MASSACHUSETTS

Do pension contributions crowd out education funding?

**No.** The slope of the education expenditure trend line is steeper than that of pension contributions. Crowding out would be likely only if the two lines were on a path to convergence.

*Are state and local revenue systems out of sync with the economy?*

**Yes.** The slope of the trend line for the economy is steeper than that for revenues. This means revenues cannot keep pace with the funding needs of a growing economy and will never be enough without reform.