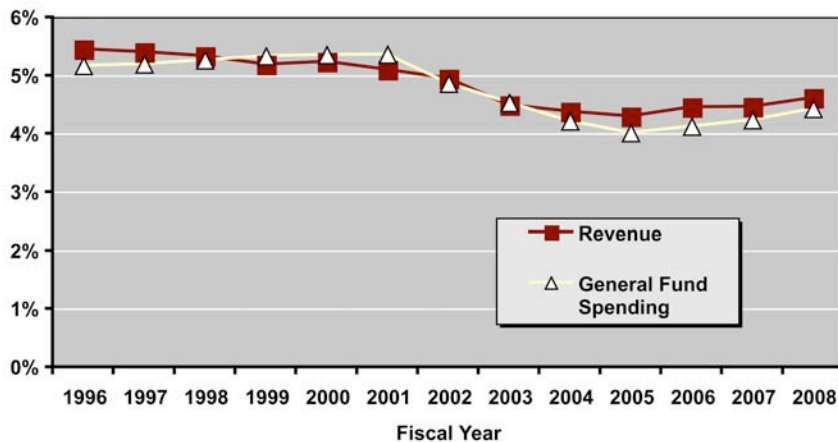


Graphic Perspective on Iowa's Budget Issues

Figure 1. General Fund Spending is in Line with Economic Performance

Iowa General Fund Revenues/Spending as Share of Iowa GDP

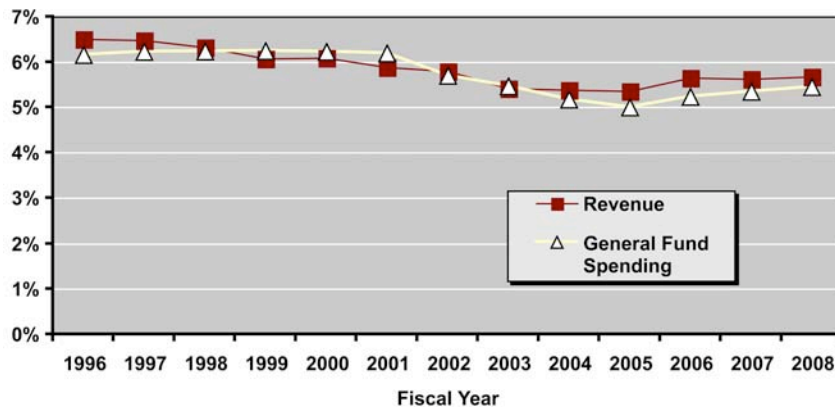


Share of Iowa GDP

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Gen. Fund Spending
1996	5.5%	5.2%
1997	5.4%	5.2%
1998	5.3%	5.3%
1999	5.2%	5.3%
2000	5.2%	5.4%
2001	5.1%	5.4%
2002	4.9%	4.9%
2003	4.5%	4.5%
2004	4.4%	4.2%
2005	4.3%	4.0%
2006	4.5%	4.1%
2007	4.5%	4.2%
2008	4.6%	4.4%

Figure 2. General Fund Spending is in Line with Economic Performance

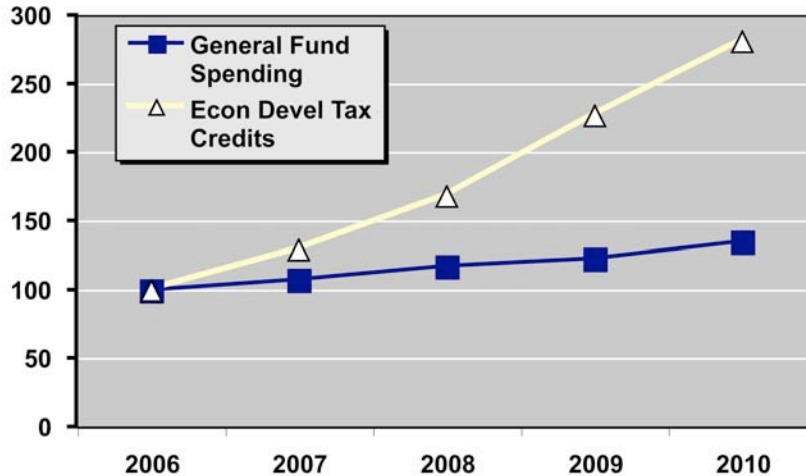
Iowa General Fund Revenues/Spending as Share of Iowa Personal Income, FY1996-2008



Share of Personal Income

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Gen. Fund Spending
1996	6.5%	6.2%
1997	6.5%	6.2%
1998	6.3%	6.2%
1999	6.1%	6.2%
2000	6.1%	6.2%
2001	5.9%	6.2%
2002	5.8%	5.7%
2003	5.4%	5.5%
2004	5.4%	5.2%
2005	5.4%	5.0%
2006	5.7%	5.2%
2007	5.6%	5.3%
2008	5.7%	5.4%

Figure 3. Tax Expenditures: A Fast-Growing Segment of Iowa Spending
 Iowa Economic Development Tax Credits Growing Much Faster than General Fund
 Spending levels in FY2006 = 100



Note: Numbers in this graph are indexed to 100 in order to provide relevant units of comparison. In this graph, 2006 is used as the baseline.

The table at top right shows the indexed comparisons; the table below it shows the actual dollars, in millions, for general fund spending and economic development tax credits.

Indexed for Comparison

Fiscal Year	General Fund Spending	Econ Devel Tax Credits
2006	100	100
2007	107	129
2008	117	168
2009	123	227
2010	135	281

Millions of Dollars

Fiscal Year	General Fund Spending	Econ Devel Tax Credits
2006	\$4,989.0	\$144.3
2007	\$5,363.0	\$186.5
2008	\$5,843.8	\$242.7
2009	\$6,133.0	\$327.6
2010	\$6,744.5	\$405.9

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