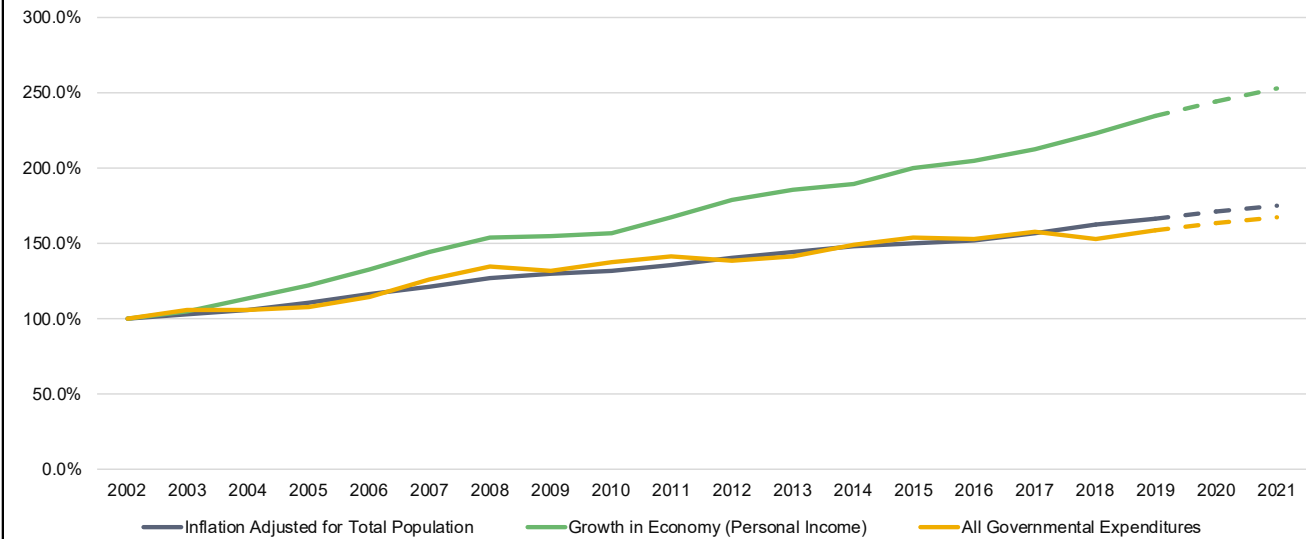


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This chart shows the **all funds growth** in total expenditures compared to **growth in inflation** and to the **growth in the economy** since fiscal year 2002.



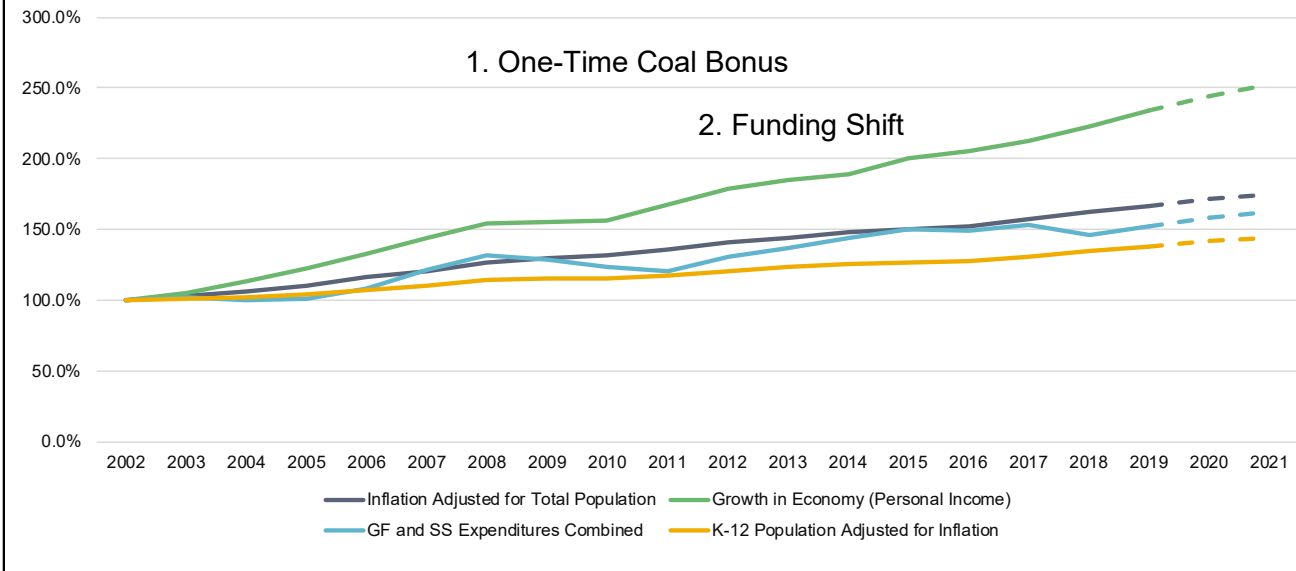
This report includes a series of charts that compare expenditure growth to the growth in the economy and growth in inflation adjusted for population. Montana statute, 17-8-106, MCA, recommends using growth in personal income for comparison purposes. Personal income is a measure for growth in the economy. Comparing growth allows financial planners to consider past and future demands in services or changes in revenues.

Though the growth of OPI's funding closely follows the growth of population and inflation, it is important to note that OPI accounts for the largest amount of general fund expenditures (approximately \$797.7 million in FY 2019) when compared to any other state agency. A major source of growth for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is due to K-12 BASE Aid, which has increased nearly every legislative session. The legislature sets in statute the formula for the BASE Budget for all school districts and the amount of BASE Aid provided to school districts from state sources.

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### GF and SS Expenditures Combined

This chart shows the **combined general fund and state special revenue growth** in expenditures compared to **growth in inflation** and to the **growth in the economy** since fiscal year 2002.



1. The relatively large expenditures in FY 2010 were due to a one-time coal bonus payment to the guarantee account from Arch Coal.
2. In FY 2012, a larger portion of K-12 BASE Aid was paid from the guarantee state special revenue account instead of the general fund.

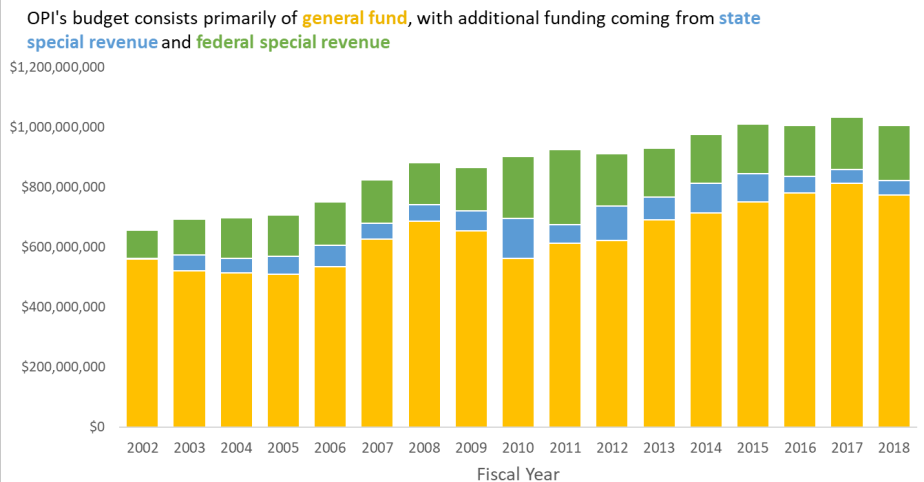
## General Fund

General fund accounts for a majority of spending for OPI, and nearly all general fund dollars are passed through to local school districts, primarily as K-12 BASE Aid.

## State Special Revenue

Due to the small amount of state special revenue funding for OPI in comparison to general fund, the large percentages of change reflected in the chart above are actually the result of relatively smaller changes in dollar amounts.

The guarantee account is a state special revenue fund dedicated to school funding, and its funds are usually statutorily appropriated. The guarantee account receives revenue generated from common school state land as well as interest



from the common school trust. Revenues are primarily generated from interest off the trust, as well as agriculture and extraction industry leases.