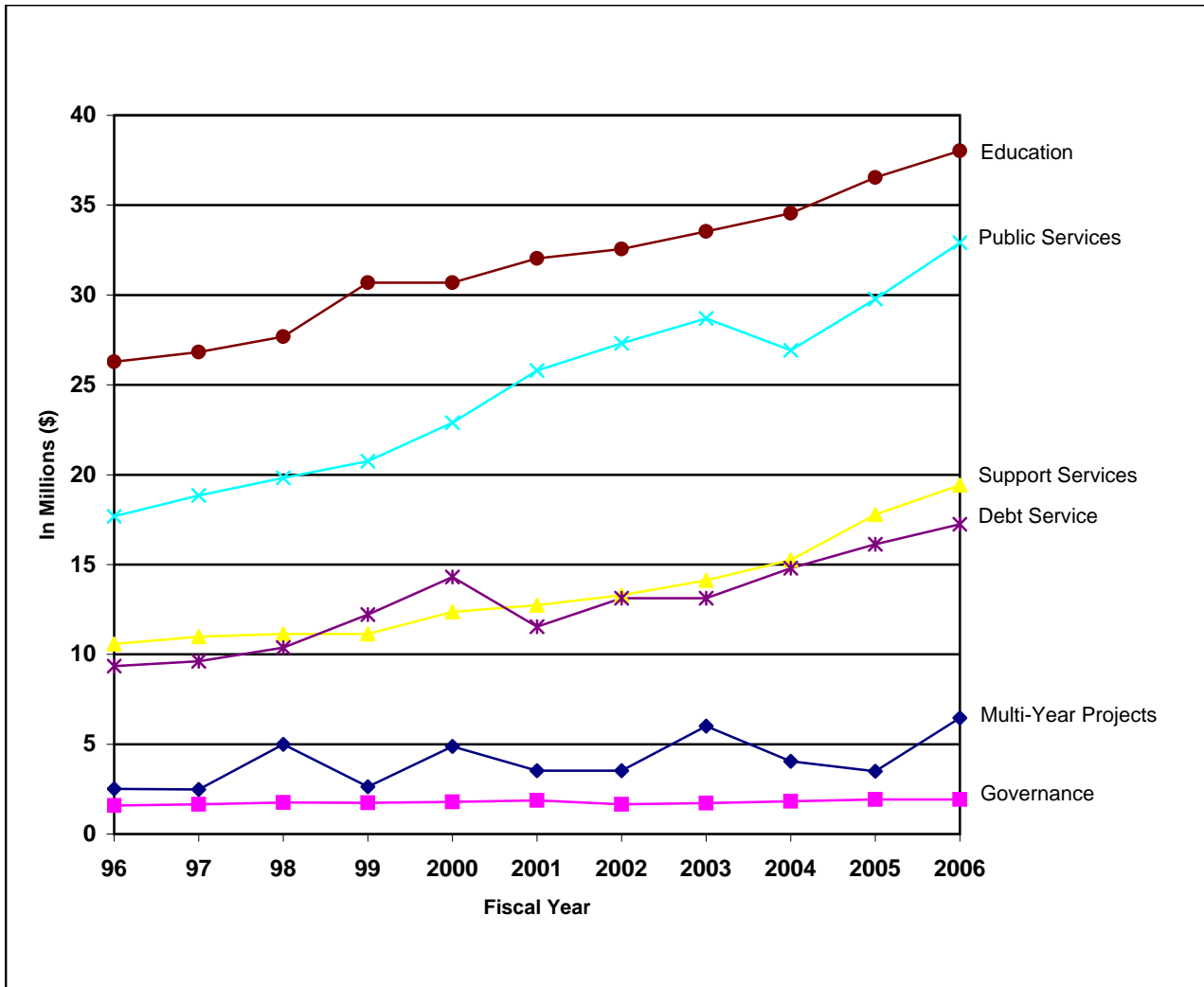


## Cost Comparison By Service Category



Due to the continuing declines in the purchasing power of state funding for education, local effort has increased 45% since FY 1996. Public Services has increased 85.8% since FY 1996 due to the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan, increased Parks and Recreation services, the addition of the Enhanced 911 services in FY 1998 and increases in Economic Development. The increase between FY 2004 and FY 2006 is due to collective bargaining agreement changes for personnel, and benefit rate. Beginning in FY 1997 Debt Service reflects a steady increase due to the issuance of voter-approved bonds related to the construction and remodeling of schools and expansion of the Noel Wien Library. FY 2001 reflects a decrease in debt service due to the pay off of the 1988 Refunding debt series. FY 2006 reflects an increase in debt service due to additional voter-approved bonds for school construction and maintenance. Support Services increases between FY 1997 and FY 2006 were mainly related to collective bargaining agreement changes for personnel, benefit rate, the addition of the vehicle equipment fleet fund in FY 2000 and Records Management Division in FY 2006. Governance has remained relatively unchanged for the past ten years.