

Ratings: Moody's: Aaa
Standard & Poor's: AAA
Fitch: AAA
See "RATINGS" herein
(Insured)

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations and taxpayers other than corporations. Interest on the Bonds will, however, be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed upon certain corporations. In addition, the Bonds will be exempt from Rhode Island taxes although the Bonds and the interest thereon may be included in the measure of Rhode Island estate and gift taxes and certain business and corporate taxes. See "TAX STATUS" and "APPENDIX B -- Proposed Form of Legal Opinion" herein.

\$39,805,000

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

General Obligation Bonds

Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A

Dated: March 15, 2002

Due: As shown below

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof and no physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to purchasers. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal and semiannual interest are payable to DTC by State Street Bank and Trust Company, as Paying Agent. Interest on the Bonds is payable on December 1 and June 1, commencing December 1, 2002. The Bonds constitute general obligations of the State for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State will be pledged. **The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.**

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Financial Security Assurance Inc.



\$39,805,000 Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
12/01/2002	\$5,905,000	4.00%	NRO
6/01/2003	5,890,000	4.00	2.45%
12/01/2003	8,320,000	5.00	2.75
12/01/2004	8,225,000	4.00	3.10
12/01/2005	8,065,000	4.00	3.58
12/01/2006	3,400,000	4.00	3.85

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the State and delivered to the Underwriters, subject to the approval of legality by Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen, LLP, Providence, Rhode Island, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the State by its Disclosure Counsel, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, Providence, Rhode Island. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Holland & Knight LLP, Providence, Rhode Island. Delivery of the Bonds to DTC is expected in New York, New York on or about April 9, 2002.

MORGAN STANLEY

UBS PAINEWEBBER, INC.

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY

March 26, 2002

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the State or the original purchasers of the Bonds to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by either of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds offered hereby by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained from the State, and other sources that are deemed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by the original purchasers of the Bonds or, as to information from other sources, the State. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the State since the date hereof.

The Underwriters intend to offer the Bonds to the public initially at the offering prices or yields shown on the cover page hereof, which prices or yields may change subsequently without any requirement or prior notice. The Underwriters may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing such Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices shown on the cover hereof.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL ON THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

This Official Statement contains statements which, to the extent they are not recitations of historical fact, constitute “forward looking statements.” In this respect, the words “estimate,” “project,” “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” “believe” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. A number of important factors affecting the State's financial results could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in the forward-looking statements.

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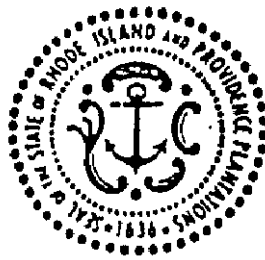
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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**



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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$39,805,000

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
General Obligation Bonds
Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, is to set forth certain information concerning the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the "State" or "Rhode Island") and its \$39,805,000 Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A Bonds (the "Bonds") dated March 15, 2002. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used primarily to refund certain outstanding bonds of the State (the "Refunded Bonds"). See "PLAN OF REFUNDING" and "APPENDIX C - Table of Refunded Bonds" herein.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

The Bonds when duly issued will constitute valid general obligations of the State and the full faith and credit of the State will be pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on each of the Bonds as the same shall become due.

Each Bond when issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the State and the owner thereof. The general laws of Rhode Island provide that the General Treasurer may pay debt service on State debt without the need for an annual appropriation (as would be required for other payments from the State treasury). Moreover, each act under which the Bonds are issued expressly provides an appropriation from the treasury of a sum sufficient to pay the annual principal and interest due on the Bonds to the extent the same is not otherwise provided.

Enforcement of a claim for payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds may be subject to the provisions of federal or State statutes, if any, heretofore or hereafter enacted extending the time for payment or imposing other constraints upon enforcement insofar as the same may be constitutionally applied and to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with equitable principles.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table sets forth estimated sources and uses of funds for the Bonds.

Sources

Par Amount of Bonds	\$39,805,000.00
Premium	797,289.75
Accrued Interest	<u>111,693.33</u>
Total Sources	\$40,713,983.08

Uses

Refunding Trust Account Deposit	\$40,239,015.25
Costs of Issuance†	363,274.50
Accrued Interest	<u>111,693.33</u>
Total Uses	\$40,713,983.08

†Includes bond insurance premium and underwriters' discount.

PLAN OF REFUNDING

The State, upon delivery of the Bonds, will enter into a refunding trust agreement (the "Refunding Trust Agreement") with State Street Bank and Trust Company, as refunding trustee (the "Refunding Trustee"). The Refunding Trust Agreement will provide for the deposit of the net proceeds of the Bonds with the Refunding Trustee in a separate account to be applied immediately upon receipt to purchase non-callable direct obligations of the United States of America (the "Government Obligations") and to fund, if needed, a cash deposit in such account. The Refunding Trust Agreement will require that maturing principal of and interest on the Government Obligations, plus any initial cash deposit, be held in trust in such accounts and be paid to the paying agent of the Refunded Bonds solely for the payment of the principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds. According to the report described in "VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS," the Government Obligations will mature at such times and earn interest in such amounts that, together with any initial cash deposit, they will produce sufficient moneys to make such payments on the Refunded Bonds to and including their respective maturity or redemption dates. For a list of the outstanding bonds of the State to be refunded through the proceeds of the Bonds, see "APPENDIX C - Table of Refunded Bonds" herein.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

General

Pursuant to Section 35-8-21 of the General Laws of the State, the Bonds will constitute the Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A.

The Bonds will be dated March 15, 2002 and will bear interest at the rates set forth on the cover page hereof. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on December 1, 2002 and semi-annually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year in which the Bonds mature. So long as The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), or its nominee Cede & Co., is the Bondholder, such payments will be made directly to such Bondholder. Disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of the DTC Participants and Indirect Participants, as more fully described herein. Interest is computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Principal of the Bonds will be payable as set forth on the cover page hereof.

Redemption

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated dates of maturity.

Book-Entry-Only System

The information set forth in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from the office of General Counsel to DTC and has been described by DTC as accurately describing DTC, its methods of effecting book-entry transfers of securities distributed through DTC and certain related matters. No representation is made by any person, including the State, other than DTC as to the completeness or the accuracy of such information or as to the absence or material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the date hereof.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its

participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants (defined below) of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited Securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Direct Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The Rules applicable to DTC and its Direct and Indirect Participants ("Participants") are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmation providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails a proxy ("Omnibus Proxy") to the Paying Agent as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment by the payment date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the State or the Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the State and the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The State may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

Neither the State nor the Paying Agent shall have any responsibility or obligation with respect to: (1) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant; (2) the payment by DTC or any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds; (3) the delivery by DTC or any Participant to any Beneficial Owner of any notice (including a notice of redemption) or other communication which is required or permitted to be given to Bondowners with respect to the Bonds; (4) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of a partial redemption of the Bonds; or (5) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as Bondowner.

Record Date

The record date for the Bonds will be the close of business of the fifteenth day prior to the date on which an interest payment is due, or if such day is not a business day of the Paying Agent, the next preceding day which is a regular business day of the Paying Agent.

BOND INSURANCE

Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Financial Security Assurance Inc. ("Financial Security") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an exhibit to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

Financial Security Assurance Inc.

Financial Security is a New York domiciled insurance company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. ("Holdings"). Holdings is an indirect subsidiary of Dexia, S.A., a publicly held Belgian corporation. Dexia, S.A., through its bank subsidiaries, is primarily engaged in the business of public finance in France, Belgium and other European countries. No shareholder of Holdings or Financial Security is liable for the obligations of Financial Security.

At December 31, 2001, Financial Security's total policyholders' surplus and contingency reserves were approximately \$1,593,569,000 and its total unearned premium reserve was approximately \$810,898,000 in accordance with statutory accounting principles. At December 31, 2001, Financial Security's total shareholders' equity was approximately \$1,698,672,000 and its total net unearned premium reserve was approximately \$669,534,000 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements included as exhibits to the annual and quarterly reports filed by Holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Also incorporated herein by reference are any such financial statements so filed from the date of this Official Statement until the termination of the offering of the Bonds. Copies of materials incorporated by reference will be provided upon request to Financial Security Assurance Inc.: 350 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Communications Department (telephone (212) 826-0100).

The Policy does not protect investors against changes in market value of the Bonds, which market value may be impaired as a result of changes in prevailing interest rates, changes in applicable ratings or other causes. Financial Security makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. Financial Security makes no representation regarding the Official Statement, nor has it participated in the preparation thereof, except that Financial Security has provided to the Issuer the information presented under this caption for inclusion in the Official Statement.

RATINGS

The Bonds have been assigned ratings by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") and Standard and Poor's Rating Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("Standard and Poor's") (collectively, the "Rating Agencies"). The ratings assigned by Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's are AAA, Aaa, and AAA, respectively, with the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds, a policy insuring the payment when due of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be issued by Financial Security Assurance Inc.

Such ratings reflect only the respective views of such organizations, and an explanation of the significance of each such rating may be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same. There is no assurance that the ratings given the Bonds by the Rating Agencies will be maintained for any given period of time or that they may not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the Bonds will be approved by Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen, LLP, Providence, Rhode Island, Bond Counsel. A copy of the opinion of Bond Counsel in substantially the form to be delivered at closing is included herein as Appendix B. The State will be advised on certain legal matters by Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, Providence, Rhode Island, Disclosure Counsel. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Holland & Knight LLP, Providence, Rhode Island.

TAX STATUS

In the opinion of Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen, LLP, Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. Interest on the Bonds will be taken into account, however, in the calculation of adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. For purposes of this opinion, interest on the Bonds includes original issue discount, if any, properly allocable to the Bonds. (See "APPENDIX B - Proposed Form of Legal Opinion").

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements regarding the use, expenditure and investment of bond and note proceeds and the payment of rebates to the United States which must be continuously satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The State will covenant to take all lawful action necessary to comply with all requirements of the Code

that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be or continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Bond Premium

Under the Code, a purchaser (other than a purchaser who holds such Bond as inventory, stock in trade or for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business) who acquires a Bond (a "Premium Bond") for a price in excess of its stated redemption value at maturity has acquired the Bond with "bond premium".

Bond premium is amortized over the remaining term of the Premium Bond for federal income tax purposes. The purchaser of a Premium Bond is required to decrease his adjusted basis in the Premium Bond by the amount of amortizable bond premium attributable to each taxable year during the amortization period. The amount of amortizable bond premium attributable to each taxable year is determined actuarially at a constant interest rate. The amortizable bond premium attributable to a taxable year is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Purchasers of Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the precise determination for federal income tax purposes of the treatment of bond premium upon sale, redemption or other disposition of Premium Bonds and with respect to the state and local consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

The foregoing analysis of the exclusion of interest from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation is limited to the initial issuance of the Bonds. Bondholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to any federal tax consequences of secondary market transactions.

Ownership of tax-exempt obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers including, without limitation, corporations subject to the foreign branch profits tax, Subchapter S corporations, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or railroad retirement benefits, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. In addition, taxpayers disposing of property, the acquisition of which is financed in whole or in part after 1990 with federally-subsidized indebtedness (qualified mortgage bonds or mortgage credit certificates) must take receipts or accruals of interest on the Bonds into account in determining what portion, if any, of the federally-subsidized amount is subject to recapture. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of any such collateral consequences.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Bonds are exempt from Rhode Island taxes, although the Bonds and the interest thereon may be included in the measure of Rhode Island estate and gift taxes and certain business and corporate taxes.

LITIGATION

No litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the Attorney General, threatened against or affecting the State seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds.

There are pending in courts within the State various suits in which the State is a defendant. In the opinion of State Officials, no litigation is pending or, to their knowledge, threatened which is likely to result, either individually or, in the aggregate, in final judgments against the State that would affect materially its financial position.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

First Southwest Company has served as the State's financial advisor for the Bonds. The financial advisor to the issuer has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this official statement. The financial advisor has reviewed the information in this official statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to the issuer and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the financial advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule") provides that underwriters may not purchase or sell municipal securities unless the issuer of the municipal securities undertakes to provide continuing disclosure with respect to those securities, subject to certain exemptions. The State will covenant, at the time of the delivery of the Bonds, to provide continuing disclosure consistent with the terms of the Rule, as provided in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be dated as of the date of the Bonds and incorporated by reference therein.

Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the State will covenant, agree and undertake to provide the following continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds:

(1) The State will provide to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("NRMSIR") and the appropriate state information depository for the State ("SID"), if any: (a) on or before the end of each calendar year commencing December 31, 2002, financial information and operating data relating to the State for the preceding fiscal year of the type presented in Appendix A of the Official Statement prepared in connection with the Bonds regarding (i) revenues and expenditures relating to operating budgets, (ii) capital expenditures, (iii) fund balances, (iv) tax information, (v) outstanding direct and indirect indebtedness, (vi) pension obligations and (vii) such other financial information and operating data as may be required to comply with the Rule; and (b) promptly upon their public release, the audited financial statements of the State for the most recently ended fiscal year, to the extent such statements have been commissioned, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with certain exceptions permitted by Rhode Island law. The State reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided under clause (a) above or the format of the presentation of such information, provided that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

(2) The State will provide in a timely manner to each NRMSIR or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to the SID, if any, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material: (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (b) nonpayment related defaults; (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform; (f) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds; (g) modifications to rights of beneficial owners of the Bonds, (h) Bond calls; (i) defeasances; (j) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; or (k) rating changes to the Bonds by any nationally recognized credit agency which has rated the Bonds at the request of the State. The State from time to time may choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if, in the judgement of the State, such other event is material with respect to the Bonds, but the State does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those listed above.

(3) The State will provide, in a timely manner, to each NRMSIR or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to the SID, if any, notice of a failure to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) above.

The provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate may be amended by the State without the consent of, or notice to, any owners of the Bonds, (a) to comply with or conform to the provisions of the Rule or any amendments to the Rule or authoritative interpretations thereto by the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff (whether required or optional), (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided by such undertakings and to make necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto, (c) to add to the covenants of the State for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds, (d) to modify the contents, presentation and format of the annual financial information from time to time as a result of a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, or (e) to otherwise modify the undertakings in a manner consistent with the provisions of state legislation establishing a SID or otherwise responding to the requirements of the Rule concerning continuing disclosure; provided, however, that in the case of any amendment pursuant to clauses (d) and (e), (i) the undertaking, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or authoritative interpretations of the Rule, as well as any changes in circumstances, and (ii) the

amendment does not materially impair the interests of the owners of the Bonds, as determined either by a party unaffiliated with the State, (such as bond counsel) or by a vote or consent of owners of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Bonds affected thereby at or prior to the time of such amendment. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate will also state that to the extent the Rule no longer requires issuers such as the State to provide continuing disclosure with respect to securities such as the Bonds, the State's obligation to provide continuing disclosure shall terminate immediately.

The purpose of the State's undertaking is to conform to the requirements of the Rule and, except for creating the right on the part of the holders of the Bonds from time to time, to specifically enforce the State's obligations hereunder, not to create new contractual or other rights for the original purchasers of the Bonds, any registered owner or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds, any municipal securities broker or dealer, any potential purchaser of the Bonds, the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other person. The sole remedy in the event of any actual or alleged failure by the State to comply with any covenant of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall be an action for the specific performance of the State's obligations thereunder and not for money damages in any amount. Any failure by the State to comply with any provision of such undertaking shall not constitute an event of default with respect to the Bonds.

The State has never failed to comply, in all material respects, with any previous undertakings to provide annual reports or notices of material events in accordance with the Rule.

The State Budget Officer, or such official's designee from time to time, shall be the contact person on behalf of the State from whom the foregoing information, data and notices may be obtained. The name, address and telephone number of the initial contact person is Rosemary Booth Gallogly, State Budget Officer, State Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, Telephone (401) 222-6400.

VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS

Causey Demgen & Moore Inc., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, will verify from the information provided to them the mathematical accuracy as of the date of the closing on the Bonds of (1) the computations contained in the provided schedules to determine that the anticipated receipts from the securities and cash deposited listed in such schedules, to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal, interest and call premium payment requirements of the Refunded Bonds, and (2) the computations of yield on both the securities and the Bonds contained in the provided schedules used by Bond Counsel in its determination that the interest on the Bonds is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Causey Demgen & Moore Inc. will express no opinion on the assumptions provided to them, nor as of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased by Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, as representative of the Underwriters (the "Underwriters"). The aggregate offering price of the Bonds to the public is \$40,602,289.75, plus accrued interest, and the Underwriters have jointly and severally agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the State at a purchase price of \$40,481,549.97, plus accrued interest, and to reoffer the Bonds at no greater than the initial public offering prices stated on the cover page hereof. The purchase contract provides that the Underwriters will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased, the obligation to make such purchase being subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the purchase contract.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information with respect to the State and a detailed description of the State's financial condition are set forth in the State's Information Statement dated March 26, 2002 and the General Purpose Financial Statements of the State, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, both of which have been prepared and furnished by the State and which are included in Appendix A.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any such statements will be realized. The information, estimates and assumptions and expressions of opinion in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made pursuant to this Official Statement shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the State or its agencies or authorities since the date of this Official Statement, except as expressly stated. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the State of Rhode Island and the purchasers of the Bonds from time to time.

The Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Bonds and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE
PLANTATIONS

By: /s/ Paul J. Tavares
General Treasurer

Dated: March 26, 2002

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APPENDIX A

**INFORMATION STATEMENT OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

DATED: March 26, 2002

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STATE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND FINANCES

General Information

The State of Rhode Island is governed by its Constitution, the present form of which was adopted by the electorate in 1986 reflecting a comprehensive restatement to replace archaic language and to delete repealed provisions of the 1843 Constitution, as well as various other amendments.

Under the State Constitution, the powers of government are divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. The legislative power of the government is vested in the General Assembly, which consists of a 50 member Senate and a 100 member House of Representatives. A referendum approved by the voters at the November 8, 1994 election changes the composition, pay scale and pension plan of the General Assembly. Commencing in 2003, there will be seventy-five (75) members of the House of Representatives and thirty-eight (38) members of the Senate. They shall be constituted on the basis of population and the representative districts shall be as nearly equal in population and as compact in territory as possible. All members of the General Assembly are elected biennially from senatorial and representative districts established by general law on the basis of population. The General Assembly meets annually beginning on the first Tuesday in January.

The chief executive power of the State is vested in the Governor and, by succession, the Lieutenant Governor. Each are elected for four (4) year terms. The Governor is primarily responsible for the faithful execution of laws enacted by the General Assembly and for the administration of State government through the Executive Department. The State Constitution also provides for the election of three additional general State Officers: the Attorney General, the Secretary of State and the General Treasurer. Under the State Constitution, the Governor is granted the power to veto any act adopted by the General Assembly, provided, however, that any such veto can be overridden by a 3/5 vote of the members present and voting of both houses of the General Assembly. The Governor does not have any power of line-item veto.

The judicial power of the State is vested in the Supreme Court and such inferior courts as are established by the General Assembly. The Supreme Court, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and the House of Representatives, has final revisory and appellate jurisdiction upon all questions of law and equity. The General Assembly has also established a Superior Court, a Family Court, a District Court and certain municipal courts in various cities and towns in the State.

Municipalities

Below the level of State government, Rhode Island is divided into 39 cities and towns that exercise the functions of local general government. There is no county governmental structure in the State of Rhode Island. Local executive power is generally placed in a mayor, administrator/manager or town council form of government, and legislative power is vested in either a city or town council. The State Constitution provides municipalities with the right of self-government in all local matters by adopting a "home rule" charter. Every city or town, however, has the power to levy, assess and collect taxes, or borrow money, only as specifically authorized by the General Assembly. Except for matters that are reserved exclusively to the General Assembly, such as taxation and elections, the State Constitution restricts the power of the General Assembly on actions relating to the property, affairs and government of any city or town which has adopted a "home rule" charter, to general laws which apply to all cities and towns, but which shall not affect the form of government of any city or town. The General Assembly has the power to act in relation to a particular home rule charter community, provided that such legislative action shall become effective only upon approval of a majority of the voters of the affected city or town. Section 44-35-10 of the General Laws requires every city and town to adopt a balanced budget for each fiscal year. Local governments rely principally upon general real and tangible personal property taxes and automobile excise taxes for provision of revenue.

The 1985 Session of the General Assembly passed a law entitled "An Act Providing Property Tax Relief and Replacement and Establishing a Cap on City and Town Property Tax Levy Growth". Enacted as section 44-5-2 of the General Laws and entitled "Maximum Levy", this legislation limits tax levy or rate increases by municipalities to an increase no greater than 5½ percent over the previous year. Legislation was also enacted that authorized tax levy or rate increases of greater than 5½ percent in the event that debt service costs on present and future general obligation debt increases at a rate greater than 5½ percent. The legislation also provides for the certification by a State agency of the appropriate property tax base to be used in computations in any year when revaluation is being implemented. Provisions of section 44-5-2 also include authorization to exceed this limitation in the event of loss of non-property tax revenue, or when an emergency situation arises

and is certified by the State Auditor General. In such an emergency situation, such levy in excess of a 5½ percent increase must be approved by a majority of the city or town governing body or electors voting at the financial town meeting. The statute was amended to clarify that nothing in the tax levy cap provisions was intended to constrain the payment of obligations of cities and towns. The power of the cities and towns to pay their general obligation bonds and notes is unlimited and each city or town is required to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property for the payment of such bonds and notes and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Local Tax Relief

During the 1998 session, the General Assembly enacted three separate measures designed to provide taxpayer relief from local property taxes. The first measure expanded the existing homestead tax credit program, by allowing eligible households with incomes of up to \$25,000 to claim a refundable credit against the state income tax. Previously, a credit was allowed for eligible households with incomes of up to \$18,000. The second and third measures would phase out, over a number of years, two separate components of the local tax levy.

The first component of the local tax levy that would be phased out is the local property tax levy on inventories. The phase out period would span ten years and would progressively eliminate ten percent of the tax levy each year. Local communities would be reimbursed for lost revenues through the State's General Revenue Sharing Program, which would be increased from 1.0 percent of tax revenues in FY 1998 to 4.7 percent of tax receipts in FY 2009.

The second component of the local property tax levy that would be eliminated is the local excise tax levy on motor vehicles and trailers. This tax would now be phased out over an eight year period by providing increasing exemptions against the assessed value of all motor vehicles. Local communities would be reimbursed by the State on the value of the exempted amounts and assumed cumulative growth in the tax rate equal to the Consumer Price Index. The Governor's budget proposal recommends that the exemption amount be frozen at the current level.

State Aid to Local Communities

Total State aid to cities and towns has risen from approximately \$389.7 million in FY 1991 to \$865.8 million in the FY 2002 Enacted Budget. The largest category of State aid to cities and towns is assistance programs for school operations and school buildings. The general school aid program reimbursed communities on the basis of the relationship between the number of students and the property wealth and personal income of the community. The Legislature, recognizing that the method of education aid distribution required evaluation, created a "Joint Commission on School Funding" to study modifications to the system of state aid distribution. The Commission reported its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly with the FY 1998 Budget Act. It was recommended that support for specific targeted student investments (need, technology, limited English proficiency, early childhood, core instructional cost, and professional development) be included in the FY 1998 budget with the previous distributions frozen in place.

The FY 1999 budget continued that distribution methodology and established two new investment funds, Targeted School Aid and On-Site School Visits. The FY 2000 budget continued the initiatives already adopted and provided for an additional \$47.5 million in Education Aid to Local Governments. A Student Investment Fund, the Charter School Fund, was created and funded with \$2.9 million. Other changes in Education Aid included the increase in Aid to the Central Falls School District by \$3.0 million to a total of \$27.3 million. In addition, teacher retirement costs after audit adjustments totaled \$41.0 million or \$10.5 million more than FY 1999. This change was driven by revised assumptions on teacher life expectancy, age of retirement and the teacher payroll base.

The FY 2001 budget provided \$46.4 million in Education Aid to Local Governments above FY 2000 levels. This budget added investment funds for Progressive Support and Intervention, Full-Day Kindergarten and Vocational Rehabilitation. It also added funds for textbook expansions and moved payments for the teaching support for children at Hasbro Hospital to Education Aid. The FY 2001 budget, in addition to the basic State Support for Local School Operations category, which encompasses all funds distributed to local school districts prior to the advent of the investment funds, effects fourteen investment funds or categories. These are Student Technology, Core Instruction Equity, Student Equity, Early Childhood, Student Language Assistance, Professional Development, Targeted Aid, On-site Visits, Charter School Fund,

Full-Day Kindergarten, Progressive Support and Intervention, Vocational Rehabilitation, Textbook Expansion and the Hasbro Children's Hospital.

The FY 2001 increase of \$46.4 million is distributed mainly to the investment funds, \$39.9 million, with teachers' retirement decreasing by \$4.8 million, State Support of Local School Operations increasing by \$7.1 million, and Central Falls increasing by \$4.2 million. The increases in the funds are as follows: Core Instruction Equity, \$7.4 million; Student Equity, \$20.2 million; Full-Day Kindergarten, \$2.4 million; Student Language Assistance, \$1.8 million; On-Site Visits, \$.2 million; Charter School Fund, \$1.1 million; Progressive Support and Intervention, \$4.7 million; Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1.7 million; Textbook Expansions, \$.3 million; and the Hasbro Children's Hospital, \$.1 million.

The Enacted Budget for education aid to local governments totals \$677.1 million in FY 2002. This represents a \$40.0 million increase (6.3 percent) in state support relative to the FY 2001 revised budget. The increase in funding is primarily due to an increase of \$39.0 million in education aid and an increase in Teacher Retirement obligations of approximately \$1.0 million. Of the increase, \$26.2 million is reflected in General Education Aid with other additions occurring as follows: Group Home funding, \$7.3 million; Charter Schools, \$2.4 million; Full-Day Kindergarten, \$.7 million; Education Aid match for Gates funds, \$.7 million; and Central Falls School District, \$1.7 million. The increases will provide for each school district to receive a minimum entitlement increase of 3.5 percent and will provide a minimum of 7.0 percent increase to communities with a tax equity index of less than 1.0. The current aid structure of Student Investment Funds is maintained and does not follow the recommendations of the Governor's Taskforce on Education Financing.

In addition to reimbursement of school operations costs, State school construction aid is provided at levels ranging from 30 percent to 88 percent of the construction cost of new facilities. The level is also based upon the relationship between student counts and community wealth, and takes into consideration the relative weight of school debt in the particular city or town to its total debt. Beginning in fiscal year 1997, the definition of reimbursable expenditures was expanded to include capital expenditures made through a capital lease or lease revenue bonds or from a municipality's capital reserve account. In fiscal year 1997, disbursements to local school districts totaled \$18.1 million. The FY 2002 Enacted Budget provides \$30.8 million for this category of aid, an increase of 70 percent since FY 1997. A related program will provide approximately \$2.3 million in FY 2002 to cities and towns to provide aid in the construction of libraries.

Other local aid programs include the general revenue sharing and payment-in-lieu of taxes programs. The 1987 session of the General Assembly enacted legislation that consolidated all prior revenue sharing components into one general revenue sharing program and incorporated a distribution formula based upon relative population, tax effort and personal income of each city and town. In addition, Rhode Island distributes the proceeds of a statewide tax imposed on the tangible personal property of telephone, telegraph, cable, express and telecommunications companies. The 1991 General Assembly passed legislation to dedicate, beginning in fiscal year 1994, an amount equal to one percent of second prior year total state tax revenues to general state aid. Funding for this program has varied since FY 1991, between no funding in FY 1993 to \$33.5 million in FY 2001. The FY 2002 Enacted Budget includes \$43.6 million for this program, and increases the share dedicated to 2.4% of state tax revenues. This percentage will increase annually until it reaches 4.7% in FY 2009.

The payment-in-lieu of taxes program authorizes the General Assembly to appropriate and distribute to communities amounts not to exceed twenty-seven percent of the property taxes that would have been collected on tax exempt properties. Properties included in this program are non-profit educational institutions, non-profit or state-owned hospitals, veterans' residential facility, and correctional facilities. Funding was provided in fiscal years 1988 (\$2.5 million), 1989 (\$3.1 million), 1991 (\$3.5 million), 1992-1994 (\$2.8 million), 1995-1997 (\$12.2 million), 1998 (\$14.2 million), 1999 (\$15.9 million), and 2000 (\$16.0 million). The FY 2001 Enacted Budget included \$17.6 million and the FY 2002 Enacted Budget includes funding of \$18.2 million for this program.

The Central Falls Review Commission was established under Chapter 65 of the Public Laws of 1990 and published its report in January of 1991. The report found the City of Central Falls to be in a serious financial condition and made thirteen recommendations for city and State action. The recommendation most widely publicized is the State's assumption of responsibility for funding education in Central Falls. The FY 1992 Enacted Budget provided statutory authority for full funding of educational programs in the City of Central Falls. Full financial and administrative takeover of the Central Falls school system occurred July 1, 1992.

Principal Governmental Services

Principal State government services are functionally divided into six major areas. They are administered and delivered by thirteen departments, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Governors for Higher Education, and a number of commissions and small independent agencies. All expenditures by such State agencies, including those funded by federal and restricted use sources, are budgeted by the Governor and appropriated annually by the General Assembly. The following paragraphs describe the major functions of state government.

General Government

General Government includes those agencies that provide general administrative services to all other State agencies and those that carry out State licensure and regulatory functions. This function includes most elected officials; administrative agencies including the Department of Administration, the Department of Labor and Training, and the Board of Elections; and regulatory agencies including the Department of Business Regulation and the Public Utilities Commission.

The two major departments in the General Government function are the Department of Administration and the Department of Labor and Training.

Department of Administration. The Department of Administration is generally responsible for all central staff and auxiliary services for the State including planning, budgeting, taxation, motor vehicle registration, child support enforcement, personnel management, purchasing, information processing, accounting, auditing, building maintenance, property management and labor relations. The Department directs the accounting and fiscal control procedures and is responsible for the preparation of the State's annual fiscal plan and capital development program, supervising the assessment and collection of all State taxes and administering the statewide planning program for the comprehensive development of the social, economic and physical resources of the State. The Department also includes the State Bureau of Audits which examines the books of account of all State departments and agencies, required by law to be done at least once every two years. The Department is also responsible for programs relating to State aid, tax equalization, and planning for municipalities, as well as building code administration.

Department of Labor and Training. The Department of Labor and Training is responsible for administering benefit payment programs, workforce development programs, workforce regulation and safety programs, and the Labor Relations Board. The Department is responsible for administering the Employment Security Act, which provides for the payment of benefits to qualified unemployed workers from taxes collected from Rhode Island employers. The Department also administers the Temporary Disability Insurance Act and the Worker's Compensation Act. The Temporary Disability Insurance Act provides for the payment of benefits to workers who are unemployed due to illness or non-work related injuries from taxes paid by all employees. The Worker's Compensation Act provides for the payment of benefits to workers who are unemployed due to work related injuries from insurance premiums paid by employers. The Department's workforce development programs include Employment Resource Centers located throughout the State, which provide job referral, job placement and counseling; and Job Training Partnership Act employment training and support services for adults and youths.

The workforce regulation and safety programs enforce wage, child labor, parental and family medical leave laws; examines, licenses and registers professions such as electricians, pipefitters, and refrigeration technicians; and inspects all state buildings, public buildings, and city and town educational facilities for compliance with building codes.

The Department also has primary responsibility for the collection of data on employment and unemployment in Rhode Island. The Department of Labor and Training was created in 1996 upon recommendation of the Governor by merging the Department of Employment and Training and the Department of Labor.

Human Services

Human Services includes those agencies that provide services to individuals. Services provided include the nutrition programs of the Department of Elderly Affairs; care of the disabled by the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals; child protective and social services provided by the Department of Children, Youth and Families; health programs at the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services; and financial assistance, health care and social services provided by the Department of Human Services.

The three major departments in the Human Services function include the Departments of Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; and Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals.

Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services operates as the principal State agency for the administration and coordination of local, State and federal programs for cash and medical assistance and social services. The responsibilities of the Department include supervision of the following programs: Medicaid, vocational rehabilitation, supplemental security income, general public assistance, food stamps, family independence program, cash assistance, child care and training and social services. The Department also operates the Rhode Island Veterans' Home, the Veterans' cemetery, and administers vocational rehabilitative services and services for the blind and visually impaired.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families is responsible for providing comprehensive, integrated services to children in the State in need of assistance. The Department was created in 1980 to assure the consolidation of services to children and their families formerly provided by four other departments. The Department is responsible for providing services to children who are without families or whose families need help in meeting the children's basic needs. Major functions of the Department include investigation of child abuse, direct service delivery to children and their families in their own homes or foster homes, development and provision of alternative community-based living situations and the administrative operation of the juvenile corrections facilities and programs. Executive Order 85-20, issued on October 31, 1985, placed with the Department the responsibility for development and implementation of a statewide mental health plan for children and youth.

Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals. The Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals provides services which may include hospitalization, housing, vocational programs, inpatient and outpatient treatment, counseling, rehabilitation, transportation, and hospital level care and treatment. The Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals either provides these services directly through the Eleanor Slater Hospital system which operates at two sites, the Cranston Unit and the Zambarano Unit, or provides them through contracts with private, non-profit hospitals, and agencies. The Department organizes, sets standards, monitors and funds programs primarily according to the nature of a client's disability. Mental health services help people who have psychiatric disorders and severe mental illness such as manic depression or schizophrenia. Mental retardation and developmental disabilities services assist individuals whose handicap is often accompanied by disabilities like cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, behavioral problems and other physical and mental conditions. MHRH hospitals provide long term-care for people who need medical treatment and nursing care for problems associated with chronic illness.

Education

Education includes Elementary and Secondary Education and Higher Education, as well as arts funding, historic preservation and heritage support, educational television, and atomic energy commission activities.

Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. The Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education is responsible for the formulation and implementation of statewide goals and objectives for elementary, secondary and special populations education and for the allocation and coordination of various educational functions among the educational agencies of the State and local school districts. The Board also establishes State aid reimbursement payments to local school districts, operates the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the Metropolitan Career and Technical School and William M. Davies Vocational-Technical School, and supervises the State's area vocational-technical schools. The Department also operates the Central Falls School District. The Board appoints a Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to serve as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Board of Governors for Higher Education. The Board of Governors for Higher Education is responsible for the formulation and implementation of broad goals and objectives for higher education in the State, including a comprehensive capital development program. In addition, the Board holds title to all public higher education institutions of the State, which are the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island. While there is institutional autonomy, the Board is responsible for general supervision of public higher education, including adoption and submittal of the State higher education budget, allocation of appropriations, property acquisition and management and approval of organizational and curriculum structures. The Commissioner of Higher Education is appointed by the Board to serve as chief executive officer of the Board and chief administrative officer of the Office of Higher Education.

Public Safety

Public Safety includes those agencies responsible for the safety and security of the citizens of Rhode Island. The quality of life in Rhode Island is enhanced through the administration of the criminal justice system that provides law enforcement, adjudicates justice, protects life and property, and handles emergencies impacting the State's citizens. Agencies included in this function are the Department of Corrections, the Judicial Department, the State Police and the Attorney General's Office.

Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections is responsible for the confinement of sentenced and pre-trial adult offenders, the provision of various programs to encourage and assist offenders in modifying their behavior, and the provision of custody and program services for offenders sentenced or otherwise placed in community supervision.

The Department of Corrections is made up of two main programmatic areas, Institutional Corrections and Community Corrections. The Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) include eight separate facilities and associated support services. Within Community Corrections are Probation and Parole, the Home Confinement Unit, a Risk Assessment Unit and the Furlough Program. Also included in the Department of Corrections budget, but with independent decision-making authority, is the State Parole Board.

The Department also operates the Central Distribution Center which purchases and warehouses food and other supplies for redistribution to state agencies, and operates the Correctional Industries program which employs inmates to manufacture various products or provide services to state and local agencies and non-profit organizations.

Natural Resources

Natural Resources includes those agencies responsible for protecting the natural and physical resources of the State and regulating the use of those resources. Agencies included in this function are the Department of Environmental Management, the Coastal Resources Management Council, and the Water Resources Board.

Department of Environmental Management. The Department of Environmental Management has primary responsibility for environmental programs and bureaus of the State. The Department is charged with the preservation and management of the State's forests, parks, beaches, farms, fisheries and wildlife and with monitoring, controlling and abating air, land and water pollution. In addition, the Department plans, licenses and enforces laws regulating refuse and hazardous waste disposal, pesticides, individual sewage disposal systems, and non-coastal freshwater wetlands. The Department also works with the Coastal Resources Management Council to protect the State's coastline and with the Water Resources Board to protect watersheds and ensure sufficient drinking water supplies. The Department is responsible for operating all State parks, beaches, and recreation facilities including bathing areas, public campsites, historical sites and more than 40,000 acres of public land. The Department also operates commercial fishing ports in Galilee and Newport that house the majority of the State's commercial fishing fleet. The Department administers grant and loan programs for municipal and non-profit anti-pollution, open space, and recreational development and acquisition programs.

Transportation

Transportation is comprised of the road construction, road maintenance, mass transit, and planning activities of the Department of Transportation. Beginning in FY 1994, the State established the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund, in partial fulfillment of a plan to join the remaining states in funding transportation expenditures from dedicated user-related revenue sources. This highway fund concept has the advantage of relating the funding of transportation projects to those who utilize the services provided by those projects, by means of financing mechanisms paid directly by those end-users. The concept is also intended to provide a fairly stable revenue stream to enable transportation projects to be eventually financed on a pay-as-you go basis.

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund is supported by 28 cents per gallon of the State's total gasoline tax (in FY 2002 .25 cents are transferred to the General Fund). These receipts fund operating and debt service expenditures of the Department of Transportation, as well as specific portions of transportation-related expenditures by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) and the Department of Elderly Affairs.

Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation is responsible for the integration of all modes of transportation into a single transportation system. The Department is organized to carry out its responsibilities for the construction and maintenance of all State roads, bridges, transportation facilities (other than those operated and maintained by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority), and the administration of State and Federal highway construction assistance programs. The Department's activities have substantially increased primarily due to the continued road funding resulting from passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and major construction and rehabilitation relating to the Northeast Corridor Improvement Project, Providence River Relocation Project, Route 195 Relocation and Capital Center Project, including the completion of Memorial Boulevard and relocation of downtown rivers with associated land improvements.

State Fund Structure - Accounting Basis

The accounting system of the State, and that of most of the public authorities and corporations described herein, is organized and operated on a fund basis. Financial operations are recorded on a fiscal year basis (commencing July 1 and ending June 30). Individual funds and account groups have been established as separate fiscal and accounting entities to account for financial resources and related liabilities and equities. Financial statements of the State for each fiscal year are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The State's General Purpose Financial Statements, the combined statements for fiscal year 2001, present an aggregation by fund type and account group of the individual funds and account groups encompassed within the State's accounting system and of the financial statements of certain public authorities and corporations, not part of the system but considered to be part of the reporting entity of the State. The combined statements present financial data in summary form. Memorandum totals in such statements do not represent consolidated amounts. The financial statements are presented in Exhibit A hereto.

Budget Procedures

The State budget of revenues and appropriations for administrative and other expenses of the State is adopted annually by the General Assembly and is prepared for submission to the General Assembly, under the supervision of the Governor, by the State Budget Officer within the Department of Administration. Preparation and submission of the budget is governed by both the State Constitution and the general laws of the State, which provide various limitations on the powers of the General Assembly and certain guidelines designed to maintain fiscal responsibility.

According to Article IX Section 16 of the Rhode Island Constitution and Rhode Island General Laws section 35-3-7, the Governor must present spending recommendations to the Legislature on or before the third Wednesday in February, unless extended by statute. The budget contains a complete plan of estimated revenues and proposed expenditures with a personnel supplement detailing number and titles of positions of each agency and estimates of personnel costs for the next fiscal year.

The budget as proposed by the Governor is considered by the General Assembly which, under State law, may increase, decrease, alter or strike out any items in the budget, provided the General Assembly may not take action which would cause an excess of appropriations for revenue expenditures over expected revenue receipts. No appropriation in excess of budget recommendations may be made by the General Assembly unless it shall provide the necessary additional revenue to cover such appropriations. The Governor may veto legislative appropriations bills. However, the Rhode Island Governor does not have line-item veto authority. The Legislature may override any veto by a 3/5 vote of the members present and voting of both houses of the General Assembly. Supplemental appropriation measures shall be submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly on or before the second Tuesday in January. Supplemental appropriations by the General Assembly must be supported by additional revenues and are subject to the Constitutional limitation on State expenditures discussed below.

The General Laws of the State provide that, if the General Assembly fails to pass the annual appropriation bill, the same amounts as were appropriated in the prior fiscal year shall be automatically available for expenditure, subject to monthly or quarterly allotments as determined by the State Budget Officer. Expenditures for general obligation bond indebtedness of the State shall be made as required regardless of the passage of the annual budget or the amount provided for in the prior fiscal year.

The budget as submitted by the Governor is required to contain a statement of receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year, the budget year (next fiscal year), and two prior fiscal years. Receipt estimates for the current year and budget year are those adopted by the State Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, as adjusted by any change to rates recommended by the Governor.

The State Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference was created by the 1990 General Assembly to provide the Governor and the Assembly with estimates of general revenues. It is composed of the State Budget Officer, the House Fiscal Advisor, and the Senate Fiscal Advisor, with the chair rotating among the three. It must meet twice a year (specifically November and May) and can be called at any other time by any member, and must reach consensus on revenues. The 1991 Assembly created a Medical Assistance and Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conference, similar to the Revenue Estimating Conference, to adopt welfare and medical assistance caseload estimates.

In addition to the preparation of the annual budget, the State Budget Officer is also authorized and directed by the general laws: (a) to exercise budgetary control over all State departments; (b) to operate an appropriation allotment system; (c) to develop long-term activity and financial programs, particularly capital improvement programs; (d) to approve or disapprove all requests for new personnel; and (e) to prepare annually a five-year financial projection of anticipated general revenue receipts and expenditures, including detail of principal revenue sources and expenditures by major program areas which shall be included in the budget submitted to the General Assembly.

The 1990 Assembly instituted a limit on State expenditures commencing in FY 1992 such that appropriations do not result in general fund expenditures exceeding 99.5 percent of general fund revenues in FY 1993, 98.5 percent in FY 1994 and 98.0 percent thereafter. The remaining balance is to be deposited into a budget reserve account, capped at 3 percent of general fund revenues. Once capped, the excess is deposited in a Capital Account called the Rhode Island Capital Fund, to be used for capital projects, debt reduction, and/or debt service. The 1991 Assembly suspended those provisions for FY 1992, but provided that any revenues received in excess of the amount estimated were to be deposited in the account, up to one half percent of general revenues. Excess revenues were received in FY 1993, largely as a result of medicaid disproportionate share and provider tax receipts, and an \$8.4 million deposit was made into the fund.

The 1992 General Assembly approved placing the spending limits on the ballot as a constitutional requirement, which the voters approved on November 3, 1992. Since that time, the fund has continued to grow, such that the FY 2001 reserve fund balance was \$79.7 million.

Financial Controls

Internal financial controls utilized by the State consist principally of statutory restrictions on the expenditure of funds in excess of appropriations, the supervisory powers and functions exercised by the Department of Administration and the accounting and audit controls maintained by the State Controller and the Bureau of Audits. Statutory restrictions include the requirement that all bills or resolutions introduced in the General Assembly which, if passed, would have an effect on State or local revenues or expenditures (unless the bill includes the appropriation of a specific dollar amount) must be accompanied by a "fiscal note," which sets forth such effect. Bills impacting upon State finances are forwarded to the State Budget Officer who determines the agency, or agencies, affected by the bill and is responsible, in cooperation with such agencies, for the preparation of the fiscal note. The State Department of Administration is responsible for the preparation of fiscal notes for bills affecting cities and towns.

The Department of Administration is required by law to produce a quarterly report to be made public that incorporates actual expenditures, encumbrances, and revenues with the projected revenues and appropriations. The report also contains a projection of a year-end balance.

The State Controller is required by general law to administer a comprehensive accounting system which will classify the transactions of State departments in accordance with the budget plan, to prescribe a uniform financial, accounting and cost accounting system for State departments and to approve all orders for disbursement of funds from the State treasury. In addition to his or her other duties, the Controller is required to prepare monthly statements of receipts and disbursements in comparison with estimates of revenue and allotments of appropriations.

The General Treasurer is responsible for the deposit of cash receipts; the payment of sums, as may be required from time to time and upon due authorization from the State Controller; and as Chair of the State Investment Commission, the investment of all monies in the State fund structure, as directed by the State Investment Commission. Major emphasis is placed by the General Treasurer on cash management in order to insure that there is adequate cash on hand to meet the obligations of the State as they arise.

The General Treasurer is responsible for the investment of certain funds and accounts of the State on a day-to-day basis. The State treasury balance is determined daily. In addition, the General Treasurer is the custodian of certain other funds and accounts and, in conjunction with the State Investment Commission, invests the amounts on deposit in such funds and accounts, including but not limited to the State Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Trust Fund and the Municipal Employees' Retirement Trust Fund. The General Treasurer submits a report to the General Assembly at the close of each fiscal year on the performance of the State's investments.

The Finance Committee of the House of Representatives is required by law to provide for a complete post-audit of the financial transactions and accounts of the State on an annual basis, which must be performed by the Auditor General, who is appointed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs of the General Assembly. This post-audit is performed traditionally on the basis of financial statements prepared by the State Controller with specific attention to the violation of laws within the scope of the audit, illegal or improper expenditures or accounting procedures and recommendations for accounting and fiscal controls. The Auditor General is additionally directed to review annually all capital development programs of the State to determine: (a) the status of such programs; (b) whether funds are being properly expended; (c) completion dates; and, (d) expended and unexpended fund balances. The Auditor General also has the power, when directed by the Joint Committee, to make post-audits and performance audits of all State and local public bodies or any private entity receiving State funds.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The State draws nearly all of its revenue from a series of non-property related taxes and excises, principally the personal income tax and general retail sales and use tax, from federal assistance payments and grants-in-aid, and from earnings and receipts from certain State-operated programs and facilities. The State additionally derives revenue from a variety of special purpose fees and charges that must be used for specific purposes as required by State law.

Major Sources of State Revenue

Tax Revenues: Approximately 71.5 percent of all taxes and departmental receipts in FY 2001 were derived from the Rhode Island personal income tax and the sales and use tax. They constituted 63.4 percent of all general revenues.

Personal Income Tax. Until July 1, 2001, State law provided for a personal income tax on residents and non-residents (including estates and trusts) equal to a percentage of the federal income tax liability attributable to the taxpayer's Rhode Island income ("piggyback tax"). The FY 2002 Appropriations Act changes the tax scheme to impose a tax on Rhode Island taxable income in such a manner so as to compute the tax that would otherwise have been due under the "piggyback tax" if the federal government had not passed the rate and bracket changes in the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 ("EGTRRA"). A resident's Rhode Island taxable income is equal to his or her federal taxable income, subject to specified modifications. A non-resident's Rhode Island income is equal to such non-resident's income less deductions (including such taxpayer's share of the income and deductions of any partnership, trust, estate, electing small business corporations, or domestic international sales corporation), subject to specified modifications which are included in computing his or her federal adjusted gross income and are derived from or connected with any property located or deemed to be located in the State and any income producing activity or occupation carried on in the State. Article 7 of the FY 2002 Appropriations Act changes the Rhode Island Personal Income Tax from a piggyback tax on federal tax liability to Rhode Island rates applied to federal taxable income and provides for eliminating capital gains tax on assets held more than five years. Current law allows the Tax Administrator to modify income tax rates as necessary when the Assembly is not in session to adjust for federal tax law changes to ensure maintenance of the revenue base upon which appropriations are made.

Effective with the passage of Chapter 6 of the 1991 Rhode Island Public Laws, the State rate became 27.5 percent of the taxpayer's federal income tax liability for the period January 1, 1991 and thereafter. However, Article 30 of the 1993 Appropriations Act provided for a second tier rate of 32.0 percent on the amount of a taxpayer's federal tax liability which is

in excess of fifteen thousand dollars. This provision remained in effect through tax year 1993, although the Tax Administrator, using his authority to adjust rates (as described above), modified the second tier rates in October 1993. This was done to offset the effects of changes in federal tax law contained in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (H.R. 2264). The FY 1998 Appropriations Act reduced the personal income tax rate from 27.5 percent of federal liability to 27.0 percent, effective January 1, 1998, from 27.0 percent to 26.5 percent effective January 1, 1999, from 26.5 percent to 26.0 percent of federal liability effective January 1, 2000, and from 26.0 percent to 25.5 percent effective January 1, 2001. It further provided for a reduction to 25 percent effective January 1, 2002. Under the new taxing scheme Rhode Island rates would vary from 3.825 percent to 10.089 percent of taxable income (depending on income bracket) effective January 1, 2001 and from 3.75 percent to 9.9 percent of taxable income (depending on income bracket) effective January 1, 2002. Finally, the FY 1998 Appropriations Act increased the Investment Tax Credit from 4.0 percent to 10.0 percent, and increased the Research and Development Tax Credit from 5.0 percent to 22.5 percent effective January 1, 1998. The Rhode Island personal income tax accounted for approximately \$913.8 million or 35.6 percent of the State's FY 2001 general revenues.

Sales and Use Tax. The State assesses a tax on all retail sales, subject to certain exceptions, and on hotel and other public accommodation rentals, as well as upon the storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property in the State. The sales and use tax is imposed upon the retailer at the rate of 7.0 percent of the gross receipts from taxable sales. Included as major exemptions from the tax are: (a) food (excluding food sold by restaurants, drive-ins or other eating places) for human consumption off the premises of the retailer; (b) clothing; (c) medicines sold on prescription; (d) fuel used in the heating of homes and residential premises; (e) domestic water usage; (f) gasoline and other motor fuels otherwise specifically taxed; (g) sales of tangible property and public utility services when the property or service becomes a component part of a manufactured product for resale, or when the property or service is consumed directly in the process of manufacturing or processing products for resale and such consumption occurs within one year from the date such property is first used in such production; (h) tools, dies and molds and machinery and equipment (including replacement parts thereof) used directly and exclusively in an industrial plant in the actual manufacture, conversion or processing of tangible personal property to be sold; (i) sales of air and water pollution control equipment for installation pursuant to an order by the State Director of Environmental Management; and (j) sales of boats or vessels.

The FY 1991 Reissuance of Appropriations Act, Article 4, provided that the sales tax rate would remain at 7.0 percent for the period commencing July 1, 1990. In addition, subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly, the Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation Act dedicated one-half cent of the total levy per dollar to "...be utilized to pay the debt service of the corporation and otherwise effectuate the purposes of the corporation" effective July 1, 1991. Legislation enacted by the 1992 Assembly increased the dedication under the Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation Act from one-half to six-tenths of one cent, exclusive of any receipts resulting from any expansion of the coverage in sale and use taxes through legislation enacted subsequent to February 1, 1992.

In May 2000 the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation issued revenue note obligations in the amount of \$40,820,000 to finance a portion of the costs of the Providence Place Mall. Such financing will be supported by two-thirds of the sales taxes generated at the mall (up to a cap of \$3.68 million in years 1-5, and \$3.56 million in years 6-20) as provided in the Mall Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-63.5-1 et. seq.) enacted by the General Assembly in 1996 and Public Investment and HOV Agreement. It is expected that sales tax revenues generated at the Mall will be sufficient to fully support the revenue note obligations. Sales tax generated at the Mall is recorded as general revenues. The State is not obligated to fund the note payments if the sales tax generated is not sufficient.

The sales and use tax accounted for approximately \$712.6 million or 27.8 percent of the State's FY 2001 general revenues.

Business Corporation Tax. The business corporation tax is imposed on corporations deriving income from sources within the State or engaging in activities for the purpose of profit or gain. Article 20 of the 1990 Budget as amended set a rate of 9.0 percent effective July 1, 1989. In addition, Chapter 27 of the Rhode Island Public Laws of 1990 requires that two installments of the Business Corporation Tax shall be paid in advance, based upon the estimated tax declared for taxable years ending December 31, 1990 or thereafter. Passage of the FY 1991 Reissuance of Appropriations Act provided for a surtax of 11.0 percent on the amount otherwise due for corporations whose taxable year ends on or after March 31, 1991 and before January 1, 1993.

The Corporation tax was amended in 1993 to change the carry-back, carry-forward provisions from 3 years back, fifteen years forward to five years forward. In addition, the minimum business or franchise tax was raised from \$100 to \$250.

Two reductions to the business corporations tax were enacted as part of the FY 1994 Budget; the first repealed the 11.0 percent surtax for corporations whose taxable years begin on or after January 1, 1994 (an extension to January 1, 1997 was enacted in 1993), and the second doubled the Investment Tax Credit from 2.0 percent to 4.0 percent for investments made beginning January 1, 1994. The FY 1998 Appropriations Act modified taxes due under the Business Corporations Tax by providing for enhanced credits. Specifically, the budget provided for an increase in the Investment Tax Credit from 4.0 percent to 10.0 percent for machinery and equipment expenditures and increased the Research and Development Tax Credit for qualified research expenses from 5.0 percent to 22.5 percent, both effective January 1, 1998.

Corporations dealing in securities on their own behalf, whose gross receipts from such activities amount to at least 90.0 percent of their total gross receipts, have been exempt from the net worth computation but are required to pay the 9.0 percent income tax. Regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts and personal holding companies pay a tax at the rate of 10 cents per \$100 of gross income or \$100, whichever is greater. Such corporate security dealers, investment companies, investment trusts and personal holding companies are allowed to deduct from net income 50.0 percent of the excess of capital gains over capital losses realized during the taxable year when computing the tax.

Health Care Provider Assessment. The 1992 Legislature enacted a health care provider assessment on residential facilities for the mentally retarded in the FY 1992 Supplemental Budget Bill. This was a medicaid provider specific tax levy of 25.0 percent on gross revenues on community residences for the mentally retarded. That assessment fell within the guidelines of the federal legislation enacted in November of 1991 concerning medicaid provider specific taxes. In mid-September 1994, the levy dropped to 6.0 percent because of new federal limitations on reimbursements for this tax.

The Legislature also enacted a 2.75 percent tax on gross revenues for nursing homes and a 1.50 percent tax on gross revenues from free-standing medicaid facilities not associated with hospitals as part of the FY 1993 budget. This tax was scheduled to end September 30, 1995; however, the FY 1996 Appropriations Act extended the tax on nursing facilities to September 30, 1997 and raised the rate to 3.75 percent effective October 1, 1995. The FY 1998 Budget provided for elimination of the previously enacted sunset date and made the tax permanent.

Taxes on Public Service Corporations. A tax ranging from 1.25 percent to 8.0 percent of gross earnings is assessed annually against any corporation enumerated in Title 44, Chapter 13 of the General Laws, incorporated under the laws of the State or doing business in Rhode Island. In the case of corporations whose principal business is manufacturing, selling or distributing currents of electricity, the rate of tax imposed is 4.0 percent. For those corporations manufacturing, selling or distributing illuminating or heating gas, the rate of tax imposed is 3.0 percent of gross earnings. Corporations providing telecommunications services were assessed at a rate of 6.0 percent, until July 1, 1997, at which time the rate was reduced to 5.0 percent. However, 100.0 percent of the amounts paid by a corporation to another corporation for connecting fees, switching charges and carrier access charges are excluded from the gross earnings of the paying company. The minimum tax payable is \$100. The tangible personal property within the State of telegraph, cable, and telephone corporations used exclusively for the corporate business, is exempt from taxation, subject to certain exceptions.

Article 14 of the FY 1995 Appropriations Act provided for a phase out of the portion of the public service corporation tax imposed on energy used in manufacturing effective July 1, 1994. The tax on electricity was lowered one percent per year for four years, and was fully eliminated on July 1, 1997. The tax on natural gas was lowered one percent per year for the next three years, and was fully eliminated on July 1, 1996. The article contained provisions to ensure that the tax savings would be passed on directly to manufacturers.

Tax on Insurance Companies. Each insurance company transacting business in Rhode Island must file a return each year on or before March 1 and pay a tax of 2.0 percent of its gross premiums. These are premiums on insurance contracts written during the preceding calendar year on Rhode Island businesses. The same tax applies to an out-of-state insurance company, but the tax cannot be less than that which would be levied by the State or foreign country on a similar Rhode Island insurance company or its agent doing business to the same extent there. Effective December 31, 1989, premiums from marine insurance issued in Rhode Island became exempt from the tax on gross premiums. The FY 1998 Appropriations Act provided for an increase in the investment tax credit for insurance companies from 4.0 percent to 10.0 percent for machinery and equipment expenditures effective January 1, 1998.

Insurance and surety companies are exempt from the business corporation tax and annual franchise tax, but they are subject to provisions concerning any estimated taxes which may be due. Through the provisions of Article 33 of the FY 1990 Appropriations Act, surplus line brokers were included under the statutes relative to estimated taxes. Refer also to discussion above under "Business Corporation Tax" for requirements relating to advance payments.

Tax on Banking Institutions-Excise Tax. For the privilege of existing as a banking institution during any part of the year, each State bank, trust company, or loan and investment company in the State must annually pay an excise tax measured by: (1) 9.0 percent of its net income of the preceding year, or (2) \$2.50 per \$10,000 or a fraction thereof of its authorized capital stock as of the last day of the preceding calendar year. The tax payable is the higher of the two. A national bank within the State must only pay the excise tax measured by option (1) above. The minimum tax payable is \$100. Mutual savings banks and building and loan associations are subject to tax, effective January 1, 1998. Refer also to discussion above under "Business Corporation Tax" for requirements relating to advance payments. The FY 1998 Appropriations Act provided for an increase in the investment tax credit for banking institutions from 4.0 percent to 10.0 percent for machinery and equipment expenditures effective January 1, 1998.

Tax on Banking Institutions-Interest Bearing Deposits. Chapter 410 of the Public Laws of 1986 established current tax rates on banking institutions. For institutions with over \$150 million in deposits, the rate was .0695¢ on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of deposits. For institutions with \$150 million or less in deposits, the rate was .0625¢ on each one hundred dollars (\$100). Under Article 29 of the FY 1993 Appropriations Act, the tax rates applied to credit unions were set equal to those levied on other banking institutions and the tax is applied to average daily deposits held for the full calendar year for all types of banking institutions. Article 34 of the FY 1996 Appropriations Act reduces the rates on banking institutions with over \$150 million in deposits to .0348 cents on each one hundred dollars of deposits and to .0313 cents on each one hundred dollars of deposits for those institutions with less than \$150 million in deposits for the 1997 calendar year. The deposits base includes all but that percentage equivalent to total assets as are invested in obligations of the United States and excludes those deposits of a branch or office located outside the State of Rhode Island or those of an international banking facility of any banking institution. The FY 1996 Appropriations Act eliminated certain exclusions relative to the tax on credit unions effective January 1, 1996, but did not make changes relative to the rate of tax for credit unions. The rate was set to zero for banks beginning January 1, 1998 and thereafter.

Chapter 15 of the 1992 Rhode Island Public Laws changed the timing of the estimated payments. The legislation placed the bank deposit tax on the same calendar basis as the other business taxes.

Estate Tax. For decedents whose deaths occur before January 1, 2002, the estate tax will equal the applicable credit allowable under federal estate tax law. For decedents whose deaths occur on or after January 1, 2002, the estate tax will equal the maximum credit allowed under federal estate tax law as it was in effect as of January 1, 2001. The time period for filing a return is nine months from date of death.

Cigarette Tax. Article 17 of the 1990 Appropriations Act established rates equal to 18.5 mills per cigarette (37 cents per package of 20) effective on June 29, 1989. The FY 1994 Budget increased the rate from 18.5 mills per cigarette to 22.0 mills per cigarette (from 37 cents to 44 cents per package of 20 cigarettes) and to 56 cents per pack, effective July 1, 1994. The FY 1996 Appropriations Act increased the tax by five cents to 61 cents per pack effective July 1, 1995. Article 12 of the FY 1998 Appropriations Act raised the tax by 10 cents to 71 cents per pack effective July 1, 1997. The FY 2002 Appropriations Act raised the tax by 29 cents to \$1.00 per pack effective July 1, 2001.

Gasoline Tax. The tax is due and is not refundable on the sale of all fuels used or suitable for operating internal combustion engines other than fuel used: (a) for commercial fishing and other marine purposes other than operating pleasure craft; (b) in engines, tractors, or motor vehicles not registered for use or used on public highways by lumbermen, water well drillers and farmers; (c) for the operation of airplanes; (d) by manufacturers who use diesel engine fuel for the manufacture of power and who use fuels other than gasoline and diesel engine fuel as industrial raw material; and (e) for municipalities and sewer commissions using fuel in the operation of vehicles not registered for use on public highways.

Chapter 6 of the 1991 Rhode Island Public Laws modified the gasoline tax floor from 18 cents per gallon to 23 cents per gallon, effective upon passage. In addition, the minimum tax under the gasoline excise component was changed from 2 cents to 3 cents per gallon for a total gasoline tax floor of 26 cents per gallon upon passage of the Act.

The FY 1993 Budget increased the dedicated portion of gas tax receipts to the Highway Reconstruction and Repair Account from 5 cents to 7 cents and from zero to 3 cents to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). The 1994 Appropriations Act raised the gasoline tax to 28 cents per gallon, an increase of 2 cents. One cent continued to be deposited as general revenue through June 30, 1998, and the remaining 27 cents were deposited in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund (ISTF). ISTF funds were distributed to RIPTA (3 cents), Elderly and Handicapped Transportation (1 cent), and the General Revenue Fund (10 cents), with the remainder used to finance the Department of Transportation (13 cents). The FY 1996 Appropriations Act decreased the portion of the tax deposited in General Revenue by 1 cent (to 9 cents), and reallocated that portion to the Department of Transportation. The FY 1998 Appropriations Act again modified the distribution of ISTF receipts. The share of the gasoline tax transferred to the general fund decreased by 2 cents (to 7 cents), thereby increasing the Department of Transportation share by 2 cents (to 16.0 cents). The FY 1999 Appropriations Act requires that the full 28 cents of the gas tax be deposited in the ISTF, and again modified the distribution. Beginning in FY 1999, the tax is allocated as follows: Department of Elderly Affairs (1 cent), RIPTA (5 cents), Department of Transportation (17.5 cents), and transfer to General Fund (4.5 cents). The FY 2000 Appropriations Act increased the RIPTA allocation to 5.5 cents beginning in FY 2000, and further modified the transportation and general fund distribution. The Department of Transportation was to receive 18.0 cents in FY 2000, DEA was to receive 1.0 cent, and the transfer to the general fund was to equal 3.5 cents. The FY 2001 Appropriations Act again modified the distribution for FY 2000, such that the general fund would receive 3.25 cents, Transportation would receive 18.25 cents, and DEA and RIPTA would receive 1.0 cent and 5.5 cents, respectively. In FY 2001, the distribution was arranged by allocating RIPTA 5.75 cents and DEA 1.0 cent. Under the 2001 Appropriations Act, DOT will receive 19.5 cents in FY 2001, 20.5 cents in FY 2002, and 21.25 cents thereafter. The FY 2001 General Fund transfer would equal 1.75 cents in FY 2001, and 0.75 cents in FY 2002. The 2002 Appropriations Act allocated an additional one-half cent to RIPTA in FY 2002, such that the General Fund transfer would equal .25 cents. Under current law, all gas tax proceeds would be allocated for transportation purposes in FY 2003.

Other Taxes. In addition to the above described taxes, the State imposes various fees, taxes and excises for the registration of domestic and foreign corporations, the sale of liquor and other alcoholic beverages, the registration of motor vehicles and the operation of pari-mutuel betting.

Departmental Revenues: The largest category of departmental earnings is the group defined as licenses and fees, due largely to the assessment of the hospital licensing fee, which was intended to be a one year fee that yielded \$77.3 million in FY 1995. The FY 1996 Appropriations Act extended the fee one year but at a lower rate, generating \$37.5 million. The FY 1997 Appropriations Act extended the fee for an additional year at the same rate of 2.2 percent, yielding \$37.5 million. The FY 1998, FY 1999, and FY 2000 Appropriations Acts each extended the fee for one year, at the rate of 2.0 percent of gross patient receipts. The FY 2001 Appropriations Act amended the rate in FY 2000 to 2.65 percent. It also extended the fee for FY 2001 at the rate of 4.0 percent of net receipts.

The second largest category of revenue is sales and services, which includes disproportionate share revenues. Other departmental revenues include fines and penalties and various miscellaneous receipts such as investment earnings on General Fund balances. Departmental revenues totaled \$261.7 million in FY 2001.

Restricted Receipts: In FY 2001, the State expended \$95.5 million which was received in restricted receipts, excluding transfers into the General Fund. These reflect various specialized fees and charges, interest on certain funds and accounts maintained by the State and private contributions and grants to certain State programs. Such receipts are restricted under State law to offset State expenditures for the program under which such receipts are derived.

Other Sources: The largest component of Other Sources is the transfer from the State Lottery. The State Lottery Fund was created in 1974 for the receipt and disbursement of revenues of the State Lottery Commission from sales of lottery tickets and license fees. The monies in the fund are allotted for: (1) establishing a prize fund from which payments of the prize are disbursed to holders of winning lottery tickets, the total of which prize payments equals, as nearly as is practicable, 45 percent of the total revenue accruing from the sale of lottery tickets; (2) payment of expenses incurred by the Commission in the operation of the State lotteries; and (3) payment to the State's General Fund of all revenues remaining in the State Lottery Fund, provided that the amount to be transferred into the General Fund must equal not less than 30 percent of the total revenue received and accrued from the sale of lottery tickets plus any other income earned from the lottery. The FY 1996 Appropriations Act increased the percentage of video lottery terminal receipts which are transferred to the General Fund and increased the payout to keno game players, which has increased lottery income. Lottery transfers to the general fund totaled

\$180.7 million in FY 2001. The FY 2001 Appropriations Act increased the allowable payout percentages for certain lottery and keno games, and also redistributed net terminal income from video lottery games, resulting in a greater portion of net terminal income being retained by the State.

Other Miscellaneous Sources in FY 2001 totaled \$97.1 million, the largest components of which are \$45.1 million in Tobacco Settlement Funds, a \$28.2 million transfer from DEPCO, and \$10.3 million from bond proceeds investment earnings.

Also included in the Other Sources category is the gas tax transfer from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund. Gasoline tax receipts not dedicated for use by transportation agencies become available to the general fund. This amounted to \$8.5 million in FY 2001.

The Unclaimed Property Transfer reflects funds which have escheated to the State. They include unclaimed items such as bank deposits, funds held by life insurance companies, deposits and refunds held by utilities, dividends, and property held by courts and public agencies. The General Treasurer deposits escheated funds in the general fund, with deductions made for administrative costs. Unclaimed property transfers totaled \$4.5 million in FY 2001.

Federal Receipts: In FY 2001, the State expended \$1.428 billion of revenues from the federal government, representing grants-in-aid and reimbursements to the State for expenditures for various health, welfare and educational programs and distribution of various restricted or categorical grants-in-aid.

Federal grants-in-aid reimbursements are normally conditioned to some degree, depending on the particular program being funded, on matching resources by the State ranging from a 50 percent matching expenditure to in-kind contributions. The largest categories of federal grants and reimbursements are made for medical assistance payments for the indigent (Title XIX) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). The federal participatory rates for Title XIX are recalculated annually, and the major determinant in the rate calculation is the relative wealth of the State. The federal match rate is 54.12% percent as of October 1, 2001. Beginning in FY 1997, TANF funds became block grants; state eligibility is conditional on maintenance of effort expenditure floors.

ECONOMIC FORECAST

This section describes the economic forecast used as input for the Revenue Estimating Conference's consensus estimate. For historical information, please refer to Exhibit B.

During the 1997-1998 legislative session, the statutes governing the Revenue Estimating Conference were amended. Beginning in Fiscal Year 1999, the statute requires that the principal members (the Budget Officer, the House Fiscal Advisor, and the Senate Fiscal Advisor) "shall adopt a consensus forecast upon which to base revenue estimates." (R.I.G.L. § 35-16-5 (e)).

The Revenue Estimating Conference incorporates a range of economic forecasts and economic information in making revenue estimates. During its November 2001 meeting, forecasts were presented by *Economy.com* and *DRI-WEFA*. The Department of Labor and Training also presented current employment and labor force trends.

Prior to the November 2001 conference, the conferees adopted a Rhode Island fiscal year forecast for Rhode Island total employment, Rhode Island personal income, and the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers covering the last fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the budget year.

Due to the Rhode Island Division of Taxation's procurement of an updated personal income tax simulation model in 2001, additional economic variables needed to be forecast at the November 2001 conference. Thus, in addition to the above variables, forecasts for the following economic variables were also agreed upon at the November 2001 conference (all measures are for Rhode Island unless otherwise noted): wage and salary income, farm income, non-farm business income, dividends, interest and rent, total transfer payments, the unemployment rate, the interest rate for ten year U.S. Treasury notes, and the interest rate for three month U.S. Treasury bills. Furthermore, the forecast of these economic variables was expanded to include the relevant calendar years and extended to cover the period from 2001 through 2010.

During the November 2001 conference, the conferees heard testimony from the state's two economic consulting firms, *Economy.com* and *DRI-WEFA*. At this time, both consultants believed that the U.S. economy was in recession with the recession commencing in the third calendar quarter of 2001 and likely after the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Since this meeting, the National Bureau of Economic Research has officially declared that the U.S. economy went into recession in March 2001. This timing of the recession was designated despite the fact that the U.S. economy had not experienced two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth until the third and fourth calendar quarters of 2001.

Interestingly, Rhode Island's economy had not begun to feel the effects of the national economic slowdown until the fourth calendar quarter of 2001. This is truly a turn of events for the Rhode Island economy. Historically, Rhode Island's economy has preceded the national economy into recession and lagged the national economy in the recovery phase. The reasons why Rhode Island has deviated from this historical pattern are many and include the fact that the Rhode Island economy has undergone a structural change from a manufacturing base to a services base since the last recession of the early 1990s. Nonetheless, there is little doubt that the Rhode Island economy is currently in recession and will remain so through the first calendar quarter of 2002 and possibly longer. At this point in time, it is believed that economic recovery in Rhode Island will begin toward the end of the second calendar quarter of 2002, with the full effects of the recovery not being felt until sometime in the third calendar quarter of 2002.

The consensus economic forecast for the fiscal years 2001 to 2003 agreed upon by the conferees at the November 2001 Revenue Estimating Conference is shown in the table below. This consensus economic forecast reflects the belief that the recession will be mild to average with a recovery of similar magnitude. This forecast is in stark contrast to the actual outcome of the last recession – a recession that was much deeper and more prolonged and was followed by a slow, gradual recovery.

The November 2001 Consensus Economic Forecast				
Rates of Growth	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Employment	2.3%	1.4%	-1.1%	0.3%
Personal Income	6.4%	5.9%	3.0%	3.8%
Wage and Salary Income	6.3%	6.8%	3.3%	4.0%
Farm Income	10.0%	-23.3%	-15.6%	8.5%
Non-farm Business Income	7.2%	5.8%	3.7%	6.0%
Dividends, Interest and Rent	7.4%	4.4%	-2.0%	-1.0%
Total Transfer Payments	4.2%	4.8%	8.5%	8.2%
U.S. CPI-U	1.5%	2.2%	3.4%	2.9%
Nominal Levels				
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.0%	5.9%	6.2%
Ten Year Treasury Notes	5.64%	6.03%	5.00%	5.30%
Three Month Treasury Bills	4.64%	5.82%	3.40%	3.90%

REVENUE ESTIMATES

Revenue estimates are predicated upon the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference in November 2001 as well as changes to the general revenues reflected in the FY 2002 revised budget plan and proposed FY 2003 budget plan proposed by the Governor. The Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference is required by legislation to convene at least twice annually to forecast general revenues for the current year and the budget year, based upon current law and collection trends, as well as the economic forecast.

The Governor's recommended budget includes general revenues of \$2.554 billion in FY 2002 and \$2.705 billion in FY 2003. Annual estimated growth during FY 2002 and FY 2003 is -0.4 percent and 5.9 percent, respectively. Estimated deposits of \$53.7 million and \$54.5 million will be made to the Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Fund during the same time periods.

FY 2002 Revenue Estimate

The November 2001 conference revised the FY 2002 enacted revenue estimate downward by \$35.7 million, a 1.4 percent decline. The Governor recommends changes to the adopted estimates, including a \$15.5 million increase in new revenues, in the supplemental budget presented on January 8, 2002.

Recommended revenues for FY 2002 are predicated upon a \$26.4 million decrease in collections over FY 2001, or growth of -0.4% percent. The Departmental Receipts contraction of \$19.8 million comprises the largest portion of the decrease. Much of the decrease in FY 2002 is due to anticipated losses of \$17.1 million in the Licenses and Fees component of Departmental Receipts. Personal Income Tax collections are also lower by \$30.3 million, but this decrease is more than offset by the increase in lottery receipts of \$38.5 million. This increase in lottery receipts is predicated on the Governor's proposal to increase the state's share of video lottery terminal (VLT) net income from 51% at Lincoln Park and 57% at Newport Grand Jai Alai to 60% at both facilities. The Governor's proposed change will result in an additional \$7.1 million in FY 2002.

Revenue losses in personal income will be overstated due to tax rate reductions and tax credits. The personal income tax rate was reduced on January 1, 2002 from 25.5 percent of federal taxable income tax liability to 25.0 percent of the same. This reduction in the personal income tax rate is expected to result in decreased revenues of approximately \$17.0 million in FY 2002. The increased Investment Tax Credit and Research and Development Tax Credits also continue to impact tax collections in FY 2002, as individuals and businesses continue to reap the benefits of an improved tax structure in Rhode Island. Personal income taxes are expected to comprise 34.6% of all general revenues collected in FY 2002.

The Sales Tax is expected to show gains in FY 2002 collections of \$13.2 million over FY 2001 collections. Sales taxes represent 28.4 percent of total general revenues in FY 2002. Although nationally consumer confidence has fallen, especially after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, Rhode Island sales tax collections have not eroded significantly during this time. The automobile industry's zero percent financing campaign during the fourth calendar quarter of 2001 was clearly beneficial in this regard. Anticipated collections in FY 2002 are \$725.8 million, reflecting a growth rate of 1.8 percent over FY 2001 collections.

Within the excise tax category, motor vehicle tax collections are expected to reach \$44.4 million in FY 2002, slightly less than FY 2001 collections. The Motor Fuel tax estimate of \$1.1 million is consistent with FY 2001 receipts. The revised FY 2002 Cigarette Tax estimate of \$78.6 million is a downward revision of \$3.9 million from the FY 2002 enacted budget. Both of these estimates reflect the 2001 Assembly's enactment of an increase in the cigarette tax from \$0.71 per pack to \$1.00 per pack effective July 1, 2001. The FY 2002 estimate for cigarette tax collections is an increase of \$18.5 million over FY 2001 collections.

Negative growth is expected in nearly all categories of general business taxes. FY 2002 Business Corporations taxes are expected to fall \$10.6 million below FY 2001 collections and Financial Institutions taxes are estimated to be \$10.1 million below FY 2001 collections. The primary reason for these sharp declines is the economic recession currently gripping the state economy. The Business Corporations Tax and the Financial Institutions Tax are expected to bring collections of \$50.0 million, and \$9.0 million, respectively. The Public Utilities Gross Earnings Tax is expected to garner

\$89.4 million, an increase of \$7.3 million over FY 2001 collections. The Health Care Provider Tax is estimated to yield \$27.0 million a slight decrease from the \$27.3 million collected in FY 2001.

Inheritance and Gift Taxes are expected to yield \$4.4 million less in FY 2002 than in FY 2001, with estimated collections of \$22.5 million. This decline is due to the nature of the tax itself, which can be affected markedly by the passing of a single wealthy taxpayer. Racing and Athletic Taxes are expected to be up slightly from FY 2001 levels, totaling \$5.7 million, while Realty Transfer Taxes are expected to total \$2.5 million in FY 2002 on par with the amount collected in FY 2001.

In FY 2002, Departmental Receipts are estimated at \$242.0 million, a decrease of \$19.8 million from FY 2001 collections. Although the majority of this decline is due to a drop in Licenses and Fees, Fines and Penalties are estimated to fall by \$5.3 million from their FY 2001 values. Sales and Services are proposed to increase by approximately \$2.2 million in FY 2002 relative to FY 2001 collections. Of this \$2.2 million increase, \$1.2 million is attributable to the Governor's FY 2002 budget recommendations regarding Sales and Services. Although Miscellaneous Departmental Revenues are estimated to be flat year over year, this outcome is dependent on the adoption of the Governor's proposed FY 2002 revenue enhancements of \$3.1 million by the General Assembly.

Other Miscellaneous Revenues are expected to total \$93.0 million in FY 2002, a decrease of \$4.1 million from FY 2001 collections. The key difference from FY 2001 collections is the decrease in the reallocation of DEPCO transfers from the sinking fund. In FY 2001, these transfers totaled \$28.2 million, while in FY 2002 they are estimated to be \$16.5 million, a decrease of 41.5%. This decrease in DEPCO transfers is offset in part by an increase in FY 2002 of \$8.7 million for the estimated value of the state's tobacco settlement revenues, compared to FY 2001 collections. The value for other miscellaneous revenues also assumes that the Governor's recommended revenue enhancements of \$3.7 million are incorporated into the final FY 2002 budget.

"Other Miscellaneous" receipts are expected to total \$93.0 million. The major components in this category include: airport lease payments of \$3.2 million; tobacco settlement proceeds of \$53.8 million; Resource Recovery transfers (\$3.0 million); bond interest earnings of \$10.1 million, and DEPCO asset transfers of \$16.5 million.

FY 2003 Revenue Estimate

The Governor's recommended FY 2003 general revenue estimate of \$2.705 billion reflects overall growth of 5.9 percent from FY 2002 revised levels. The largest source of FY 2003 general revenues is the personal income tax, with estimated receipts of \$891.9 million comprising 33.0 percent of the total. Meager income tax growth of 1.0 percent is anticipated. The rate of growth in income tax collections will be restrained by the final phase-in of the income tax relief enacted in 1997. The value of the personal income tax rate reduction enacted by the 1997 General Assembly will increase in FY 2003 by approximately \$11.1 million compared to FY 2002 levels. Adjusted for the rate reduction, the FY 2003 underlying income tax growth equals 2.2 percent.

Sales Tax collections are expected to total \$750.4 million in FY 2003. The FY 2003 estimate anticipates 3.4 percent annual growth, with the sales tax equaling 27.7 percent of total general revenues. The FY 2003 sales tax figure includes \$1.4 million in revenues associated with the Governor's proposal to increase the state's cigarette tax.

Cigarette Tax collections are expected to rise sharply in FY 2003 upon adoption of the Governor's recommendation to increase the tax on cigarettes by \$0.35 a pack from \$1.00 to \$1.35. The higher cigarette tax is estimated to generate an additional \$21.0 million, with cigarette taxes equaling 3.6 percent of total general revenues in FY 2003. Other excise tax components are expected to remain consistent with FY 2002 levels.

General business taxes represent 8.6 percent of total general revenue collections in the budget year. Business Corporation Tax revenues are expected to yield \$59.6 million, an increase of 19.2 percent from FY 2002 levels. The increase assumes a recovery of the state economy's from the current recession. Franchise and Insurance Taxes are expected to remain consistent with FY 2002 totals. The Public Utilities Gross Earnings Tax, however, is forecast to increase 4.8% in FY 2003, largely due to increased collections from telecommunications providers. Health Care Provider

Taxes are forecast to be \$27.8 million in FY 2003, increasing in line with health care inflation. The Bank Deposits and Financial Institutions Taxes are also expected to generate revenues consistent with their FY 2002 levels.

Inheritance and Gift Taxes, Racing and Athletics Taxes, and Realty Transfer Taxes are expected to remain at or near FY 2002 levels. Anticipated collections are \$22.5 million, \$5.7 million, and \$2.5 million, respectively.

FY 2003 departmental revenues are expected to generate \$7.7 million more than in FY 2002. The Hospital Licensing Fee enacted by the 2000 General Assembly expires on June 30, 2002. The Governor recommends that the fee be continued for one year, and that the rate assessed be increased from 4.25% to 4.48%. The revenue estimate of \$60.0 million is included in FY 2003 general revenues. This is an increase of \$3.0 million from FY 2002 levels, reflecting the proposed rate increase. In addition, the Governor recommends increases in a variety of other fees. Primary among these are an increase in the E-911 wireline and wireless surcharge fee, an increase in the water surcharge fee, and increases in various business regulation and recreation fees. The total of these fee increases is \$6.1 million in FY 2003. Including the proposed changes, departmental revenues are expected to be \$249.8 million in FY 2003, or 9.2% of total general revenues.

The "Other Sources" component total of \$396.5 million in FY 2003 represents an increase of 24.1 percent, or \$77.1 million, compared to FY 2002. Most of the change occurs within "Other Miscellaneous Revenues." FY 2003 includes \$55.3 million from the Governor's proposed securitization of the state's tobacco Master Settlement Agreement payments for the 2004 - 2043 period. In addition, the Governor's proposal to alter the VLT net income allocation so that the state receives 60% of all future VLT net income is estimated to bring in \$24.3 million in FY 2003.

"Other Miscellaneous" receipts are expected to total \$134.6 million. The FY 2003 estimate is \$41.6 million more than FY 2002. The increase is attributable to inclusion of \$55.30 million of proceeds from securitization of tobacco bond revenues.

Finally, the Governor's FY 2003 budget recommends that the final \$0.0025 transfer of the gas tax to the Department of Transportation be delayed for one year. This will result in an increase to general revenues in FY 2003 of \$1,175,000, a \$25,000 increase over FY 2002.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The following tables set forth comparative summaries for all State General Revenues for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 and expenditures for the fiscal years 2000 through 2003. General Fund data for FY 2000 and FY 2001 is derived from financial statements prepared by the State Controller, and post audited by the Auditor General. In addition, expenditures include other sources of funds that are appropriated for budgetary purposes. These include all expenditures shown from other fund sources, as well as certain expenditures from Federal and Restricted Sources. The expenditure tables restate amounts classified by the Controller as "operating transfers", or amounts received by or transferred to other funds, as expenditures. As shown in the free surplus table, the closing surplus for FY 2001 is \$131.2 million, with \$11.1 million of general revenues reappropriated to FY 2002.

General Fund revenues for FY 2000 and FY 2001 reflect the audited actual revenues as reported by the State Controller. General Fund revenues for FY 2002 and FY 2003 are predicated upon consensus estimates of the Revenue Estimating Conference of November 2001, adjusted by changes recommended by the Governor in his proposed budget. The changes total \$15.5 million in FY 2002 and \$187.9 million in FY 2003. These estimates are explained under the section above entitled *Revenue Estimates* and the subheading below entitled *Free Surplus*. General Fund expenditures and expenditures from other fund sources are the expenditure levels as contained in the FY 2002 Appropriations Act enacted on July 5, 2001 as adjusted by the reappropriations and recommended supplemental appropriations from all sources totaling \$159.5 million (including a withdrawal of \$25.8 million of general revenues).

General Revenues as Recommended

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommended
Personal Income Tax	\$817,079,620	\$913,805,718	\$883,500,000	\$891,919,000
General Business Taxes				
Business Corporations	67,995,553	60,629,245	50,000,000	59,600,000
Franchise	7,746,246	8,174,570	7,900,000	7,900,000
Public Utilities Gross Earnings	73,011,717	82,112,494	89,400,000	93,700,000
Financial Institutions	7,683,012	19,105,691	9,000,000	9,000,000
Insurance Companies	31,324,916	37,448,382	34,300,000	34,300,000
Bank Deposits	947,979	959,329	930,000	930,000
Health Care Provider Assessment	24,641,523	27,319,481	27,000,000	27,800,000
Sales and Use Taxes				
Sales and Use	631,304,598	712,596,610	725,800,000	750,371,819
Motor Vehicle	43,689,813	44,433,272	44,400,000	44,900,000
Motor Fuel	641,041	1,151,584	1,100,000	1,100,000
Cigarettes	59,392,252	60,067,612	78,600,000	97,125,993
Alcohol	9,209,855	9,203,779	9,600,000	9,600,000
Controlled Substances	165	4	-	-
Other Taxes				
Inheritance and Gift	35,563,398	26,912,400	22,500,000	22,500,000
Racing and Athletics	5,374,515	5,472,514	5,700,000	5,700,000
Realty Transfer	2,173,033	2,556,006	2,500,000	2,600,000
Total Taxes	1,817,779,236	2,011,948,691	1,992,230,000	2,059,046,812
Departmental Receipts				
Licenses and Fees	108,899,760	154,740,137	137,367,131	146,221,811
Fines and Penalties	27,946,627	25,312,503	20,500,000	20,500,000
Sales and Services	33,386,484	24,989,961	27,062,901	28,719,489
Miscellaneous	37,166,354	56,635,240	57,083,973	54,425,068
Total Departmental Receipts	207,399,225	261,677,841	242,014,005	249,866,368
Taxes and Departmentals	2,025,178,461	2,273,626,532	2,234,244,005	2,308,913,180
Other Sources				
Gas Tax Transfer	14,937,694	8,538,414	1,150,000	1,175,000
Other Miscellaneous	83,412,911	97,011,233	92,997,689	134,577,040
Lottery	150,283,635	180,743,897	219,173,418	252,962,887
Unclaimed Property	3,520,488	4,460,535	6,200,000	7,800,000
Other Sources	252,154,728	290,754,079	319,521,107	396,514,927
Total General Revenues	\$2,277,333,189	\$2,564,380,611	\$2,553,765,112	\$2,705,428,107

Expenditures from General Revenues

	FY 2000 Audited	FY2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
General Government				
Administration	\$ 306,734,524	\$ 352,962,253	\$ 360,735,094	\$ 346,713,533
Business Regulation	7,829,950	8,308,629	8,651,425	9,691,104
Labor and Training	6,693,891	7,300,425	7,245,239	7,669,606
Legislature	22,015,951	24,351,032	28,389,385	23,926,761
Lieutenant Governor	685,387	696,440	760,149	642,592
Secretary of State	4,422,428	5,490,469	4,798,954	6,125,601
General Treasurer	4,767,465	4,901,629	5,124,102	4,618,459
Boards for Design Professionals	340,377	357,428	362,790	395,614
Board of Elections	2,055,786	2,260,980	2,480,787	5,477,850
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	726,788	628,053	904,934	851,875
Governor's Office	3,728,678	4,013,751	5,611,165	5,830,551
Public Utilities Commission	742,169	734,122	710,793	731,581
Rhode Island Commission on Women	121,997	132,775	139,670	147,056
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 360,865,391	\$ 412,137,986	\$ 425,914,487	\$ 412,822,183
Human Services				
Children, Youth, and Families	\$ 116,591,191	\$ 126,828,091	\$ 137,286,366	\$ 138,930,303
Elderly Affairs	19,555,225	22,463,072	25,518,546	27,177,576
Health	29,131,192	31,669,378	34,405,256	33,987,568
Human Services	462,889,549	549,716,347	598,327,224	604,379,601
Mental Health, Retardation, & Hospitals	196,424,224	205,993,804	217,427,906	220,877,423
Office of the Child Advocate	425,938	526,339	522,465	560,191
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing	230,478	233,790	196,450	274,374
RI Developmental Disabilities Council	-	-	-	-
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	268,701	292,977	303,844	328,970
Commission for Human Rights	686,150	749,221	727,462	789,812
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	232,528	233,966	283,031	304,432
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 826,435,176	\$ 938,706,985	\$ 1,014,998,550	\$ 1,027,610,250
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 616,011,053	\$ 668,807,060	\$ 706,423,050	\$ 735,476,223
Higher Education - Board of Governors	152,110,006	162,750,040	174,473,598	181,415,754
RI Council on the Arts	972,210	1,463,887	2,282,400	2,319,766
RI Atomic Energy Commission	576,744	629,357	644,995	655,951
Higher Education Assistance Authority	7,611,009	7,538,171	7,434,082	6,843,103
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commissi	1,755,721	910,220	784,059	870,542
Public Telecommunications Authority	1,028,823	1,243,915	1,200,828	1,250,666
Subtotal - Education	\$ 780,065,566	\$ 843,342,650	\$ 893,243,012	\$ 928,832,005

Expenditures from General Revenues

	FY 2000 Audited	FY2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 12,952,277	\$ 14,307,795	\$ 14,967,090	\$ 15,679,563
Corrections	116,328,001	125,725,438	129,911,796	133,741,194
Judicial	51,713,328	55,804,452	59,676,119	61,405,047
Military Staff	2,245,775	2,620,057	2,579,331	2,332,929
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	-	3,213,003	3,818,474	4,001,935
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review	164,708	170,027	207,013	230,412
State Fire Marshal	1,248,143	1,306,700	1,329,615	1,399,792
Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline	109,158	110,287	109,214	113,361
Rhode Island Justice Commission	184,855	180,185	177,252	174,689
Municipal Police Training Academy	546,468	426,616	370,831	363,212
State Police	32,458,939	36,480,855	37,958,495	38,283,700
Office Of Public Defender	4,862,356	5,247,635	5,567,709	5,884,200
Sheriffs of Several Counties*	8,261,430	8,591,158	-	-
Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 231,075,438	\$ 254,184,208	\$ 256,672,939	\$ 263,610,034
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 30,288,364	\$ 32,228,212	\$ 31,654,901	\$ 33,617,947
Coastal Resources Management Council	937,344	1,114,228	1,391,805	1,336,661
Water Resources Board	915,363	962,218	1,093,385	1,102,744
Subtotal - Natural Resources	\$ 32,141,071	\$ 34,304,658	\$ 34,140,091	\$ 36,057,352
Transportation				
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Transportation	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,230,582,642	\$ 2,482,676,487	\$ 2,624,969,079	\$ 2,668,931,824
Adjustment required due to lower FY2001 surplus				(875,000)
				\$ 2,668,056,824

*The Sheriffs of the Several Counties were merged with the State Marshals and moved under the authority of the Department of Administration.

Expenditures from Federal Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
General Government				
Administration	\$ 27,294,882	\$ 37,267,720	\$ 39,244,082	\$ 36,113,316
Business Regulation	-	-	-	-
Labor and Training	44,430,719	36,853,984	42,978,779	37,147,421
Legislature	-	-	-	-
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	-	31,262	24,041	-
General Treasurer	1,514,331	1,465,570	1,714,229	1,568,190
Boards for Design Professionals	-	-	-	-
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	58,472	(44)	-	-
Public Utilities Commission	57,819	54,845	61,538	66,610
Rhode Island Commission on Women	482	-	-	-
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 73,356,705	\$ 75,673,337	\$ 84,022,669	\$ 74,895,537
Human Services				
Children, Youth, and Families	\$ 74,581,226	\$ 80,732,390	\$ 88,762,897	\$ 92,374,230
Elderly Affairs	7,504,008	8,620,246	9,527,354	9,178,863
Health	42,223,447	44,416,573	49,384,611	49,956,057
Human Services	598,987,451	684,999,963	730,306,073	774,365,152
Mental Health, Retardation, & Hospitals	176,829,884	182,359,072	202,190,699	219,271,992
Office of the Child Advocate	354,686	360,297	359,190	359,190
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing	-	-	-	-
RI Developmental Disabilities Council	436,352	408,971	420,477	421,433
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	6,607	27,690	25,272	31,642
Commission for Human Rights	189,610	312,705	416,177	408,828
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 901,113,271	\$ 1,002,237,907	\$ 1,081,392,750	\$ 1,146,367,387
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 93,803,298	\$ 101,511,719	\$ 133,754,431	\$ 133,870,140
Higher Education - Board of Governors	1,022,304	1,704,160	2,320,764	2,362,281
RI Council on the Arts	553,464	475,015	596,641	616,021
RI Atomic Energy Commission	1,635	59,992	703,000	825,947
Higher Education Assistance Authority	3,970,919	4,635,552	6,964,350	7,231,142
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commiss	570,147	553,955	534,534	534,534
Public Telecommunications Authority	-	2,424	350,000	350,000
Subtotal - Education	\$ 99,921,767	\$ 108,942,817	\$ 145,223,720	\$ 145,790,065

Expenditures from Federal Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 1,522,014	\$ 999,534	\$ 1,559,179	\$ 1,648,271
Corrections	3,632,681	2,935,921	7,838,590	10,593,276
Judicial	4,443,475	2,116,326	2,871,479	2,821,148
Military Staff	5,842,256	6,179,898	9,949,465	10,663,196
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	-	-	-	-
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review	-	-	-	-
State Fire Marshal	94,555	134,827	260,989	101,172
Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Justice Commission	3,840,098	4,802,928	5,264,252	5,036,985
Municipal Police Training Academy	60,491	50,254	66,415	-
State Police	1,355,115	1,196,116	3,101,896	1,080,493
Office Of Public Defender	243,457	209,294	502,669	356,414
Sheriffs of Several Counties	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 21,034,142	\$ 18,625,098	\$ 31,414,934	\$ 32,300,955
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 11,073,984	\$ 11,588,264	\$ 23,105,956	\$ 23,192,255
Coastal Resources Management Council	915,407	1,070,699	1,600,172	1,190,845
Water Resources Board	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Natural Resources	\$ 11,989,391	\$ 12,658,963	\$ 24,706,128	\$ 24,383,100
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 175,454,955	\$ 210,770,330	\$ 225,174,404	\$ 192,779,157
Subtotal - Transportation	\$ 175,454,955	\$ 210,770,330	\$ 225,174,404	\$ 192,779,157
Total	\$ 1,282,870,231	\$ 1,428,908,452	\$ 1,591,934,605	\$ 1,616,516,201

Expenditures From Restricted Receipts

	FY 2000 Audited	FY2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
General Government				
Administration	\$ 60,030,564	\$ 8,136,681	\$ 7,930,186	\$ 7,888,475
Business Regulation	240,522	295,717	728,109	645,987
Labor and Training	17,395,871	19,536,096	22,682,778	24,591,788
Legislature	929,609	985,749	758,832	809,639
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	140,036	141,813	189,695	198,068
General Treasurer	16,779,202	14,520,942	10,830,592	10,808,677
Boards for Design Professionals	-	-	-	-
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities Commission	3,113,117	3,640,059	4,683,512	4,873,650
Rhode Island Commission on Women	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 98,628,921	\$ 47,257,057	\$ 47,803,704	\$ 49,816,284
Human Services				
Children, Youth, and Families	\$ 1,329,895	\$ 1,540,682	\$ 1,530,003	\$ 1,460,000
Elderly Affairs	-	-	-	-
Health	5,722,083	6,828,084	8,059,836	8,166,324
Human Services	2,797,981	3,421,725	4,645,424	4,046,732
Mental Health, Retardation, & Hospitals	50,000	55,000	65,000	65,000
Office of the Child Advocate	3,591	-	-	-
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing	-	-	-	-
RI Developmental Disabilities Council	-	-	-	-
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	3,378	7,161	37,632	70,578
Commission for Human Rights	-	-	-	-
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 9,906,928	\$ 11,852,652	\$ 14,337,895	\$ 13,808,634
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 861,773	\$ 603,921	\$ 1,242,151	\$ 1,064,196
Higher Education - Board of Governors	-	-	-	-
RI Council on the Arts	(1,930)	(3,300)	255,340	200,000
RI Atomic Energy Commission	-	-	-	-
Higher Education Assistance Authority	-	99,800	-	-
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commissi	152,869	119,943	327,504	336,464
Public Telecommunications Authority	-	13,572	-	-
Subtotal - Education	\$ 1,012,712	\$ 833,936	\$ 1,824,995	\$ 1,600,660

Expenditures From Restricted Receipts

	FY 2000 Audited	FY2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ 662,737	\$ 568,370	\$ 580,101	\$ 631,440
Corrections	475,074	3,361,490	5,367,287	5,119,124
Judicial	4,863,986	5,544,455	6,425,530	6,744,032
Military Staff	1,645	47,079	110,704	122,629
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	3,265,079	353,283	-	-
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review	-	-	-	-
State Fire Marshal	-	-	-	-
Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Justice Commission	12,395	-	90,000	90,000
Municipal Police Training Academy	-	-	-	-
State Police	1,561,551	771,322	281,992	147,000
Office Of Public Defender	-	-	-	-
Sheriffs of Several Counties	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 10,842,467	\$ 10,645,999	\$ 12,855,614	\$ 12,854,225
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 8,241,125	\$ 10,569,635	\$ 11,584,348	\$ 14,300,448
Coastal Resources Management Council	-	-	-	-
Water Resources Board	16,402	-	-	-
Subtotal - Natural Resources	\$ 8,257,527	\$ 10,569,635	\$ 11,584,348	\$ 14,300,448
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 15,342,890	\$ 14,369,519	\$ 25,006,000	\$ 42,506,000
Subtotal - Transportation	\$ 15,342,890	\$ 14,369,519	\$ 25,006,000	\$ 42,506,000
Total	\$ 143,991,445	\$ 95,528,798	\$ 113,412,556	\$ 134,886,251

Expenditures From Other Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
General Government				
Administration	\$ 74,335,410	\$ 71,943,849	\$ 92,048,019	\$ 78,779,971
Business Regulation	-	-	-	-
Labor and Training	273,739,344	290,415,563	330,134,701	345,615,094
Legislature	-	-	-	-
Lieutenant Governor	-	-	-	-
Secretary of State	-	-	-	-
General Treasurer	3,243,553	9,841,735	12,020,017	10,086,887
Boards for Design Professionals	-	-	-	-
Board of Elections	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	-	-	-	-
Governor's Office	-	-	-	-
Public Utilities Commission	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Commission on Women	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 351,318,307	\$ 372,201,147	\$ 434,202,737	\$ 434,481,952
Human Services				
Children, Youth, and Families	\$ 103,054	\$ 16,077	\$ 282,923	\$ -
Elderly Affairs	4,850,406	4,771,805	4,494,537	4,700,000
Health	17,902	116,854	269,597	211,528
Human Services	672,396	4,803	4,573	290,000
Mental Health, Retardation, & Hospitals	1,219,695	493,483	1,694,026	1,450,000
Office of the Child Advocate	-	-	-	-
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing	-	-	-	-
RI Developmental Disabilities Council	-	-	-	-
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	-	-	-	-
Commission for Human Rights	-	-	-	-
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 6,863,453	\$ 5,403,022	\$ 6,745,656	\$ 6,651,528
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$ 438,786	\$ 694,529	\$ 487,458	\$ 1,023,246
Higher Education - Board of Governors	326,820,914	346,276,246	369,406,835	374,679,386
RI Council on the Arts	-	-	-	-
RI Atomic Energy Commission	156,882	177,690	151,137	144,876
Higher Education Assistance Authority	83,144	145,144	896,709	3,302,165
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commis	-	147,900	-	-
Public Telecommunications Authority	503,502	445,606	567,123	707,325
Subtotal - Education	\$ 328,003,228	\$ 347,887,115	\$ 371,509,262	\$ 379,856,998

Expenditures From Other Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Corrections	1,475,955	2,336,298	5,746,187	2,196,192
Judicial	62,226	668,229	3,463,475	225,000
Military Staff	833,672	212,982	441,146	691,110
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	-	-	-	-
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review	-	-	-	-
State Fire Marshal	-	-	-	-
Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island Justice Commission	-	-	-	-
Municipal Police Training Academy	-	-	-	-
State Police	2,348,885	2,297,427	3,057,216	2,678,589
Office Of Public Defender	-	-	-	-
Sheriffs of Several Counties	-	-	-	-
Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 4,720,738	\$ 5,514,936	\$ 12,708,024	\$ 5,790,891
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 3,173,096	\$ 6,065,952	\$ 5,123,390	\$ 1,950,697
Coastal Resources Management Council	-	-	-	317,000
Water Resources Board	563,248	750,420	123,071	255,000
Subtotal - Natural Resources	\$ 3,736,344	\$ 6,816,372	\$ 5,246,461	\$ 2,522,697
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 73,790,421	\$ 94,850,392	\$ 89,552,300	\$ 94,755,348
Subtotal - Transportation	\$ 73,790,421	\$ 94,850,392	\$ 89,552,300	\$ 94,755,348
Total	\$ 768,432,491	\$ 832,672,984	\$ 919,964,440	\$ 924,059,414

Expenditures From All Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
General Government				
Administration	\$468,395,380	\$470,310,503	\$ 499,957,381	\$ 469,495,295
Business Regulation	8,070,472	8,604,346	9,379,534	10,337,091
Labor and Training	342,259,825	354,106,068	403,041,497	415,023,909
Legislature	22,945,560	25,336,781	29,148,217	24,736,400
Lieutenant Governor	685,387	696,440	760,149	642,592
Secretary of State	4,562,464	5,663,544	5,012,690	6,323,669
General Treasurer	26,304,551	30,729,876	29,688,940	27,082,213
Boards for Design Professionals	340,377	357,428	362,790	395,614
Board of Elections	2,055,786	2,260,980	2,480,787	5,477,850
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	726,788	628,053	904,934	851,875
Governor's Office	3,787,150	4,013,707	5,611,165	5,830,551
Public Utilities Commission	3,913,105	4,429,026	5,455,843	5,671,841
Rhode Island Commission on Women	122,479	132,775	139,670	147,056
Subtotal - General Government	\$ 884,169,324	\$ 907,269,527	\$ 991,943,597	\$ 972,015,956
Human Services				
Children, Youth, and Families	\$192,605,366	\$209,117,240	\$ 227,862,189	\$ 232,764,533
Elderly Affairs	31,909,639	35,855,123	39,540,437	41,056,439
Health	77,094,624	83,030,889	92,119,300	92,321,477
Human Services	1,065,347,377	1,238,142,838	1,333,283,294	1,383,081,485
Mental Health, Retardation, & Hospitals	374,523,803	388,901,359	421,377,631	441,664,415
Office of the Child Advocate	784,215	886,636	881,655	919,381
Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing	230,478	233,790	196,450	274,374
RI Developmental Disabilities Council	436,352	408,971	420,477	421,433
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	278,686	327,828	366,748	431,190
Commission for Human Rights	875,760	1,061,926	1,143,639	1,198,640
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	232,528	233,966	283,031	304,432
Subtotal - Human Services	\$ 1,744,318,828	\$ 1,958,200,566	\$ 2,117,474,851	\$ 2,194,437,799
Education				
Elementary and Secondary	\$711,114,910	\$771,617,229	\$ 841,907,090	\$ 871,433,805
Higher Education - Board of Governors	479,953,224	510,730,446	546,201,197	558,457,421
RI Council on the Arts	1,523,744	1,935,602	3,134,381	3,135,787
RI Atomic Energy Commission	735,261	867,039	1,499,132	1,626,774
Higher Education Assistance Authority	11,665,072	12,418,667	15,295,141	17,376,410
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commiss	2,478,737	1,732,018	1,646,097	1,741,540
Public Telecommunications Authority	1,532,325	1,705,517	2,117,951	2,307,991
Subtotal - Education	\$ 1,209,003,273	\$ 1,301,006,518	\$ 1,411,800,989	\$ 1,456,079,728

Expenditures From All Funds

	FY 2000 Audited	FY 2001 Audited	FY 2002 Revised	FY 2003 Recommend
Public Safety				
Attorney General	\$15,137,028	\$15,875,699	\$ 17,106,370	\$ 17,959,274
Corrections	121,911,711	134,359,147	148,863,860	151,649,786
Judicial	61,083,015	64,133,462	72,436,603	71,195,227
Military Staff	8,923,348	9,060,016	13,080,646	13,809,864
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	3,265,079	3,566,286	3,818,474	4,001,935
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review	164,708	170,027	207,013	230,412
State Fire Marshal	1,342,698	1,441,527	1,590,604	1,500,964
Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline	109,158	110,287	109,214	113,361
Rhode Island Justice Commission	4,037,348	4,983,113	5,531,504	5,301,674
Municipal Police Training Academy	606,959	476,870	437,246	363,212
State Police	37,724,490	40,745,720	44,399,599	42,189,782
Office Of Public Defender	5,105,813	5,456,929	6,070,378	6,240,614
Sheriffs of Several Counties*	8,261,430	8,591,158	-	-
Subtotal - Public Safety	\$ 267,672,785	\$ 288,970,241	\$ 313,651,511	\$ 314,556,105
Natural Resources				
Environmental Management	\$ 52,776,569	\$ 60,452,063	\$ 71,468,595	\$ 73,061,347
Coastal Resources Management Council	1,852,751	2,184,927	2,991,977	2,844,506
Water Resources Board	1,495,013	1,712,638	1,216,456	1,357,744
Subtotal - Natural Resources	\$ 56,124,333	\$ 64,349,628	\$ 75,677,028	\$ 77,263,597
Transportation				
Transportation	\$ 264,588,266	\$ 319,990,241	\$ 339,732,704	\$ 330,040,505
Subtotal - Transportation	\$ 264,588,266	\$ 319,990,241	\$ 339,732,704	\$ 330,040,505
Total	\$ 4,425,876,809	\$ 4,839,786,721	\$ 5,250,280,680	\$ 5,344,393,690
Adjustment required due to lower FY2001 surplus				(875,000)
				\$ 5,343,518,690

*The Sheriffs of the Several Counties were merged with the State Marshals and moved under the authority of the Department of Administration.

Free Surplus

State law provides that all unexpended or unencumbered balances of general revenue appropriations, whether regular or special, shall lapse to General Fund surplus at the end of each fiscal year, provided, however, that such balances may be reappropriated by the Governor in the ensuing fiscal year for the same purpose for which the monies were originally appropriated by the General Assembly. Free surplus is the amount available at the end of any fiscal year for future appropriation by the General Assembly.

The audited results for FY 2001 reveal an increase in available resources of \$5.3 million compared to revised estimates, and expenditures which were \$5.9 million less than enacted. The audited free surplus for FY 2001 is \$131.2 million, and there are \$11.1 million of reappropriations carried forward. The budget enacted by the General Assembly on July 5, 2001 for FY 2002 was predicated upon available resources of \$2,650.9 billion net of reserve fund contributions, and expenditures of \$2,650.8 billion resulting in an estimated closing surplus of \$0.2 million. The current projections reflect an estimated free surplus of \$17.3 million. These projections are based upon the revenues estimated by the November Revenue Estimating Conference, modified by the changes to the estimated revenues and expenditures proposed by the Governor. The estimated surplus in FY 2002 reflects a decrease in net available resources of \$8.6 million, and a decrease in expenditures of \$25.8 million. Included within the expenditure change are \$11.1 million of reappropriations from FY 2001, and a \$36.9 million estimated net decrease in expenditures. The table below summarizes the general revenue budgets for FY 2001 and FY 2002.

	<u>FY 2001 Enacted*</u> (In Millions)	<u>FY 2001 Revised*</u> (In Millions)	<u>FY 2001 Audited*</u> (In Millions)	<u>FY 2002 Enacted*</u> (In Millions)	<u>FY 2002 Revised*</u> (In Millions)
Free Surplus	\$74.4	\$91.9	\$91.9	\$131.1	\$131.2
Reappropriated Surplus	<u>0.0</u>	<u>21.7</u>	<u>21.7</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>11.1</u>
Subtotal	74.4	113.7	113.7	131.1	142.3
Revenues and Transfers					
Revenues	2,081.5	2,266.2	2,273.7	2,294.2	2,229.6
Revenue Enhancements	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5
Other Sources	<u>307.5</u>	<u>292.8</u>	<u>290.7</u>	<u>279.7</u>	<u>308.6</u>
Subtotal	2,389.0	2,559.0	2,564.4	2,574.0	2,553.8
Budget Reserve Fund	(49.3)	(53.0)	(53.1)	(54.1)	(53.7)
Total Available	\$2,414.2	\$2,619.7	\$2,625.0	\$2,650.9	\$2,642.3
Expenditures	2,414.1	2,488.6	2,482.7	2,650.8	2,625.0
Free Surplus	\$0.1	\$131.1	131.2	\$0.2	17.3
Reappropriations	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0
Total Ending Balances	\$0.1	\$131.1	\$142.3	0.2	17.3
Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Fund	\$73.9	\$79.5	\$79.7	\$81.2	\$80.6

* May not add due to rounding

The following table sets forth a comparative statement of General Fund free surplus for fiscal years 2000 through 2003. FY 2000 and FY 2001 data is derived from the audited financial statements prepared by the Office of the State Controller and post audited by the Auditor General. General Revenues for FY 2002 and FY 2003 are predicated upon consensus estimates of the Revenue Estimating Conference of November 2001, and include adjustments to certain revenues proposed by the Governor in his revised FY 2002 and FY 2003 budget plans. Expenditures for FY 2002 reflect those enacted by the General Assembly on July 5, 2001, as amended by adjustments proposed by the Governor in the supplemental budget submitted to the General Assembly on January 8, 2002, as amended. Expenditures for FY 2003 reflect those recommended by the Governor in his FY 2003 budget submitted to the General Assembly on February 13, 2002, adjusted by an \$875,000 amendment necessitated by a FY 2001 closing surplus which was reduced by audit adjustments.

The State is required to enact and maintain a balanced budget. In the event of a budgetary imbalance, the available free surplus will be reduced and/or additional resources (i.e. taxes, fines, fees, licenses, etc.) will be required and/or certain of the expenditure controls discussed under "State Government Organization and Finances - Budget Procedures" will be put into effect. A combination of these measures will be utilized by the State in order to maintain a balanced budget.

General Revenue Budget Surplus Statement

	FY2000 Audited	FY2001 Audited	FY2002 Revised	FY2003 Recommended
Surplus				
Opening Surplus	\$ 98,299,618	\$ 91,921,860	\$ 131,182,473	\$ 17,335,972
Reappropriated Surplus	16,123,307	21,738,956	11,056,417	-
Subtotal	114,422,925	113,660,816	142,238,890	17,335,972
General Taxes	1,817,779,236	2,011,948,691	2,056,900,000	2,036,630,000
Revenue estimators' revision	-	-	(64,670,000)	-
Changes to adopted estimates	-	-	-	22,416,812
Subtotal	1,817,779,236	2,011,948,691	1,992,230,000	2,059,046,812
Departmental Revenues	207,399,225	261,677,841	237,349,911	179,700,000
Revenue estimators' revision	-	-	50,089	-
Changes to adopted estimates	-	-	4,614,005	70,166,368
Subtotal	207,399,225	261,677,841	242,014,005	249,866,368
Other Sources				
Gas Tax Transfers	14,937,694	8,538,413	1,175,000	-
Rev Estimators' revision-Gas Tax	-	-	(25,000)	-
Changes to adopted estimates	-	-	-	1,175,000
Other Miscellaneous	83,412,911	97,011,234	86,932,219	64,704,000
Rev Estimators' revision-Miscellaneous	-	-	2,357,781	-
Changes to adopted estimates	-	-	3,707,689	69,873,040
Lottery	150,283,635	180,743,897	188,300,000	228,700,000
Revenue Estimators' revision-Lottery	-	-	23,700,000	-
Changes to adopted estimates	-	-	7,173,418	24,262,887
Unclaimed Property	3,520,488	4,460,535	3,300,000	7,800,000
Revenue Estimators' revision-Unclaimed	-	-	2,900,000	-
Subtotal	252,154,728	290,754,079	319,521,107	396,514,927
Total Revenues	\$ 2,277,333,189	\$ 2,564,380,611	\$ 2,553,765,112	\$ 2,705,428,107
Budget Stabilization	(47,512,656)	(53,126,049)	(53,698,952)	(54,455,282)
Total Available	\$ 2,344,243,458	\$ 2,624,915,377	\$ 2,642,305,051	\$ 2,668,308,797
Actual/Enacted Expenditures	\$ 2,230,582,642	\$ 2,482,676,487	\$ 2,650,768,180	\$ 2,668,931,824
Reappropriations	-	-	11,056,417	-
Recommended changes to appropriations	-	-	(36,855,518)	(875,000)
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,230,582,642	\$ 2,482,676,487	\$ 2,624,969,079	\$ 2,668,056,824
Free Surplus	\$ 91,921,860	\$ 131,182,473	\$ 17,335,972	\$ 251,973
Reappropriations	21,738,956	11,056,417	-	-
Total Ending Balances	\$ 113,660,816	\$ 142,238,890	\$ 17,335,972	\$ 251,973
Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Account	\$ 71,268,984	\$ 79,689,074	\$ 80,575,692	\$ 81,709,641

STATE INDEBTEDNESS

Authorization and Debt Limits

Under the State Constitution, the General Assembly has no power to incur State debts in excess of \$50,000 without the consent of the people, except in the case of war, insurrection or invasion, or to pledge the faith of the State to the payment of obligations of others without such consent. By judicial interpretation, the limitation stated above has been judged to include all debts of the State for which its full faith and credit are pledged, including general obligation bonds and notes; bonds and notes guaranteed by the State; and debts or loans insured by agencies of the State, such as the Industrial-Recreational Building Authority. However, non-binding agreements of the State to appropriate monies in aid of obligations of a State agency, such as the provisions of law governing the capital reserve funds of the Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation, now known as the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, the Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, or to appropriate monies to pay rental obligations under State long-term leases, such as the State's lease agreements with the Convention Center Authority, are not subject to this limitation.

Public Finance Management Board

The nine-member Public Finance Management Board was created during the 1986 Session of the General Assembly for the purpose of providing advice and assistance, upon request, to issuers of tax-exempt debt in the State. The Board is charged with the responsibility of collecting, maintaining and providing information on State, municipal, and public or quasi-public corporation debt sold and outstanding, and serves as a statistical center for all State and municipal debt issues. The Chair of the Public Finance Management Board is the General Treasurer of the State, and personnel within the Treasurer's Office provide staffing.

The Board is also authorized to allocate the tax-exempt bond issuance capacity among all issuers in the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. While all issuers of tax-exempt debt are required to give written notice to the Board of a proposed debt issuance, failure to do so does not affect the validity of the issuance of any bond or note. The lead underwriter or purchaser of any debt issue of the State, its departments, authorities, agencies, boards and commissions is required by the Rules and Regulations of the Board to pay an amount equal to one-fortieth of one percent of the principal amount of an issue as a fee.

Sinking Fund Commission

During the 1998 session of the General Assembly, legislation was enacted that reconstituted the Sinking Fund Commission, which shall have control and management of all sinking funds established for the redemption of any bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued by the State. To address the State's relatively high debt levels, the General Assembly appropriated general revenues of \$4.0 million in FY 1999, and \$865,245 in FY 2000 to be utilized by the Commission to defease or refund State debt. The Sinking Fund will also receive funds in an amount equal to the annual interest earnings on bond funds. During FY 2000, the Sinking Fund allocated a net \$5.5 million to defease debt associated with the Alpha Beta Corporation project financed by the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. The Commission executed a defeasance transaction on June 15, 2000 which reduced the State's general obligation debt by an estimated \$4.415 million.

Tax Anticipation Notes

Notwithstanding the limitations upon borrowing indicated above, the State Constitution permits the General Assembly to provide for certain short-term borrowings without the consent of the people. Thus, the State is authorized to borrow in any fiscal year without consent of the people an amount in anticipation of State tax receipts not in excess of 20.0 percent of the tax receipts for the prior fiscal year, and may borrow an additional amount in anticipation of all other non-tax receipts not in excess of 10.0 percent of such receipts in the prior fiscal year, provided the aggregate of all such borrowings must not exceed 30.0 percent of the actual tax receipts during the prior fiscal year. Any such borrowing must be repaid during the fiscal year in which such borrowing took place. No money shall be so borrowed in anticipation of such receipts in any fiscal year until all money so borrowed in all previous fiscal years shall have been repaid. The maximum amount of borrowing is further constrained by statute such that the aggregate borrowing shall not be in excess of the amount stipulated by the General Assembly by general law. During the 1997 Session, the General Assembly authorized the use of commercial paper as a means of short-term borrowing under these constitutional and statutory provisions.

The State has undertaken a series of measures to improve the timing of receipts and disbursements and to reduce the level of short-term borrowing. These measures include accelerating the collection of certain taxes, the partial restructuring of the State's disbursement pattern, and moving certain special revenue funds into the General Fund as accounts within the General Fund.

Since FY 1981, the State has utilized the powers described above in the following manner:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maximum Principal Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Percent of Prior Year's Tax Receipts</u>
1981	\$ 35,000,000	6.0%
1982	85,000,000	14.0
1983	85,000,000	13.0
1984	85,000,000	12.0
1985	70,000,000	9.0
1986	60,000,000	7.0
1987	50,000,000	6.0
1988	0	0.0
1989	0	0.0
1990	70,000,000	6.0
1991	200,000,000	17.0
1992	240,000,000	20.0
1993	225,000,000	18.0
1994	150,000,000	11.0
1995	125,000,000	9.0
1996	100,000,000	8.0
1997	108,000,000	8.0
1998	0	0.0
1999	0	0.0
2000	0	0.0
2001	0	0.0
2002	90,000,000 (est.)	4.4

Net Tax Supported State Debt

The State has multiple categories of State debt, direct debt, guaranteed debt, and other obligations subject to annual appropriation. The following table shows these obligations.

The gross debt totals are adjusted for those obligations covered by revenue streams of the quasi-independent agencies. The intent of this presentation is to be consistent with rating agencies' practices.

As of January 1, 2002, authorized but unissued direct and guaranteed debt totaled \$183,147,144.

Net Tax Supported Debt Ratios
(in thousands)

	Debt Outstanding June 30, 1998	Debt Outstanding June 30, 1999	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2000	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2001 ⁽¹⁾
Direct Debt:				
Various Purpose Bonds Outstanding	\$731,133	753,544	816,268	\$822,485
Variable Rate General Obligations	<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>64,790</u>	<u>31,365</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$767,633</u>	<u>\$790,044</u>	<u>\$881,058</u>	<u>\$853,850</u>
Guaranteed Debt:				
Blackstone Valley District Commission Bonds	14,818	-	-	-
Narragansett Bay District Commission Bonds	<u>22,635</u>	<u>21,388</u>	<u>19,869</u>	<u>18,459</u>
Subtotal	<u>22,635</u>	<u>21,388</u>	<u>19,869</u>	<u>\$18,459</u>
Other Debt Subject to Annual Appropriation:				
RI Depositors Economic Protection Corp.	196,420	107,990	41,725	-
RI Refunding Bond Authority Lease Rental Bonds	184,405	171,640	159,210	146,055
RI Refunding Bond Authority - Direct	3,940	2,615	1,955	1,300
RI Refunding Bond Auth. - Gurtnrd Narr. Bay	75	60	45	30
Convention Center Authority Outstanding	335,970	329,665	322,930	315,805
Certificates of Participation - Master Equipment Lease ⁽²⁾	-	-	9,843	11,015
Certificates of Participation - Intake Center	26,895	25,160	23,355	21,470
Certificates of Participation - Attorney General	4,215	4,065	3,905	3,740
Certificates of Participation - DLT Howard Complex	24,000	24,000	23,150	22,265
Certificates of Participation - Pastore Steam Plant	-	-	-	28,180
Certificates of Participation - Shepards Building	33,620	32,535	31,400	30,215
Economic Development - Collaborative	-	-	25,000	25,000
Economic Development - URI Power Plant	-	16,395	16,395	15,859
Economic Development - Apha Beta Corporation	29,040	28,675	-	-
Economic Development - McCoy Stadium	11,825	11,105	10,360	9,585
Economic Development Corp - Central Falls Det. Ctr.	<u>28,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	<u>879,354</u>	<u>753,905</u>	<u>669,273</u>	<u>630,519</u>
Performance Based Agreements⁽³⁾				
Economic Development - Fidelity Building	25,000	25,000	24,579	24,116
Economic Development - Fleet Bank Lease	<u>11,000</u>	<u>10,890</u>	<u>10,770</u>	<u>10,640</u>
Subtotal	<u>36,000</u>	<u>35,890</u>	<u>35,349</u>	<u>34,756</u>
Gross Debt	1,705,622	1,601,227	1,605,549	1,537,584
Less: Adjustments for Agency Payments:	(88,300)	(45,368)	(68,751)	(66,700)
Net Tax Supported Debt	<u>\$1,617,322</u>	<u>\$1,555,859</u>	<u>1,536,798</u>	<u>1,470,884</u>
Debt Ratios				
Personal Income	<u>\$27,190,000</u>	<u>\$28,635,500</u>	<u>\$30,205,400</u>	<u>\$31,883,900</u>
Debt as a Percent of Personal Income	<u>5.95%</u>	<u>5.43%</u>	<u>5.09%</u>	<u>4.6%</u>

(1) Includes June, 2001 master lease financing of \$3.150 million. Excludes general obligation bond issuance in July 2001 of approximately \$135.4 million.

(2) Includes non-certificated lease obligations in the master equipment lease category in the amount of \$318,000 as of June 30, 2000.

(3) Excludes contract for Providence Place Mall described under "State Revenues - Sales Tax".

Direct debt is authorized by the voters as general obligation bonds and notes. Current interest bonds require the State to make annual payments of principal and semi-annual payments of interest on bonds outstanding, and the capital appreciation bonds of the State require the payment of principal and interest at maturity. As of July 1, 2001, the State had approximately \$989.2 million of bonds outstanding, and \$183.1 million of authorized but unissued direct debt.

The following table sets forth the debt service requirements on general obligation bonds of the State issued as of July 1, which are supported by general revenues for FY 2002 through FY 2021.

Debt Service Schedule for Debt Issued as of July 1, 2001*

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2002	62,551,518	50,501,648	113,053,166
2003	68,617,471	49,574,843	118,192,315
2004	68,604,925	46,166,427	114,771,351
2005	68,541,126	42,087,151	110,628,277
2006	62,940,990	46,205,625	109,146,615
2007	57,743,296	39,699,915	97,443,211
2008	57,925,561	38,287,654	96,213,215
2009	55,897,434	35,335,416	91,232,850
2010	58,327,458	28,748,088	87,075,546
2011	55,390,000	19,667,562	75,057,562
2012	54,600,000	16,743,469	71,343,469
2013	54,495,000	13,822,035	68,317,035
2014	46,865,000	11,156,973	58,021,973
2015	41,825,000	8,805,740	50,630,740
2016	36,140,000	6,803,730	42,943,730
2017	34,090,000	4,949,906	39,039,906
2018	24,895,000	3,271,728	28,166,728
2019	22,740,000	2,014,687	24,754,687
2020	14,825,000	919,750	15,744,750
2021	10,870,000	271,750	11,141,750
2022	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-
2024	-	-	-
2025	-	-	-
2026	-	-	-
2027	-	-	-
Subtotal-Fixed Rate Debt	<u>\$957,885,778</u>	<u>\$465,035,095</u>	<u>\$1,422,918,873</u>
Subtotal-Variable Rate Debt**	31,365,000		31,365,000
Total:	\$989,250,778	\$465,035,095	\$1,454,283,873

* Reflects full fiscal year debt service for bonds issued as of July 1, 2001. Includes issuance of \$135.4 million of bonds in July 2001. Excludes guaranteed and contingent debt; includes the actual amount of principal and interest payable for capital appreciation bonds. Debt outstanding as of June 30, 2001 totaled \$853.8 million.

** Reflects multi-modal general obligation bonds which bear interest at variable rates. Reflects total principal outstanding as of July 1, 2001 in the amount of \$31,365,000.

In addition, the following table sets forth the amounts, purposes and statutory authorizations of authorized but unissued general obligation direct debt of the State as of January 1, 2002 which has been approved by referenda of the electors.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Statutory Authorization</u>	<u>Balance of Authority as of January 1, 2002</u>
Direct Debt:		
Land acquisition - Industrial Development	Ch. 157-P.L. of 1979	\$4,925
Clean Water Act Environmental Trust Fund	Ch. 289-P.L. of 1986	3,839,627
Environmental Management	Ch. 419-P.L. of 1986	4,842
Open Space	Ch. 425-P.L. of 1987	203,254
Water Resources	Ch. 417-P.L. of 1987	3,415,000
Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals	Ch. 449-P.L. of 1988	465,000
Environmental Management	Ch. 552-P.L. of 1989	2,271,010
Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals	Ch. 552-P.L. of 1989	1,235,000
Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals	Ch. 434-P.L. of 1990	13,320,000
R.I. Water Pollution Revolving Loan and Trust Fund	Ch. 238-P.L. of 1988 as amended by Ch. 303-P.L. of 1989 and Ch. 434-P.L. of 1990	12,755,000
Pawtuxet River -Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission re-allocation	Ch. 434-P.L. of 1990	1,995,000
Elementary & Secondary Education	Ch. 70-P.L. of 1994	8,115,000
Transportation	Ch. 100-P.L. of 1996	330,000
Higher Education - Telecommunication	Ch. 100-P.L. of 1996	3,695,000
Higher Education Facilities	Ch. 100-P.L. of 1996	2,853,485
Quonset Point/Davisville	Ch. 100-P.L. of 1996	17,185,000
Transportation	Ch. 31-P.L. of 1998	2,050,000
Environmental Management	Ch. 31-P.L. of 1998	5,915,000
Higher Education Facilities	Ch. 31-P.L. of 1998	10,510,000
Environmental Management	Ch. 55-P.L. of 2000	31,725,000
Transportation	Ch. 55-P.L. of 2000	32,340,000
Higher Education	Ch. 55-P.L. of 2000	28,920,000
Total Direct and Guaranteed Debt		\$183,147,144

Source: State Budget Office

Guaranteed debt of the State includes bonds and notes issued by, or on behalf of, certain agencies, commissions and authorities created by the General Assembly and charged with enterprise undertakings, for the payment of which debt the full faith and credit of the State are pledged in the event that the revenues of such entities may at any time be insufficient. These include the Blackstone Valley District Commission, and the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission. As of June 30, 2001, these entities had bonds constituting guaranteed debt outstanding of \$18,459,000 and no authorized but unissued debt.

Extinguishments of Debt Authorization

Chapter 438 of the Public Laws of 1988, which took effect on December 31, 1991, provides that any special act of the State which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the State, which has a balance that remains unissued, and is seven (7) years old or older is invalid as to that portion which remains unissued. Notwithstanding, the General Assembly may, by special act, extend any authorization for a period of one (1) to five (5) years upon a petition of the Department of Administration. Such extension may be granted more than one (1) time. Upon a certification of the General Treasurer to the Governor as to debt authorizations described above the authorization shall not be deemed or counted toward the authorized but unissued debt of the State. Since then, the State has extinguished a total of \$21,092,389.99, which was previously reflected in the above table.

Obligations Carrying Moral Obligation of State. Certain agencies of the State have the ability to issue bonds which are also secured by a capital reserve fund. If at any time the capital reserve fund falls below its funding requirement, the agency is authorized to request the General Assembly to appropriate the amount of the deficiency. The General Assembly may, but is not obligated to, appropriate the amount of the deficiency. See "Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation" and "Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation" below.

Other Obligations Subject to Annual Appropriation. The State has entered into certain contractual agreements which, although of a long-term nature, are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly. Certain of these obligations are contractual agreements with State Agencies or Authorities (See "State Agencies and Authorities"). A brief description of the most significant of other such commitments for which the State has or may appropriate funds is provided below.

In December 1995, the State entered into a lease agreement with a financial institution which issued \$4,500,000 in certificates of participation to finance acquisition and renovation of an office building to house the Office of the Attorney General. As of June 30, 2001, \$3,740,000 of these certificates were outstanding.

The State has also entered into a lease agreement with a financial institution that issued \$33,000,000 in certificates of participation to finance construction of an Intake Center for the Department of Corrections. These certificates were refunded in January 1997. As of June 30, 2001, \$21,470,000 was outstanding.

The State has also entered into a lease agreement with a financial institution which issued \$24.0 million in the certificates of participation in January 1997 to finance the renovation of a group of buildings at the State-owned John O. Pastore Center, formerly known as Howard Center in Cranston, Rhode Island for use as an office facility for the Department of Labor and Training. As of June 30, 2001, \$22,265,000 of such certificates were outstanding.

In November 1994 the State entered into a lease agreement with the Economic Development Corporation which issued \$34.07 million of long-term bonds for the renovation of the Shepard Building. During August 1997, the State of Rhode Island issued \$34,805,000 Certificates of Participation that were used to defease the Economic Development Corporation bonds. As of June 30, 2001, \$30,215,000 in Certificates of Participation were outstanding.

In January 1998, the Economic Development Corporation issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$11,825,000 to finance improvements to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. These bonds are supported by State lease payments subject to annual appropriations. As of June 30, 2001, \$9,585,000 was outstanding.

On June 29, 2001, the State entered into a lease agreement with a financial institution which issued \$9,525,000 of certificates of participation for the purchase and installation of telecommunications equipment, furnishings and vehicles and rolling stock. The State also privately placed \$318,000 of taxable certificates at that time. In June, 2001, the State financed an additional \$3,150,000 of vehicles and rolling stock in this manner. As of June 30, 2001, \$11,015,000 of certificates were outstanding.

In December 2000, Rhode Island entered into a lease agreement with a financial institution that issued \$28.18 million in certificates of participation to rehabilitate and upgrade the Central Power Plant at the Pastore Center Complex. As of June 30, 2001, there were \$28.18 million of certificates outstanding.

Performance-based obligations of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. In May 1996 the Economic Development Corporation issued \$25,000,000 of bonds to finance infrastructure for Fidelity Investments. These bonds carry a moral obligation of the State. If at any time, the amount in the capital reserve fund pledged for this bond issue falls below the capital reserve fund requirement as defined in the documents executed in connection with the transaction, a request will be made to the General Assembly to appropriate the amount of the deficiency. In addition, pursuant to the lease agreement the Economic Development Corporation and FMR Rhode Island, Inc. to secure the bonds, job rent credits are provided for lease payments if certain targeted new job goals are met for the financed project. Currently, it is projected that these job goals will be met. If the job goals are met, the Economic Development Corporation will credit FMR Rhode Island, Inc.'s lease payments and make annual requests to the General Assembly for appropriation which will be used to pay the debt service on this bond issue. As of June 30, 2001, \$24.116 million of Fidelity bonds were outstanding. Job rent credits are expected to result in a State obligation of \$1.6 million in 2002, and \$2.5 million when maximized.

In November 1997, the Economic Development Corporation entered into a similar agreement with Fleet Bank; bonds issued for that transaction totaled \$11.0 million. As of June 30, 2001, \$10.64 million of Fleet bonds were outstanding. Under the lease agreement with Fleet, debt service on only \$3.4 million of the total debt would be reimbursed through the applications of job rent credits. Job rent credits, if earned, are estimated to result in a State obligation of approximately \$.3 million per year.

State Agencies and Authorities

The General Assembly from time to time has authorized the creation of certain specialized independent authorities, districts and corporations to carry out specific governmental functions. In certain cases, bonds and other obligations issued by these entities have been guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the State; additionally, the State may provide significant financial assistance for their operations. In other cases, such entities, although empowered to issue bonds, may not pledge the full faith and credit of the State and, therefore, these bonds are not guaranteed by the State.

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. Originally created by an act of the General Assembly, Chapter 12, title 24, in 1954, the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority has rights and obligations under agreements which secure its outstanding bonds. On August 21, 1997 the Authority issued \$42,985,000 Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 1997 providing escrowed funds to defease bond issues outstanding totaling \$41,355,000, (the original issues in 1965 and 1967 totaled \$61,000,000). The Authority voted to remove the tolls from the Mt. Hope Bridge on May 1, 1998. The Mt. Hope Bridge will continue to be maintained by the Authority. Tolls on the Claiborne Pell Bridge are the primary source of revenues and together with interest earned on investments are anticipated to be adequate to service debt and maintain the Authority's facilities. The outstanding balance of the 1997 issue of refunding bonds is \$38,765,000 at June 30, 2001.

Effective October 1, 1999, token purchases for \$10 (11 tokens) and \$50 (60 tokens) were authorized to provide savings to commuters as compared to the \$1.00 per axle cash fare.

Narragansett Bay Commission. The Commission is a public corporation of the State of Rhode Island, having a legal existence distinct from the State, and not constituting a part of State government, created in 1980 pursuant to Chapter 25 of title 46 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. The Act authorized the Commission to

acquire, operate and upgrade the metropolitan Providence wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Full responsibility for the metropolitan Providence system was assumed on May 2, 1982.

As part of the Assumption Agreement between the Commission and the City of Providence, the Commission has assumed repayment responsibility for certain long-term debt of the City. These City bond issues have been refunded with a total principal amount under the Assumption Agreement currently outstanding of \$0 as of June 30, 2001.

In addition, certain general obligation bonds of the State were issued on behalf of the Commission, with certain user fees and charges dedicated to support debt service. Operating and maintenance expenses of the Commission also are funded with user charges. As of June 30, 2001, the State had issued \$83,315,000 of outstanding general obligation bonds on behalf of the Commission. Of this amount, the Commission is responsible for paying debt service on \$13,485,000 from its user fee revenues. The total outstanding payable from user fees is \$7,036,292 as reflected in the financial statements as of June 30, 2001.

The State also has issued \$42,585,000 general obligation bonds on behalf of the Blackstone Valley District Commission. Bonds issued on behalf of the Blackstone Valley District Commission are supported by the rates and charges levied by the Commission for services provided to municipalities and other users of its facilities. On January 1, 1992, the Blackstone Valley District Commission was merged into the Commission. Outstanding bonds attributable to the Blackstone Valley District Commission as of June 30, 2001, totaled \$11,027,899 including the issuance of capital appreciation bonds in 1993.

Pursuant to the Narragansett Bay Commission Act, the Commission is authorized to accept advances or loans of funds of up to \$3.0 million from the General Fund of the State (a) in anticipation of the receipt of federal funds and (b) for the purpose of meeting debt service liabilities and providing for the construction, maintenance and operation for the project during such periods of time as the Narragansett Bay Commission Fund may be insufficient for any such purposes. The Commission currently has no outstanding advances from the State.

Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority. The Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority was created in 1987, pursuant to legislation under Chapter 34, title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island and subsequent voter referendum to merge the Recreational Building Authority and the Industrial Building Authority. The Industrial-Recreational Building Authority is a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor. Voter approval enabled the Authority to pledge the State's full faith and credit up to \$80,000,000 for the following purposes: to insure eligible mortgages for new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation or expansion of facilities used for manufacturing, processing, recreation, research, warehousing, retail, wholesale or office operations. New or used machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures or pollution control equipment required in these facilities is also authorized for mortgage insurance. Mortgages insured by the Authority are limited to certain specified percentages of total project cost. The Authority is authorized to collect premiums for its insurance and to exercise rights of foreclosure and sale as to any project in default.

As of June 30, 2001, the Authority had outstanding mortgage agreements and other commitments for \$26,274,527 mainly in connection with revenue bonds issued by the Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation. In accordance with State law, all premiums received by the Authority and all amounts realized upon foreclosure or other proceeds of defaulted mortgages are payable into the Industrial Recreational Building Mortgage Insurance Fund. All expenses of the Authority and all losses on insured mortgages are chargeable to this Fund. As of June 30, 2001, the Fund had a balance of \$2,112,535. The State has agreed to appropriate or borrow and pay to the Authority any amounts required to service insured loans that are in default should the Fund be insufficient. The State has never been called upon to replenish the Industrial-Recreational Building Mortgage Insurance Fund.

Rhode Island Refunding Bond Authority. The Authority was created in 1987 under Chapter 8.1, title 35 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as a public corporation, having a distinct legal existence from the State and not constituting a department of State government. The Authority was created for the purpose of providing a legal means to advance refund two series of general obligation bonds of the State of Rhode Island. The Authority is authorized to

issue bonds and notes, secured solely by its revenues, derived from payments pursuant to a loan and trust agreement with the State of Rhode Island, subject to annual appropriation. The payment of such loans by the State is subject to and dependent upon annual appropriations being made by the General Assembly. As of June 30, 2001, \$1,330,000 was outstanding for the Authority's 1988 Series A bonds.

Article 2 of the Fiscal Year 1998 Appropriations Act, effective July 1, 1997, transferred the functions, powers, rights, duties and liabilities of the Rhode Island Public Buildings Authority to the Rhode Island Refunding Bond Authority. Until this consolidation, the Rhode Island Public Buildings Authority, created by Chapter 14 of title 37 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, was a body corporate and politic which was generally authorized to acquire, construct, improve, equip, furnish, install, maintain and operate public facilities and public equipment through the use of public financing, for lease to federal, State, regional and municipal government branches, departments and agencies, in order to provide for the conduct of the executive, legislative and judicial functions of government. The various types of projects financed by the Public Buildings Authority included judicial, administrative, educational, residential, rehabilitative, medical, correctional, recreational, transportation, sanitation, public water supply system and other projects.

The Public Buildings Authority had six series of bonds outstanding as of June 30, 1997, in the amount of \$202,750,000, which are payable solely from revenues derived from lease rentals pursuant to lease agreements between the Authority and the State. The State's payment of such lease rentals is subject to and dependent upon annual appropriations being made by the General Assembly. In June 1998, the Refunding Bond Authority refunded portions of four of these series of bonds with the issuance of the 1998 Series A Bond in the amount of \$39,875,000. Total debt outstanding as of June 30, 2001 totals \$146,055,000 (excluding the 1988 Series A bonds).

Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation. The Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation (DEPCO) was created in 1991 under Chapter 116, title 42, as a public corporation, having a distinct legal existence from the State and not constituting a department of State government. DEPCO was created for the purpose of protecting depositors of certain credit unions and other financial institutions ("Eligible Institutions") in the State whose deposits were previously insured by the Rhode Island Share and Deposit Indemnity Corporation ("RISDIC"), a private deposit insurance fund which ceased operations and entered conservatorship on December 31, 1990. DEPCO is authorized to purchase assets and to assume liabilities including depositor liabilities of Eligible Institutions. DEPCO is also authorized to assist any Eligible Institutions in the acquisition of federal deposit insurance. The Corporation is carrying out a plan which included successfully paying substantially all depositors one hundred percent (100%) of their original deposit claims prior to October 31, 1993 through a combination of Corporation supported acquisitions and direct payments to depositors. The Corporation is authorized to issue general and/or special obligation bonds. Special obligation bonds are secured solely by a portion of the State sales and use tax receipts, subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly or from other funds appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes.

The Corporation issued special obligation bonds in the amount of \$149,996,923.60 in 1991. The Corporation also issued parity special obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$306,470,000 in 1992. In March 1993, DEPCO issued Special Obligation Refunding Bonds in the principal amount of \$138,835,000 to provide for the advance refunding of \$119,465,000 principal amount of the 1991 Special Obligation Bonds. In July 1993, the Corporation issued Special Obligation Refunding Bonds in the principal amount of \$206,635,000 to refund \$187,990,000 of the 1992 Special Obligation Bonds. As of August 3, 2000 all of the Special Obligation Bonds had been paid, cancelled, refunded or defeased. All other bonded debt of DEPCO was repaid on July 3, 1995.

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority. The Authority was created in 1987, under Chapter 99, title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as a public corporation having a distinct legal existence from the State and not constituting a department of State government. The Authority was created for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, managing and operating a convention center and related facilities. Obligations issued by the Authority do not constitute a debt or liability or obligation of the State, but are secured solely from the pledged revenues or assets of the Authority. The Authority has issued \$225,000,000 1991 Series A Bonds, \$182,395,000 of 1993 Series B Refunding Bonds, \$56,755,000 of 1993 Series C Refunding Bonds and \$98,000,000 of 1993 Series A Bonds. As of

June 30, 2001, \$315,805,000 of bonds remains outstanding. After adjusting for additional principal outstanding which is attributable to the issuance of refunding bonds, the outstanding principal totals \$295,011,384, as reflected in the financial statements.

Pursuant to a Lease and Agreement dated as of November 1, 1991, between the Authority, as lessor, and the State, as lessee, the Authority leased the Convention Center facilities to the State. The State is obligated to make lease payments in an amount sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the Authority and the debt service on its obligations including, but not limited to, the bonds. The lease payments are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly.

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (the Corporation), a quasi-public corporation and instrumentality of the State, was established in 1974 under Chapter 19, title 23 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, for the purpose of assisting municipalities in solving their waste disposal problems and for developing a more suitable alternative approach to the overall solid waste disposal problem through implementation of a resource recovery program. To accomplish its purposes, the Corporation has the power to issue negotiable notes and bonds subject to the provisions of Rhode Island General Law 35-18 and 23-19.

On January 30, 2002, RIRRC issued twenty-year 2002 Series Resource Recovery System Revenue Bonds totaling \$19,945,000 to finance the construction of a tipping facility, and equipment in connection therewith. The annual payment of principal and interest on the 2002 Series Bonds when due is insured by finance guaranty policy issued by MBIA.

The General Assembly approved legislation establishing a mechanism for a State subsidy in implementing a comprehensive waste disposal program during its 1986 session. The General Law defines the State's financial participation as a subsidy to the local "tipping fee" paid by municipalities, and establishes a formula for calculating the subsidy. The State provided the Corporation with a \$6,000,000 subsidy in FY 1994. Due to the improved financial condition of the Corporation, the General Assembly has required the Corporation to transfer certain amounts to the State's General Fund totaling \$30.1 million between 1995 and 2001. In fiscal year 2002, the transfer is budgeted at \$3,000,000. The State's proposed budget for FY 2003 contains a provision for a \$4,000,000 transfer from the Corporation to the State's General Fund.

In FY 1994, the General Assembly approved a municipal tip fee of \$32.00 per ton. Annually, the legislature has maintained the municipal tip fee at the FY 1994 level by reauthorizing the Corporation to charge \$32.00 per ton for municipal solid waste. A portion of the Corporation's landfill is a designated Superfund site. During 1996, the Corporation entered into a Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning remedial actions taken by the Corporation for groundwater contamination. The Consent Decree requires the establishment of a trust in the amount of \$27,000,000 for remedial purposes. The Central Landfill Remediation Trust Fund Agreement was approved August 22, 1996 by the EPA. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, the Corporation has deposited approximately \$27,300,000 into the trust fund and has disbursed approximately \$5,000,000 for remediation expenses through June 30, 2001. The terms of the agreement required the Corporation to fund an additional \$166,624 to the trust through September 1, 2001.

The cost of remedial actions may exceed the amount to be reserved. However, the Corporation projects that the amount reserved plus cash flow over the next three years will be adequate to fund the Superfund remedy, as currently proposed. The Corporation would seek appropriations from the General Assembly to fund any shortfall. The State, virtually every municipality in the State, and numerous businesses within and without the State are all potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") for the costs of remedial actions at the Corporation's Superfund site. Under federal law, PRPs are jointly and severally liable for all costs of remediation. EPA has agreed not to seek contributions from any other PRP as long as the Corporation is performing the remedy.

The Corporation has also established a trust fund, in accordance with EPA requirements for a municipal solid waste landfill, for the closure and postclosure care costs related to Phases II and III. As of June 30, 2001, the Corporation had transferred approximately \$10,600,000 to this trust fund.

The Corporation is currently in the process of establishing a closure and postclosure trust fund for Phase IV. Initial funding of the Phase IV trust is estimated to be approximately \$2,600,000.

Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency. Pursuant to Chapter 12.2 of title 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency (the Agency) is a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality of the State, having distinct legal existence from the State and not constituting a department of the State government. The purpose of the Agency is to operate revolving loan funds capitalized by federal grants, proceeds of the 1986 and 1990 general obligation bond referenda, and other revenues and borrowing as authorized. Eligible applicants to the revolving loan fund include local government units for water pollution control facility capital improvements and drinking water capital improvements. Project selection will be determined according to federal EPA criteria, DEM and DOH prioritization, and Agency criteria as to security and fiscal soundness.

The Agency is empowered to issue revenue bonds and notes, which are not guaranteed by the State. As of June 30, 2001, the Agency has issued bonds in the aggregate amount of \$200,260,000 to fund \$215,749,555 in low-interest loans for various local wastewater pollution abatement projects, safe drinking water projects and the Cranston Privatization Issue. The outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Agency, as of June 30, 2001 is \$139,844,677 in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF wastewater projects), \$28,490,000 for the Cranston Privatization Issue and \$9,704,773 as a conduit financing for safe drinking water projects. Also, in years 1997 through 2001, the Agency made a total of \$30,630,000 in direct loans (loans issued without bond financing) out of the CWSRF. The Agency made a total of \$10,210,000 in Direct Loans (loans made without bond financing) cut out of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and \$1,095,000 out of the Rhode Island Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. The Public Transit Authority was created under Chapter 18, title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, by the General Assembly in 1964 as a body politic and corporate in response to the continuing financial difficulties being experienced by private bus transportation companies in the State resulting in the disruption of service. The Authority, with assistance from the State and with the proceeds of a federal loan, acquired the assets of the former United Transit Company and is authorized to acquire any other bus passenger systems or routes in the State which have filed with the Chairman of the State Public Utilities Commission a petition to discontinue service, and which the Authority deems necessary in the public interest. The Authority has expanded its operations statewide and operates a fleet of approximately 235 buses carrying approximately 19,000,000 passengers annually.

The Authority is authorized to issue bonds and notes secured solely by its revenues. The Authority has no bonds or notes outstanding. Also, in order to increase the financial stability of the Authority, (1) the General Assembly authorized dedication of a portion of the State's gasoline tax receipts in support of appropriations to the Authority, and (2) the Authority increased its base fare from 70¢ to 75¢ to 85¢ to \$1.00 and then to \$1.25 in October 1998. The Authority, in an effort to build ridership, has maintained rates at a level that has necessitated State appropriations assistance to support its operations. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, audited results of operations reveal that State-operating assistance to the Authority totaled \$26,412,331, passenger revenues totaled \$12,100,081, and other revenues totaled \$16,471,374.

Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation is a public corporation of the State for the purpose of stimulating the economic and industrial development of the State through assistance in financing of port, industrial, pollution control, recreational, solid waste and water supply facilities, and through the management of surplus properties acquired by the State from the federal government. The Corporation is generally authorized to acquire; contract and assist in the financing of its projects through the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds which do not constitute a debt or liability of the State.

The Corporation, which changed its name in 1995, was previously known as the Rhode Island Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation, created in 1974 under Chapter 64, title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. The Economic Development Corporation continues the function of the Port Authority, but also incorporates other activities performed by the State Department of Economic Development and provides assistance to economic related agencies including the Rhode Island Airport Corporation and the Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation. The new corporation provides a Single State agency to deal with economic development for the State.

As of June 30, 2001, the Corporation had revenue bonds outstanding of \$397,237,923 including conduit debt of \$74,706,428 for the former Rhode Island Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation. Certain of the bonds of the Corporation can be secured, in addition to a pledge of revenues, by a capital reserve fund established by the Corporation for the applicable bond issue. In accordance with its enabling legislation, if at any time the balance in such capital reserve fund falls below its requirement, the Corporation is authorized to request the General Assembly to appropriate the amount of the deficiency. The General Assembly may, but is not obligated to, appropriate such amounts.

In February 1993, the Corporation issued \$30,000,000 in taxable revenue bonds on behalf of Alpha Beta Technology, Inc. for acquisition, construction and equipping of a new plant facility for the clinical and commercial manufacture of biopharmaceutical products. In January 1999, this issue was placed in default. These bonds were secured by a letter of credit that was secured in part by the Corporation's capital reserve fund. The bondholders were paid in full from a draw on the letter of credit. The Economic Development Corporation repaid the debt to the letter of credit bank and receivership costs by utilizing funds on hand in FY 2000, the proceeds from the sale of the facility, and state appropriations authorized during the 1999 General Assembly. The state appropriations, disbursed in the amount of \$5.8 million, were partially reimbursed as a result of additional receivership proceedings, resulting in net state support of \$5.4 million. As of June 30, 1999, the balance outstanding was \$28,675,000. As of January 1, 2000, there were no bonds outstanding for the original Alpha Beta debt. A new series of bonds in the amount of \$25.0 million were issued to finance the purchase of the building for Collaborative Smithfield Corporation. These bonds are also secured by the Corporation's capital reserve fund. On November 17, 2000, Dow Chemical Corp. assumed the bonds from Collaborative Smithfield Corp.

In May 1996, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation issued \$25,000,000 in revenue bonds on behalf of Fidelity Management Resources for development of infrastructure improvements at a site in Smithfield, Rhode Island to be utilized for Fidelity of Rhode Island, Inc. These bonds are also secured, in part, by the Corporation's capital reserve fund. In addition, pursuant to the lease, the Economic Development Corporation entered into an agreement with FMR Rhode Island, Inc., for the Fidelity Management Resources project described above, to secure those bonds, credits are provided for lease payments if certain targeted new job goals are met for the financed project. If the job goals are met, the Economic Development Corporation will credit FMR Rhode Island, Inc.'s lease payments and make annual requests to the General Assembly for appropriations which will be used to pay the debt service on this issue. In FY 2000, the State's expenditure for this purpose was \$222,176, reflecting approximately 9% of the total debt service. It is expected that within two years the full credits will be achieved. At June 30, 2001, the outstanding balance was \$24,116,485.

In November 1997, the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation issued \$11,000,000 in revenue bonds on behalf of Fleet National Bank for development of infrastructure improvements at a site in Lincoln, Rhode Island to be utilized for Fleet National Bank. These bonds are also secured, in part, by the Corporation's capital reserve fund. In addition, the State has provided for credits if certain targeted new job goals are met. No expenditures have been made to date. At June 30, 2001, the outstanding balance was \$10,640,000.

Bonds secured by the Corporation's capital reserve fund (including bonds for the Collaborative Smithfield Corporation, Fidelity Management Resources and Fleet National Bank described above) carry a moral obligation of the State. If at any time, certain reserve funds of the Economic Development Corporation pledged fall below their funding requirements, a request will be made to the General Assembly to appropriate the amount of the deficiency. The General Assembly may (but it is not obligated to) appropriate the amount of the deficiency.

In January 1998, the Economic Development Corporation issued revenue bonds in the amount of \$11,825,000 to finance improvements to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. These bonds are supported by State lease payments subject to annual appropriations.

In May 2000 the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation issued revenue note obligations in the amount of \$40,820,000 to finance a portion of the costs of the Providence Place Mall. Such financing will be supported by two-thirds of the sales taxes generated at the mall (up to a cap of \$3.68 million in years 1-5, and \$3.56

million in years 6-20) as provided in the Mall Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-63.5-1 et. seq.) enacted by the General Assembly in 1996 and by Public Investment and HOV Agreement. It is expected that sales tax revenues generated at the Mall will be sufficient to fully support the revenue note obligations. Sales tax generated at the Mall are recorded as general revenues. The State is not obligated to fund the note payments if the sales tax generated is not sufficient.

On December 9, 1992, a subsidiary corporation of the Port Authority was established, known as the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. The Port Authority has since reorganized into the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The Airport Corporation was established to oversee operations at Rhode Island's six airports and manage the process of designing and constructing a new passenger terminal facility, commonly known as the Airport Terminal Improvement Project, to replace the old terminal at T.F. Green Airport. The Airport Corporation's financial position and results of operations are presented in the financial statements by discrete presentation. This presentation involves reporting the Airport Corporation's financial position and results of operations in one column separate from the financial position of the Economic Development Corporation and its results of operations.

On July 1, 1993, properties of the State of Rhode Island Department of Transportation's (the State's) six airports (which include Theodore Francis Green, North Central, Newport, Block Island, Quonset and Westerly Airport) were transferred to the Airport Corporation under a lease and operating agreement dated June 25, 1993, by and between the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and the Airport Corporation. The Corporation is obligated under the lease agreement to reimburse the State for debt service on general obligation bonds issued to finance a portion of the improvement at the airports.

The Economic Development Corporation issued Airport Revenue Bonds of \$78,100,000 in 1993 and \$30,000,000 in 1994 to finance construction of a new terminal facility at T.F. Green Airport as well as other related capital improvement projects. On September 23, 1996 a new two level terminal facility was opened. The new terminal facility contains approximately 302,000 square feet and includes 17 hold rooms, 15 of which have access or can be accessed to aircraft by jet loading bridges. There are also four additional commuter aircraft parking positions. Upon the opening of the new terminal facility, T.F. Green Airport experienced dramatic increases in passenger traffic due largely to introduction of low-fare carrier services first being provided by Southwest Airlines and then later by Delta Express and recently by Metrojet, which is operated by U.S. Airways.

In calendar year 1997, T.F. Green Airport experienced an increase in passenger traffic of more than 64% over calendar year 1996. Unofficially, T.F. Green was, during 1997, the fastest growing airport in the country. During calendar year 1998, T.F. Green Airport serviced a total of more than 4.6 million passengers, which represented an increase of 13.4% over calendar year 1997. Passenger numbers for calendar year 1999 were almost 5.2 million, an 11.4% increase over 1998. Year to date passenger numbers for calendar year 2001 through March 2001, reflect a 6.6% increase in passenger activity over calendar year 2000.

The increased demands on capacity at T.F. Green Airport resulted in the addition of four additional gates to the terminal facility. These four new gates were opened in May 1998 and were supported in part through the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) issuance of \$61,175,000 of Airport Revenue Bonds sold in June 1998. The terminal expansion of May, 1998 resulted in five additional hold room facilities, one of which is for commuter use and the remaining four have access to aircraft jet loading bridges. The 1998 expansion now gives T.F. Green terminal a capacity of 19 jet gates and two commuter gates for a total of 21 gates.

In response to additional increased demand for capacity at the Airport, the EDC issued \$50,545,000 Airport Revenue Bonds in May 2000 for the 2000 Airport Bonds Project. The 2000 Airport Bonds Project included noise mitigation, terminal expansion and improvements, runway and taxi improvements and land acquisition.

Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation. The Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation is a public body corporate and agency of the State established under Chapter 37.1, title 45 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. The Corporation is authorized to acquire, construct, finance and lease the following projects: (a) any land, building or other improvement, and all real and personal properties, including, but not limited to, machinery and

equipment or any interest therein, whether or not in existence or under construction, which shall be suitable for manufacturing, warehousing, or other industrial or commercial purposes or suitable for pollution abatement or control, for the reconstruction, modernization or modification of existing industrial plants for the abatement or control of industrial pollution or suitable for solid waste disposal, or for any combination of such purposes including working capital, but shall not include raw materials, work in process or stock in trade; (b) any railroad rolling stock and vehicles for the transportation of freight; (c) the construction and/or acquisition costs of marine craft and necessary machinery, equipment and gear to be used primarily and continuously in the fishing industry; (d) the construction and/or acquisition costs and necessary machinery and equipment of any marine craft for research or other uses considered to be an integral part of any land-based industrial concern which would qualify for a loan guarantee through the Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority; (e) acquisition costs of any existing building, machinery and equipment for any project which would otherwise qualify for a loan guarantee through the Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority; and (f) any "recreational project" as described in Chapter 34 of title 42, relating to the loan guarantee program of the Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority.

The Corporation is authorized to issue its revenue bonds and notes from time to time for any of its corporate purposes. All bonds and notes issued by the Corporation shall be payable solely out of the revenues and receipts derived from the leasing or sale by the Corporation of its projects, or from any other financing arrangement which may be designated in the proceedings of the Corporation under which the bonds or notes shall be authorized to be issued. As of June 30, 2001, the Corporation had an outstanding principal balance of conduit debt of \$120,390,031.

Except for any obligations secured by mortgages which are insured by the Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority, the State shall not be liable for the payment of the principal of or interest on any bonds or notes of the Corporation, or for the performance of any pledge, mortgage obligation or agreement of any kind whatsoever which may be undertaken by the Corporation nor shall such bonds and notes be construed to constitute an indebtedness of the State. Outstanding mortgage obligations of the Corporation which are insured by the Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority totaled \$24,499,273 as of June 30, 2001.

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation. The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation is a public corporation and instrumentality of the State created in 1973 to assist in the construction and financing of low and moderate income housing and health care facilities in the State. In addition to its general powers, the Corporation is authorized to issue revenue bonds and to originate and make mortgage loans to low and moderate income persons and families, to purchase mortgage loans from and to make loans to private mortgage lenders in the State in order to increase the amount of mortgage money generally available, and to make mortgage loans to contractors and developers of low and moderate single-family and multi-family housing developments and to acquire and operate, both solely and in conjunction with others, housing projects. The total outstanding indebtedness of the Corporation at June 30, 2001 was \$1,554,743,533 consisting of \$1,364,378,533 of long-term bonds and \$190,365,000 of short-term or convertible-option bonds. Included in the \$1,364,378,533 is \$180,798,795 in bonds, which are secured in part by capital reserve funds, which have aggregated to \$29,667,790 on June 30, 2001. Under provisions similar to those governing the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, the General Assembly may, but is not obligated to, provide appropriations for any deficiency in such reserve funds. The Corporation has never been required to request any such appropriations. Such reserve funds relate solely to multi-family issues of the Corporation. As of June 30, 2001, the Corporation had a combined total reserved and designated fund balance of approximately \$233,682,676.

Rhode Island Student Loan Authority. The Authority was created in 1981 under Chapter 62, title 16 of the General Laws, for the purpose of increasing the supply of loans made to students and their families to finance the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education. To achieve this purpose, one of the powers of the Authority is the ability to issue bonds and notes. Obligations of the Authority shall not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the State or any political subdivision thereof, and shall be payable solely from the revenues or assets of the Authority. As of December 31, 2001, the Authority held \$600,630,725 Federal Family Education Loans that were insured by the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority and other Guarantors. The Authority also held on December 31, 2001, \$27,753,176 in Rhode Island Family Education Loans and \$14,707,840 in College Bound Loans. As of December 31, 2001, the Authority had \$702,960,000 of tax-exempt and taxable bonds outstanding.

Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority. The Authority was created in 1977 under Chapter 57, title 16 of the General Laws as a public corporation of the State having a distinct legal existence from the State and not constituting a department of State government. It was created for the purpose of guaranteeing eligible loans to students and parents of students attending eligible institutions and of administering other programs of post-secondary student financial assistance assigned by law to the Authority (e.g. Rhode Island State Scholarship/Grant Program and College Bound Fund, Rhode Island's IRS Section 529 college savings program). Guarantees made by the Authority shall not constitute a pledge of the faith and credit of the State, but shall be payable solely from the revenues and assets of the Authority.

Rhode Island Water Resources Board Corporate. Pursuant to Chapter 15.1 of title 46 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Water Resources Board Corporate is a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality of the State having a distinct legal existence from the State. The purpose of the Board is to foster and guide the development of water resources including the establishment of water supply facilities and lease the same to cities, towns, districts and other municipal, quasi-municipal or private corporations or companies engaged in the water supply business in Rhode Island, contract for the use of the same by such parties, or sell to such parties the water derived from, carried by or processed in such facilities. The Board is authorized to issue revenue bonds which are payable solely from revenues generated by the lease of its facilities or the sale of water and the water surcharge (.01054). On July 13, 1989, the Board issued bonds for the benefit of the Providence Water Supply Board. On July 15, 1997 the Board issued refunding bonds in the amount of \$9,930,000 to advance refund the Providence Project Bonds which were redeemed on September 15, 1999. The amount of the Refunding Bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2001 was \$7,100,000. On March 1, 1994, the Board issued revenue bonds for public drinking water protection in the amount of \$11,835,000, of which \$8,765,000 were outstanding as of December 31, 2001.

Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation. The Corporation was organized in 1966 as a Rhode Island non-business corporation with the name of Rhode Island Educational Building Corporation. In 1967, the Corporation was constituted as a public body corporate and an agency of the State by the Rhode Island General Assembly under Chapter 38.1, title 45 of the General Laws. The Corporation has broad powers to assist in providing educational facilities for colleges and universities operating in the State, to assist hospitals in the State in the financing of health care facilities, to assist students and families of students attending institutions for higher education in the State to finance the cost or a portion of the cost of higher education, to assist in financing a broad range of non-profit health care providers, and to assist in financing non-profit secondary schools; child day care centers; adult day care centers; and free standing assisted living facilities; and to assist it in carrying out its powers, the Corporation may issue bonds and notes which are special obligations of the Corporation payable from revenues derived from the project financed or other monies of the participating educational institution or health care institution available for such purpose. The State is not liable for the payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on any bonds or notes of the Corporation, or for the performance of any pledge, mortgage, obligation or agreement of any kind whatsoever which may be undertaken by the Corporation, and none of the bonds or notes of the Corporation nor any of its agreements or obligations shall be construed to constitute an indebtedness of the State. As of June 30, 2001, the Corporation had \$1,082,868,867 of bonds and notes outstanding (excluding series secured by trust funds for future redemption).

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Under State law, all State employees, with certain exceptions, have the right to organize, to designate representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining and to negotiate with the Governor or his designee on matters pertaining to wages, hours and other conditions of employment, except the State employees' retirement system. State employees have all rights given to private employees under the State Labor Relations Act other than the right to strike. If the representatives of employee organizations and the State representatives are unable to reach agreement in collective bargaining negotiations, State law provides for the submission of unresolved issues to arbitration. The decision of the arbitrators is binding on the parties with respect to all issues and matters other than issues, which involve wages for all bargaining units other than the State Police. With respect to the State Police, an arbitrator's decision involving wages is binding. For all other bargaining units, the arbitrators' decision on issues involving wages is advisory only, and subject to subsequent mutual agreement of the parties.

Below the level of State government, municipal employees, including uniformed and non-uniformed employees and teachers have rights similar to State employees to organize, engage in collective bargaining and submit unresolved issues to arbitration. State law or judicial interpretation forbids all such employees to engage in any work stoppage, slowdown or strike. Except as to teachers and non-uniformed employees, the decision of the arbitrators on contract term disputes is binding on the parties with respect to all matters, including those involving the expenditure of money. With respect to teachers and non-uniformed employees, the arbitrators' decision is binding on all unresolved issues other than those involving the expenditure of money, which matters remain subject to the subsequent mutual agreement of the parties.

As of May 24, 2001 the State had 13,472 employees organized in numerous unions represented by various collective bargaining units, the largest of which is the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 94. This union represents approximately 5,324 employees, or 40 percent of total organized State employees. Several other major bargaining groups are represented by the Rhode Island Alliance of Social Service Employees, Local 580 (1,094 employees); the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers (1,337 employees); the American Association of University Professors (719 employees); and the National Education Association (1,068 employees). Of a total of thirty-seven union contracts, 23 have settled and 14 are currently being negotiated.

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Employees' Retirement System

The State of Rhode Island Employees' Retirement System (ERSRI) is a multiple employer, cost-sharing, public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for pension benefits to be provided to State employees who meet eligibility requirements as well as teachers and certain other employees employed by local school districts in Rhode Island. A separate retirement program is maintained for members of the faculty of the State University and colleges and certain administrative employees in education and higher education. This program is provided through Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association Plan (TIAA).

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefit coverage as well as health insurance benefits for members retiring on or after July 1, 1989. Pension, disability and death benefits are funded (a) for State employees by contributions from the State and the employees and (b) for public school teachers by contributions from the teachers with employer contributions shared by the local education agencies (LEAs) and the State, except that, benefits under the Teachers' Survivors' Plan are financed by the LEAs and the teachers. The System's Actuary, Watson, Wyatt & Company, states the following:

Financing objectives and funding policy

The actuarial cost method and the amortization periods are set by statute. As of the June 30, 1998 valuation, the frozen entry age cost method (also called frozen initial liability method (FIL)) was mandated (ref. General Laws Section 36-10-2 and 36-10-2.1). The frozen liability was amortized over a period of 30-years from July 1, 1985. In the case of certain significant changes in plan provisions, assumptions or methodology, a new amortization base was created, and this base was amortized over thirty years from the creation date. More minor changes in provisions, assumptions or methods were included with the existing frozen actuarial liability and amortized over the remaining period. Amortization payments were determined as a level percent of expected payroll. Gains and losses from experience—i.e., from differences between actual experience and the actuarial assumptions—were included in the normal cost. This produces relatively level contribution rates over time. As of the June 30, 1999 valuation, Rhode Island General Laws 36-10-2 and 36-10-2.1 were amended to change the funding method from FIL to Entry Age Normal (EAN). Under this method, the actuarial gains (losses) are reflected as they occur in a decrease (increase) in the UAAL. This change also allows amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years as of June 30, 1999.

This methodology would provide greater stability in required contribution rates, reduce the over-burdening of the current generation of taxpayers, and provide better indicators of future funding progress. In addition, the implementation of the entry age normal cost method is a more appropriate methodology for statewide public retirement systems as evidenced by its widespread use.

Progress toward realization of financing objectives

The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the frozen actuarial accrued liability) is a standard measure of a plan's funded status. In the absence of benefit improvements, it should increase over time, until it reaches 100%. For the state employees, the funded ratio increased from 80.6% to 84.5% during the period June 30, 1998 to June 30, 1999, while for teachers the rate increased from 76.2% to 82.1% over the same period.

The fiscal year 2002 employer contribution rate decreased for state employees, from 7.99% to 5.59%, and for teachers, from 12.01% to 9.95%. (The state contribution for teachers was 4.22% with an additional 5.73% paid by LEAs.) These changes reflect the combined impact of (i) a change in actuarial cost method from FIL to EAN, and (ii) the amortization of the UAAL as of June 30, 1999 over 30 years. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws, state employees contribute 8.75% and teachers contribute 9.50%.

GASB 25 and Funding Progress

Accounting requirements for ERSRI are set by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 25 (GASB 25). The Schedule of Funding Progress shows a historical summary of the funded ratios and other information for ERSRI. As shown on the table, the funded ratio for State Employees most recently improved from 80.6% to 81.6%, and for Teachers from 76.2% to 77.4%. GASB 25 requires that plans calculate an Annual Required Contribution (ARC), and, if actual contributions received are less than the ARC, this must be disclosed. The ARC must be calculated in accordance with certain parameters. In particular, it must include a payment to amortize the UAAL. This amortization payment eventually will have to be computed using a funding period no greater than thirty years, but a forty-year maximum amortization period may be used during a ten-year transition period. Further, the amortization payment included in the ARC may be computed as a level amount, or it may be computed as an amount that increases with payroll. However, if payments are computed on a level percent of payroll approach, the payroll growth assumption may not anticipate future membership growth.

The table of the Determination of the Equivalent Single Amortization Period demonstrates that the average amortization period is less than 30 years. The payroll growth rate used in the amortization calculations is set equal to the assumed inflation rate, and does not include any allowance for membership growth.

Schedules of Funding Progress

Valuation Date (1)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) (2)	Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Liability (UFAL) (3)	Frozen Actuarial Liability (3) + (2) (4)	Funded Ratio (2)/(4) (5)	Annual Covered Payroll (6)	UFAL as % of Payroll (3)/(6) (7)
State Employees						
June 30, 1992	\$1,056,085,500	\$428,793,000	\$1,484,878,500	71.1%	\$418,683,300	102.4%
June 30, 1993	1,151,128,700	434,225,700	1,585,354,400	72.6%	444,572,000	97.7%
June 30, 1994	1,234,373,500	438,794,100	1,673,167,600	73.8%	454,687,000	96.5%
June 30, 1995	1,345,530,000	442,370,600	1,787,900,600	75.3%	440,574,000	100.4%
June 30, 1996	1,529,403,200	444,814,700	1,974,217,900	77.5%	452,608,500	98.3%
June 30, 1997	1,810,447,649	502,116,116	2,312,563,765	78.3%	443,709,290	113.2%
June 30, 1998	2,075,619,320	500,662,814	2,576,282,134	80.6%	477,319,627	104.9%
June 30, 1999	2,201,890,748	405,506,581	2,607,397,329	84.5%	494,815,513	82.0%
Teachers						
June 30, 1992	\$1,352,892,300	\$735,319,400	\$2,088,211,700	64.8%	\$458,958,600	160.2%
June 30, 1993	1,492,915,800	745,698,400	2,238,614,200	66.7%	473,295,000	157.6%
June 30, 1994	1,642,292,300	754,727,900	2,397,020,200	68.5%	485,325,000	155.5%
June 30, 1995	1,824,102,300	762,202,100	2,586,304,400	70.5%	507,125,000	150.3%
June 30, 1996	2,181,535,900	767,893,900	2,949,429,800	74.0%	556,114,500	138.1%
June 30, 1997	2,626,621,502	953,031,035	3,579,652,537	73.4%	604,076,573	157.8%
June 30, 1998	3,045,858,851	953,863,955	3,999,722,806	76.2%	636,246,593	149.9%
June 30, 1999	3,259,015,814	708,513,358	3,967,529,172	82.1%	673,484,467	105.2%

Determination of the Equivalent Single Amortization Period

State Employees

	Original Base	1989 Assumption Changes	1989 Early Retirement Window	1991 Assumption Changes	1990 Early Retirement Window	90/91 Deferral	91/92 Deferral	1997 Assumption Changes	Total
1. Projected covered payroll 2001-2002									\$ 530,058,748
2. Unamortized amount	\$ 495,076,201	\$ (56,964,080)	\$57,462,141	\$ (143,339,701)	\$57,336,448	\$ 8,469,208	\$ 21,392,536	\$ 58,156,248	\$ 497,589,001
3. Remaining amortization period	16	20	21	22	22	16	16	28	
4. Amortization factor	1.67	13.50	13.91	14.30	14.30	11.67	11.67	6.30	
5. Amortization payment (2)/(4)	42,409,000	(4,219,500)	4,131,700	(10,025,500)	4,010,200	725,500	1,832,500	3,567,500	\$ 42,431,400
6. Payment as level % of payroll (5)/(1)	8.00%	-0.80%	0.78%	-1.89%	0.76%	0.14%	0.35%	0.67%	8.01%
7. Weighted average amortization factor (2)/(5)									11.73
8. Equivalent single amortization period (nearest whole year)									16

Teachers

	Original Base	1991 Assumption Changes	1990 Early Retirement Window	90/91 Deferral	91/92 Deferral	1997 Assumption Changes	Total
1. Projected covered payroll 2001-2002							\$721,453,398
2. Unamortized amount	\$ 770,898,845	\$ (183,583,602)	\$ 137,295,409	\$ 17,278,094	\$ 22,172,360	\$ 187,981,789	\$952,042,896
3. Remaining amortization period	16	16	16	16	16	28	
4. Amortization factor	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.67	16.30	
5. Amortization payment (2)/(4)	66,036,300	(15,726,000)	11,760,900	1,480,100	1,899,300	11,531,300	\$ 76,981,900
6. Payment as level % of payroll (5)/(1)	12.46%	-2.97%	2.22%	0.28%	0.36%	2.18%	14.52%
7. Weighted average amortization factor (2)/(5)							12.37
8. Equivalent single amortization period (nearest whole year)							17

Other Benefits

In addition to benefits provided to State employees by the State Retirement System described above, State employees since 1956 have also been covered under the provisions of the Federal Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance Program (Title II of the Federal Social Security Act). Benefit rates, State, and member contributions are governed by federal law. The State is also subject to the unemployment compensation provisions of the federal employment security law. Contributions under this program by the State are made by annual appropriation of actual benefit costs incurred rather than a percentage of payroll.

LITIGATION

No litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the Attorney General, threatened against or affecting the State seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds.

The State, its officers and employees are defendants in numerous lawsuits. With respect to any such litigation, State officials are of the opinion that the lawsuits are not likely to result either individually or in the aggregate in final judgments against the State that would materially affect its financial position.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached are the combined financial statements and notes of the State for fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, and the report thereon by the Auditor General, a certified public account appointed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Services.

EXHIBIT A

Audited Financial Statements of the State
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICE of the AUDITOR GENERAL

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Finance Committee of the House of Representatives and
Joint Committee on Legislative Services, General Assembly,
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations:

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the State) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 as listed in the Table of Contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the State's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of certain component units which represent 100% of the assets and revenues of the discretely presented governmental component units; 99% of the assets and 95% revenues of the discretely presented proprietary component units; and 1% of the assets and revenues of the special revenue funds. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for these component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

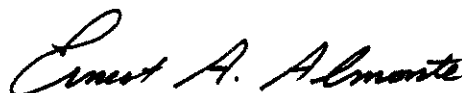
The general-purpose financial statements do not include the statement of the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The State has not completed the accumulation of historical information as to the cost and classification of its investment in general fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission of the statement of the general fixed assets account group, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the State at June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations, the cash flows of its proprietary fund types, nonexpendable trust funds and proprietary component units, and the changes in plan net assets of its pension trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1(V), the State adopted GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2002 on our consideration of the State's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the State, taken as a whole. The Schedules of Funding Progress as listed in the Table of Contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



Ernest A. Almonte, CPA, CFE
Auditor General

February 15, 2002

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS, AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

Assets	Governmental Fund Types				Proprietary Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Enterprise (State Lottery)	Internal Service
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 211,089	\$ 102,609	\$ 23,660	\$ 141,570	\$ 4,799	\$ 3,613
Funds on deposit with fiscal agent			258	32,134		
Investments				16,343	1,840	
Receivables (net)	194,846	51,179			6,005	5,964
Due from other funds	73,275	20,532	29	19,435		6,393
Due from component units	5,112	1,647				
Due from primary government						
Due from other governments and agencies (net)	125,908	38,701		3,157		
Inventories					736	2,299
Loans to other funds	5,845					
Fixed assets (net)					513	4,344
Other assets	1,210	28		3,525	427	500
Amount available in debt service reserves						
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations						
Rentals due						
Total assets	\$ 617,285	\$ 214,696	\$ 23,947	\$ 216,164	\$ 14,320	\$ 23,113
Liabilities and Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Cash overdraft	\$ 3,085	\$	\$	\$ 11,622	\$ 433	\$ 472
Vouchers and accounts payable	268,774	27,591		4,472	5,735	6,872
Due to other funds	12,913	48,078	23,213	40,207	1,461	1,413
Due to component units	1,838	2,162		1,200		
Due to primary government						
Due to other governments and agencies		831				
Accrued liabilities	23,353	2,028			476	2,236
Deferred revenue	15,772	541		66	141	
Loans from other funds				2,995		2,850
Other current liabilities	23,405			3,755		
Compensated absences						
Notes payable						
Loans payable						
Obligations under capital leases						1,343
Bonds payable						
Other long-term liabilities					5,967	
Total liabilities	349,140	81,231	23,213	64,317	14,213	15,186
Fund equity:						
Contributed capital						
Retained earnings:						
Reserved						1,456
Unreserved (deficit)					107	6,471
Fund balances:						
Reserved	136,963	310,625	734	57,182		
Unreserved:						
Designated		32,955		94,481		
Undesignated (deficit)	131,182	(210,115)		184		
Total fund equity	268,145	133,465	734	151,847	107	7,927
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 617,285	\$ 214,696	\$ 23,947	\$ 216,164	\$ 14,320	\$ 23,113

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Group General Long-term Debt	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Memorandum only)	Component Units		TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY (Memorandum only)
			Governmental	Proprietary	
\$ 17,620	\$	\$ 504,960	\$ 55,116	\$ 460,028	\$ 1,020,104
293,712		326,104			326,104
6,622,622		6,640,805	1,165	1,314,767	7,956,737
60,549		318,543	38,814	2,168,935	2,526,292
7,707		127,371			127,371
		6,759			6,759
			2,147	3,053	5,200
1,674		169,440		25,660	195,100
		3,035	2,830	1,968	7,833
		5,845			5,845
9,121		13,978	19,237	969,425	1,002,640
1,545		7,235	38,590	163,203	209,028
	19,922	19,922	800		20,722
	1,571,782	1,571,782	121,688		1,693,470
				7,815	7,815
\$ 7,014,550	\$ 1,591,704	\$ 9,715,779	\$ 280,387	\$ 5,114,854	\$ 15,111,020
\$	\$	\$ 15,612	\$ 5,830	\$	\$ 21,442
5,926		319,370	32,711	38,892	390,973
86		127,371			127,371
		5,200			5,200
			1,801	4,958	6,759
1,110		1,941		18,269	20,210
		28,093		85,094	113,187
		16,520	12,540	10,013	39,073
		5,845			5,845
506,762		533,922	4,830		538,752
	65,574	65,574	32,598		98,172
			2,272	17,005	19,277
			861	52,843	53,704
	442,275	443,618	21,624	34,681	499,923
	1,035,399	1,035,399	104,941	3,049,165	4,189,505
	48,456	54,423		306,145	360,568
513,884	1,591,704	2,652,888	220,008	3,617,065	6,489,961
				369,066	369,066
		1,456	15,127	734,046	750,629
		6,578		394,677	401,255
6,497,629		7,003,133	73,035		7,076,168
		127,436			127,436
3,037		(75,712)	(27,783)		(103,495)
6,500,666		7,062,891	60,379	1,497,789	8,621,059
\$ 7,014,550	\$ 1,591,704	\$ 9,715,779	\$ 280,387	\$ 5,114,854	\$ 15,111,020

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS, AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED GOVERNMENTAL COMPONENT UNITS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 2,011,949	\$ 270,487	\$	\$
Licenses, fines, sales, and services	205,043	4,561		7,239
Departmental restricted revenue	77,333	6		
Federal grants	1,213,491	194,552		8,642
Income from investments	7,360	4,929	526	11,777
Other revenues	49,274	4,291		
Total revenues	3,564,450	478,826	526	27,658
Other financing sources:				
Bonds and notes issued				149,915
Lease certificates of participation issued				31,330
Operating transfers in	291,988	49,178		44,706
Operating transfers from primary government				
Operating transfers from component units	36,969	1,896	115	
Other	67,531		1,324	5,645
Total revenues and other financing sources	3,960,938	529,900	1,965	259,254
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	257,505	10,415		
Human services	1,944,654	132,808		
Education	63,324			
Public safety	279,626			
Natural resources	52,795	3,688		
Transportation		53,390		
Capital outlays	30,979	184,987		18,255
Intergovernmental	848,126	927		7,717
Debt service:				
Principal	79,394			
Interest and other charges	64,849		974	10,192
Total expenditures	3,621,252	386,215	974	36,164
Other financing uses:				
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent				123,020
Operating transfers out	50,461	62,154	2,775	80,656
Operating transfers to primary government				
Operating transfers to component units	242,823	62,796		38,539
Other				
Total expenditures and other financing uses	3,914,536	511,165	3,749	278,379
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	46,402	18,735	(1,784)	(19,125)
Net gain from proprietary operations				
Fund balances, July 1, 2000, as restated	221,743	114,730	2,518	170,972
Fund balances, June 30, 2001	\$ 268,145	\$ 133,465	\$ 734	\$ 151,847

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Fiduciary Fund Types	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Memorandum only)	Component Units	TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY (Memorandum only)
Expendable Trust		Governmental	
\$ 139,847	\$ 2,422,283	\$	\$ 2,422,283
	216,843	192,807	409,650
	77,339		77,339
1,478	1,418,163	68,752	1,486,915
18,720	43,312		43,312
1,520	55,085	41,070	96,155
161,565	4,233,025	302,629	4,535,654
	149,915	9,339	159,254
	31,330		31,330
	385,872		385,872
		198,935	198,935
	38,980		38,980
5,482	79,982	350	80,332
167,047	4,919,104	511,253	5,430,357
	267,920		267,920
151,075	2,228,537		2,228,537
	63,324	484,168	547,492
	279,626		279,626
	56,483		56,483
	53,390		53,390
	234,221	31,268	265,489
	856,770		856,770
	79,394	624	80,018
	76,015	2,504	78,519
151,075	4,195,680	518,564	4,714,244
	123,020		123,020
	196,046		196,046
		4,373	4,373
	344,158		344,158
3,903	3,903	33	3,936
154,978	4,862,807	522,970	5,385,777
12,069	56,297	(11,717)	44,580
		13,880	13,880
320,038	830,001	58,216	888,217
\$ 332,107	\$ 886,298	\$ 60,379	\$ 946,677

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS, AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED PROPRIETARY COMPONENT UNITS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	Proprietary Fund Types	
	Enterprise (State Lottery)	Internal Service
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 978,020	\$ 97,466
Interest income		861
Other operating income		
Total operating revenues	978,020	98,327
Operating expenses:		
Personal services	3,146	13,088
Supplies, materials, and services	132,565	82,231
Interest expense		
Grant, scholarships, and contract programs		
Prize awards	662,975	
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	217	732
Other operating expenses		
Total operating expenses	798,903	96,051
Operating income (loss)	179,117	2,276
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Income from investments	969	44
Grants		
Gain on sale of property		
Interest expense		(89)
Other nonoperating revenues	684	
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	1,653	(45)
Income (loss) before transfers	180,770	2,231
Operating transfers in		317
Operating transfers out	(180,842)	
Operating transfers from primary government		
Operating transfers to primary government		
Income (loss) before extraordinary items	(72)	2,548
Extraordinary items		
Net income (loss)	(72)	2,548
Other changes in fund equity:		
Increase in contributed capital		
Other		
Net increase (decrease) in fund equity	(72)	2,548
Fund equity, July 1, 2000, as restated	179	5,379
Fund equity, June 30, 2001	\$ 107	\$ 7,927

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Fiduciary Fund Types	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Memorandum only)	Component Units	TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY (Memorandum only)
Nonexpendable Trust		Proprietary	
\$ 50	\$ 1,075,536	\$ 202,312	\$ 1,277,848
(167)	(167)	194,066	193,899
	861	29,108	29,969
(117)	1,076,230	425,486	1,501,716
	16,234	104,970	121,204
209	215,005	116,583	331,588
		130,268	130,268
		11,744	11,744
	662,975		662,975
	949	49,567	50,516
		26,345	26,345
209	895,163	439,477	1,334,640
(326)	181,067	(13,991)	167,076
	1,013	14,926	15,939
		(1,361)	(1,361)
		432	432
	(89)	(38,346)	(38,435)
	684	21,900	22,584
	1,608	(2,449)	(841)
(326)	182,675	(16,440)	166,235
	317		317
	(180,842)		(180,842)
		81,593	81,593
		(36,494)	(36,494)
(326)	2,150	28,659	30,809
		9	9
(326)	2,150	28,668	30,818
		7,488	7,488
		472,947	472,947
(326)	2,150	509,103	511,253
3,362	8,920	988,686	997,606
\$ 3,036	\$ 11,070	\$ 1,497,789	\$ 1,508,859

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS, AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED PROPRIETARY COMPONENT UNITS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	Component Units	TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY
	Enterprise (State Lottery)	Internal Service	Nonexpendable Trust	(Memorandum only)	Proprietary	(Memorandum only)
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Cash received from customers	\$ 982,954	\$ 95,856	\$ 50	\$ 1,078,860	\$ 580,159	\$ 1,659,019
Cash received from grants		661		661	1,885	2,546
Collections from loans and receivership assets					16,927	16,927
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(3,470)	(83,209)	(209)	(86,888)	(135,479)	(222,367)
Cash payments to employees for services	(3,104)	(13,088)		(16,192)	(94,161)	(110,353)
Loans issued		(1,113)		(1,113)	(110,419)	(111,532)
Cash payments for claims, grants, and scholarships					(177,641)	(177,641)
Other operating revenue	895	1,674		2,569	16,249	18,818
Other operating expenses	(802,018)			(802,018)	(1,564)	(803,582)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	175,257	781	(159)	175,879	95,956	271,835
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:						
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt					349,907	349,907
Payment of bonds and notes					(255,418)	(255,418)
Payment of interest					(132,125)	(132,125)
Proceeds from grants					17,212	17,212
Loans from other funds		2,463		2,463		2,463
Repayment of loans to other funds		(2,983)		(2,983)		(2,983)
Collection of loans and mortgages					318	318
Contract revenue					4,083	4,083
Operating transfers out	(192,282)			(192,282)		(192,282)
Operating transfers from primary government					80,693	80,693
Operating transfers to primary government					(47,686)	(47,686)
Grants issued					(1,510)	(1,510)
Negative cash balance implicitly financed	433	472		905	(361)	544
Net cash provided by (used for) noncapital financing activities	(191,849)	(48)		(191,897)	15,113	(176,784)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:						
Principal paid on revenue bonds					(12,903)	(12,903)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt					1,900	1,900
Payment of interest		(89)		(89)	(38,181)	(38,270)
Payment of notes and loans					(9,747)	(9,747)
Payment of capital lease obligations		(448)		(448)	(723)	(1,171)
Payment of financing costs					(656)	(656)
Payment for the purchase of program rights					(497)	(497)
Acquisition of capital assets	(193)	(496)		(689)	(73,904)	(74,593)
Contributed capital		317		317	24,829	25,146
Proceeds from capital grants					23,580	23,580
Proceeds from sale of assets					1,846	1,846
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	(193)	(716)		(909)	(84,456)	(85,365)
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Purchase of investments			(731)	(731)	(675,128)	(675,859)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	1,210		891	2,101	612,932	615,033
Interest on investments	969	44	114	1,127	67,049	68,176
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	2,179	44	274	2,497	4,853	7,350
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(14,606)	61	115	(14,430)	31,466	17,036
Cash and cash equivalents, July 1, 2000	19,405	3,552	654	23,611	409,887	433,498
Cash and cash equivalents, June 30, 2001	\$ 4,799	\$ 3,613	\$ 769	\$ 9,181	\$ 441,353	\$ 450,534

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

	Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Memorandum only)	Component Units	TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY (Memorandum only)
	Enterprise (State Lottery)	Internal Service	Nonexpendable Trust		Proprietary	
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:						
Operating income (loss)	\$ 179,117	\$ 2,276	\$ (326)	\$ 181,067	\$ (13,991)	\$ 167,076
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:						
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	217	732		949	49,567	50,516
Interest on investments and other income	(1,170)		167	(1,003)	(58,565)	(59,568)
Interest expense and other charges					130,815	130,815
Provision for cost of scholarships					1,100	1,100
Landfill postclosure costs					(1,827)	(1,827)
(Increase) decrease in assets:						
Receivables	(1,154)	(3,026)		(4,180)	(34,355)	(38,535)
Inventories	68	(6)		62	114	176
Prepaid items		(500)		(500)	(131)	(631)
Other assets	1,868			1,868	(3,527)	(1,659)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,137)	1,305		168	13,367	13,535
Deferred revenue	(114)			(114)	(153)	(267)
Escrow deposits					13,542	13,542
Other liabilities	(2,438)			(2,438)		(2,438)
Subtotal	(3,860)	(1,495)	167	(5,188)	109,947	104,759
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 175,257	\$ 781	\$ (159)	\$ 175,879	\$ 95,956	\$ 271,835
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:						
Assets acquired through loan program	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 7,550	\$ 7,550
Interest capitalized					100	100
Land transfers					(837)	(837)
Total noncash transactions	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,813	\$ 6,813
Cash and cash equivalents in the Fiduciary Fund Types on the Combined Balance Sheet include:						
Expendable Trust Funds					\$ 1,323	
Pension Trust Funds					1,154	
Agency Fund					14,374	
Nonexpendable Trust Funds					769	
Total					\$ 17,620	
Cash and cash equivalents for Proprietary Component Units on the Combined Balance Sheet include:						
Cash and cash equivalents from Statement of Cash Flow					\$ 441,353	
R.I. Housing Mortgage Finance Corporation - Affordability Housing Trust					5,542	
R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority - CollegeBoundfund Program Fund					6,312	
R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority - Federal Student Loan Reserve Fund					6,821	
Total					\$ 460,028	

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL****GENERAL FUND AND BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 2,011,700	\$ 2,011,949	\$ 249
Licenses, fines, sales, and services	197,000	205,043	8,043
Departmental restricted revenue	52,273	77,333	25,060
Federal grants	1,288,036	1,213,491	(74,545)
Other revenues	57,500	56,634	(866)
Total revenues	3,606,509	3,564,450	(42,059)
Other financing sources:			
Operating transfers in	282,431	291,988	9,557
Operating transfers from component units	35,255	36,969	1,714
Other	72,152	67,531	(4,621)
Total revenues and other financing sources	3,996,347	3,960,938	(35,409)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	271,521	257,505	14,016
Human services	1,980,267	1,944,654	35,613
Education	90,184	63,324	26,860
Public safety	290,371	279,626	10,745
Natural resources	65,842	52,795	13,047
Transportation			
Capital outlays	30,480	30,979	(499)
Intergovernmental	851,821	848,126	3,695
Debt service:			
Principal	81,397	79,394	2,003
Interest and other charges	62,739	64,849	(2,110)
Total expenditures	3,724,622	3,621,252	103,370
Other financing uses:			
Operating transfers out	45,160	50,461	(5,301)
Operating transfers to component units	237,695	242,823	(5,128)
Total expenditures and other financing uses	4,007,477	3,914,536	92,941
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(11,130)	46,402	57,532
Fund balances, July 1, 2000, as restated	221,743	221,743	
Fund balances, June 30, 2001	\$ 210,613	\$ 268,145	\$ 57,532

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Budgeted Special Revenue Funds			Total (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
\$ 266,767	\$ 270,487	\$ 3,720	\$ 2,278,467	\$ 2,282,436	\$ 3,969
			197,000	205,043	8,043
25,560	6	(25,554)	77,833	77,339	(494)
231,762	194,552	(37,210)	1,519,798	1,408,043	(111,755)
3,500	8,887	5,387	61,000	65,521	4,521
527,589	473,932	(53,657)	4,134,098	4,038,382	(95,716)
	45,290	45,290	282,431	337,278	54,847
			35,255	36,969	1,714
			72,152	67,531	(4,621)
527,589	519,222	(8,367)	4,523,936	4,480,160	(43,776)
6,159	5,490	669	277,680	262,995	14,685
128,000	132,808	(4,808)	2,108,267	2,077,462	30,805
			90,184	63,324	26,860
			290,371	279,626	10,745
			65,842	52,795	13,047
88,642	53,045	35,597	88,642	53,045	35,597
180,510	184,987	(4,477)	210,990	215,966	(4,976)
	756	(756)	851,821	848,882	2,939
			81,397	79,394	2,003
			62,739	64,849	(2,110)
403,311	377,086	26,225	4,127,933	3,998,338	129,595
56,100	62,154	(6,054)	101,260	112,615	(11,355)
72,388	61,924	10,464	310,083	304,747	5,336
531,799	501,164	30,635	4,539,276	4,415,700	123,576
(4,210)	18,058	22,268	(15,340)	64,460	79,800
4,900	112,632	107,732	226,643	334,375	107,732
\$ 690	\$ 130,690	\$ 130,000	\$ 211,303	\$ 398,835	\$ 187,532

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	Employees' Retirement System	Municipal Employees' Retirement System	State Police Retirement Benefits Trust	Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust	TOTAL (Memorandum only)
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 685	\$ 174	\$ 181	\$ 114	\$ 1,154
Receivables:					
Member contributions	11,467	1,489			12,956
Employer contributions	9,624	1,510			11,134
Due from other funds	7,569				7,569
Miscellaneous	1,341	195	6	4	1,546
Total receivables	30,001	3,194	6	4	33,205
Investments, at fair value:					
Equity in short-term investment fund	4,323	2,653			6,976
Equity in pooled trust	5,296,572	776,856	12,354	7,886	6,093,668
Plan specific investments	27,325				27,325
Total investments before lending activities	5,328,220	779,509	12,354	7,886	6,127,969
Invested securities lending collateral	381,179	55,908	889	568	438,544
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation					
Line of Business System in Development	7,468	1,090	15	10	8,583
Computer Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation \$134,535)	468	68	1	1	538
Total Property and Equipment	7,936	1,158	16	11	9,121
Total assets	5,748,021	839,943	13,446	8,583	6,609,993
Liabilities					
Securities lending liability	381,179	55,908	889	568	438,544
Vouchers and accounts payable	5,164	743	12	8	5,927
Total liabilities	386,343	56,651	901	576	444,471
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits	\$ 5,361,678	\$ 783,292	\$ 12,545	\$ 8,007	\$ 6,165,522

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS

PENSION TRUST FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in thousands)

	Employees' Retirement System	Municipal Employees' Retirement System	State Police Retirement Benefits Trust	Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust	TOTAL (Memorandum only)
Additions:					
Contributions:					
Member contributions	\$ 120,115	\$ 15,858	\$ 615	\$ 330	\$ 136,918
Employer contributions	94,280	6,093	1,820	1,164	103,357
State contributions for teachers	35,365				35,365
Interest on service credits purchased	973	127			1,100
Total contributions	250,733	22,078	2,435	1,494	276,740
Investment income:					
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(833,072)	(121,991)	(1,756)	(1,133)	(957,952)
Interest	135,380	19,624	279	180	155,463
Dividends	29,830	4,367	63	40	34,300
Other investment income	19,180	2,807	39	25	22,051
	(648,682)	(95,193)	(1,375)	(888)	(746,138)
Less investment expense	20,181	2,953	42	27	23,203
Net loss from investing activities	(668,863)	(98,146)	(1,417)	(915)	(769,341)
Securities Lending:					
Securities lending income	11,976	1,756	28	18	13,778
Less securities lending expense	(10,931)	(1,603)	(26)	(16)	(12,576)
Net securities lending income	1,045	153	2	2	1,202
Total net investment loss	(667,818)	(97,993)	(1,415)	(913)	(768,139)
Total additions	(417,085)	(75,915)	1,020	581	(491,399)
Deductions:					
Retirement benefits	365,997	33,587		77	399,661
Refund of contributions	6,027	1,337			7,364
Administrative expense	2,663	386	2	1	3,052
Total deductions	374,687	35,310	2	78	410,077
Net increase (decrease)	(791,772)	(111,225)	1,018	503	(901,476)
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits					
July 1, 2000	6,153,450	894,517	11,527	7,504	7,066,998
June 30, 2001	\$ 5,361,678	\$ 783,292	\$ 12,545	\$ 8,007	\$ 6,165,522

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to General-Purpose Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governments as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), except as described in Note 1(D). GASB is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting," in the absence of specific guidance from GASB pronouncements, pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued on or before November 30, 1989 have been followed.

B. Reporting Entity

The general-purpose financial statements include all funds and account groups of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the state) and its component units. GASB defines component units as legally separate entities for which a primary government (the state) is financially accountable or, if not financially accountable, their exclusion would cause the state's financial statements to be misleading. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an entity's governing body and (1) the ability of the state to impose its will on that entity or (2) the potential for the entity to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the state. The state has considered all agencies, boards, commissions, public benefit authorities and corporations, the state university and colleges and the Central Falls School District as potential component units. Audited financial statements of the individual component units can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

Blended Component Units

These component units are entities which are legally separate from the state, but are so intertwined with the state that they are in substance, the same as the state. They are reported as part of the state and blended into the appropriate funds.

State Lottery Fund (Lottery) - This fund is used to account for the revenues generated by the State Lottery Commission in conducting various lottery games. According to statute, earnings after allocation for prize awards and payment of expenses shall be transferred to the state's general fund. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the State Lottery Commission, 1425 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.

Rhode Island Refunding Bond Authority (RIRBA) - This authority was created by law for the purpose of loaning money to the state to provide funds to pay, redeem, or retire certain general obligation bonds. In fiscal 1998, the state abolished the R.I. Public Buildings Authority (RIPBA) and assigned the responsibility for managing RIPBA's outstanding debt to the RIRBA. RIPBA was previously reported as a blended component unit. The RIRBA is authorized to issue bonds. Even though it is legally separate, the RIRBA is reported as if it were part of the primary government because it provides services entirely to the primary

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government. It is blended into the Capital Projects Funds and the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Refunding Bond Authority, State House, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Economic Policy Council (RIEPC) - This council is a non-profit organization created by executive order in March 1995 and incorporated in January 1996. The purpose of the council is to work closely with state officials to identify issues facing the state's economy, to develop and recommend creative strategies and policies to address them, to advise the state legislature in policy matters relating to economic development, and to administer a program designed to foster private technology commercialization and plant and process modernization through research centers, higher education partnerships and cluster collaboratives. It is blended into the Special Revenue Funds. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Economic Policy Council, 15 Westminster Street Suite 615, Providence, RI 02903-2417.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Discretely presented component units are reported in separate columns in the combined financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the primary government. They are financially accountable to the primary government, or have relationships with the primary government such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. These discretely presented component units serve or benefit those outside of the primary government. Discretely presented component units are:

Governmental Component Units

University and Colleges - The Board of Governors for Higher Education has oversight responsibility for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and Community College of Rhode Island. The Board is appointed by the Governor with approval of the Senate. The university and colleges are funded through state appropriations, tuition, federal grants, private donations and grants. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the University of Rhode Island, Carlotti Administration Building, Kingston, RI 02881; Rhode Island College, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908; and Community College of Rhode Island, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886-1805.

Central Falls School District - The Rhode Island General Assembly passed an act which provided for the state to assume an administrative takeover of the Central Falls School District. The Governor appointed a special state administrator who replaced the school committee. The state administrator reports to the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. The District's purpose is to provide elementary and secondary education to residents of the City of Central Falls. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the Central Falls School District, 21 Hadley Avenue, Central Falls, RI 02863.

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Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMF) - This Corporation, established in 1973, was created in order to expand the supply of housing available to persons of low and moderate income and to stimulate the construction and rehabilitation of housing and health care facilities in the state. It has the power to issue notes and bonds to achieve its corporate purpose. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903-1721.

Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA) - This Authority, established in 1981, was created in order to provide a statewide student loan program through the acquisition of student loans. It has the power to issue bonds and notes, payable solely from its revenues. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Student Loan Authority, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) - This Authority was created by the General Assembly as a body corporate and politic, with powers to construct, acquire, maintain and operate bridge projects as defined by law. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority, P.O. Box 437, Jamestown, RI 02835-0437.

Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) - This Corporation was created in 1995 as a result of a merger by the General Assembly of the Rhode Island Port Authority (RIPAEDC) and former Department of Economic Development. The purpose of RIEDC is to promote and encourage the preservation, expansion, and sound development of new and existing industry, business, commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreational facilities in the state, which will promote economic development. It has the power to issue tax-exempt industrial development bonds to accomplish its corporate purpose. Prior to 1995, the RIPAEDC created a subsidiary corporation, the R. I. Airport Corporation, to manage the state's six airports. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Economic Development Corporation, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (RICCA) - This Authority was created in 1987 to facilitate the construction and development of a convention center, parking garages and related facilities within the City of Providence. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Convention Center Authority, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) - This Commission was created for the purposes of acquiring, planning, constructing, extending, improving, operating and maintaining publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities. NBC receives contributed capital from the state to upgrade its facilities. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the Narragansett Bay Commission, One Service Road, Providence, RI 02905.

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Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation (RIHEBC) - This Corporation has the following purposes: (1) to assist in providing financing for education facilities for colleges and universities operating in the state; (2) to assist hospitals in the state in the financing of health care facilities; (3) to assist stand-alone, non-profit assisted-living and adult daycare facilities; (4) to assist in financing a broad range of non-profit health care providers; and (5) to assist in financing non-profit secondary schools and child care centers. RIHEBC issues bonds, notes and leases which are special obligations of RIHEBC payable from revenues derived from the projects financed or other moneys of the participating education institution or health care institution. The bonds, notes and leases do not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of RIHEBC or the state and accordingly have not been reported in the accompanying financial statements. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Health and Educational Building Corporation, 400 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) - This Corporation was established in 1974 in order to provide and/or coordinate solid waste management services to municipalities and persons within the state. RIRRC has the power to issue negotiable bonds and notes to achieve its corporate purpose. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation, 65 Shun Pike, Johnston, RI 02919.

Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation (DEPCO) - This Corporation was created in 1991 to assist in protecting the interests of depositors of certain financial institutions in the state which had been closed when their private deposit insurer failed, thereby leaving those institutions without deposit insurance as required by statute. DEPCO is empowered to acquire all or a portion of the assets of the closed institutions thereby aiding the prompt repayment of the deposit liabilities of the closed institutions. DEPCO has the power to issue negotiable bonds and notes to achieve its corporate purpose. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation, 832 Dyer Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.

Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA) - This Authority was created by law in 1977 for the dual purpose of guaranteeing loans to students in eligible institutions and administering other programs of post secondary student assistance. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) - This Authority was established in 1964 to acquire any mass motor bus transportation system if that system has previously filed a petition to discontinue its service and further, if RIPTA determines it is in the public interest to continue such service. Revenues of RIPTA include operating assistance grants from the federal and state governments. For more detailed information, a copy of their financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Public Transit Authority, 265 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907.

Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation (RIIFC) - The purpose of this Corporation is to issue revenue bonds, construction loan notes and equipment acquisition notes for the financing of projects which further industrial development in the state. All bonds and notes issued by RIIFC are payable solely from the revenues derived from leasing or sale by RIIFC of

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its projects. The bonds and notes do not constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of RIIFC or the state and accordingly have not been reported in the accompanying financial statements. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Industrial Facilities Corporation, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency (RICWFA) - This Agency was established in 1991 for the purpose of providing financial assistance in the form of loans to municipalities, sewer commissions and waste water management districts in the state for the construction or upgrading of water pollution abatement projects. RICWFA receives capital grants from the state and federal governments and is authorized to issue revenue bonds and notes. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 119, Providence, RI 02908.

Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority (RIIRBA) - This Authority is authorized to insure first mortgages and first security agreements granted by financial institutions and the Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation for companies conducting business in the state. Any losses realized in excess of the fund balance would be funded by the state. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Industrial-Recreational Building Authority, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Water Resources Board Corporate (RIWRBC) - This Board was created by law to foster and guide the development of water resources including the establishment of water supply facilities and lease these facilities to cities, towns, districts, and other municipal, quasi-municipal or private corporations engaged in the water supply business in the state. RIWRBC is authorized to issue revenue bonds which are payable solely from revenues generated by the lease of its facilities or the sale of water. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Water Resources Board Corporate, 100 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority (RIPTCA) - This Authority owns and operates a non-commercial educational television station in the state. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Public Telecommunications Authority, 50 Park Lane, Providence, RI 02907-3124.

Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education (RICCHE) - This is a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of fostering the education of economically disadvantaged youth through scholarship awards, summer jobs programs, and mentoring programs for parents and students. For more detailed information, a copy of the financial statements can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Children's Crusade for Higher Education, The 134 Center, Suite 111, 134 Thurburs Avenue, Providence, RI 02905.

C. Fund Accounting

The general-purpose financial statements have been prepared from accounts maintained by the State Controller and from reports prescribed by the State Controller and prepared by the component units based on independent accounting systems maintained by those entities.

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The state uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

The state records its transactions in the fund types and account group described below.

Governmental Fund Types

General - is the general operating fund of the state and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included within this fund are the operations of most jointly financed state - federal programs.

Special Revenue - is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes and where a separate fund is mandated.

Debt Service - is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt. The state's debt service fund is funded by annual appropriations that approximate the annual interest savings from debt refundings and other sources.

Capital Projects - accounts for resources obtained and used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital facilities not reported in other governmental or proprietary funds. Such resources are derived principally from the proceeds of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, lease participation certificates, and operating transfers from the general fund.

Proprietary Fund Types

Enterprise - is used to account for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where (1) the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are to be financed or recovered through user charges; or (2) the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate. The State Lottery Fund is the only fund in this category.

Internal Service - is used to account for the financing and providing of specified goods and services, on a centralized basis, for other departments and agencies.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Trust and Agency - is used to account for transactions related to assets held by the state in a trustee or agency capacity. These include pension trust funds, expendable and nonexpendable trust funds, and agency funds.

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General Long-Term Debt Account Group - accounts for all general long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the primary government not accounted for in the proprietary funds. Significant long-term obligations include general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, capital leases and compensated absences.

D. Basis of Accounting

All governmental fund types, expendable trust funds, agency funds and governmental component units are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) as changes in net current assets.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, grants, entitlements and related receivables are recorded in the accounting period that they become both measurable and available, i.e., earned and collected or expected to be collected within the next 12 months. Tax revenues are recorded by the state as taxpayers earn income (personal and business income taxes), as sales are made (sales and use taxes) and as the taxable event occurs (miscellaneous taxes), net of estimated refunds. Deferred revenues offset taxes receivable not expected to be collected within the next 12 months. Grant revenue is recorded when the related expenditure has been made. Cash advances from grants are reported as deferred revenue.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to the general modified accrual expenditure recognition criteria include principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due and compensated absences which are recognized when paid.

On-behalf payments for fringe benefits are reported the same as direct payments to grantees. Therefore, both the state aid to local public school districts and the state's share of the employers' contribution, as required by General Laws, to the Employees' Retirement System for teachers employed by local public school districts are reported as intergovernmental expenditures (operating transfers out for the Central Falls School District) in the general fund.

Unexpended general revenue appropriations, as reappropriated by the Governor, and unexpended restricted revenues and operating transfers in are carried forward at fiscal year end and are available for expenditure in the following fiscal year. The amounts carried forward are reflected in the combined balance sheet as part of fund equity.

All proprietary fund types, pension trust funds, nonexpendable trust funds and proprietary component units are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and grants are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time related liabilities are incurred. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these

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funds are included on the combined balance sheet. Fund equity is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings/fund balance.

The financial statements of R.I. Children's Crusade for Higher Education (RICCHE) are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles using FASB guidance.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash represents amounts in demand deposit accounts with financial institutions. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.

The state does not pool its cash deposits.

F. Funds on Deposit with Fiscal Agent

Funds on deposit with fiscal agent in the capital projects funds and trust and agency funds are the unexpended portion of certificates of participation and funds held by the United States Treasury Department for the payment of unemployment benefits, respectively.

G. Investments

Investments are generally stated at fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than a forced or liquidation sale. Short-term investments are stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The pension trust funds may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to minimize the short-term impact of foreign currency fluctuations on the asset and liability positions of foreign investments. The gains or losses on these contracts are included in income in the period in which the exchange rates change. Gains and losses on contracts which hedge specific foreign currency denominated commitments are deferred and recognized in the period in which the transaction is completed. By policy, no more than 50% of actively managed foreign equity securities (at fair value) may be hedged into the base currency (U.S. dollars).

H. Receivables

Receivables are stated net of allowances for uncollectable and unavailable amounts.

I. Due From Other Governments and Agencies

Due from other governments and agencies represents principally amounts owed to the state in reimbursement of federal expenditures.

J. Due from/to Other Funds/Component Units/Primary Government

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds within the primary government and between the primary government and discretely

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presented component units. These intra-entity receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds/component units/primary government" or "due to other funds/component units/primary government" in the combined balance sheet.

K. Inventories

Inventory type items acquired by governmental funds are accounted for as expenditures at the time of purchase.

Inventories of governmental component units are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out and retail inventory method) or market, and consist primarily of bookstore and dining, health and residential life services items.

Inventories of the proprietary funds and proprietary component units are stated at cost.

L. Fixed Assets

The cost of fixed assets acquired by governmental fund types is accounted for as an expenditure upon purchase.

A statement of general fixed assets is not included herein since the information required to prepare such a statement has not been fully developed.

Certain fixed assets used in the operation of internal service funds are capitalized in the fund in which they are utilized and are depreciated on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Certain internal service funds use capital leases to finance assets. Since the lease costs are recovered through service charges, such assets and related debt are accounted for within the internal service funds. These assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

The cost of fixed assets used by the enterprise fund and pension trust funds is capitalized and depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The cost of fixed assets used by the component units is capitalized and depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. With the exception of the R.I. Economic Development Corporation, R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation and the Narragansett Bay Commission, interest is not capitalized.

M. Other Assets

Other assets include, among other things, deferred bond issuance and financing costs, present value of future scholarships pledged by institutions of higher learning, airport noise mitigation assets, restricted assets held in trust, and property held for sale and development.

N. Rentals Due

Rentals due for payment of principal and current interest on revenue bonds represent amounts due as required under several lease arrangements relating to capital projects.

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Other liabilities include, among other things, deferred scholarships, landfill post-closure costs, securities lending liability, and deposits pending distribution.

P. Bonds Payable

In governmental fund types, bond discounts/premiums and issuance costs are recognized in the current period; bond proceeds are recorded net of these amounts. Bond discounts, premiums and issuance costs for proprietary fund types are generally deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method for issuance costs and the interest method for discounts and premiums. Bond discounts and premiums are presented as an adjustment to the face amount of bonds payable.

The R.I. Convention Center Authority has entered into interest rate swap agreements to modify interest rates on outstanding debt. Other than the net interest expenditures resulting from these agreements, no amounts are recorded in the financial statements.

Q. Obligations Under Capital Leases

The construction and acquisition of certain state office buildings, campus facilities and other public facilities, as well as certain equipment acquisitions, have been financed through bonds and notes issued by the R.I. Refunding Bond Authority, the R.I. Convention Center Authority, the R.I. Economic Development Corporation, or by a trustee pursuant to a lease/purchase agreement with the state (See Note 7(D)).

R. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities generally represent accrued salary and fringe benefits in the governmental fund types and accrued interest payable, accrued salaries and accrued vacation and sick leave in the proprietary fund types.

S. Compensated Absences

Vacation pay may be discharged, subject to limitations as to carry-over from year to year, by future paid leave or by cash payment upon termination of service. Sick pay may be discharged by payment for an employee's future absence caused by illness or, to the extent of vested rights, by cash payment upon death or retirement. For governmental fund types, such obligations are recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and for proprietary fund types, they are recorded as fund liabilities.

T. Fund Equity

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from the federal and/or state governments. Depreciation expense is recognized on assets acquired or constructed with these funds. Certain component units record transfers from contributed capital to retained earnings in an amount equal to the annual depreciation charge.

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Reserved fund balances represent amounts which are (1) not appropriable for expenditure or (2) legally segregated for a specific future use.

Designated fund balances represent amounts segregated to indicate management's tentative plans or intent for future use of financial resources.

U. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the general-purpose financial statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns are not comparable to a consolidation. Intra-entity eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

V. New Accounting Pronouncements

1. In fiscal year 2001, the state implemented GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions." The implementation of GASB Statement No. 33 resulted in the recognition of an additional \$7,050,800 of tax revenues, net of estimated refunds, in the General Fund. The net effect of implementing GASB Statement No. 33 on the Rhode Island Temporary Disability Insurance Fund within the Special Revenue Funds and on the Employment Security Trust Fund within the Trust and Agency Funds was a cumulative increase in fund balances of \$37,636,000 and \$33,873,900, respectively (See Note 17 - Restatement of Fund Equity).

2. In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements--and Management's Discussion and Analysis--for State and Local Governments. The state is required to apply this statement for periods beginning after June 15, 2001. GASB Statement No. 34 establishes new financial reporting requirements that fundamentally affect the presentation of general purpose government's basic financial statements and related required supplementary information. In November 1999, the GASB established accounting and financial reporting standards for public colleges and universities within the financial reporting guidelines of GASB Statement No. 34 when the Board issued GASB Statement No. 35, Basic Financial Statements--and Management's Discussion and Analysis--for Public Colleges and Universities. Management has not yet determined the impact that GASB Statements No. 34 and 35 will have on the state's financial statements.

Note 2. Budgeting and Budgetary Control

An annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund and certain special revenue funds. Preparation and submission of the budget is governed by both the State Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws. The budget, as enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the governor, contains a complete plan of estimated general, federal, restricted revenues and operating transfers in and proposed expenditures.

The legal level of budgetary control, i.e. the lowest level at which management (executive branch) may not reassign resources without special approval (legislative branch) is as follows:

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- (1) For general revenue appropriations, it is the line item within the appropriation act. Management cannot reallocate any appropriations without special approval from the legislative branch.
- (2) For federal grants, it is the total of all grants available to a department under the same Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number. Federal grant appropriations may also be limited by the availability of matching funds and may also require special approval from a federal agency before reallocating resources among programs.
- (3) For restricted programs and operating transfers in, it is the account level. By its very nature, a restricted account is created by statute for a special purpose and management cannot reassign the resources without special approval. Operating transfers in are accounted for separately because they are reported under "Other Financing Sources" in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types, Expendable Trust Funds and Discretely Presented Governmental Component Units.

Internal administrative and accounting budgetary controls utilized by the state consist principally of statutory restrictions on the expenditure of funds in excess of appropriations and the supervisory powers and functions exercised by management. Management cannot reduce the budget without special approval.

Unexpended general revenue appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year, unless the department/agency directors identify unspent appropriations related to specific projects/purchases and request a reappropriation. If the requests are approved by the governor, such amounts are reappropriated for the ensuing fiscal year and made immediately available for the same purposes as the former appropriations. Unexpended appropriations of the General Assembly and its legislative commissions and agencies may be reappropriated by the Joint Committee on Legislative Services. If the sum total of all departments and agencies general revenue expenditures exceeds the total general revenue appropriations, it is the policy of management to lapse all unexpended appropriations, except those of the legislative branch and the Justice Link program.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments and agencies (expressed in thousands):

General Fund

<u>Department - Division Grant or Program</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Administration			
General revenue appropriations:			
Central Management			\$ 142
Accounts and Control			25
Auditing			21
Human Resources			23
Taxation			1,314
Central Services			643

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General Fund

Department - Division Grant or Program	CFDA Number	Account Number	Amount
Administration (continued)			
Office of Library and Information Services			30
Race and Police Community Relations Commission			6
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Program			4,921
Federal grants:			
Rural Housing Preservation Grants	10.433		29
Economic Development - Support for Planning Organizations	11.302		33
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228		721
Emergency Shelter Grants Program	14.231		41
Byrne Formula Grant Program	16.579		1
Workforce Investment Act	17.255		65
National Motor Carrier Safety	20.218		115
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568		5,560
Restricted programs:			
DEPCO Escrow Account		2450-80200	1,261
Exxon Oil Overcharge Interest Earnings		2460-81410	151
COP - Center General-Furniture		2485-80200	1
COP - DLT Building - WC		2485-80500	1
COP - DLT Building - Job Development Fund		2485-80700	44
COP - Center General Furniture - JDF		2485-80800	14
COP - Pastore Center Telecomm - JDF		2485-80900	2
Operating transfers in:			
Debt Service Special Account		2480-90200	10,282
RICAP State House - Terrace Walls/South Stairs		2480-90800	571
COP - DLT Building - Other		2485-90200	23
Debt - URI Education and General		2486-91100	31
Debt - URI Dining Services		2486-91420	1
Debt - RIC Student Union		2486-95404	49
Business Regulation			
General revenue appropriations:			
Insurance Regulation			91
Labor and Training			
General revenue appropriations:			
Central Management			32
Workforce Regulation and Safety			383
Labor Relations Board			14
Federal grants:			
Labor Force Statistics	17.002		109
Trade Adjustment Assistance - Dislocated Workers	17.245		209
Restricted programs:			
Office of Director - Workers Compensation		1652-80100	257
Education Unit - Workers Compensation		1652-80400	100
Second Injury Indemnity Fund Operation		1652-80500	42
Tardy Fund		1690-80100	472
Interest Fund		1695-80100	99
Legislature			
Restricted programs:			
Audit of Federal Assistance Programs		2626-80100	257
Secretary of State			
Federal grants:			
National Historical Publications and Records Grants	89.003		2
Treasury			
Restricted Programs:			
Forfeited Property Fund		2310-80100	6

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Department - Division Grant or Program	CFDA Number	Account Number	Amount
Board for Design Professionals			
General revenue appropriation			29
Children, Youth and Families			
General revenue appropriations:			
Friendship Street Renovations			303
Juvenile Corrections			46
Child Welfare			1,196
Federal grants:			
Byrne Formula Grant Program	16.579		2
Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)	93.104		250
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556		199
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558		1,513
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575		46
Independent Living	93.674		93
Other Expenditures of Federal Awards			140
Restricted programs:			
Social Security Income		3340-80200	281
Operating transfers in:			
RICAP - Spurwink/RI		3350-90100	16
Elderly Affairs			
Federal grants:			
Senior Community Service Employment Program	17.235		78
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part F - Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043		15
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C - Nutrition Services	93.045		149
New Demonstration Grants to States with Respect to Alzheimer's Disease	93.051		10
Nation Family Caregiver Support Program	93.052		11
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		54
Senior Companion Program	94.016		69
Operating transfers in:			
Gas Tax		3260-91500	71
Health			
General revenue appropriations:			
Central Management			136
Family Health			140
Poison Control Center			15
Health Services Regulation			152
Health Laboratories			302
Federal grants:			
Compensation and Working Conditions	17.005		1
Air Pollution Control Program Support	66.001		7
TSCA Title IV State Lead Grants - Certification of Lead-Based Paint Professionals	66.707		34
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families With Disabilities	84.181		90
State and Territorial and Technical Assistance Capacity Development Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Program	93.006		8
Grants for State Loan Repayment	93.165		19
Family Planning - Services	93.217		148
Innovative Food Safety Projects	93.245		7
Immunization Grants	93.268		257
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		6
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575		38
State Survey and Certification of Health Care Providers and Suppliers	93.777		321
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		320

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Department - Division Grant or Program	CFDA Number	Account Number	Amount
Health <i>(continued)</i>			
Preventive Health Services - Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Control Grants	93.977		28
Cooperative Agreements for State-Based Diabetes Control Programs and Evaluation of Surveillance Systems	93.988		39
Restricted programs:			
Indirect Cost Recovery - Central Management		1102-80601	353
RWJ - Making The Grade - Planning		1131-80200	3
All Kids Count		1134-80200	6
Drinking Water Revolving Fund		1173-80200	171
Human Services			
General revenue appropriations:			
Veterans Affairs			354
Medical Benefits - Managed Care			1,663
Medical Benefits - Special Education			2,638
Family Independence Program			319
Weatherization One-Time Payment			5
Federal grants:			
Food Stamps	10.551		882
Family Violence Prevention and Services - Grants for Battered Women's Shelters - Grants to States and Indian Tribes	93.671		158
State's Children Insurance Program	93.767		9,586
Restricted programs:			
Indirect Cost Recovery - Central Management		1210-80101	12
Vending Stand Proceeds		1237-80100	40
Health Indicators Development Project		1246-80100	37
Medicaid Provider Participation		1260-80200	35
Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals			
General revenue appropriations:			
Central Management			96
Hospitals and Community System Support			256
Integrated Mental Health Services			148
Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services			4,308
Federal grants:			
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	93.150		298
Office of the Child Advocate			
General revenue appropriation			40
Federal grants:			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575		4
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		9
Governor's Commission on Disabilities			
General revenue appropriation			4
Restricted programs:			
Human Resource Investment Council		2041-80200	6
Elementary and Secondary Education			
General revenue appropriations:			
Program Operations			194
Federal grants:			
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559		6
Title I Program for Neglected and Delinquent Children	84.013		1
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities	84.181		3
Even Start - State Educational Agencies	84.213		86
Class Size Reduction	84.340		428
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		303
Restricted programs:			
Indirect Cost Recovery - Program Support		1410-80121	16

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Department - Division Grant or Program	CFDA Number	Account Number	Amount
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts			
General revenue appropriations:			
Operating Support			18
Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority			
General revenue appropriations:			
Needs Based Grants and Work Opportunity			73
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission			
Federal grants:			
Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid	15.904		4
National Maritime Heritage Grants	15.925		11
Restricted Programs:			
Survey and Planning - Restricted Fund		2062-80100	2
Historic Preservation Easement Fund		2062-80300	54
Attorney General			
General revenue appropriations:			
Criminal			15
Federal grants:			
Byrne Formula Grant Program	16.579		3
Restricted Programs:			
Consumer Protection/Education		2211-80800	37
Gambling Forfeitures		2230-80500	4
Corrections			
General revenue appropriations:			
Institutional Corrections			2,087
Federal grants:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027		22
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048		24
Operating transfers in:			
RICAP - Perimeter & Security Upgrades		1370-90300	777
Rhode Island Justice Commission			
Federal grants:			
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants	16.523		193
Byrne Formula Grant Program	16.579		38
Violence Against Women Formula Grants	16.588		27
Judiciary			
General revenue appropriations:			
Supreme Court			673
Traffic Tribunal			9
Federal grants:			
Victims of Child Abuse	16.547		4
National Criminal History Improvement Program	16.554		6
Restricted programs:			
Advisory Committee on Women and Minorities		2710-80100	1
RI Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel		2710-80400	1
General Operations		2750-80100	1
Retirement Benefits of Commissioners and Judges		2750-80200	25
Military Staff			
General revenue appropriations:			
National Guard			488
Emergency Management			46
Federal grants:			
Community Assistance Program - State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE)	83.105		27

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Department - Division Grant or Program	CFDA Number	Account Number	Amount
Military Staff <i>(continued)</i>			
Operating transfers in:			
RICPF - Bristol Armory Rehabilitation		2089-90300	14
E-911 Emergency Telephone System			42
General revenue appropriation			
Restricted programs		2085-80100	353
Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review			
General revenue appropriation			3
Fire Safety and Training Academy			
Federal grants:			
Interagency Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants	20.703		24
Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline			
General revenue appropriation			9
State Police			
General revenue appropriation			2,099
Restricted programs:			
Forfeited Property Retained - State Police		2070-80100	21
Comprehensive Crime Control Act - Federal Regulation		2070-80900	6
Forfeiture of Motor Vehicles		2070-81000	7
Operating transfers in:			
Traffic Enforcement		2070-90500	176
Environmental Management			
General revenue appropriations:			
Natural Resources			519
Environmental Protection			6
Federal Grants:			
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	20.005		4
State Underground Water Source Protection	66.433		74
Wetlands Grants	66.461		35
Water Quality Cooperative Agreements	66.463		91
Innovative Community Partnership	66.651		18
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.283		24
Restricted programs:			
Indirect Cost Recovery - Public Resources Management		1730-80103	191
Fishing License Receipts		1732-80100	72
Hunting License Receipts		1732-80200	46
Shellfish and Marine License Receipts		1732-80400	73
Boating Safety		1735-80100	40
State Revolving Fund Administration		1751-80900	19
Indirect Cost Recovery - Water Resources		1751-81300	15
Environmental Response Fund		1754-80200	244
Water and Air Protection Program		1754-80600	490
Underground Storage Tank Fees		1759-80100	39
Operating transfers in:			
RICAP - Newport Pier Upgrades		1736-91300	393
State Water Resources Board			
Operating transfers in:			
RICAP - Big River Management Area		2835-90100	3
RICAP - Water Allocation Plan		2835-90300	1

Special Revenue Funds

Intermodal Surface Transportation			
Federal Grants:			
Local Rail Freight Assistance	20.308		13
Restricted programs:			
Vehicle Salvage		5312-80300	5

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At June 30, 2001, the carrying amount of the state's cash deposits was \$54,213,846 and the bank balance was \$99,502,057. Of the bank balance, \$633,804 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remaining amount, \$98,868,253 was uninsured and uncollateralized. The carrying amount and bank balance include \$32,343,000 of certificates of deposit.

Component Units

At June 30, 2001, the carrying amount of the component units' cash deposits was \$211,562,598 and the bank balance was \$242,726,294. Of the bank balance, \$3,904,556 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$50,406,096 was collateralized with investments held by a bank in a component unit's name. The remaining amount, \$188,415,642 was uninsured and uncollateralized. The carrying amount and the bank balance include \$4,827,205 of certificates of deposit.

In accordance with Chapter 35-10.1 of the General Laws, depository institutions holding deposits of the state, its agencies or governmental subdivisions of the state, shall at a minimum, insure or pledge eligible collateral equal to one hundred percent of time deposits with maturities greater than 60 days. Any of these institutions which do not meet minimum capital standards prescribed by federal regulators shall insure or pledge eligible collateral equal to one hundred percent of deposits, regardless of maturity. None of the cash deposits of the primary government was required to be collateralized at June 30, 2001.

Investments

The State Investment Commission (Commission) is responsible for the investment of all state funds. Pursuant to Chapter 35-10 of the General Laws, the Commission may, in general, "invest in securities as would be acquired by prudent persons of discretion and intelligence in these matters who are seeking a reasonable income and the preservation of their capital."

Short-term cash equivalent type investments are made by the General Treasurer in accordance with guidelines established by the Commission. Investments of the pension trust funds are made by investment managers in accordance with the Commission's stated investment objectives and policies.

Investments of certain component units are not made at the direction of the Commission, but are governed by specific statutes or policies established by their governing body.

The state's investments (expressed in thousands) are categorized in the following table to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at June 30, 2001.

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Category 1: Insured or registered, or securities held by the state or its agent in the state's name.

Category 2: Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the state's name.

Category 3: Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the state's name.

Primary Government	Category			Fair Value
	1	2	3	
U.S. Government and Agency Securities	\$ 833,162	\$	\$	\$ 833,162
Commercial Paper	53,129			53,129
Repurchase Agreements	15,602			15,602
Corporate Bonds	792,673	200		792,873
Equity Securities	926,492	1,496		927,988
Foreign Securities	1,036,832			1,036,832
Unit Investment Trust	1,755,007			1,755,007
	<u>\$ 5,412,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,696</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,414,593</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds				423,714
Real Estate and Venture Capital Limited Partnership				318,857
Investments held by broker-dealers under securities loans with cash collateral				424,459
Securities lending short-term collateral investment pool				438,544
Investments of Statutory Deposits Held In Trust				68,218
Other				3,167
Total				7,091,552
Less amount classified as cash equivalents				450,747
Total Investments				<u>\$ 6,640,805</u>

Component Units	Category			Fair Value
	1	2	3	
U.S. Government and Agency Securities	\$ 139,243	\$ 202,466	\$ 7,873	\$ 349,582
Money Market		3,692	20,150	23,842
Commercial Paper	57,193		27,924	85,117
Repurchase Agreements	43,105	1,276	74,480	118,861
Corporate Notes	340			340
Equity Securities		1,640		1,640
	<u>\$ 239,881</u>	<u>\$ 209,074</u>	<u>\$ 130,427</u>	<u>579,382</u>
Money Market Mutual Funds				38,686
Investment Agreements				522,051
Investments of R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority CollegeBoundfund Trust Fund				469,017
Investments of the R.I. Children's Crusade for Higher Education				10,352
Other				25
Total				1,619,513
Less amount classified as cash equivalents				303,581
Total Investments				<u>\$ 1,315,932</u>

Derivatives and Other Similar Investments**Primary Government**

The Employees' Retirement System (System) allows its investment managers to invest in certain derivative type transactions, including forward foreign currency transactions,

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futures contracts and mortgage-backed securities. Through the Unit Investment Trusts (UIT), the System also indirectly holds derivative type instruments. Information on the extent of the use, and holdings of derivative securities by the UITs is not readily available.

The System may enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to minimize the short-term impact of foreign currency fluctuations on foreign investments. These contracts involve risk in excess of the amount reflected in the System's Statements of Plan Net Assets. The face or contract amount in U.S. dollars reflects the total exposure the System has in that particular currency contract. By policy, no more than 50% of actively managed Foreign Equity securities (at fair value) may be hedged into the base currency (US Dollars). The U.S. dollar value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward currency exchange rates supplied by a quotation service. Losses may arise due to changes in the value of the foreign currency or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

The System may use futures to manage its exposure to the stock, money market, and bond markets and the fluctuations in interest rates and currency values. Buying futures tend to increase the System's exposure to the underlying instrument. Selling futures tend to decrease the System's exposure to the underlying instrument, or hedge other System investments. Losses may arise from changes in the value of the underlying instruments, if there is an illiquid secondary market for the contracts, or if the counterparties do not perform under the contract terms.

The System invests in various mortgage-backed securities, such as collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO), interest-only and principal-only (PO) strips. They are reported in aggregate as U.S. Government and Agency Securities in the disclosure of custodial credit risk. CMO's are bonds that are collateralized by whole loan mortgages, mortgage pass-through securities or stripped mortgage-backed securities. Income is derived from payments and prepayments of principal and interest generated from collateral mortgages. Cash flows are distributed to different investment classes or tranches in accordance with the CMO's established payment order. Some CMO tranches have more stable cash flows relative to changes in interest rates while others are significantly sensitive to interest rate fluctuations. The System may invest in interest-only (IO) and principal-only strips (PO) in part to hedge against a rise in interest rates. Interest-only strips are based on cash flows from interest payments on underlying mortgages. Therefore, they are sensitive to prepayments by mortgagees, which may result from a decline in interest rates. Principal-only strips receive principal cash flows from the underlying mortgages. In periods of rising interest rates, homeowners tend to make fewer mortgage prepayments.

The Unit Investment Trusts (UIT) may sell a security they do not own in anticipation of a decline in the fair value of that security. Short sales may increase the risk of loss to the UIT when the price of a security underlying the short sale increases and the UIT is subject to a higher cost to purchase the security in order to cover the position.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**Notes to General-Purpose Financial Statements****Securities Lending**Primary Government

Policies of the State Investment Commission permit use of investments to enter into securities lending transactions. The Employees' Retirement System (System) has contracted with State Street Bank & Trust Company as third party securities lending agent to lend the System's debt and equity securities for cash, securities and sovereign debt of foreign countries as collateral at 102% of the market value of the domestic securities on loan and 105% of the market value of the international securities on loan. There are no restrictions on the amount of loans that can be made. There have been no violations of the provisions of the contract. Securities on loan at year-end for cash collateral are presented as not categorized. Securities on loan for noncash collateral are classified according to the category for the collateral. The contract with the lending agent requires them to indemnify the System if the borrowers fail to return the securities. Either the System or the borrower can terminate all securities loans on demand. The cash collateral received on security loans was invested in the lending agent's short-term investment pool for an average duration of 73 days and a weighted average maturity of 172 days. Because the loans were terminable at will, their duration did not generally match the duration of the investments made with cash collateral. The System is not permitted to pledge or sell collateral securities received unless the borrower defaults. There were no losses during the fiscal year resulting from default of the borrower or lending agent. At June 30, 2001, management believes the System has no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the System owes the borrowers does not exceed the amounts the borrowers owe the System. The securities on loan at year-end were \$476,390,965 (fair value), and the collateral received for those securities on loan was \$491,764,265 (fair value).

Cash and Cash EquivalentsPrimary Government

Cash and cash equivalents of \$504,960,000 consists of the \$54,213,000 cash carrying amount and \$450,747,000 of investments determined to be cash equivalents.

Component Units

Cash and cash equivalents of \$515,144,000 consists of the \$211,563,000 cash carrying amount and \$303,581,000 of investments determined to be cash equivalents.

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Receivables at June 30, 2001 (expressed in thousands) consist of the following:

	Taxes	Accounts	Accrued Interest	Notes and Loans	Contributions	Allowance for Uncollectable and Unavailable Amounts	Total
Primary Government:							
General fund	\$ 236,733	\$ 10,089	\$	\$	\$	\$ (51,976)	\$ 194,846
Special revenue funds	52,109	1,850				(2,780)	51,179
Enterprise fund		6,319				(314)	6,005
Internal service fund		4,851		1,113			5,964
Trust and agency funds	38,077	8,225			24,090	(9,843)	60,549
Total Primary Government	326,919	31,334		1,113	24,090	(64,913)	318,543
Component Units:							
Governmental		28,309	4	16,959		(6,458)	38,814
Proprietary		69,931	32,122	2,104,003		(37,121)	2,168,935
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 326,919</u>	<u>\$ 129,574</u>	<u>\$ 32,126</u>	<u>\$ 2,122,075</u>	<u>\$ 24,090</u>	<u>\$ (108,492)</u>	<u>\$ 2,526,292</u>

Component Units

Loans receivable of the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation are secured by a first lien on real and personal property and, in some instances, are federally insured. Loans receivable of the R.I. Student Loan Authority are insured by the R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority, which in turn has a reinsurance agreement with the federal government. The R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency provides loans to municipalities, sewer commissions, or wastewater management districts in the state for constructing or upgrading water pollution abatement projects.

Other

The amount reported in the special revenue funds as due from other governments and agencies, \$38,701,000, is net of \$5,035,000, which is considered unavailable to meet current year expenditures.

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Note 5. Intra-Entity Receivables and Payables

Intra-entity receivables and payables (operations - due from/due to and working capital loans - loan to/loan from), as of June 30, 2001, are summarized below (expressed in thousands):

Fund Type/Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds	Due from Component Units	Due to Component Units
General	\$ 73,275	\$ 12,913	\$ 5,112	\$ 1,838
Special Revenue:				
R.I. Temporary Disability Insurance	695	2,113		
Intermodal Surface Transportation	19,837	45,964	1,647	2,162
Providence River Relocation		1		
Subtotal	20,532	48,078	1,647	2,162
Debt Service	29	23,213		
Capital Projects:				
Bond Capital	19,435	40,207		1,200
Subtotal	19,435	40,207		1,200
Enterprise:				
State Lottery		1,461		
Subtotal		1,461		
Internal Service:				
Central Utilities	1,410			
Central Services	1,638	222		
Assessed Fringe Benefit	619	730		
Special Facilities	659	30		
Automotive Maintenance	483	27		
Central Warehouse	241	2		
Correctional Industries	1,143	384		
Energy Conservation	200			
Records Center Fund		18		
Subtotal	6,393	1,413		
Trust and Agency:				
Pension Trust	7,569			
Expendable Trust - ES	138	86		
Subtotal	7,707	86		
Total	\$ 127,371	\$ 127,371	\$ 6,759	\$ 5,200
Component Units:	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds	Due to Primary Government	Due from Primary Government
Governmental:				
University of Rhode Island	\$	\$	\$ 901	\$ 858
Rhode Island College			403	867
Community College of Rhode Island			497	422
Subtotal			1,801	2,147
Proprietary:				
R.I. Economic Development Corporation				666
R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation			1,000	
R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority			33	9
R.I. Public Telecommunications Authority			11	
Narragansett Bay Commission			32	
R.I. Convention Center Authority			2,235	
R.I. Public Transit Authority			1,647	2,378
Subtotal			4,958	3,053
Total	\$	\$	\$ 6,759	\$ 5,200

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Fund Type/Fund	Loans to Other Funds	Loans from Other Funds
General	\$ 5,845	\$
Capital Projects:		
Bond Capital		1,459
RI Clean Water Act Environmental Trust Fund		1,500
Certificates of Participation		36
Subtotal		2,995
Internal Service:		
Assessed Fringe Benefits		1,000
Central Services		200
Central Warehouse		200
Central Utilities		200
Correctional Industries		850
Special Facilities		400
Subtotal		2,850
Total	\$ 5,845	\$ 5,845

Note 6. Fixed Assets

The fixed assets by fund type consist of the following (expressed in thousands):

	Land and Improvements	Structures and Improvements 15-100	Machinery and Equipment 5-10	Construction in Progress	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Fixed Assets
Estimated useful lives						
Primary Government:						
Enterprise fund	\$	\$ 1,575	\$ 850	\$	\$ (1,912)	\$ 513
Internal service funds		4,212	3,845		(3,713)	4,344
Trust and Agency Funds			9,255		(134)	9,121
Total Primary Government		5,787	13,950		(5,759)	13,978
Component Units:						
Governmental	526	1,811	363	17,293	(756)	19,237
Proprietary	145,856	916,521	143,898	104,722	(341,532)	969,425
Total	\$ 146,382	\$ 924,119	\$ 158,171	\$ 122,015	\$ (348,047)	\$ 1,002,640

The R.I. Economic Development Corporation capitalized interest income of approximately \$207,000 net of interest expense of \$2,752,000 (asset value was reduced). The Narragansett Bay Commission capitalized approximately \$99,900 of interest expense as a component of the cost of construction. The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation capitalized approximately \$15,000 of interest expense. For the Proprietary Component Units, actual nonoperating interest expense was \$41,212,900 and actual nonoperating interest revenue was \$17,867,000 which represents increases of \$2,866,900 and \$2,959,000 respectively, over the amounts reported in Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity - All Proprietary Fund Types, Similar Trust Funds, and Discretely Presented Proprietary Component Units.

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Long-term obligations include bonds, notes and loans payable, obligations under capital leases, compensated absences, and other long-term liabilities.

A. Bonds Payable

At June 30, 2001, future debt service requirements were as follows (expressed in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Primary Government		Governmental Component Units		Proprietary Component Units	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2002	\$ 76,832	\$ 53,248	\$ 1,572	\$ 5,676	\$ 154,662	\$ 154,285
2003	79,412	49,423	1,631	5,628	153,961	146,916
2004	78,965	45,410	1,758	5,628	141,350	138,660
2005	79,681	40,801	1,815	5,572	80,669	132,709
2006	74,626	44,362	2,544	5,491	96,636	126,115
Later Years	611,719	188,049	95,621	71,507	2,449,284	1,652,344
	<u>\$ 1,001,235</u>	<u>\$ 421,293</u>	<u>\$ 104,941</u>	<u>\$ 99,502</u>	<u>\$ 3,076,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,351,029</u>

Primary Government

Current interest bonds of the state are serial bonds with interest payable semi-annually and multi-modal variable rate demand bonds. Capital appreciation bonds are designated as College and University Savings Bonds. The College and University Savings Bonds mature in varying amounts to 2010 with all interest payable at maturity. Interest requirements for the multi-modal variable rate bonds are not reflected in the amortization table shown above since the amounts are indeterminable.

Included in the current interest bonds is \$31,565,000 of general obligation multi-modal variable rate demand bonds maturing in fiscal year 2020. These bonds were initially issued in the weekly rate mode but can be changed by the issuer (the state) to a daily, commercial paper or term rate mode. The interest rate is determined either weekly or daily based on the mode; interest is paid monthly. The owners of the bonds in a weekly mode can require the state (acting through its remarketing and tender agents) to repurchase the bonds. The remarketing agent is authorized to use its best efforts to resell any purchased bonds by adjusting the interest rate offered. The state has entered into a standby bond purchase agreement (liquidity facility) with the tender agent and a commercial bank (the bank). The remarketing agent is required to offer for sale all bonds properly tendered for purchase. In the event the remarketing agent is unable to remarket tendered bonds, the standby bond purchase agreement provides that the bank agrees to purchase any bonds from time to time in an amount not to exceed the principal amount plus accrued interest up to 37 days at an interest rate not to exceed 12% per annum, subject to the terms and provisions of the liquidity facility. This agreement has been extended through July 2002. The state is required to pay the bank at an interest rate based on its prime lending rate or the federal funds rate plus 1/2 of 1 percent, whichever is higher. The standby bond purchase agreement remains in effect until the payment in full of the principal and interest on all bonds purchased by the bank.

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Revenue bonds of the R.I. Refunding Bond Authority (RIRBA) are secured by lease rentals payable by the state pursuant to lease agreements relating to projects financed by the authority and leased to the state. Proceeds from the RIRBA bonds have been used (1) to loan funds to the state to effect the advance refunding of general obligation bonds issued by the state in 1984; (2) to finance construction and renovation of certain buildings, and (3) to finance acquisition of equipment used by various state agencies.

Governmental Component Units

Revenue bonds of the Governmental Component Units were issued under trust indentures and are collateralized by a pledge of revenues from the facilities financed. The facilities include housing, student union (including bookstores) and dining operations. Under terms of the trust indentures, certain net revenues from these operations must be transferred to the trustees for payment of interest, retirement of bonds, and maintenance of facilities. The bonds are payable in annual or semi-annual installments to various maturity dates. Revenue bonds of the Governmental Component Units also include amounts borrowed under a loan and trust agreement between the R.I. Health and Educational Building Corporation (RIHEBC) (a proprietary component unit) and the Board of Governors for Higher Education acting for URI, RIC, and CCRI. The agreement provides for RIHEBC's issuance of the bonds with a loan of the proceeds to the university and colleges and the payment by the university and colleges to RIHEBC of loan payments that are at least equal to debt service on the bonds. The bonds are secured by a pledge of revenues of the respective institutions.

Proprietary Component Units

Bonds of the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMFC) are special obligations of RIHMFC, payable from the revenue, prepayments and all the funds and accounts pledged under the various bond resolutions to the holders of the bonds. The proceeds of the bonds were generally used to acquire mortgage loans which are secured principally by a first lien upon real property and improvements.

The R.I. Student Loan Authority issued tax exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds that are secured by eligible student loans, the monies in restricted funds established by the trust indenture and all related income. The proceeds of the issuance and operating cash were used to refund bonds and to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

The R.I. Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) has bonds outstanding referred to as Airport Revenue Bonds. They were issued to finance the construction and related costs of certain capital improvements at T.F. Green State Airport. The proceeds of the bonds were loaned to the R.I. Airport Corporation, a subsidiary and component unit of RIEDC. The remainder of bonds outstanding comprise the financing to purchase land and make land improvements at Island Woods Industrial Park in Smithfield, R.I. and to acquire land, make improvements and renovations of a building and parking lot (The Fleet National Bank Project).

Revenue bonds of the R.I. Convention Center Authority (RICCA) were issued to (a) refund bonds and notes, (b) pay construction costs, (c) pay operating expenses, (d) pay interest on revenue bonds prior to completion of construction, (e) fund a debt service reserve and (f) pay costs of issuance. The revenue bonds are secured by all rents receivable, if any, under a

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lease and agreement between the RICCA and the state covering all property purchased by the RICCA. It also covers a mortgage on facilities and land financed by the proceeds of the revenue bonds and amounts held in various accounts into which bond proceeds were deposited.

The proceeds of the revenue bonds of the R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency provide funds to make low interest loans to municipalities in the state and quasi-state agencies to finance or refinance the costs of construction or rehabilitation of water pollution abatement projects.

Bonds of the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) represent the NBC's portion of the state's general obligation bonds. Debt service on NBC's portion is recovered through charges levied for services provided to users of its facilities. These bonds are guaranteed by the state.

Bonds of the R.I. Water Resources Board Corporate were issued to provide financing to various cities, towns, private corporations and companies engaged in the sale of potable water and the water supply business.

A summary of general obligation bonds authorized by the voters and unissued (expressed in thousands) at June 30, 2001 is shown below.

	Authorized and Unissued July 1	Authorized	Issued	Extinguished	Authorized and Unissued June 30
General Obligation Bonds Supported by Taxes:					
Capital Development Plan - 1986	\$ 160				\$ 160
Capital Development Plan - 1988	970				970
Capital Development Plan - 1989	3,506				3,506
Capital Development Plan - 1990	18,390				18,390
Capital Development Plan - 1994	8,115				8,115
Capital Development Plan - 1996	28,618		1,565		27,053
Capital Development Plan - 1998	57,655		29,800		27,855
Capital Development Plan - 2000		193,460			193,460
R.I. Economic Development Fund	450				450
Underground Storage Tank Replacement					
Revolving Loan Fund	2			2	
Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management					
District Commission Fund	12,935				12,935
Clean Water Act Environmental Trust Fund	3,840				3,840
Open Space and Recreational Area Fund	4,438				4,438
Drinking Water Protection Fund	3,415				3,415
Clean Water Finance Agency -					
Water Pollution Revolving Loan Fund	13,960				13,960
General Obligation Bonds Supported by Taxes	<u>156,454</u>	<u>193,460</u>	<u>31,365</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>318,547</u>
R. I. Industrial-Recreational Building Authority	80,000				80,000
Total	<u>\$ 236,454</u>	<u>\$ 193,460</u>	<u>\$ 31,365</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 398,547</u>

In accordance with the General Laws, unissued bonds are subject to extinguishment seven years after the debt authorization was approved unless extended by the General Assembly. The amount of authorized bonds that may be issued by the R.I. Industrial-Recreational Building Authority is limited by mortgage balances that it has insured, \$26,274,527 at June 30, 2001 (See Note 21). The insured mortgages are guaranteed by the state.

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See Note 12 for information concerning contingent liabilities relating to "Moral Obligation" bonds.

B. Notes Payable

Notes payable (expressed in thousands) at June 30, 2001 are as follows:

Component Units - Governmental	
Rhode Island College note payable to the federal government with interest at 5.5% payable in semi-annual installments of principal and interest through 2024.	\$ 2,272
Component Units - Proprietary	
R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation bank notes, 4.375% to 6.71% interest, payable through 2008.	\$ 14,086
R.I. Economic Development Corporation (R.I. Airport Corporation) note payable at 6.75% interest, payable through 2005	431
R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority notes payable to the Student Loan Marketing Association, interest is 1.5% above the Treasury Bill rate, through 2001.	435
R.I. Convention Center Authority notes payable under management agreements.	2,053
	<u>\$ 17,005</u>

C. Loans Payable

Loans payable of the Proprietary Component Units represent liabilities of the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) to the R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency (RICWFA) (\$52,813,472) and to the R.I. Refunding Bond Authority (\$30,000). The loans payable to the RICWFA are for projects financed by that agency.

D. Obligations Under Capital Leases**Primary Government**

The state's obligation to the R.I. Convention Center Authority (RICCA) consists of RICCA's outstanding debt at June 30, 2001 based on a lease and agreement between RICCA and the state in effect at that date. The state makes lease payments to pay the operating expenses of RICCA and the debt service on its obligations to the extent they are not supported by RICCA revenues.

The state has entered into capital lease agreements with financial institutions which have issued certificates of participation (COP). These financing arrangements have been used by the state to acquire, construct or renovate facilities and acquire other fixed assets.

The state's obligation under capital leases at June 30, 2001 consists of the present value of future minimum lease payments less any funds available in debt service reserve funds. The portion of the state's obligation under capital leases that is payable from general fund appropriations and capital leases not recorded in proprietary fund types is reflected in the general long-term debt account group at June 30, 2001.

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Obligation of the state to make payments under lease agreements is subject to and dependent upon annual appropriations being made by the General Assembly.

The following is a summary of material future minimum lease payments (expressed in thousands) required under capital leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2001. Interest for variable rate COP is not reported since the amount is indeterminable.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	RICCA	COP	Total
2002	\$ 23,952	\$ 14,933	\$ 38,885
2003	23,952	14,534	38,486
2004	23,952	14,447	38,399
2005	23,956	13,314	37,270
2006	23,956	11,308	35,264
Later Years	434,244	108,714	542,958
Total future minimum lease payments	554,012	177,250	731,262
Amount representing interest	(238,207)	(50,780)	(288,987)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	\$ 315,805	\$ 126,470	\$ 442,275

Component Units

The University of Rhode Island (URI), Rhode Island College (RIC), Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI), and R.I. Public Telecommunications Authority (RIPTCA) obligations under capital leases consist, primarily, of construction of facilities and equipment acquisitions financed by the R.I. Refunding Bond Authority, a blended component unit.

Capital lease obligations of the R.I. Airport Corporation (RIAC), a subsidiary and component unit of the R.I. Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC), are for annual payments to the state equal to the principal and interest for airport related general obligation bonds issued by the state.

The following is a summary of the material future minimum lease payments (expressed in thousands) required under capital leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2001.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Governmental			Proprietary	
	URI	RIC	CCRI	RIEDC	RIPTCA
2002	\$ 1,676	\$ 444	\$ 157	\$ 4,096	\$ 821
2003	1,605	439	156	4,100	827
2004	1,448	443	156	3,914	820
2005	1,428	449	156	3,671	807
2006	1,295	445	156	3,334	806
Later Years	17,744	1,457	2,814	19,426	4,102
Total future minimum lease payments	25,196	3,677	3,595	38,541	8,183
Amount representing interest	(8,428)	(790)	(1,645)	(10,342)	(1,905)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	\$ 16,768	\$ 2,887	\$ 1,950	\$ 28,199	\$ 6,278

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State employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based upon years of service. At the termination of service, the employee is paid for accumulated unused vacation leave. Also, the employee is entitled to payment of a percentage of accumulated sick leave at retirement. Payment is calculated at their then-current rate of pay.

F. Other Long-Term Liabilities

Income on invested general obligation bond proceeds, determined to be arbitrage earnings in accordance with federal regulations, has been included in the general long-term debt account group. These amounts are generally payable to the federal government five years after the bond issuance date.

The long-term debt portion of violent crimes' claims is included in the general long-term debt account group. Also included is an advance from the Federal Highway Authority Right of Way Revolving Fund that will be used to acquire land and rights-of-way for the Quonset access road project. Repayment has been budgeted for fiscal year 2002 with federal funds allowable under federal regulations (23 CFR Subpart G 712.701 to 712.703). The amount included for negotiated settlements represents the amount due to correctional officers and is payable over three years. Retainage payable is also included in other long-term debt since the related construction projects are not expected to be completed in the subsequent fiscal period. Finally, an amount due to the federal government is being reported as long-term debt because the payment schedule coincides with the repayment of a long-term loan issued to a private employer.

G. Changes in General Long-Term Debt

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the following changes (expressed in thousands) occurred in general long-term debt:

Primary Government

	Balance July 1	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30
General obligation bonds payable:				
Current interest bonds	\$ 849,769	\$ 149,935	\$ (170,670)	\$ 829,034
Capital appreciation bonds	31,289		(6,473)	24,816
Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds	36,346	5,118	(7,300)	34,164
Revenue bonds - RIRBA	161,210		(13,825)	147,385
Bonds payable	1,078,614	155,053	(198,268)	1,035,399
Lease obligations to the RICCA	322,930		(7,125)	315,805
Certificates of Participation (COP)	102,013	31,330	(6,873)	126,470
Obligations under capital leases	424,943	31,330	(13,998)	442,275
Compensated absences	65,007	6,236	(5,669)	65,574
Other long-term liabilities	19,701	34,143	(5,388)	48,456
	\$ 1,588,265	\$ 226,762	\$ (223,323)	\$ 1,591,704

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Governmental Component Units

	Balance July 1	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30
Compensated absences	\$ 32,011	\$ 4,031	\$ (3,444)	\$ 32,598
Obligations under capital leases	23,208	57	(1,641)	21,624
Notes payable	2,320		(48)	2,272
Loans payable	652	251	(42)	861
Bonds payable	63,073	43,550	(1,682)	104,941
Other liabilities	628		(628)	
	<u>\$ 121,892</u>	<u>\$ 47,889</u>	<u>\$ (7,485)</u>	<u>\$ 162,296</u>

H. Defeased Debt

In prior years, the state and its component units defeased certain general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and certificates of participation (COP) by placing the proceeds of the new bonds or COP, or other sources, in irrevocable trusts to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds or COP. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liabilities for the defeased bonds or COP are not included in the general-purpose financial statements. On June 30, 2001, the following bonds outstanding (expressed in thousands) are considered defeased:

	Amount
Primary government:	
General Obligation Bonds	
(includes \$4,746,000 of NBC)	\$ 159,540
Component Units:	
R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency	14,935
R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation	647,410
R.I. Economic Development Corporation	31,200
R.I. Turnpike And Bridge Authority	40,600

In February 2001, the state issued \$55,990,000 Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2001, Refunding Series A, with interest rates ranging from 3.35% to 5.50%, maturing from 2003 through 2016. The proceeds were used to advance refund \$15,865,000 of 1992 Series A Consolidated Capital Development Loans, \$14,725,000 of 1995 Series A Consolidated Capital Development Loans, and \$25,210,000 of 1996 Series A Consolidated Capital Development Loans. The net proceeds from the sale of the refunding bonds were used to purchase U. S. Government securities which were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service of the refunded bonds. The advance refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the refunded bonds were removed from the state's General Long-Term Debt Account Group. The refunding decreased total debt service payments over the next 15 years by \$2,410,743 and resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$1,773,900.

The above amounts include \$425,000 of refunding bonds issued on behalf of Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC), a component unit, to advance refund \$445,000 of outstanding

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bonds. This advance refunding decreased NBC's total debt service payments over the next 15 years by \$18,076 and resulted in an economic gain of \$12,625.

As part of the February 2001 refunding issue, the state issued \$63,005,000 Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2001, Refunding Series B, with interest rates ranging from 4.06% to 5.375%, maturing from 2008 through 2019. The proceeds were used to convert \$32,400,000 Variable Rate Multi-Modal General Obligation Bonds of 1998, and \$31,290,000 Variable Rate Multi-Modal General Obligation Bonds of 1999 to fixed interest serial debt. The net proceeds from the sale of the refunding bonds were used to purchase U. S. Government securities which were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service of the refunded bonds. The advance refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the refunded variable rate bonds were removed from the state's General Long-Term Debt Account Group. The debt service savings and economic gain or loss were indeterminable.

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation (DEPCO) purchased U.S. Government securities, which were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service on \$32,540,000 1992 Series A special obligation bonds. These bonds are legally defeased and the liability has been removed from the statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balance (deficit). The defeasance was funded through the liquidation of assets, net settlements, and excess state sales tax; it resulted in the recognition of an accounting loss of \$71,051. DEPCO reduced its aggregated principal and interest payments by approximately \$38,884,000 over the next 5 years.

I. Conduit Debt

The R.I. Industrial Facilities Corporation, the R.I. Health and Educational Building Corporation and the R.I. Economic Development Corporation issue revenue bonds, equipment acquisition notes, and construction loan notes to finance various capital expenditures for Rhode Island business entities. The bonds and notes issued by the corporations are not general obligations of the corporations and are payable solely from the revenues derived from the related projects. They neither constitute nor give rise to a pecuniary liability for the corporations nor do they represent a charge against their general credit. Under the terms of the various indentures and related loan and lease agreements, the business entities make loan and lease payments directly to the trustees of the related bond and note issues in amounts equal to interest and principal payments due on the respective issues. The payments are not shown as receipts and disbursements of the corporations, nor are the related assets and obligations included in the financial statements. The amount of conduit debt outstanding on June 30, 2001 was \$144,000,000, \$1,082,868,867 and \$410,000,000, respectively.

Note 8. Reservations and Designations of Fund Equity

Reserved Retained Earnings

The General Laws require that the net income of the Correctional Industries Internal Service Fund be reserved for capital expansion. At June 30, 2001, the balance of the reserve was \$1,456,275.

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The reservations of retained earnings of the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMFC) are restricted by specific bond resolutions, designations by the Board of Commissioners (Board), or by a trust agreement initiated by RIHMFC. These reserves are made up of three major elements: (1) RIHMFC's Housing Endowment Fund (Fund), (2) commitments for housing initiatives, and (3) Affordability Housing Trust (Trust). The Fund was established by the Board to provide a reserve against its outstanding indebtedness, future uncertainties related to the marketplace and as a reserve against non-market related uncertainties. In addition to meeting the foregoing objectives, the Fund was established to provide a means whereby RIHMFC can meet the short-term and long-term affordable housing needs targeted to low and moderate income Rhode Island residents. At a minimum, the amount of the Fund will be maintained at the greater of \$50,000,000 or 4% of the outstanding long-term indebtedness of RIHMFC. The Fund amounted to \$54,523,511 at June 30, 2001. Commitments for housing initiatives represent amounts set aside by the Board. In order to properly finance and administer various major housing initiatives, the Board approved the utilization of RIHMFC's program fund balances for program expenses, housing loans, subsidies and trust funds. Most of the programs, once established, are accounted for in the Operating Program. Commitments for Housing Initiatives designation and Other Designated Funds amounted to \$179,159,165 at June 30, 2001. The Trust was established to assist in activities that involve the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the state. The Trust accounts for funds held by the Trust in a trustee capacity where both the corpus and earnings may be spent in fulfillment of a variety of designated purposes. The balance of the Trust was \$18,827,582 at June 30, 2001.

Reserved retained earnings of the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) consists of \$4,804,826 for debt service.

The General Laws authorize the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) to maintain a restricted asset account for environmental enforcement funds. These funds consist of sums recovered by administrative or civil enforcement action and may be used for emergency response or enforcement activities. At June 30, 2001, NBC reported \$101,241 of funds reserved for this purpose.

The reserved retained earnings of the R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA) is the trust fund balance of the R.I. Higher Education Savings Trust (RIHEST), also known as CollegeBoundfund. RIHEST was created by law to provide a qualified state tuition savings program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. RIHEST is managed by an independent contractor under the supervision of the R.I. State Investment Commission and RIHEAA. The balance held in trust at June 30, 2001 was \$476,629,974.

Reserved Fund Balance

The state and its component units' reserved fund balances represent those portions of fund balance that are (1) not appropriable for expenditure or (2) legally segregated for a specific future use. Reserved fund balances (expressed in thousands) are as follows:

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	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Types	Total Primary Government	Governmental Component Units
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency		
Budget reserve	\$ 79,689					\$ 79,689	
Appropriations carried forward							
General revenue	11,056					11,056	
Departmental restricted revenue	34,521					34,521	
Operating transfers in	11,697					11,697	
Encumbrances		212,889		37,894		250,783	27,214
Long-term receivables		1,147				1,147	
Employment insurance programs		96,589			332,107	428,696	
Debt			734	19,188		19,922	1,180
Self-insurance				100		100	
Pension benefits					6,165,522	6,165,522	
Academic college overhead							2,467
Inventory							2,299
Asset protection and capital projects							5,210
Auxiliary enterprises							9,848
Restricted grants, gifts, and aid							1,513
Loan fund							21,989
Trust indenture							1,295
Landscaping fund							20
	<u>\$ 136,963</u>	<u>\$ 310,625</u>	<u>\$ 734</u>	<u>\$ 57,182</u>	<u>\$ 6,497,629</u>	<u>\$ 7,003,133</u>	<u>\$ 73,035</u>

Changes in General Fund Reserves

The state maintains certain reserves within the General Fund in accordance with the General Laws. These reserves accumulate in the General Fund until withdrawn by statute or used for the intended purposes pursuant to the enabling legislation.

The state maintains a budget reserve in the general fund. Annually, 2% of general revenues and opening surplus are set aside in this reserve account. Amounts in excess of 3% of the total general revenues and opening surplus are transferred to the bond capital fund to be used for capital projects, debt reduction or debt service. The reserve account, or any portion thereof, may be appropriated in the event of an emergency involving the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the state or in the event of an unanticipated deficit in any given fiscal year. Such appropriations must be approved by a majority of each chamber of the General Assembly.

Appropriations carried forward can only be used for the same purpose as intended in the original budget as enacted by the General Assembly.

The following table summarizes the activity (expressed in thousands) of these reserve accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001:

	Reserved Fund Balance July 1, as restated	Additions	Reductions	Reserved Fund Balance June 30
State Budget Reserve Account	\$ 71,269	\$ 53,126	\$ (44,706)	\$ 79,689
Appropriations carried forward				
General revenue	21,739	11,056	(21,739)	11,056
Departmental restricted revenue	30,366	34,521	(30,366)	34,521
Operating transfers in	6,448	11,697	(6,448)	11,697
Total	<u>\$ 129,822</u>	<u>\$ 110,400</u>	<u>\$ (103,259)</u>	<u>\$ 136,963</u>

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Designations of Fund Balance

Designated fund balances represent that portion of fund balance segregated to indicate management's tentative plans for future financial resource use.

Designated fund balances in the Special Revenue Funds represent unexpended gasoline tax revenue and unexpended bond proceeds (\$31,436,317) and restricted revenue (\$1,518,734) brought forward to fiscal year 2002.

Designated fund balance in the Capital Projects Funds (\$94,480,713) represents funds committed to capital projects.

Note 9. Operating Transfers

Operating transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 are presented below (expressed in thousands):

Fund Type/Fund	Operating Transfers			
	In	Out	From Component Units	To Component Units
Primary Government:				
General	\$ 291,988	\$ 50,461	\$ 36,969	\$ 242,823
Special Revenue:				
R.I. Temporary Disability		1,025		
R.I. Underground Storage				
Tank Fund				872
Intermodal Surface Transportation	43,394	61,129	1,896	61,924
Providence River Relocation	346			
R.I. Economic Policy Council	5,438			
Subtotal	49,178	62,154	1,896	62,796
Capital Projects:				
Bond Capital	44,706	80,656		36,191
R.I. Clean Water Act/				
Environmental Trust Fund				2,348
Subtotal	44,706	80,656		38,539
Debt Service		2,775	115	
Enterprise - State Lottery		180,842		
Internal Service - Central Warehouse	317			
Total	\$ 386,189	\$ 376,888	\$ 38,980	\$ 344,158

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	Operating Transfers	
	To Primary Government	From Primary Government
Component Units:		
Governmental:		
University of Rhode Island	\$ 3,162	\$ 82,134
Rhode Island College	1,031	42,642
Community College of Rhode Island	180	38,968
Central Falls School District		35,191
Subtotal	4,373	198,935
Proprietary:		
R.I. Economic Development Corporation	1,896	13,480
R.I. Convention Center Authority		19,420
R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation	30,203	1,262
R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority		7,538
R.I. Public Transit Authority	647	36,964
R.I. Public Telecommunications Authority		1,244
R.I. Children's Crusade for Higher Education		1,685
R.I. Resource Recovery	3,115	
Narragansett Bay Commission	633	
Subtotal	36,494	81,593
Total Component Units	\$ 40,867	\$ 280,528

Reconciliation

	Operating Transfers					
	In	Out	From Component Units	To Primary Government	From Component Units	From Primary Government
Amounts recorded	\$ 386,189	\$ 376,888	\$ 38,980	\$ 40,867	\$ 344,158	\$ 280,528
General					1,050	
Special Revenue						
Intermodal Surface Transportation	354					
Pension Trust						
Employees Retirement Fund		8,410				
State Police Retirement Fund		13				
Judicial Retirement Fund		8				
Municipal Employees Retirement Fund		1,224				
Component Units						
Governmental						
University of Rhode Island						16,555
Rhode Island College						5,062
Community College of Rhode Island						8,112
Proprietary						
R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation			1,887			
R.I. Economic Development Corporation						5,203
Narragansett Bay Commission						5
R.I. Clean Water Finance Agency						2,354
R.I. Public Transit Authority						27,389
	\$ 386,543	\$ 386,543	\$ 40,867	\$ 40,867	\$ 345,208	\$ 345,208

The difference of \$9,655,000 between operating transfers in/out occurs because the Employees' Retirement System recorded the transactions as expenses as required by GASB Statement No. 25, "Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans. The difference of \$354,000 in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund (ISTEA) occurred because the respective prior year's due to/due

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from recorded in the Bond Capital Fund and ISTE A represented amounts due to/due from the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) at the beginning of the fiscal year for a project that RIEDC withdrew from effective July 1, 2000. The difference of \$1,887,000 occurred because the Rhode Island Depositors Economic Protection Corporation recorded the fair value of land that was transferred to the state as an operating transfer to the primary government. The difference of \$1,050,000 occurred because the RIEDC recorded the proceeds of a land transfer as an operating transfer from the primary government. The remaining differences occur because some component units reported funds received from the primary government as contributed capital, grants or increases in fixed assets rather than as operating transfers.

Note 10. Operating Lease Commitments

The primary government is committed under numerous operating leases covering real property. Operating lease expenditures totaled approximately \$12,747,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001

Most of the operating leases contain an option allowing the state, at the end of the initial lease term, to renew its lease at the then fair rental value. In most cases, it is expected that these leases will be renewed or replaced by other leases.

The following is a summary of material future minimum rental payments (expressed in thousands) required under operating leases that have initial or remaining lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2001:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	
2002	\$ 11,685
2003	11,182
2004	10,536
2005	10,008
2006	7,471
Later Years	30,757
Total	<u>\$ 81,639</u>

The minimum payments shown above have not been reduced by any sublease receipts.

Note 11. Commitments

Commitments (expressed in thousands) arising from encumbrances outstanding at June 30, 2001 are summarized as follows:

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General fund (\$5,600 to be funded by federal funds, \$4,000 to be funded substantially by future appropriations and \$12,900 from other sources)	\$ 22,500
Special revenue funds	212,889
Capital projects funds	37,894
	<u>\$ 273,283</u>

Encumbrance accounting, under which contracts, purchase orders and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation during the fiscal year, is employed in the governmental fund types. General Fund encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year end are not reported as a reservation of fund balance. These commitments are funded by future appropriations in the subsequent fiscal year. For financial statement purposes, encumbrances outstanding at June 30 of the Special Revenue Funds and the Capital Projects Funds are shown as a reservation of fund balance.

In fiscal year 1999, the state initiated the development of an integrated financial management information system. The system is expected to be implemented in fiscal year 2002. The state has expended approximately \$4,200,000 thus far and expects to spend \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2002.

The R.I. Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) entered into several agreements with Providence Place Group Limited Partnership (PPG). The agreements state the terms by which the state shall perform with regard to a shopping mall, parking garage and related offsite improvements developed by PPG. The authority to enter into these agreements was provided in legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. This legislation further provided for payments to the developer, during the first 20 years only, of an amount equal to the lesser of (a) two-thirds of the amount of sales tax generated from retail transactions occurring at or within the mall or (b) \$3,600,000 in the first five years and \$3,560,000 in years 6 through 20.

The Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island has contracted with a systems integration firm to design and build a new pension administration system. The total cost to the System is estimated at \$16.8 million, of which \$9.1 million has been expended through June 30, 2001. The remaining cost is estimated at \$7.7 million. Full implementation is expected by the second quarter of fiscal 2004. This will be financed in the same manner as other administrative expenses of the System.

Component Units

The R.I. Airport Corporation (RIAC), a subsidiary and component unit of RIEDC, was obligated for completion of certain airport improvements under commitments of approximately \$9,411,000 which is expected to be funded from current available resources and future operations.

The Narragansett Bay Commission has entered into various engineering and construction contracts for the design and improvement of its facilities as part of a capital improvement program. Commitments under these contracts aggregated approximately \$11,696,000 at June 30, 2001.

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The R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation's (RIRRC) currently licensed landfill consists of areas known as Phases II, III, and IV. The capacity of Phase I was reached in May 1993. Phases II and III encompass 34 acres adjoining Phase I. Phase II consists of two areas, referred to as Area I and Area II. Waste disposal commenced on Area II in April 1993 and on Area I in March 1995. Phase III commenced in June 1997. Approximately \$10,621,000 in costs relating to Phase II and \$5,303,000 relating to Phase III have been incurred as of June 30, 2001, and are included in land and improvements in the financial statements. Phase IV consists of four eleven acre cells of which two cells began accepting refuse in September 2000. To date, \$19,598,485 has been expended on legal fees, permitting and engineering costs related to Phase IV, and other costs associated with readying the area for use, including relocation of a brook.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established closure and postclosure care requirements for municipal solid waste landfills as a condition for the right to operate a landfill in the current period. Based on RIRRC's engineers and independent engineering studies, it is estimated that these costs of closure and postclosure activities for Phase I, II and III will be approximately \$39,854,000. The liability at June 30, 2001 is approximately \$27,802,000, with \$12,052,000 remaining to be recognized. RIRRC recognizes an expense and a liability for these costs based on landfill capacity used to date. Based on the estimates of RIRRC's engineers, approximately 98% of landfill capacity for Phase II and III, which has approximately two years of estimated life remaining, has been used to date and approximately 22% of capacity of Phase IV has been used to date which has approximately four years of estimated life remaining. Amounts provided for closure and postclosure are based on current costs. These costs may be adjusted each year due to changes in the closure and postclosure care plan, inflation or deflation, technology, or applicable laws and regulations. RIRRC has designated investments in the amount of \$10,623,534 to meet the financial requirements of closure and postclosure costs, and plans to increase these designated investments each year to enable it to pay the costs as they are incurred.

In prior years, the EPA issued administrative orders requiring the RIRRC to conduct environmental studies of the landfill and undertake various plans of action. Additionally, in 1986, the landfill was named to the EPA's Superfund National Priorities List. The majority of the studies were completed and were submitted to the EPA for review. During 1996, the RIRRC entered into a consent decree with the EPA concerning remedial actions taken by the RIRRC for groundwater contamination. The consent decree, which was approved by the U.S. District Court on October 2, 1996, requires the establishment of a trust fund in the amount of \$27,000,000 for remedial purposes. The trust is included in restricted assets held in trust on RIRRC's balance sheet. As of June 30, 2001, the market value of the trust was \$25,277,932. The remaining deposit required to be made to the trust fund for fiscal year 2002 is \$166,624. In February 2001, the RIRRC transferred an additional \$498,777 into the trust fund. The present value of the estimated remaining total expenditures relating to groundwater contamination that will be required as a result of the consent decree is estimated to be approximately \$15,146,000 and is recorded in the financial statements, net of the amount included in the trust fund.

RIRRC is required by the R.I. Department of Environmental Management to restore certain wetlands which are located at the Central Landfill. Total costs for this project are estimated to be approximately \$6,100,000.

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RIRRC is committed, under various contracts and agreements, for a materials recovery facility and a methane gas collection-flare system.

In addition, RIRRC is required to grant funds to municipalities to assist them in organizing source separation and recycling programs in their communities.

RIRRC has entered into an agreement with the City of Cranston to furnish sewer and water services to RIRRC's Johnston facilities in exchange for payments by RIRRC.

The R.I. Convention Center Authority (RICCA) has entered into management contracts with vendors under which these vendors will provide various services relating to the operation of the convention center, parking garages, and hotel. In addition, RICCA has entered into a licensing agreement with a major hotel chain that permits the hotel to use its name, trademark, reservation system and other services.

The R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation had loan commitments of \$8,514,000 under various loan programs at June 30, 2001.

The R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority has entered into various contracts for maintenance of its bridges. At June 30, 2001 remaining commitments on these contracts approximated \$1,769,000.

The R.I. Public Transit Authority is committed under construction contracts in the amount of \$10,734,254 at June 30, 2001.

The R.I. Higher Education Assistance Authority is required to return to the federal government \$4,310,909 in student loan reserve funds over a period of five years, such that the total is returned by September 1, 2002.

The University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and Community College of Rhode Island have begun a technology modernization of core administration systems. This is being accomplished system wide through the Office of Higher Education and will be financed over a seven-year period beginning in fiscal year 2000 at a cost of \$3,700,000, \$2,200,000, and \$2,500,000, respectively.

Note 12. Contingencies**Primary Government**

The state is involved in various civil lawsuits which could result in monetary loss to the state. The lawsuits are in various developmental stages, some to the point that a favorable decision, with no or minimal loss is anticipated, others, where the outcome and amount of loss, if any, cannot be determined and others which are still in the discovery stage.

Federal Grants

The state receives significant amounts of federal financial assistance under grant agreements which specify the purpose of the grant and conditions under which the funds may be used.

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Generally, these grants are subject to audit. Any disallowances as a result of these audits become a liability of the state. Although such audits could generate expenditure disallowances under terms of the grants, it is believed that any required reimbursements will not be material.

Moral Obligation Bonds

Some component units issue bonds with bond indentures requiring capital reserve funds. Moneys in the capital reserve fund are to be utilized by the trustee in the event scheduled payments of principal and interest by the component unit are insufficient to pay the bond holder(s). These bonds are considered "moral obligations" of the state when the General Laws require the executive director to submit to the Governor the amount needed to restore each capital reserve fund to its minimum funding requirement and the Governor is required to include the amount in the annual budget. At June 30, 2001 the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation and the R.I. Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) had \$180,798,795 and \$59,756,495 respectively, in "moral obligation" bonds outstanding. Certain of the RIEDC bonds are economic development revenue bonds whereby the state will assume the debt if the employer reaches and maintains a specified level of full-time equivalent employees. The participating employers have certified that the employment level has been exceeded, thereby triggering credits toward the debt. As a result, the state anticipates paying approximately \$2,489,000 of the debt on the related economic development revenue bonds in fiscal year 2002.

Component Units**R.I. Student Loan Authority**

The R.I. Student Loan Authority (RISLA) maintains letters of credit in the original stated amount of \$31,940,000 on its January 1995 weekly adjustable interest rate bonds and the originally stated amount of \$69,203,000 on its April 1996 Series I, II and III variable rate bonds. The letters of credit obligate the letter of credit provider to pay to the trustee an amount equal to principal and interest on the bonds when the same becomes due and payable (whether by reason of redemption, acceleration, maturity or otherwise) and to pay the purchase price of the bonds tendered or deemed tendered for purchase but not remarketed. The RISLA also maintains a standby letter of credit in the original stated amount of \$30,000,000 on its March 2000 issue. The letters of credit will expire on the earliest to occur: a) July 28, 2004, for the January 1995 and April 1996 issue, and March 15, 2003 for the March 2000 issue; b) the date the letter of credit is surrendered to the letter of credit provider; c) when an alternative facility is substituted for the letter of credit; d) when the bonds commence bearing interest at a fixed rate; e) when an event of default has occurred or f) when no amount becomes available to the trustee under the letter of credit.

The RISLA also has an available \$20,000,000 line of credit. Interest is based upon one month London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus thirty basis points adjusted weekly. The line of credit is secured by eligible loans of RISLA. Minimum drawdowns on the line of credit are \$100,000 and all proceeds are to be used to purchase or originate eligible student loans. As of June 30, 2001, there was no outstanding balance.

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The R.I. Public Transit Authority has a \$2,000,000 line of credit with a financial institution. The line of credit is due on demand with interest payable at a floating rate at the financial institution's base rate or fixed rate options at the financial institution's cost of funds plus 2.00%. No amount was due under this line of credit at June 30, 2001.

Note 13. Employer Pension Plans**Plan Descriptions**

The state, through the Employees' Retirement System (System), administers four defined benefit pension plans. Three of these plans; the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan and the Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust (JRBT) and the State Police Retirement Benefits Trust (SPRBT), single-employer defined benefit pension plans; cover most state employees. The state does not contribute to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The level of benefits provided to state employees, which is subject to amendment by the general assembly, is established by the General Laws as listed below. In addition to the state, there are 40 local public school entities that are members of the ERS. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plans. The report may be obtained by writing to the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the System are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to each plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. The gains or losses on foreign currency exchange contracts are included in income in the period in which the exchange rates change. Gains and losses on contracts which hedge specific foreign currency denominated commitments are deferred and recognized in the period in which the transaction is completed. Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis.

Method Used to Value Investments

Investments are recorded in the financial statements at fair value. Fair value is the amount that a plan can reasonably expect to receive for an investment in a current sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller - that is, other than a forced liquidation sale. The fair value of fixed income and domestic and international stocks are generally based on

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published market prices and quotations from national security exchanges and securities pricing services. Real estate is primarily valued on appraisals by independent appraisers or as adjusted by the general partner. Other securities and investments, which are not traded on a national security exchange, are valued by the respective fund manager. Short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Unit Investment Trusts (UIT) consist primarily of domestic and international institutional funds. The fair value of the UITs are based on the reported share value of the respective fund. Futures contracts are valued at the settlement price established each day by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded.

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The state's annual pension cost (expressed in thousands) for the current year and related information for each plan is listed below. The most recent actuarial information may be found in the separately issued audit report referred to above.

	Employees' Retirement System	State Police Retirement Benefits Trust	Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust
Contribution rates:			
State	7.99%	25.89%	31.09%
Plan members - state employees	8.75%	8.75%	8.75%
State contribution for teachers	4.34% and 5.16%		
Annual pension cost	\$79,906	\$1,820	\$1,164
Contributions made - state employees	\$44,541	\$1,820	\$1,164
Contributions made - teachers	\$35,365		
Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1998
Actuarial cost method	Frozen Entry Age	Frozen Entry Age	Frozen Entry Age
Amortization method	Level Percent of Payroll - Closed 17 years	Level Percent of Payroll - Closed 24 years	Level Percent of Payroll - Closed 29 years
Equivalent Single Remaining Amortization Period	4 Year Moving Average	4 Year Moving Average	4 Year Moving Average
Asset valuation method			
Actuarial Assumptions:			
Investment rate of return	8.25%	8.25%	8.25%
Projected salary increases	4.75% to 8.75%	5% to 15.00%	5.50%
Inflation	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Cost-of-living adjustments	3% compounded annually	\$1,500 per annum	3% of original retirement
Level of benefits established by:			compounding varies
General Law(s)	36-8 to 10	42-28-22.1	8-3-18, 8-8-10.1, 8-8-2-7 and 28-30-18.1

Three-Year Trend Information

	Year Ending	Annual Pension Cost (APC) (In Thousands)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
Employees' Retirement System	6/30/99	\$ 78,729	100%	\$ 0
	6/30/00	85,073	100%	0
	6/30/01	79,906	100%	0
State Police Retirement Benefits Trust	6/30/99	631	100%	0
	6/30/00	1,509	100%	0
	6/30/01	1,820	100%	0
Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust	6/30/99	737	100%	0
	6/30/00	1,008	100%	0
	6/30/01	1,164	100%	0

Other

Certain employees of the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island (principally faculty and administrative personnel) are

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covered by individual annuity contracts with the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association. Total expenditures by the institutions for such annuity contracts amounted to \$10,698,793 during the year ended June 30, 2001.

The R.I. Public Transit Authority has two pension plans that cover employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. Employer contribution paid in fiscal year 2001 was \$2,354,640. At July 1, 2000, the most recent valuation date, the total pension benefit obligation was \$36,060,281 and net assets available for benefits were \$19,525,620.

Certain other component units have defined contribution pension and savings plans. For information regarding these pension and savings plans, please refer to the component units' separately issued financial reports.

Note 14. Postemployment Benefits

In accordance with the General Laws, postretirement health care benefits are provided to state employees who retire on or after July 1, 1989. The benefits in general cover medical and hospitalization costs for pre-Medicare retirees and a Medicare supplement for Medicare-eligible retirees. The state's share varies with years of service and ranges from 50% for retirees with 10-15 years of service to 100% for retirees with 35 years of service. During fiscal year 2001, the state contributed 0.98% of covered payroll for postretirement healthcare benefits. The contribution rates are not actuarially determined. Postretirement health care expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 were \$5,189,298, net of retirees' contributions for the 3,517 retirees receiving benefits.

In addition to the pension benefits described above, expenditures of \$1,078,250 were recognized for postretirement benefits provided under early retirement incentive programs (an average of \$1,067 for each of the 1,011 retirees covered by the plans).

The above plans are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Note 15. Deferred Compensation

The state offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. The Department of Administration pursuant to Chapter 36-13 of the General Laws administers the plan. The Department of Administration contracts with private corporations to provide investment products related to the management of the deferred compensation plan. Benefit payments are not available to employees earlier than the calendar year in which the participant attains age 70½, termination, retirement, death or "unforeseeable emergency".

Current Internal Revenue Service regulations require that amounts deferred under a Section 457 plan be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the government or its creditors. The plan assets also may be held in annuity contracts or custodial accounts, which are treated as trusts.

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The state does not serve in a trustee capacity. Accordingly, the plan assets are not included in the financial statements.

Note 16. Fund Deficits

The Federal Surplus Property Internal Service Fund reported a deficit of \$500 at June 30, 2001. Future revenues or an operating transfer from the General Fund will fund this deficit.

The R.I. Convention Center Authority reported a deficit of \$53,128,029 at fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. This deficit will be funded by future revenues.

The R.I. Public Transit Authority reported a deficit of \$5,962,769 at fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. This deficit will be funded by future revenues.

The R.I. Water Resources Board Corporate reported a deficit of \$1,035,160 at fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. This deficit will be funded by future revenues.

Note 17. Restatement of Fund Equity

Certain restatements of fund equity balances, as of June 30, 2000, are summarized in the following table (expressed in thousands):

	June 30, 2000 Fund Equity As Previously Reported	Adjustments	July 1, 2000 Fund Equity Restated
Primary Government			
General Fund	\$ 213,763	\$ 7,980	\$ 221,743
Special Revenue Funds			
Employment Insurance - Interest Fund	\$ 473	\$ (473)	\$
Employment Insurance - Tardy Fund	498	(498)	
Employment Insurance - Job Development Fund	7,009	(7,009)	
R.I. Temporary Disability Insurance Fund	54,910	34,910	89,820
Other Special Revenue Funds	24,910		24,910
	<u>\$ 87,800</u>	<u>\$ 26,930</u>	<u>\$ 114,730</u>
Internal Service Funds			
Workers' Compensation	\$ (58)	\$ 58	\$
Assessed Fringe Benefits	7	(58)	(51)
Other Internal Service Funds	5,430		5,430
	<u>\$ 5,379</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 5,379</u>
Trust and Agency Funds			
Employment Security Trust Fund	\$ 282,607	\$ 37,431	\$ 320,038
Other Trust and Agency Funds	7,070,360		7,070,360
	<u>\$ 7,352,967</u>	<u>\$ 37,431</u>	<u>\$ 7,390,398</u>
Proprietary Component Units			
R.I. Economic Development Corp.	\$ 260,627	\$ (13,574)	\$ 247,053
Other Proprietary Component Units	741,633		741,633
	<u>\$ 1,002,260</u>	<u>\$ (13,574)</u>	<u>\$ 988,686</u>

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Effective July 1, 2000, the Employment Insurance Funds (Federal Programs, Interest, Tardy, and Job Development Funds) are no longer included within the Special Revenue Funds. The assets, liabilities and fund balances of these funds were transferred to the General Fund.

The beginning fund balances of the Rhode Island Temporary Disability Insurance Fund and the Employment Security Trust Fund have been restated to comply with GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

The beginning retained earnings of the Assessed Fringe Benefit Internal Service Fund has been restated to include the Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund.

The beginning retained earnings of the R.I. Economic Development Corporation was restated to correct errors resulting in the overstatement of previously reported assets and to correct the reporting of capitalized costs.

Note 18. Segment Information

Segment information for the governmental and proprietary component units is presented (expressed in thousands) in the following schedules:

Governmental	URI	RIC	CCRI	CFSD		
Due from primary government	\$ 858	\$ 867	\$ 422	\$		
Other current assets	67,528	16,153	8,585	5,659		
General fixed assets	19,237					
Amounts available in debt service fund		209	591			
Amounts to be provided for retirement of GLTD	87,570	22,451	10,378	1,288		
Due to primary government	901	402	496			
Other current liabilities	38,742	8,794	5,098	3,278		
Bonds payable	87,323	13,555	4,063			
Other long-term liabilities	39,635	9,526	6,907	1,288		
Revenues	218,019	47,759	34,454	2,396		
Current expenditures	290,022	87,052	71,475	35,619		
Capital outlay expenditures	26,650	2,322	1,376	920		
Debt service expenditures	2,459	250	419			
Transfers from primary government	82,134	42,642	38,968	35,191		
Excess of revenues and expenditures	(13,844)	1,106	(27)	1,048		
Net gain from proprietary operations	13,881					

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Proprietary	RIHEBC	RIIRC	DEPCO	RIHEA	RIPTA	RIIFC
Due from primary government	\$	\$	\$	\$ 9	\$ 2,379	\$
Other current assets	9,862	19,984	14,724	504,560	24,752	1,129
Fixed assets (net)	10	53,796	19	1,496	75,435	
Due to primary government			1,000	33	1,647	
Other current liabilities	13	5,139	628	25,250	25,998	11
Bonds payable						
Other long-term liabilities		42,948	253	1,370	20	654
Operating revenue	1,161	52,092	22,560	5,811	12,100	176
Operating expenses	514	34,504	2,384	12,596	53,583	12
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	4	9,373	2	184	5,703	
Operating income (loss)	644	8,215	20,175	(6,969)	(47,186)	164
Transfers from primary government			1,262	7,538	36,964	
Transfers to primary government		(3,115)	(30,203)		(647)	
Net income (loss)	995	5,100	(6,850)	1,685	(4,965)	(69)
Current capital contribution					28,099	

Proprietary	RICWFA	RIIRBA	RIWRBC	RIPTCA	RICCHE
Due from primary government	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets	308,645	3,914	7,873	2,446	11,319
Fixed assets (net)	36	635		4,681	105
Due to primary government				11	
Other current liabilities	3,665	23	1,257	541	457
Bonds payable	178,039		15,940		
Other long-term liabilities		2,419		6,278	55,750
Operating revenue	13,688	381	1,715	1,559	1,891
Operating expenses	10,548	1,701	28	3,236	6,055
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	83	14	113	767	70
Operating income (loss)	3,057	(1,334)	1,574	(2,444)	(4,233)
Transfers from primary government				1,244	1,685
Transfers to primary government					
Net income (loss)	18,237	(1,160)	(330)	237	(1,256)
Current capital contribution					

Note 19. Risk Management

The state is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; employee injury; and natural disasters.

The state has entered into agreements with commercial insurance companies for comprehensive insurance coverage on state property to protect the state against loss from fire and other risks. Furthermore, the state is required by the General Laws to provide insurance coverage on all motor vehicles owned by the state and operated by state employees in the sum of \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident for personal injury and \$20,000 for property damage. The state also contracts with various insurance carriers and health maintenance organizations to provide health care benefits to employees.

The state is self-insured for risks of loss related to torts. Tort claims are defended by the state's Attorney General and, when necessary, appropriations are provided to pay claims.

The state is self-insured for various risks of loss related to work related injuries of state employees. The state maintains the Assessed Fringe Benefits Fund, an internal service fund that services, among other things, workers' compensation claims. Funding is provided through a fringe benefit rate applied to state payrolls.

There are no funds reserved for pending claims or incurred but not reported liabilities.

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Note 20. Extraordinary Items

The R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation periodically retires bonds prior to the redemption date. Deferred bond issuance costs, along with any premium paid on the call, in the amount of \$895,453 were reported as an extraordinary loss in fiscal year 2001.

The R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation reported an extraordinary item of \$904,749. This was the net result of reporting an accounting gain of \$975,800 on the restructure of the existing escrow for defeased special obligation bonds and an accounting loss of \$71,051 on a debt defeasance that was funded through the liquidation of assets, net settlements and excess state sales tax.

Note 21. Related Party Transactions

The R.I. Depositors Economic Protection Corporation (DEPCO) is entitled by statute to six-tenths of one percent within the state's sales and use tax rate. Payment to DEPCO requires an annual appropriation by the General Assembly. The General Assembly is not legally bound or obligated to make such appropriations. Due to the final defeasance of all remaining outstanding bonds on August 3, 2000, the payment agreement between DEPCO and the State was terminated effective August 28, 2000. During fiscal year 2001, DEPCO received \$10,744,323 in sales tax payments which included \$9,482,634 due at June 30, 2000 and payments totaling \$1,261,689 for the period through termination of the payment agreement between DEPCO and the State effective August 28, 2000.

The R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation (RIIRC) entered into a lease and agreement with the state whereby the RIIRC agreed to lease the landfill to the state. Pursuant to this lease and agreement RIIRC issued \$5,000,000 of notes on July 29, 1999. The principal and interest on these notes are secured by rentals as set forth in the lease and agreement. The notes were due on July 30, 2000. On July 29, 2000, the \$5,000,000 and \$200,000 of accrued interest were paid out of available cash and investments.

Funds held by the University of Rhode Island Foundation for the future use of the university and its faculty and students are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Funds held at June 30, 2001 amounted to \$75,446,610. Distributions of \$12,162,519 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001 are included in private gift revenue of the university.

Funds held by the Rhode Island College Foundation for the future use of the college and its faculty and students are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Funds held at June 30, 2001 amounted to approximately \$9,500,000. There were no distributions to RIC during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001.

As of June 30, 2001, the Employees' Retirement System held investments in bonds issued by the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation having a fair value of \$3,776,503. This corporation is included as a component unit in the accompanying general-purpose financial statements.

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The R.I. Industrial-Recreational Building Authority is authorized to insure mortgages and first security agreements for companies conducting business in the state, granted by financial institutions and the R.I. Industrial Facilities Corporation.

The state entered into a lease and operating agreement (the agreement) with the R.I. Airport Corporation (RIAC) a subsidiary of the R.I. Economic Development Corporation providing for the lease and/or transfer from the state to the RIAC all real, personal, and tangible property; intangible property, including accounts receivable, contract rights, choices in action, licenses, permits, grants, and entitlements; and all other assets of the state used or used primarily in connection with the administration, maintenance, management, regulation, operation, improvement, development or use of the state's six airports and other air facilities. RIAC agrees to reimburse the state for principal and interest payments for certain airport related General Obligation Bonds. The term of the agreement is 35 years beginning July 1, 1993, with annual rent of \$1.00.

Note 22. Subsequent Events

Primary Government

In July 2001, the state issued \$135,400,000 of general obligation serial bonds. The interest rate on these bonds ranged from 3.25% to 5.50% with maturities from 2002 to 2020.

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Component Units

In August, November and December 2001, the R.I. Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMFC) issued bonds in the amount of \$118,785,000, \$51,300,000 and \$63,705,000, respectively. Additionally in October 2001, RIHMFC called \$78,190,000 of bonds outstanding at June 30, 2001.

In November 2001, the R.I. Convention Center Authority issued refunding revenue bonds in the amount of \$101,315,000 to advance refund \$91,885,000 of its 1993 Series A Bonds.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****SCHEDULES OF FUNDING PROGRESS***(Expressed in thousands)***Employees' Retirement System**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Liability (UFAL) (b)	Frozen Initial Liability (c) = (a + b)	Funded Ratio (a / c)	Covered Payroll (d)	Excess as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b / d)
6/30/1998	5,121,478	1,454,527	6,576,005	77.9%	1,113,567	130.6%
6/30/1999	5,460,907	1,114,020	6,574,927	83.1%	1,168,300	95.4%
6/30/2000	5,859,719	1,375,068	7,234,787	81.0%	1,220,833	112.6%

State Police Retirement Benefits Trust

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Liability (UFAL) (b)	Frozen Initial Liability (c) = (a + b)	Funded Ratio (a / c)	Covered Payroll (d)	Excess as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b / d)
6/30/1998	6,757	581	7,338	92.1%	7,212	8.1%
6/30/1999	8,481	2,361	10,842	78.2%	7,502	31.5%
6/30/2000	11,337	2,581	13,918	81.5%	8,917	28.9%

Judicial Retirement Benefits Trust

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Unfunded Frozen Actuarial Liability (UFAL) (b)	Frozen Initial Liability (c) = (a + b)	Funded Ratio (a / c)	Covered Payroll (d)	Excess as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b / d)
6/30/1998	4,120	929	5,049	81.6%	3,040	30.6%
6/30/1999	5,522	1,894	7,416	74.5%	3,169	59.8%
6/30/2000	7,375	2,345	9,720	75.9%	3,533	66.4%

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Economic Information

The information contained herein was developed from reports provided by Federal and State agencies which is believed to be reliable and may be relevant in evaluating the economic and financial condition and prospects of the State of Rhode Island. The demographic information and statistical data, which have been obtained from the sources indicated, do not necessarily present all factors that may have a bearing on the State's fiscal and economic affairs. All information is presented on a calendar-year basis unless otherwise indicated. Sources of information are indicated in the text or immediately following the charts and tables. Although the State considers the sources to be reliable, the State has made no independent verification of the information presented herein and does not warrant its accuracy.

Overview

Population Characteristics. Rhode Island experienced modest population increases between 1980 and 1990. The 1990 United States census count for Rhode Island was 1,005,000 or 5.9 percent more than the 949,000 counted in 1980. The 2000 United States census count for Rhode Island was 1,048,319 or 4.3 percent more than the 1990 count. In contrast, the total United States population increased by approximately 9.7 percent between 1980 and 1990, and 12.8 percent between 1990 and 2000.

Personal Income, Consumer Prices, and Poverty. Per capita personal income levels in Rhode Island have been consistent with those in the United States since 1975. In addition, Rhode Island has maintained a poverty rate below the national average. In 1999, 9.9 percent of the Rhode Island population was below the poverty line, while 11.8 percent of the population of the United States fell below the poverty line.

Employment. Total employment levels in Rhode Island grew at a rate of 1.8 percent in 1998, 1.4 percent in 1999 and 2.4 percent in 2000. The employment sector that did not grow in 2000 was Manufacturing, which has experienced declining employment levels since 1985. The sector employing the greatest number of people in Rhode Island continues to be the service sector, which contributed approximately one-third of total non-agricultural employment in 2000.

Economic Base and Performance. Rhode Island has a diversified economic base that includes traditional manufacturing, high technology, and service industries. A substantial portion of products produced by these and other sectors is exported. Like most other historically industrial states, Rhode Island has seen a shift in employment from labor-intensive manufacturing industries to technology and service-based industries.

Human Resources. Skilled human capital is the foundation of economic strength in Rhode Island. It provides the basis for a technologically dynamic and industrially diverse regional economy. The Rhode Island population is well educated with 21.3 percent of its residents over the age of 25 having received at least a Bachelor's degree according to the 1998 Current Population Report of March 1998 from the Bureau of the Census. In addition, per pupil spending on public elementary and secondary education in Rhode Island has been significantly higher than the national average since 1983. For the 1998-99 academic year Rhode Island spent twenty-nine percent more per pupil than the national average.

Population Characteristics

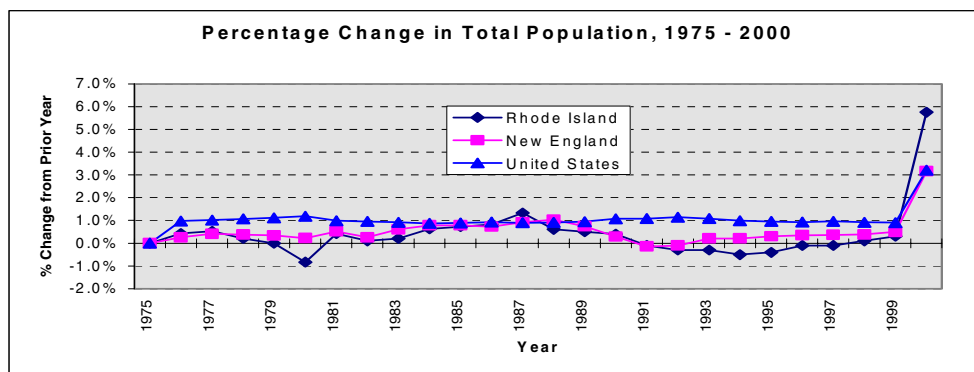
Among the 50 states, Rhode Island is one of the most densely populated with a comparatively large percentage of its residents living in metropolitan areas. The population density of the State in 1990 was 960.3 persons per square mile, as compared to 70.3 for the United States as a whole. The City of Providence had a population of 173,618, according to the 2000 United States Census. The official metropolitan area of Providence County, with a 2000 population of 621,602, contains 59.3 percent of the Rhode Island inhabitants. As the following chart indicates, the percentage change in population in Rhode Island from 1975 to 1999, with the exception of 1987, has been both lower and more erratic than the change in population for the United States as a whole. It differs considerably from the steady growth rates for the United States over the same period of time. Between 1990 and 1997 population growth in Rhode Island was negative, decreasing by 1.8 percent, compared to a 7.3 percent increase for the United States.

Population, 1975 – 2000 (in thousands)

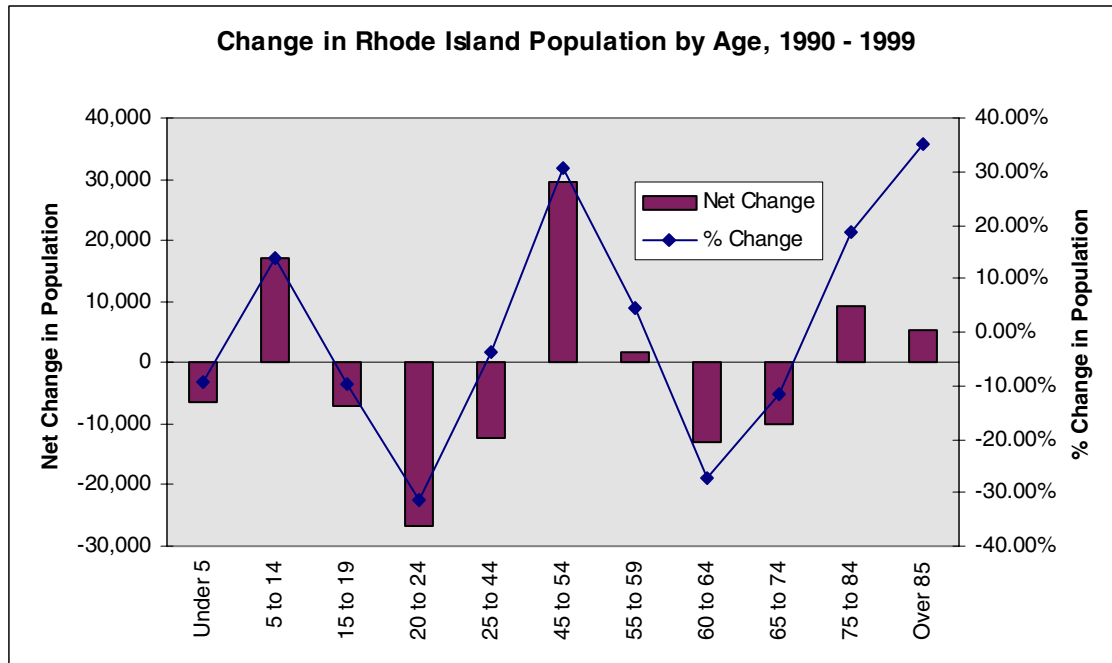
Year	Rhode Island		New England		United States	
	Total	% Change	Total	% Change	Total	% Change
1975	946	-	12,176	-	215,457	-
1976	950	0.4%	12,207	0.3%	217,554	1.0%
1977	955	0.5%	12,257	0.4%	219,761	1.0%
1978	957	0.2%	12,303	0.4%	222,098	1.1%
1979	957	0.0%	12,345	0.3%	224,569	1.1%
1980	949	-0.8%	12,372	0.2%	227,225	1.2%
1981	953	0.4%	12,436	0.5%	229,466	1.0%
1982	954	0.1%	12,468	0.3%	231,664	1.0%
1983	956	0.2%	12,544	0.6%	233,792	0.9%
1984	962	0.6%	12,642	0.8%	235,825	0.9%
1985	969	0.7%	12,741	0.8%	237,924	0.9%
1986	977	0.8%	12,833	0.7%	240,133	0.9%
1987	990	1.3%	12,951	0.9%	242,289	0.9%
1988	996	0.6%	13,085	1.0%	244,499	0.9%
1989	1,001	0.5%	13,182	0.7%	246,819	0.9%
1990	1,005	0.4%	13,220	0.3%	249,464	1.1%
1991	1,004	-0.1%	13,201	-0.1%	252,153	1.1%
1992	1,001	-0.3%	13,188	-0.1%	255,030	1.1%
1993	998	-0.3%	13,216	0.2%	257,783	1.1%
1994	993	-0.5%	13,243	0.2%	260,327	1.0%
1995	989	-0.4%	13,283	0.3%	262,803	1.0%
1996	988	-0.1%	13,329	0.3%	265,229	0.9%
1997	987	-0.1%	13,378	0.4%	267,784	1.0%
1998	988	0.1%	13,429	0.4%	270,248	0.9%
1999	991	0.3%	13,496	0.5%	272,691	0.9%
2000	1,048	5.8%	13,923	3.2%	281,422	3.2%

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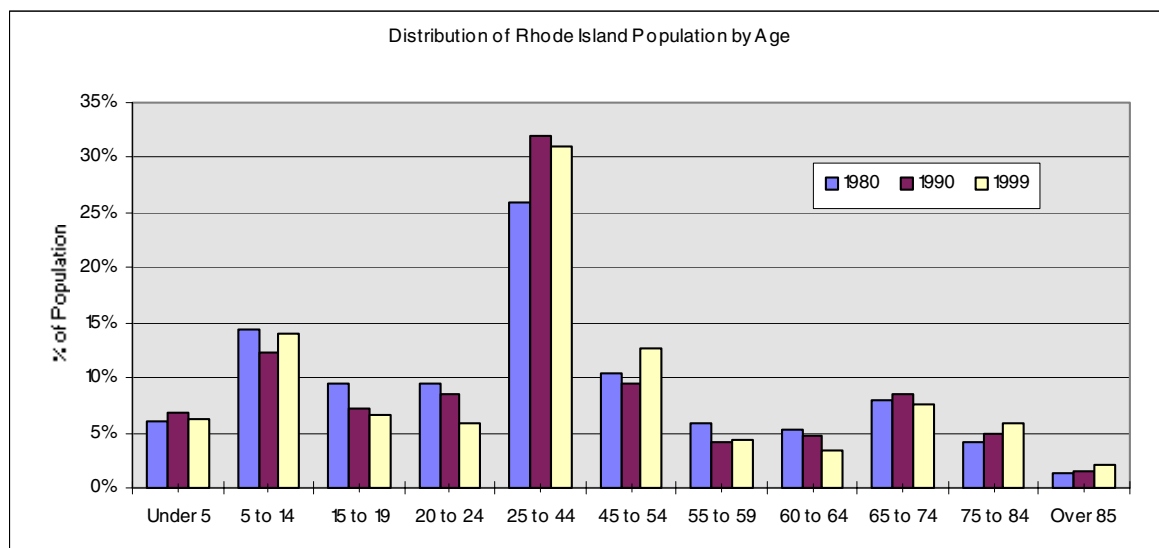
The preceding table and following chart compare the population level and percentage change in population level of Rhode Island with those of the New England States and the United States.



The following chart shows the net change in Rhode Island population between 1990 and 1999 by classification of ages.



The next fifteen years are expected to bring about a considerable change in the age distribution of the Rhode Island population. As the following chart shows, the population of Rhode Island was distributed more heavily in the "45 - 54" age group in 1999. At the same time, the percentage of people in the "15 - 44" age group declined. The median age for Rhode Islanders in 1990 was 33.8 years and rose to 36.6 years in 1999.



Personal Income, Consumer Prices, and Poverty

Personal Income. Since 1986, real and nominal per capita income levels have been marginally higher in Rhode Island than in the United States. Between 1979 and 1989, real income levels in Rhode Island grew at an annual rate higher than that for the United States. Since 1989, however, real per capita income levels in Rhode Island have grown at a more uneven rate, experiencing declines in 1990 and 1991. Per capita income in Rhode Island remained higher than that in the United States in 1999: \$29,377 versus \$28,542. The following table compares per capita personal income in Rhode Island, New England, and the United States for the period 1975 - 1999.

The chart below shows real per capita personal income in Rhode Island and the United States since 1975.

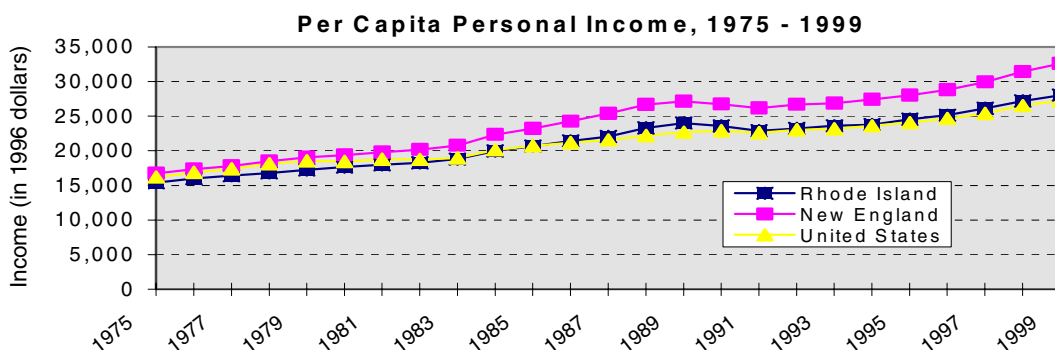
Per Capita Personal Income, 1975 - 1999

	<u>Nominal Income</u> <u>(in current dollars)</u>				<u>Real Income</u> <u>(in 1996 dollars)</u>				<u>Percentage Change</u> <u>in Real Income</u>		
				1996							
Year	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	Deflator	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	
1975	5,844	6,363	6,155	38.01%	15,375	16,740	16,193	-	-	-	
1976	6,411	6,959	6,756	40.08%	15,996	17,363	16,856	4.0%	3.7%	4.1%	
1977	7,004	7,612	7,421	42.73%	16,391	17,814	17,367	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	
1978	7,693	8,465	8,291	45.78%	16,804	18,491	18,111	2.5%	3.8%	4.3%	
1979	8,595	9,483	9,230	49.83%	17,249	19,031	18,523	2.6%	2.9%	2.3%	
1980	9,742	10,701	10,183	55.21%	17,645	19,382	18,444	2.3%	1.8%	-0.4%	
1981	10,815	11,883	11,280	60.08%	18,001	19,779	18,775	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%	
1982	11,605	12,800	11,901	63.48%	18,281	20,164	18,748	1.6%	1.9%	-0.1%	
1983	12,439	13,755	12,554	66.19%	18,793	20,781	18,967	2.8%	3.1%	1.2%	
1984	13,717	15,341	13,824	68.63%	19,987	22,353	20,143	6.4%	7.6%	6.2%	
1985	14,685	16,471	14,705	70.99%	20,686	23,202	20,714	3.5%	3.8%	2.8%	
1986	15,587	17,638	15,397	72.72%	21,434	24,255	21,173	3.6%	4.5%	2.2%	
1987	16,651	19,156	16,284	75.49%	22,057	25,376	21,571	2.9%	4.6%	1.9%	
1988	18,271	20,915	17,403	78.43%	23,296	26,667	22,189	5.6%	5.1%	2.9%	
1989	19,657	22,200	18,566	81.86%	24,013	27,119	22,680	3.1%	1.7%	2.2%	
1990	20,194	22,900	19,584	85.63%	23,583	26,743	22,870	-1.8%	-1.4%	0.8%	
1991	20,363	23,257	20,089	88.91%	22,903	26,158	22,595	-2.9%	-2.2%	-1.2%	
1992	21,257	24,452	21,082	91.62%	23,201	26,688	23,010	1.3%	2.0%	1.8%	
1993	22,137	25,208	21,718	93.81%	23,598	26,871	23,151	1.7%	0.7%	0.6%	
1994	22,762	26,229	22,581	95.70%	23,785	27,408	23,596	0.8%	2.0%	1.9%	
1995	24,046	27,426	23,562	97.90%	24,562	28,014	24,067	3.3%	2.2%	2.0%	
1996	25,123	28,820	24,651	100.00%	25,123	28,820	24,651	2.3%	2.9%	2.4%	
1997	26,631	30,510	25,874	101.94%	26,124	29,929	25,382	4.0%	3.8%	3.0%	
1998	28,012	32,365	27,322	103.03%	27,188	31,413	26,518	4.1%	5.0%	4.5%	
1999	29,377	34,173	28,542	104.85%	28,018	32,592	27,222	3.1%	3.8%	2.7%	

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Note: The 1996 "Real Income" figures are based on national implicit price deflators for personal consumption expenditures



Average Annual Pay. Although the growth in per capita personal income has fluctuated, annual pay has grown steadily in Rhode Island over the past fourteen years. Average annual pay is computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employees covered by unemployment insurance programs by the average monthly number of these employees. Data are reported by employers covered under the unemployment insurance programs. As annual pay has increased consistently for the last fourteen years, the ratio of pay levels in Rhode Island to the United States has also narrowed. In 1985 annual pay in Rhode Island was only 87.9 percent of the national average. However, in 1999 that gap closed to 93.6 percent: \$31,177 versus \$33,313.

Average Annual Pay, 1985 - 1999
(in current dollars)

Year	Annual Pay		Ratio R.I./U.S.	Percentage Change	
	R.I.	U.S.		R.I.	U.S.
1985	16,864	19,189	87.9%	-	-
1986	17,733	19,966	88.8%	5.2%	4.0%
1987	18,858	20,857	90.4%	6.3%	4.5%
1988	20,206	21,872	92.4%	7.1%	4.9%
1989	21,128	22,563	93.6%	4.6%	3.2%
1990	22,387	23,602	94.9%	6.0%	4.6%
1991	23,082	24,578	93.9%	3.1%	4.1%
1992	24,315	25,897	93.9%	5.3%	5.4%
1993	24,889	26,361	94.4%	2.4%	1.8%
1994	25,454	26,939	94.5%	2.3%	2.2%
1995	26,375	27,846	94.7%	3.6%	3.4%
1996	27,194	28,946	93.9%	3.1%	4.0%
1997	28,662	30,353	94.4%	5.4%	4.9%
1998	30,156	31,945	94.4%	5.2%	5.2%
1999(p)	31,177	33,313	93.6%	3.4%	4.3%

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(p) = preliminary estimates.

Consumer Prices. The following table presents consumer price trends for Northeast and the United States for the period between 1980 and 2000. Data for each year indicate the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) and the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers from the previous year. With the exception of 1997, the rate of change from 1993 - 1999 of the CPI-U for the Northeast has been lower than that of the United States in every year implying that inflation has been lower in the Northeast.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), 1980 - 2000
(1982 - 1984 = 100)

Year	CPI-U		Ratio Northeast/U.S.	Pct. Change	
	Northeast	U.S.		Northeast	U.S.
1980	82.2	82.4	99.8%	-	-
1981	91.0	90.9	100.1%	10.7%	10.3%
1982	95.8	96.5	99.3%	5.3%	6.2%
1983	99.8	99.6	100.2%	4.2%	3.2%
1984	104.5	103.9	100.6%	4.7%	4.3%
1985	108.4	107.6	100.7%	3.7%	3.6%
1986	111.1	109.6	101.4%	2.5%	1.9%
1987	116.0	113.6	102.1%	4.4%	3.6%
1988	121.8	118.3	103.0%	5.0%	4.1%
1989	128.6	124.0	103.7%	5.6%	4.8%
1990	136.3	130.7	104.3%	6.0%	5.4%
1991	142.5	136.2	104.6%	4.5%	4.2%
1992	147.3	140.3	105.0%	3.4%	3.0%
1993	151.4	144.5	104.8%	2.8%	3.0%
1994	155.1	148.2	104.7%	2.4%	2.6%
1995	159.1	152.4	104.4%	2.6%	2.8%
1996	163.6	156.9	104.3%	2.8%	3.0%
1997	167.6	160.5	104.4%	2.4%	2.3%
1998	170.0	163.0	104.3%	1.4%	1.6%
1999	173.5	166.6	104.1%	2.1%	2.2%
2000	179.4	172.2	104.2%	3.4%	3.4%

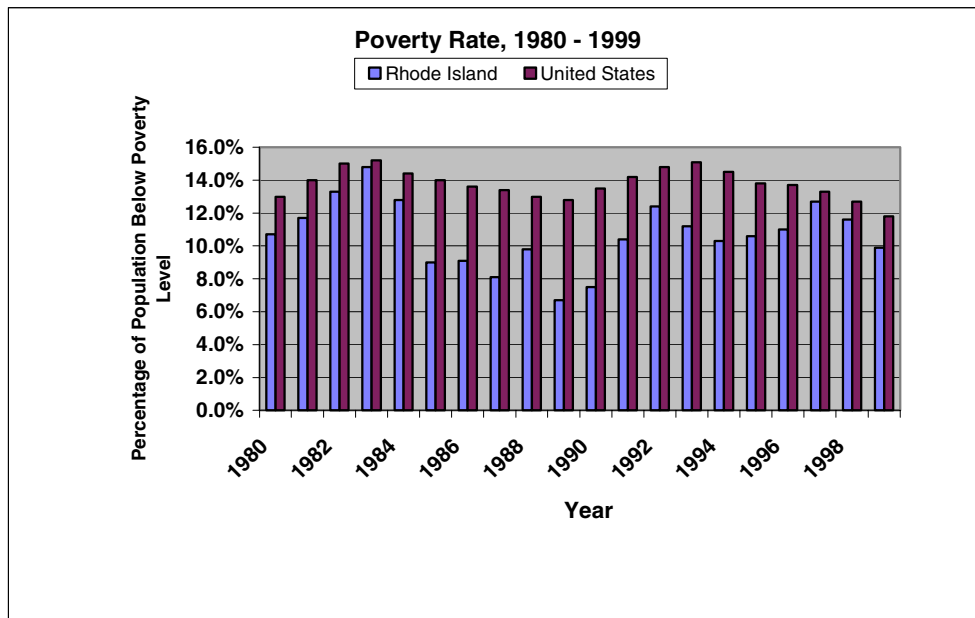
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Poverty. The Rhode Island poverty rate is significantly below the national average. Between 1980 and 1999, the percentage of the Rhode Island population below the poverty line has varied between 6.7 percent and 14.8 percent. During the same time, the national poverty rate varied between 11.8 percent and 15.2 percent. In 1999, the poverty rate in Rhode Island was 9.9 percent while the poverty rate in the United States was 11.8 percent. These official poverty statistics are not adjusted for regional differences in the cost of living. The following chart and table illustrate the lower poverty rates in Rhode Island compared with the national average from 1980 through 1999.

Poverty Rate, 1980 - 1999

Year	R.I.	U.S.	Ratio	Percentage Change	
			R.I./U.S.	R.I.	U.S.
1980	10.7	13.0	82.3%	-	-
1981	11.7	14.0	83.6%	9.3%	7.7%
1982	13.3	15.0	88.7%	13.7%	7.1%
1983	14.8	15.2	97.4%	11.3%	1.3%
1984	12.8	14.4	88.9%	-13.5%	-5.3%
1985	9.0	14.0	64.3%	-29.7%	-2.8%
1986	9.1	13.6	66.9%	1.1%	-2.9%
1987	8.1	13.4	60.4%	-11.0%	-1.5%
1988	9.8	13.0	75.4%	21.0%	-3.0%
1989	6.7	12.8	52.3%	-31.6%	-1.5%
1990	7.5	13.5	55.6%	11.9%	5.5%
1991	10.4	14.2	73.2%	38.7%	5.2%
1992	12.4	14.8	83.8%	19.2%	4.2%
1993	11.2	15.1	74.2%	-9.7%	2.0%
1994	10.3	14.5	71.0%	-8.0%	-4.0%
1995	10.6	13.8	76.8%	2.9%	-4.8%
1996	11.0	13.7	80.3%	3.8%	-0.7%
1997	12.7	13.3	95.5%	15.5%	-2.9%
1998	11.6	12.7	91.3%	-8.7%	-4.5%
1999	9.9	11.8	83.9%	-14.7%	-7.1%

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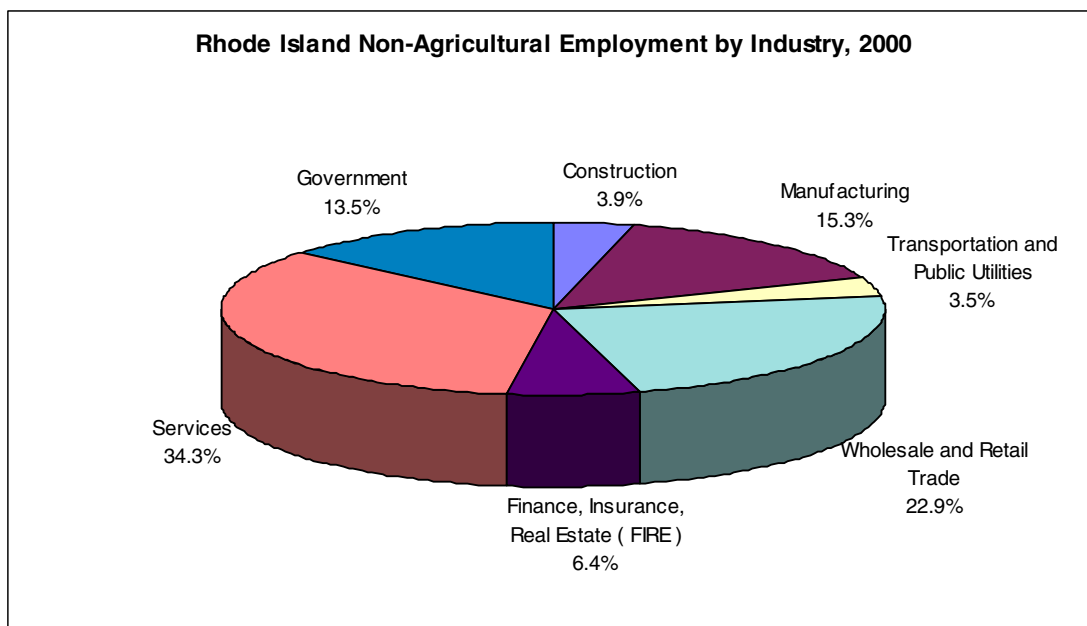
Between 1989 and 1991, total non-agricultural employment in Rhode Island declined 8.7 percent. The construction, manufacturing, and trade sectors experienced the greatest decreases during this time. In 1993, 1994 and 1995, however, total non-agricultural employment increased by 1.3 percent, 1.0 percent and 1.4 percent respectively. Employment levels increased in all sectors except manufacturing. The manufacturing sector has experienced employment declines in every year since 1984. The most rapid growth in 2000 came in the Construction sector, which grew at a rate of 5.1 percent. Total non-agricultural employment increased by 7.5 percent between 1995 and 2000. The following table summarizes the changes in employment by sector from 1990 to 2000. Total non-agricultural employment increased by 5.4 percent during this period. Further detail is presented in the table on the following page.

Rhode Island Non-Agricultural Employment by Industry, 1990 & 2000

Employment Sector	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	% Change 1990-2000
Construction	18,700	4.1%	18,700	3.9%	0.0%
Manufacturing	99,700	22.1%	72,900	15.3%	-26.9%
Transportation and Public Utilities	15,700	3.5%	16,800	3.5%	7.0%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	98,200	21.8%	109,000	22.9%	11.0%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (FIRE)	27,400	6.1%	30,600	6.4%	11.7%
Services	129,200	28.6%	163,400	34.3%	26.5%
Government	62,500	13.9%	64,300	13.5%	2.9%
Total Employment	451,200	100.0%	475,700	100.0%	5.4%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information.

Employment by Industry. The Rhode Island services sector, with 34.3 percent of the non-agricultural work force in 2000, is the largest employment sector in the Rhode Island economy, followed by wholesale and retail trade (22.9 percent), manufacturing (15.3 percent), and government employment (13.5 percent).



Rhode Island Non-Agricultural Wage and Salaried Employment by Industry, 1985 - 2000

	Construction		Manufacturing		Transportation & Public Utilities		Wholesale & Retail Trade		Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate		Services		Government		Non-Agricultural Employment	
Year	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change	Number Employed	Percent Change
1985	15,200	-	119,100	-	13,900	-	94,600	-	23,600	-	105,100	-	57,700	-	429,200	-
1986	17,400	14.5%	118,900	-0.2%	14,600	5.0%	99,200	4.9%	25,000	5.9%	109,400	4.1%	58,000	0.5%	442,500	3.1%
1987	19,600	12.6%	116,400	-2.1%	15,600	6.8%	103,300	4.1%	25,600	2.4%	113,300	3.6%	58,200	0.3%	452,000	2.1%
1988	21,400	9.2%	112,400	-3.4%	15,600	0.0%	105,600	2.2%	27,200	6.3%	118,300	4.4%	58,900	1.2%	459,400	1.6%
1989	20,400	-4.7%	108,300	-3.6%	15,500	-0.6%	106,900	1.2%	26,800	-1.5%	124,900	5.6%	59,100	0.3%	461,900	0.5%
1990	18,700	-8.3%	99,700	-7.9%	15,700	1.3%	98,200	-8.1%	27,400	2.2%	129,200	3.4%	62,500	5.8%	451,200	-2.3%
1991	13,600	-27.3%	91,700	-8.0%	14,400	-8.3%	89,800	-8.6%	26,300	-4.0%	124,800	-3.4%	60,900	-2.6%	421,500	-6.6%
1992	12,400	-8.8%	89,500	-2.4%	14,200	-1.4%	91,000	1.3%	25,400	-3.4%	131,000	5.0%	61,200	0.5%	424,600	0.7%
1993	12,700	2.4%	88,100	-1.6%	14,400	1.4%	93,200	2.4%	25,400	0.0%	134,800	2.9%	61,400	0.3%	430,000	1.3%
1994	13,300	4.7%	86,800	-1.5%	14,900	3.5%	94,900	1.8%	25,400	0.0%	137,200	1.8%	61,700	0.5%	434,200	1.0%
1995	13,600	2.3%	84,900	-2.2%	14,800	-0.7%	97,300	2.5%	24,800	-2.4%	143,500	4.6%	61,300	-0.6%	440,100	1.4%
1996	14,100	3.7%	82,100	-3.3%	15,100	2.0%	97,000	-0.3%	25,300	2.0%	146,800	2.3%	61,300	0.0%	441,600	0.3%
1997	14,800	5.0%	79,800	-2.8%	15,400	2.0%	98,400	1.4%	26,800	5.9%	151,700	3.3%	63,200	3.1%	450,000	1.9%
1998	15,600	5.4%	78,900	-1.1%	16,000	3.9%	98,900	0.5%	28,500	6.3%	157,000	3.5%	63,300	0.2%	458,000	1.8%
1999	17,800	14.1%	74,700	-5.3%	16,000	0.0%	104,000	5.2%	29,600	3.9%	159,000	1.3%	63,200	-0.2%	464,400	1.4%
2000	18,700	5.1%	72,900	-2.4%	16,800	5.0%	109,000	4.8%	30,600	3.4%	163,400	2.8%	64,300	1.7%	475,700	2.4%

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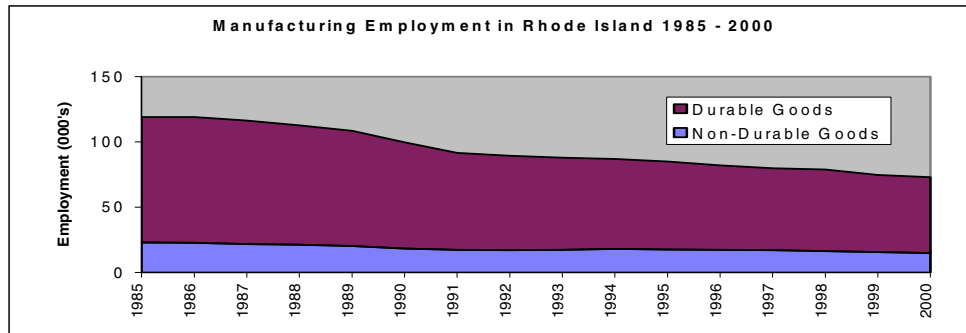
Manufacturing Employment. Like many industrial states, Rhode Island has seen a steady diminution of its manufacturing jobs base over the last decade. Total employment in the manufacturing sector declined in every year between 1985 and 2000, falling a total of 38.8 percent. However, with the end of the recession and the beginning of recovery in 1992, the rate of overall decline has slowed significantly, from 7.9 percent in 1990 and 8.0 percent in 1991 to 1.1 percent in 1998, 5.3 percent in 1999 and 2.4 percent in 2000. Employment in the manufacture of non-durable goods, which had declined in every year since 1985, grew in 1993 and 1994 (at rates of 1.7 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively). Despite a decline in employment, the manufacturing sector continues to make productivity gains, as evidenced by its steady growth as a component in the Gross State Product (See "Economic Base and Performance" below).

Manufacturing Establishment Employment by Industry in Rhode Island, 1985 - 2000 (employees in thousands)

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Non-Durable Goods	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	20.3	18.3	17.5	17.2	17.5	18.1	17.7	17.5	17.1	16.4	15.8	15.0
Percentage Change	-	-1.7%	-4.0%	-2.3%	-4.7%	-9.9%	-4.4%	-1.7%	1.7%	3.4%	-2.2%	-1.1%	-2.3%	-4.1%	-3.7%	-5.1%
Food & Kindred Products	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8
Textiles	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.4	8.1	7.7	7.6	7.7	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.1	6.4
Apparel	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.1	4.9
Durable Goods	96.0	96.2	94.6	91.3	88.1	81.5	74.2	72.2	70.6	68.9	67.3	64.5	62.8	62.6	59.0	58.0
Percentage Change	-	0.2%	-1.7%	-3.5%	-3.5%	-7.5%	-9.0%	-2.7%	-2.2%	-2.4%	-2.3%	-4.2%	-2.6%	-0.3%	-5.8%	-1.7%
Primary Metal Industry	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.0
Fabricated Metal Products	9.6	9.5	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.3	7.4	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.3	8.2	8.6
Machinery (except electrical)	5.5	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.4
Electrical Machinery	11.7	12.2	11.8	7.2	6.8	5.8	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.6	6.2	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.8	8.2	7.4	6.8	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.1	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.3
Instruments	5.4	4.8	4.7	8.0	7.4	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.7
Jewelry - Silverware	24.0	23.7	23.2	22.3	21.9	20.4	18.6	17.8	16.9	16.1	14.8	13.9	13.3	12.5	10.6	9.6
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.4	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.0
All Other Manufacturing	18.8	19.5	19.4	19.3	18.4	17.1	15.9	16.0	16.2	15.8	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	14.1	13.8
Total Manufacturing Employment	119.1	118.9	116.4	112.4	108.3	99.7	91.7	89.5	88.1	86.8	84.9	82.1	79.8	78.9	74.7	72.9
Percentage Change	-	-0.2%	-2.1%	-3.4%	-3.6%	-7.9%	-8.0%	-2.4%	-1.6%	-1.5%	-2.2%	-3.3%	-2.8%	-1.1%	-5.3%	-2.4%

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Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.



Largest Employers in Rhode Island. The following table lists, in descending order by employment, the largest employers in Rhode Island as of May 2000. Together, the top 50 employers employ 124,740, or 27.5 percent of the total wage and salary employment in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island's Largest Employers

Employed	Employer	Primary Business Activity
16,158	State of Rhode Island	Government
11,000	U.S. Government (excluding military)	Government
9,779	Lifespan	Hospital
5,400	Diocese of Providence	Catholic Church
5,200	City of Providence	Government
5,001	Care New England	Hospital
3,880	Stop & Shop Supermarket Co.	Grocery Stores
3,600	Royal Bank of Scotland	Bank
3,394	Fleet Financial Corp.	Bank
3,363	CVS Corporation	Pharmacies
3,355	Brown University	University
3,000	The Jan Companies	Eating Places
2,560	City of Warwick	Government
2,290	City of Cranston	Government
2,250	City of Pawtucket	Government
2,220	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.	Insurance
2,160	BankBoston Corporation	Bank
1,969	St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island	Hospital
1,940	Shaw's Super Market	Grocery Stores
1,800	City of East Providence	Government
1,735	Raytheon Company	Nautical Systems & Equipment Mfg.
1,626	Roger Williams Medical Center	Hospital
1,650	American Power Conversion	Uninterruptible Power Supplies & Access.
1,605	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Household Wiring Devices and Switches
1,600	Bell Atlantic	Communications
1,579	Amica Mutual Insurance Co.	Insurance
1,564	McDonald's	Eating Places
1,550	Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island	Hospital
1,500	Johnson & Wales University	University
1,465	The Stanley Works	Stapler and Packing Machine Mfg.
1,455	General Dynamics Corp.	Ship & Boat Building Mfg.
1,441	Blue Cross & Blue Shield	Medical Insurance
1,425	WAL-Mart	Retail
1,403	City of Woonsocket	Government
1,200	Hasbro, Inc.	Toy Manufacturing
1,175	Landmark Health System	Hospital
1,150	Sovereign Bankcorp	Bank
1,120	GTECH Corporation	Lottery Systems
1,074	Fidelity Investments	Investment Services
1,040	A.C.S. Industries	Wire and Cable
1,025	A. H. Belo Company	Publishing
1,020	ON Semiconductor	Semiconductors
970	A. T. Cross Company	Writing Instruments
900	National Grid	Power Generation
900	Providence College	College
900	Rhode Island School of Design	College
856	Gilbane Building Company	Construction
850	United Parcel Service	Package Delivery
840	Weststaff	Temporary Employment
803	Laidlaw Education Services	School Bus Transportation

Source: RI Economic Development Corporation, Research Division.

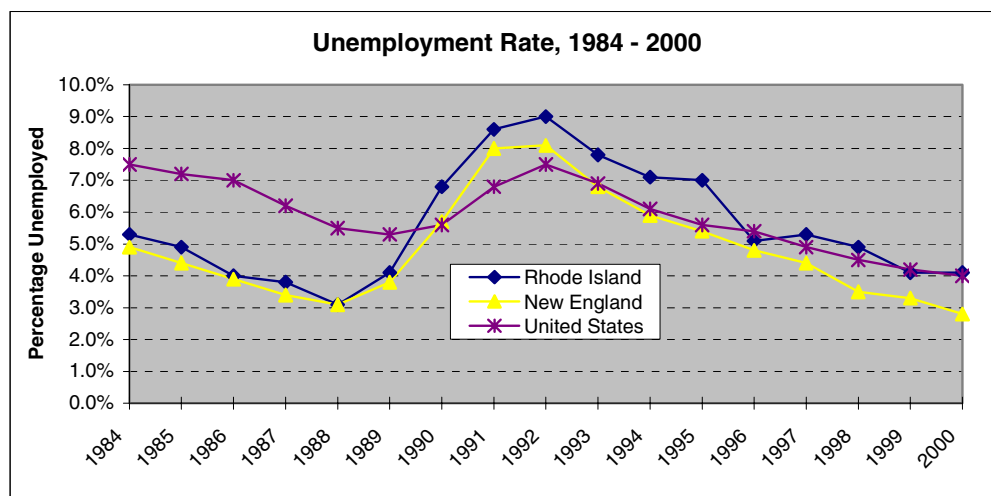
Unemployment. Between 1984 and 1989, the Rhode Island unemployment rate was lower than the national average. Between 1990 and 1995, the unemployment rate in Rhode Island was higher than the national average, but dipped dramatically in 1996, to below the national average. Rhode Island's unemployment rate declined in each year from 1992 to 1996. The following table compares the annual civilian labor force, the number unemployed, and unemployment rate averages of Rhode Island, the New England states, and the United States between 1984 and 2000.

Annual Average Civilian Labor Force and Unemployment, 1984 - 2000
(in thousands)

Year	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed			Unemployment Rate			R.I. Rate as a % of U.S.
	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	R.I.	N.E.	U.S.	
1984	490	6,549	113,544	26	318	8,539	5.3%	4.9%	7.5%	70.7%
1985	500	6,632	115,461	25	292	8,312	4.9%	4.4%	7.2%	68.1%
1986	509	6,721	117,834	21	265	8,237	4.0%	3.9%	7.0%	57.1%
1987	519	6,829	119,865	20	229	7,425	3.8%	3.4%	6.2%	61.3%
1988	525	6,914	121,669	16	216	6,701	3.1%	3.1%	5.5%	56.4%
1989	525	6,998	123,869	21	269	6,528	4.1%	3.8%	5.3%	77.4%
1990	519	7,147	125,840	35	408	7,047	6.8%	5.7%	5.6%	121.4%
1991	512	7,082	126,346	44	569	8,628	8.6%	8.0%	6.8%	126.5%
1992	521	7,057	128,105	47	568	9,613	9.0%	8.1%	7.5%	120.0%
1993	512	7,024	129,200	40	479	8,940	7.8%	6.8%	6.9%	113.0%
1994	501	6,964	131,056	35	412	7,996	7.1%	5.9%	6.1%	116.4%
1995	487	6,955	132,304	34	373	7,404	7.0%	5.4%	5.6%	125.0%
1996	494	6,996	133,943	25	335	7,236	5.1%	4.8%	5.4%	94.4%
1997	502	7,121	136,297	27	314	6,739	5.3%	4.4%	4.9%	108.2%
1998	498	7,113	137,673	24	250	6,210	4.9%	3.5%	4.5%	108.9%
1999	504	7,171	139,368	21	236	5,880	4.1%	3.3%	4.2%	97.6%
2000	505	7,194	140,863	21	199	5,655	4.1%	2.8%	4.0%	102.5%

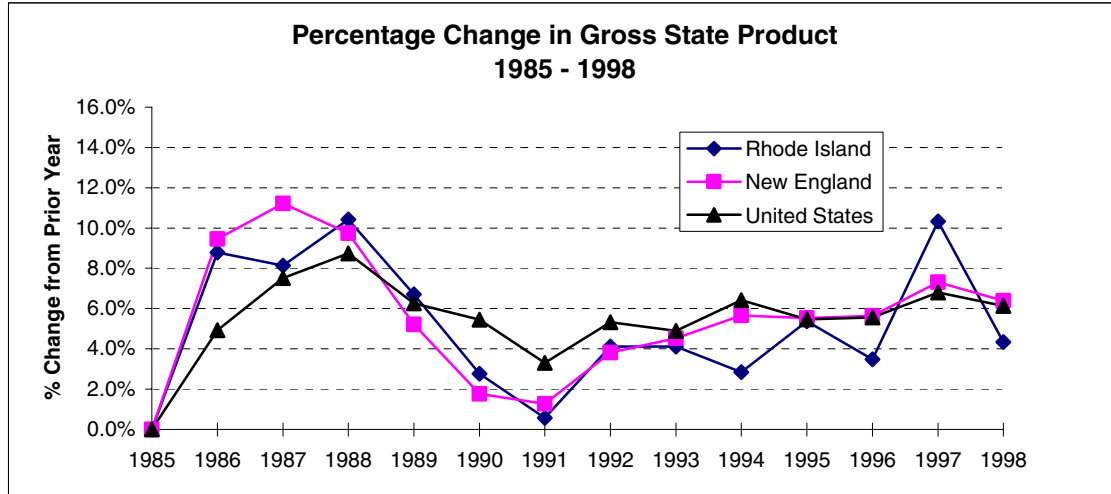
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Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The unemployment insurance system is a federal-state cooperative program established by the Social Security Act and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to provide benefits for eligible individuals when they are unemployed through no fault of their own. Benefits are paid from the Rhode Island Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and financed through employer contributions.



Economic Base and Performance

Between 1985 and 1988, the economies of Rhode Island and New England were among the strongest performers in the nation, with growth rates considerably higher than those for the national economy as a whole. From 1990 to 1994, both Rhode Island and New England experienced growth rates significantly below the national average. An economic recession in 1990 and 1991 caused growth rates in Rhode Island and New England to be lower than those for the national economy. In 1998, the Gross State Product for Rhode Island grew at a rate of 4.3 percent while the Gross State Product for the United States grew at a rate of 6.1 percent.



The table below gives the Gross State Product for Rhode Island, the New England states and the United States.

Gross State Product, 1985 - 1998
(millions of current dollars)

Year	Rhode Island		New England		United States	
	GSP	Change	GSP	Change	GSP	Change
1985	15,182	-	237,386	-	4,151,449	-
1986	16,517	8.8%	259,838	9.5%	4,355,877	4.9%
1987	17,861	8.1%	288,961	11.2%	4,683,245	7.5%
1988	19,722	10.4%	317,120	9.7%	5,092,174	8.7%
1989	21,045	6.7%	333,670	5.2%	5,411,353	6.3%
1990	21,627	2.8%	339,573	1.8%	5,706,658	5.5%
1991	21,753	0.6%	343,923	1.3%	5,895,430	3.3%
1992	22,650	4.1%	357,024	3.8%	6,209,096	5.3%
1993	23,581	4.1%	373,192	4.5%	6,513,026	4.9%
1994	24,254	2.9%	394,281	5.7%	6,930,791	6.4%
1995	25,556	5.4%	416,073	5.5%	7,309,516	5.5%
1996	26,444	3.5%	439,550	5.6%	7,715,901	5.6%
1997	29,175	10.3%	471,712	7.3%	8,240,312	6.8%
1998	30,443	4.3%	501,809	6.4%	8,745,219	6.1%

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Economic Base and Performance -- Sector Detail. The economy of Rhode Island is well diversified. The data shows the contribution to the Rhode Island real Gross State Product of several industrial and non-industrial sectors.

Gross State Product by Industry in Rhode Island, 1986 - 1998
(millions of dollars)

Industrial Sector	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3,187	3,711	4,188	4,534	4,635	4,943	4,975	5,143	5,339	5,768	5,908	7,532	7,615
Services	2,808	3,189	3,670	4,040	4,326	4,457	4,793	5,035	5,300	5,609	5,915	6,244	6,698
Manufacturing	3,858	3,785	3,970	4,273	4,292	4,272	4,194	4,329	4,205	4,230	4,270	4,340	4,492
Government	2,083	2,197	2,383	2,545	2,700	2,741	2,939	3,029	3,020	3,249	3,393	3,592	3,706
Retail Trade	1,646	1,793	1,930	2,027	1,988	1,917	2,027	2,100	2,169	2,211	2,268	2,435	2,579
Transportation and Public Utilities	970	1,125	1,170	1,189	1,337	1,361	1,607	1,770	1,840	1,974	2,109	2,264	2,382
Wholesale Trade	990	1,066	1,168	1,217	1,154	1,103	1,166	1,207	1,325	1,438	1,445	1,538	1,611
Construction	706	824	984	1,023	998	772	760	761	859	879	940	1,025	1,139
Agriculture	259	159	239	191	186	178	176	192	179	175	180	185	199
Mining	9	11	10	6	10	8	15	15	19	21	17	22	23
Total GSP	16,517	17,861	19,722	21,045	21,627	21,753	22,650	23,581	24,254	25,556	26,444	29,175	30,443

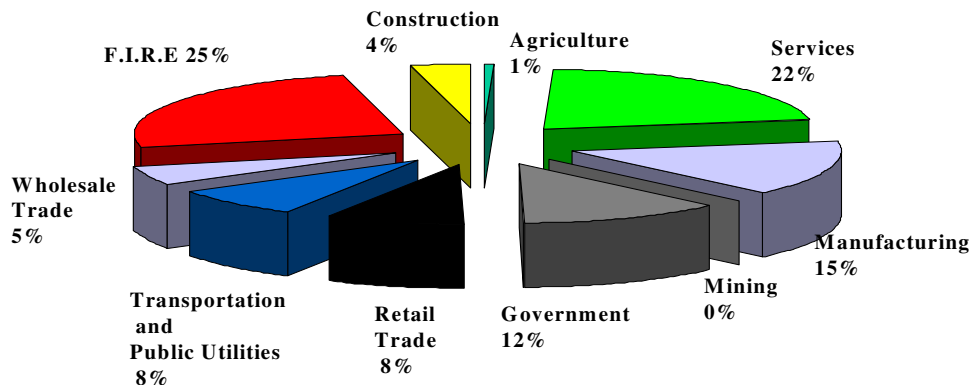
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Note: "Agriculture" includes Forestry and Fisheries.

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Gross State Product by Industry Group In Rhode Island 1998



Services. The services sector is the largest sector in the economy of Rhode Island in terms of number of employees. This sector includes the broad categories of health services, business services, educational services, engineering and management services, and social services. In 2000, services sector employment was 163,400 representing approximately one-third of total nonagricultural employment. The services sector contributed 34.3 percent of the State's Gross State Product in 2000.

Trade and International Trade. In the mid-1980s the trade sector was an area of strong job growth, boosted by a growing export sector. Trade employment declined during 1990 and 1991 but has grown steadily since, except for 1996. Wholesale and Retail trade, in 2000, was the second largest employment sector in Rhode Island with 109,000 employees, or 22.9 percent of the total workforce, and 4.8 percent growth over the 1999 level. A significant portion of Rhode Island products are exported internationally. The total value of all international shipments from Rhode Island in 1998 was \$1,208,898,000, which represented 4.0 percent of the Gross State Product, of \$30,443,000,000. Rhode Island's most important exports, as shown in the chart on the following page, are industrial machinery including computer equipment (13.5%), electronics and electrical equipment (19.5%), miscellaneous manufacturing products (11.7%) and scrap and waste (10.0%).

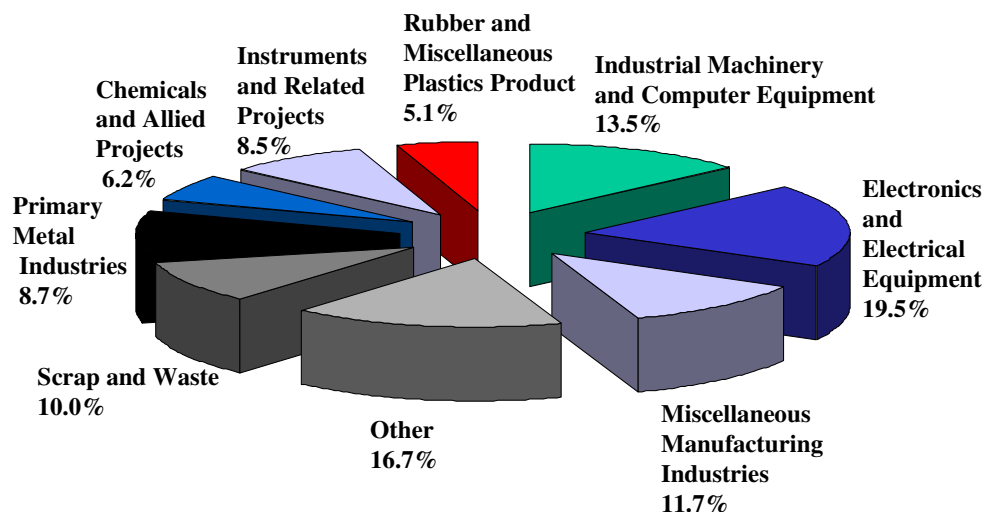
Rhode Island Exports by Industry, 1991 - 2000
(in thousands)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total All Industries	783,786	1,003,998	1,024,637	1,048,703	1,028,025	1,010,897	1,197,847	1,208,898	1,221,990	1,281,025
Industrial Machinery & Computer Equipment	160,982	181,438	198,479	219,314	145,814	180,052	179,383	143,616	167,413	173,040
Electronics & Electrical Equipment (except Computers)	63,716	117,448	109,966	159,822	142,960	154,941	215,826	285,510	251,668	250,369
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	125,008	115,628	123,424	127,647	132,885	103,063	122,338	121,122	120,032	149,747
Scrap and Waste	101,742	108,277	129,408	122,094	155,916	125,880	126,662	97,687	93,576	128,683
Primary Metal Industries	35,782	45,028	68,113	73,202	67,784	62,439	72,306	96,787	128,918	111,716
Chemicals and Allied Products	56,488	77,097	100,534	70,684	67,560	46,206	96,047	80,854	81,091	79,412
Instruments and Related Products	57,987	107,052	77,225	67,222	77,224	78,054	85,754	88,647	75,686	108,393
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	36,537	37,675	46,889	51,988	47,252	47,637	58,995	55,934	66,050	65,180
Textile Mill Products	26,333	41,185	33,109	33,868	41,047	41,829	43,146	43,512	43,100	38,937
Fabricated Metal Products	30,689	66,080	40,882	32,931	35,614	46,328	58,491	47,885	42,750	41,304
Transportation Equipment	17,931	16,583	32,976	23,965	25,441	29,055	30,393	33,882	33,233	31,074
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	10,304	16,308	15,484	18,400	19,884	18,204	23,956	15,227	17,049	13,482
Paper and Allied Products	7,276	7,120	10,370	9,791	12,954	20,543	26,971	27,954	27,956	21,977
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	16,087	20,346	8,230	7,438	10,189	10,306	12,885	20,659	25,729	23,973
Food and Kindred Products	5,932	6,502	6,742	7,304	8,939	8,258	5,553	4,109	4,735	4,132
Printing and Publishing	7,942	9,824	4,484	6,221	6,191	7,187	6,346	14,836	5,130	6,099
Canadian, Non-Canadian Goods Returned to Canada	2,144	4,356	3,238	3,358	4,842	5,160	6,689	6,891	7,758	4,880
Apparel and Other Textile Products	1,681	2,487	3,369	3,019	4,120	2,265	3,386	3,759	3,924	3,816
Furniture and Fixtures	2,094	1,551	2,810	2,879	3,340	1,880	2,438	2,093	3,090	4,127
Used or Second-Hand Merchandise	1,901	798	734	1,578	392	6,157	5,827	1,188	556	554
Lumber and Wood Products	720	853	1,380	1,519	3,096	1,637	2,068	3,836	3,168	1,967
Leather and Leather Products	7,041	5,644	3,856	1,414	2,074	2,060	3,916	3,415	2,834	2,469
Petroleum and Coal Products	4,225	1,458	372	873	993	512	417	123	418	314
Special Classification Provisions, NSFF	1,654	11,910	946	571	8,794	4,985	2,002	1,811	6,636	3,260
Agricultural Production-Livestock	1,154	353	365	546	1,482	819	803	426	220	228
Charity, Military/NK Shipments					0	2,838	3,245	5,547	6,841	9,313
Other	426	987	1,102	1,055	1,248	2,602	2,004	1,588	2,427	2,589

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Note: MSER algorithm was revised beginning with 1996 data. Data for prior years may not be consistent.

Composition of Rhode Island Exports by Industry Group 2000



Retail Sales. According to the Bureau of the Census, and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation retail sales for Rhode Island, New England, and the United States have increased each year from 1992 - 1997. The following table shows the annual retail sales activity from 1984 - 1999.

Annual Retail Sales, 1984-1999
(In millions)

Year	Rhode Island		New England		United States	
	Sales	Change	Sales	Change	Sales	Change
1984	12,561	-	72,194	-	1,283,753	-
1985	14,932	18.9%	77,765	7.7%	1,373,829	7.0%
1986	15,294	2.4%	86,431	11.1%	1,449,210	5.5%
1987	17,422	13.9%	93,557	8.2%	1,538,637	6.2%
1988	18,016	3.4%	105,028	12.3%	1,656,202	7.6%
1989	19,548	8.5%	111,903	6.5%	1,758,971	6.2%
1990	19,704	0.8%	112,087	0.2%	1,844,611	4.9%
1991	19,064	-3.2%	110,851	-1.1%	1,855,937	0.6%
1992	19,428	1.9%	112,804	1.8%	1,951,589	5.2%
1993	19,829	2.1%	116,265	3.1%	2,082,112	6.7%
1994	20,505	3.4%	121,452	4.5%	2,248,198	8.0%
1995	20,881	1.8%	121,692	0.2%	2,359,013	4.9%
1996	22,604	8.3%	130,629	7.3%	2,502,365	6.1%
1997	23,166	2.5%	N/A	-	2,610,562	4.3%
1998	N/A	-	N/A	-	2,729,125	4.5%
1999	N/A	-	N/A	-	2,972,280	8.9%

Sources: Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. Research Division
Bureau of the Census. Service Division. Retail Branch.

Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate. While the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate ("FIRE") sector experienced 15.3 percent growth in employment between 1985 and 1988, there was an overall decline of 7.7 percent from 1990 to 1996. As of 2000, total employment in the FIRE sector was 30,600, an increase of 3.4 percent from the previous year. FIRE contributed 25.0 percent of the Rhode Island Gross State Product in 1998.

Construction. Fueled by the general growth of the rest of the Rhode Island economy, employment in the construction industry experienced dramatic growth in the mid 1980s, increasing by 40.8 percent between 1985 and 1988. This trend reversed direction between 1989 and 1992, when employment in the construction industry declined by 39.2 percent. Since 1993, with the return to general growth in the Rhode Island economy, employment in construction has rebounded with growth rates of 5.4 percent in 1998, 14.1 percent in 1999 and 5.1 percent in 2000. Construction activity, in 1998, contributed 3.7 percent of the Rhode Island Gross State Product.

Rhode Island's growth in construction is being fueled by demands other than housing. The following table shows the number of housing permits authorized on an annual basis in Rhode Island, New England, and the United States. Between 1983 and 1986, both Rhode Island and New England experienced explosive growth in the number of housing permits authorized. This period of strong growth was followed by a decline between 1986 and 1991 during which the number of housing permits authorized in Rhode Island declined by 63.2 percent. In 2000, the number of housing permits authorized decreased by 17.3 percent in Rhode Island, compared to a decrease of 7.6 percent for New England and a decrease of 5.9 percent for the United States.

Housing Permits Authorized, 1983 - 2000
(seasonally adjusted)

Year	Rhode Island		New England		United States	
	Total Permits	Percent Change	Total Permits	Percent Change	Total Permits	Percent Change
1983	3,898	-	57,119	-	1,606,000	-
1984	4,337	11.3%	72,293	26.6%	1,691,000	5.3%
1985	5,415	24.9%	96,080	32.9%	1,733,000	2.5%
1986	6,948	28.3%	107,805	12.2%	1,773,000	2.3%
1987	6,612	-4.8%	101,599	-5.8%	1,542,000	-13.0%
1988	5,717	-13.5%	82,768	-18.5%	1,450,000	-6.0%
1989	4,205	-26.4%	54,129	-34.6%	1,347,000	-7.1%
1990	3,177	-24.4%	38,148	-29.5%	1,127,000	-16.3%
1991	2,557	-19.5%	30,396	-20.3%	954,000	-15.4%
1992	2,644	3.4%	37,000	21.7%	1,106,000	15.9%
1993	2,618	-1.0%	39,765	7.5%	1,211,000	9.5%
1994	2,534	-3.2%	40,027	0.7%	1,367,000	12.9%
1995	2,314	-8.7%	37,690	-5.8%	1,337,000	-2.2%
1996	2,358	1.9%	40,041	6.2%	1,420,000	6.2%
1997	2,731	15.8%	42,373	5.8%	1,442,000	1.5%
1998	2,655	-2.8%	48,030	13.4%	1,619,000	12.3%
1999	3,234	21.8%	47,491	-1.1%	1,664,000	2.8%
2000	2,674	-17.3%	43,896	-7.6%	1,566,000	-5.9%

U.S. Department of Commerce
Construction Statistics Division
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

The current recovery in the regional economy is reflected in the housing sector. Significant declines in existing home sales in Rhode Island in 1990 and 1991 (of -13.4 percent and -5.2 percent, respectively) were followed by rapid sales growth for 1992, when home sales in Rhode Island increased at a yearly rate substantially higher than the national average. Following this period of rapid growth, existing home sales increased at a rate of 8.9 percent in 1999 but declined 5.8 percent in 2000. On a seasonally adjusted annual rate basis, existing home sales for Rhode Island, New England, and the United States appear in the table that follows.

Existing Home Sales, 1983 - 2000
(seasonally adjusted at annual rates, in thousands)

Year	Rhode Island		New England		United States	
	Sales	Percent Change	Sales	Percent Change	Sales	Percent Change
1983	8.0	-	141.3	-	2,875.0	-
1984	9.1	13.8%	140.7	-0.4%	3,027.5	5.3%
1985	10.3	13.2%	157.0	11.6%	3,382.5	11.7%
1986	10.6	2.9%	169.2	7.8%	3,772.5	11.5%
1987	10.5	-0.9%	174.5	3.1%	3,767.5	-0.1%
1988	11.0	4.8%	178.5	2.3%	3,882.5	3.1%
1989	11.2	1.8%	163.0	-8.7%	3,672.0	-5.4%
1990	9.7	-13.4%	134.0	-17.8%	3,603.5	-1.9%
1991	9.2	-5.2%	140.5	4.9%	3,533.3	-1.9%
1992	11.9	29.3%	170.6	21.4%	3,889.5	10.1%
1993	13.0	9.2%	193.8	13.6%	4,220.3	8.5%
1994	13.1	0.8%	200.3	3.4%	4,409.8	4.5%
1995	13.5	3.1%	185.7	-7.3%	4,342.3	-1.5%
1996	14.7	8.9%	200.7	8.1%	4,705.3	8.4%
1997	15.9	8.2%	219.4	9.3%	4,908.8	4.3%
1998	19.0	19.5%	248.3	13.2%	5,585.3	13.8%
1999	20.7	8.9%	253.3	2.0%	5,922.8	6.0%
2000	19.5	-5.8%	250.0	-1.3%	5,881.8	-0.7%

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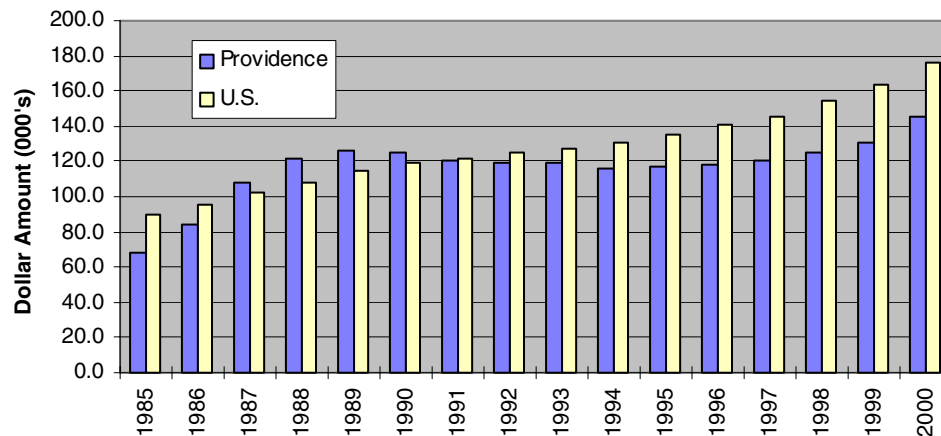
Single family home prices for the Providence Metropolitan area (not seasonally adjusted) appear in the following chart. While Providence housing prices were 12.3 percent higher than the US average in 1988, by 2000 they had fallen below the rest of the country at 82.3 percent of the national average.

Repeat Sales Home Price Index for the Providence Metropolitan Area, 1985 - 2000
(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Year	Providence	U.S.	Providence Prices as a Percentage of the U.S.
1985	68.0	89.4	76.1%
1986	83.6	95.6	87.4%
1987	108.3	102.2	106.0%
1988	121.8	108.5	112.3%
1989	126.3	115.3	109.5%
1990	125.0	119.1	105.0%
1991	120.8	121.5	99.4%
1992	119.1	124.7	95.5%
1993	118.8	127.5	93.2%
1994	116.1	130.9	88.7%
1995	116.9	135.1	86.5%
1996	118.4	140.4	84.3%
1997	120.2	146.0	82.3%
1998	125.2	154.3	81.1%
1999	130.8	163.3	80.1%
2000	144.9	176.0	82.3%

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Average Annual Home Prices, 1985 - 2000



Defense. Following a peak in the value of military prime contracts awarded to Rhode Island firms in 1990 of \$554 million, defense related contracts declined 29.6 percent by 1993 to \$390 million. By 1994, the value of defense related prime contracts had rebounded to \$422 million, up 8.2 percent from 1993. However, in 1999 prime contracts had fallen to \$312 million, down 26.1 percent. The relationship of the defense industry to the Rhode Island economy is reflected in the following table, which shows the value of Department of Defense prime contract awards between 1980 and 1999. Since 1980, Rhode Island has increased its share of New England contract awards from 3.0 percent to 3.3 percent of such awards in 1999.

Net Value of Department of Defense Prime Contract Awards*, 1980-1999

(in millions)

Fiscal Year	RI	NE	US	RI / NE	RI / US
1980*	262	8,775	68,070	3.0%	0.4%
1981*	236	10,372	87,761	2.3%	0.3%
1982*	285	13,037	103,858	2.2%	0.3%
1983	381	12,967	118,744	2.9%	0.3%
1984	396	14,249	123,995	2.8%	0.3%
1985	431	15,487	140,096	2.8%	0.3%
1986	394	15,748	136,026	2.5%	0.3%
1987	478	15,606	133,262	3.1%	0.4%
1988	429	13,673	125,767	3.1%	0.3%
1989	417	16,268	119,917	2.6%	0.3%
1990	554	14,271	121,254	3.9%	0.5%
1991	413	13,889	124,119	3.0%	0.3%
1992	455	11,033	112,285	4.1%	0.4%
1993	390	10,789	114,145	3.6%	0.3%
1994	422	9,329	110,316	4.5%	0.4%
1995	388	9,374	109,004	4.1%	0.4%
1996	334	9,237	109,408	3.6%	0.3%
1997	275	9,152	106,561	3.0%	0.3%
1998	217	9,284	109,386	2.3%	0.2%
1999	312	9,456	114,875	3.3%	0.3%

Source: United States Department of Defense. **Prime Contract* is defined as \$10,000 and above for these years: beginning in 1983 it is defined as \$25,000 and above.

Travel and Tourism. According to the May, 2001 Rhode Island Travel and Tourism Research Report from the University of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, travel and tourism revenue broke the three billion-dollar mark, at \$3.26 billion (preliminary) in 2000. This reflected one of the largest percentage increases (16.4%) since the series measurement began in 1978.

In 2000 an estimated 15.7 million travelers visited Rhode Island for business, conventions or leisure. Of these, 10.5 million spent the day in the state and 5.2 million stayed overnight. An additional 34.5 million travelers “passed through” the state en route to other destinations.

The highest daily expenditures in 2000 were by overnight business visitors (\$280.50 per day), overnight convention visitors (\$272.84 per day), and leisure visitors who stayed in hotels and motels (\$174.13).

Visitor indicators for 2000 were up, with two exceptions. The I-95 Welcome Center Visitors declined 11.0% and gasoline consumption declined 1.2%. Lodgings Tax revenues increased by 35.0%. This was partly due to an increase of the tax rate from 5% to 6% in July, but that accounts for only 13.9% of the increase. The lodgings sales implied by the tax collections increased 21.1%. Visits to the Preservation Society of Newport County were up 3.0%, commercial air passengers arriving and departing through T.F. Green Airport were up 5.9% and Newport Bridge Traffic was up 11.0%.

Sales receipts in the travel and tourism industry grew by 9.8% in 1999 and by 16.4% in 2000. The transportation sector had the largest percentage gain in 2000 with a 17.4% increase in sales receipts. Retail trade sector receipts grew by 16.9% and the service sector receipts rose by 14.8%. The equivalent number of firms in the tourism industry grew by 5.0% in 2000, while wages increased by 15.7% and the number of employees increased by 8.9%.

Slower growth is forecast for 2001. Consumer confidence has fallen and the New England unemployment rate has been rising. Growth of 7% is predicted for 2001 when sales receipts should reach approximately \$3.5 billion.

Based on a comparison with 2-digit employment SIC code industries, the travel and tourism industry became the second largest state employer in 1993 – second only to the health services industry. For the first

time in the state's history, full-time equivalent jobs generated by travelers and tourists exceeded jobs in the miscellaneous manufacturing industry (Jewelry, Toys, Sporting Goods, Pens, Pencils and Office Supplies). In 2000 employment by the travel and tourism industry was triple that of the miscellaneous manufacturing sector. A comparison of average annual growth rates since 1982 shows that the travel and tourism industry leads the other 2-digit SIC employment code sectors with growth in the number of tourism-related firms averaging 5.0% per year, growth in employment averaging 6.3% per year and growth in wages averaging 11.6% per year.

Human Resources

Human Resources. The availability of a skilled and well-educated population is an important resource for Rhode Island. The level of education reached by the population of Rhode Island compares favorably with the United States as a whole, as the following chart demonstrates. Although spending on education is not necessarily an indication of results, it is important to note that Rhode Island spends more per pupil than the national average on primary and secondary education. In fact, per pupil spending in Rhode Island has been significantly higher than the national average since 1989. The ratio of Rhode Island spending to the national average has varied from 120.6 percent in 1990-91 to a high of 129.9 percent in 1996-97. For the 1998-99 academic year Rhode Island spent 29.0 percent more on public elementary and secondary education than the United States average: \$9,049 per student compared to a national average of \$7,013 per student. The following chart and table show expenditures per pupil for Rhode Island and the United States since the 1989-90 academic year and the national ranking of expenditures.

Expenditure Per Pupil in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1989 - 1999

(in thousands of current dollars)

Academic Year	Rhode Island	United States	Ratio (R.I./U.S.)
1989-90	6,368	4,980	127.9%
1990-91	6,343	5,258	120.6%
1991-92	6,546	5,421	120.8%
1992-93	6,938	5,584	124.2%
1993-94	7,333	5,767	127.2%
1994-95	7,715	5,989	128.8%
1995-96	7,936	6,147	129.1%
1996-97	8,307	6,393	129.9%
1997-98	8,627	6,675	129.2%
1998-99	9,049	7,013	129.0%

U.S. Department of Education
National Center for Education Statistics

National Ranking of Expenditure Per Pupil in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Academic Year 1997-98
(Based on Average Daily Attendance)

Ranking	State	Expenditure	Ranking	State	Expenditure
1	New Jersey	\$ 10,233	26	Hawaii	\$ 6,409
2	New York	9,970	27	Kansas	6,406
3	District of Columbia	9,225	28	Iowa	6,295
4	Connecticut	9,221	29	Florida	6,183
5	Alaska	9,074	30	Kentucky	6,125
6	Rhode Island	8,627	31	Colorado	6,099
7	Massachusetts	8,299	32	Missouri	6,096
8	Delaware	7,963	33	Georgia	5,947
9	Maryland	7,812	34	Virginia	5,938
10	Pennsylvania	7,777	35	Texas	5,910
11	Michigan	7,717	36	California	5,795
12	Wisconsin	7,680	37	Nevada	5,758
13	Vermont	7,500	38	North Carolina	5,667
14	Oregon	7,348	39	Louisiana	5,645
15	Maine	7,238	40	South Carolina	5,643
16	Illinois	6,858	41	Oklahoma	5,389
17	Ohio	6,808	42	North Dakota	5,353
18	Minnesota	6,795	43	South Dakota	5,281
19	Indiana	6,786	44	Tennessee	5,274
20	West Virginia	6,779	45	Alabama	5,166
21	Wyoming	6,718	46	Arizona	5,122
22	Nebraska	6,584	47	Idaho	5,012
23	Washington	6,534	48	Arkansas	4,999
24	New Hampshire	6,487	49	New Mexico	4,984
25	Montana	6,448	50	Mississippi	4,575
			51	Utah	4,256

Source: U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics, NCES

According to the March, 2000 report by the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education, in fall 1999, the total headcount enrollment in Rhode Island institutions of higher education was 75,238 students, a 1.1 percent increase over the total for fall 1998. Enrollment increased in the public sector by 0.7 percent (282 students) and increased in the independent sector by 1.6 percent (561 students).

From July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, Rhode Island institutions of higher education conferred 14,709 degrees and certificates, an increase of 1.5 percent over the 14,498 awards of the previous year. This year is the first to see an overall increase since the 1992-93 peak when there were 16,137 awards granted. In 1998-99, the public institutions of higher education conferred 5,309, or 36.1 percent of all awards, while independent institutions awarded 9,400, or 63.9 percent. The number of awards at public institutions decreased by 0.9 percent, while awards at independent institutions increased by 2.8 percent.

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APPENDIX B - Proposed Form of Legal Opinion

Date of Delivery

State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations
State House
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: \$39,805,000 State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
General Obligation Bonds, Consolidated Capital Development
Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A (the "Bonds")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as bond counsel to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the "State") in connection with its issuance of the Bonds, representing various loans authorized by various acts of the General Assembly of the State and consolidated for issuance pursuant to Section 35-8-21 of the General Laws of the State. In that capacity, we have examined and are familiar with originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the State, certificates of officials of the State and other documents and instruments, and have made such other investigation of facts and examination of Rhode Island and federal law, as we have deemed necessary or proper for the purpose of rendering this opinion. Capitalized terms used herein shall, unless otherwise specified, have the meanings set forth in the Certificate of Determination of the Governor and General Treasurer adopted April 9, 2002 (the "Certificate of Determination").

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certificates of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, we are further of the opinion that, under existing law:

1. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the State and the full faith and credit of the State is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due.

2. The interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and will not be treated as an item of tax preference for the purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. Interest on the Bonds will, however, be included in the calculation of adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

We call your attention to the fact that interest on the Bonds may become taxable retroactively to their date of issuance if the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), relating to the investment, expenditure and use of Bond proceeds and certain other amounts and to payments to the United States, are not met. The State has covenanted to take all lawful action necessary under the Code to continue the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income, to the extent provided in the Code, and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds to become includible in gross income.

We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

3. The Bonds are exempt from Rhode Island taxes, although the Bonds and the interest thereon may be included in the measure of Rhode Island estate and gift taxes and certain business and corporate taxes.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX C - Table of Refunded Bonds

Outstanding 1992 Series A Refunding Bonds refunded by \$39,805,000 Consolidated Capital Development Loan of 2002, Refunding Series A (the "Bonds")

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Par Amount	Call Date	Call Price
6/15/03	6.10%	\$12,100,000	6/15/02	102%
6/15/04	6.20	7,680,000	6/15/02	102
6/15/05*	6.25	7,685,000	6/15/02	102
6/15/06*	6.25	7,680,000	6/15/02	102
6/15/07*	6.25	3,265,000	6/15/02	102
		\$38,410,000		

*Represents sinking fund installments from term bond due 6/15/07

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MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER:

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

Policy No.: -N

Effective Date:

Premium: \$

FINANCIAL SECURITY ASSURANCE INC. ("Financial Security") for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Bonds) for the Bonds, for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of Financial Security, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the Business Day next following the Business Day on which Financial Security shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, Financial Security will disburse to or for the benefit of each Owner of a Bond the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bond that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by Financial Security, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of the principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in Financial Security. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by Financial Security is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by Financial Security for purposes of the preceding sentence and Financial Security shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, who may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement in respect of a Bond, Financial Security shall become the owner of the Bond, any appurtenant coupon to the Bond or right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under the Bond, to the extent of any payment by Financial Security hereunder. Payment by Financial Security to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners shall, to the extent thereof, discharge the obligation of Financial Security under this Policy.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity unless Financial Security shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment of principal or interest that is Due for Payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer which has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the

United States Bankruptcy Code by a trustee in bankruptcy in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means telephonic or telecopied notice, subsequently confirmed in a signed writing, or written notice by registered or certified mail, from an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent to Financial Security which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount and (d) the date such claimed amount became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

Financial Security may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee and the Paying Agent specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee and the Paying Agent, (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to Financial Security pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to Financial Security and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by Financial Security under this Policy may be made directly by Financial Security or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of Financial Security. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of Financial Security only and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of Financial Security to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Financial Security agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to Financial Security to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of Financial Security, and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, (a) any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity and (b) this Policy may not be canceled or revoked. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW.

In witness whereof, FINANCIAL SECURITY ASSURANCE INC. has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

[Countersignature]

FINANCIAL SECURITY ASSURANCE INC.

By _____

By _____
Authorized Officer

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