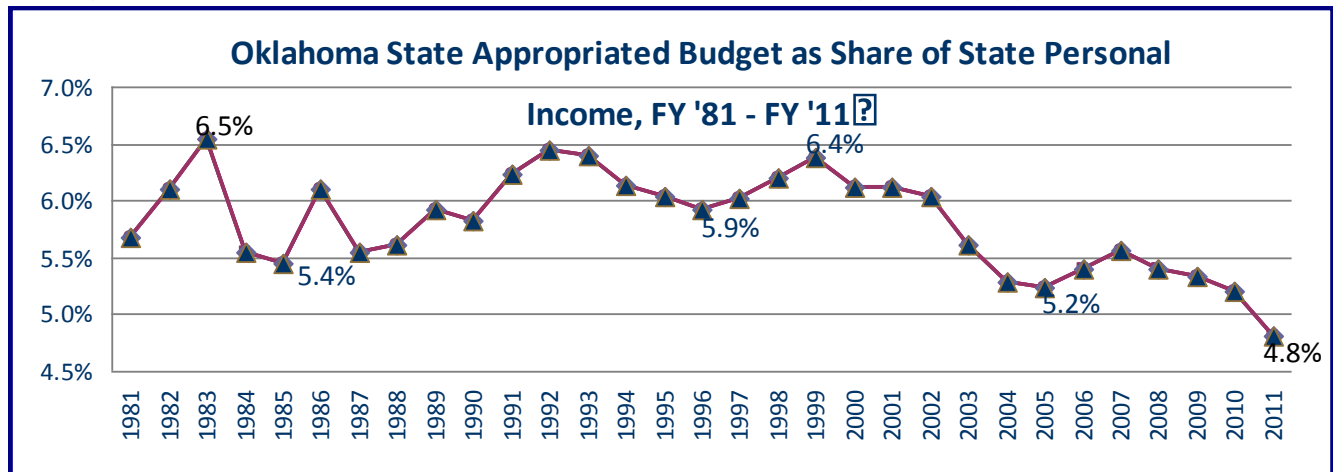


## Oklahoma State Spending As Share of Economy Hits 30-Year Low

- Oklahoma's state appropriated budget in relation to the size of the state's economy has been in long-term decline and this decline has accelerated sharply in recent years.



- 2011 is expected to mark the lowest percentage of state appropriated spending as a share of personal earnings in thirty years.** The graph shows each year's budgeted state appropriations as a percentage of state personal income since 1981. In 2011, state appropriated spending on public services is projected to represent 4.8 percent of its residents projected total income. This represents a steep drop from 6.4 percent in 1999 and is far less than the 30-year average of 5.8 percent.
- Since 2001, state personal income has grown at twice the rate of the state appropriated budget.** Personal income has grown from \$88.5 billion in 2001 to \$139.7 billion in 2011, an increase of 58 percent, while the state budget grew by only 24 percent, from \$5.4 billion to \$6.7 billion during the same period.
- Since 2007, state personal income will have grown by 15 percent; however, this year's state appropriated budget is slightly less than in FY'07.

### METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

- State appropriations data come from the annual executive budget and other sources. State personal income data are from the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and encompasses all of the different kinds of income received by Oklahomans. Personal income is the sum of wage, salary, supplemental or bonus, rental and proprietors' income, plus any dividends or interest income.
- Quarterly data on state personal income from the BEA have been converted to correspond with state government fiscal year budget appropriations, so each year is presented in terms of the state fiscal year (SFY).
- State personal income for the last three quarters of SFY '11 was projected to rise at a 1 percent growth rate each quarter. Growth in the three quarters preceding the projection (Jan.—Sept. 2010) were 1.3 percent, 1.8 percent, and 1 percent.