

# RECOVERY

It takes **years** for higher education to recover from budget reductions:

- It took public baccalaureate institutions **eight years** after the cuts in 1982 to restore ***budgeted*** enrollments to the level that they enjoyed prior to the **cuts**. See Figure J
- It took **12 years** for our institutions to restore ***actual*** enrollments to the level they enjoyed prior to the 1982 cuts.  
See Figure K
- Even with recent progress, state support per FTE (constant dollars) has **never returned** to the level provided in 1991 – its highest peak. See Figure B

Washington Public Baccalaureate State Funds and Operating Fees (Tuition) Per Budgeted FTE Enrollment  
1990-2008 in Constant 2008 Dollars

