



Source: State of Mississippi Budgets FY2008 and FY2017

While most state agencies saw their budgets rebound from the recession and surpass Fiscal Year 2008 levels by 2012, K-12 lagged behind, with appropriations falling below 2008 levels until Fiscal Year 2016. The **Fiscal Year 2017 K-12 appropriation is 1.36% more than the 2008 appropriation**. Since 2008, inflation has driven prices up more than 15%, reducing significantly the “buying power” of public schools. During that same time period, **the rest of the state budget, excluding K-12 education, has grown by 37.61%**.

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.