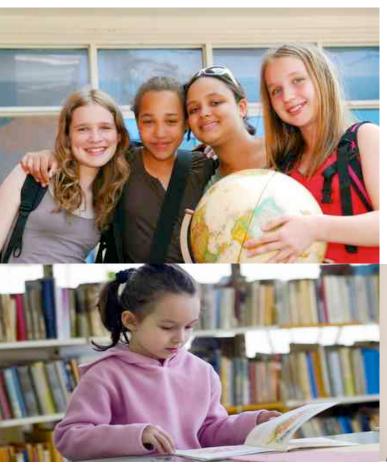
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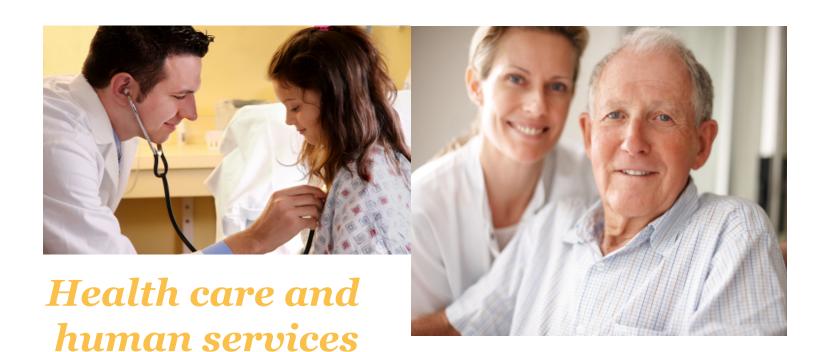




Schools, libraries, and universities















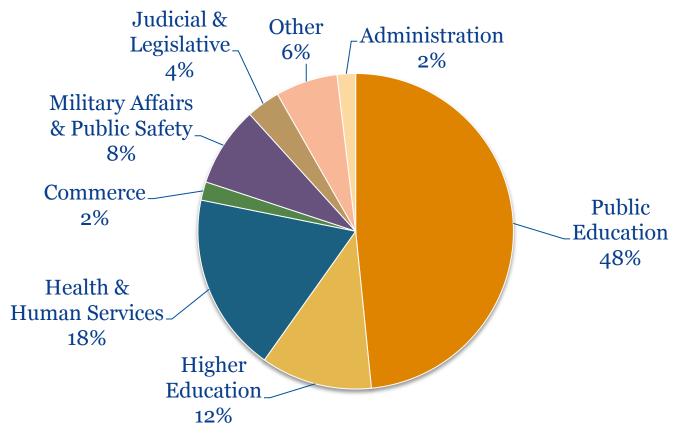


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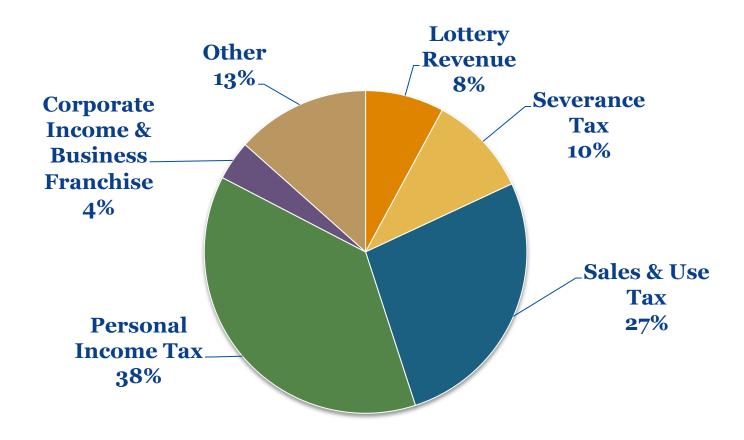
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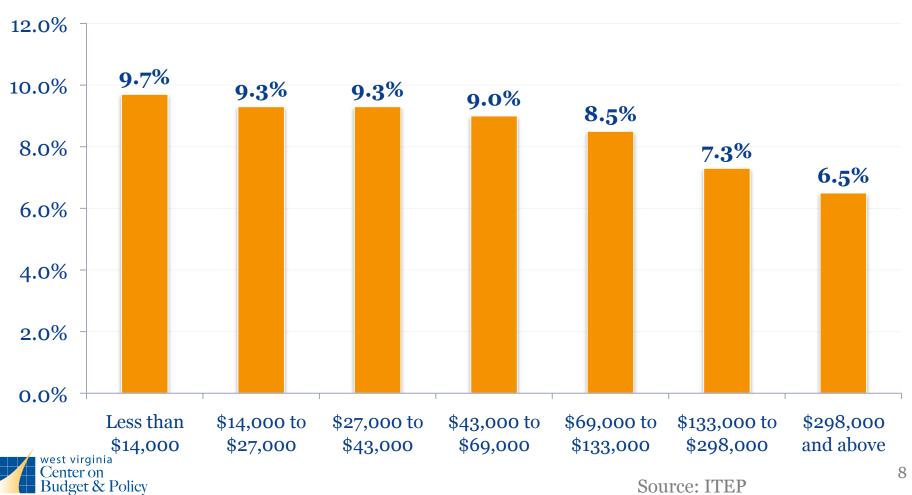
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Who Pays?

WV State and Local Taxes as a Percent of Family Income

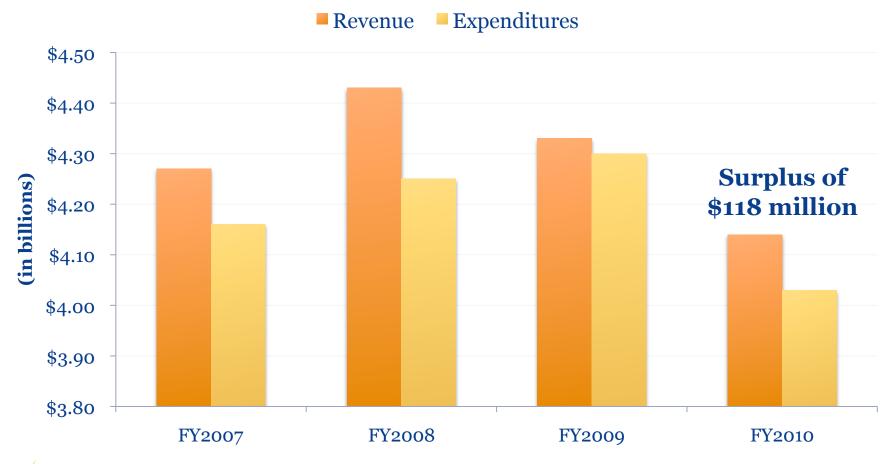


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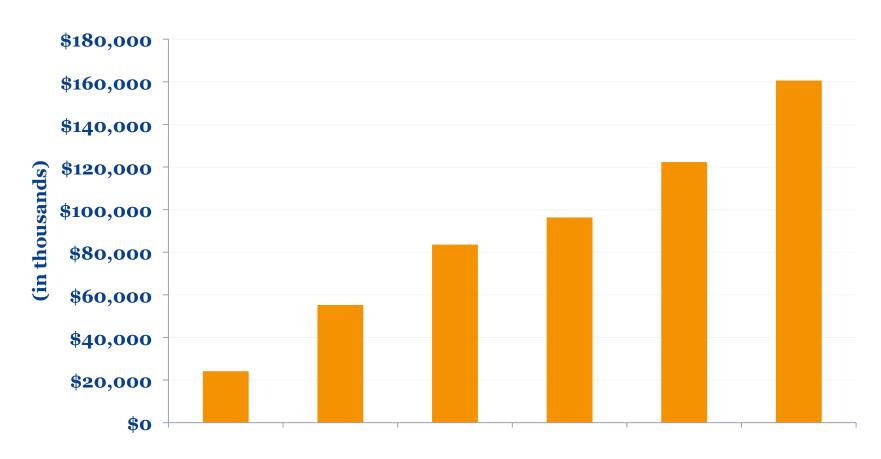
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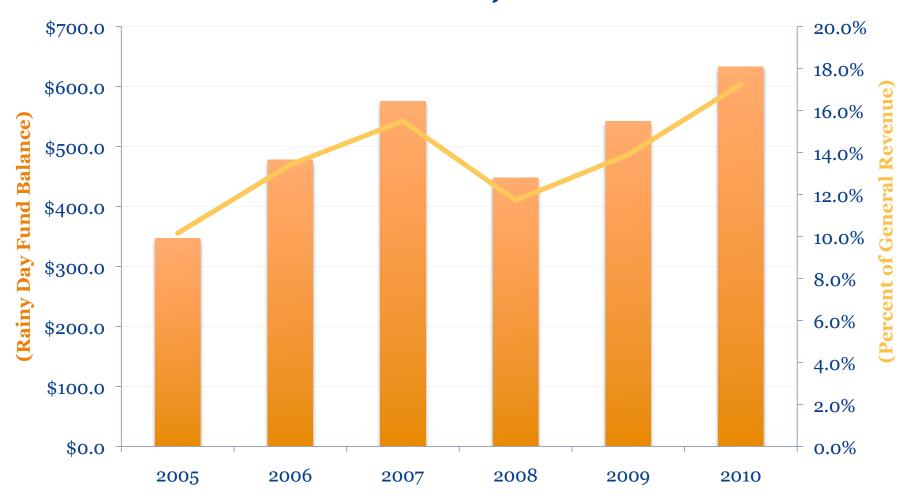


Current Year (FY2011) Revenue Surplus \$160 million ahead of schedule...





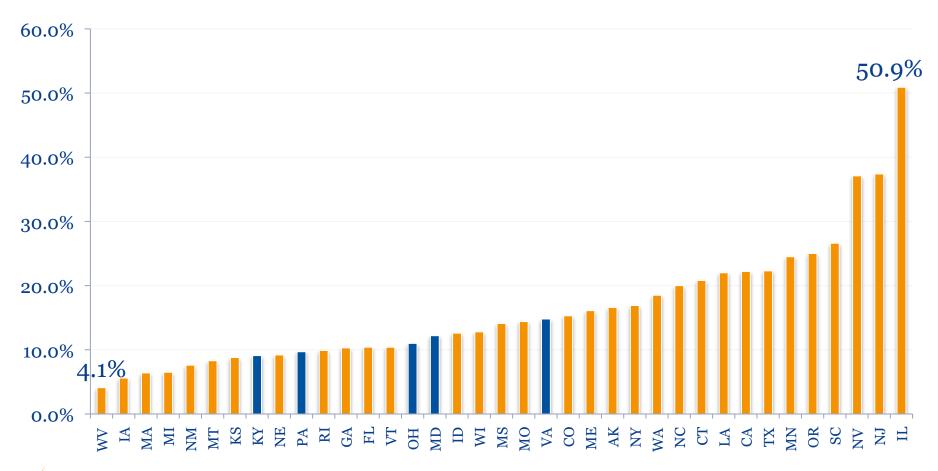
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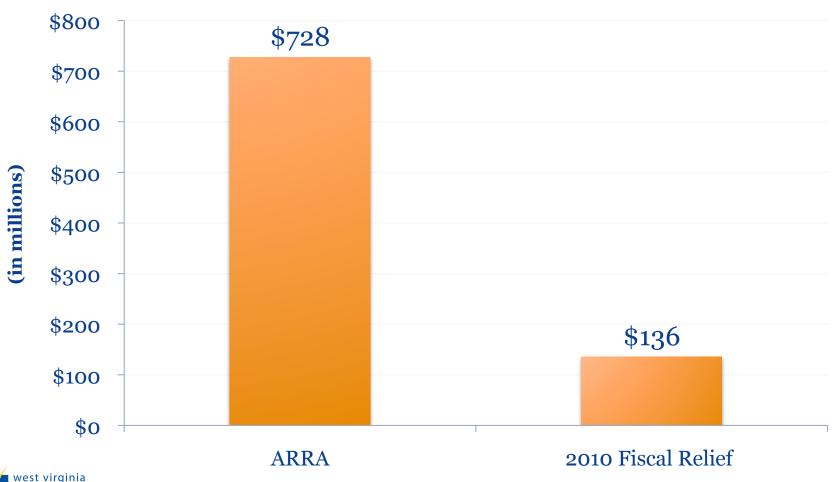
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West Virginia's Budget in Good Shape Projected FY 2012 State Budget Gaps





Without Federal Aid, Painful Budget Cuts \$864 million in federal "backfill" funds





Taming the Budget: Short and Long-Term Budget Challenges





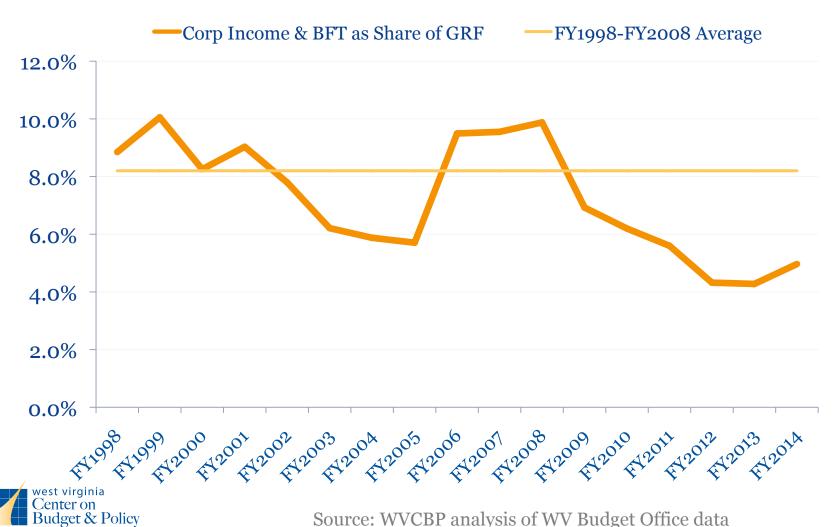
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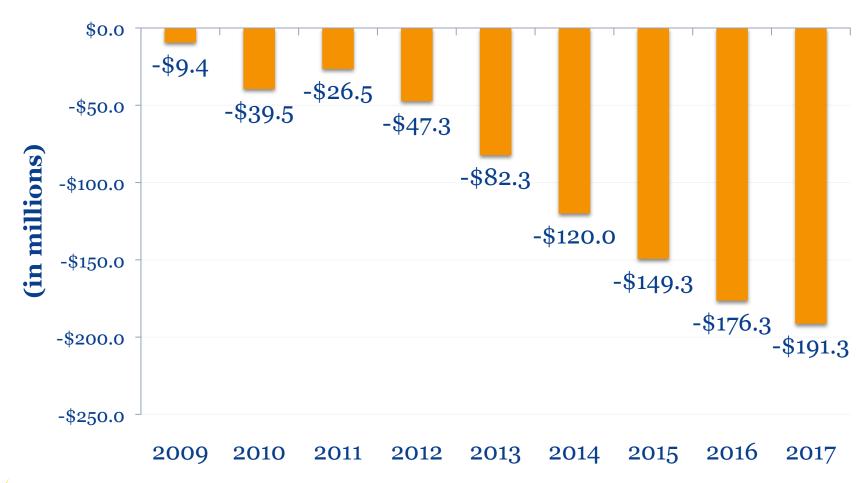
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Major Business Taxes Smaller Share of Budget BFT and Corp Income = 4.3% in FY2012



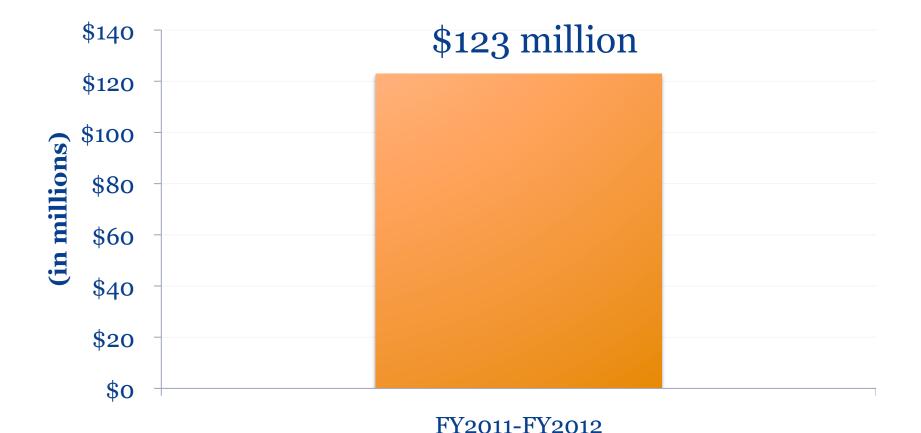
Major Business Tax Cuts

Reduce Budget Revenue by \$793 million from 2011 to 2015





Obama Tax Deal: Business Expensing Reduces Revenues





UI Trust Fund Needs To Be Repaired Projected December 2011 balance \$23 million





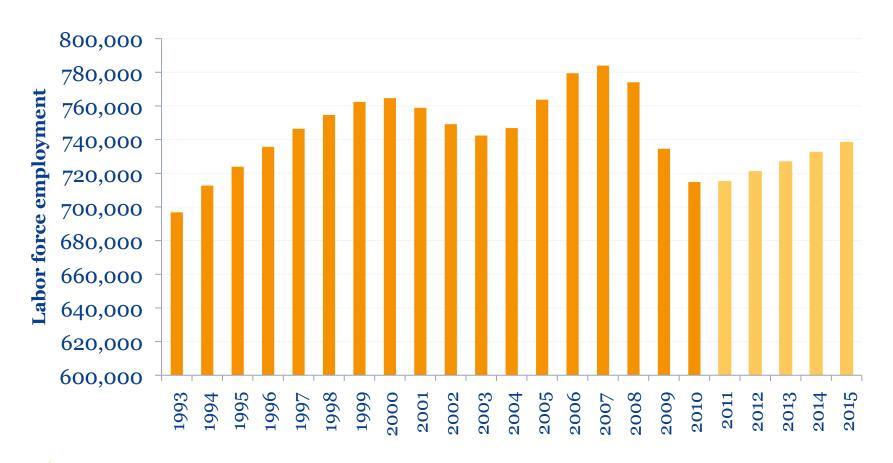
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Legacy of Great Recession

Slow Recovery for West Virginia Workers



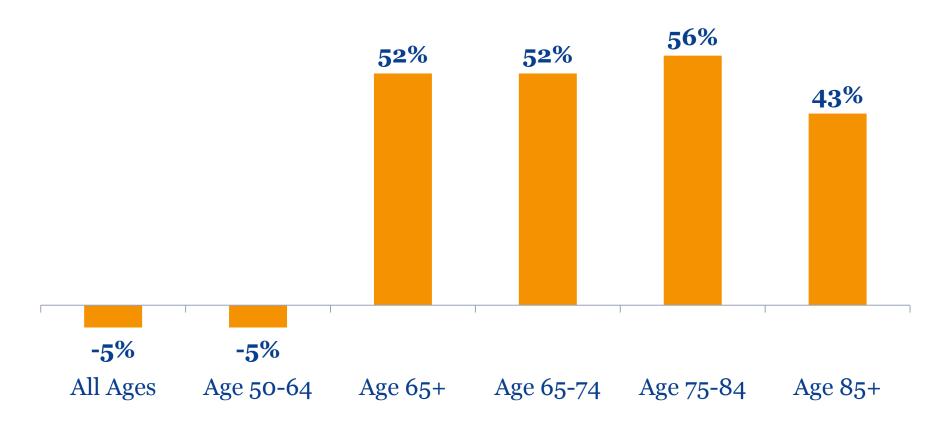


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Graying of Population:

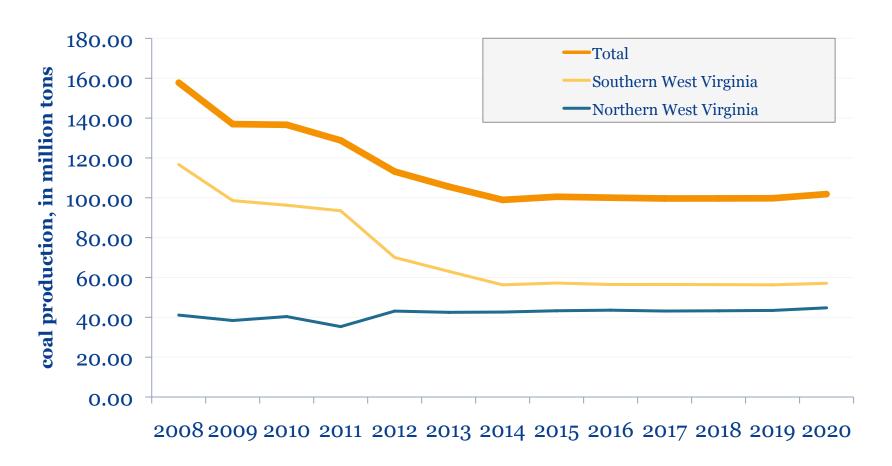
Working Age Population Shrinks while elderly population increases by 150,000 in 2030





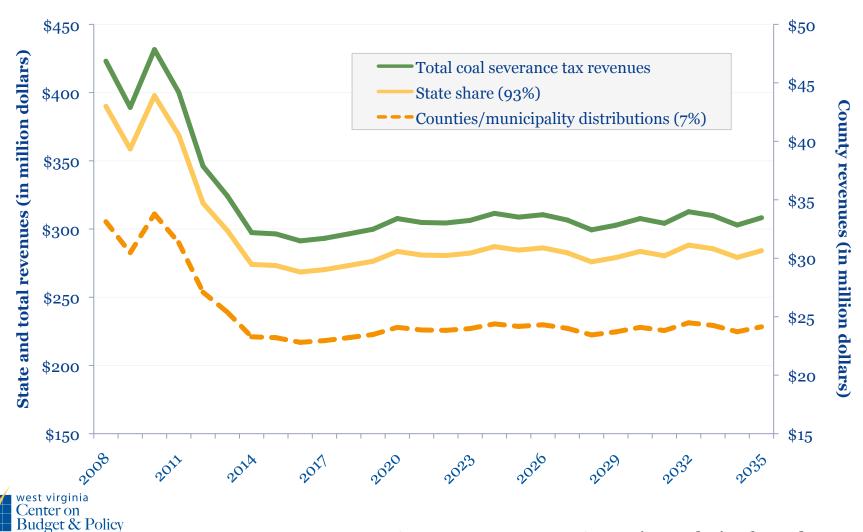
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Decline in WV Coal Production (2008-2020) Total production declines 54%, Southern WV 101%



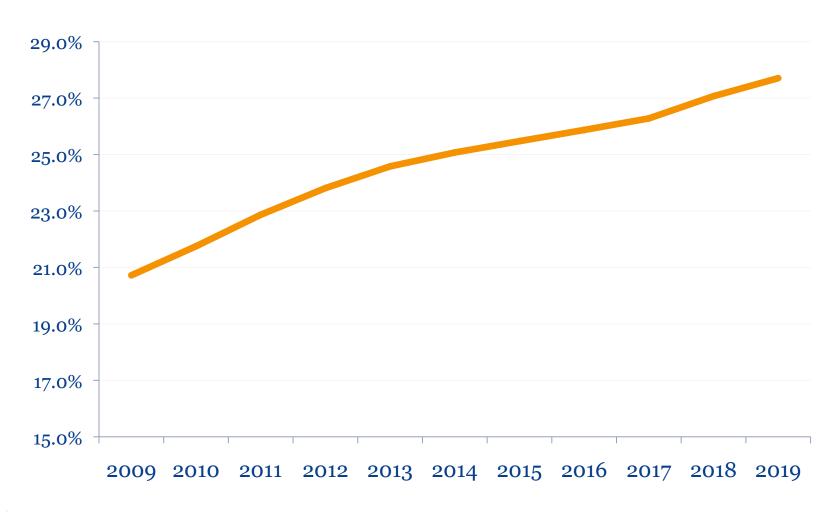


Projected Coal Severance Tax Revenues (2008-2035) Counties and State would see 37% decline



Health Care Costs Rising

Projected WV Health Care Insurance Spending As a Share of GSP





Building a Stronger Budget





Policies for 2011 Legislative Session

UI Modernization:

Last chance to receive \$22 million from Recovery Act (August 2011).

• Decouple from Businesses Expensing:

West Virginia can decouple from business expensing provision of Obama's tax deal and save budget an estimated \$123 million.

• Implement Health Care Reform:

From 2010 to 2019, state and local governments could save \$107 billion.

Don't Overreact to OPEB:

Find balance between addressing liability and investing in state.



Policies for 2011 Legislative Session

Adequate Tobacco Taxation:

West Virginia has one of the lowest tobacco taxes in the nation. A \$1.00 increase will yield an estimated \$117 million in revenue.

Scrutinize Tax Expenditures:

Make tax expenditures part of the budget process. Evaluate the effectiveness of tax credits (e.g. thin-seam coal tax credit - \$68m in 2008).

Create a Permanent Severance Tax Trust Fund:

Several states, including New Mexico and Wyoming, convert depleting natural resources into a source of sustainable wealth.

• Invest in Workforce:

Investments in workforce training are 10 times more efficient than tax cuts.



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