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# POLICY TALKING POINTS

## Tax Modernization, Fiscal and Public Policy

**Tax modernization is a benefit to Georgians that everyone can support.**

State spending drives state progress, and the state budget drives state spending. A modernized tax system will ensure that Georgia has the revenues it needs to meet the priorities of the 5th fastest growing state in the nation.

### Snapshot of State Spending

	FY 1991 (\$7.6B)	FY 2007 (\$17.6B)
Education	51.4%	53.8%
Medicaid and PeachCare	9.0%	12.5%
Health and Social Services	12.3%	8.9%
Criminal Justice	9.6%	9.9%
Transportation	6.6%	3.8%
Debt Service	4.6%	4.9%
Homeowners Tax Relief		2.5%
All Other State Agencies	6.5%	3.8%

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State Revenues as a Share of Personal Income: (FY 1995—FY 2005)

