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**JLARC – 10 year review of state spending**

On Nov. 9, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) received [staff reports](#) on 10 years of state spending in response to Code of Virginia §30-58.3. The Commission's staff presentation focused on factors that contribute to Virginia's budget growth from FY 2000 to FY 2009, agencies that accounted for most of the growth in total appropriations and general fund appropriations, agencies with general fund growth rates that exceeded the overall general fund growth rate and grew more slowly than inflation or decreased, and programs that accounted for most of the growth in total appropriations.

Key findings were that Virginia's budget grew 73 percent in nominal terms (46 percent in general funds, 103 percent in non-general fund). After adjusting for inflation and population, Virginia's budget grew 28 percent from FY 2000 to FY 2009. Many factors contribute to budget growth, i.e. population growth, changes in the economy, growing agency caseloads, policy choices, and growth in non-general funds. Growth remains concentrated in a few state agencies and programs.

[Read the report.](#)

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