

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Annual Financial Report

June 30, 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report

Arkansas Department of Public Safety
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, a department of Arkansas state government, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Arkansas Department of Public Safety's departmental financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety as of June 30, 2024, the changes in financial position, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As indicated above, the financial statements of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position, and budgetary comparisons of only that portion of the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State that is attributable to the transactions of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Arkansas as of June 30, 2024, the changes in its financial position, and budgetary comparisons for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the department's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the department's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the department's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires that a Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement government-wide financial statements. However, as discussed in the "Emphasis of Matter" paragraph above, the financial statements of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety are only for the specific transactions and activity of the Agency and not for the State as a whole. Therefore, the Management's Discussion and Analysis is not required to be presented for the Arkansas Department of Public Safety individually. Our opinions on the departmental financial statements are not affected by the omission of this information.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Selected Information, Financial Information by Business Area, Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS) – Ten-Year Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS) – Ten-Year Schedule of Agency Contributions, and Other General Information but does not include the departmental financial statements, and our auditor's reports thereon. Our opinions on the departmental financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the departmental financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 2, 2025, on our consideration of the department's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the department's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin White", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
December 2, 2025
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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Arkansas Department of Public Safety
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety (the "Agency"), a department of Arkansas state government, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Arkansas Department of Public Safety's departmental financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies; therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the Schedule of Findings and Responses below as items 2024-1 and 2024-2, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Agency's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described below in the Schedule of Findings and Responses as items 2024-1 and 2024-2.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

2024-1 Ark. Code Ann. § 19-4-1102 states that the executive head of an agency is responsible for establishing procedures and controls to ensure accurate payment of obligations. Using data analytics, we identified a duplicate payment of \$3,683 issued to a vendor providing toxicology services to the Arkansas State Crime Lab. The duplicate payment was issued within a day of the original payment in April 2024. The Agency was unaware of the duplicate payment, until notified by Arkansas Legislative Audit (ALA) during April 2025. After notifying the vendor, the Agency received and deposited recoupment of the duplicate payment in June 2025. The failure of the Agency to prevent or identify duplicate payments could result in the loss of state funds.

We recommend the Agency strengthen internal controls over disbursements to detect and prevent duplicate payments of the same invoice or for the same services.

Management Response: *DPS Shared Services has trained new employees on how to correctly key the invoice number into AASIS to allow the system to generate a duplicate payment notification.*

2024-2 Ark. Code Ann. § 19-4-804 requires that agencies holding monies not deposited in the State Treasury, other than the institutions of higher learning, abide by the recommendations of the State Board of Finance. State Board of Finance Rule 2012-A states that all cash funds on deposit with a bank or financial institution that exceed FDIC deposit insurance coverage must be collateralized, and the collateral pledged must be held by an unaffiliated third-party custodian in an amount at least equal to 105% of the cash funds on deposit. During our review of collateral, we noted a deficiency of \$2,593,335 in collateral covering one bank's account balances of \$11,645,795 at June 30, 2024. The cause of the deficit of collateral was due to the bank reflecting a security as collateral that was not actually pledged to the Arkansas State Police by the third-party custodian. This issue was brought to the attention of the bank in August 2023; however, the correction was not made until August 27, 2024. In the absence of adequate collateral, these funds were at risk of loss had there been a failure of the depository institution.

We recommend the Agency analyze deposits with financial institutions throughout the year to ensure compliance with State Board of Finance policy and Arkansas law.

Management Response: *DPS Shared Services is verifying each month with the bank and the third-party custodian that collateral is pledged to the Arkansas State Police.*

Agency's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditors to perform limited procedures on the Agency's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the Schedule of Findings and Responses above. The Agency's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record, and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Tom Bullington, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
December 2, 2025

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

		General Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	109,833,755
Investments		3,500,000
Funds held in trust by Arkansas Development Finance Authority		26,650,422
Accounts receivable:		
Federal grants and reimbursements		28,076,916
Customer receivables		66,800
Criminal history search fees		663,485
Accrued interest		144,727
Other receivables		7,703,815
Due from other state agencies		1,215,808
Prepaid items		2,370,813
Inventories		3,164,039
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	183,390,580
 LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	3,448,736
Grants payable		20,055,973
Accrued payroll		2,331,013
Due to other state agencies		733,325
Due to other governments		11,959,882
Unearned income - permits and licenses		38,190,687
Total Liabilities		76,719,616
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Related to revenues		23,939,320

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

		General Fund
Fund balance:		
Nonspendable for:		
Prepaid items	\$	2,370,813
Inventories		3,164,039
Restricted for:		
Capital projects		57,602
Debt service		13,607,576
Other		866,768
Committed for:		
Capital projects		16,506,779
Disaster assistance		696,334
Insurance		14,349,554
Other		42,697,798
Program requirements		7,701,305
Unassigned		(19,286,924)
Total Fund Balance		82,731,644
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	183,390,580

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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Federal grants and reimbursements	\$ 198,074,311
Emergency telephone service charge	36,375,903
Prepaid wireless public safety charge	17,810,299
Motorized vehicle license and testing fees	16,027,230
Criminal history search fees	10,387,892
Driver's license reinstatement fees	4,161,575
Concealed weapons permits	889,904
Uniform filing fees	1,883,423
Business licenses and fees	1,441,237
Other fees, fines, penalties, and taxes	5,058,967
Driving record information fees	1,776,473
Interest income	2,893,392
Federal surplus property program fees	941,706
Miscellaneous	9,750,858
TOTAL REVENUES	307,473,170
Less: State Treasury service charge	835,835
NET REVENUES	306,637,335
EXPENDITURES	
Salary and benefits	114,151,723
Communication and transportation of commodities	3,520,165
Printing and advertising	139,840
Repairing and servicing	6,424,090
Utilities and rent	3,373,140
Travel and subsistence	1,743,872
Professional services	13,670,918
Insurance and bonds	917,473
Other expenses and services	4,753,196
Commodities, materials, and supplies	16,215,862
Assistance, grants, and aid	237,321,246
Refunds, taxes, and claims	20,755,097
Debt service:	
Principal	4,406,269
Interest	4,204,487
Low value asset purchases	5,776,308
Capital outlay	48,703,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	486,076,805

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	General Fund
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (179,439,470)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
Public Safety Charges Revenue Bonds proceeds (net)	28,566,766
Interagency transfers:	
General revenue distribution	90,740,476
Arkansas Department of Military	(2,156,142)
Arkansas Department of Shared Administrative Services - Office of State Technology	(136,378)
Arkansas Department of Transportation	(1,239,699)
Arkansas Department of Human Services	3,735,594
Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System	1,678,711
Department of Finance and Administration - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund	28,168,257
Department of Finance and Administration - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	8,991,052
Department of Finance and Administration - DPS Crime Victims Reparation	940,374
Department of Finance and Administration - Restricted reserve funding	28,323,437
Department of Finance and Administration - IRS refund	71,289
Department of Finance and Administration - Motor vehicle funding	3,410,947
Department of Finance and Administration - Disaster assistance	(4,894,860)
Department of Finance and Administration - Other transfers	2,455,251
Other transfers, net	3,142,604
Issuance of SBITAs	94,667
Prior-year refunds to expenditures	52,013
Prior-year warrants outlawed and cancelled	43,263
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	191,987,622
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	12,548,152
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	70,183,492
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	\$ 82,731,644

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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General Fund			Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amount		Actual	
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Federal grants and reimbursements	\$ 127,314,804	\$ 127,314,804	\$ 198,074,311	\$ 70,759,507
Public safety trust fund			54,186,202	54,186,202
Special revenue	23,353,072	23,353,072	29,355,386	6,002,314
Criminal history search fees	6,270,000	6,270,000	10,387,892	4,117,892
Uniform filing fees	1,548,817	1,548,817	1,883,423	334,606
Federal surplus property program fees	2,329,747	2,329,747	941,706	(1,388,041)
Interest income			2,893,392	2,893,392
Miscellaneous	116,241,734	116,241,734	9,750,858	(106,490,876)
TOTAL REVENUES	277,058,174	277,058,174	307,473,170	30,414,996
Less: State Treasury service charge			835,835	(835,835)
NET REVENUES	277,058,174	277,058,174	306,637,335	29,579,161
EXPENDITURES				
Regular salaries	88,714,185	85,913,883	81,862,118	4,051,765
Extra help	1,214,199	1,034,358	198,707	835,651
Operating expenses	48,007,772	72,619,307	69,628,670	2,990,637
Personal services matching	48,029,381	45,224,079	29,738,655	15,485,424
Grants	130,834,444	399,027,923	180,550,193	218,477,730
Overtime	5,095,167	3,378,858	2,352,243	1,026,615
Conference fees and travel	1,741,462	1,842,290	862,957	979,333
Professional fees and services	4,105,822	6,122,106	3,571,219	2,550,887
Capital improvement projects	212,070,000	209,319,823		209,319,823
Capital outlay	6,118,588	46,378,571	38,400,836	7,977,735
Covert operations	250,000			
General improvement projects	57,328,221	12,558,946	10,302,283	2,256,663
Marketing and redistribution proceeds		1,177		1,177
911 services	75,000,000	64,868,200	44,444,435	20,423,765
Claims	2,484,867	6,866,704	4,692,963	2,173,741
Unappropriated cash fund disbursements			19,471,526	(19,471,526)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	680,994,108	955,156,225	486,076,805	469,079,420
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(403,935,934)	(678,098,051)	(179,439,470)	498,658,581

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General Fund			Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amount		Actual	
	Original	Final		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Public Safety Charges Revenue Bonds proceeds (net)			\$ 28,566,766	\$ 28,566,766
Interagency transfers:				
General revenue distribution	\$ 113,683,812	\$ 113,683,812	90,740,476	(22,943,336)
Arkansas Department of Military			(2,156,142)	(2,156,142)
Arkansas Department of Shared Administrative Services - Office of State Technology			(136,378)	(136,378)
Arkansas Department of Transportation			(1,239,699)	(1,239,699)
Arkansas Department of Human Services	4,044,307	4,044,307	3,735,594	(308,713)
Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System			1,678,711	1,678,711
Department of Finance and Administration - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund	9,369,812	9,369,812	28,168,257	18,798,445
Department of Finance and Administration - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)			8,991,052	8,991,052
Department of Finance and Administration - DPS Crime Victims Reparations			940,374	940,374
Department of Finance and Administration - Restricted reserve funding			28,323,437	28,323,437
Department of Finance and Administration - IRS refund			71,289	71,289
Department of Finance and Administration - Motor vehicle funding			3,410,947	3,410,947
Department of Finance and Administration - Disaster assistance			(4,894,860)	(4,894,860)
Department of Finance and Administration - Other transfers			2,455,251	2,455,251
Other transfers, net			3,142,604	3,142,604
Issuance of SBITAs			94,667	94,667
Prior-year refunds to expenditures			52,013	52,013
Prior-year warrants outlawed and cancelled			43,263	43,263
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	127,097,931	127,097,931	191,987,622	64,889,691
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(276,838,003)	(551,000,120)	12,548,152	563,548,272
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	70,183,492	70,183,492	70,183,492	
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	\$ (206,654,511)	\$ (480,816,628)	\$ 82,731,644	\$ 563,548,272

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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUNDS - CUSTODIAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit D

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,032,736</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 1,032,736</u>

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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION –
FIDUCIARY FUNDS - CUSTODIAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit E

	Custodial Funds
Additions:	
Seized funds	\$ 1,202,698
Deductions:	
Payments/withdrawals	1,333,359
Change in net position amounts held for individuals, organizations, and other governments	(130,661)
Net position - beginning	1,163,397
Net position - ending	\$ 1,032,736

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

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity/History

Act 910 of 2019 created the Department of Public Safety by combining the administrative functions of the following state entities:

Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.
Arkansas Crime Information Center.
Arkansas Emergency Telephone Services Board.
Arkansas Homeland Security Advisory Group.
Arkansas State Police Commission.
Child Abuse Hotline.
Crimes Against Children Division.
Crime Victims Reparations Board.
Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.
Department of Arkansas State Police.
Law Enforcement Support Office.
Office of Fire Protection Services.
State Crime Laboratory.
State Crime Laboratory Board.
State Emergency Response Commission.
State Fire Prevention Commission.
Supervisory Board for the Arkansas Crime Information Center.

B. Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances and changes therein, which are segregated for purposes of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. The following types of funds, if applicable to this Agency, are recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

Governmental Funds

General Fund – General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to report all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust and Custodial Funds – Trust and custodial funds are used to report resources held by the Agency in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governmental units, and other funds. These include Pension Trust Funds, Employee Health Trust Funds, Investment Trust Funds, Private-Purpose Trust Funds, and Custodial Funds. The specific activity accounted for at this Agency is custodial in nature. It accounts for the collection and disbursements of amounts seized by the Arkansas State Police as evidence from criminal activity. The amounts are retained in this fund until a court order has been made on the individual legal cases directing the disposition of the related funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Financial statements for governmental funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities (i.e., 45 days). Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis when the related fund liability is incurred.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Revenues from federal grants and federal reimbursements are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements and the availability criteria of 45 days have been met. The economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting are used in all Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund financial statements. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when incurred.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include demand accounts, imprest accounts, cash on hand, cash in State Treasury, all certificates of deposit with maturities at purchase of 90 days or less, and all short-term instruments with maturities at purchase of 90 days or less. All short-term investments are stated at fair value.

E. Deposits and Investments

State Board of Finance Policies

Ark. Code Ann. § 19-4-805 requires that agencies holding monies not deposited in the State Treasury, other than the institutions of higher learning, abide by the recommendations of the State Board of Finance. The State Board of Finance promulgated cash management, collateralization, and investments policies and procedures, effective July 14, 2012, as referenced in the Financial Management Guide issued by the Department of Finance and Administration for use by all state agencies.

The stated goal of state cash management is the protection of principal, while maximizing investment income and minimizing non-interest earning balances. Deposits are to be made within the borders of the State of Arkansas and must qualify for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) deposit insurance coverage. Policy requires a minimum of four bids to be sought on interest-bearing deposits in order to obtain the highest rate possible.

Policy states that funds are to be in transactional and non-transactional accounts as defined in the Financial Management Guide. Funds in excess of immediate expenditure requirements (excluding minimum balances) should not remain in non-interest bearing accounts.

State Board of Finance policy states that cash funds may only be invested in accounts and investments authorized under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 19-3-510, -518. All noncash investments must be held in safekeeping by a bank or financial institution. In addition, all cash funds on deposit with a bank or financial institution that exceed FDIC deposit insurance coverage must be collateralized. Collateral pledged must be held by an unaffiliated third-party custodian in an amount at least equal to 105% of the cash funds on deposit.

Deposits

Deposits are carried at cost and consist of cash in bank, cash in State Treasury, and certificates of deposit totaling \$25,752,127, \$84,678,250, and \$3,500,000, respectively. State Treasury Management Law governs the management of funds held in the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State is responsible for ensuring these funds are adequately insured and collateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository institution, the Agency will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Agency has adopted the State Board of Finance Policy requiring the use of depository insurance and collateralization procedures to manage the risk that deposits may not be returned. As of June 30, 2024, \$2,023,545 of the Agency's bank balance of \$29,352,713 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Deposits (Continued)

Uninsured and uncollateralized	<u>\$ 2,023,545</u>
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F. Interfund Balances and Transfers

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed. Details of interfund transfers are disclosed in the financial statements.

G. Inventories

Inventories represent the cost of consumable supplies and goods on hand at year-end. The purchase method is used to account for inventories. Under the purchase method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased; however, material amounts of inventories are reported as assets of the respective fund. Inventories, as reported in the general fund financial statements, are also recorded as a nonspendable component of fund balance indicating that they do not constitute "available, spendable financial resources." Inventories are valued for reporting purposes at replacement cost.

H. Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses generally represent the cost of consumable supplies on hand or unexpired services at year-end. The cost of these items is included with expenditures at the time of purchase. Prepaid expenses, as reported in the general fund financial statements, are also recorded as a nonspendable component of fund balance indicating that they do not constitute "available, spendable financial resources."

I. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a decrease of net position that applies to future periods. Thus, these items will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (an expense or expenditure) until a future period.

Deferred inflows of resources represent an increase of net position that applies to future periods. These items will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until a future period.

J. Fund Equity

Fund Balance

In the financial statements, fund balance is reported in one of five classifications, where applicable, based on the constraints imposed on the use of the resources.

The nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (e.g., prepaid items, inventories, long-term amount of loans and notes receivables, etc.) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of fund balance, where applicable, comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

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NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

J. Fund Equity (Continued)

Fund Balance (Continued)

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes according to constraints imposed by legislation of the General Assembly, the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the General Assembly removes or changes the constraint by the same action that imposed the constraint.

Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects amounts constrained by the State's "intent" to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The General Assembly has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes by legislation or approved methods of financing.

Unassigned fund balance. This amount is the residual classification for the general fund.

When more than one spendable classification is available for use, it is the State's policy to use the resources in this order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

K. Budgetary Data

The State utilizes an annual budgeting process with budget amounts initially derived from the previous fiscal year's funded allocation. In accordance with the appropriations and funding provided by the Legislature, individual state agencies have been charged with the responsibility of administering and managing their programs as authorized by the Legislature. Agencies are also charged with the responsibility of preparing an annual operations plan as a part of the budgetary process for the operation of each of their assigned programs. State law provides for the establishment of a comprehensive financial management system that includes adequate controls over receipts, expenditures, and balances of Agency funds. It is mandated that this system include a modified accrual system, conform with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, and provide a reporting system whereby actual expenditures are compared to expenditures projected in the Agency's annual operation plan.

L. Professional Services Contracts and Other Commitments

At June 30, 2024, the Agency had commitments of \$28,955,051 for professional services contracts and \$120,000 for construction.

NOTE 2: Leases

A lease is defined as a contractual agreement that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transactions.

Lease Obligations

The Agency leases nonfinancial assets including land and buildings. Since the financial statements of the Agency are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, no liability or leased asset is reflected on the balance sheet. Additional details regarding leased assets and related obligations are presented in Other General Information.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION
FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	For the Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Fund					
Total Assets	\$183,390,580	\$161,594,325	\$143,099,327	\$178,398,588	\$136,836,448
Total Liabilities	76,719,616	69,542,542	68,178,894	81,288,882	83,494,758
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	23,939,320	21,868,291	4,322,198	4,671,720	6,100,680
Total Fund Equity	82,731,644	70,183,492	70,598,235	92,437,986	47,241,010
Net Revenues	306,637,335	180,610,237	236,132,106	228,647,732	133,101,053
Total Expenditures	486,076,805	314,705,587	326,417,693	316,410,347	226,128,317
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	191,987,622	133,680,607	68,445,836	132,959,590	123,616,235
	For the Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fiduciary Fund					
Total Assets	\$ 1,032,736	\$ 1,163,397	\$ 2,319,185	\$ 2,115,670	\$ 131,592
Total Liabilities					131,592
Total Net Position	1,032,736	1,163,397	2,319,185	2,115,670	

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY BUSINESS AREA
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

Board/Commission/Division	Business Area	Assets	Liabilities & Deferred Inflows	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources/(Uses)
Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training	0950	\$ 1,711,360	\$ 145,829	\$ 164,800	\$ 6,209,947	\$ 6,177,589
Arkansas State Crime Laboratory	0955	19,111,115	890,023	5,444,857	25,345,848	34,390,162
Arkansas State Police	0960	63,551,945	41,231,274	45,865,762	152,410,704	103,681,081
Arkansas Crime Information Center	0990	6,036,531	111,765	4,032,930	6,492,694	711,237
Arkansas Division of Emergency Management	0995	83,181,905	55,931,482	251,326,126	281,319,351	30,683,641
Department of Public Safety	9913	9,797,724	2,348,563	(197,140)	14,298,261	16,343,912
Totals		<u>\$ 183,390,580</u>	<u>\$ 100,658,936</u>	<u>\$ 306,637,335</u>	<u>\$ 486,076,805</u>	<u>\$ 191,987,622</u>

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ASPRS) –
TEN-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(UNAUDITED)**

Schedule 3

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability										
Service cost	\$ 9,795,799	\$ 7,156,062	\$ 7,194,124	\$ 6,536,818	\$ 5,861,499	\$ 6,691,528	\$ 6,577,148	\$ 5,473,626	\$ 5,488,445	\$ 6,101,608
Interest	37,841,301	35,098,769	34,672,914	33,332,676	31,967,469	31,299,758	30,678,211	30,322,786	29,469,678	29,218,802
Changes in benefit terms				9,589,716	997,533					
Differences between expected and actual experience	6,450,634	24,739,809	(4,036,778)	(2,821,477)	7,543,752	(1,805,446)	467,389	(3,052,763)	1,757,687	(3,107,531)
Changes of assumptions		14,369,541					(4,529,133)	15,875,267		8,703,080
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(31,410,879)	(34,560,931)	(29,149,508)	(27,294,080)	(27,934,141)	(24,930,275)	(24,185,418)	(24,631,787)	(26,035,466)	(23,358,801)
Net changes in total pension liability	22,676,855	46,803,250	8,680,752	19,343,653	18,436,112	11,255,565	9,008,197	23,987,129	10,680,344	17,557,158
Total pension liability - beginning	551,397,552	504,594,302	495,913,550	476,569,897	458,133,785	446,878,220	437,870,023	413,882,894	403,202,550	385,645,392
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 574,074,407	\$ 551,397,552	\$ 504,594,302	\$ 495,913,550	\$ 476,569,897	\$ 458,133,785	\$ 446,878,220	\$ 437,870,023	\$ 413,882,894	\$ 403,202,550
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Employer contributions	\$ 29,577,098	\$ 23,930,927	\$ 22,553,149	\$ 22,742,726	\$ 21,779,576	\$ 21,226,478	\$ 20,869,779	\$ 19,918,021	\$ 19,683,114	\$ 19,784,130
Employee contributions	8,021	54,311	140,796	40,919	93,792	27,515	133,860	43,037	30,170	94,814
Net investment income	39,221,918	31,210,504	(46,247,420)	101,415,222	6,700,903	17,031,483	28,823,344	31,484,258	(210,034)	6,131,690
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(31,410,879)	(34,560,931)	(29,149,508)	(27,294,080)	(27,934,141)	(24,930,275)	(24,185,418)	(24,631,787)	(26,035,466)	(23,358,801)
Administrative expense	(226,600)	(240,447)	(229,348)	(215,384)	(195,464)	(554,440)	(228,431)	(208,424)	(205,342)	(196,232)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	37,169,558	20,394,364	(52,932,331)	96,689,403	444,666	12,800,761	25,413,134	26,605,105	(6,737,558)	2,455,601
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	402,335,114	381,940,750	434,873,081	338,183,678	337,739,012	324,938,251	299,525,117	272,920,012	279,657,570	277,201,969
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 439,504,672	\$ 402,335,114	\$ 381,940,750	\$ 434,873,081	\$ 338,183,678	\$ 337,739,012	\$ 324,938,251	\$ 299,525,117	\$ 272,920,012	\$ 279,657,570
Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a-b)	\$ 134,569,735	\$ 149,062,438	\$ 122,653,552	\$ 61,040,469	\$ 138,386,219	\$ 120,394,773	\$ 121,939,969	\$ 138,344,906	\$ 140,962,882	\$ 123,544,980
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	76.56%	72.97%	75.69%	87.69%	70.96%	73.72%	72.71%	68.41%	65.94%	69.36%
Covered employee payroll (1)	\$ 42,912,787	\$ 37,711,310	\$ 32,757,302	\$ 33,585,266	\$ 33,311,093	\$ 30,287,691	\$ 29,593,145	\$ 29,076,764	\$ 29,448,593	\$ 29,929,358
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	313.59%	395.27%	374.43%	181.75%	415.44%	397.50%	412.05%	475.79%	478.67%	412.79%

Notes to Schedule

(1) In 2017, actual DROP participant pays were used. In 2015 and 2016, an estimate of average annual payroll for DROP participants of \$75,000 and \$67,241, respectively, was used.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ASPRS) –
 TEN-YEAR SCHEDULE OF AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
 FOR THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 4

	(expressed in thousands)									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 (2)	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 24,300	\$ 18,300	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,700	\$ 16,900	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,200	\$ 14,100	\$ 14,300	\$ 14,200
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	29,600	24,000	22,700	22,800	21,900	21,300	21,000	20,000	19,700	19,800
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (5,300)</u>	<u>\$ (5,700)</u>	<u>\$ (6,800)</u>	<u>\$ (6,100)</u>	<u>\$ (5,000)</u>	<u>\$ (5,700)</u>	<u>\$ (5,800)</u>	<u>\$ (5,900)</u>	<u>\$ (5,400)</u>	<u>\$ (5,600)</u>
Covered-employee payroll (1)	\$ 42,900	\$ 37,700	\$ 32,800	\$ 33,600	\$ 33,300	\$ 30,300	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,100	\$ 29,400	\$ 29,900
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	69.00%	63.66%	69.21%	67.86%	65.77%	70.30%	70.00%	68.73%	67.01%	66.22%

Notes to Schedule

(1) In 2016, \$67,241 was used as an estimate of average annual pay for DROP participants.
 In 2015, \$75,000 was used as an estimate of average annual pay for DROP participants.

(2) Restated to match actuary.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION
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A. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased (or leased) and in the custody of this Agency were recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase (lease inception). Assets with costs exceeding \$5,000 and an estimated useful life exceeding one year are reported at historical cost, including ancillary costs (such as professional fees and costs, freight costs, preparation or setup costs, and installation costs). Infrastructure or public domain fixed assets (such as roads, bridges, tunnels, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems) are also capitalized. Only leases in excess of \$25,000 (and SBITAs in excess of \$1,000,000) with non-State entities were recorded in the statewide accounting system. Gifts or contributions are generally recorded in the accounts at acquisition value at the time received. Acquisition value is the market value if the Agency would have purchased the item. In accordance with current accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, general capital assets and depreciation are reported in the State's "Government-Wide" financial statements but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Depreciation is reported for proprietary fund capital assets based on a straight-line method, with no salvage value. Estimated useful lives generally assigned are as follows:

Assets:	Years
Equipment	5-20
Buildings and building improvements	20-50
Infrastructure	10-40
Land improvements	10-100
Intangibles	4-95
Other capital assets	10-15

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 4,164,437	\$ 4,221,225	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,365,662
Improvements	6,638,971	32,365		6,671,336
Buildings	103,315,274	473,793	414,065	103,375,002
Equipment	146,224,893	13,812,684	5,432,180	154,605,397
Infrastructure	14,492,760			14,492,760
Intangibles	22,130,934	953,686		23,084,620
Construction in progress	49,592,835	11,923,743	473,793	61,042,785
Art and historical treasures	14,156			14,156
Right-to-Use assets:				
RtU land	1,163,667	63,257	75,954	1,150,970
RtU buildings	1,811,236	31,410		1,842,646
RtU SBITA	6,431,400			6,431,400
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 355,980,563</u>	<u>\$ 31,512,163</u>	<u>\$ 6,415,992</u>	<u>\$ 381,076,734</u>

B. Pension Plan

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS)

Plan Description – The Agency contributes to APERS, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the APERS Board of Trustees. APERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual redetermination of benefit adjustments, and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Constitution of Arkansas, Article 5, vests with the General Assembly the legislative power to enact and amend benefit provisions of APERS as published in Chapters 2, 3, and 4 of Title 24 of the Arkansas Code Annotated.

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B. Pension Plan (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) (Continued)

APERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-501-682-7855.

Funding Policy – Contributory plan members are required to contribute 5.50% of their annual covered salary. The Agency is required to contribute for all covered state employees at the rate of 15.32% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. The contribution requirements of the Agency are established and may be amended by the APERS Board of Trustees. The Agency's contributions to APERS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were \$6,317,567, \$6,389,943, and \$5,580,357, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS)

Plan Description – The Agency contributes to ASPRS, a single-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the ASPRS Board of Trustees. ASPRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual redetermination of benefit adjustments, and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Constitution of Arkansas, Article 5, vests with the General Assembly the legislative power for the enactment and amendment of benefit provisions of ASPRS as published in Chapter 6 of Title 24 of the Arkansas Code Annotated. ASPRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ASPRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas State Police Retirement System, One Union National Plaza, 124 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-501-682-7800.

Funding Policy – Members of ASPRS are non-contributory. The Agency is required to contribute for all covered State employees at the rate of 26% of annual covered payroll. Additional funding sources include certain designated court fees, a portion of the driver license fees, and a portion of insurance premium taxes, as authorized by the Arkansas Code Annotated. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Agency are established and may be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Agency contributions to ASPRS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were \$10,963,565, \$10,565,934, and \$8,808,114, respectively. Total contributions from all sources to ASPRS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, were \$29,586,000, \$23,989,270, and \$22,693,976, respectively.

Benefits Provided – Tier One (hired prior to April 3, 1997) members are eligible for full retirement benefits at any age with 28 years of actual service, or at age 52 with five years of actual service. Members are eligible for a reduced benefit after five years of actual service once the covered employee is within 10 years of becoming eligible for full benefits. Tier Two (hired on or after April 3, 1997) members are eligible for full retirement benefits at any age with 28 years of actual service, or at age 65 with five years of actual service. The age requirement is reduced by 75% of a month for each credited month of service but not below age 55. Members are eligible for a reduced benefit after five years of actual service once the covered employee is within 10 years of becoming eligible for full benefits.

The normal retirement benefit is paid monthly and is determined based on the member's final average compensation and the number of years and months of credited service. Final average compensation is (1) an average of the highest five fiscal years of compensation for Tier One or (2) an average of the highest four fiscal years of compensation for Tier Two.

Retiree benefit increases are calculated each year on July 1 for the following 12 months. The recalculated amount is the amount of the benefit payable as of the immediately preceding July 1, increased by 3%.

ASPRS also provides disability and survivor benefits.

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B. Pension Plan (Continued)

Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS) (Continued)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the ASPRS defined benefit pension plan:

	<u>Employees</u>
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	789
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	121
Active employees	527
Total	1,437

Net Pension Liability – At June 30, 2024, the Agency reported a net pension liability of \$134,569,735. This amount was reported in the State’s “government-wide” financial statements but is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the actuarial valuation (as of the date noted below) was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2024
Inflation rate	3.25% wages, 2.50% price
Salary increases (1)	3.25%
Investment rate of return (1)	7.00%
Mortality rates	PubS-2010 Amount-Weighted Below-Median Income Safety Retiree Mortality for healthy retirees, multiplied by 114% for males and 108% for females.
Actuarial experience study dates	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022

(1) Includes assumed inflation

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the current asset allocation percentage and by adding expected price inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for the 10-year period from 2024 to 2033 were based upon GRS’ 2024 Capital Market Assumptions Modeler (CMAM). For each major asset class that is included in the pension plan’s current asset allocation as of June 30, 2024, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

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B. Pension Plan (Continued)

Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS) (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Broad domestic equity	39.00%	5.03%
International equity	17.00%	6.34%
Real assets	16.00%	4.51%
Private Equity	5.00%	9.00%
Hedge Funds	2.00%	3.63%
Domestic fixed	21.00%	3.38%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate – A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in Net Pension Liability – The following table provides the changes in net pension liability for the ASPRS single-employer defined benefit pension plan (expressed in thousands):

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total Pension Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability (a-b)</u>
Balances, June 30, 2023	\$ 551,398	\$ 402,335	\$ 149,063
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	9,796		9,796
Interest	37,841		37,841
Difference between expected and actual experience	6,451		6,451
Contribution - employer		29,586	(29,586)
Net investment income		39,222	(39,222)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(31,411)	(31,411)	
Administrative expense		(227)	227
Net changes	<u>22,677</u>	<u>37,170</u>	<u>(14,493)</u>
Balances, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 574,075</u>	<u>\$ 439,505</u>	<u>\$ 134,570</u>

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the State’s net pension liability for ASPRS calculated using the discount rate stated, as well as what the State’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

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B. Pension Plan (Continued)

Arkansas State Police Retirement System (ASPRS) (Continued)

	1% Lower than Current Discount Rate	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Higher than Current Discount Rate
Net Pension Liability	\$ 206,890,479	\$134,569,735	\$ 74,718,201

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – For the year ended June 30, 2024, ASPRS recognized pension expense of \$30,258,793. For the year ended June 30, 2024, ASPRS reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 17,857,026	\$ 1,620,319
Changes of assumptions	7,558,847	
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	30,840,757	26,958,089
Total	\$ 56,256,630	\$ 28,578,408

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Net Deferred Outflows of Resources
2025	\$ 6,485,815
2026	22,838,001
2027	560,049
2028	(2,205,643)
Total	\$ 27,678,222

C. Arkansas State Police Health Insurance Plan

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 12-8-210, the Arkansas State Police (ASP) offers healthcare benefits to active uniformed members and retirees. The ASP Administrative Services section serves as plan administrator. A contracted third party administrator (TPA) is selected each plan year to serve as claims processor. The TPA also administers the COBRA Act of 1985 and provides certain actuarial estimates for the Plan. Health care benefits are funded by employer and retired employee contributions and by an additional fee assessed on each issued or renewed driver's license, as allowed by Ark. Code Ann. § 27-16-801(g). The Plan is partially self-funded; reinsurance stop-loss coverage for aggregate benefit utilization is contracted for each plan year. Plan years cover January 1 through December 31 of any given year. Employer contribution rates are set by the ASP, with final approval by the ASP Commission. The Commission is authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 12-8-210 to direct the Plan. The current monthly premium, set on July 1, 2023, is \$985 per budgeted commissioned position.

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C. Arkansas State Police Health Insurance Plan (Continued)

The plan administrator offers the following employee benefits to ASP uniformed employees: a major medical plan that includes prescription drug benefits, a health savings account, and mental health benefits. ASP offers a cafeteria plan that includes a flexible medical spending account and a dependent daycare/elder care account. In addition, ASP uniformed employees are given the option to participate in a deferred compensation plan. A stand-alone vision and dental plan as well as a comprehensive group term life plan are available, with the employee paying all premiums.

Liabilities for claims incurred but not reported for the Plan are reported on the State's "government-wide" financial statements but are not reported as liabilities or expenditures in the governmental funds. These liabilities exist because of the span of time between the incurrence of obligations to pay claims and the liquidation of the obligations by the Agency cross reporting periods. The amounts of these liabilities, based on evaluation of claims data for those claims incurred before year-end and paid after year-end for June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	2024	2023
Claim liability, beginning of year	\$ 695,352	\$ 766,590
Incurred claims:		
Provision for insured events of current year	15,025,184	13,420,214
Increase (decrease) in provision for insured events of prior years	501,568	495,938
Total incurred claims and claim adjustment expense	15,526,752	13,916,152
Payments:		
Claims payments attributed to insured events of current year	14,207,622	12,724,862
Claims payments attributed to insured events of prior years	1,196,920	1,262,528
Total payments	15,404,542	13,987,390
 Claim liability, end of year	 \$ 817,562	 \$ 695,352

D. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

Arkansas State Employee Health Insurance Plan (Plan)

Plan Description – The Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Employee Benefits Division (DTSS-EBD) provides medical and prescription drug benefits for eligible state employees and retirees. Policies for DTSS-EBD related to medical and prescription drug plans are established by the State Board of Finance (Board) and may include ad hoc benefit changes or annual cost redeterminations. For the current year, no ad hoc or cost redetermination changes occurred. The Constitution of Arkansas, Article 5, vests the General Assembly with legislative power to enact and amend duties of and benefit provisions of the Board and DTSS-EBD, respectively, as published in Subchapter 4, Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Arkansas Code Annotated. DTSS-EBD is included in the State of Arkansas's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which includes all applicable financial information, notes, and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Department of Transformation and Shared Services, 501 Woodlane, Suite 201, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 501-319-6565.

The Agency contributes to the Plan, a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by DTSS-EBD, on a monthly basis. The Board establishes medical and prescription drug benefits for three classes of covered individuals: active employees, terminated employees with accumulated benefits, and retirees and beneficiaries. The Plan is established on the basis of a pay-as-you-go financing requirement, and no assets are accumulated in a trust, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

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D. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Continued)

Arkansas State Employee Health Insurance Plan (Plan) (Continued)

Statement No. 75. The State’s annual OPEB cost for the Plan is based on an actuarially-determined calculated amount made in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75.

Funding Policy – Employer contributions to the Plan are established by Ark. Code Ann. § 21-5-414 and may not exceed \$550 per budgeted position. Employees, retirees, and beneficiaries contribute varying amounts based on the type of coverage and inclusion of family members. Benefits for Medicare-eligible retirees are coordinated with Medicare Parts A and B, and the Plan is the secondary payer.

Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan (Plan)

Plan Description – The Agency also contributes to a separate single-employer defined benefit health care plan, which offers postemployment benefits to the Director and State Police Officers who retire under the Arkansas State Police Retirement System, make the required contributions, and purchase Medicare Parts A and B. The plan provides medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug benefits to eligible employees as established by Ark. Code Ann. § 12-8-210. The Agency contributes \$985 per month to the Plan for each budgeted commissioned position. The retiree pays a premium based on eligibility of Medicare as well as dependents covered.

Benefits are available when the retiree reaches 65 with five years of service, or at any age with 30 years of service. The plan has an open enrollment period for retirees who do not sign up when first eligible. The required plan contribution is based on the projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements, and no assets are accumulated in a trust, as defined by GASB Statement No. 75. The medical portion of the plan is administered by HMO Partners, Inc., (Health Advantage) The dental and vision portion of the plan is administered by Delta Dental. The prescription drug portion of the plan is administered by Medimpact Healthcare Systems Inc.

At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan:

	Employees
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	1,041
Active employees	644
Total	1,685

At June 30, 2024, the total OPEB liability was determined to be \$206,982,783 based on an actuarial valuation and procedures to roll forward the actuarial valuation to year end (the measurement date). The actuarial valuations used the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2024	
Inflation rate	3.25%	
Discount rate	4.21%	(1)
Healthcare cost trend rates	7.5% initial; 4.25 % ultimate	
Mortality rate	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Public Safety, projected generationally with Scale MP-2020 from 2010	
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	100.00%	
Actuarial experience study dates	N/A	

(1) The discount rate was determined by using a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average credit rating of AA as of the measurement date.

D. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Continued)

Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan (Plan) (Continued)

The following table provides the changes in the total OPEB liability for the Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 199,116,763</u>
Changes for the current fiscal year	
Service cost	6,755,525
Interest	8,275,181
Changes in assumptions or other inputs (1)	(2,910,775)
Benefit payments	<u>(4,253,911)</u>
Net changes	<u>7,866,020</u>
Balance, June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 206,982,783</u></u>

(1) The discount rate used was 4.13% at June 30, 2023, and 4.21% at June 30, 2024.

The following table presents the Plan's total OPEB liability, as well as what the Plan's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate for the plan:

	1% Decrease of Rate to 3.21%	Current Discount Rate of 4.21%	1% Increase of Rate to 5.21%
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 248,598,578</u>	<u>\$ 206,982,783</u>	<u>\$ 178,629,364</u>

The following table presents the Plan's total OPEB liability, as well as what the Plan's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare costs trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates for the plan:

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Sensitivity of Total OPEB Liability to changes in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

	<u>1% Decrease in Health Care Cost Trend Rate (6.5%)</u>	<u>Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate (7.5%)</u>	<u>1% Increase in Health Care Cost Trend Rate (8.5%)</u>
OPEB Liability	\$ 173,833,055	\$ 206,982,783	\$ 256,994,057

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Plan recognized OPEB expenses of \$12,008,802.

At June 30, 2024, the Agency reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB for the Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan from the following sources:

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D. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Continued)

Arkansas State Police Medical and Rx Plan (Plan) (Continued)

	Deferred Outflow of Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 10,455,498	\$ 5,089,564
Changes of assumptions	12,158,950	50,189,094
Total	\$ 22,614,448	\$ 55,278,658

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Net Deferred Outflow of Resources
2025	\$ (3,021,904)
2026	(3,021,905)
2027	(8,504,978)
2028	(9,244,935)
2029	(8,454,663)
Thereafter	(415,825)
Total	\$ (32,664,210)

E. Compensated Absences – Employee Leave

Annual leave is earned by all full-time employees. Upon termination, employees are entitled to receive compensation for their unused accrued annual leave up to 30 days. Liabilities for compensated absences are determined at the end of the year based on current salary rates.

Sick leave is earned by all full-time employees and may be accrued up to 120 days. Compensation up to a maximum of \$7,500 for unused sick leave is payable to employees upon retirement.

Compensated absences are reported in the State's "Government-Wide" financial statements but are not reported as liabilities or expenditures in the governmental funds. However, the compensated absences payable attributable to this Agency's employee annual and sick leave as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, amounted to \$15,100,818 and \$15,138,170, respectively. The net changes to compensated absences payable during the year ended June 30, 2024, amounted to \$(37,352).

F. Leases

The Agency has acquired property by entering into a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset which is treated as a lease under GASB Statement No. 87. For more information on the Agency's right-to-use assets, refer to Note A above. Future amounts required to pay principal and interest on lease obligations as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

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F. Leases (Continued)

Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 439,741	\$ 29,137	\$ 468,878
2026	414,624	21,457	436,081
2027	91,465	16,488	107,953
2028	62,906	14,988	77,894
2029	60,756	13,503	74,259
2030-2034	290,175	50,496	340,671
2035-2039	225,111	24,324	249,435
2040-2044	112,812	9,580	122,392
2045-2049	60,332	1,890	62,222
Totals	<u>\$ 1,757,922</u>	<u>\$ 181,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,939,785</u>

G. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The Agency has acquired an intangible asset by entering a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset which is treated as a SBITA under GASB Statement No. 96. For more information on the Agency's right-to-use assets, refer to Note A above. Future amounts required to pay principal and interest on SBITA's obligations as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 1,275,655	\$ 103,240	\$ 1,378,895
2026	1,314,058	64,837	1,378,895
2027	1,353,616	25,279	1,378,895
Totals	<u>\$ 3,943,329</u>	<u>\$ 193,356</u>	<u>\$ 4,136,685</u>

H. Loans Payable to Arkansas Development Finance Authority

2020 Driver's License Revenue Refunding Bonds - Arkansas State Police Headquarters Project

The Agency obtained a loan, dated May 14, 2020, from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) in the amount of \$28,370,000 for the purpose of refunding bonds issued in 2017. (The proceeds of the 2017 bond issue were for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of the headquarter facilities in Lowell, Newport, Forrest City, Warren, and Harrison, Arkansas.)

Any funds received in excess of the bond issuance costs and the amount needed for the refunding can be used for financing the designing, acquisition, construction and equipping of additions to headquarter facilities to be used by the Division of Arkansas State Police. The 2020 loan agreement provided for payments to be made semi-annually and to meet the principal and interest requirements of the bonds issued by ADFA, which mature on March 1, 2035, plus any other fees and expenses incurred as part of the bond issue.

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H. Loans Payable to Arkansas Development Finance Authority (Continued)

2020 Driver's License Revenue Refunding Bonds - Arkansas State Police Headquarters Project
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All automobile operator license fees deposited into the Driver's License Revenue Cash Fund are considered pledged revenues and must be used to satisfy debt service requirements of loans and associated bonds. The interest rate on the loan payable was noted as 2.30%. The debt service requirements on the loan payable are summarized as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 3,513,883	\$ 592,268	\$ 4,106,151
2026	3,600,447	511,449	4,111,896
2027	3,559,485	428,639	3,988,124
2028	2,055,130	346,771	2,401,901
2029	107,909	299,503	407,412
2030-2034	11,234,632	1,252,450	12,487,082
2035	1,679,315	38,624	1,717,939
Totals	\$ 25,750,801	\$ 3,469,704	\$ 29,220,505

2020 Public Safety Charges Revenue Bonds – Arkansas Wireless Information Network

The Agency obtained a loan, dated December 29, 2020, from ADFA in the amount of \$85,810,000 for the purpose of financing the designing, acquisition, construction and equipping of additions to and enhancements of upgrades and maintenance of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network. This loan agreement provides for payments to be made quarterly and to meet the principal and interest requirements of the bonds issued by ADFA, which mature on June 1, 2045, plus any other fees and expenses incurred as part of the bond issue. All Public Safety Charges Revenue deposited in the Arkansas Public Safety Trust Fund are considered pledged revenues and must be used to satisfy debt service requirements of the loan and associated bonds. The interest rate on the loan payable ranged from 4% to 5%. As of June 30, 2024, the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management had received \$78,723,281 of the loan, with \$7,086,719 still available to draw in subsequent fiscal years. The debt service requirements on the loan payable are summarized as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 2,642,917	\$ 3,534,812	\$ 6,177,729
2026	2,565,417	3,140,104	5,705,521
2027	2,691,250	3,011,833	5,703,083
2028	2,824,583	2,879,617	5,704,200
2029	2,939,583	2,766,633	5,706,216
2030-2034	16,555,000	11,972,799	28,527,799
2035-2039	20,142,083	8,386,083	28,528,166
2040-2044	22,442,448	3,684,404	26,126,852
Totals	\$ 72,803,281	\$ 39,376,285	\$ 112,179,566