

Percent Increase or Decrease in State Funding by Budget Category Since 2008



Source: State of Mississippi Budgets FY2008 and FY2016

While most state agencies had seen their budgets rebound from the recession and surpass Fiscal Year 2008 levels by 2012, K-12 lagged behind, with appropriations falling below 2008 levels through the last fiscal year. In Fiscal Year 2016, for the first time since the recession, the K-12 appropriation crept past that previous high-water mark, besting 2008 levels by 2.47 percent. As is evidenced in the chart above, other state agencies are now well past the 2008 level, some seeing nearly 80 percent growth in the intervening eight years. Even the Legislature's own budget is up 21 percent over 2008 levels.

Note: The State Budget produced by the Legislative Budget Office includes in the Colleges and Universities line item state-funded student financial aid, student tuition, institutional self-insurance fees, and University Medical Center patient fees.