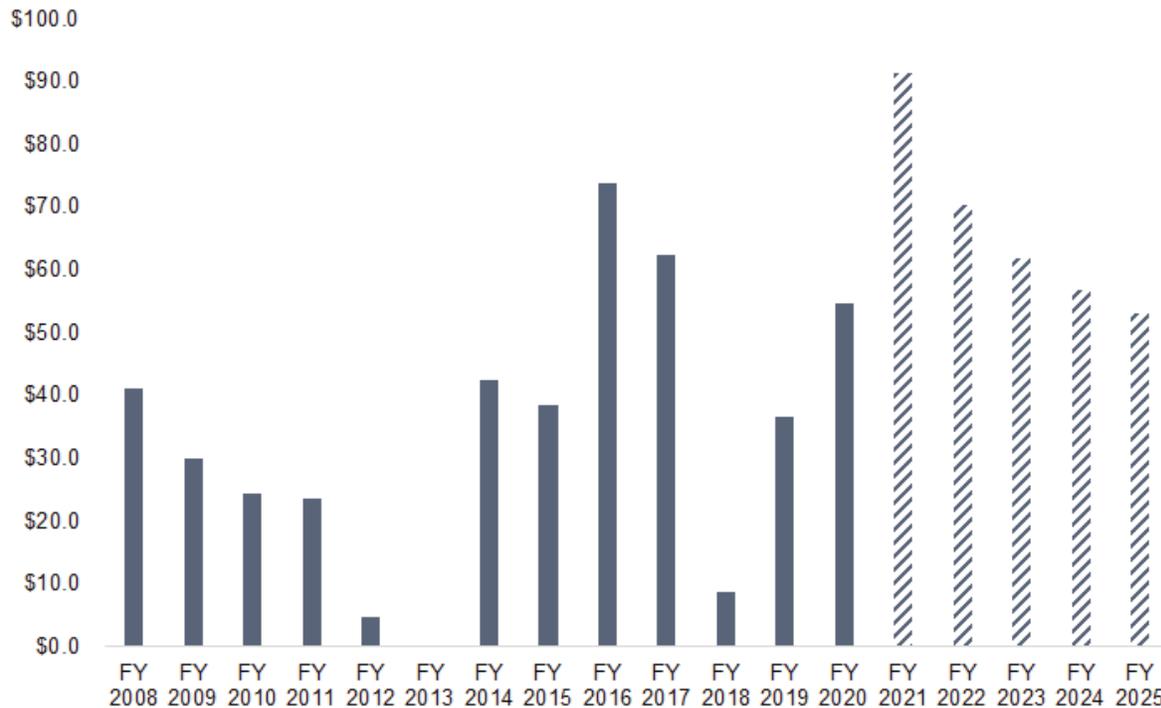


History of state wildfire suppression fund balances since FY 2008 and projections for FY 2021 – FY 2025 fund balances.



The projected fire suppression fund balance for FY 2021 represents 3.6% of annual general fund revenues. Higher than average fund balances are expected to continue into the 2025 biennium, provided average fire seasons occur.

The following explains how the fund balances developed historically over time:

- Low fund balances in FY 2013 and FY 2018 were the direct result of severe fire seasons in the summer of 2012 and 2017 when total acres exceeded 1 million acres
- Increases in FY 2019 and FY 2020 are a result of mild fire seasons and temporary revenue sources provided in the 2017 November Special Session
- Increases in FY 2021 resulted from high reversions (unspent authority) of general fund in accordance with 76-13-150, MCA
- Forecast FY 2021 and beyond are based on the average annual fire cost, adjusted for inflation

For additional wildfire suppression information, see the [Legislative Fiscal Division brochure](#).