More Competitive
State and Local Taxes paid by Business
as percent of private sector GSP

Effective Business Tax Rate

- Virginia (8)
- Massachusetts (12)
- Texas (33)
- North Carolina (2)
- California (19)
- Colorado (30)
- WA current law (33)
- WA funding with current system (41)
- WA funding with alt. system (15)
- Oregon (1)
- Maryland (8)
- Idaho (22)
- United States
The Washington General Fund Tax Base is Shrinking Relative to the State's Economy

General Fund Revenue as a percent of Washington Total Personal Income

Total State Personal Income is about 80% of State Gross Domestic Product. Source: Washington State Economic and Revenue Council, Feb. 2015

Forecasted with Cap Gain and Internet starting in 2017
State Policy Allowed Local Levies to Offset the Shrinking State Tax Base

School Levies as percent of K-12 total revenue

In 1977 the Legislature started a phase down of local levies to a maximum of 10% of a district's "levy base".

Since 1977, the Legislature has expanded the "levy base" many times. They have also increased the 10% cap several times until it has reached 28%. There are 90 districts with "grandfathered" caps between 28 percent and 38 percent.
Tuition's Share of Higher Education Funding Nearly Doubled Since 2002

Tuition as percent of Total Tuition and State Funds (including state financial aid)