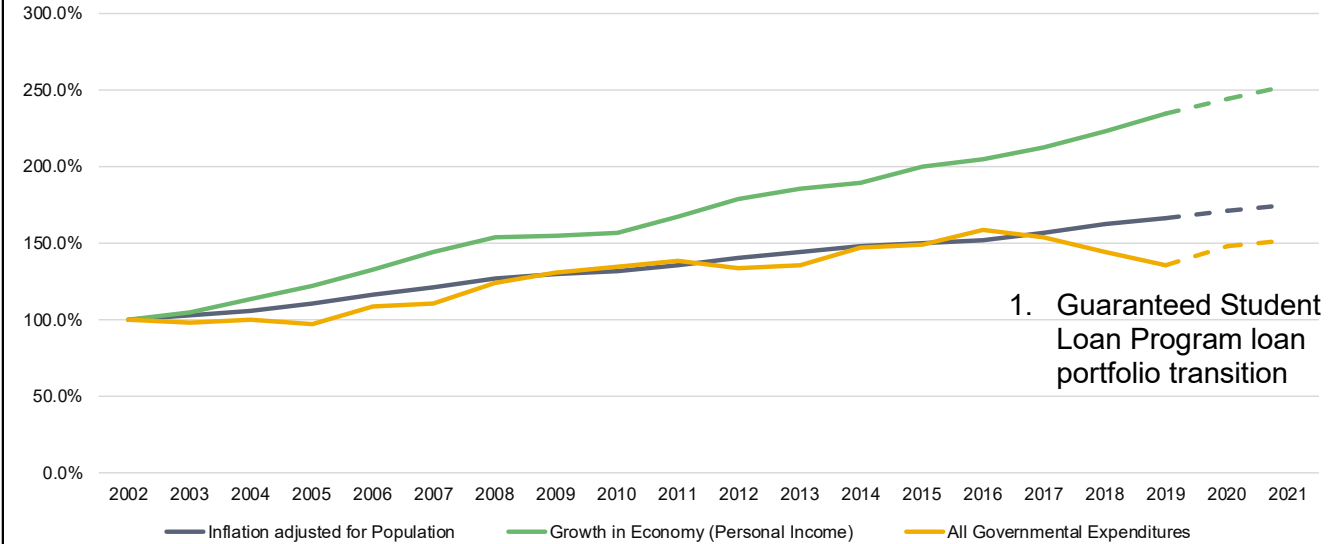


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This chart shows the **all funds growth** in total expenditures compared to **growth in inflation** and to the **growth in the economy** since fiscal year 2002.



1. Guaranteed Student Loan Program loan portfolio transition

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.

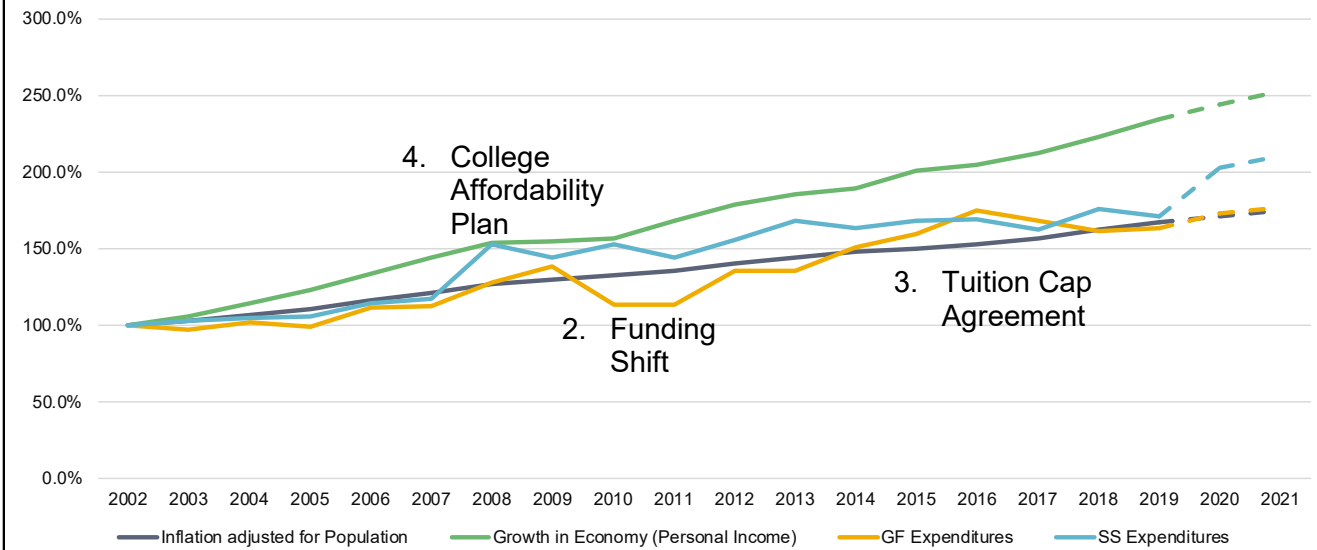
Overall, the trend for expenditures related to all governmental funds in the Office of the Commission of Higher Education has followed the growth in inflation. The following list discusses in more detail the inflection points on the charts:

1. The Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) Program has not issued loans since July 2010 and has been managing the existing loan portfolio. As of October 1, 2017, the GSL Program transferred their portfolio to a federally approved loan servicing provider. This has caused a decline in federal special revenue expenditures

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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.



2. The legislature approved appropriation increases in general fund and the six-mill levy to support the College Affordability Plan in an effort to cap university tuition rates in the 2009 biennium
3. The legislature approved a funding switch from general fund to federal special revenue in the 2011 biennium. The state received one-time federal special revenue from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and used these funds to supplement general fund expenditures
4. The legislature signed a Tuition Cap Agreement with the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Governor, which froze resident tuition rates over the 2017 biennium. This agreement also committed the Montana University System to incorporating a performance funding component into the allocation model used by the Board of Regents for distributing funds to the Montana University System educational units