

# **Budget Briefing: Community Colleges**

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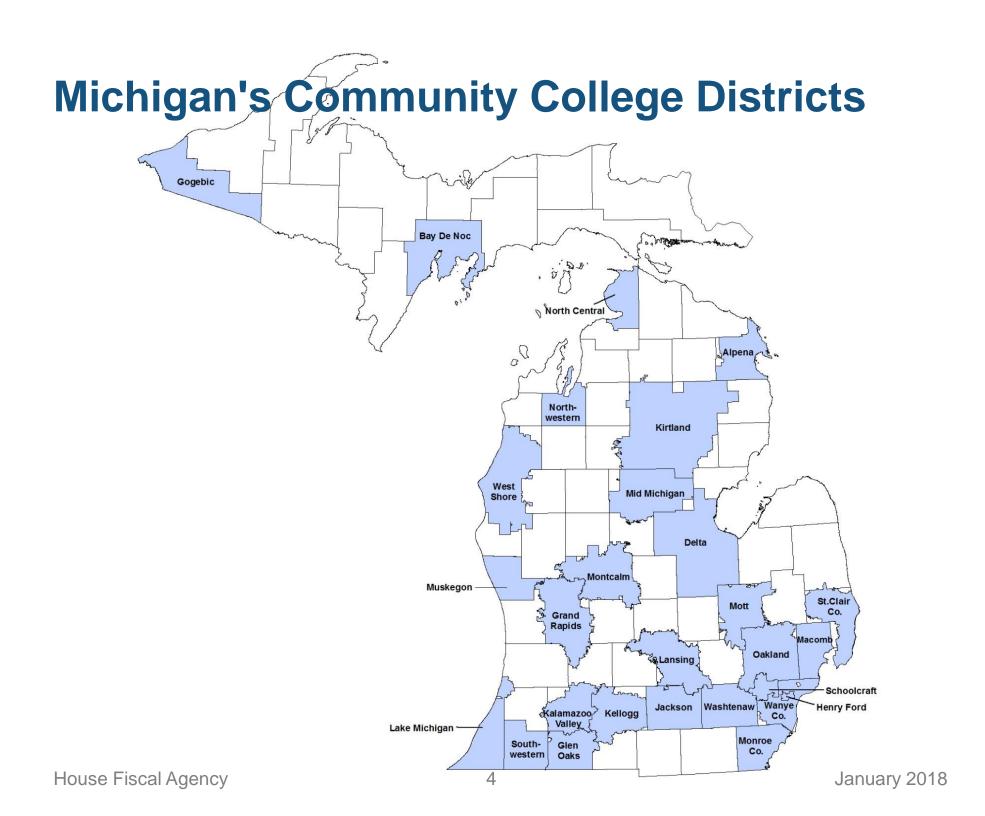
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### **Briefing Topics**

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- Community College Revenues
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### Michigan's Community Colleges

- The Community Colleges budget provides funding for Michigan's 28 public community colleges. Community colleges are supported through a combination of:
  - State Appropriations
  - Tuition and fees
  - Local Property Taxes
- Each community college draws students primarily from within a district organized under statute and is governed by a board of trustees elected from the district. Not all areas of the state fall within a community college district.
- Community colleges provide collegiate and non-collegiate level education primarily to individuals above the twelfth grade age level within commuting distance. Community college programs include:
  - Vocational-technical education leading to an associate's degree
  - Education in anticipation of transfer to a four-year institution
  - Basic skills
  - Customized training or retraining for displaced workers
  - Baccalaureate degrees at certain institutions in cement technology, maritime technology, energy production technology and culinary arts



### **Key Budget Terms**

**Fiscal Year:** The state's fiscal year (FY) runs from October to September. FY 2017-18 is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

**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 in a budget bill which establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function.

**Boilerplate:** Specific language sections in a budget bill which direct, limit, or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

**Lapse:** 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 <u>not</u> been adjusted for inflation.

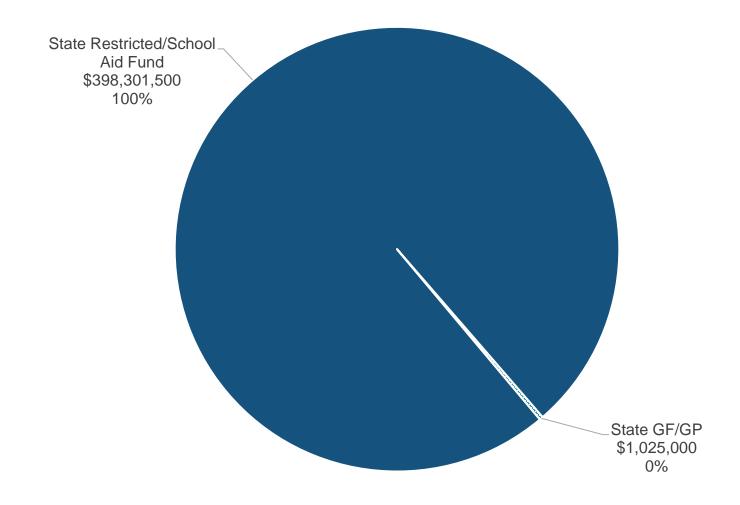
### **Funding Sources**

### FY 2017-18 Community Colleges Budget

Fund Source	Funding	Description
Gross Appropriations	\$399,326,500	Total spending authority from all revenue sources
Interdepartmental Grants (IDG) Revenue	0	Funds received by one state department from another state department, usually for services provided
Adjusted Gross Appropriations	\$399,326,500	Gross appropriations excluding IDGs; avoids double counting when adding appropriation amounts across budget areas
Federal Revenue	0	Federal grant or matching revenue; generally dedicated to specific programs or purposes
Local Revenue	0	Revenue received from local units of government for state services
Private Revenue	0	Revenue from individuals and private entities, including payments for services, grants, and other contributions
State Restricted Revenue	398,301,500	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	\$1,025,000	Unrestricted revenue from taxes and other sources available to fund basic state programs and other purposes determined by the Legislature

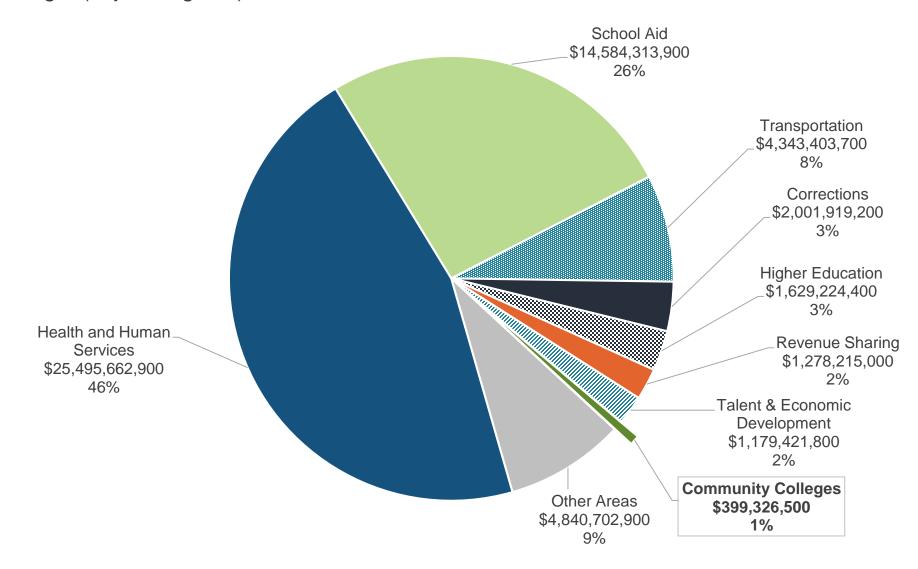
#### FY 2017-18 Fund Sources

Nearly all of the \$399.3 million Community Colleges budget is funded by state restricted revenue, entirely consisting of School Aid Fund (SAF) revenue.



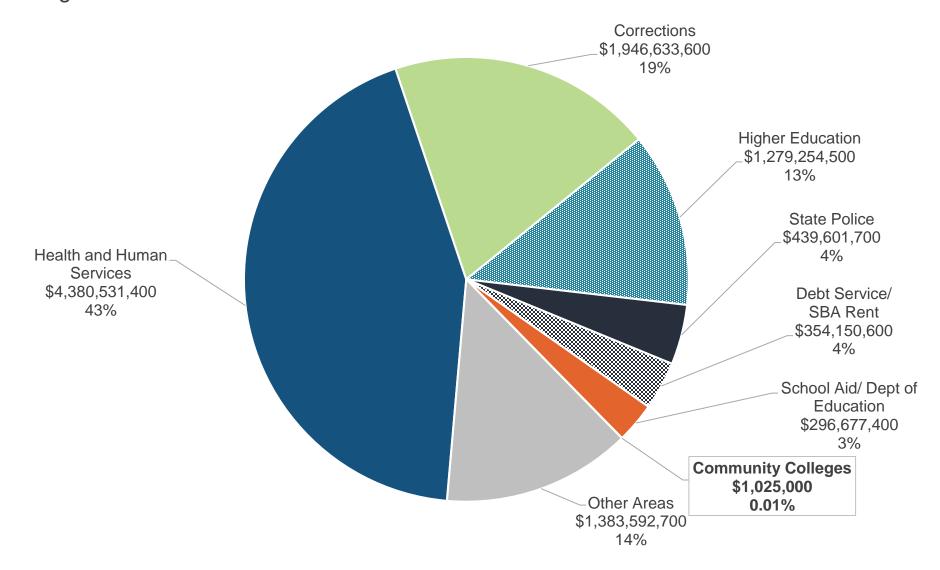
### Community Colleges Share of Total State Budget

The Community Colleges budget represents less than 1% of the **\$55.8 billion** state budget (adjusted gross) for FY 2017-18.



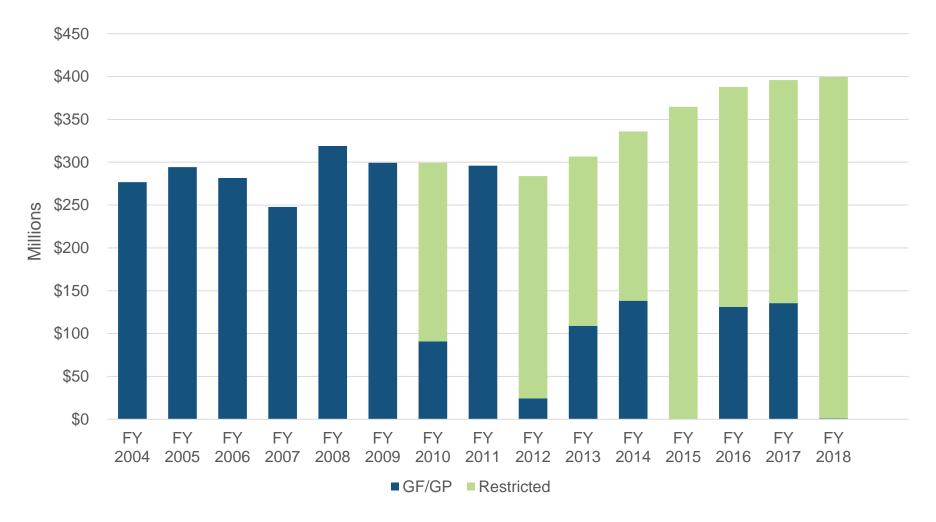
### Community Colleges Share of Total GF/GP Budget

The Community Colleges budget represents .01% of the state's \$10.1 billion GF/GP budget for FY 2017-18.



### **Community Colleges Funding History**

Historically, community colleges have been funded entirely with state GF/GP revenues. Recent budgets have been funded mostly with School Aid Fund (SAF) revenue, as the FY 2017-18 budget features nearly all SAF. Increases since FY 2011-12 are largely the result of funding the state's share of retirement contributions.



### **Appropriation Areas**

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**Operations Grants:** Funding for community colleges' operational costs, distributed according to a performance formula.

MPSERS State Share: Funding to pay for the state's share of colleges' unfunded liability to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS). The state share is the difference between the contribution rate needed to meet the MPSERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the employer contribution cap of 20.96% of payroll. Amounts allocated by proportion to its percentage of total covered payroll in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

**MPSERS Offset:** Funding to offset a portion of the contributions owed to MPSERS by community colleges. Amounts allocated by the proportion to its percentage of total covered payroll in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

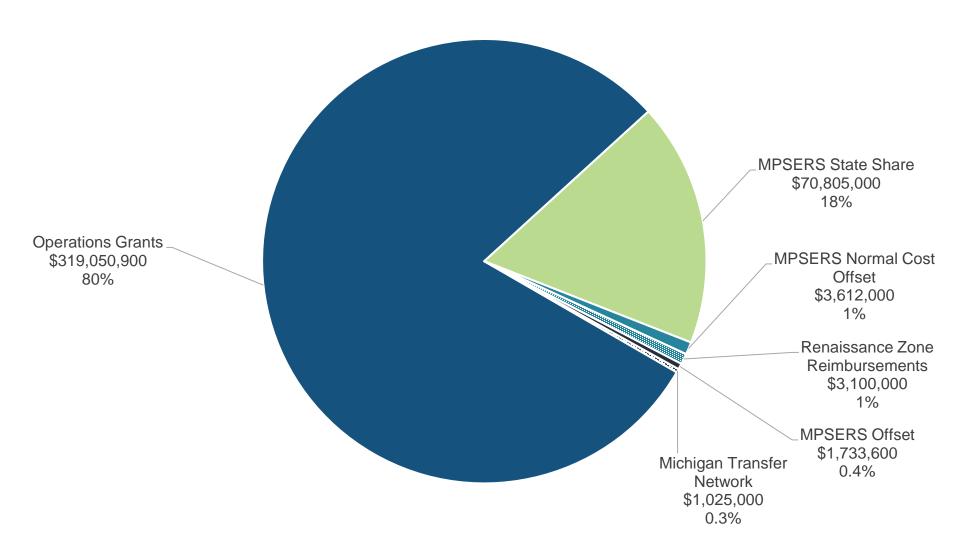
**MPSERS Normal Cost Offset:** Funding to reimburse community colleges for their normal cost portion to reduce the assumed rate of return for MPSERS from 8% to 7.5%.

Renaissance Zone Reimbursements: Replacement of property tax revenue lost in the prior fiscal year due to the creation of a Renaissance Zone property tax exemption within a community college's district.

**Michigan Transfer Network:** Funding to support the enhancement of the Michigan Transfer Network website, which assists students in transferring credits between Higher Education institutions.

#### **FY 2017-18 Gross Appropriations**

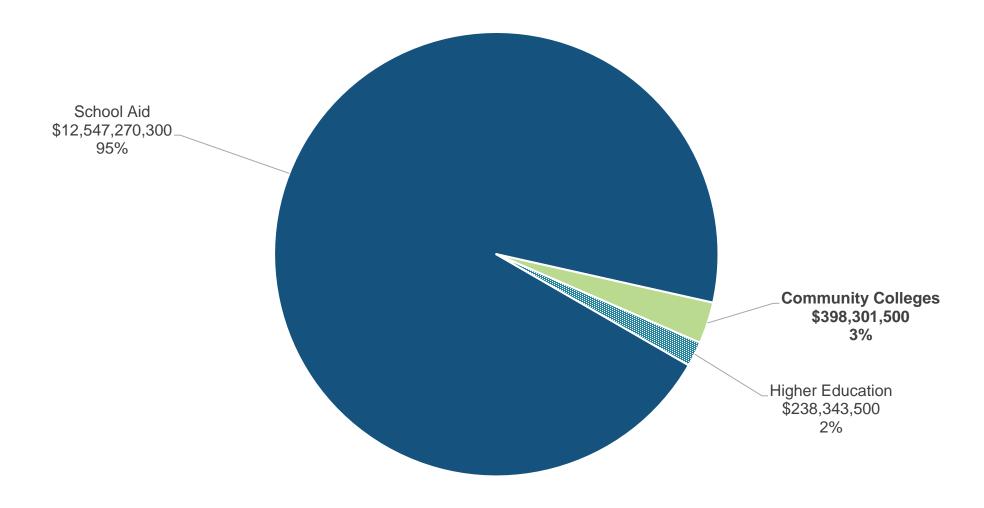
About four-fifths of the **\$399.3 million** Community Colleges budget supports operations grants to all 28 community colleges, funded with School Aid Fund revenues.



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### **FY 2017-18 School Aid Fund Appropriations**

Community Colleges receive 3% of the School Aid Fund (SAF) appropriations, which total **\$13.2 billion**.



### **Major Budget Topics**

### Operations Grants: Performance Indicators Formula

- Most of the community college budget acts since FY 2006-07 have included formulas that utilized performance indicators to allocate budgetary increases or decreases from the prior year.
- The FY 2017-18 formula is based on the recommendations made from the FY 2015-16 Performance Indicators Task Force.
- The FY 2017-18 formula allocates a \$1.8 million increase to community college operations grants as follows:
  - 30% based on an across-the-board adjustment.
  - 30% based on contact hour equated students, weighted for health & tech fields.
  - 10% based on performance completion improvement.
  - 10% based on performance completion number.
  - 10% based on performance completion rate.
  - 5% based on administrative costs.
  - 5% based on a local strategic value component.

### Performance Indicators Formula: Local Strategic Value Component

- The local strategic value component of the performance indicators formula is appropriated for community colleges that certify by October 15 that they have met certain best practice standards pertaining to economic development/business partnerships, educational partnerships and community services.
- Local strategic value funds are distributed to qualifying community colleges in proportion to the colleges' prior-year appropriations.
- All 28 community colleges qualified for their FY 2016-17 local strategic value payments.

# Operations Grants: Personal Property Tax Related Adjustments

 The FY 2017-18 budget appropriates \$1.4 million to 11 community colleges outside of the Formula:

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Gogebic North Central

JacksonNorthwestern

LansingSouthwestern

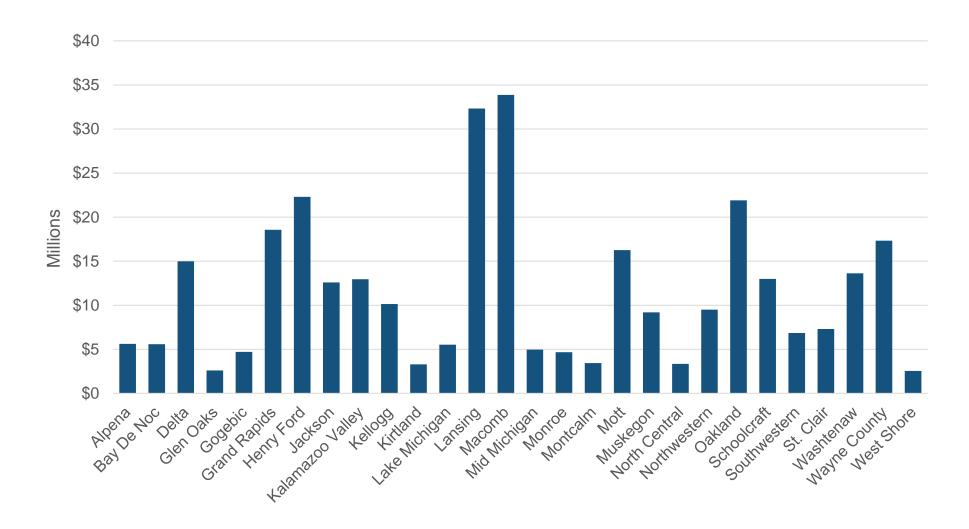
Mid-Michigan West Shore

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- The additional funding is an effort to ensure that all community colleges received a 2.5% increase when paired with Personal Property Tax (PPT) "Prorated Qualified Loss over 100%" reimbursements from the Department of Treasury.
- When the \$1.4 million PPT related adjustment is paired with the \$1.8 million increase distributed through the formula, Operations Grants increased 1.0% overall for FY 2017-18.

### **Community Colleges Operations Grants**

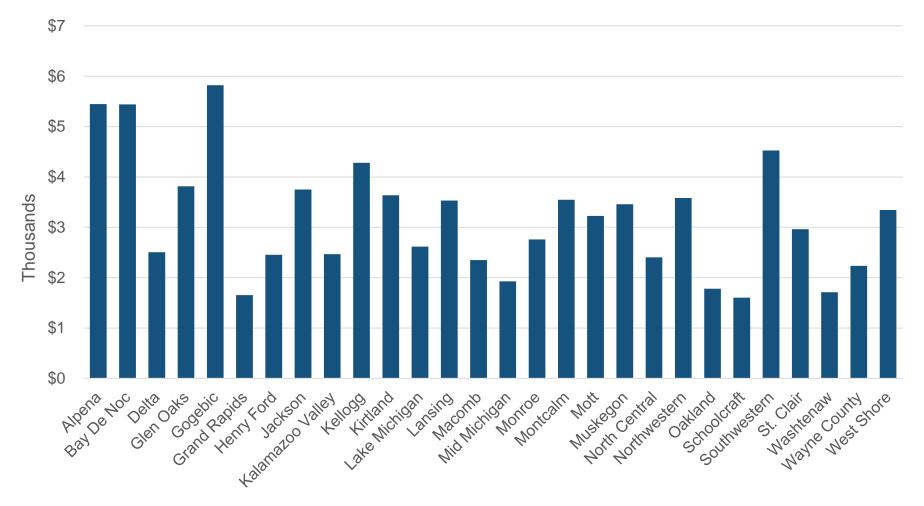
Funding for operations grants for FY 2017-18 equals \$319.1 million, which was a \$3.2 million, or 1.0% increase, over FY 2016-17.



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# State Aid to Community Colleges Per Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES)

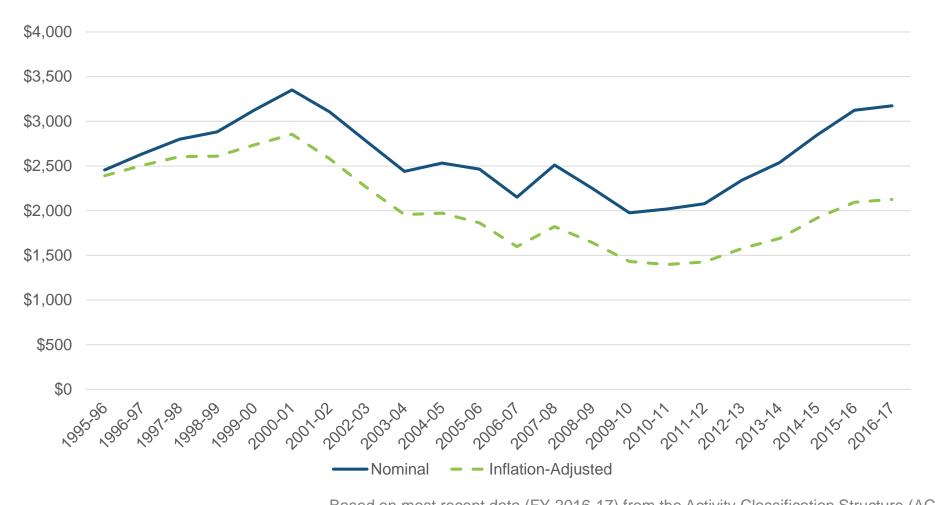
**FY 2016-17** Average State Aid Revenue: **\$3,173 per FYES**. One FYES is the equivalent of one student with one full year of instruction (30 semester credit hours).



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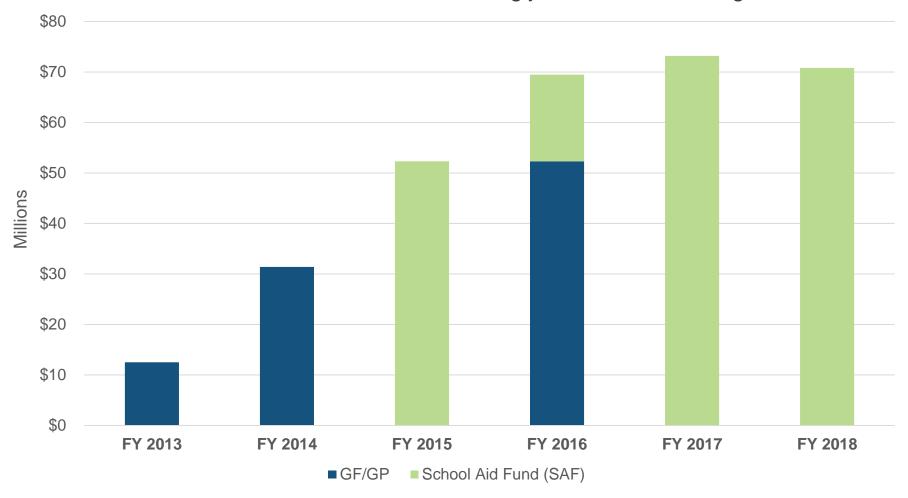
#### **Average State Aid Revenue Per FYES**

The average community college's state aid per FYES peaked in FY 2000-01 at \$3,350. State aid per FYES for FY 2016-17 is \$3,173. The drop from FY 2000-01 is mainly driven by increases in community college enrollment figures.



### **Community Colleges' Unfunded MPSERS Liabilities - State Share**

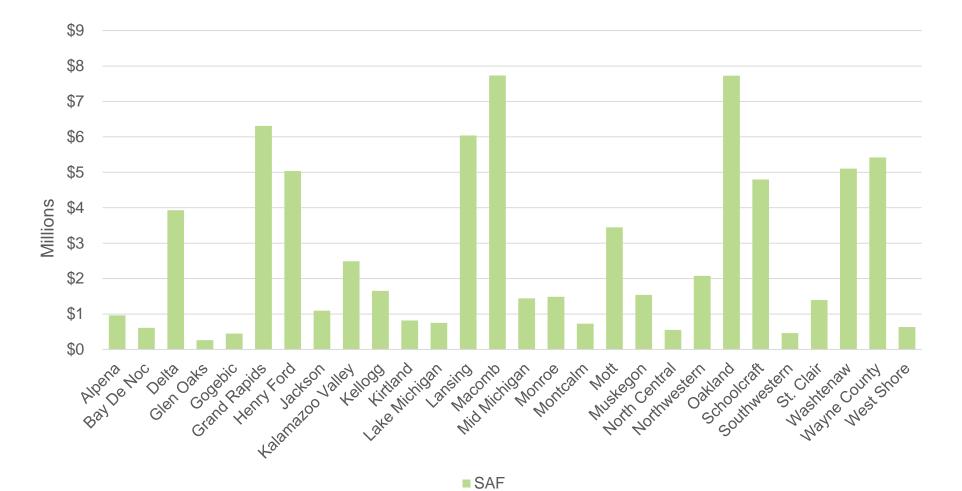
The FY 2012-13 budget began using GF/GP revenues to fill the increasing gap between the cost to meet actuarial needs and the statutory cap on employer contributions for unfunded MPSERS liabilities, set at 20.96% of covered payroll as defined by 2012 PA 300. School Aid Fund revenue has been increasingly used in recent budgets.



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#### **FY 2017-18 MPSERS Allocations**

**\$70.8 million** SAF is allocated in FY 2017-18 for the state share of MPSERS unfunded accrued liabilities, while an additional **\$1.7 million SAF** is provided to offset a portion of community college MPSERS costs. There is also **\$3.6 million** allocated to offset the colleges' normal cost of the MPSERS assumed return rate decrease from 8% to 7.5%.



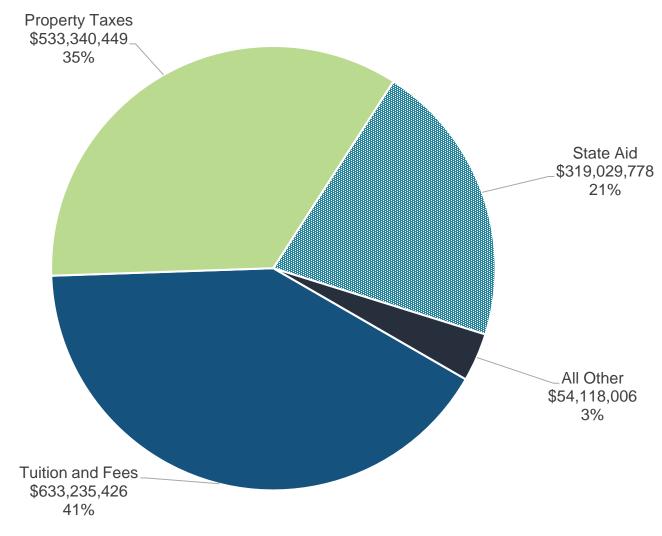
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- o Community colleges rely on three main sources for the vast majority of revenue:
  - State aid
  - Tuition and fees
  - Property taxes
- Community colleges may have smaller additional sources of revenue, such as donations or grants.

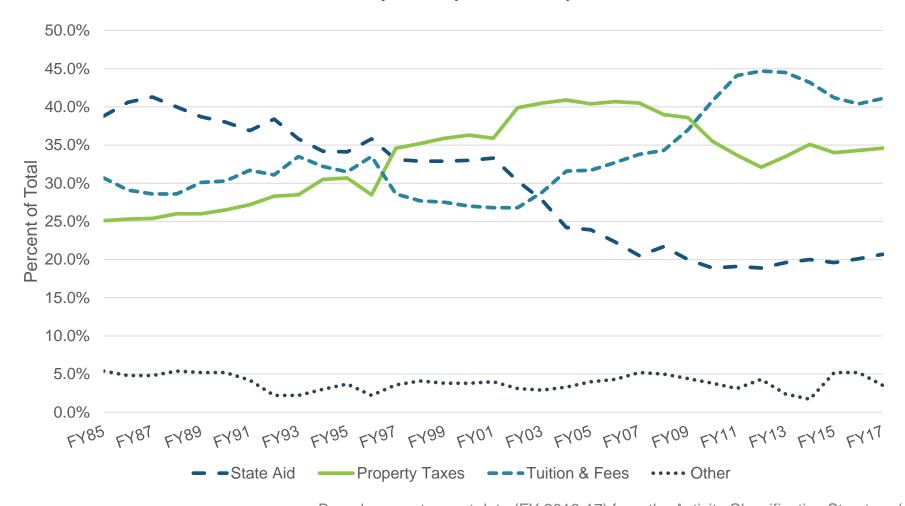
### Community College Operating Fund Revenue – Statewide Totals

Community colleges receive the largest portion of revenue from tuition and fees. The **FY 2016-17** total revenue for all 28 community colleges: **\$1,539,723,659** 



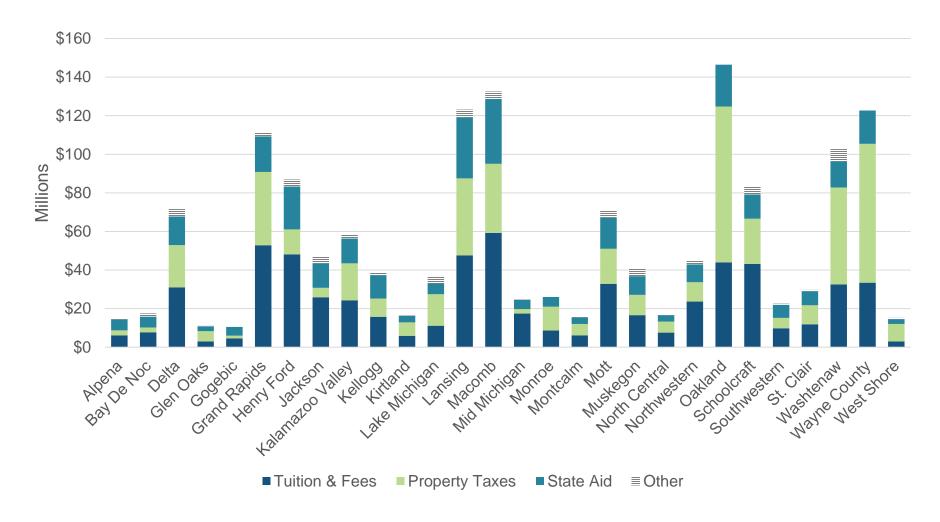
### **Community College Revenue Sources**

Recent years have seen the proportion of community college revenues deriving from tuition and fees increase while the proportions from state aid and property taxes have diminished. This is largely due to tuition and enrollment growing faster than state aid allocations, which have held relatively steady in recent years.



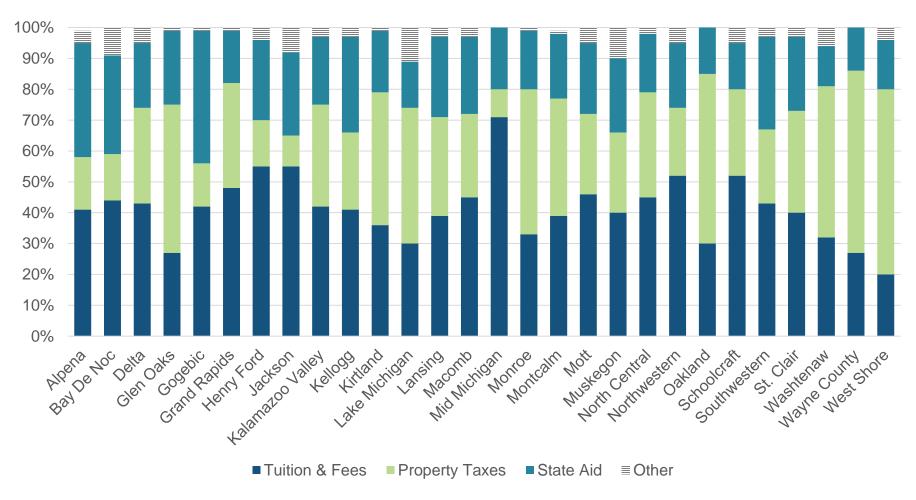
# FY 2016-17 Community College Operating Revenue Funds by Source

Community college operating budgets vary considerably. Wayne County, Macomb, and Oakland Community Colleges feature the largest operating revenue fund budgets.



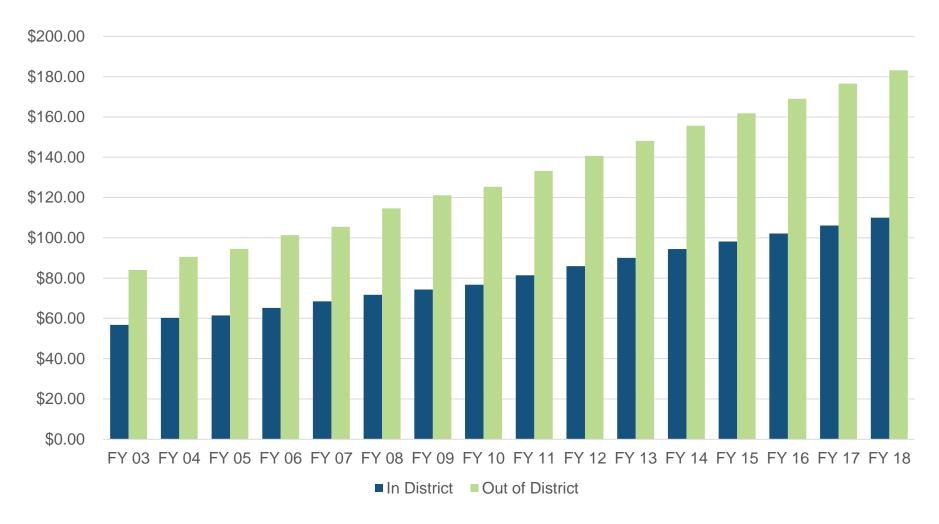
### FY 2016-17 Fund Sources as % of Each **College's Total Operating Revenue Funds**

The degree to which community college operating budgets depend on various sources of revenue also vary.



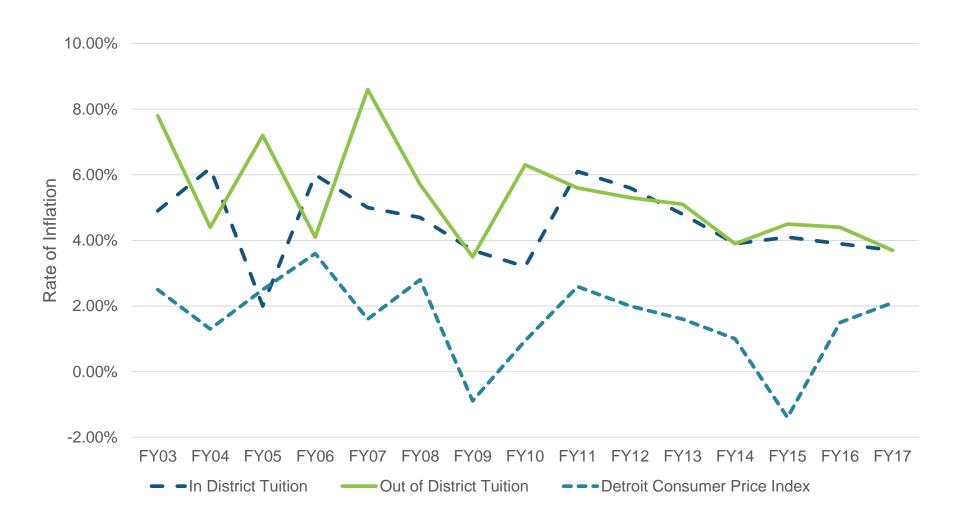
# **Tuition Rate History Average Cost Per Credit or Contact Hour**

While both in-district and out-of-district tuition rates have risen steadily in recent years, out-of-district rates have increased more sharply, growing by 118% since FY 2002-03. In-district rates have grown by 94% over the same period.



### **Tuition Increases Compared to Inflation**

While generally following inflationary trends, both in-district and out-of-district tuition increases have been higher than inflation rates over that last decade.



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### Community College Expenditures

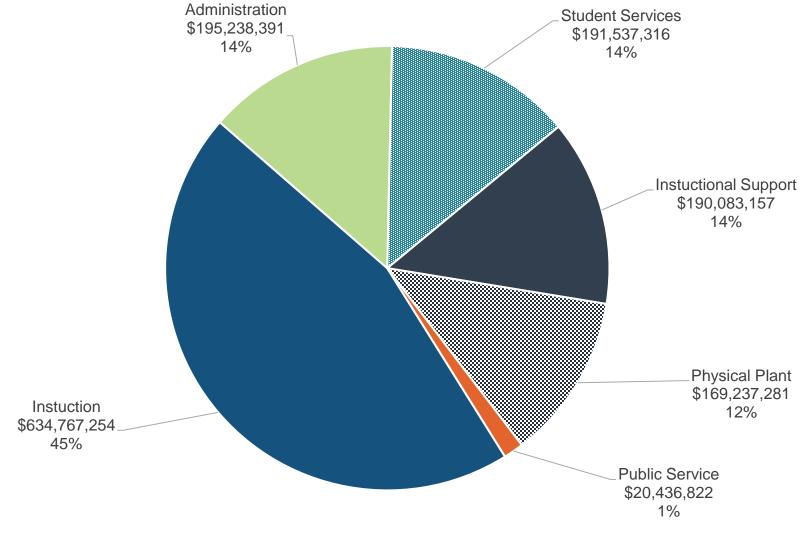
### **Operational Expenditures**

For the purposes of reporting data to the state, Michigan community college expenditures are classified into standardized categories:

- Instruction: Faculty salaries and benefits, lab assistants, classroom supplies, non-capital equipment, special licenses or fees for curriculum
- Public Service: Community use of college facilities for meetings, events and recreation, as well as college TV and radio stations
- Instructional Support: Library and media services, professional development, and curriculum development
- Student Services: Counseling, registrar, student government, student publications, specialized services for specific groups, such as veterans or students with disabilities
- Administration: President, trustees, financial services, human resources, legal, etc.
- Physical Plant: Facilities management and maintenance, utilities, security

### **Community College Operating Fund Expenditures – Statewide Totals**

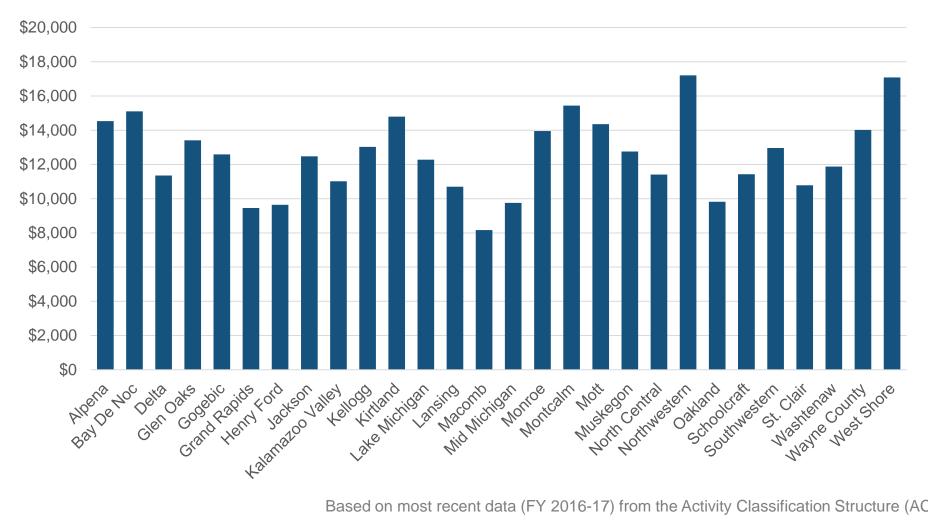
Nearly half of community college expenditures statewide are for instruction. The FY 2016-17 total expenses for all 28 community colleges: \$1,401,300,221



Based on most recent data (FY 2016-17) from the Activity Classification Structure (ACS)

### FY 2016-17 Community College Operating **Fund Expenditures per FYES**

Smaller community colleges generally have higher expenditures per Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES).



# Community College Enrollment Data

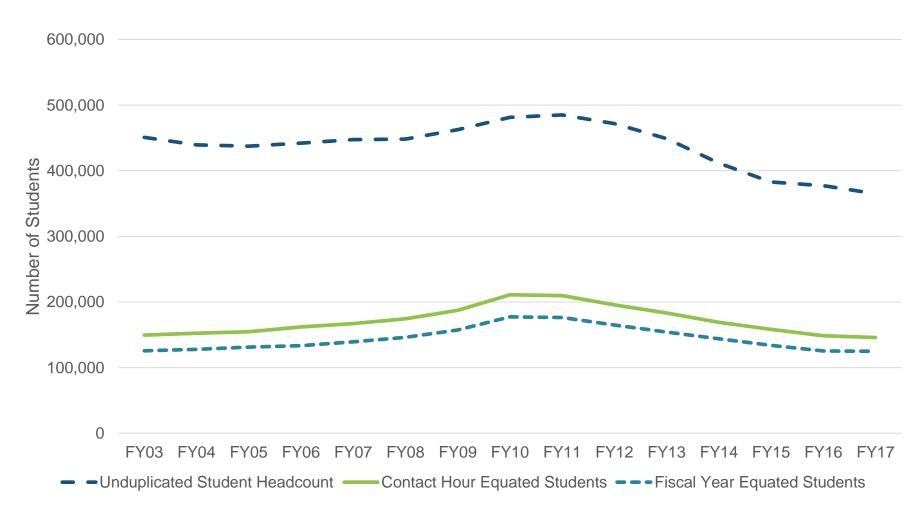
#### **Enrollment Definitions**

For the purposes of reporting data to the state, Michigan community college enrollment figures use the following categories:

- Unduplicated Student Headcount: The total number of students that have enrolled in at least one community college course.
- o **Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES):** The calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 31 semester credit hours. Degrees are granted on the basis of credit hours, with the typical associate's degree requiring 62 credit hours.
- Contact Hour Equated Student (CHES): The calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 496 hours of instruction. This measure can capture additional hours of instruction or student interaction that may not be included in a credit hour.

### **Community College Enrollment History**

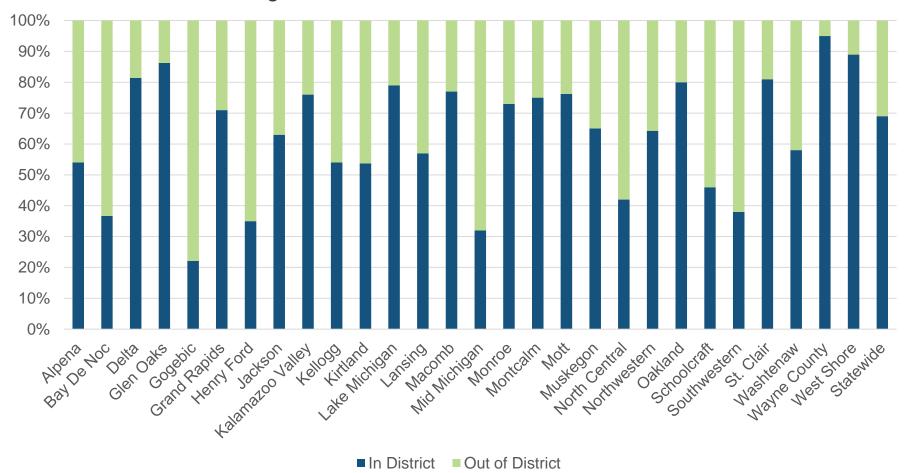
Unduplicated student headcounts are significantly higher but have experienced trends similar to FYES and CHES enrollment numbers.



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### FY 2016-17 In-District Versus Out-of-District Student Comparison

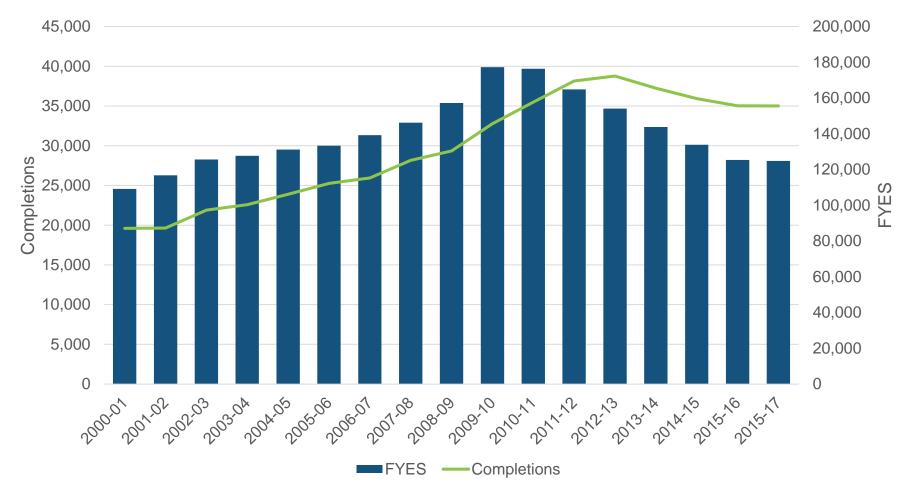
Community colleges vary greatly on the percentage of in-district versus out-of-district students served. Wayne County Community College has the highest percentage of in-district students (95%), while Gogebic Community College has the lowest (22%). The statewide in-district average is 69%.



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### **Degree and Certificate Completions**

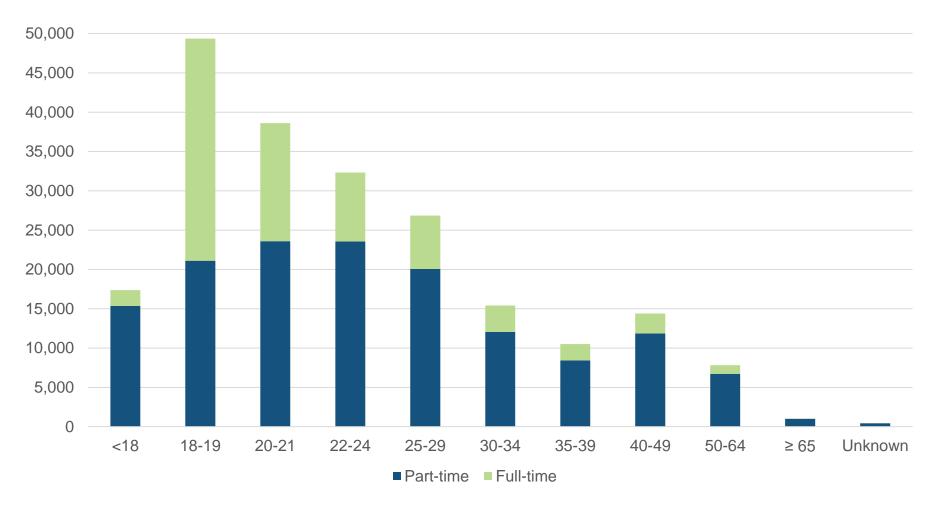
Degree and certification completions at Michigan community colleges have generally tracked changes in enrollment.



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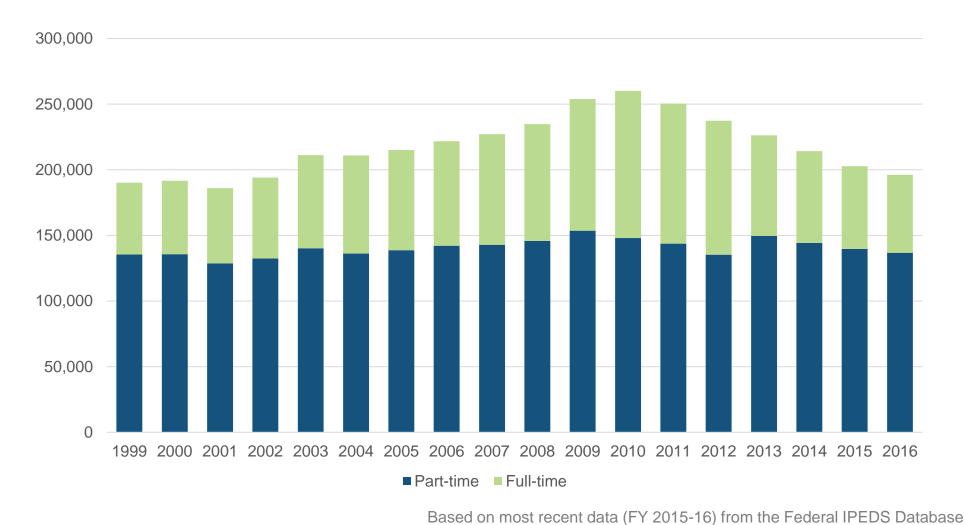
### Distribution of Enrollments by Age Based on Fall 2014 Semester

The majority of community college students are under age 25 and most are part-time students. The average age of a Michigan community college student is 26 years old.



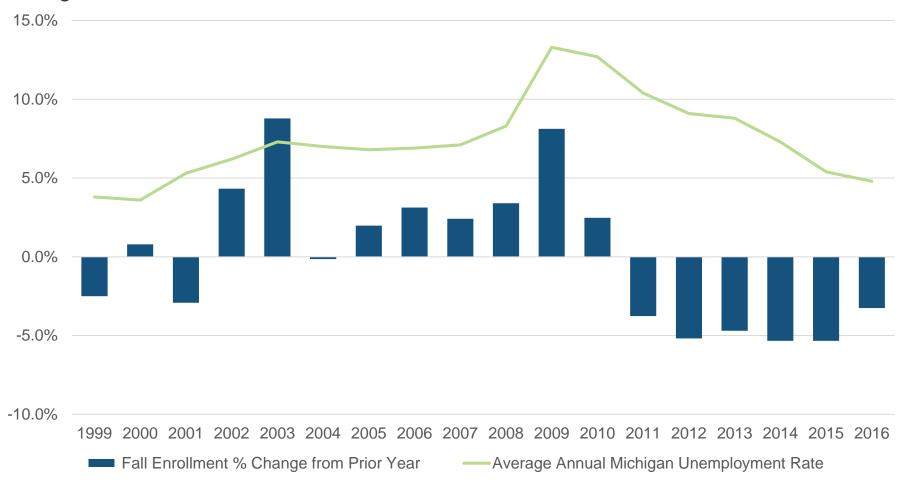
#### **Fall Enrollment Trends**

A common measure of enrollment trends, Fall enrollments peaked in 2010 but have been falling ever since.



# Fall Enrollment – Annual Percentage Changes

While enrollment numbers peaked in 2010, the sharpest increase occurred the year before, when enrollment grew by 8.1% from 2008 to 2009. That increase is illustrative of the countercyclical nature of community college enrollment: enrollments tend to increase during times of economic stress.



# State and National Fall Enrollments Percent Change from Prior Year

Historically, trends in Michigan community college enrollments have roughly mirrored national trends. While U.S. community college enrollments are expected to remain relatively flat in the coming years, Michigan has seen continued declining enrollments from the 2009-10 peak, diverging from the national enrollment trend and projections.



U.S. enrollment and projected figures based on the National Center for Education Statistics

# For more information about the Community Colleges budget:

#### **HFA Resources**

http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/CommunityColleges.asp

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