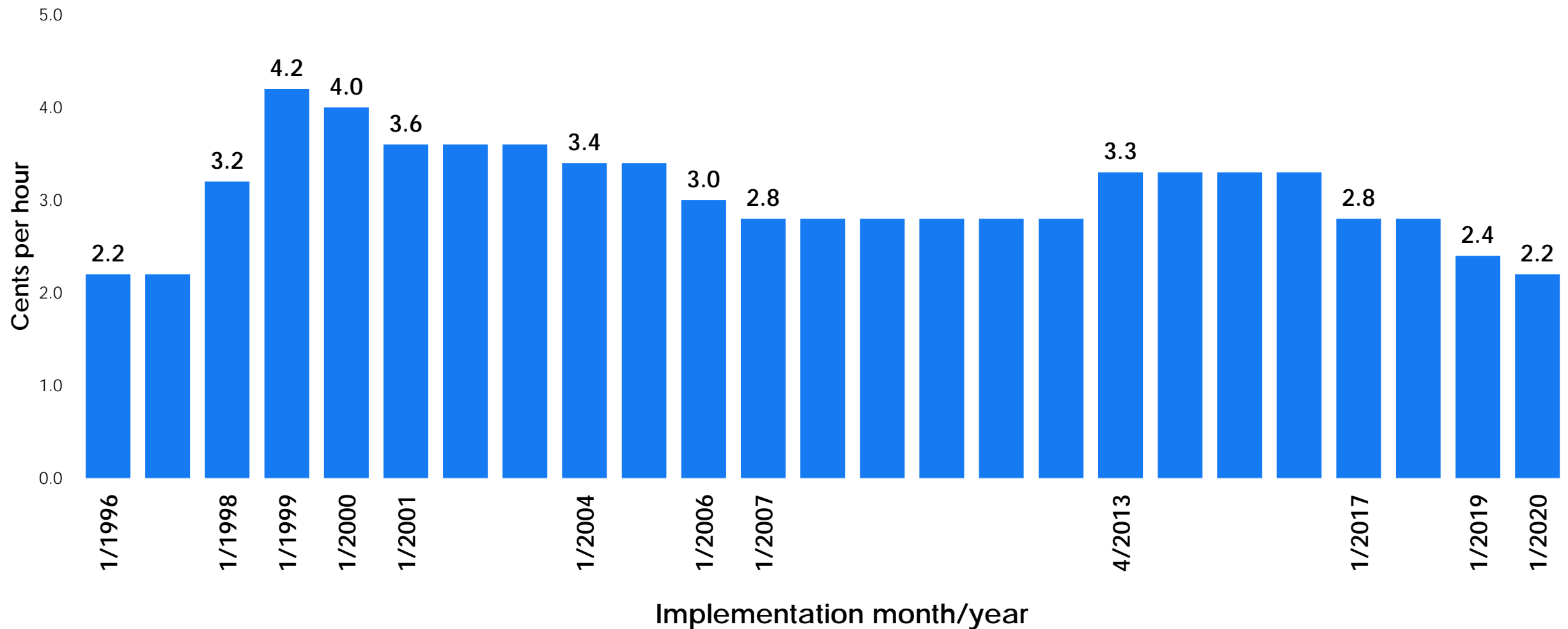




# WORKERS' BENEFIT FUND STATUS UPDATE 2019

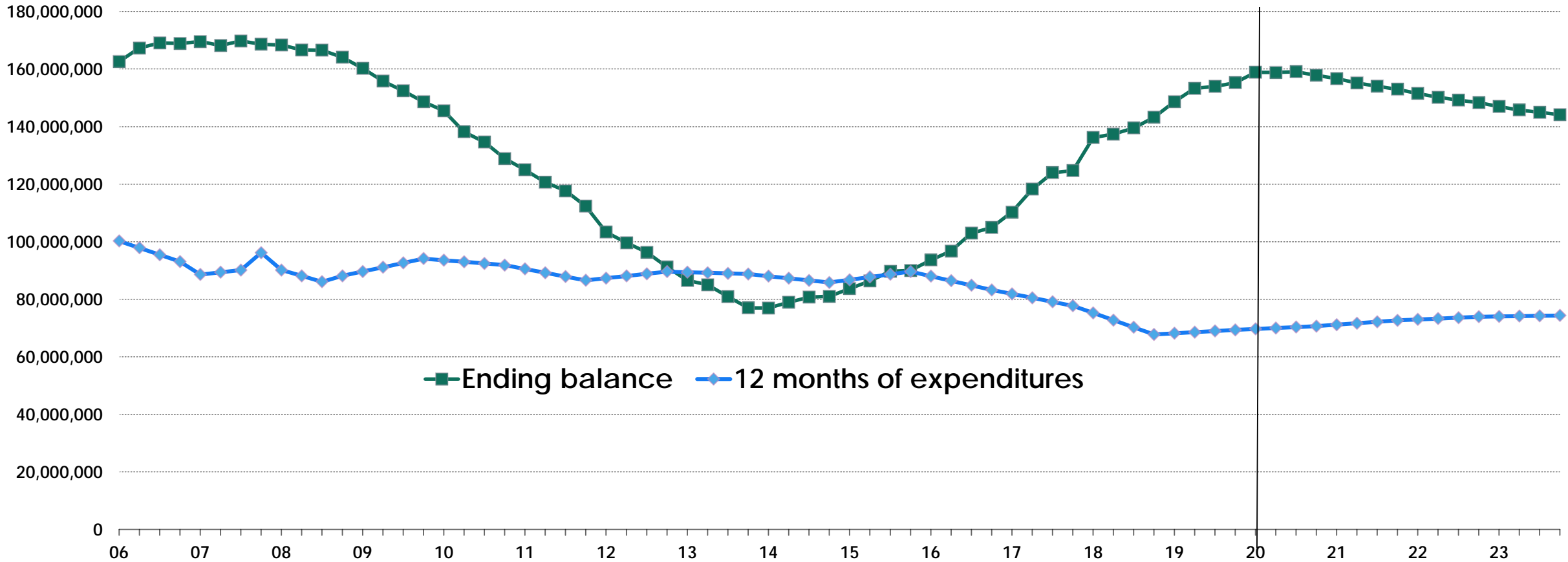
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## WBF cents-per-hour rates since 1996



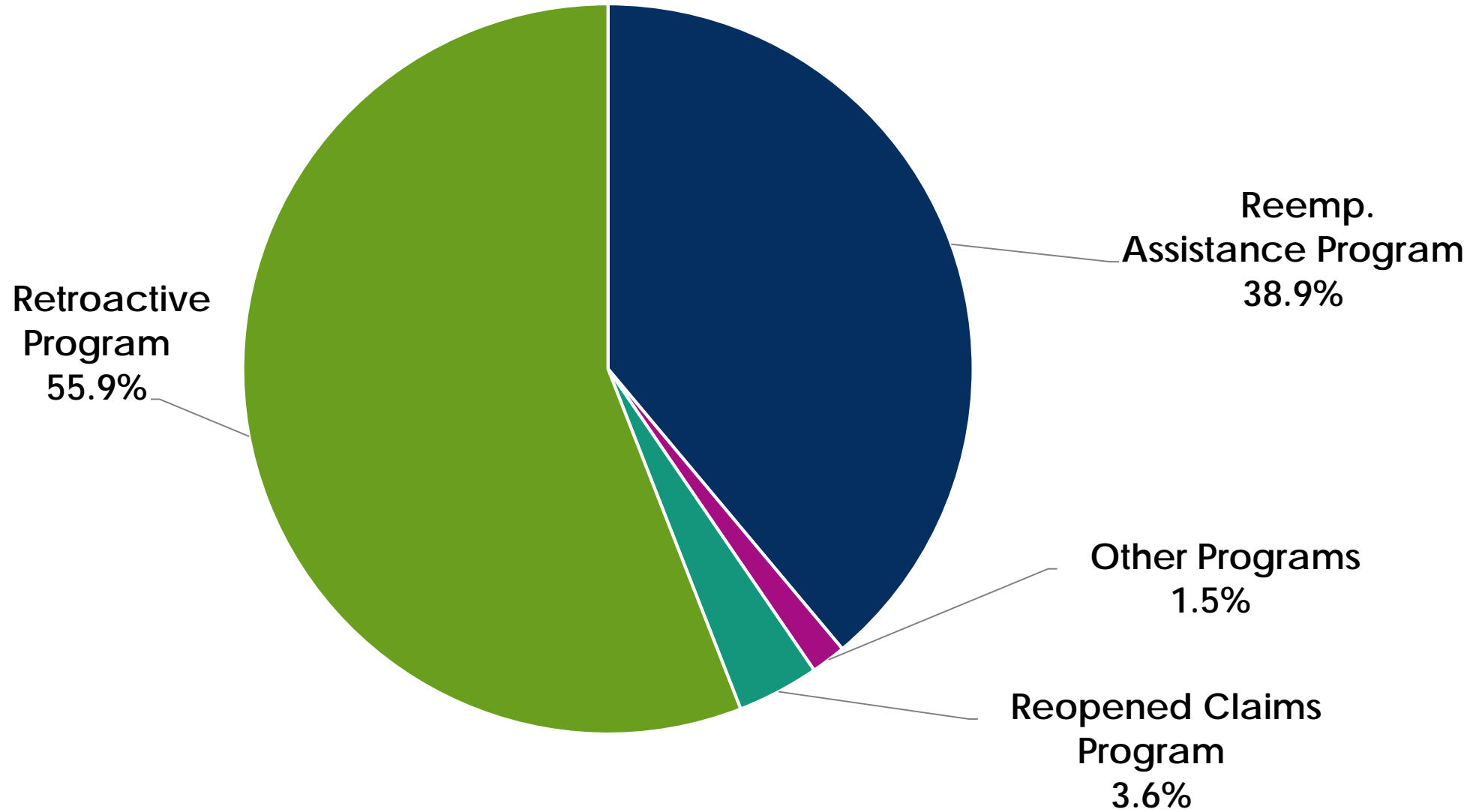
- The WBF assessment rate was lowered to 2.2 cents-per-hour effective January 1, 2020
- This assessment rate ties for the lowest rate since the fund's creation in 1996

# Workers' Benefit Fund Balance, Fiscal Years 2006-2023

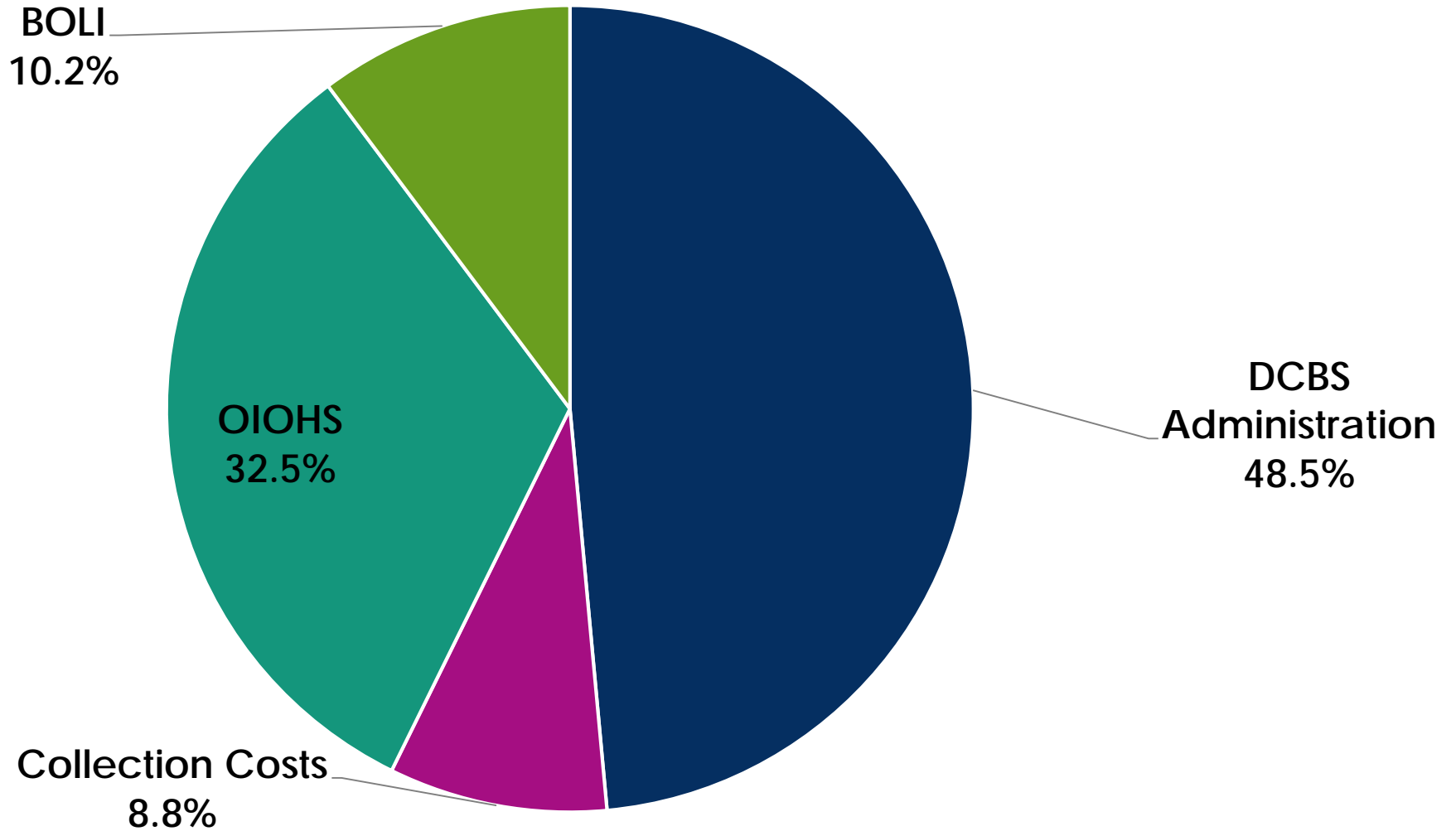


- The WBF Balance at September 30, 2019 was \$158.9 million, or about 29.3 months of expenditures
- House Bill 2788 (2019 Session) requires the WBF to maintain a fund balance of at least 12 months of expenditures

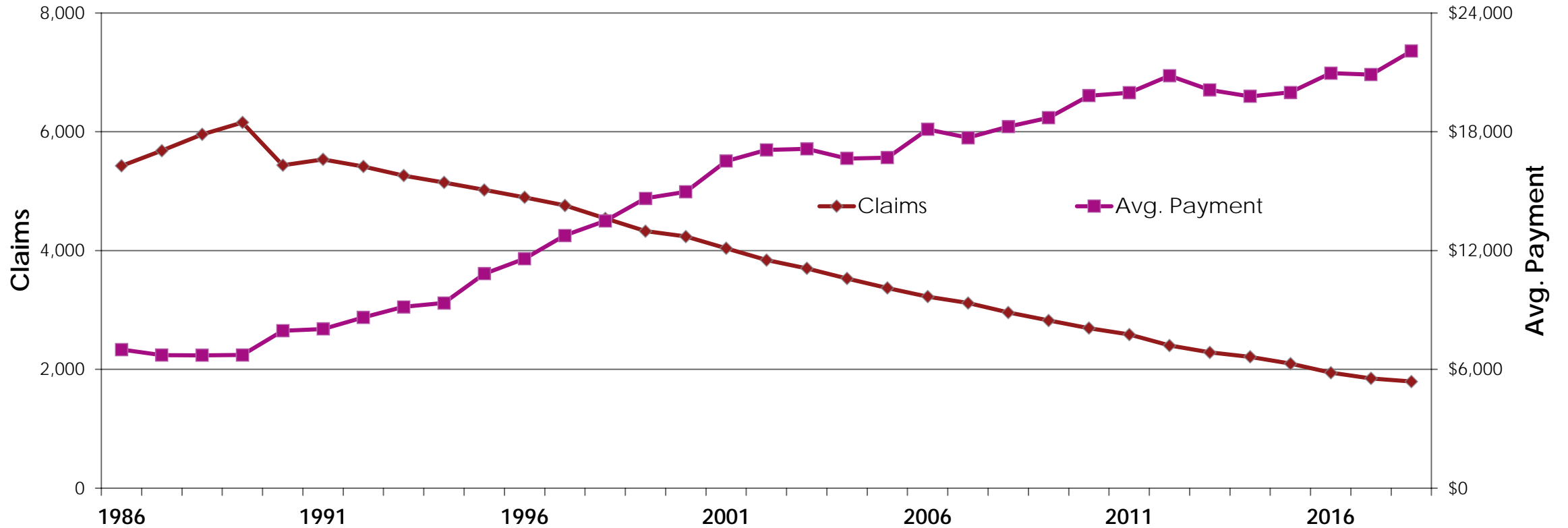
# Current WBF Program Expenditure Distribution



# Current WBF Administrative Expenditure Distribution

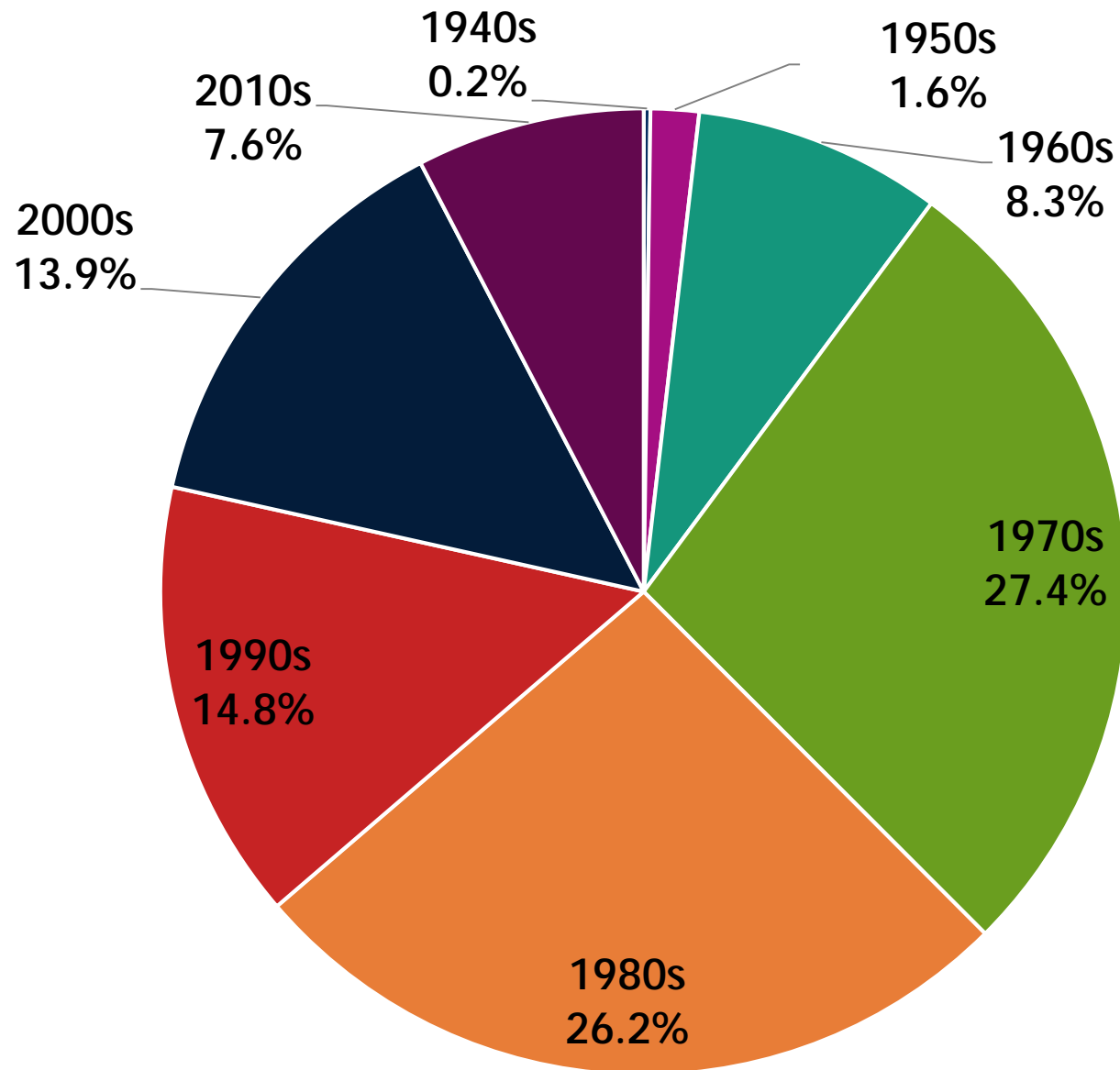


# Retroactive Program Claims and Average Payment since 1986

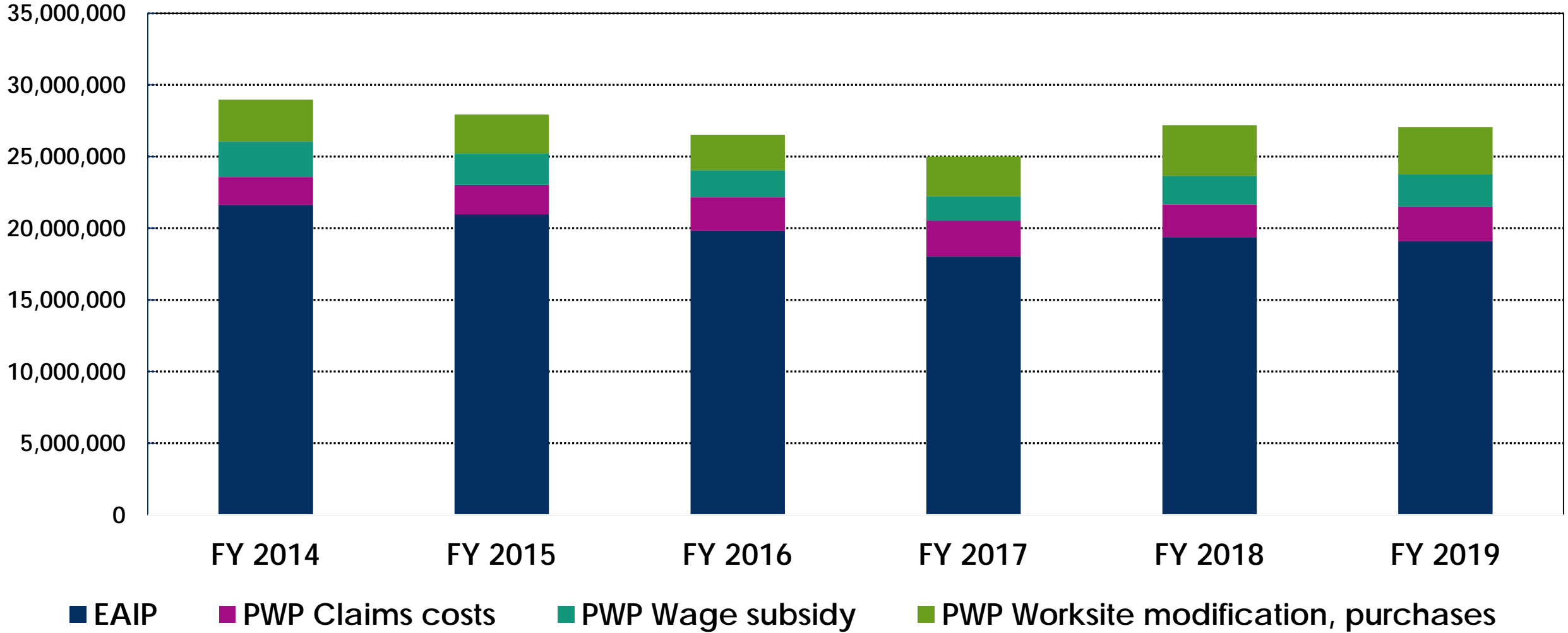


- Retroactive program expenditures continue to decline as the number of eligible beneficiaries decline
- The average payment per claim has increased gradually as the average weekly wage has increased

# Current Pool of Retroactive Program Claims by Decade of Injury



# Reemployment Assistance Program Expenditures

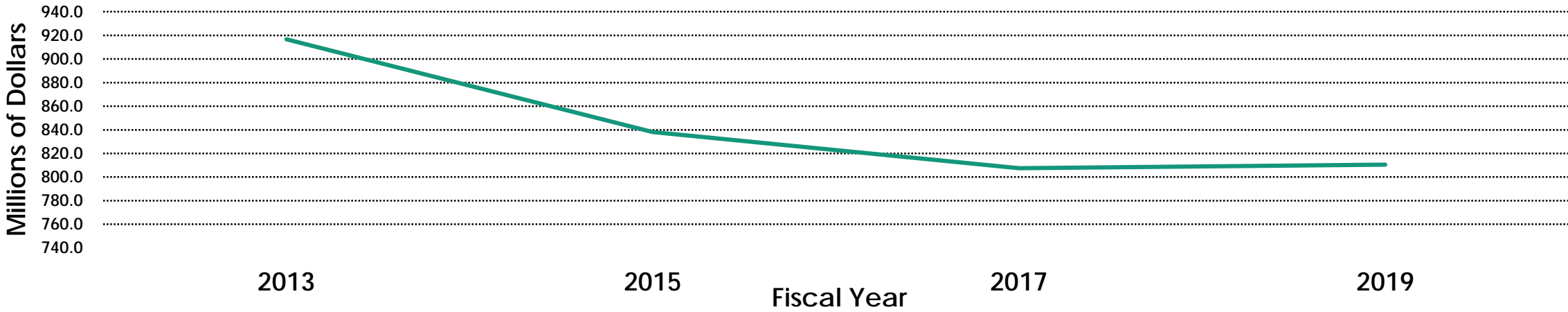


- The Employer-at-Injury Program (EAIP) accounts for over 70 percent of the Reemployment Assistance Program (RAP) expenditures shown
- The wage subsidy for the EAIP increased from 45 percent to 50 percent effective January 1, 2020 in accordance with OAR 436-105



WBF long-term liability (\$ millions) 6/30/2019	
<b>Retroactive Program</b>	<b>\$738.9</b>
<b>Reemployment Assistance</b>	<b>46.6</b>
<b>Reopened Claims</b>	<b>23.2</b>
<b>Workers with Disabilities</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Self-insured Employer Group Claims</b>	<b><u>0.5</u></b>
	<b>\$810.5</b>

WBF long-term liability since FY 2013



- The WBF has a large fund balance when compared to current expenditures, but it has a large long-term liability that is not currently funded
- The liability has been declining as the number of Retroactive claims continues to decline, but has been partially offset from an increasing RAP liability