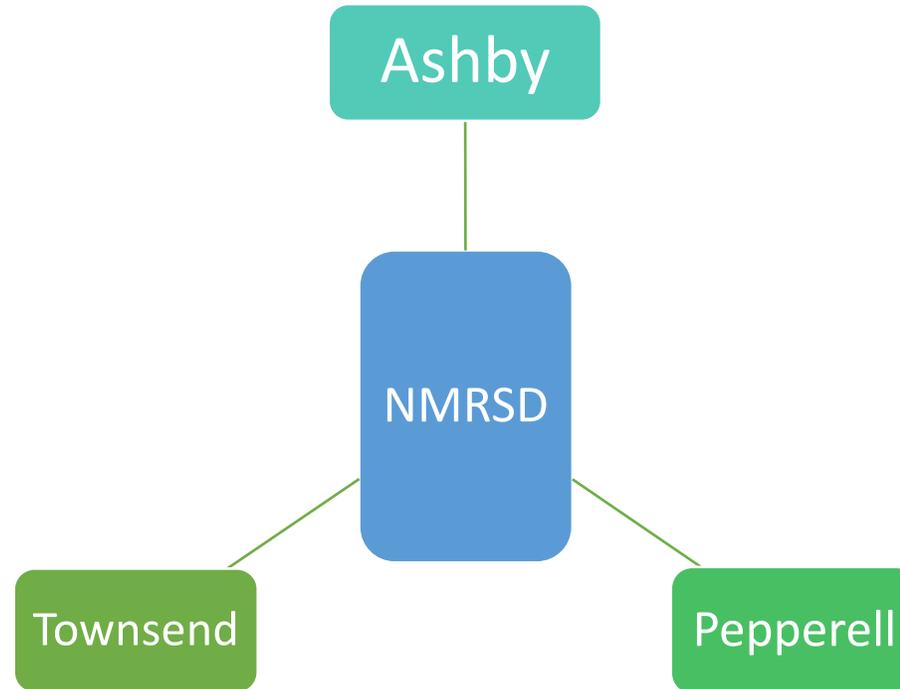


District Towns & NMRSD



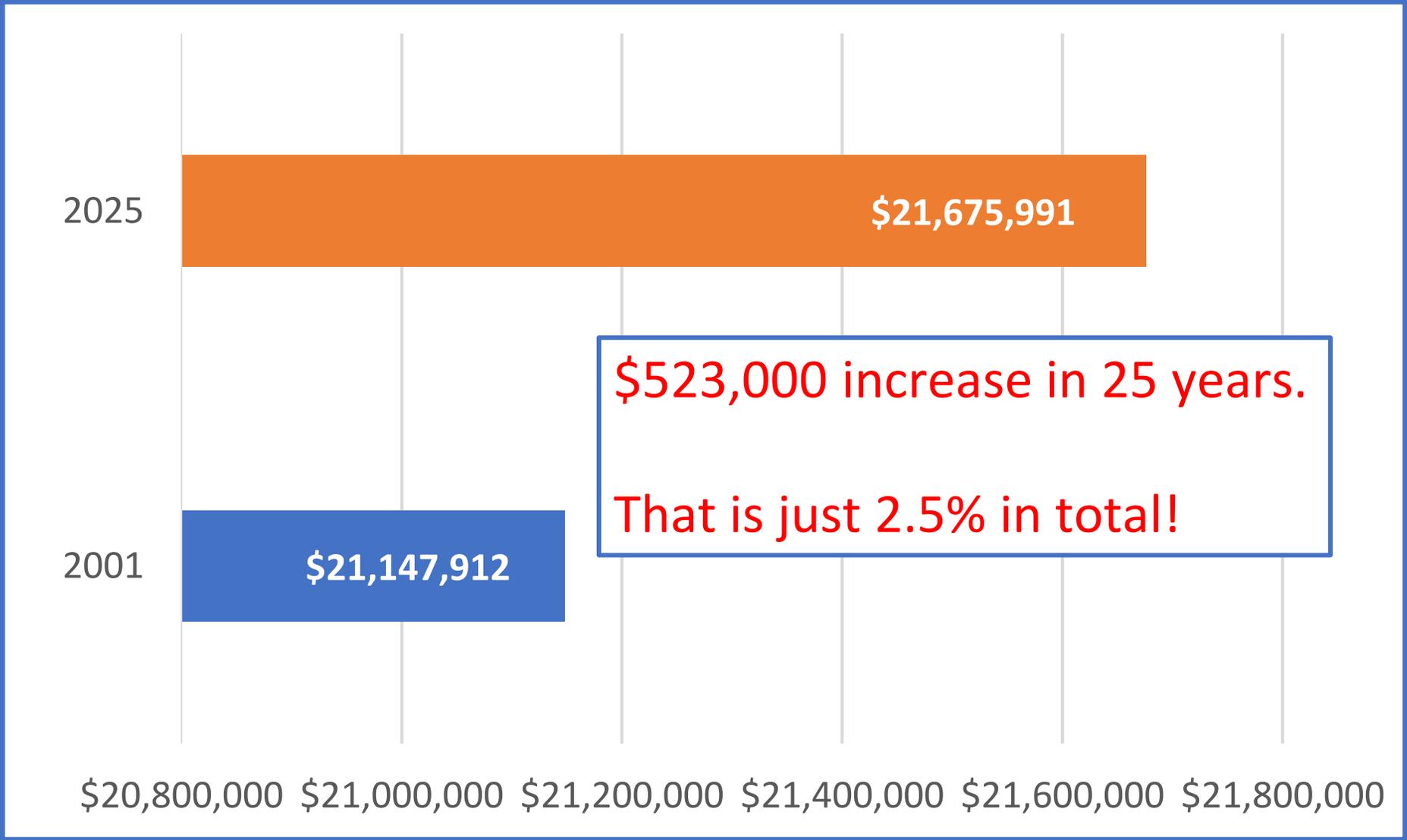
Since 2001...

- State Aid to NMRSD has risen just \$523,000.00
- Shares of town budgets for NMRSD have grown from 46% to 53%
- More than \$5.2 million in shifting resources

Since 2001...

- Forcing towns to:
 - Reduce services
 - Defer capital investment
 - and Raise taxes

Chapter 70 Funding



NMRSD vs. State Chapter 70 Aid

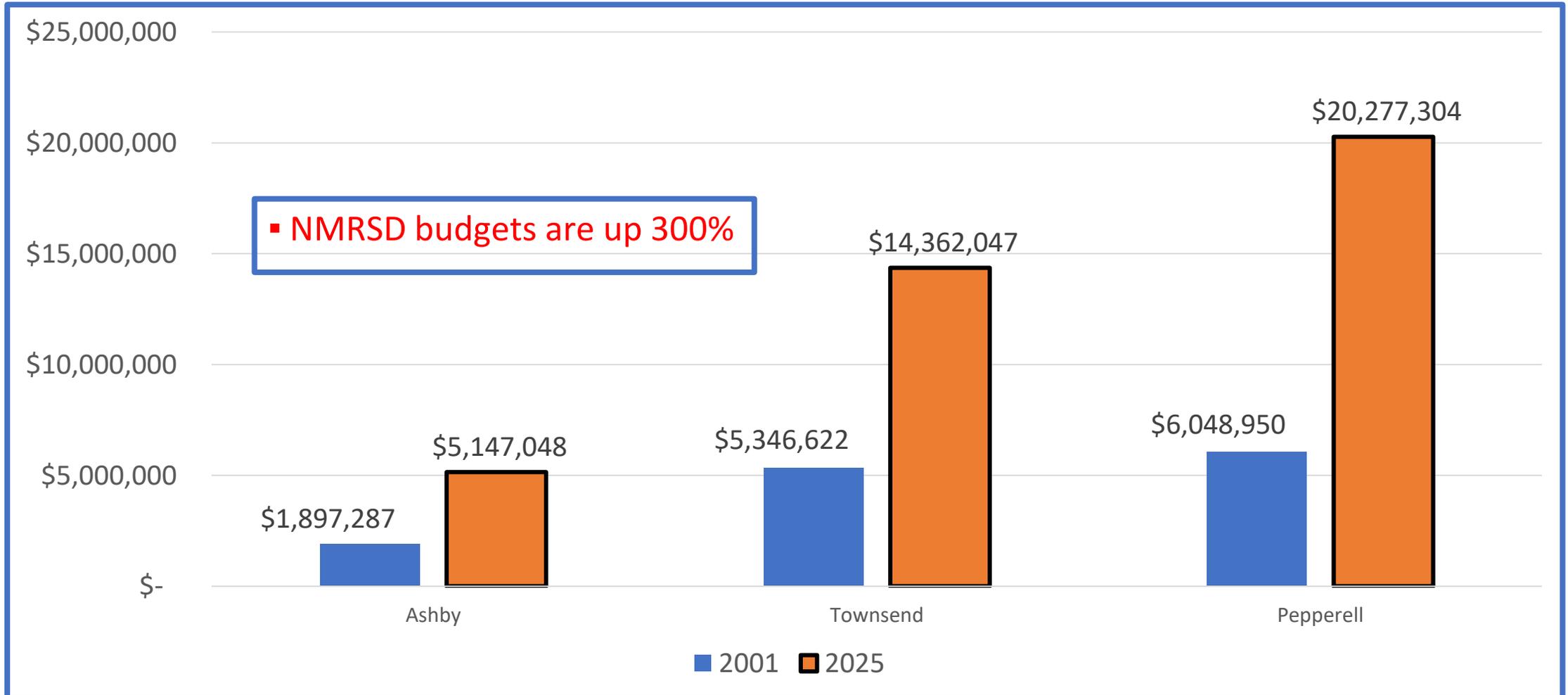
	2001	2025	Increase
NMRSD	\$ 21,147,912	\$ 21,675,991	2.50%
All Ch. 70 Aid	\$ 548,826,105	\$ 960,009,487	74.92%

If Chapter 70 aid to NMRSD equaled the statewide average, NMRSD would be receiving

\$36,992,038

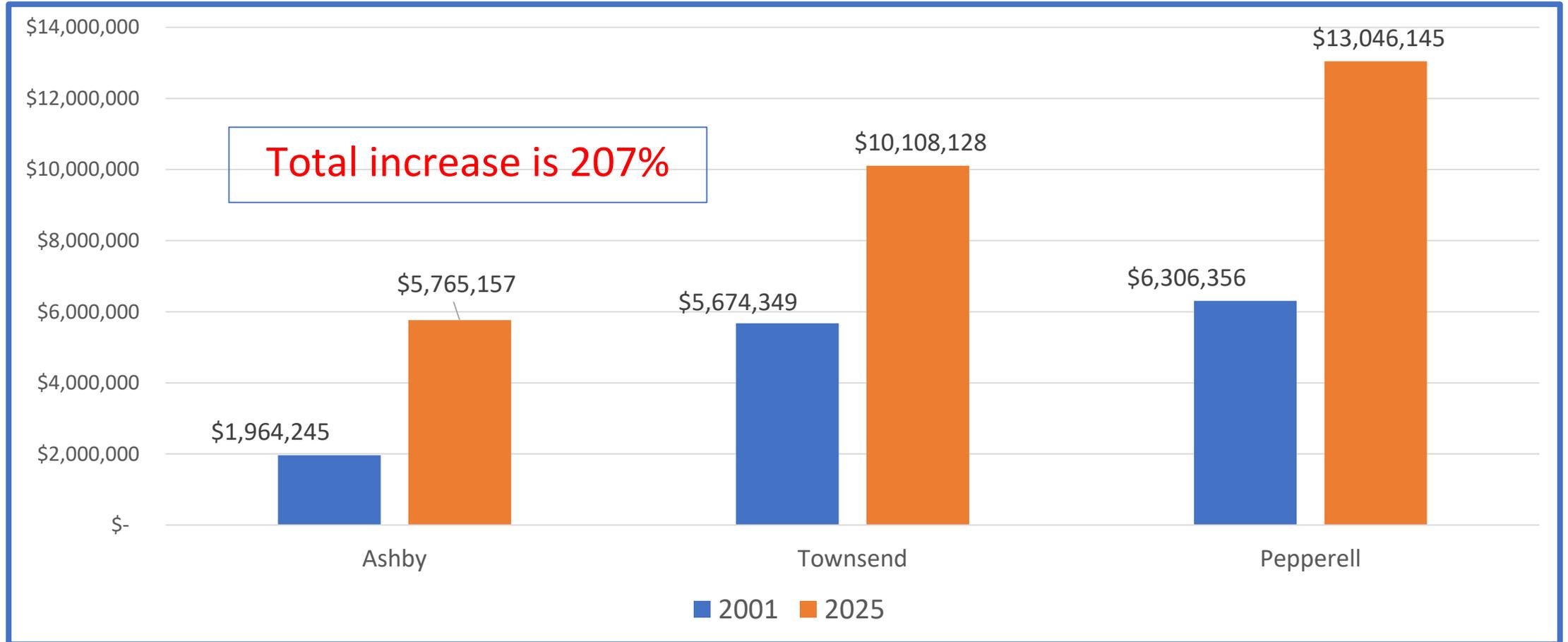
A \$15.3 Million difference!

21st Century NMRSD Budget Trend

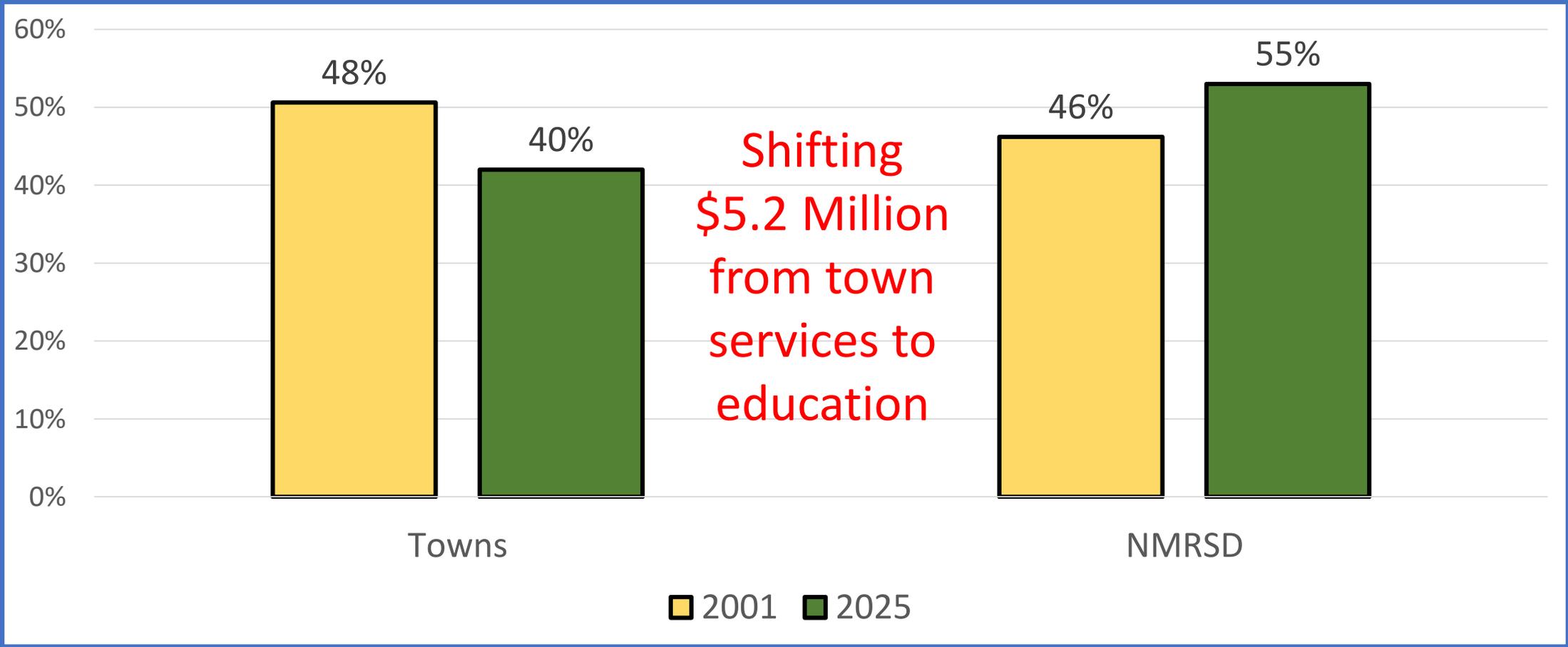


* https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

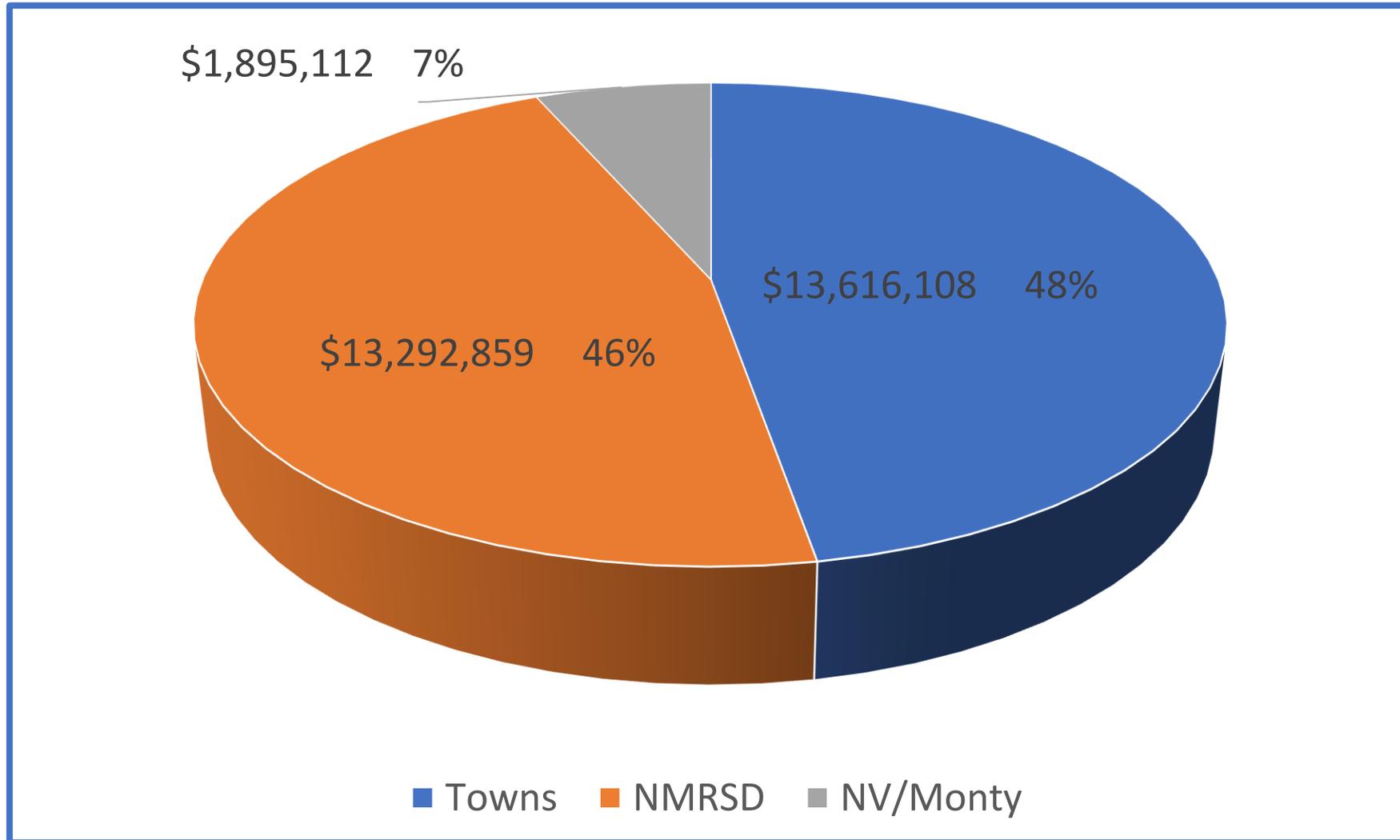
21st Century Total Town Budget Trend



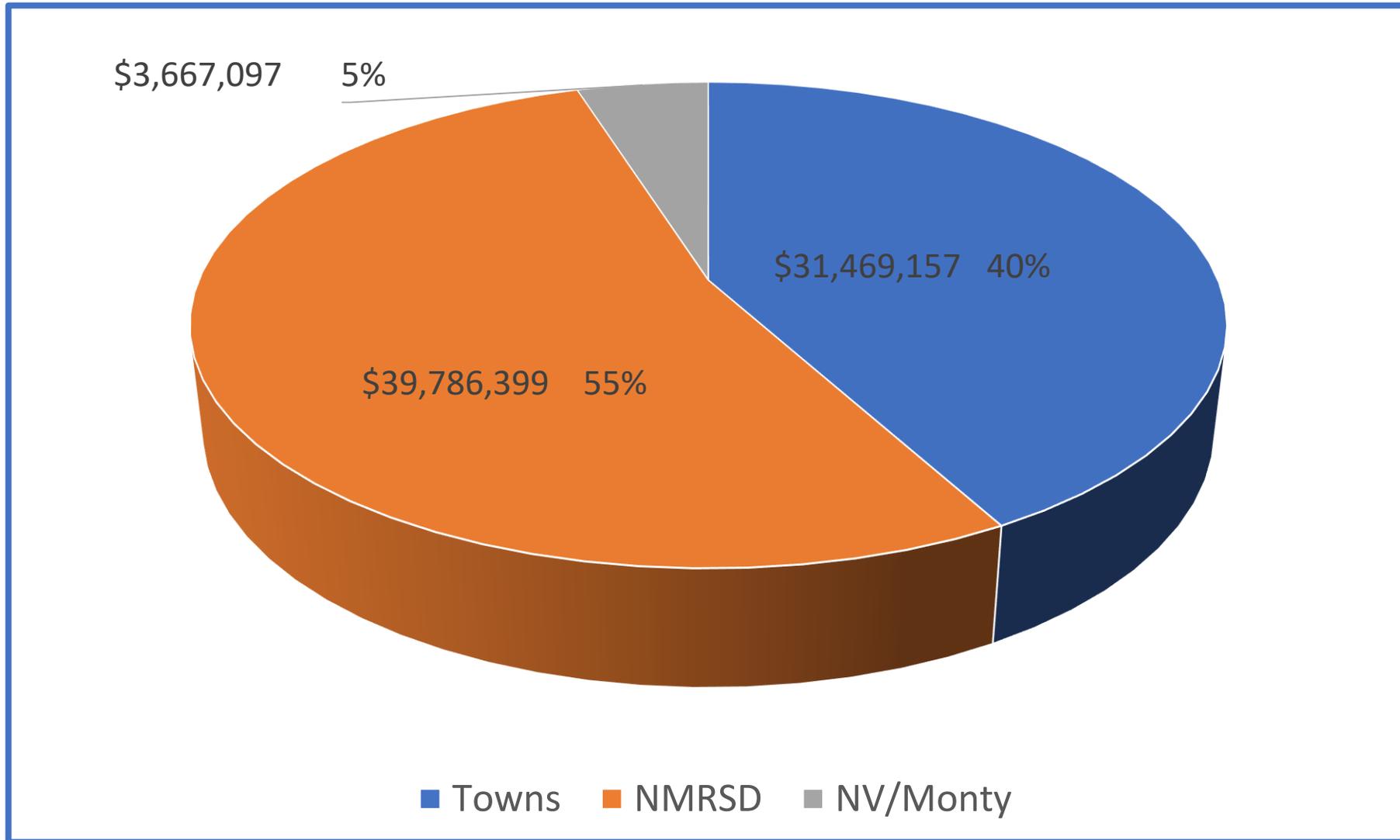
Shift in budget percentages FY2001 - FY2025



FY2001 Combined Town spending



FY2025 Combined Town spending



This shifts the cost to the Towns

The Town's ability to raise revenue is heavily restricted by Proposition 2 ½, slow growth, and, a modest, non-residential tax base.

Shifting budget shares impacts town services dramatically.

In FY2025:

- **Townsend** added pay-as-you-throw trash pickup in FY2025 shifting \$550,000.00 in costs to citizens
- **Pepperell** passed a \$1.5 million tax override to maintain fewer services
- **Ashby** has vacancies in critical public safety positions

FY2026 and Beyond

- The Towns want to support strong educational outcomes
- NMRSD must budget according to revenue available
- Town revenue growth is limited to about 3% annually
- NMRSD assessments must be limited to that 3% figure
- State needs to restore its financial commitment