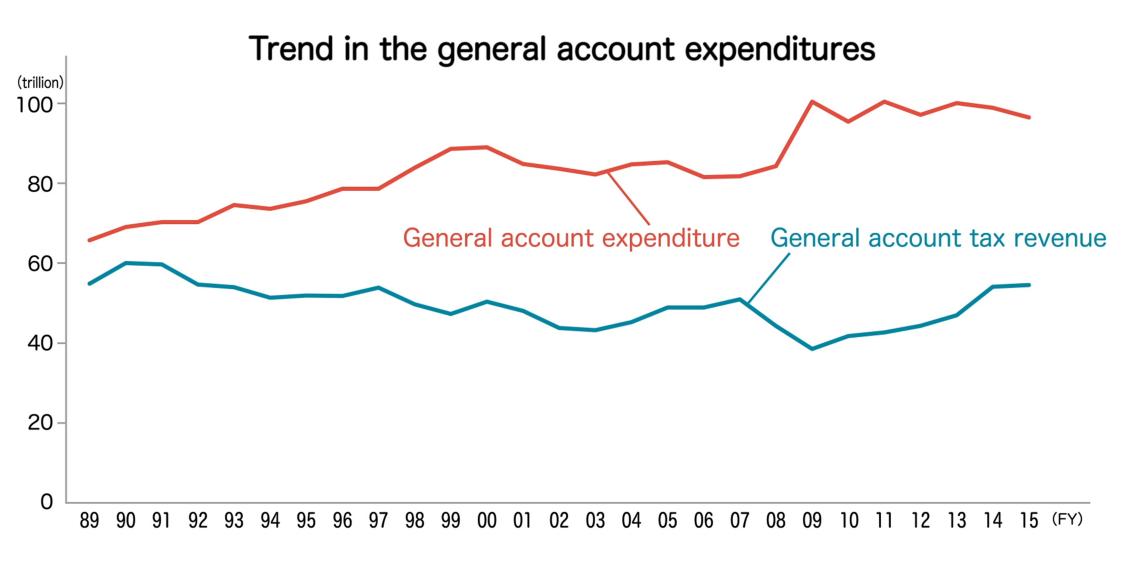
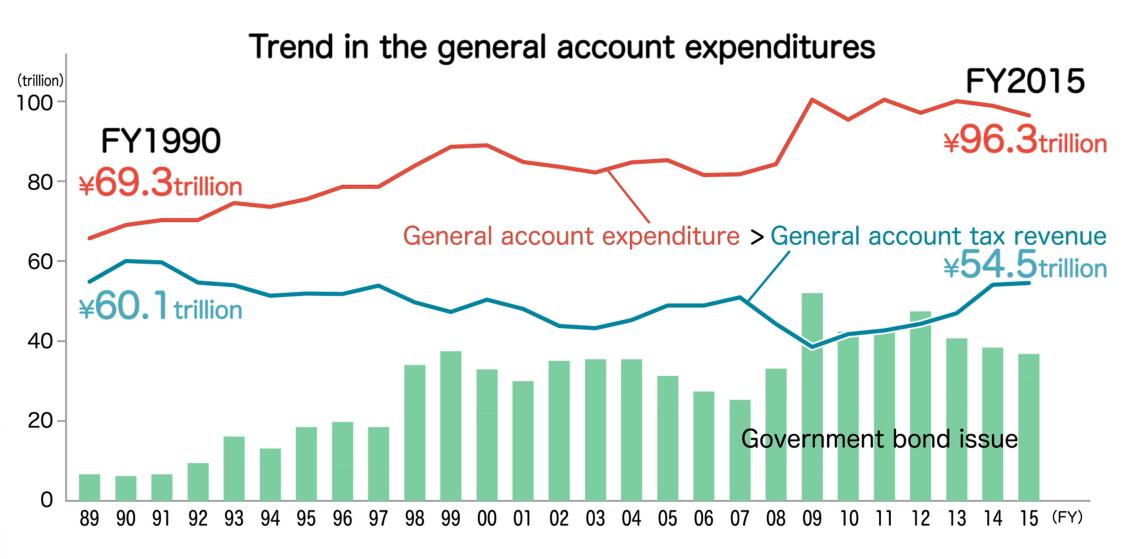
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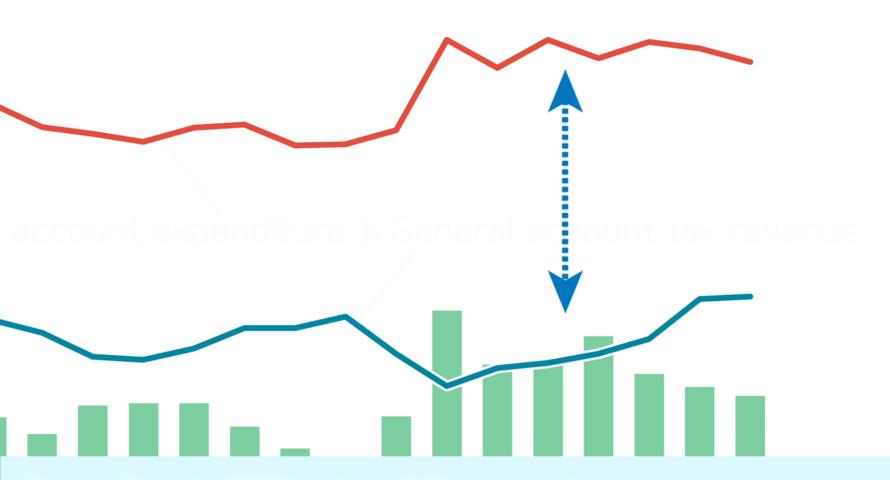


Japan's spending is greater than its tax revenue income.



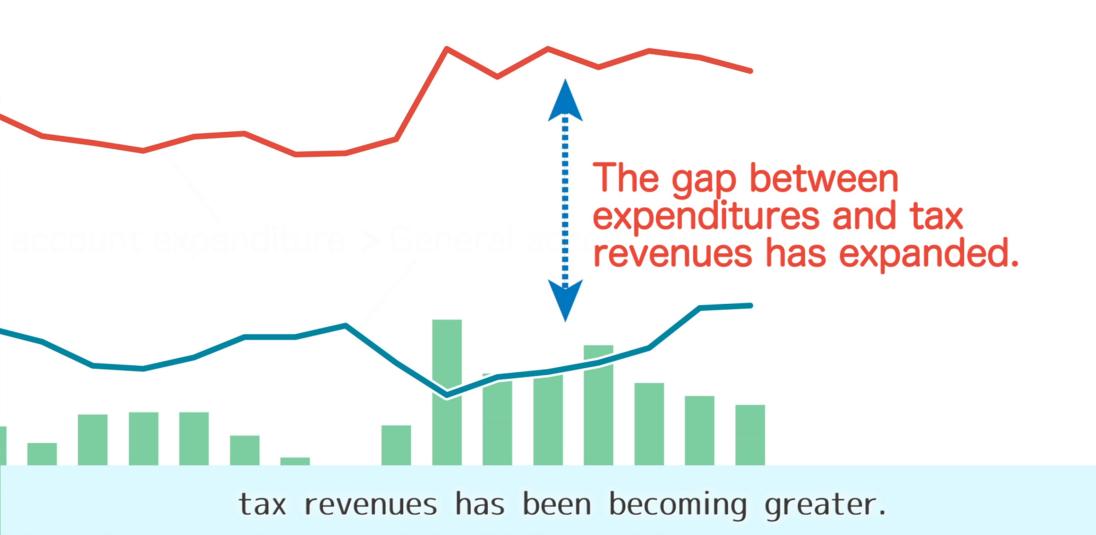
Japan has been covering this gap mainly by the issuance of national bonds.

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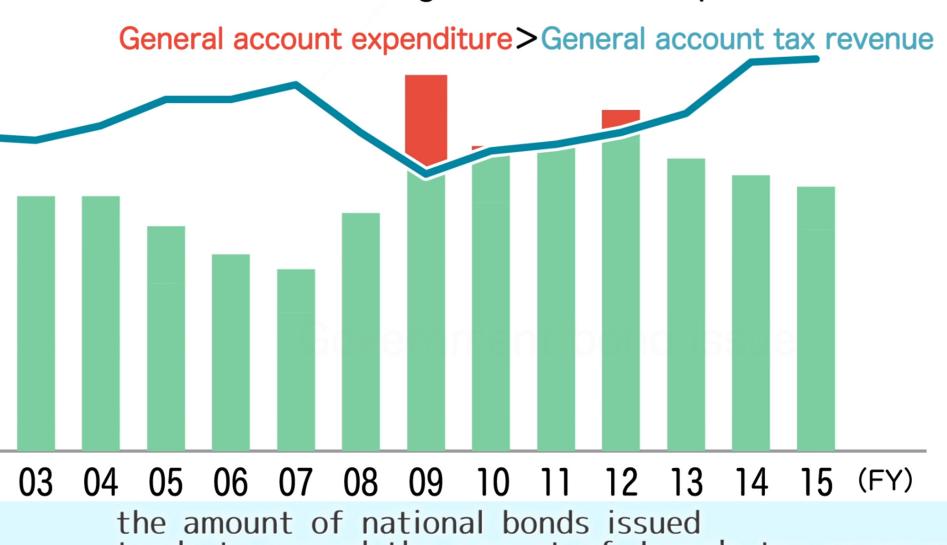


Since fiscal 2008, the difference between Japan's expenditures and

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tends to exceed the amount of Japan's tax revenues.