

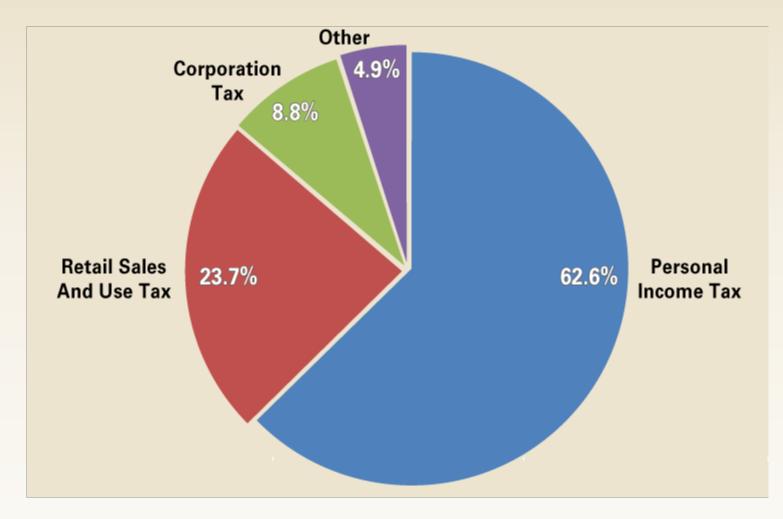
Overview of the State Budget Process

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Key Roles of the Department of Finance

- Advise the Governor on Fiscal Policy
- Prepare the Budget
- Fiscal Oversight
- Audits and Program Evaluation
- Demographic and Population Research
- Infrastructure Planning
- Accounting System
- Redevelopment Agency Dissolution

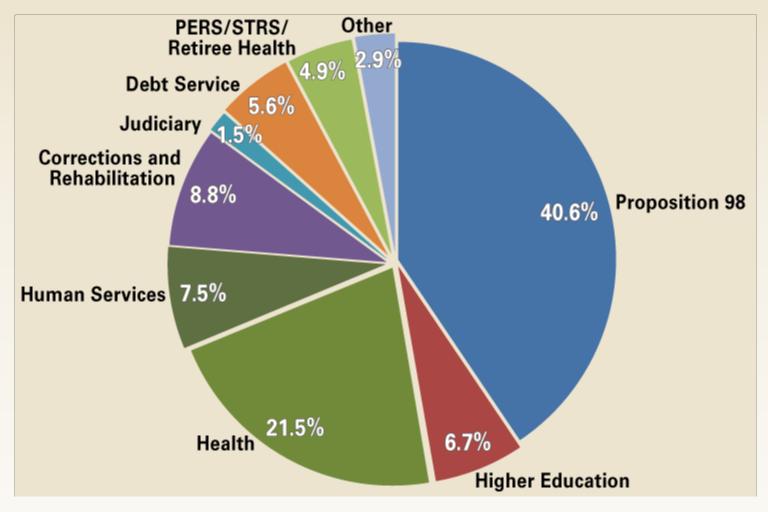
Where Do State General Fund Revenues Come From?



Key Factors in Forecasting Revenues

- Economic Outlook
 - Gross Domestic Product/Personal Income
 - Employment
 - Inflation
 - Stock Market
 - Corporate Profits
 - Housing Market
- Federal and State Policy Changes
- Cash vs. Budget

Where Do State General Fund Dollars Go?



Source: Department of Finance

Timeline of the Budget

- Summer: Submission of Budget Change Proposals
- Fall: Finance review of proposals, caseload projections, economic and revenue projections
 - Release of Governor's Budget on January 10
- Spring: Updated projections and proposals
 Release of May Revision on May 14
- June 15: deadline for legislative passage of budget

Key Recent Changes in Budget Process

- Proposition 25 (2010) Majority vote for legislative passage of budget
- Multiyear Budgeting Forecast of spending and revenues three years beyond the budget year
- Focus on Efficiency and Achieving Goals Governor's Executive Order for zero-based budgeting, program reviews, performance measures