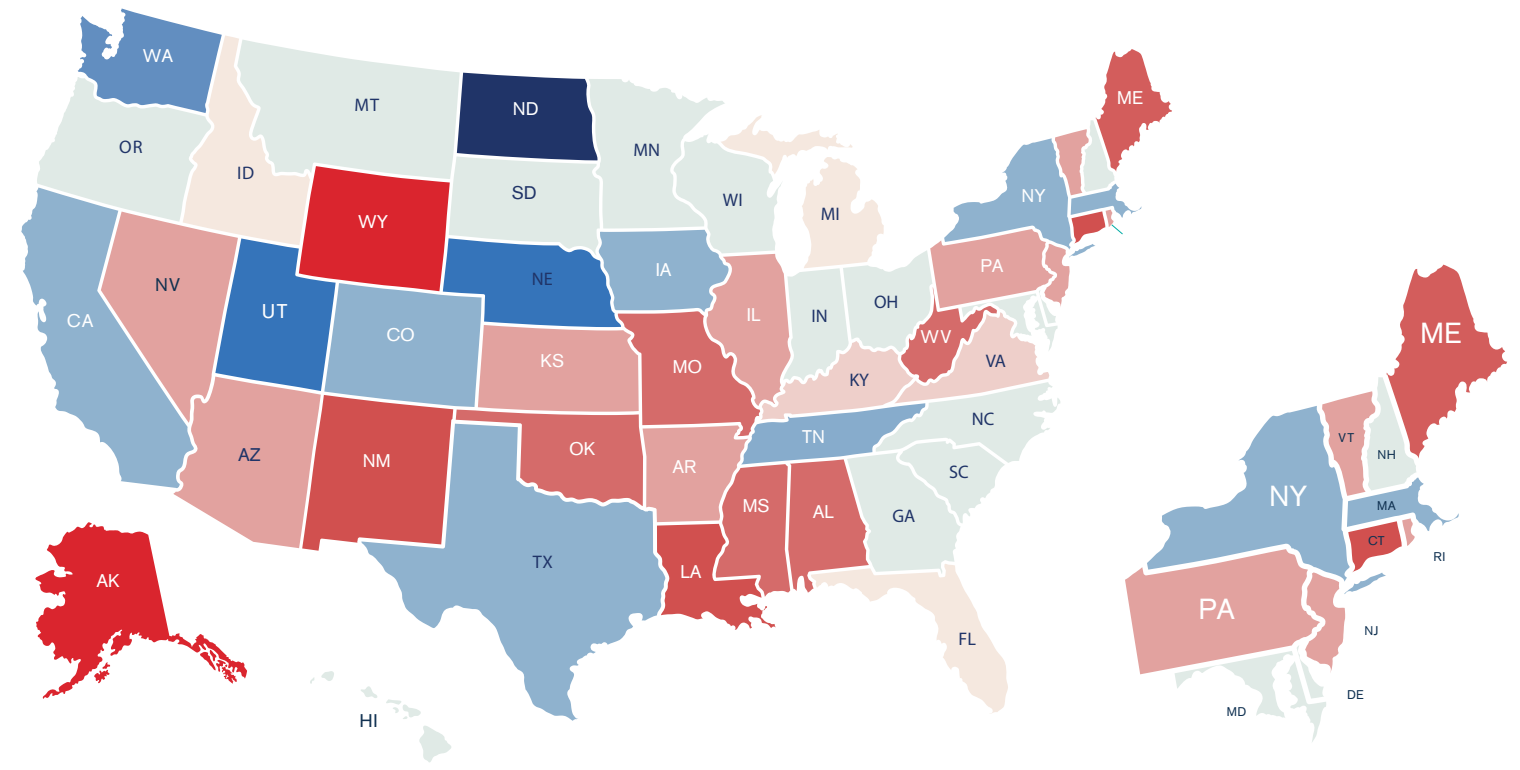


Look inside to see how Connecticut's economy is doing compared to the rest of the country.  
*(Hint: It isn't good!)*

## Connecticut's Economic Growth Lags Other States – High Taxes Are Holding Us Back

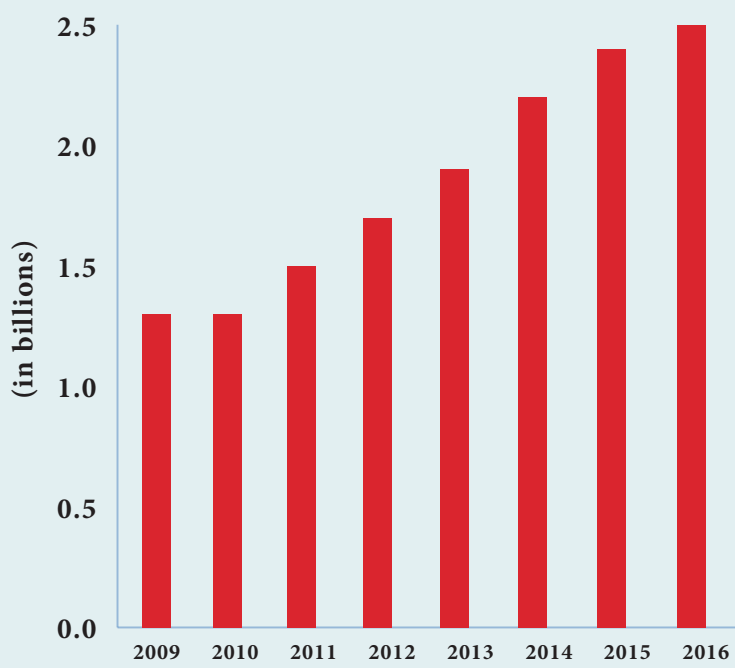


Percent change in gross state product between 2008 and 2017

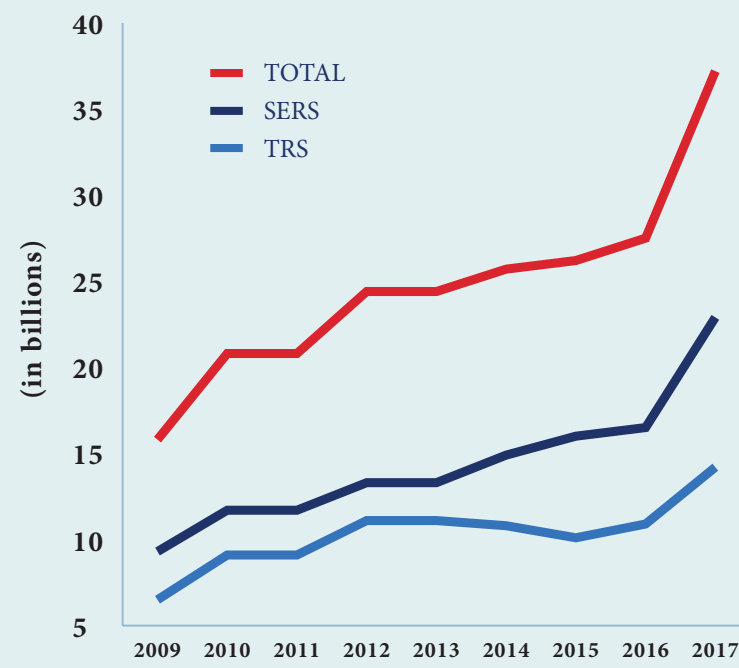
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### Pension payments have doubled, but the amount we owe keeps growing!

Pension Payments



Unfunded Liabilities



| State          | Gross State Product 2008 (millions of current dollars) | Gross State Product 2017 (millions of current dollars) | Percent change in gross state product between 2008 and 2017 | Rank | State          | Gross State Product 2008 (millions of current dollars) | Gross State Product 2017 (millions of current dollars) | Percent change in gross state product between 2008 and 2017 | Rank |
|----------------|--|--|---|------|----------------|--|--|---|------|
| Wyoming        | 42,872   | 40,286   | -6.03   | 50   | Montana        | 36,917   | 48,008   | 30.20   | 25   |
| Alaska         | 55,461   | 52,789   | -4.82   | 49   | Oregon         | 180,934  | 236,219  | 30.56   | 24   |
| Connecticut    | 298,211  | 280,827  | -9.49   | 48   | New Hampshire  | 61,442   | 80,516   | 31.04   | 23   |
| New Mexico     | 86,318   | 97,090   | 12.48   | 47   | Indiana        | 273,475  | 359,122  | 31.32   | 22   |
| Louisiana      | 218,781  | 246,264  | 12.56   | 46   | Michigan       | 384,270  | 504,967  | 31.41   | 21   |
| Mississippi    | 97,134   | 111,707  | 15  | 45   | Ohio           | 492,745  | 649,127  | 31.74   | 20   |
| New Jersey     | 491,855  | 591,743  | 20.31   | 44   | Hawaii         | 66,692   | 88,136   | 32.15   | 19   |
| Oklahoma       | 156,398  | 189,160  | 20.95   | 43   | Wisconsin      | 244,546  | 324,061  | 32.52   | 18   |
| Nevada         | 128,969  | 156,319  | 21.77   | 42   | Minnesota      | 264,269  | 351,119  | 32.85   | 17   |
| Missouri       | 250,088  | 304,898  | 21.92   | 41   | Delaware       | 55,263   | 73,541   | 33  | 16   |
| Alabama        | 172,646  | 210,954  | 22.19   | 40   | Maryland       | 294,564  | 393,632  | 33.63   | 15   |
| West Virginia  | 82,681   | 76,794   | -22.71  | 39   | South Dakota   | 37,246   | 49,928   | 34.06   | 14   |
| Maine          | 49,949   | 61,404   | 22.93   | 38   | Colorado       | 254,784  | 342,748  | 34.52   | 13   |
| Kansas         | 128,108  | 157,797  | 23.17   | 37   | Georgia        | 411,666  | 554,269  | 34.58   | 12   |
| Arizona        | 256,718  | 319,850  | 24.59   | 36   | South Carolina | 162,266  | 219,093  | 35.02   | 11   |
| Arkansas       | 99,638   | 124,918  | 25.12   | 35   | Texas          | 1,243,387  | 1,696,206  | 36.42   | 10   |
| Rhode Island   | 47,343   | 59,458   | 25.59   | 34   | Massachusetts  | 365,445  | 527,455  | 36.84   | 9    |
| Vermont        | 25,467   | 32,197   | 26.43   | 33   | Iowa           | 137,741  | 190,191  | 38.08   | 8    |
| Kentucky       | 158,847  | 202,507  | 27.49   | 32   | California     | 1,983,926  | 2,746,873  | 38.46   | 7    |
| Virginia       | 368,817  | 508,662  | 27.54   | 31   | Tennessee      | 249,052  | 345,210  | 38.61   | 6    |
| Illinois       | 642,698  | 820,362  | 27.64   | 30   | New York       | 1,113,446  | 1,547,116  | 38.85   | 5    |
| Idaho          | 55,853   | 71,886   | 28.71   | 29   | Utah           | 118,117  | 165,526  | 42.55   | 4    |
| Florida        | 748,320  | 967,397  | 29.27   | 28   | Washington     | 364,210  | 506,353  | 42.56   | 3    |
| North Carolina | 415,095  | 538,291  | 29.68   | 27   | Nebraska       | 84,873   | 121,774  | 43.48   | 2    |
| Pennsylvania   | 579,432  | 752,071  | 29.79   | 26   | North Dakota   | 32,495   | 55,489   | 70.77   | 1    |

## Steep Rise in Connecticut Spending 1970-2017

Net Appropriations Percent Growth (Indexed to 1970) Gross State Product (Percent Change Indexed to 1970) State Population (Percent Change Indexed to 1970)

