

State Government

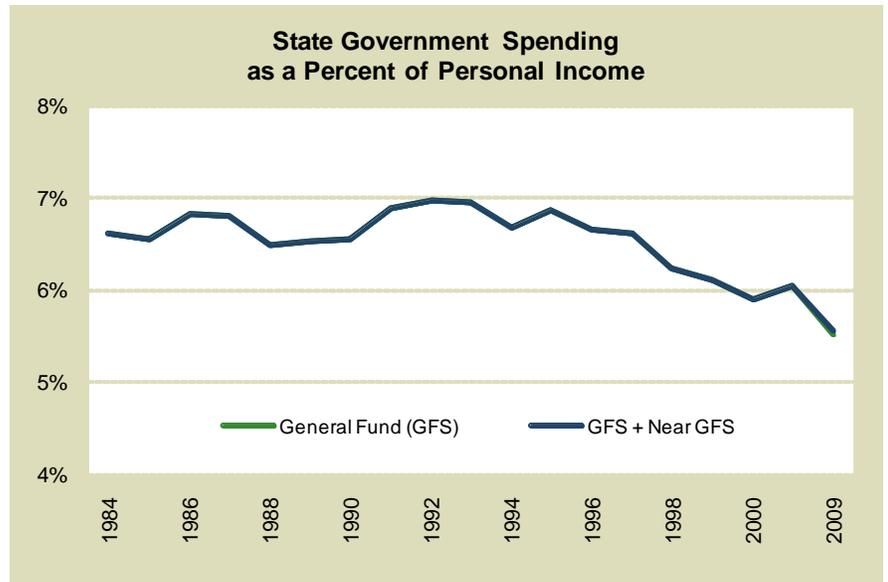
Indicator 3: Adequacy of Safeguards for Public Funds

Measure b: State Government Spending as a Percent of Personal Income

Description:

State expenditures as a percent of total state personal income are projected to fall to 5.6 percent in the current biennium, the lowest rates of spending since 1984.

This measure tracks state General Fund spending and General Fund plus "near General Fund" spending as a percent of state personal income. Personal income data are based on estimates from the Federal Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. The estimates reflect wages, self employment income, interest, dividends, rent, transfer payments and other miscellaneous sources of income for all Washington residents. The rate reflects spending from the state general fund and a "near general fund" Education Legacy Trust. One adjustment was made to eliminate the "double-count" of expenditures in cases where dollars were spent first from the general fund into Education Legacy and then later spent from that account (the second occurrence of the expenditure was eliminated in the calculation of these numbers).



State Government Spending as a Percent of Personal Income		
	General Fund (GFS)	GFS + Near GFS
1984	6.62%	6.62%
1985	6.56%	6.56%
1986	6.81%	6.81%
1987	6.81%	6.81%
1988	6.48%	6.48%
1989	6.52%	6.52%
1990	6.55%	6.55%
1991	6.89%	6.89%
1992	6.97%	6.97%
1993	6.94%	6.94%
1994	6.68%	6.68%
1995	6.85%	6.85%
1996	6.66%	6.66%
1997	6.61%	6.61%
1998	6.23%	6.23%
1999	6.11%	6.11%
2000	5.90%	5.90%
2001	6.04%	6.04%
2002	6.26%	6.26%
2003	6.18%	6.18%
2004	6.01%	6.01%
2005	5.86%	5.86%
2006	6.15%	6.18%
2007	6.05%	6.09%
2008	5.79%	5.85%
2009	5.51%	5.57%

Sources:

[U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)
[OFM Budget Division](#)