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Rick Perry on Spending: 'Mr. Average'

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The Cato Institute's Chris Edwards, who grades the governors on their fiscal records, gave Texas governor and Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry "B" grades in his last two report cards. Taking a closer look at Perry's achievements on spending, Edwards finds:

Texas, Perry: \$1,360 per capita to \$1,598 per capita, an 18 percent increase.

Total of 50 states: \$1,774 per capita to \$2,091 per capita, an 18 percent increase.

Thus, Mr. Perry has been Mr. Average on state spending. Over the past decade, per capita state general fund spending rose the same amount in Texas as the nation as a whole.



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