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Overview: Fiscal 2017-2019

- Total state spending rose by 5.7 percent in fiscal 2019, compared to 3.4 percent in fiscal 2018.
- Spending from states' own funds increased at the highest annual growth rate since the last recession.
- Transportation and the "all other" category experienced strong spending growth from state funds in fiscal 2019, while Medicaid spending growth slowed.
- Spending from federal funds to states also rose in fiscal 2019, partly due to recent federal budget agreements.
- State tax collections experienced strong gains in both fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019, following two years of slow growth in fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2017.
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