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Progressive Tax Exemption for Pension and Annuity Income

State income tax on pension and annuity income will gradually phase out starting in 2019 until 2025 for taxpayers with adjusted gross income below specified thresholds. The thresholds are (1) \$75,000 for single filers, married people filing separately, and heads of households and (2) \$100,000 for married people filing jointly. The chart below shows the incremental percentage of tax-exempt income over those years. The reduction is permanent.

Year	Percentage of Tax-Exempt Income
2019	14
2020	28
2021	42
2022	56
2023	70
2024	84
2025	100

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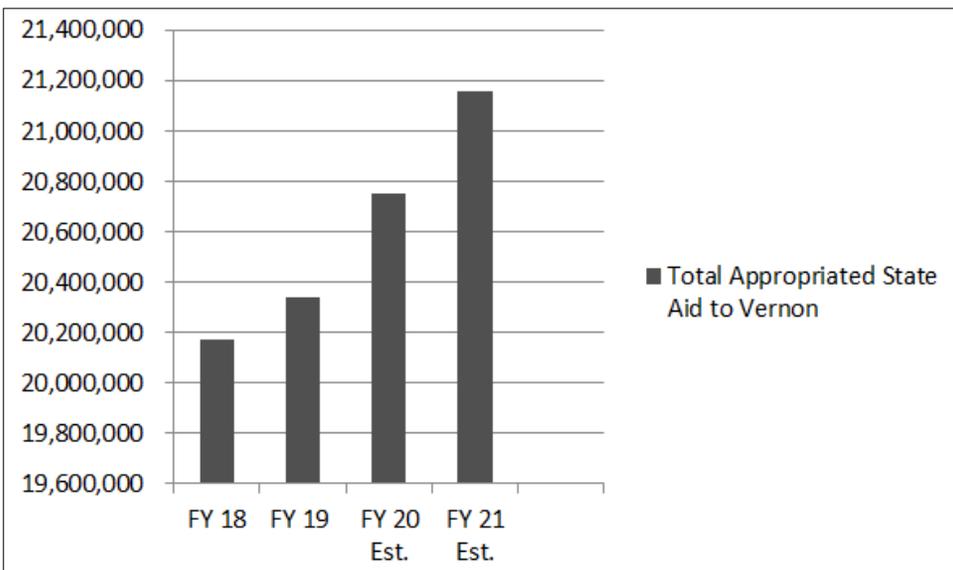


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State Funding for Vernon Fiscal Years 2018-2021



The chart above shows how much state money has been appropriated to the town of Vernon from Fiscal Year (FY) 17 - 21. Every state dollar coming to Vernon keeps our mill rate from increasing.

Spending Less for State Employees

According to the non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis, state employee salary costs - including regular wages and overtime costs - stood at \$2.43 billion during 2019. When adjusted for inflation, the drop in salary expenses from 2009-2019 is nearly 21%. This corresponds with a 21% reduction in the number of state employees from 2008 through 2018.

Over 2000 state employees retire every year. By not filling these vacancies and rearranging the remaining staff, Connecticut has improved efficiency. The unavoidable result, more work is done by computer and it's harder to reach a state employee on the phone.

Protecting Educators

We passed legislation this year to protect teachers who make recommendations for students during a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting concerning Special Education and Individualized Education Programs (IEP). The law prohibits local boards of education from disciplining, suspending, terminating, or otherwise punishing their employees for making recommendations about Special Education and related services for a child in PPT or IEP meetings. *PA 19-184*