

Price of Government

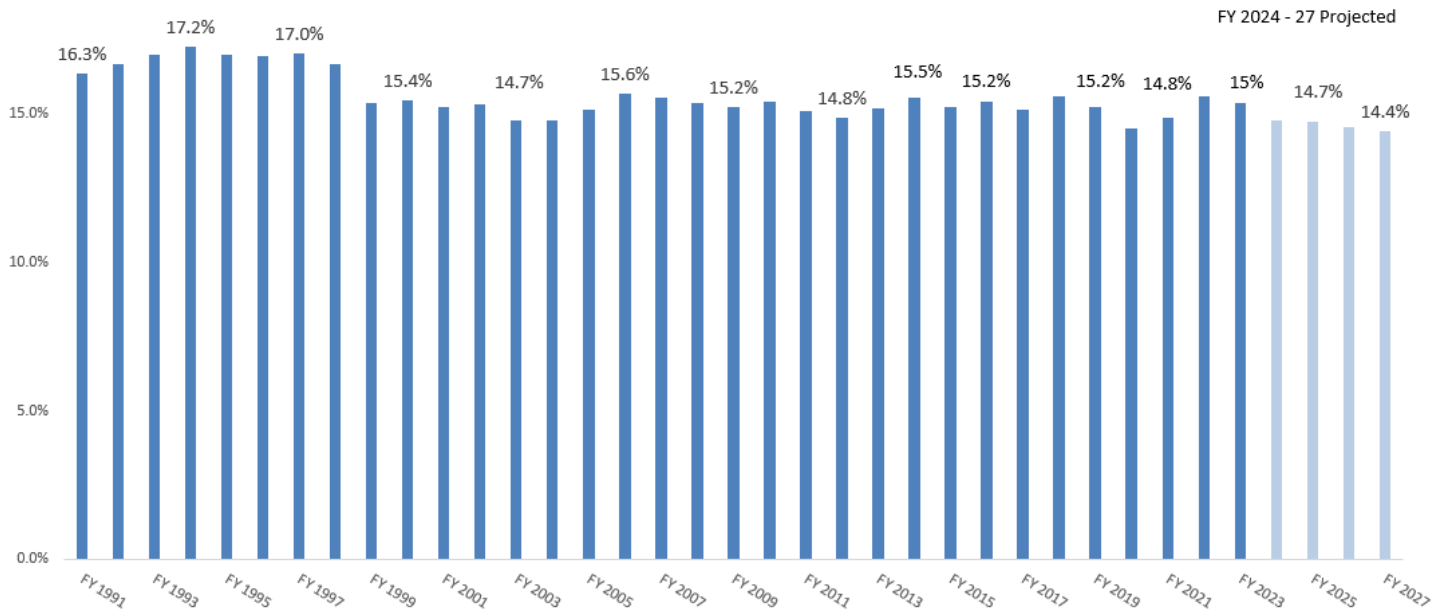
State and Local Government Revenues

The state general fund forecast represents only a portion of public sector revenues and spending in Minnesota. In broad terms, the “Price of Government” is a measure of the cost of all general government services statewide. It answers the question: **How much do Minnesotans pay to state and local governments in total?** It is comprehensive and includes nearly all revenues generated by state and local units of government as well as public school districts. All state taxes, property taxes, special assessments, fees, and charges are included. Federal taxes are not included. The measure serves as a financial index for the cost of public services in Minnesota.

The annual receipts collected by each unit of government are considered to represent the aggregate cost that Minnesota taxpayers pay for public services. The “Price of Government” measures that cost for each fiscal year relative to Minnesota Personal Income. The result is stated as a percentage of total statewide personal income. For fiscal year 2024, it is projected at 15.2 percent.

Minnesota Price of Government

State and Local Revenues as % of MN Personal Income



Because the price of government focuses on revenues collected by the state, local governments, and school districts, it is designed to be a performance measure for both taxpayers in general and policymakers during the budget development process.

The following table shows the revenues collected at each level of government, excluding federal grants, and excluding intergovernmental revenues such as state aid to school districts, cities, and counties. The results are called “own source” revenues and represent the taxes, fees, and charges at each level of government.

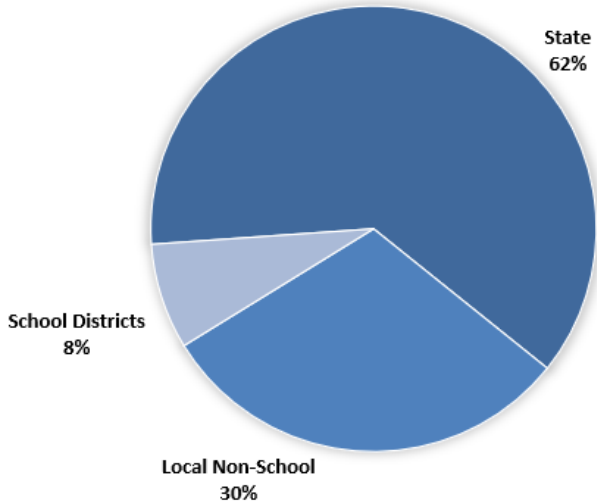
Own Source Revenues

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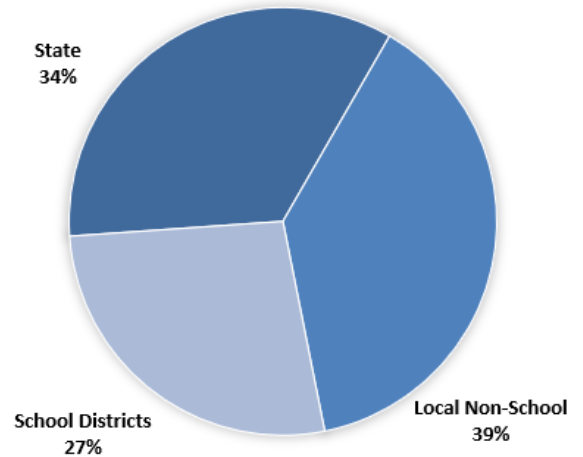
	Projected FY 2024	Percent of Total	Projected FY 2025	Percent of Total
State Revenues				
Tax Revenues	\$32,779		\$34,736	
Non-Tax Revenues	5,022		4,539	
<i>Total State Revenues</i>	37,802	62%	39,275	61%
Local Non-School Revenues				
Tax Revenues	9,280		10,269	
Non-Tax Revenues	9,323		9,689	
<i>Total Local Non-School Revenues</i>	18,603	30%	19,958	31%
School District Revenues				
Tax Revenues	3,558		3,768	
Non-Tax Revenues	1,131		1,149	
<i>Total School District Revenues</i>	4,869	8%	4,917	8%
Total Own Source Revenues	\$61,094		\$64,150	
Minnesota Personal Income	\$414,475		\$436,565	
Governmental Revenue as Percent of Personal Income	14.7%		14.7%	

In FY 2024, of all payments Minnesotans will make in taxes, fees and charges, the state will collect 62 percent. Counties, cities, and townships will collect about 30 percent, while school districts will collect about 8 percent. However, once intergovernmental aids are considered, the state will spend only 34 percent of the total, while non-school local governments will spend 39 percent, and school districts will spend 27 percent.

WHO COLLECTS?



WHO SPENDS?



A table showing price of government data follows. It includes major taxes and other revenue sources for FY 2010 through FY 2027 shown by level of government.

Personal income data is obtained from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Minnesota personal income is the income that Minnesota residents get from paychecks, employer-provided supplements such as insurance, business ownership, rental property, social security and other government benefits, interest, and dividends.

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State Revenues																		
<i>Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Individual Income Tax	6,530,958	7,529,204	7,972,460	9,012,500	9,659,554	10,403,481	10,738,906	10,931,165	11,783,500	12,405,417	12,094,129	14,103,661	16,872,708	15,777,561	14,510,800	15,835,900	16,474,400	17,291,000
General Sales Tax	4,430,792	4,686,836	4,959,128	5,065,744	5,368,451	5,482,099	5,597,268	5,787,027	5,943,479	6,273,252	6,359,516	6,791,570	7,300,143	8,179,886	8,402,099	8,832,151	9,152,440	9,482,853
Corporate Income Tax	663,505	924,613	1,044,159	1,280,743	1,278,209	1,455,275	1,473,097	1,205,379	1,314,525	1,660,015	1,580,275	2,387,370	2,822,875	2,928,921	2,772,909	2,640,142	2,663,159	2,682,955
Gasoline & Special Fuels Taxes	826,753	849,534	845,177	857,362	877,702	889,252	900,382	911,548	926,730	937,793	877,793	844,604	894,977	882,012	881,316	912,697	972,706	982,934
Cannabis Gross Receipts Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,700	16,700	44,000	65,800
Motor Vehicle License Tax	531,551	557,175	580,240	623,210	652,951	687,115	702,306	752,889	781,868	803,633	812,738	853,998	823,069	824,455	910,406	1,048,624	1,154,592	1,212,874
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	453,563	506,035	558,379	597,785	640,272	694,265	714,496	754,284	772,358	809,852	810,040	981,738	986,044	1,060,544	1,113,300	1,086,400	1,111,300	1,150,900
Statewide Property Tax	766,831	766,926	799,333	811,388	835,554	838,080	853,780	858,389	811,376	810,627	753,318	803,134	774,121	765,246	737,996	743,297	745,381	745,418
Health Care Taxes	525,153	546,903	484,278	513,763	525,318	554,751	584,236	613,550	644,876	675,936	682,734	635,367	747,824	738,680	768,739	852,817	888,961	924,928
All Other Taxes	1,327,011	1,358,831	1,434,307	1,419,267	2,017,761	2,056,285	2,118,984	2,151,116	2,206,831	2,298,724	2,254,049	2,559,603	2,669,809	2,602,995	2,671,851	2,767,734	2,813,128	2,893,977
Subtotal - State Taxes	16,056,117	17,726,057	18,677,461	20,181,762	21,855,772	23,060,603	23,683,455	23,965,347	25,185,543	26,675,249	26,224,592	29,961,045	33,891,571	33,760,300	32,779,116	34,736,462	36,020,067	37,433,639
<i>Non-Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Fees & Charges	1,265,434	1,285,126	1,205,344	1,222,131	1,180,866	1,138,905	1,169,798	1,233,836	1,210,996	1,168,979	1,233,620	1,268,688	1,242,606	1,173,088	1,313,922	1,320,502	1,331,636	1,344,887
Investment Earnings	75,683	68,572	72,194	77,114	84,431	93,588	123,734	158,871	209,640	333,780	297,892	148,315	184,192	846,247	973,363	555,255	380,177	292,468
Post-Secondary Tuition	1,447,977	1,598,637	1,630,000	1,674,300	1,678,700	1,629,700	1,640,893	1,655,173	1,681,092	1,697,717	1,725,680	1,690,100	1,669,826	1,655,299	1,703,481	1,703,481	1,703,481	1,703,481
Tobacco Settlements	168,297	169,375	166,861	170,060	175,399	170,747	171,238	168,226	166,931	162,765	152,282	254,190	192,965	197,247	184,675	174,209	173,351	172,147
All Other Resources	760,955	777,684	854,442	906,671	1,173,559	920,233	1,307,886	974,269	2,140,268	882,107	793,134	1,640,090	974,269	1,233,161	847,009	785,449	783,330	784,363
Subtotal - State Non Tax Revenues	3,718,346	3,899,394	3,928,841	4,050,276	4,292,955	3,953,173	4,413,549	4,190,375	5,408,927	4,245,348	4,202,608	5,001,383	4,263,858	5,105,042	5,022,450	4,538,896	4,371,975	4,297,346
Subtotal - State Own Source Revenues	19,774,463	21,625,451	22,606,302	24,232,038	26,148,727	27,013,776	28,097,004	28,155,722	30,594,470	30,920,597	30,427,200	34,962,428	38,155,429	38,865,342	37,801,566	39,275,358	40,392,042	41,730,985
<i>Federal Grants</i>	9,725,606	9,756,757	8,486,104	8,808,041	9,409,547	10,564,728	10,930,643	10,987,402	11,976,329	11,825,013	14,821,726	16,839,875	21,460,920	19,980,239	21,886,776	20,945,016	20,470,164	20,743,507
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	29,500,069	31,382,208	31,092,406	33,040,079	35,558,274	37,578,504	39,027,647	39,143,124	42,570,799	42,745,610	45,248,926	51,802,303	59,616,349	58,845,581	59,688,342	60,220,374	60,862,206	62,474,492

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Local Non-School Revenues																		
<i>Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Property Tax	4,875,947	4,973,156	5,057,424	5,300,123	5,367,186	5,447,952	5,575,309	5,800,945	6,037,866	6,349,542	6,664,735	7,004,601	7,150,037	7,460,373	7,889,906	8,404,465	8,889,941	9,395,986
Sales Tax	281,471	295,212	316,217	331,528	346,540	372,913	421,657	470,681	509,592	643,382	692,577	628,888	724,300	850,864	1,023,320	1,484,765	1,528,565	1,582,537
Other Taxes	186,593	172,002	175,355	176,652	215,053	261,453	264,258	278,865	278,249	297,457	308,983	329,740	338,732	356,817	366,441	379,637	376,553	379,463
Subtotal - Local Taxes	5,344,011	5,440,369	5,548,996	5,808,303	5,928,779	6,082,318	6,261,224	6,550,492	6,825,707	7,290,381	7,666,295	7,963,229	8,213,069	8,668,054	9,279,668	10,268,867	10,795,059	11,357,985
<i>Non-Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Special Assessments	344,332	347,913	321,931	338,755	368,775	355,259	351,391	356,065	341,020	330,645	335,367	342,274	374,687	408,200	420,932	437,393	456,529	477,401
Licenses and Permits	151,194	157,641	170,119	189,936	206,706	227,075	236,008	244,242	264,833	267,354	285,703	265,548	293,343	320,809	332,067	346,626	363,726	382,725
Charges for Services	1,122,285	1,091,618	1,101,390	1,200,528	1,278,007	1,294,978	1,353,293	1,424,662	1,513,347	1,526,930	1,578,810	1,427,088	1,614,623	1,747,909	1,800,980	1,868,560	1,946,515	2,031,184
Investment Earnings	178,693	143,817	189,380	118,811	(48,374)	197,075	101,746	107,694	147,112	189,205	413,142	268,347	9,708	232,112	236,754	248,592	261,022	274,073
Selected Enterprise Revenues	3,468,110	3,432,935	3,586,765	3,819,575	3,786,805	3,981,481	4,192,176	4,339,168	4,626,712	4,718,088	4,724,114	4,957,367	5,256,576	5,616,633	5,790,408	6,017,333	6,282,112	6,571,174
Miscellaneous Revenues	615,737	512,230	504,049	483,034	489,369	499,612	501,240	504,062	446,054	535,306	692,458	686,811	671,025	719,418	741,852	770,720	804,191	840,641
Subtotal - Local Non Tax Revenues	5,880,351	5,686,154	5,873,634	6,150,639	6,081,288	6,555,480	6,735,854	6,975,892	7,339,078	7,567,528	8,029,595	7,947,434	8,219,962	9,045,081	9,322,993	9,689,224	10,114,095	10,577,198
Subtotal - Local Own Source Revenues	11,224,362	11,126,523	11,422,630	11,958,942	12,010,067	12,637,798	12,997,077	13,526,383	14,164,785	14,857,909	15,695,890	15,910,663	16,433,030	17,713,135	18,602,661	19,958,091	20,909,154	21,935,183
<i>Intergovernmental Revenue:</i>																		
State Aid	2,587,881	2,498,658	2,541,924	2,499,281	2,541,940	2,836,470	2,980,783	3,090,735	3,033,383	3,359,138	3,517,368	3,683,839	3,543,466	3,676,467	4,948,883	4,473,147	4,505,599	4,588,137
Local Aid	340,912	308,779	333,561	330,102	409,895	391,775	375,941	378,636	527,604	331,366	371,811	399,990	401,890	397,217	397,217	397,217	397,217	397,217
Federal Aid	1,077,804	1,218,445	1,169,494	1,121,132	985,667	1,035,303	1,012,298	994,062	1,002,852	1,061,055	1,065,797	2,307,605	1,615,558	2,813,063	1,126,778	1,160,581	1,195,399	1,231,261
Subtotal - Intergovernmental Revenue	4,006,597	4,025,882	4,044,979	3,950,515	3,937,502	4,263,548	4,369,022	4,463,432	4,563,839	4,751,560	4,954,975	6,391,434	5,560,914	6,886,746	6,472,877	6,030,945	6,098,215	6,216,614
TOTAL LOCAL NON-SCHOOL REVENUES	15,230,959	15,152,405	15,467,609	15,909,457	15,947,569	16,901,346	17,366,099	17,989,815	18,728,624	19,609,468	20,650,865	22,302,096	21,993,944	24,599,881	25,075,538	25,989,035	27,007,369	28,151,798

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School District Revenues																		
<i>Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Property Tax	2,056,723	2,122,599	2,162,072	2,262,056	2,297,370	2,339,265	2,448,645	2,619,632	2,682,117	2,862,966	3,088,007	3,282,667	3,347,758	3,364,258	3,550,061	3,759,842	4,084,358	4,244,630
Taconite Production Tax	8,667	8,805	7,679	7,606	7,257	8,908	9,119	8,664	8,598	8,088	7,851	8,995	10,219	8,353	8,395	8,192	9,432	9,432
Subtotal - School District Tax Revenues	2,065,390	2,131,404	2,169,751	2,269,662	2,304,627	2,348,173	2,457,764	2,628,296	2,690,715	2,871,054	3,095,858	3,291,662	3,357,977	3,372,611	3,558,456	3,768,034	4,093,790	4,254,062
<i>Non-Tax Revenues:</i>																		
Fee Revenue	487,304	493,927	509,731	516,350	526,486	518,615	545,579	567,228	586,260	609,841	509,976	287,311	440,878	628,072	640,633	653,446	666,515	679,845
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	266,948	261,008	261,224	248,829	264,903	264,603	304,628	295,130	315,310	353,881	340,552	249,881	305,856	485,350	490,204	495,106	500,057	505,057
Subtotal - School District Non Tax Revenues	754,252	754,935	770,955	765,179	791,389	783,218	850,207	862,358	901,570	963,722	850,528	537,192	746,734	1,113,422	1,130,837	1,148,552	1,166,572	1,184,902
Subtotal - School Dist Own Source Revenues	2,819,642	2,886,339	2,940,706	3,034,841	3,096,016	3,131,391	3,307,971	3,490,654	3,592,285	3,834,776	3,946,386	3,828,854	4,104,711	4,486,033	4,689,293	4,916,586	5,260,362	5,438,964
<i>Intergovernmental Revenue:</i>																		
State Aid	6,755,240	6,868,597	7,007,915	7,285,035	7,527,881	8,124,733	8,401,294	8,756,732	9,081,450	9,377,205	9,608,665	9,686,331	9,755,722	10,053,881	11,804,176	11,927,385	12,216,446	12,689,353
State Paid Tax Credits	9,592	9,567	10,184	9,934	9,766	9,661	9,784	10,671	10,453	10,545	10,528	12,320	9,583	9,039	8,516	9,225	9,475	9,031
Education Homestead Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education Agricultural Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Market Value Homestead Credit	53,994	57,165	60,934	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	28	11	0	0	0	0
Homestead Agric Land MV Credit	5,624	5,470	5,345	5,279	5,134	5,021	8,801	9,101	8,667	8,544	8,683	8,410	7,376	7,631	7,310	7,469	7,469	7,469
Ag School Bond Credit						0	0	0	0	36,033	38,055	57,040	62,672	70,867	87,662	110,639	132,002	142,134
Local Aid	43,389	40,314	40,927	43,350	47,235	52,039	51,359	50,215	50,412	50,245	48,760	51,118	74,795	76,917	76,553	76,553	76,553	76,553
Federal Aid	1,362,002	905,266	797,199	709,503	695,420	699,270	713,583	744,012	749,207	775,769	825,597	1,447,341	1,960,937	1,692,254	966,004	1,004,690	1,044,924	1,086,770
Subtotal - Intergovernmental Revenue	8,229,841	7,886,379	7,922,504	8,053,233	8,285,436	8,890,724	9,184,821	9,570,731	9,900,189	10,258,341	10,540,287	11,262,581	11,871,113	11,910,600	12,950,221	13,135,961	13,486,869	14,011,310
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES	11,049,483	10,772,718	10,863,210	11,088,074	11,381,452	12,022,115	12,492,792	13,061,385	13,492,474	14,093,117	14,486,673	15,091,435	15,975,824	16,396,633	17,639,514	18,052,547	18,747,231	19,450,274

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Total State, Local & School District Revenues																		
<i>Tax Revenues</i>	23,465,518	25,297,830	26,396,208	28,259,727	30,089,178	31,491,094	32,402,442	33,144,135	34,701,965	36,836,684	36,986,745	41,215,936	45,462,616	45,800,965	45,617,240	48,773,363	50,908,916	53,045,686
<i>Non-Tax Revenues</i>	10,352,949	10,340,483	10,573,430	10,966,094	11,165,632	11,291,871	11,999,610	12,028,624	13,649,575	12,776,598	13,082,730	13,486,009	13,230,554	15,263,545	15,476,280	15,376,672	15,652,642	16,059,446
<i>Intergovernmental Revenue</i>	21,962,044	21,669,018	20,453,587	20,811,789	21,632,485	23,719,001	24,484,486	25,021,565	26,440,357	26,834,914	30,316,989	34,493,890	38,892,947	38,777,585	41,309,874	40,111,922	40,055,248	40,971,431
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	55,780,511	57,307,331	57,423,225	60,037,610	62,887,294	66,501,965	68,886,538	70,194,324	74,791,897	76,448,195	80,386,464	89,195,835	97,586,117	99,842,095	102,403,395	104,261,956	106,616,806	110,076,564
Less: Intergovernmental Revenues	(21,962,044)	(21,669,018)	(20,453,587)	(20,811,789)	(21,632,485)	(23,719,001)	(24,484,486)	(25,021,565)	(26,440,357)	(26,834,914)	(30,316,989)	(34,493,890)	(38,892,947)	(38,777,585)	(41,309,874)	(40,111,922)	(40,055,248)	(40,971,431)
Total Own Source Revenues	33,818,467	35,638,313	36,969,638	39,225,821	41,254,810	42,782,964	44,402,052	45,172,759	48,351,540	49,613,282	50,069,476	54,701,945	58,693,171	61,064,510	61,093,520	64,150,035	66,561,558	69,105,132
Minnesota Personal Income	219,734,189	236,165,285	249,324,070	258,876,028	265,454,680	281,310,700	288,878,472	298,518,473	310,647,129	326,720,668	346,130,671	368,974,603	377,242,450	396,801,268	414,475,000	436,565,000	458,255,000	480,032,500
Revenue as Percent of Personal Income	15.4%	15.1%	14.8%	15.2%	15.5%	15.2%	15.4%	15.1%	15.6%	15.2%	14.5%	14.8%	15.6%	15.4%	14.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.4%