**Fiscal Facts: Control of state government shifted regularly during 1990s and early 2000s**

Control of Wisconsin’s state government shifted hands several times in the 1990s and into the 2000s, then settled into a pattern of one-party dominance. The last time the two parties shared control of state government was the 2007-08 legislative session, when Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle served with a Republican majority in the Assembly and a Democratic majority in the Senate.

The following session, in 2009-10, Doyle was joined by Democratic majorities in both houses, followed by all-Republican control with the election of Republican Gov. Scott Walker in 2010. Republicans remained in control for the following eight years, except for a few months in 2012 when Democrats won control of the Senate through a series of recall elections. The Legislature did not convene during that period.

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