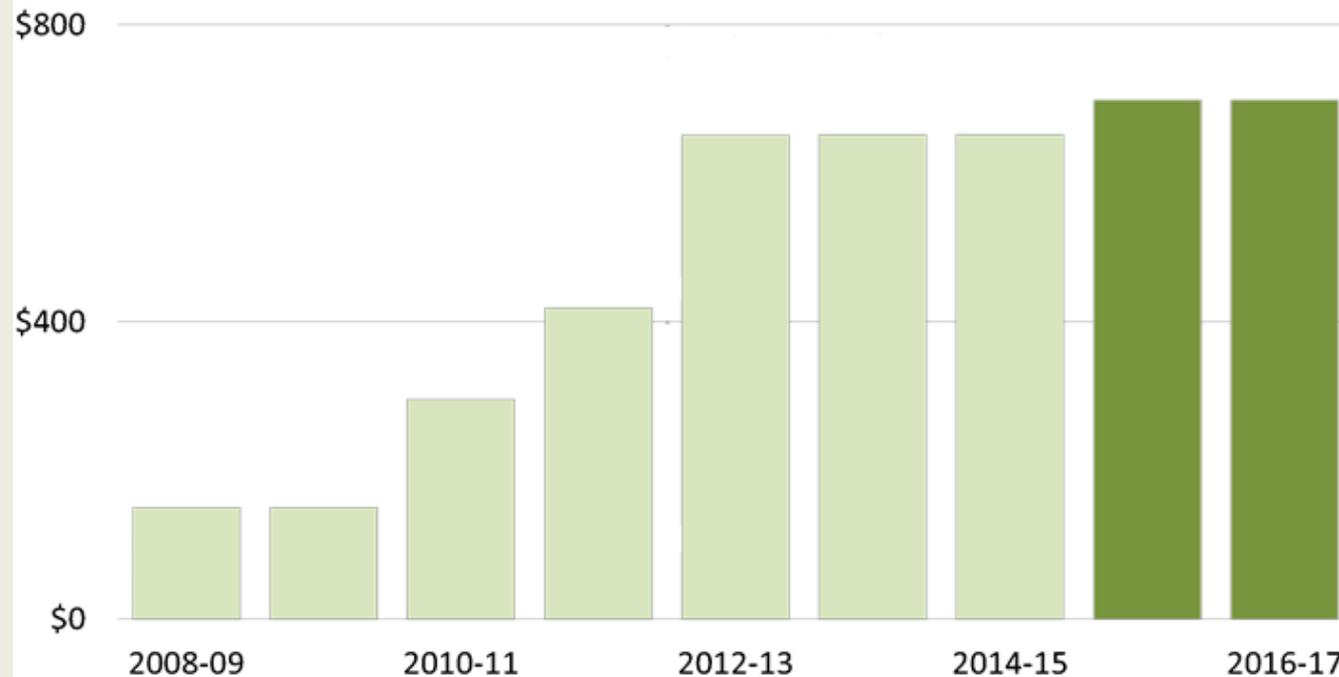
Sources: OSBM (recommended appropriations) and Congressional Budget Office (projected growth in CPI-U)

# Strengthening and enhancing reserves in excess of **\$650 million**

*One of only ten states with a Triple A bond rating from all three major rating agencies*

Allocates an additional **\$47 million** to the Rainy Day Fund

Year-End Savings Reserve Balance in Millions of Current-Year Dollars

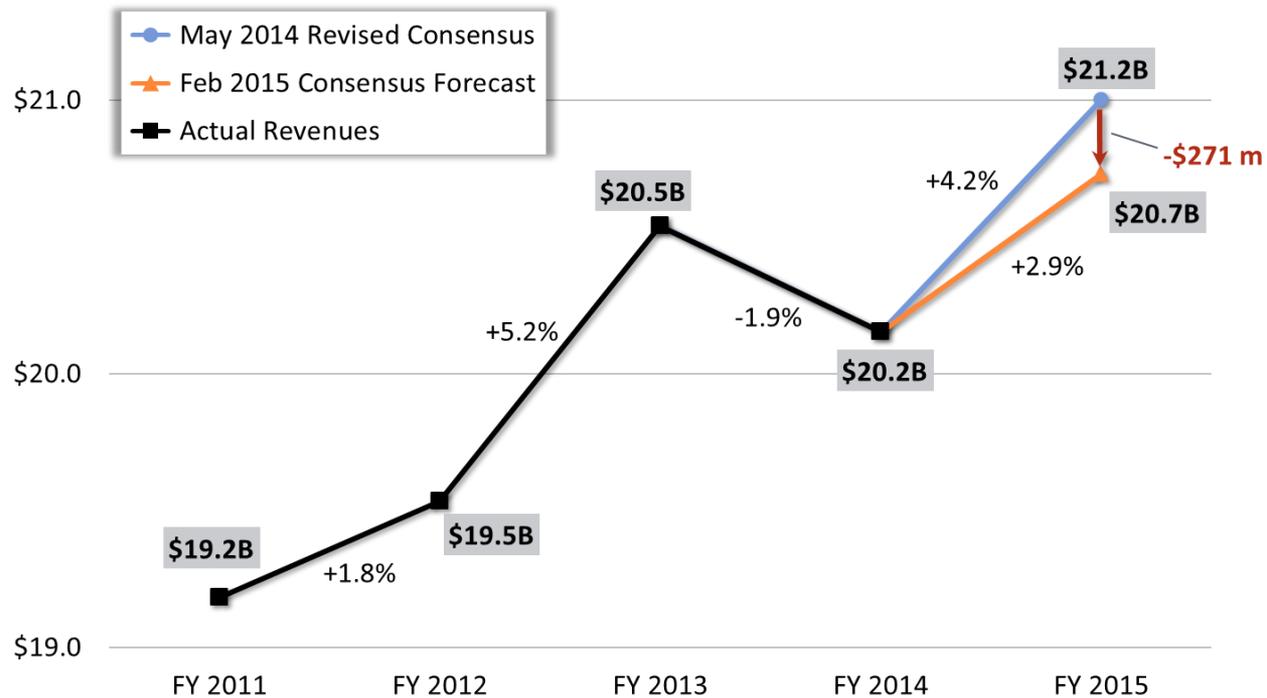


Note: All balances as of end of fiscal year.

# Forecast reflects modest growth of 2.9%

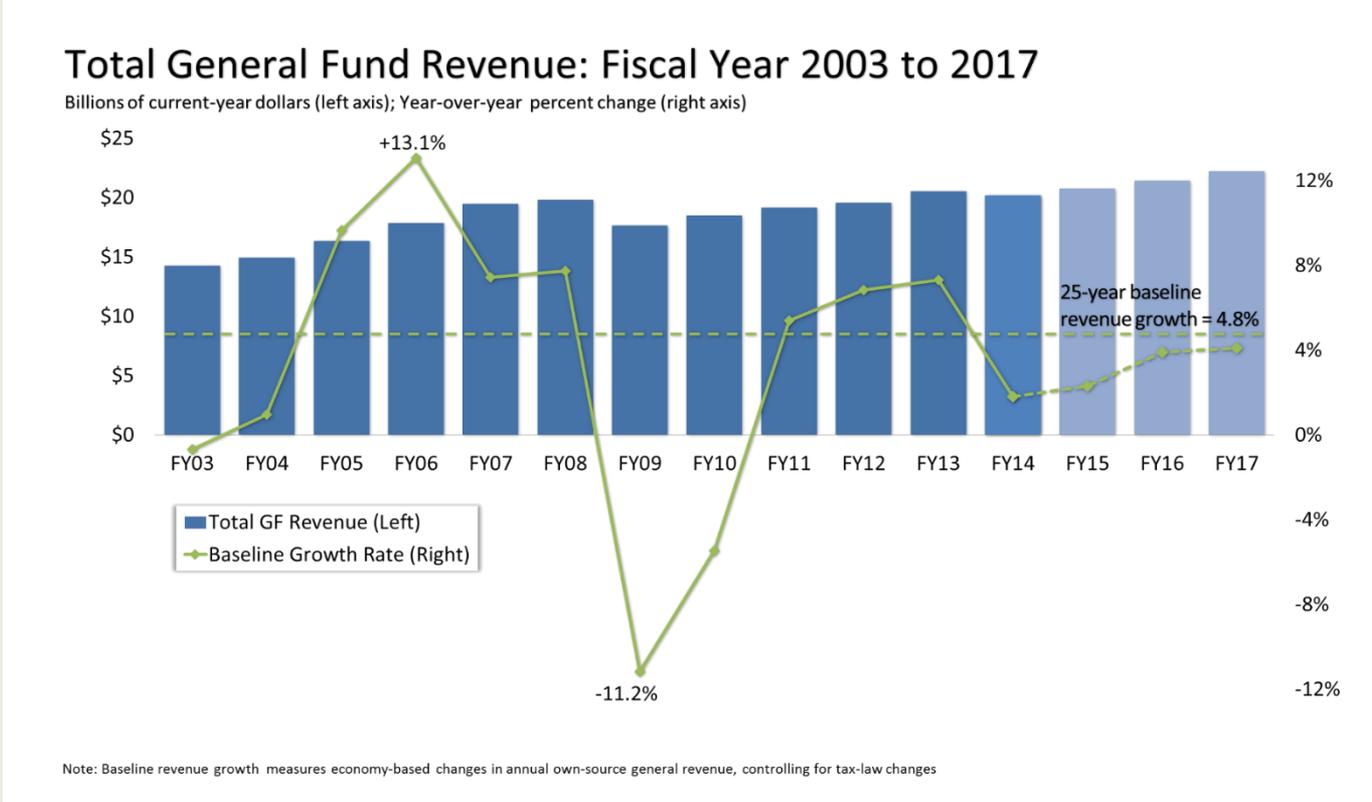
## General Fund Revenue: Recent History & Forecast

Billions of Current-Year Dollars



# Forecast for FY 2015-17 Anticipates Moderate Growth

- Consensus General Fund Revenue Forecast with the Fiscal Research Division
- FY 2015-16 Base Growth: 3.9%
- FY 2016-17 Base Growth: 4.1%



# Invests over **\$115 million** in job creation and competitiveness

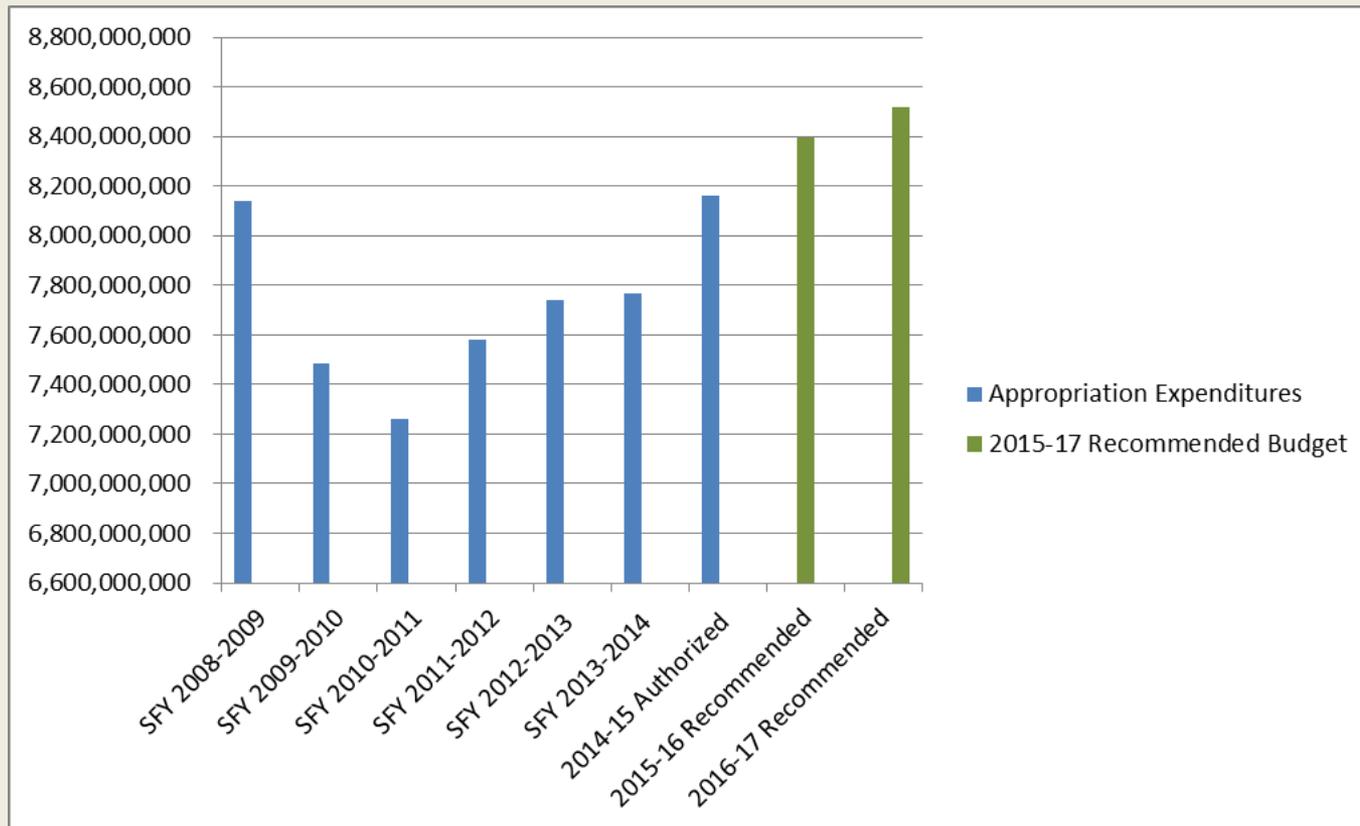
## Supporting Main Street North Carolina

- Historic Preservation Tax Credit
  - \$12.2 million
- Film grant program
  - \$20 million

## Extend Job Preservation Tax Credits

- Renewable Energy Credit
  - \$7 million
  - Non-solar only
- Data centers
  - \$7 million
- Research and development
  - \$58 million
- Motorsports
  - \$1.2 million
- Aviation fuel
  - \$7.5 million

## Continuing significant commitment to K-12 funding





## TEACHER PAY

- \$223 million
- Increases teacher base pay to \$35,000
- Increases on salary schedule



## ENROLLMENT GROWTH

- \$207 million
- Fully funds enrollment growth → 1,400 new teachers



## TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- \$128 million
- Retains nearly 2,000 teaching assistants



## REWARDING HIGHLY-EFFECTIVE TEACHERS

- \$15 million
- North Carolina Education Endowment Fund



## INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

- \$70 million
- Classroom resources including textbooks, instructional supplies and equipment



## PRE-K

- Ensures access to NC Pre-K for more than 26,800 at-risk four-year-olds



## BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT ECU

- \$16 million
- Stabilizes medical education and maintains community preceptorships

## ENROLLMENT GROWTH

- \$129.6 million
- Fully funds projected enrollment growth

## LIMIT SUBSIDY TO PRIVATE FUNDRAISING

- Saves \$18 million each year
- No more than \$1 million in state funds on private fundraising efforts



## IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS

- \$11.3 million
- Supports those who defend our freedom by offering in-state tuition to qualifying non-resident veterans

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE YEAR-ROUND CLASSES

- Accelerates the North Carolina talent pipeline by funding classes year-round, including in the summer, just like North Carolina businesses

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY

- \$10 million
- Critical upgrade to the central data system used by all 58 community colleges
- \$5 million for STEM equipment

## VENTURE MULTIPLIER FUND

**\$30 million**

Invests in early stage commercial ventures, along with private sector dollars



## NORTH CAROLINA RALLYING INVESTORS AND SKILLED ENTREPRENEURS (NC RISE)

**\$5 million**

Leverages existing entrepreneurial talent and recruits world-class investors and skilled entrepreneurs



## UNIVERSITY INNOVATION COMMERCIALIZATION INVESTMENT

**\$7.5 million**

Invests in selecting and developing university technologies to make them attractive to investors

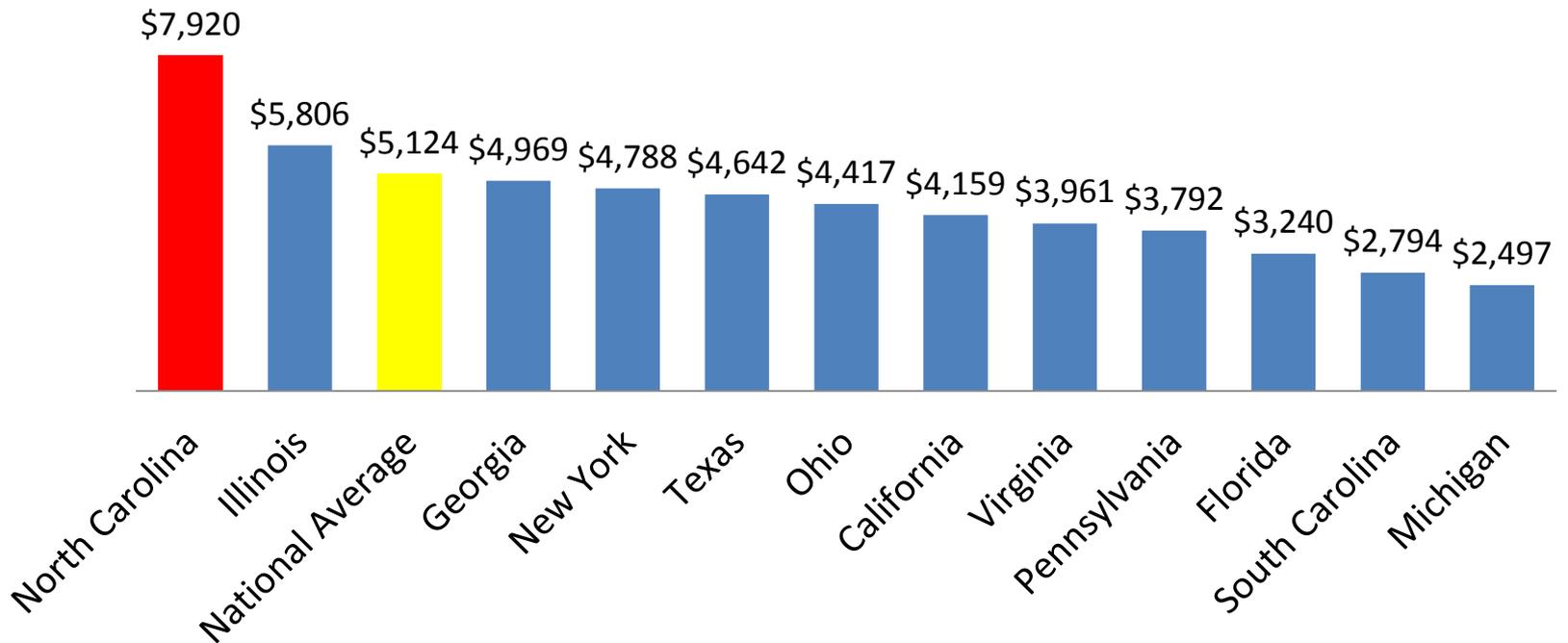


(Source: SREB)

North Carolina spends a greater percentage of tax revenues on higher education *than any other state*

State Appropriation for Higher Education: % of State Taxes		
	2011-12	National Rank
50 states	9.5	
North Carolina	17.5	1
Alabama	17.3	2
Georgia	16.5	3
New Mexico	16.0	4

## General Fund Expenditures per Student: 10 Most Populous States, VA and SC



Sources: NASBO State Expenditure Report, Almanac of Higher Education 2014, Pope Center for Higher Education

Dedicates **\$4.8 billion** to lay the foundation for our 25-year transportation vision, which focuses on connecting small towns and economic centers across the state

### **Critical infrastructure**

- Increase of \$135 million
- Strategic investments in critical infrastructure

### **Road Maintenance**

- Increase of \$51 million
- Road preservation and improvements projects

### **Capital Improvements**

- Increase of \$36 million
- Capital repairs and renovations under the Capital Improvement Plan

### **Congestion**

- Increase of \$10 million
- Eases congestion, particularly in rural and small urban communities

## North Carolina Government Efficiency and Reform (NC GEAR)

- More than \$14 million of savings in year one
- More than \$57 million of savings in year two of the biennium,
- Savings over ten years conservatively estimated at more than \$615 million IN PRESENT VALUE



Manage cultural and  
natural resources  
together



Improve integrity  
and timing of vital  
record registry



Recover debts  
through the State  
Reciprocal Treasury  
Offset Program



Rationalize  
state vehicles



Reduce state  
employees workers'  
compensation  
expense



Leverage buying  
power for school  
districts

Reinforces North Carolina's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the nation

**In-state tuition  
for veterans**



- \$11.3 million
- In-state tuition for qualifying non-resident veterans

**Department of  
Military and  
Veterans Affairs**



- Protect our military mission
- Coordinate services for military communities, active duty personnel and veterans

**Veterans courts**



- Supports the development of additional veterans' treatment courts
- Helping veterans return to a productive life instead of being locked up for minor offenses related to mental health issues or substance abuse

**Support veterans  
and fight crimes  
against children**



- \$2 million
- Awarded to law enforcement agencies to hire staff to locate and rescue children in danger
- Priority will be given to veterans who have received special training from the Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) project

Recognizes the dedication of our law enforcement and corrections officers

**CORRECTIONS OFFICERS**



- \$21 million
- Compensates and retains our corrections officers who confront the most violent people in our state every day

**HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER STEP INCREASES**



- \$3.7 million
- Funds the full five percent step increase for eligible State Troopers each year

**VEHICLES**



- \$11 million
- Replaces aging law enforcement vehicles
- Improves safety
- Reduces maintenance costs

**CRIME LAB**



- \$2 million
- Improves crime lab operations
- Reduces criminal case backlogs



## COURT SYSTEM

- \$16 million
- Addresses costs associated with jurors, witnesses, interpreters, expert witnesses for prosecutors, equipment maintenance, hardware and software



## NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURTS

- \$1.2 million
- Expands existing North Carolina Business Courts, as recommended by the North Carolina Economic Development Board



## INDIGENT DEFENSE

- \$9 million
- Increases funds for private assigned counsel for indigent defendants

# Invests nearly **\$24 million** in new funding for mental health services in our prisons

## Behavior health treatment units

- \$17 million
- Establishes behavior health treatment units at eight high security prisons across the state
- New positions to improve mental health screening at intake centers

## Mental health beds

- \$6.7 million
- Opens another 72 inpatient mental health beds at the Central Prison Health Care Facility

# Invests nearly **\$82 million** in new funding for mental health and substance abuse services

## Community mental health services

- \$42 million
- Investments to cover mental health needs in our communities
- Treating substance abuse in our communities

## State mental health facilities

- \$39.4 million
- Start-up funding for the new Broughton Hospital
- Ensuring financial viability of state health facilities by acknowledging acuity and patient mix we serve

**Provides more than \$10.8 billion in Department of Health and Human Services funding to support the well-being of our most vulnerable citizens**

**The Office of Chief Medical Examiner**

- Increase of \$5.3 million
- Improves services and replaces equipment for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

**Adoption and Foster Care**

- Increase of \$15 million
- Funding for foster care and adoption services
- Ensures all children needing support have access

**NC FAST and NC TRACKS**

- Increase of \$22.9 million
- Replaces legacy IT systems to more efficiently serve citizens and pay providers

**Medicaid**

- \$287 million in the first year and \$461 million in the second
- Provides health coverage to more than 1.8 million low-income families

**Medicaid Reform**

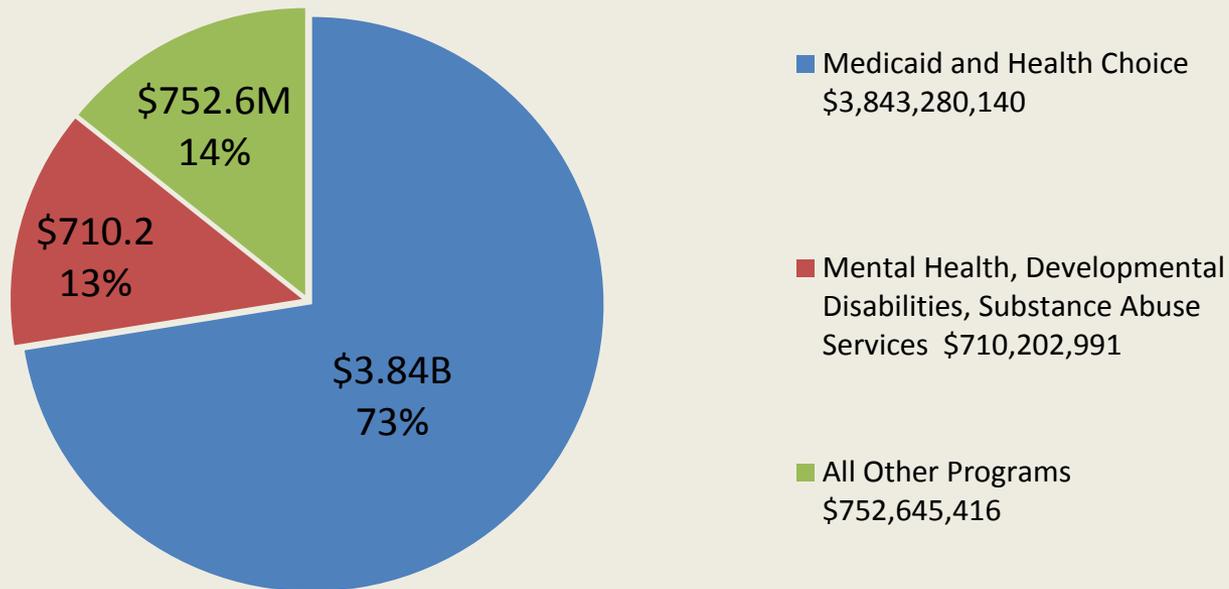
- Supports Healthy NC reform plan to put patients first and control costs for taxpayers
- Accountable Care Organization delivery model

**Medicaid Risk Reserve**

- \$175 million over two years
- Provides buffer against inevitable uncertainty in one of our biggest cost drivers

# DHHS STATE FUNDING

Medical Assistance and Mental Health account for 86% of DHHS General Fund appropriations in the recommended budget



**2015-16 Recommended State General Fund Appropriation**

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