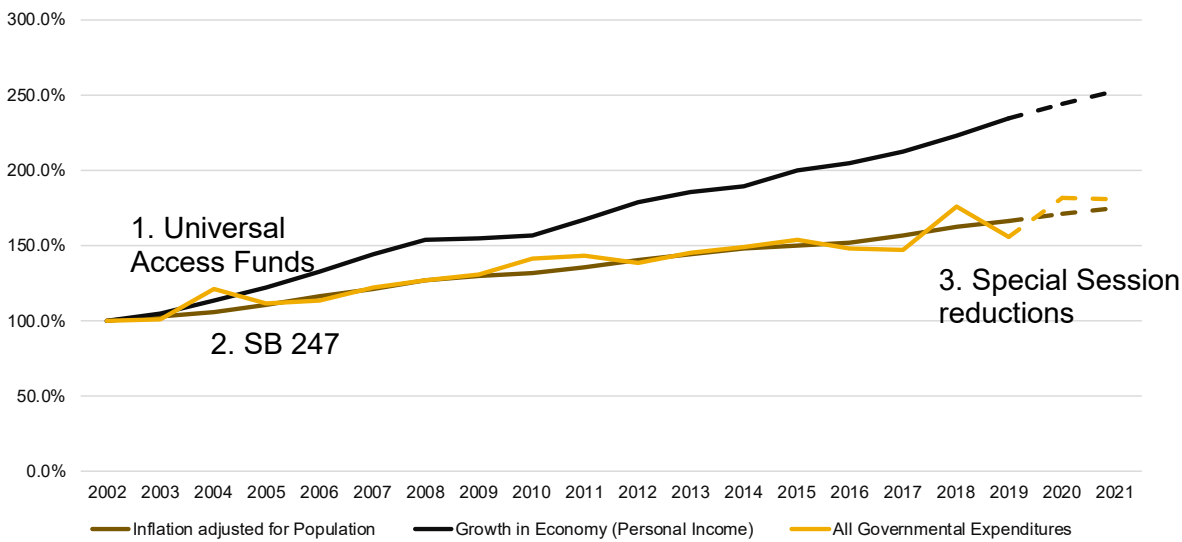


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This chart shows the **all funds growth** in total expenditures compared to **growth in inflation** and to the **growth in the economy** since fiscal year 2002.



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.

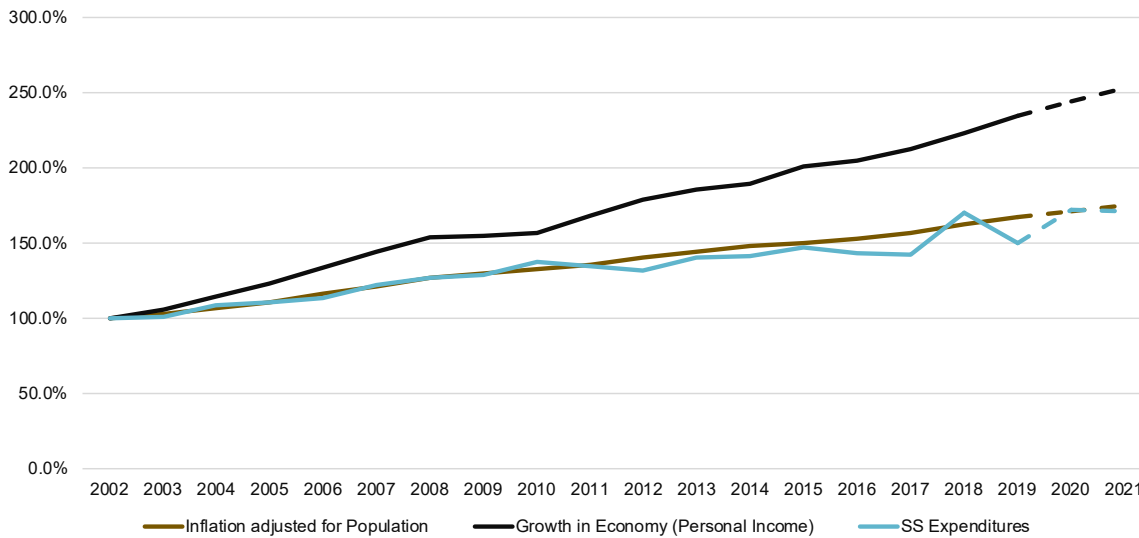
The following list discusses in more detail the inflection points on the charts:

1. In FY 2003, the legislature approved an increase of \$1.0 million in state special revenue over the FY 2000 base budget which included \$683,454 of universal access funds in FY 2002. The 1999 legislature approved language in HB 2 for the 2001 biennium that appropriated \$650,000 for the Montana Universal Access Program authority for the 2003 biennium, but only \$12,620 was expended in FY 2000.
2. FY 2004 and FY 2005 included a \$500,000 increase in state special revenue to accommodate passage of SB 247. SB 247 established a default electricity supply procurement process and required the Public Service Commission to adopt rules to establish process criteria.
3. General fund revenue shortfalls occurred in FY 2017, and the legislature reduced FY 2018 appropriations during the 2017 regular session and during the November 2017 Special Session. Since the revenue shortfall was short-term, legislators increased appropriations in FY 2020-FY 2021.

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



## General fund

The Public Service Commission's budget does not include general fund.

## State special revenue

The majority of growth in expenditures within the Public Service Commission has been supported by state special revenue. An increase in FY 2003 was due to the Montana Universal Access Program authority for the 2003 biennium. FY 2004 and FY 2005 included a \$500,000 increase in state special revenue to accommodate the passage of SB 247. The decrease in state special revenue in FY 2018 was due to reductions made in the November 2017 Special Session.