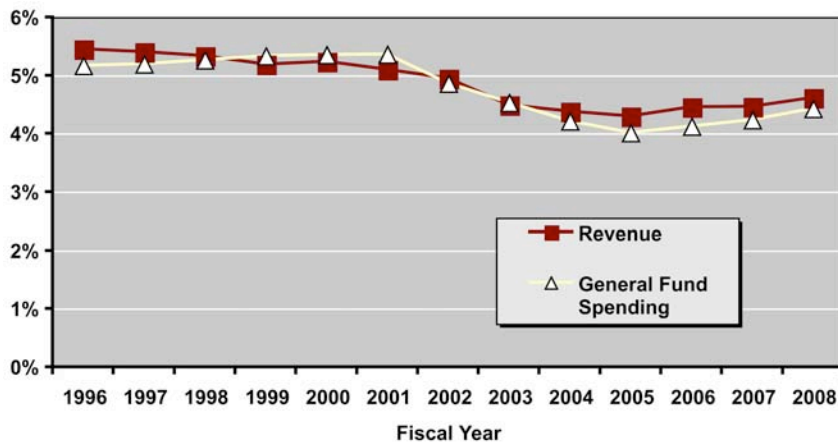


## Graphic Perspective on Iowa's Budget Issues

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

Iowa General Fund Revenues/Spending as Share of Iowa GDP

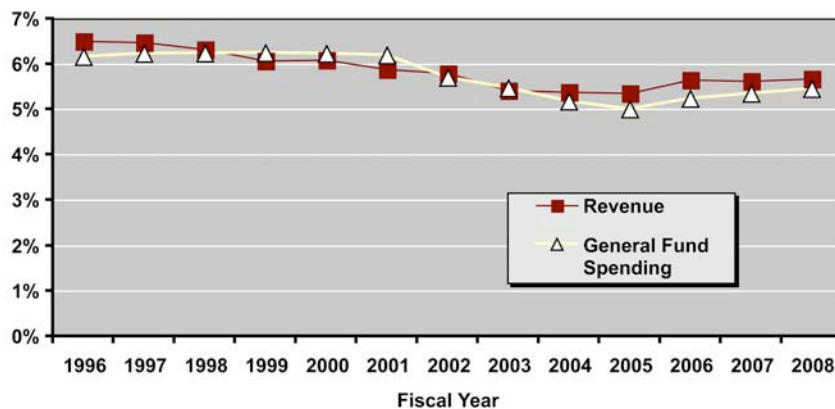


### Share of Iowa GDP

| 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**

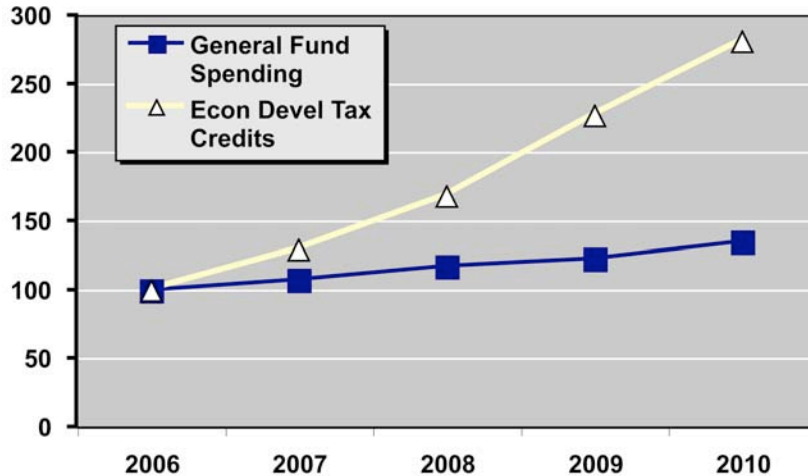
Iowa General Fund Revenues/Spending as Share of Iowa Personal Income, FY1996-2008



### 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



| 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                    |

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.

| 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                |

## Iowa Fiscal Partnership

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