# **DEFAC Advisory Panel on Fiscal Controls and Budget Smoothing**

October 20, 2017



## **Charge of Commission**

- Review the May 2015 Revenue Report and undertake further analysis as necessary
- Report on
  - the State's adherence to the 98% appropriation limit
  - the use of the Budget Reserve Account
  - the need for reasonable restrictions on the use of budget surpluses, and
  - the benefits of a budget stabilization fund
  - other matters as deemed appropriate
- Identify Constitutional, statutory, and regulatory changes necessary



#### **Recent Revenue Studies**

- Structural Evaluation of Delaware's Revenue Portfolio (2015)
- Unclaimed Property Task Force (2014)
- Lottery Commission (2014—2015)



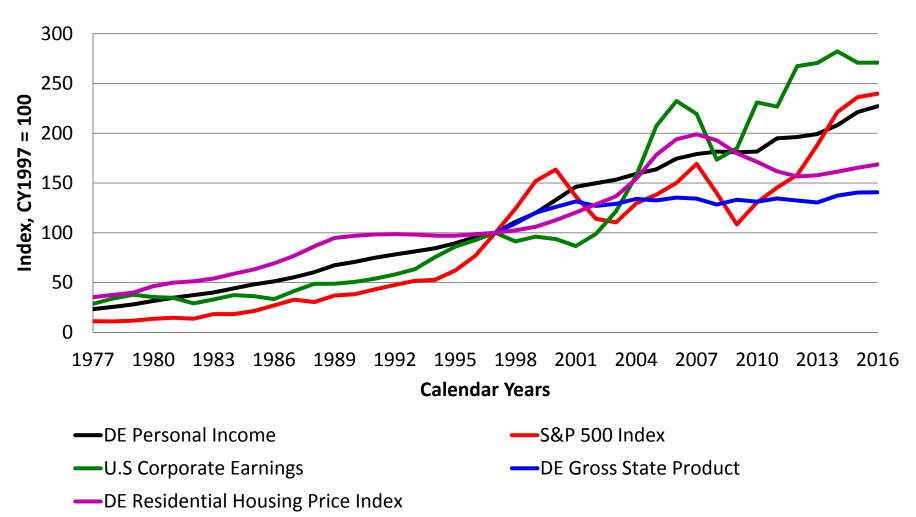
## Recent Expenditure Studies

- Expenditure Review Committee (2016)
- Government Efficiency and Accountability Review (GEAR) Board
- School District Consolidation
- Health Care Benchmark

# Delaware's Macro Economy Budgetary "Means" and "Needs"

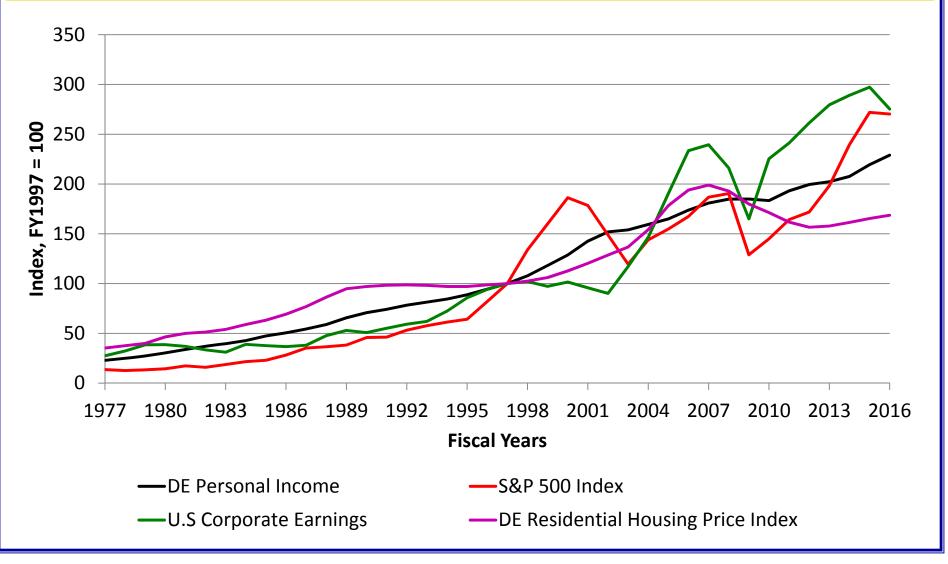


#### Natural tax bases in one chart



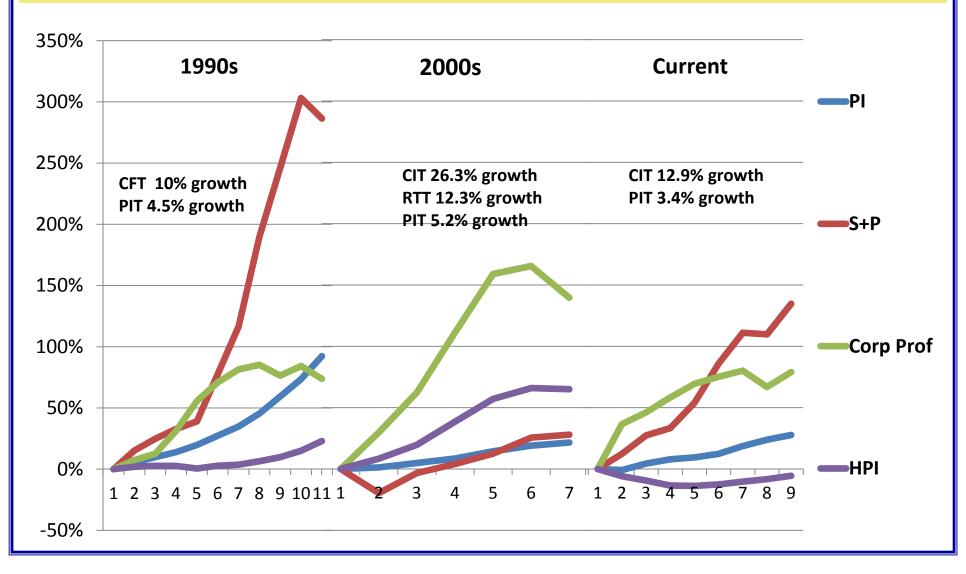


# Natural tax bases are highly correlated despite volatility





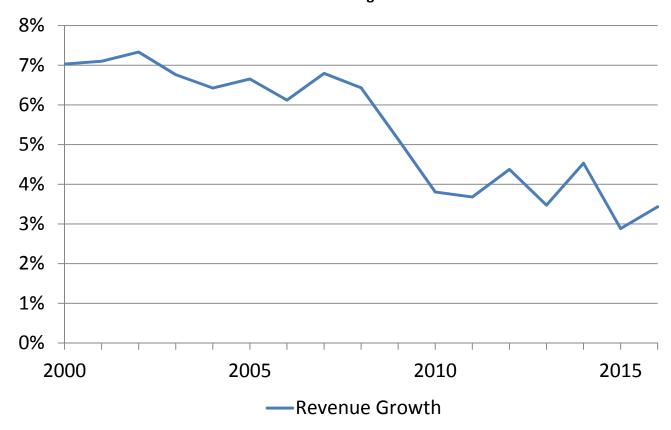
# Different Bases for Different Business Cycles





#### **Delaware Revenues**

10-Year Rolling Growth

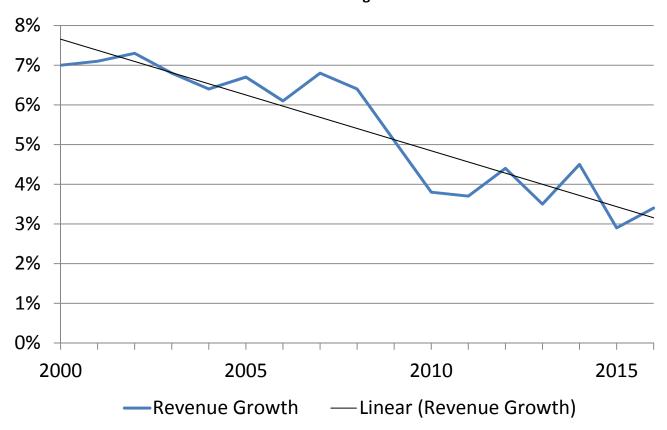


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#### **Revenues (Trend)**

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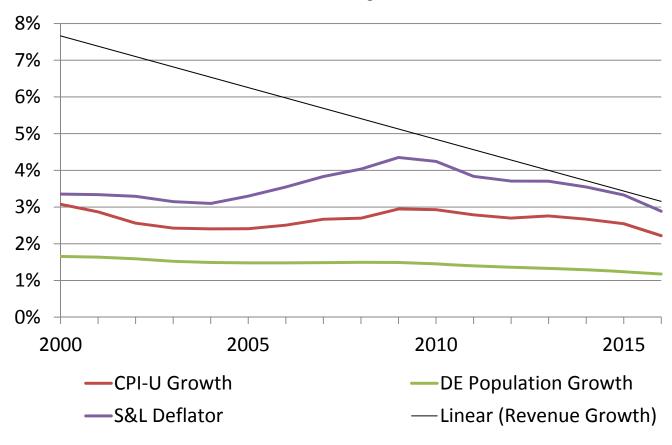


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#### Trend (Revenues) vs. Needs

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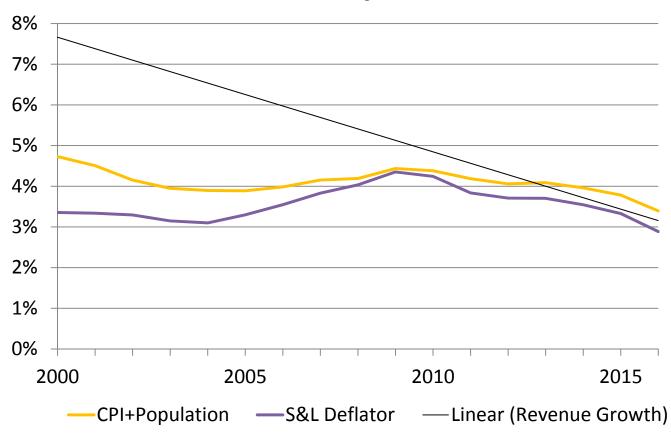


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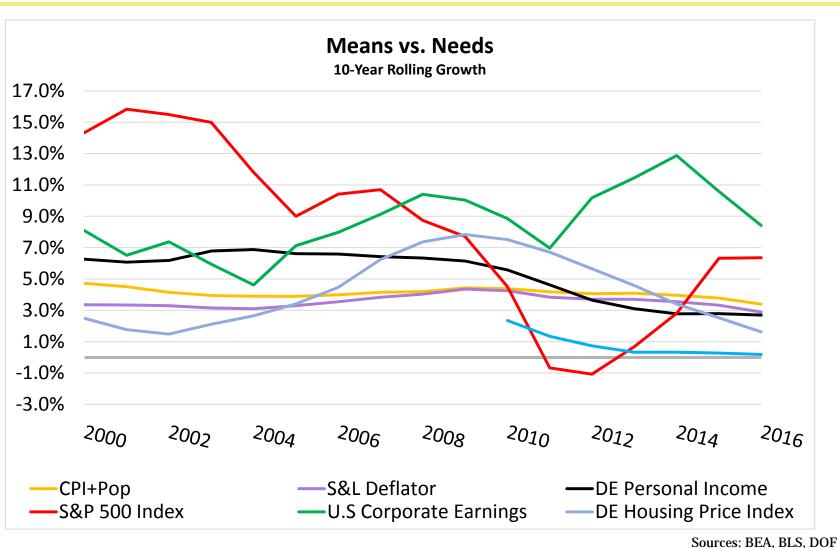
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#### State of Delaware Means Measures vs. Needs Measures 2000-2016





#### **Definitions of Source Data**

- Delaware Personal Income (BEA)-
  - Wages, benefits, proprietor, rental, interest, dividends, transfers
- S & P 500 Index (S&P)-
  - market capitalizations of 500 large common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ
- U.S. Corporate Earnings (BEA)-
  - profits before tax (PBT) and of two adjustments—the inventory valuation adjustment (IVA) and the capital consumption adjustment (CCAdj)
- Delaware Gross State Product (BEA)-
  - Value of final sales of goods in manufacturing, mining, retailer, and wholesale
- Annual Residential Housing Price Index (FHFA)-
  - calibrated using appraisal values and sales prices for mortgages bought or guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.



#### **Terms**

- <u>Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U)</u> Measure of inflation, represented here as a blend between the Philadelphia and Baltimore regions for a more representative Delaware price index. Data is available via the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
- <u>Population</u> Estimate is provided via the Census for the State of Delaware annually.
- <u>S&L Deflator</u> The State and Local Price Deflator (or Implicit Price Deflator) is a subset of goods that are more reflective of State and Local Government purchases. This is NOT regional nor Delaware specific, and is a blend across all 50 states. Readily available via the BEA.