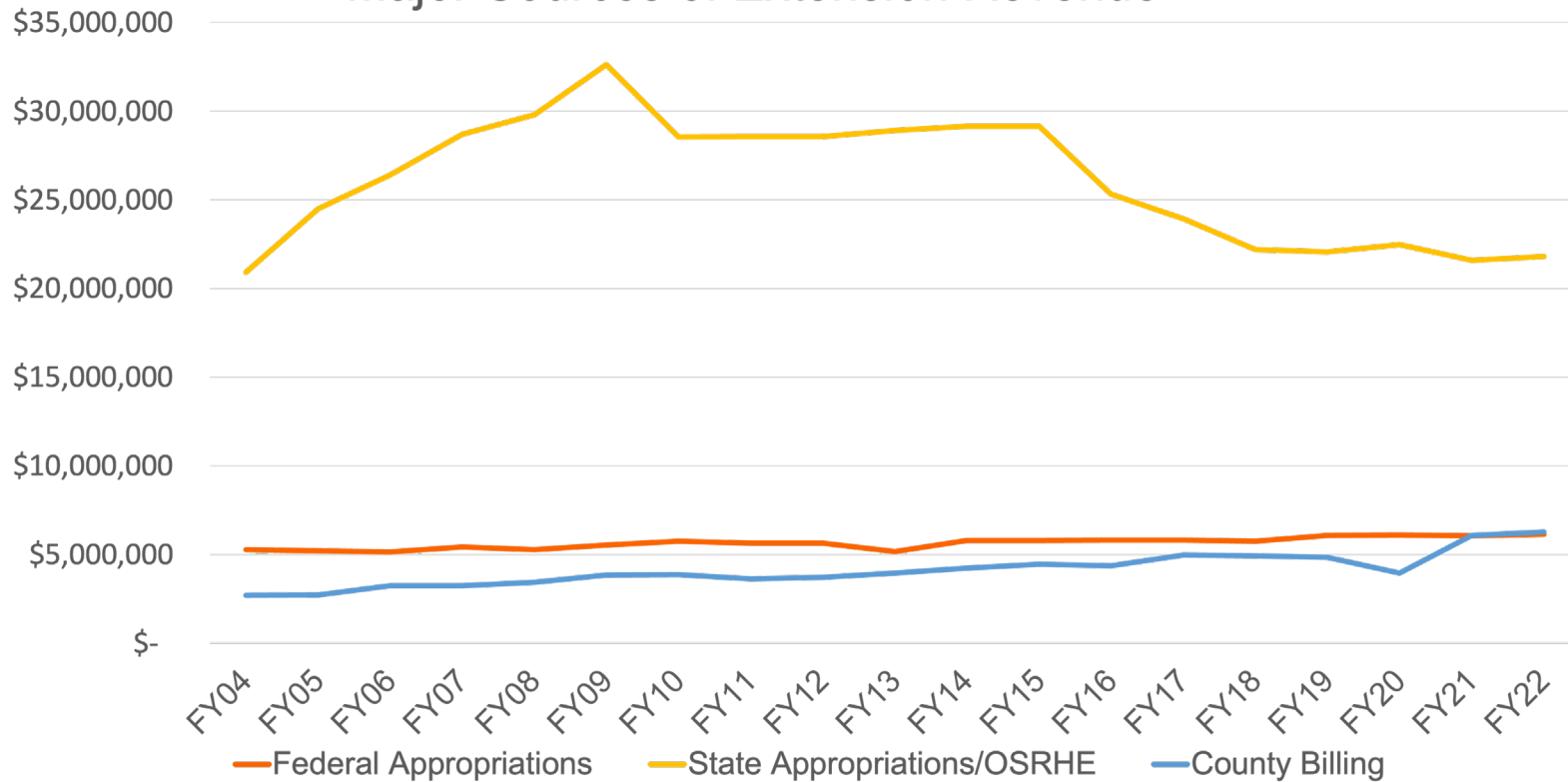




OSU EXTENSION FUNDING

Major Sources of Extension Revenue





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- ▶ The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is reliant on government funding from national, state and county sources for support.
- ▶ Roughly **90%** of our budget is **invested in personnel** and the remainder is spent on resources to support personnel.
- ▶ **Capacity funding at the federal level has been essentially flat for decades**, meaning a decline in investment over time in our number of personnel.
- ▶ In Oklahoma, we have benefitted from strong state support historically, but as indicated in the graph, **funding took a significant hit 15 years ago and has decreased over time.**
- ▶ State funding for OSU Extension comes from legislative appropriation through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. OSU Extension experiences similar budget cuts as higher education without the benefit of tuition increases to offset those cuts. From these decreasing budgets **we have seen the number of Extension specialists and educators shrink by about 30%** since 2009.
- ▶ OSU Extension receives county government support for the average cost of local personnel, beyond one educator and one administrative assistant in the county. The support of County Commissioners and budget boards are critical in adding to local personnel to deliver programs that are sought by local constituents. **31 counties have a sales tax**, a portion of which is earmarked for OSU Extension; **in other counties, funds are appropriated from their general funds.**
- ▶ Not shown in this graph is that the county government provides office space within the county. OSU Extension doesn't own or control county Extension offices. **About 40% of our county Extension offices are in courthouses.** Other offices are in annexes, at fairgrounds or stand alone facilities built by the county government for OSU Extension.