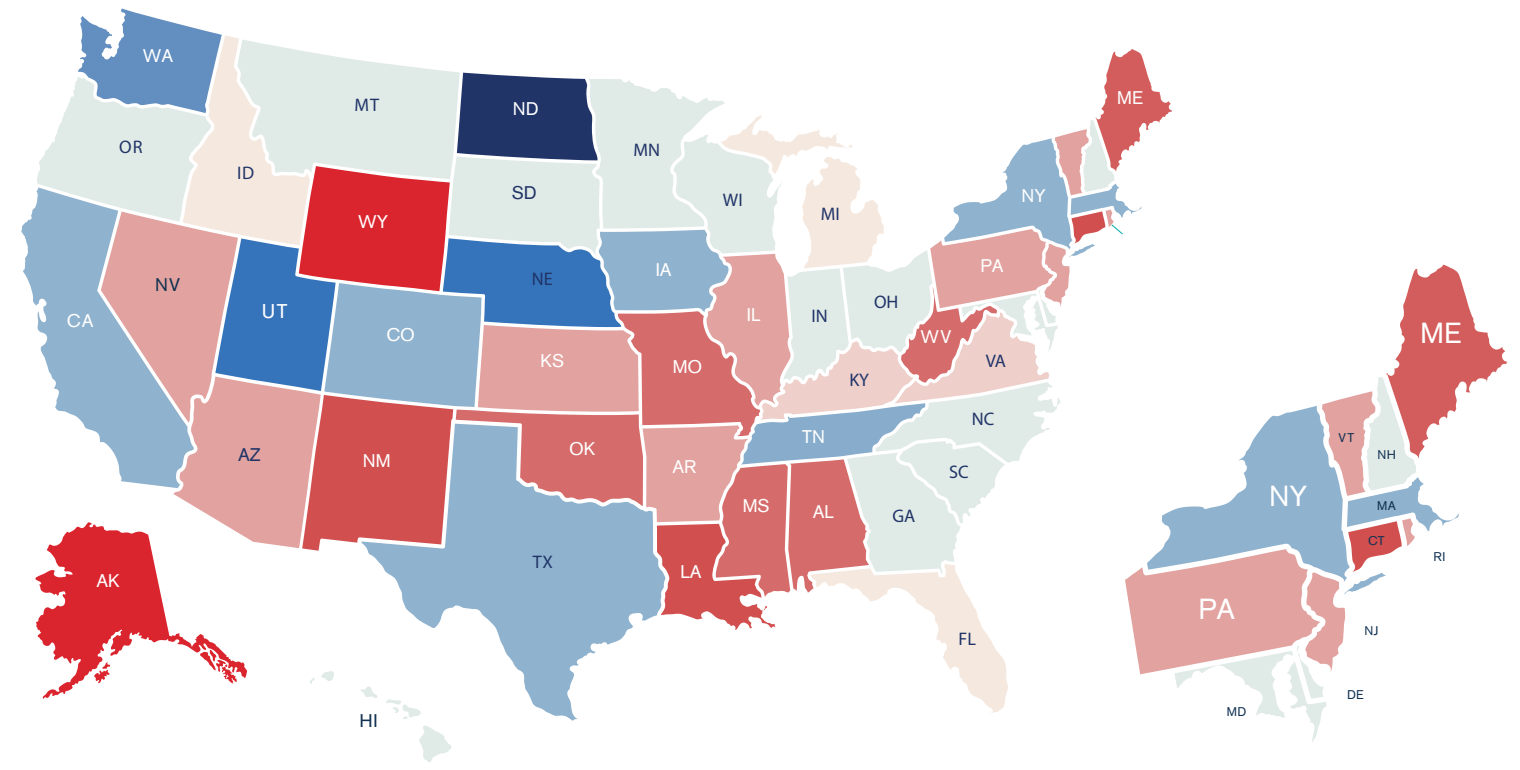


Look inside to see how Connecticut's economy is doing compared to the rest of the country.
(Hint: It isn't good!)

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

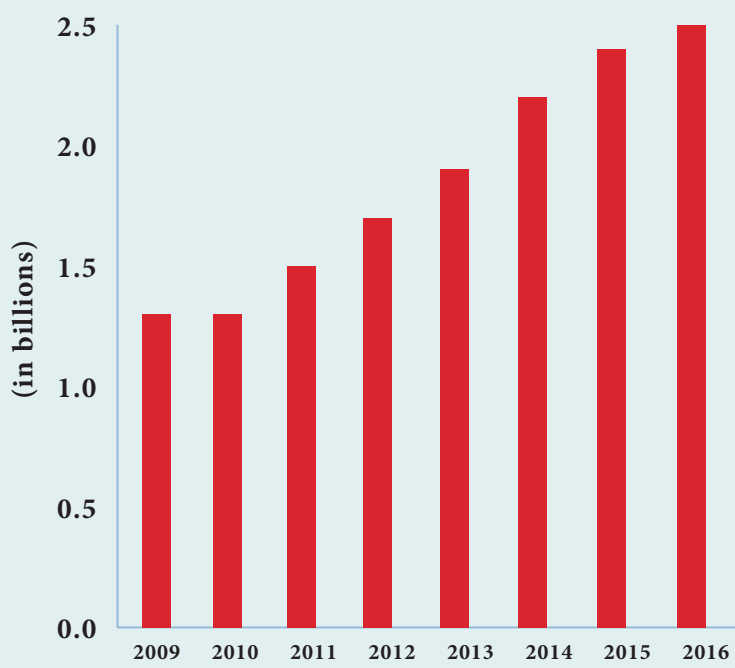


Percent change in gross state product between 2008 and 2017

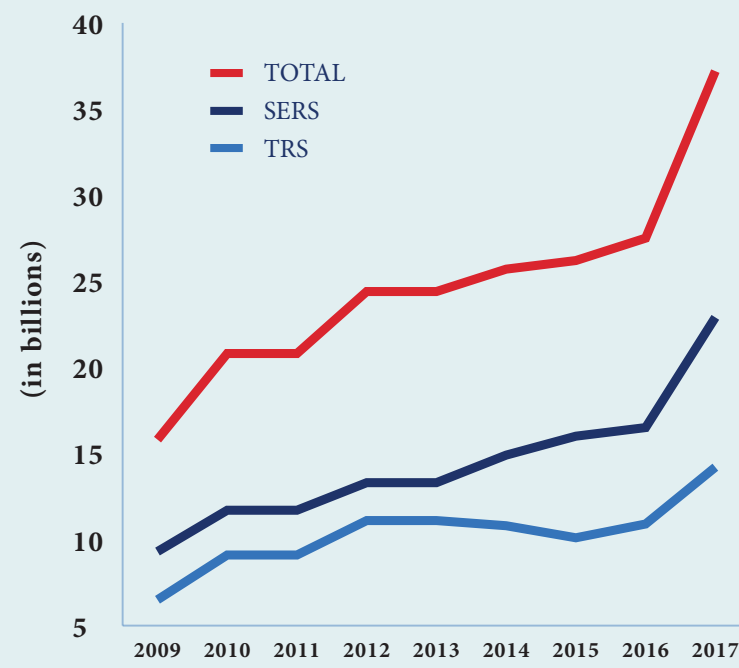
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Pension payments have doubled, but the amount we owe keeps growing!

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	1,699,206	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)

