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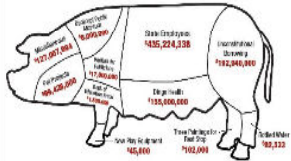


- **\$11.9 million** for new office building housing 116 employees (*MHPC piglet book*)
- **\$454,238** for “donations” to groups that have nothing to do with MTA (*OPEGA*)
- **\$157,000** for “gift cards” distributed to unnamed individuals or organizations (*OPEGA*)
- **\$102,000** on pictures of dogs for rest stops (*Bangor Daily News*)

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The Maine Piglet Book



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**Maine Turnpike Authority:
Driving Maine's Professional Left**
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The Maine Heritage Policy Center exists solely because of the generosity of our 1,500
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Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery
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If success is judged by the reaction of your

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How much has it grown? Find out now!



Maine State Employee Payroll Charts



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Property taxes are up 58% since 2000
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Local School Employee Payrolls



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How many Mainers are on Welfare?



Down to the Agency, Person and Penny...

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Updated Salary Data 1998 - 2010

Highest Paid Employees Departments Positions Payroll Trends Payroll Trends 2 Payroll Trends 3 For One Person

Maine Turnpike Authority Payroll, 1998 - 2009

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Search by name, position, agency and total compensation for individuals employed by the State of Maine, and the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Results can be sorted in alphabetical or numerical order by clicking on the column heading. To download your search results to Excel, click on the XLS symbol in the upper right-hand corner of the table.

[Click for Payroll Data Notes](#)

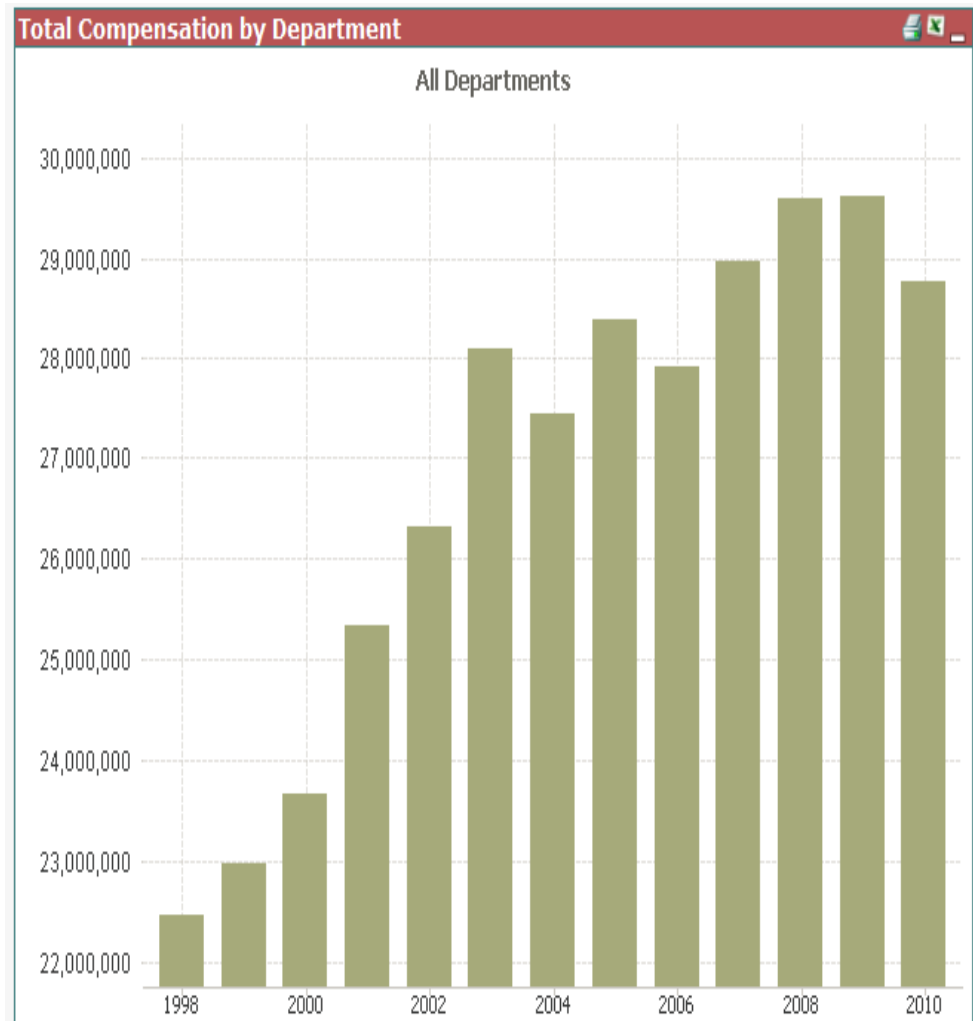
Make Selections		Search by Name		Totals For Your Selections	
Pay Year:		last name, first name		Total Records	7,854
Department:				Total Payroll Expense	\$308,660,604
Position:				Average	\$39,300
		Search by Pay Range		Median	\$43,036
		Eg. : >10000<20000			
Inflation Adjusted		Nominal Dollars			

Table of Maine State Employees - (To resort the table, double click on heading)

Year	Position	Department	FILENum	Last, First	HireDate	YTDPay	Benefits	Overtime	Stipend	Total
2010	Deputy Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer	Accounts & Control	920	Libby, Neil	6/5/1967	\$140,213	\$49,495	\$0	\$0	\$189,708
2010	Executive Director	Administration	2217	Violette, Paul	1/3/1988	\$126,859	\$44,781	\$0	\$0	\$171,640
2010	Chief Operations Officer	Building Maintenance & Engineering	2741	Merfeld, Peter	6/30/1997	\$106,163	\$37,476	\$0	\$0	\$143,639
2010	Director of Finance & Information Services	Accounts & Control	2546	Davidson, Douglas	1/9/1995	\$101,630	\$35,875	\$0	\$0	\$137,505
2010	Director of Maintenance	Highway Maintenance	1182	Jackson, Wesley	11/22/1971	\$100,859	\$35,603	\$0	\$0	\$136,462
2010	Government Relations Manager	Administration	2376	Welzel, Conrad	6/18/1990	\$93,288	\$32,931	\$0	\$0	\$126,219
2010	Director of Fare Collections	Fare Collections	1489	Barra, Richard	9/8/1975	\$92,851	\$32,776	\$0	\$0	\$125,628
2010	Public Affairs Manager	Administration	2555	Paradee, Estate of Daniel	1/17/1995	\$89,312	\$31,527	\$0	\$0	\$120,840
2010	Staff Attorney	Administration	2941	Arey, Jonathan	5/25/1998	\$88,377	\$31,197	\$0	\$0	\$119,574
2010	Director of Engineering & Building Maintenance	Building Maintenance & Engineering	2918	Tartre, Stephen	5/30/2000	\$88,182	\$31,128	\$0	\$0	\$119,311

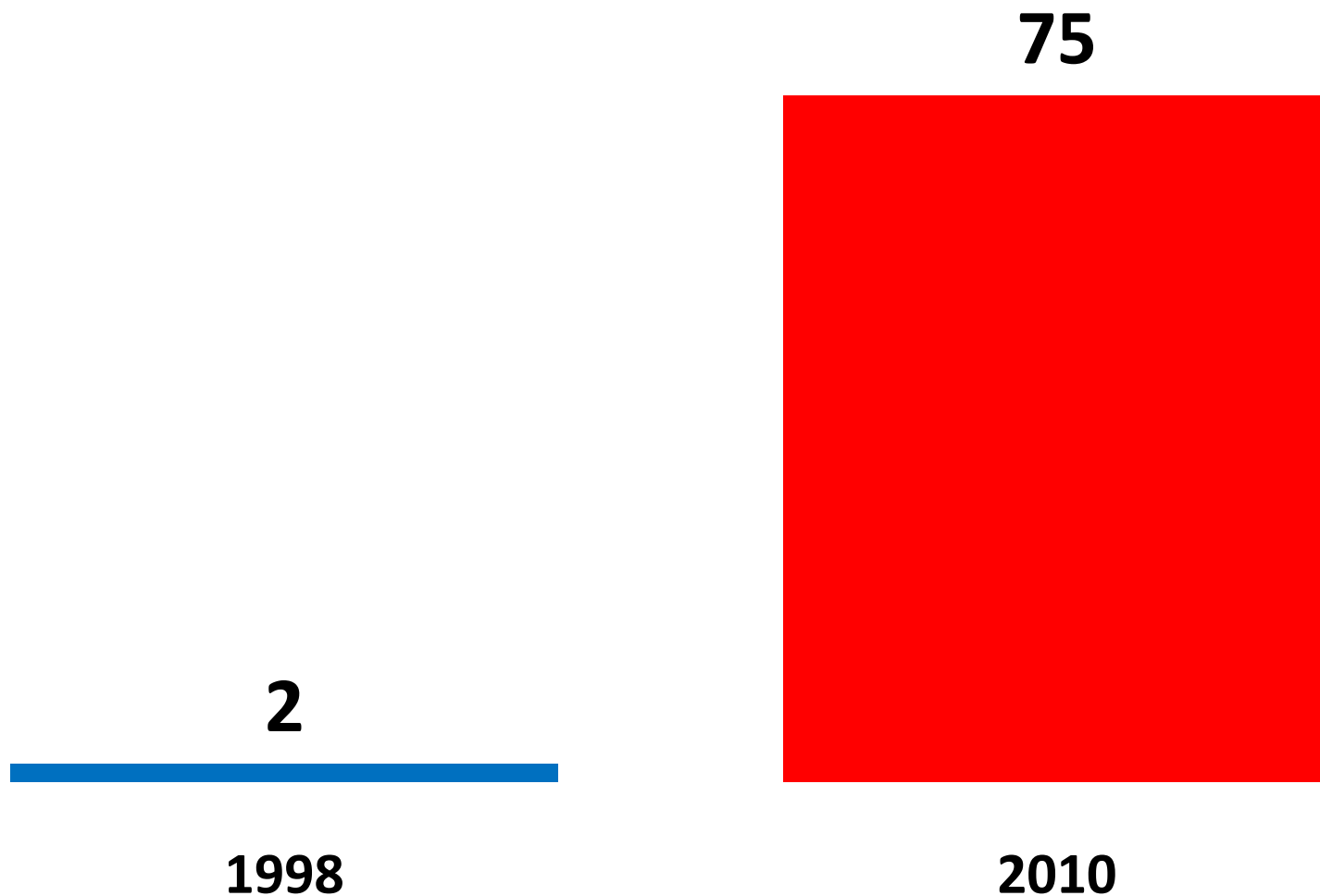
Turnpike Payroll Growth

- 1998 - **\$16,764,928**
total payroll cost
- 2010 - **\$28,770,835**
total payroll cost
- **MTA payroll grew by 72% in just 12 years**
- Private sector salaries and benefits **grew 46% from 1998 – 2009**
(bureau of economics)



Maine Turnpike Authority Employees receiving more than \$80,000

Salary and Benefits (1998-2010)

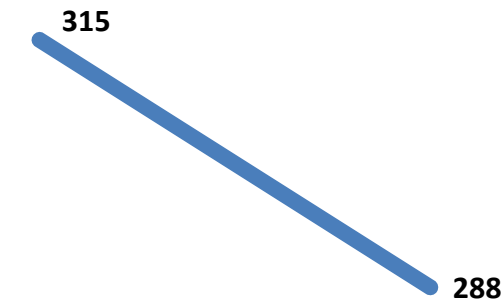


MTA Toll Collectors

- 1998 - **315** Toll Collectors received a total of **\$7,752,760**
- 2010 - **288** Toll Collectors received a total of **\$11,067,587**

MTA Math: Fewer Toll Collectors = Higher Payroll Costs

Number of Toll Collectors



1998

2010

Toll Collector Salaries

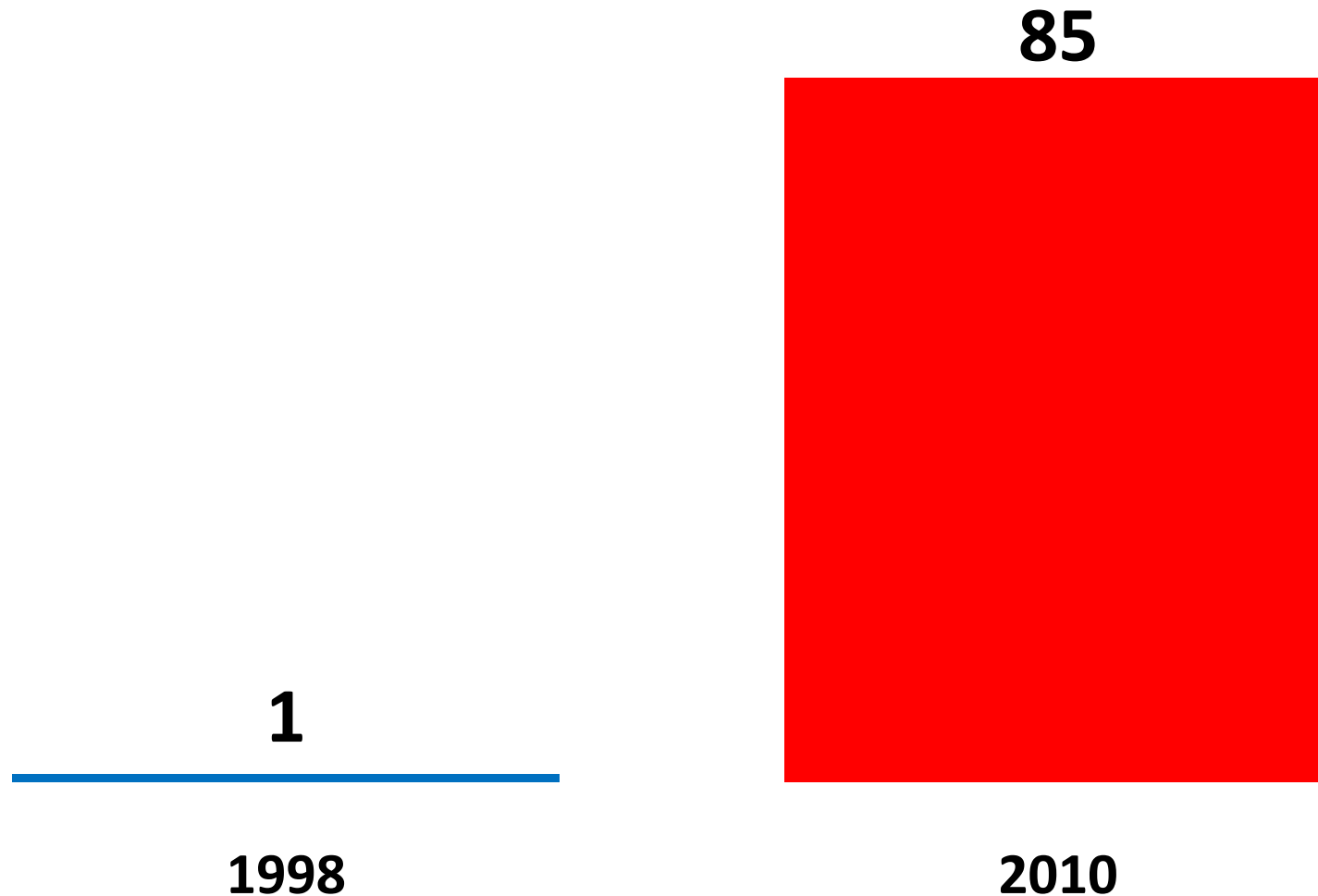


1998

2010

MTA Toll Collectors receiving more than \$60,000

Salaries and Benefits (1998 – 2010)



Up, Up and Away

Top 10 Highest Paid Keep Getting More

Name	Position	Department	1998 Total	2010 Total	Increase 1998 - 2010	
Neil R. Libby	Deputy Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer	Accounts & Control	\$89,245	\$189,708	113%	
Paul E. Violette	Executive Director	Administration	\$97,915	\$171,640	75%	
Peter S. Merfeld	Chief Operations Officer	Building Maintenance & Engineering	\$64,311	\$143,639	123%	
Douglas D. Davidson	Director of Finance & Information Services	Accounts & Control	\$70,934	\$137,505	94%	
Wesley L. Jackson	Director of Maintenance	Highway Maintenance	\$76,588	\$136,462	78%	
Conrad W. Welzel	Government Relations Manager	Administration	\$56,551	\$126,219	123%	
Richard R. Barra	Director of Fare Collections	Fare Collections	\$69,728	\$125,628	80%	
Jonathan A. Arey	Staff Attorney	Administration	\$59,170	\$119,574	102%	(since 2001)
Stephen R. Tartre	Director of Engineering & Building Maintenance	Building Maintenance & Engineering	\$75,870	\$119,311	57%	(since 2001)
Lauren Graveline Carrier	Director of Human Resources	Administration	\$75,491	\$118,986	58%	(since 2006)

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