Budget Stabilization Factor as a Percent: Looking at Potential Consequences in 2020-21

In 2008-09, education funding met the goals of Amendment 23 and increased funding above minimum by about 3.8 percent, $19.82 per pupil. Then the Great Recession occurred, and the state created the Budget Stabilization Factor, a mechanism to reduce funding. Starting in the 2009-10 school year, the state reduced funding with a 2.3 percent mid-year rescission. The Budget Stabilization Factor grew to more than 16 percent in 2012-13. It has been declining since then with the 2019-20 school year at 7 percent. Concerns arise moving forward if the Budget Stabilization factor begins to grow again.