

# TAX RESTRUCTURING AND EQUALIZATION



# QUALITY OF LIFE



- **#1 state for upward mobility -**  
*Bloomberg*
- **Top 3 best states for business -**  
*Forbes*
- **Top 5 best states to live in -**  
*U.S. News and World Report*

# DEFINING THE CHALLENGE

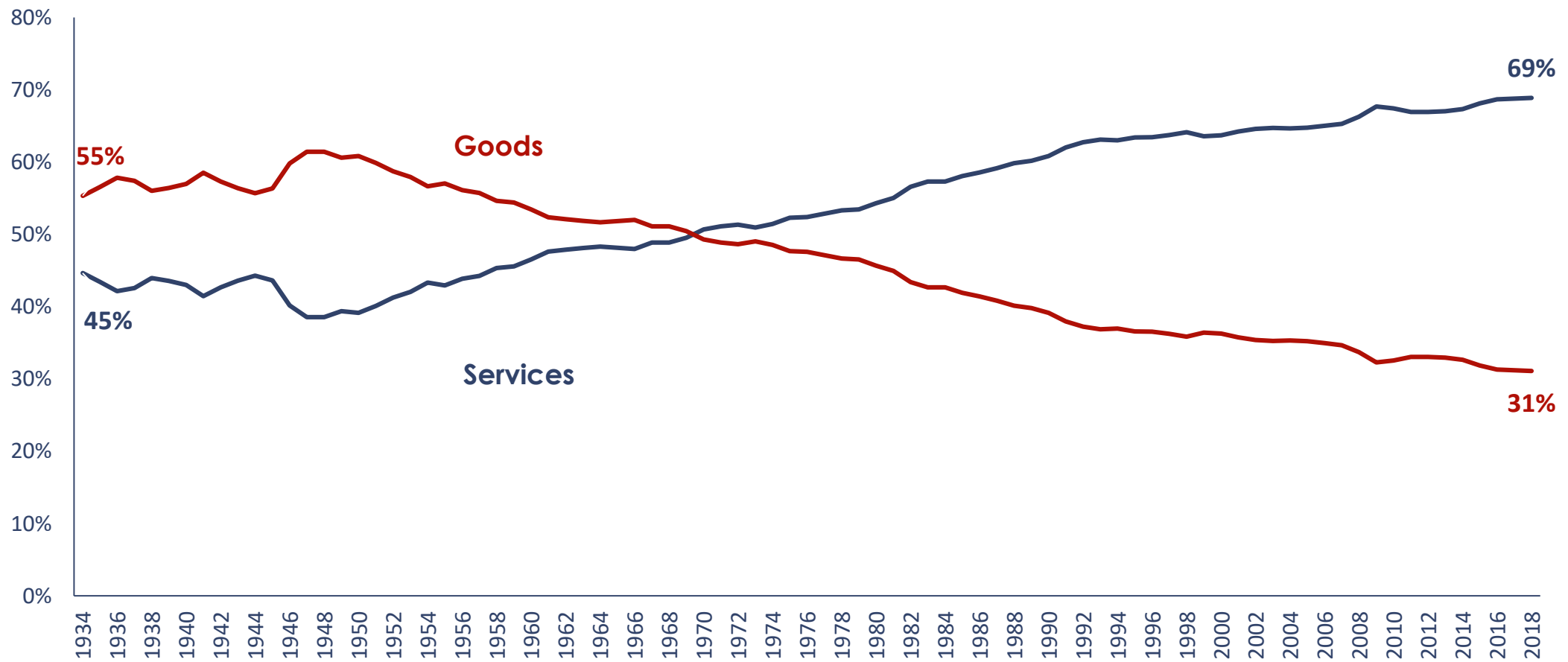
- **Modern economy**
- **Growing population and changing demographics**
- **Outdated revenue structure**

# FACTOR #1

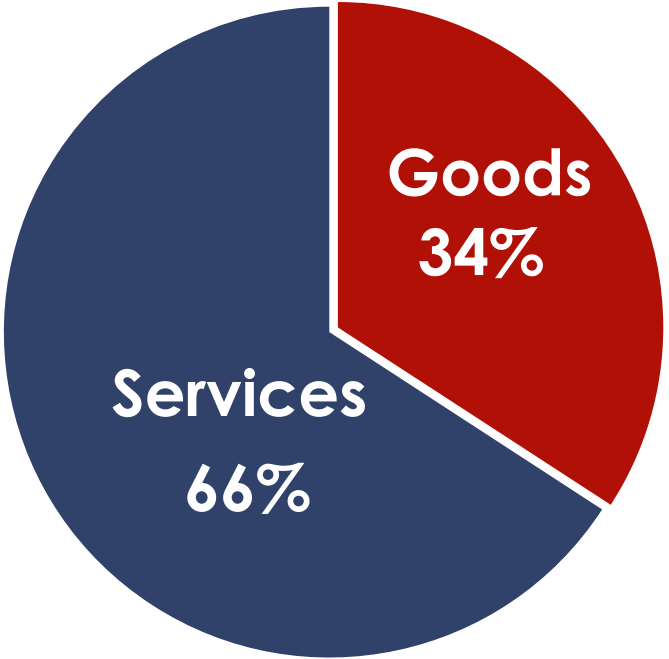
- Growth in General Fund revenue is not keeping up with the needs of our growing state.



# CHANGES IN U.S. CONSUMER SPENDING PATTERNS



# UTAH SPENDING PATTERNS



% of 2017 Personal Consumption

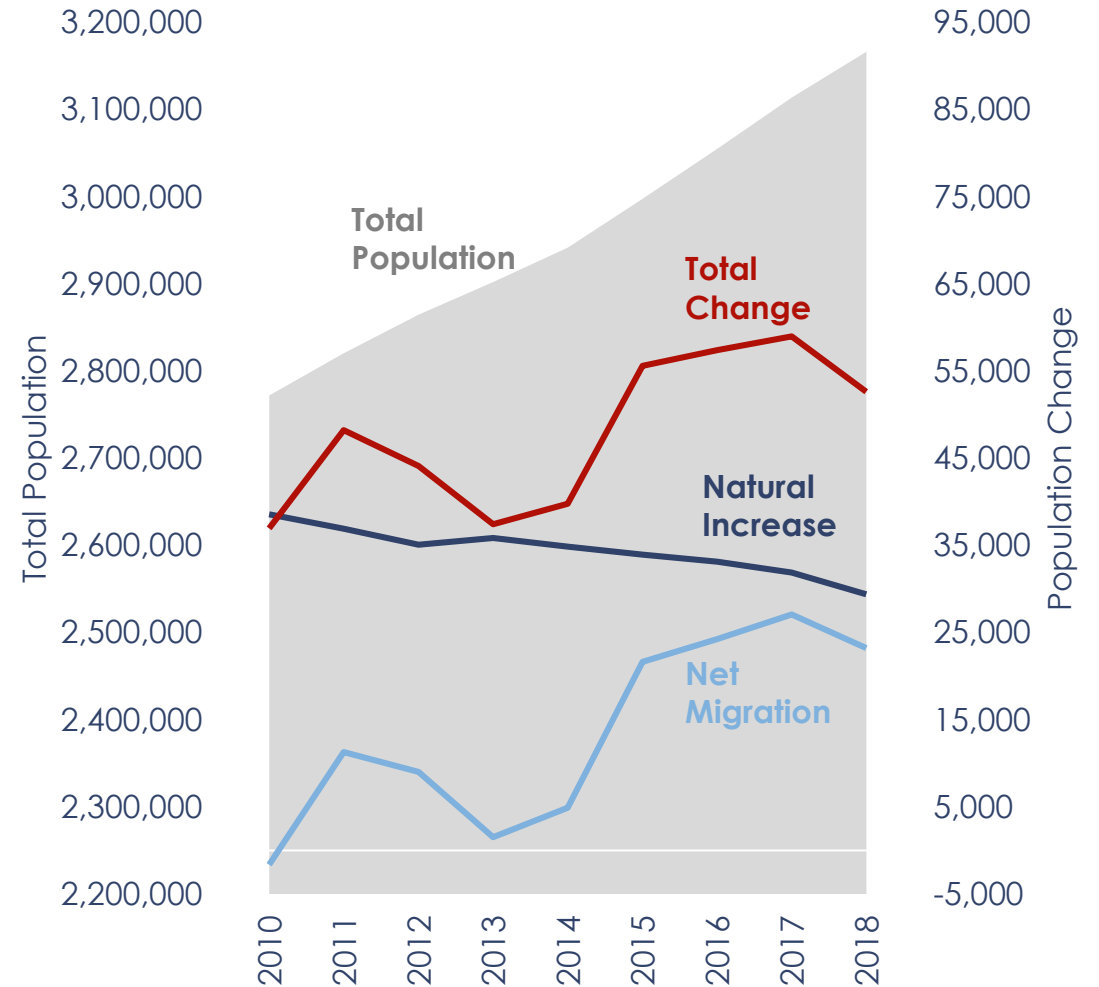
# FACTOR #2

- A growing state places additional demands on the state General Fund.



# POPULATION TRENDS

- Between 2010 and 2018, Utah was the fastest growing state in the nation
- Utah grew by 14.4%, or nearly 400,000 people





# GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS

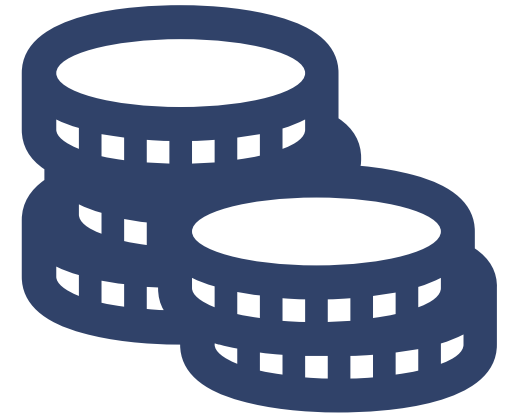
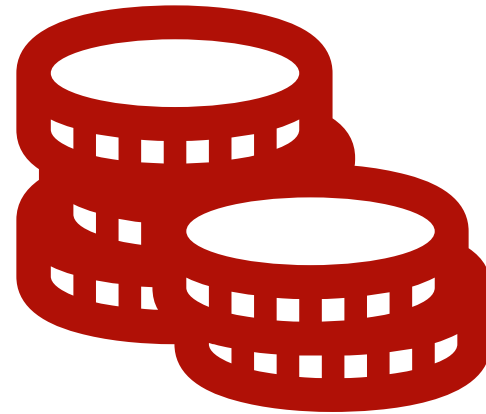
- Air Quality
- Medicaid
- Transportation\*
- Education\*
- Public Safety
- Recreation
- Support for Children, Disabled, and Elderly
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing

\*Transportation and Education receive a portion of their funding from General Fund Revenue

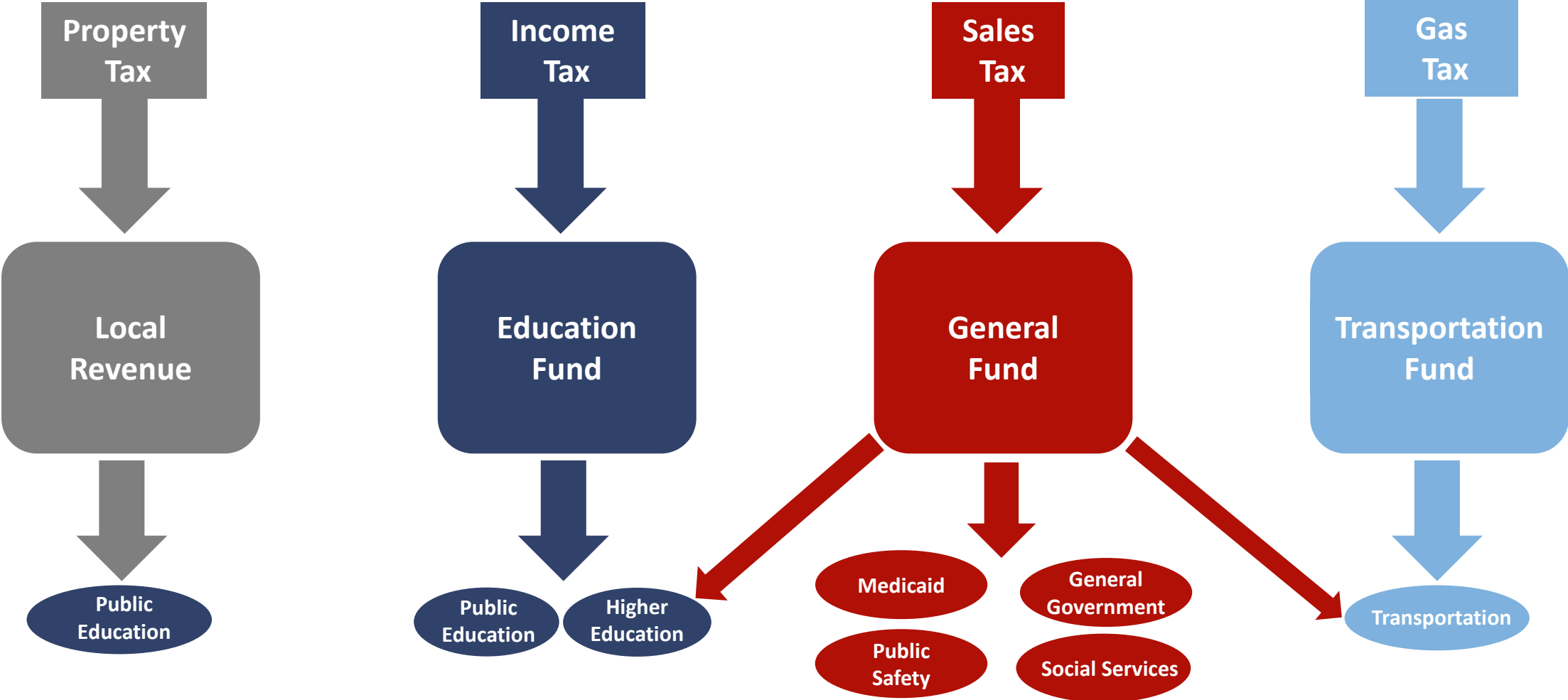


# FACTOR #3

- Revenue silos limit the flexibility needed to address structural funding imbalances as they arise.



# FUNDING SOURCES, OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND, ARE SILOED

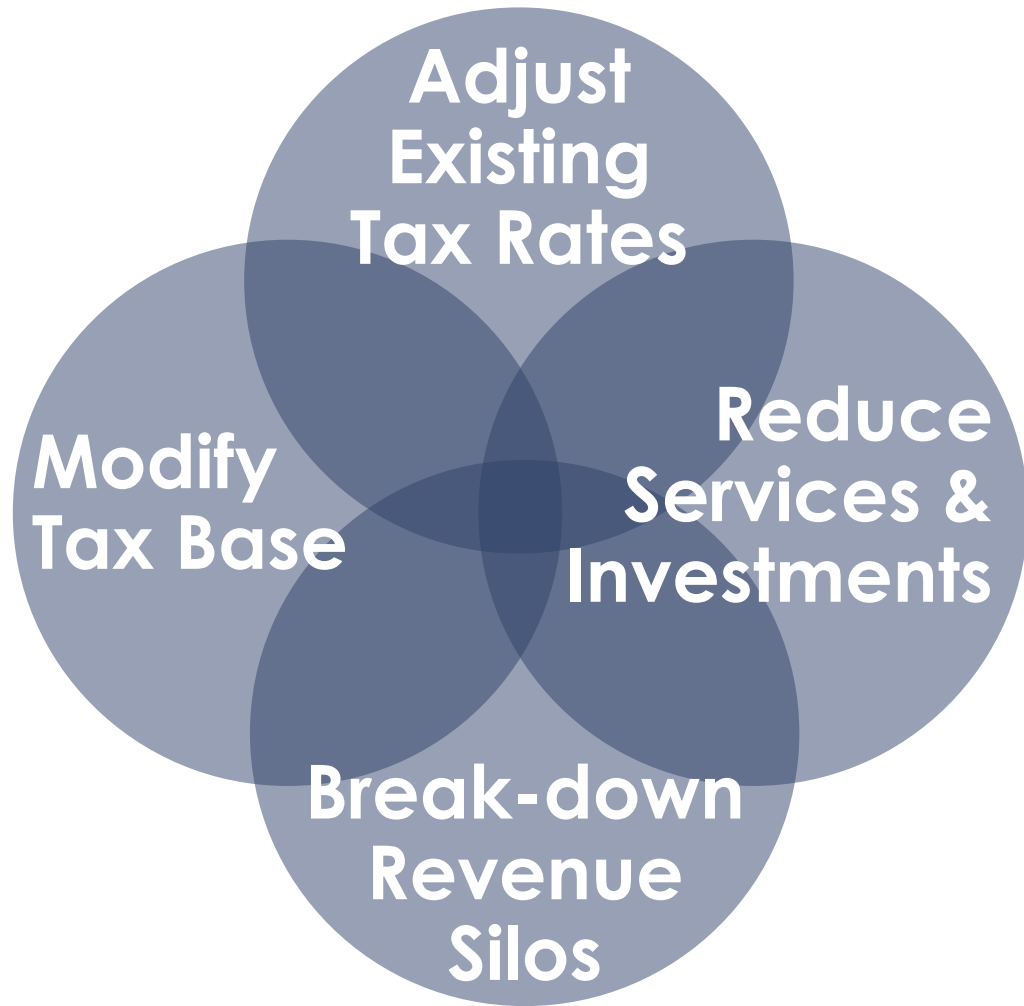


# LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE



# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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**ONE MORE  
ACCOLADE**

- **#1 State for Fiscal Stability –**  
*U.S. News and World Report*



UTAH STATE

**LEGISLATURE**