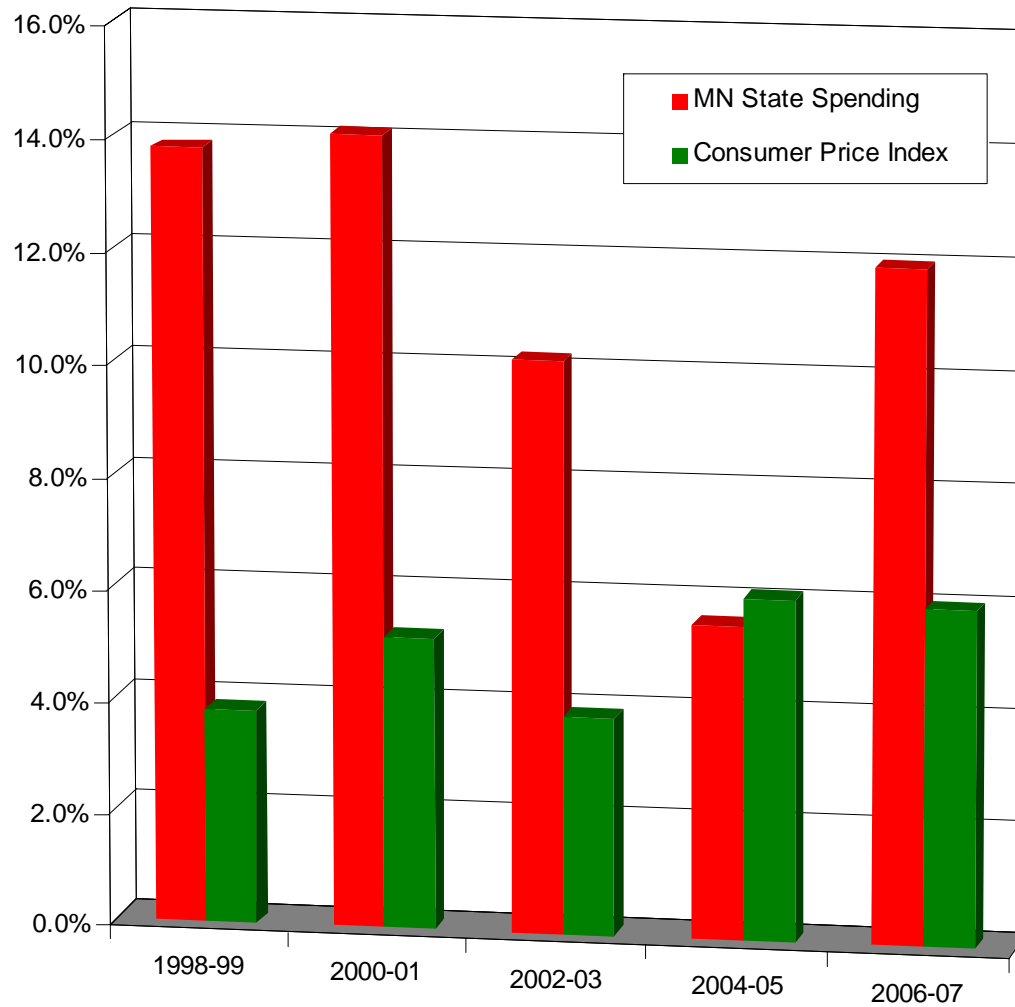


State Spending vs. CPI (% Change/Biennium)



SOURCES:

- State spending data from MN Department of Finance, "Historical Expenditures General Fund and All Funds" (published June 2007)
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