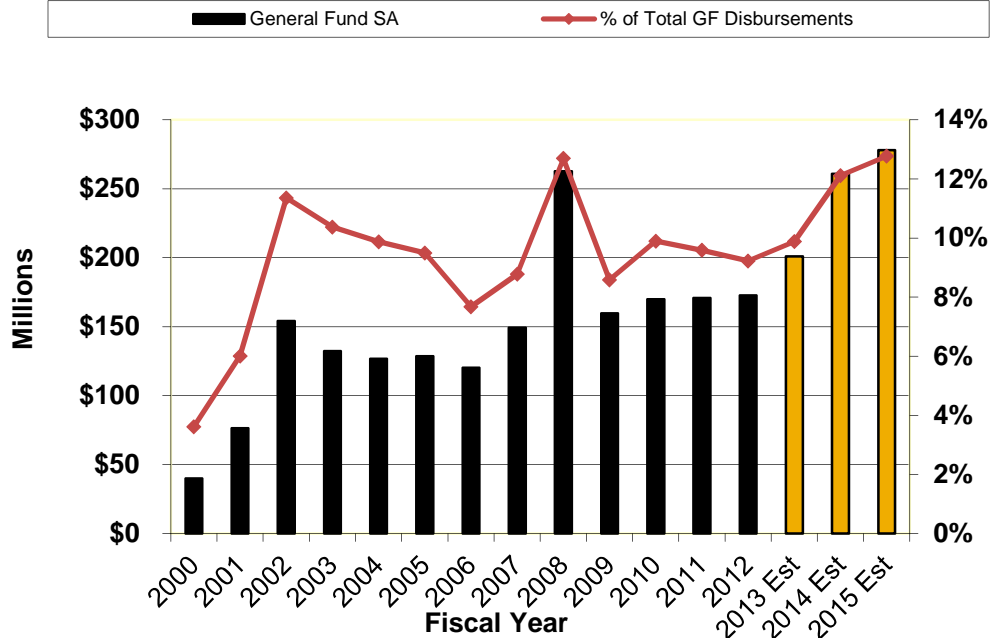


General Fund Statutory Appropriations



The above chart illustrates the amount of general fund spent through statutory appropriations from FY 2000 through FY 2012 and the estimated amounts for FY 2013 to FY 2015.

FY 2008 is unusually high due to a temporary statutory appropriation that was authorized by the legislature to distribute a one time property tax rebate of nearly \$100 million. The increase projected in FY 2013 - FY 2015 stem from new or expanded statutory appropriations authorized by the 2011 and 2013 legislatures as follows (amounts in millions):

Pension systems: FY 2014: \$57.9 and FY 2015: \$58.9
 Business Equipment Tax Reductions - SB 372 (2011 Session) & SB 96 (2013)
 FY 2013 \$12.5 (SB 372)
 FY 2014 \$11.4 (SB 372 & SB 96)
 FY 2015 \$22.5 (SB 372 & SB 96)

Statutory appropriations are legislative appropriations that do not expire in two years like temporary appropriations such as those in the general appropriations act (HB2). Statutory appropriations are in the Montana Code Annotated or statute and remain in place until removed or changed by legislation.

For further information on statutory appropriations, please read the 2013 Session Fiscal Report: <http://www.leg.mt.gov/FR-fbp.asp>