

# Natural & Economic Resources (NER) Overview

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**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

# Presentation Outline

- **Fiscal Research Division**
- **NER Budget Overview**
- **NER Department Overviews**



# Fiscal Research Division

- Non-partisan staff serving all 170 members of the NCGA
- Primary staff to Appropriations Subcommittees
  - Analyze requests/ recommendations related to agencies and their budgets;
  - Make presentations to committees
  - Prepare Committee Report (aka Money Report)
  - Assist Bill Drafting Division with preparation of special provisions for appropriations bills
  - Coordinate administrative requirements for meetings with Chairs
- Estimate the cost of proposed legislation

# Fiscal Research Division Teams

Fiscal Analysts are organized  
into teams of 2-6 analysts

- Natural and Economic Resources
- Health and Human Services
- Education
- Justice and Public Safety
- General Government/  
Capital
- Transportation/  
Information  
Technology
- Salaries and Benefits
- Economy and  
Taxation
- Joint Budget  
Development

# Fiscal Notes

- Five-year analysis of all estimated fiscal effects of a bill on expenditures or revenue of the State.
- Elements:
  - Summary table with impact estimate
  - Brief summary of bill
  - Assumptions and methodology – analysis of costs
- Prepared upon request of bill sponsor or other member
- Confidential until Note becomes public
- Goal for turnaround time is one week
  - Requests from the Floor completed within 2 legislative days.

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# NER Main Agencies

Department of Agriculture &  
Consumer Services (DACS)

Department of Commerce

Department of Environment &  
Natural Resources (DENR)

Department of Labor (DOL)

Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC)

# Additional NER Entities

## Boards & Commissions

- ABC Commission
- Credit Union Commission
- Lottery Commission (Administration)
- Industrial Commission
- Rural Electrification Authority
- State Banking Commission
- Utilities Commission & Public Staff

## Conservation Trust Funds

- Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- Ag. Dev. & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund
- Natural Heritage Trust Fund
- Parks & Recreation Trust Fund

## Master Settlement Agreement

- Golden LEAF – 50%
- General Fund – 50%
  - Tobacco Trust Fund
  - UNC Cancer Research
  - Debt Service

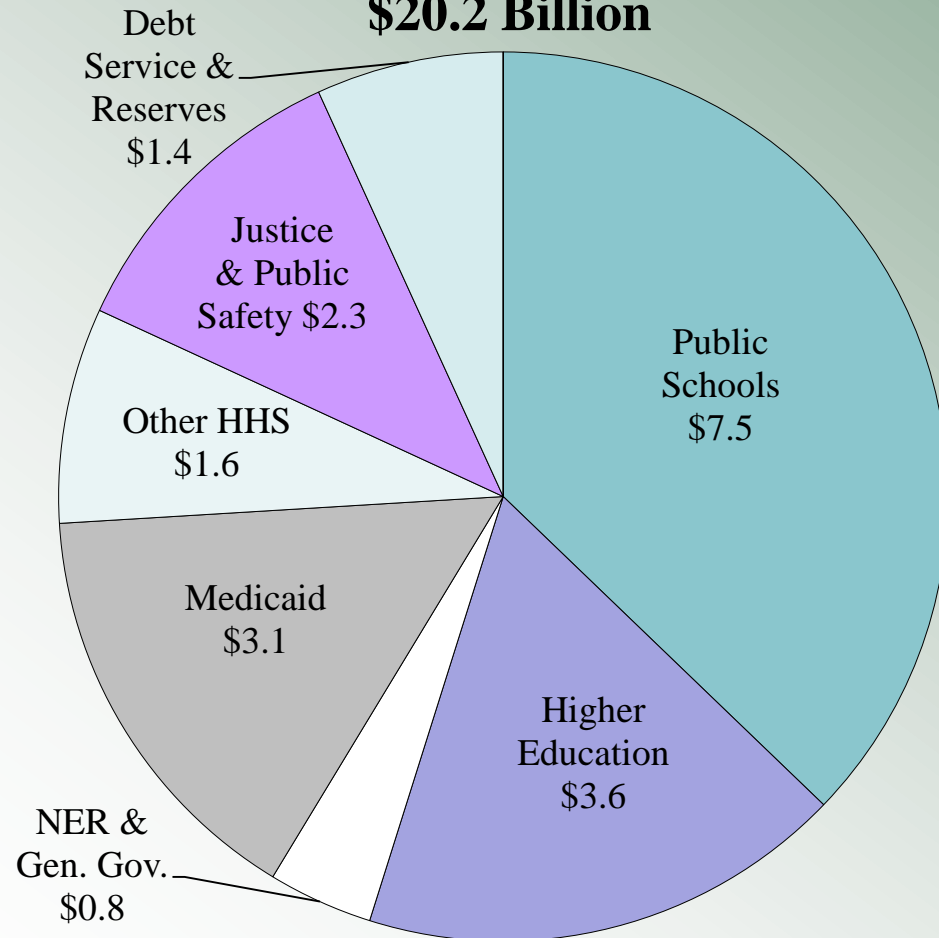


# Non-Profits funded in NER

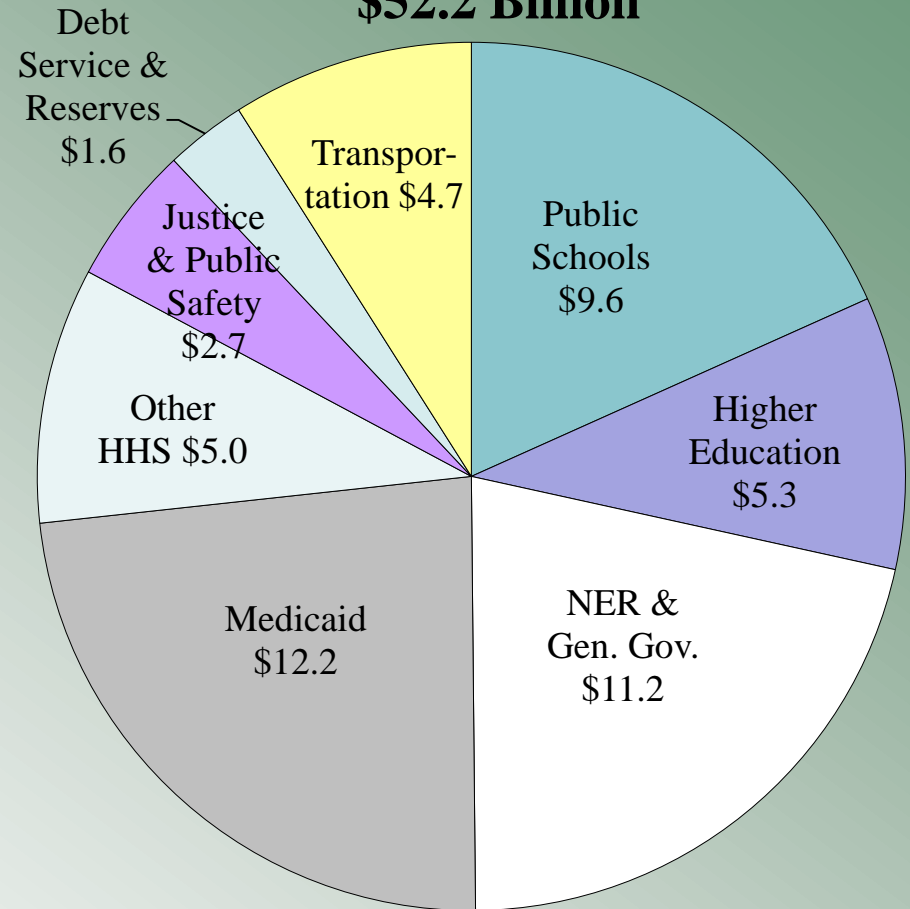
- Association of CDCs
- Biofuels Center
- Biotechnology Center
- Community Development Initiative
- COGs
- High Point Furniture Market
- Inst. For Regenerative Medicine
- Inst. of Minority Econ. Devel.
- Land Loss Prevention Project
- Indian Econ Devel Initiative
- Minority Support Center
- Regional Econ. Dev. Comms.
- Rural Economic Devel. Center
- Grassroots Science Museums
- Partnership for the Sounds
- Future Farmers of America
- Farm Bureau (Ag in the Classroom)
- Research Triangle Institute-NR
- Johnson & Wales – NR
- Defense & Security Technology Accelerator - NR

# State Budget, FY 2012-13

## General Fund Appropriations \$20.2 Billion



## All Sources \$52.2 Billion

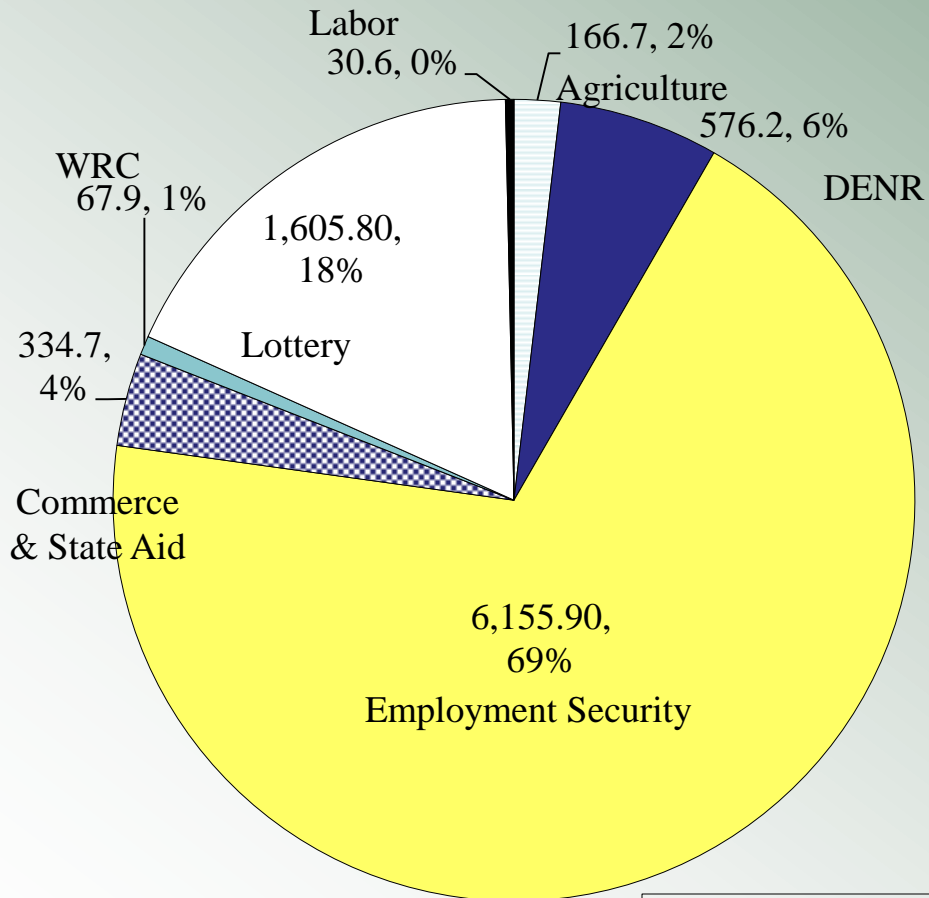


Source: Office of State Budget and Management. Totals may not add due to rounding.

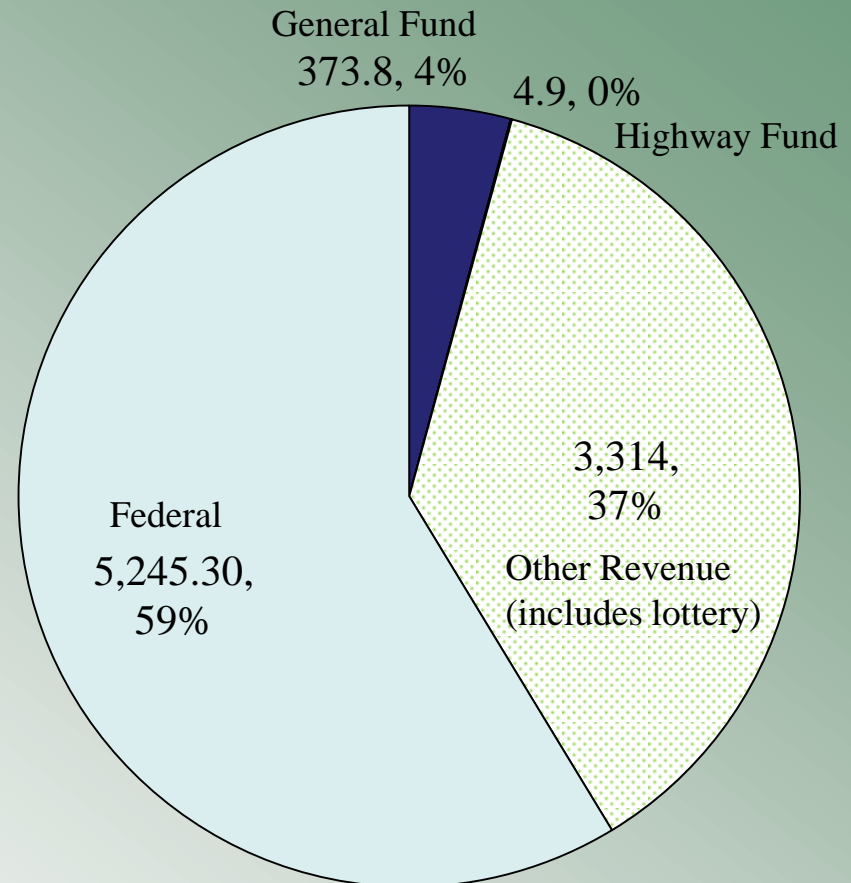
# NER Budget, FY 2012-13

( in millions)

## NER Budget by Function



## NER Budget by Source



Source: OSBM

**Total Budget = \$8.93 billion**

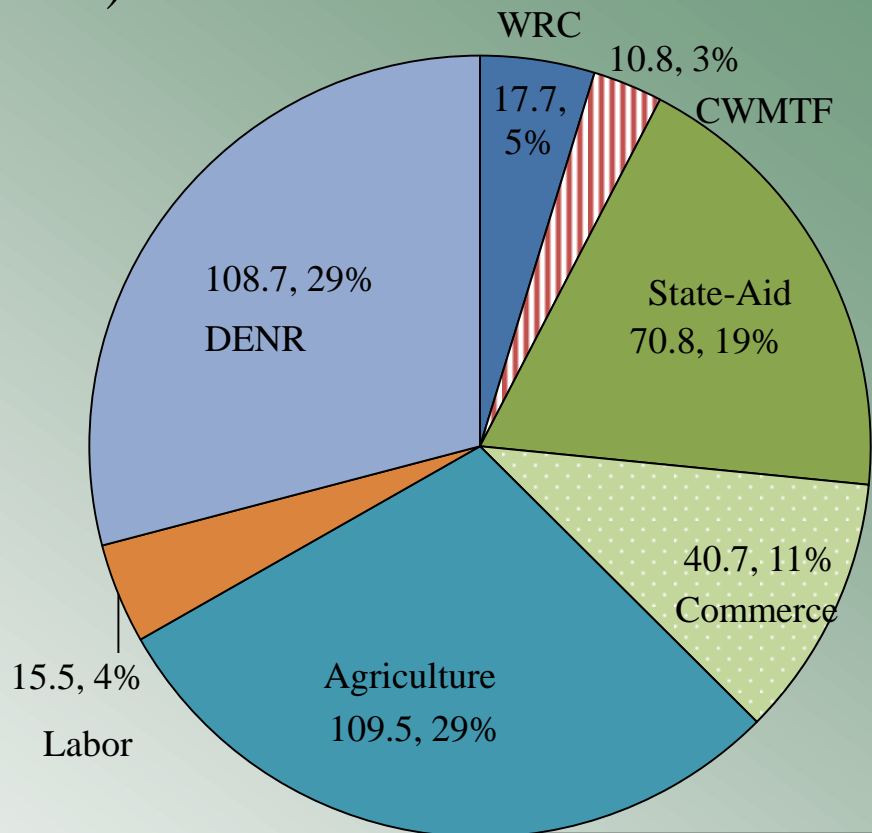
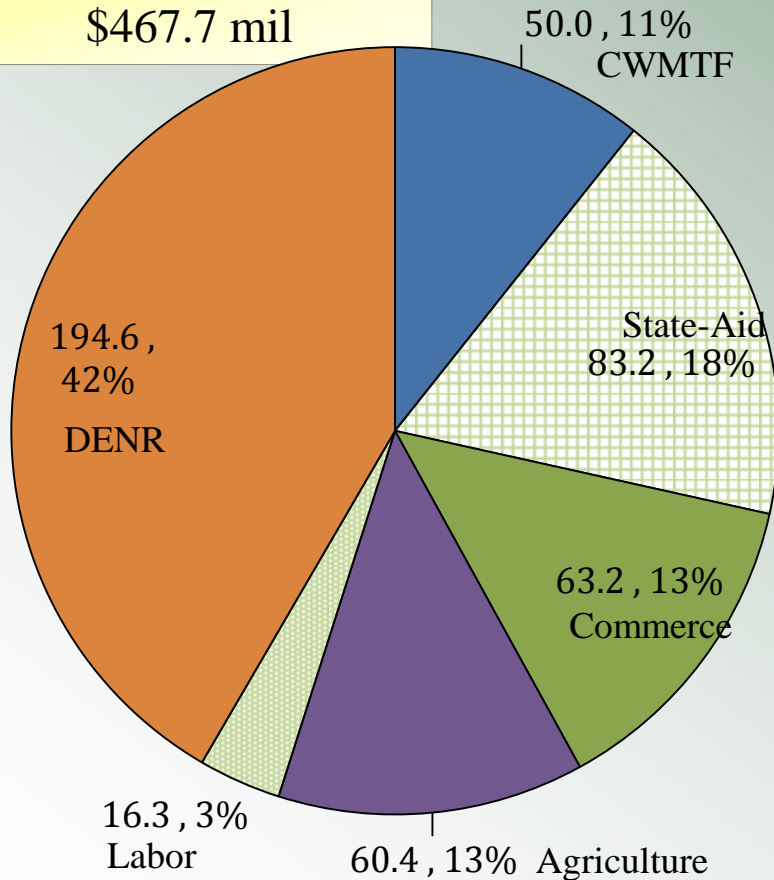
# NER General Fund Certified Budgets

## Comparison FY 2010-11 and FY 2012-13

( in millions)

**Total 2010-11 Budget:**

\$467.7 mil



**Total 2012-13 Budget:**

\$373.7 mil

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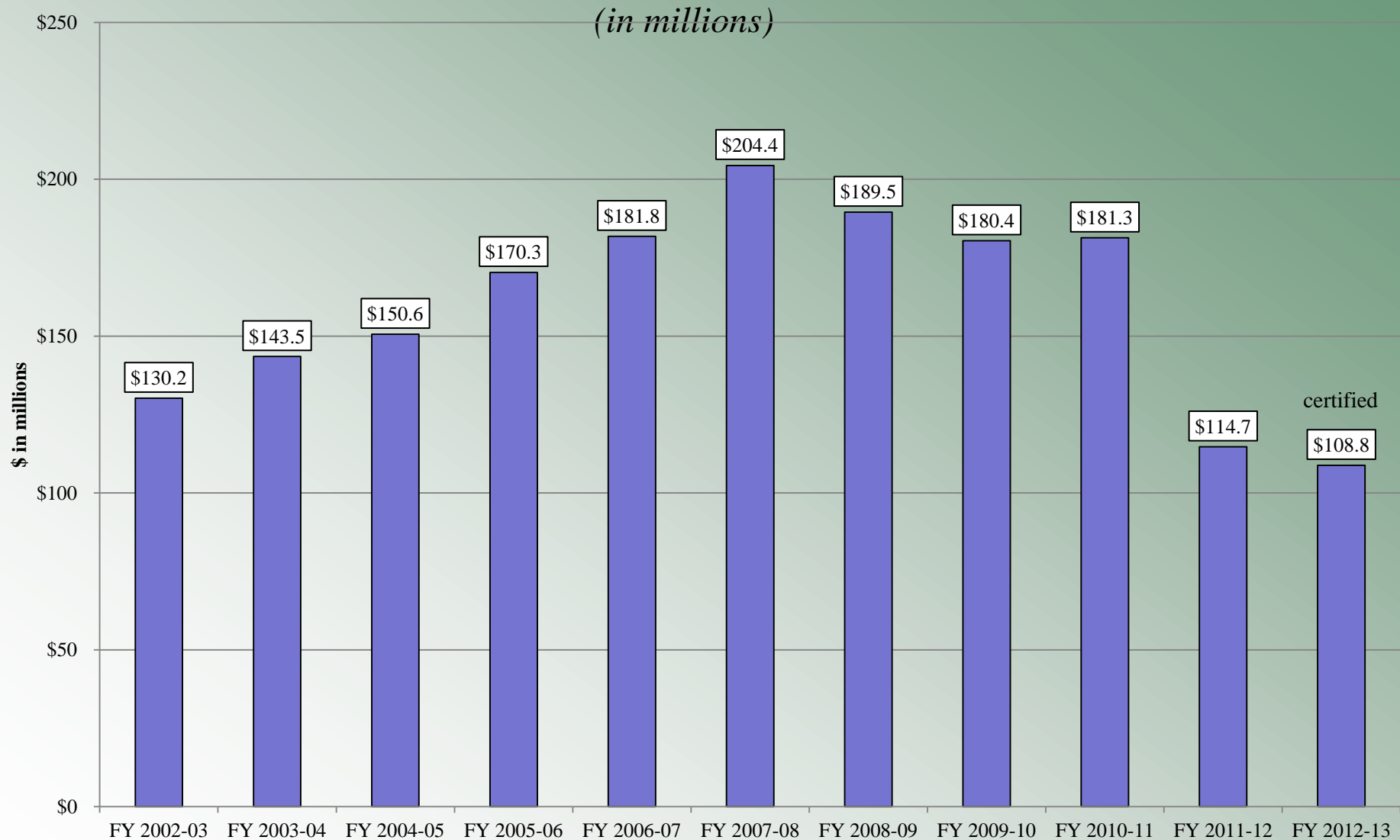


# DENR Basics

- 2,330+ employees
- Central Raleigh office + 7 regional offices
- Wide range of issues
  - Special attractions: Zoo, Aquariums, Museums, Parks
  - Air quality
  - Water & wastewater management
  - Landfills & waste management
  - Coastal management & marine fisheries
  - Sediment & erosion control
  - Recycling programs



# DENR: 10-Year General Fund History





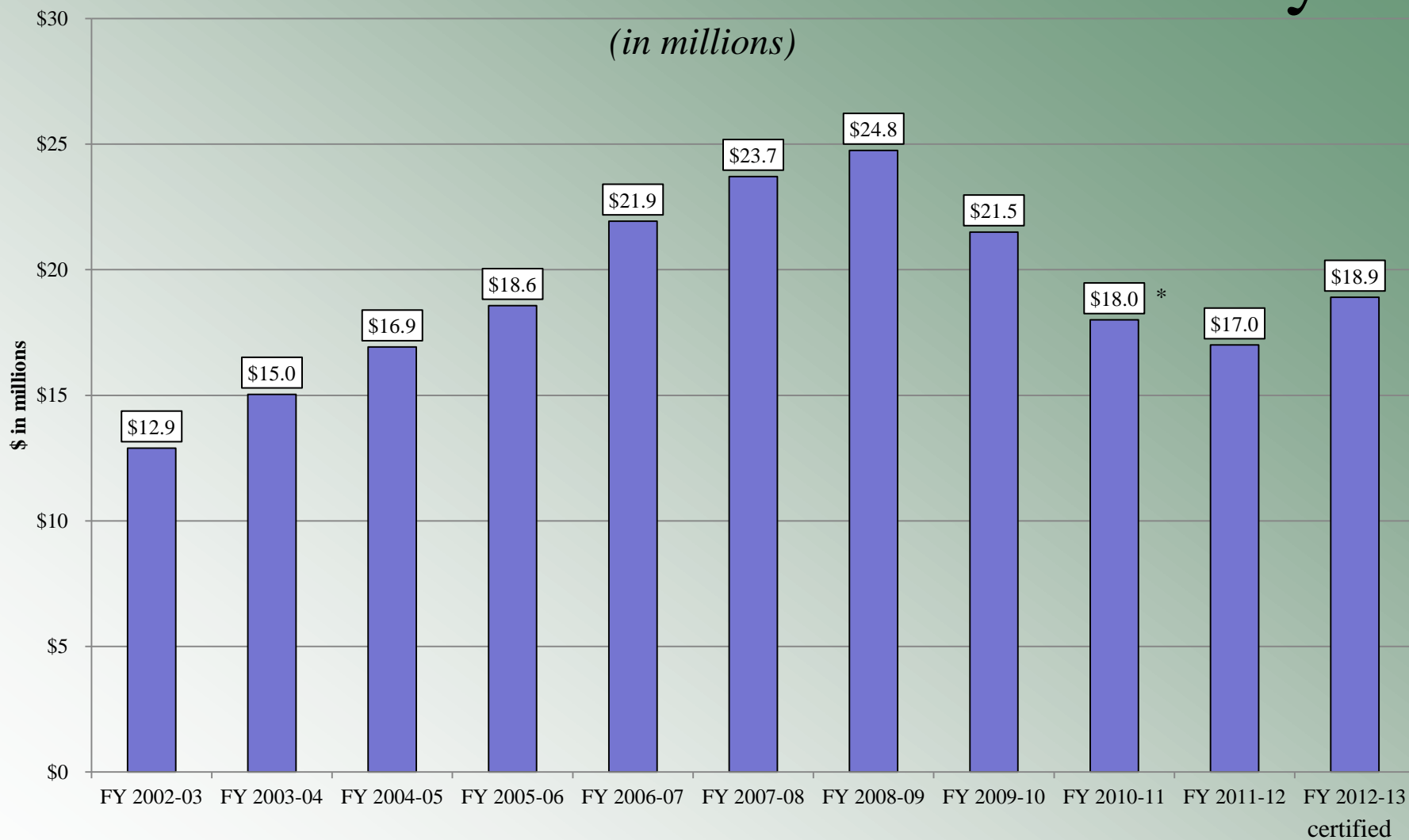
# WRC: Basics

- Created in 1947
- 640+ employees
- FY 2012-13 Certified Budget ~\$61 million
- Five core divisions
  - Wildlife Mgmt.
  - Inland Fisheries
  - Conservation Education
  - Enforcement
  - Engineering





# WRC: 10-Year Tax Transfer History



In FY 2010-11, the GA eliminated the sales tax transfer & reduced WRC's budget by ~\$5 million.



# Agriculture & Consumer Services (DACS) Basics



- Over 1,830 employees
- Divided into:
  - Administration
  - Agricultural Services
  - Consumer Protection
  - Forest Service

## **FY 2012-13 Budget Highlights**

Total Requirements:	\$ 138.0 M
Receipts:	\$ 28.5 M
Appropriation:	\$ 109.5 M

# DACS: 10-year General Fund History

*(in millions)*



# Labor (DOL) Basics



- Over 400 employees
- Divided into:
  - Administration
  - Occupational Safety & Health
  - Standards & Inspections

## FY 2012-13

### Budget Highlights

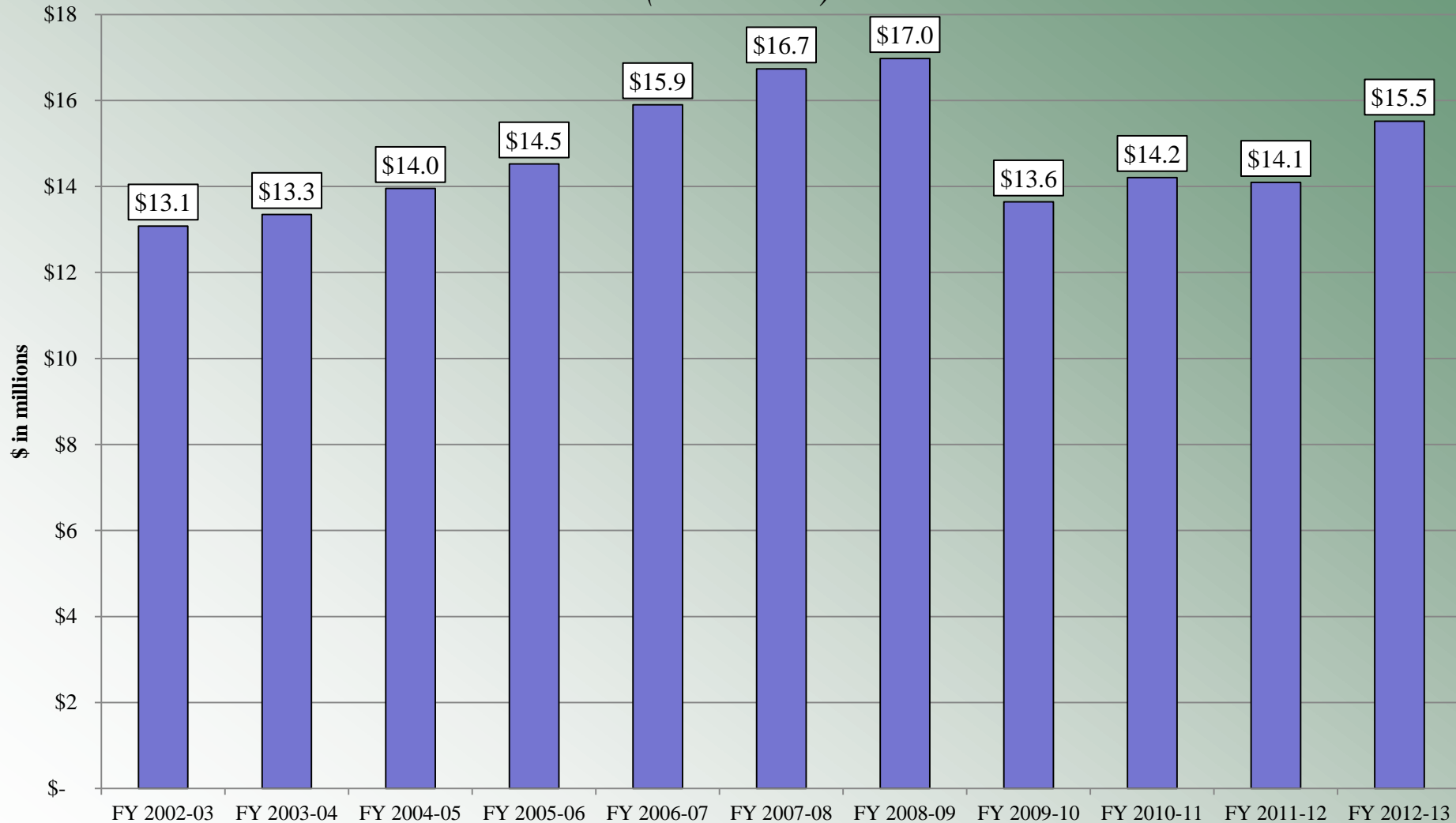
Total Requirements: \$31.7 m

Receipts: \$16.2 m

Appropriation: \$15.5 m

# DOL: 10-Year General Fund History

*(in millions)*



# Commerce Basics

- Primary economic development agency for the State
- Activities target businesses, communities, & citizens
- Over 3,000 FTE
- \$40.7 million in General Fund appropriation
  - Varies due to nonrecurring economic development funding
- Receipts
  - Federal Community Development Block Grant (\$42.5 million)
  - Federal Workforce Investment Act (\$80 million)
  - Federal Wagner Peyser – Employment Services (\$16 million)
  - Federal Unemployment Insurance Administration (\$75 million)
  - Industrial Commission (\$ 8 million)

# Commerce

## General Fund History



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