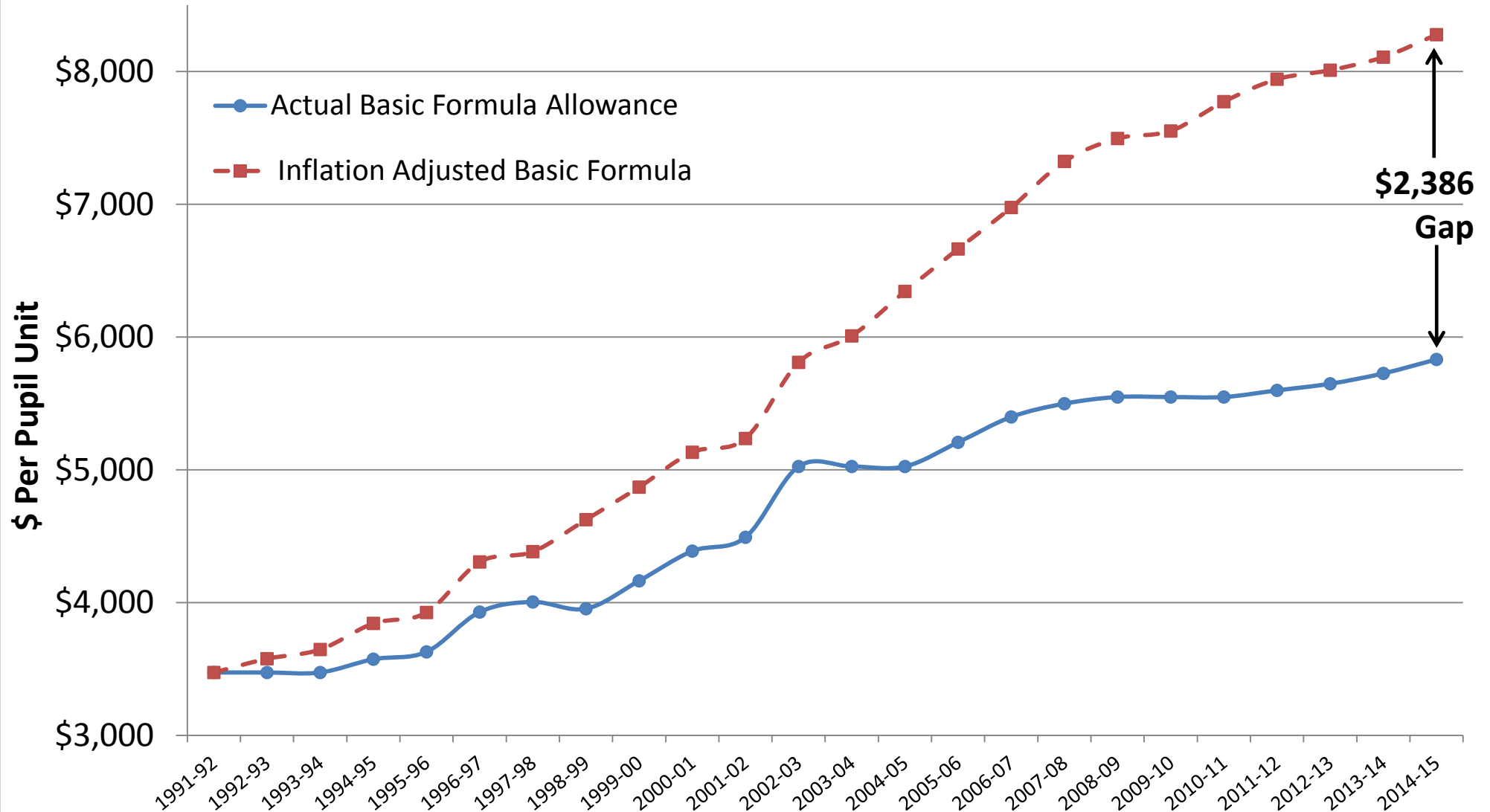




The Basic Formula Has Not Kept Up With Inflation

The Basic Formula provides the majority of the funding that SEE districts receive from the state



The Basic Formula is a per pupil dollar amount that a school district receives for every student that walks through the door. The Basic Formula is the critical funding source from the state and is intended to provide a high quality education for all students. On the graph, the bottom line shows the Basic Formula amount for each school year. The top line shows what the Basic Formula would be if it had merely kept up with inflation. **Minnesota spends \$2,386, less on each student in the classroom today that it did for the students in the early 1990s.** The gap is astounding and has eroded education opportunities for Minnesota school children.