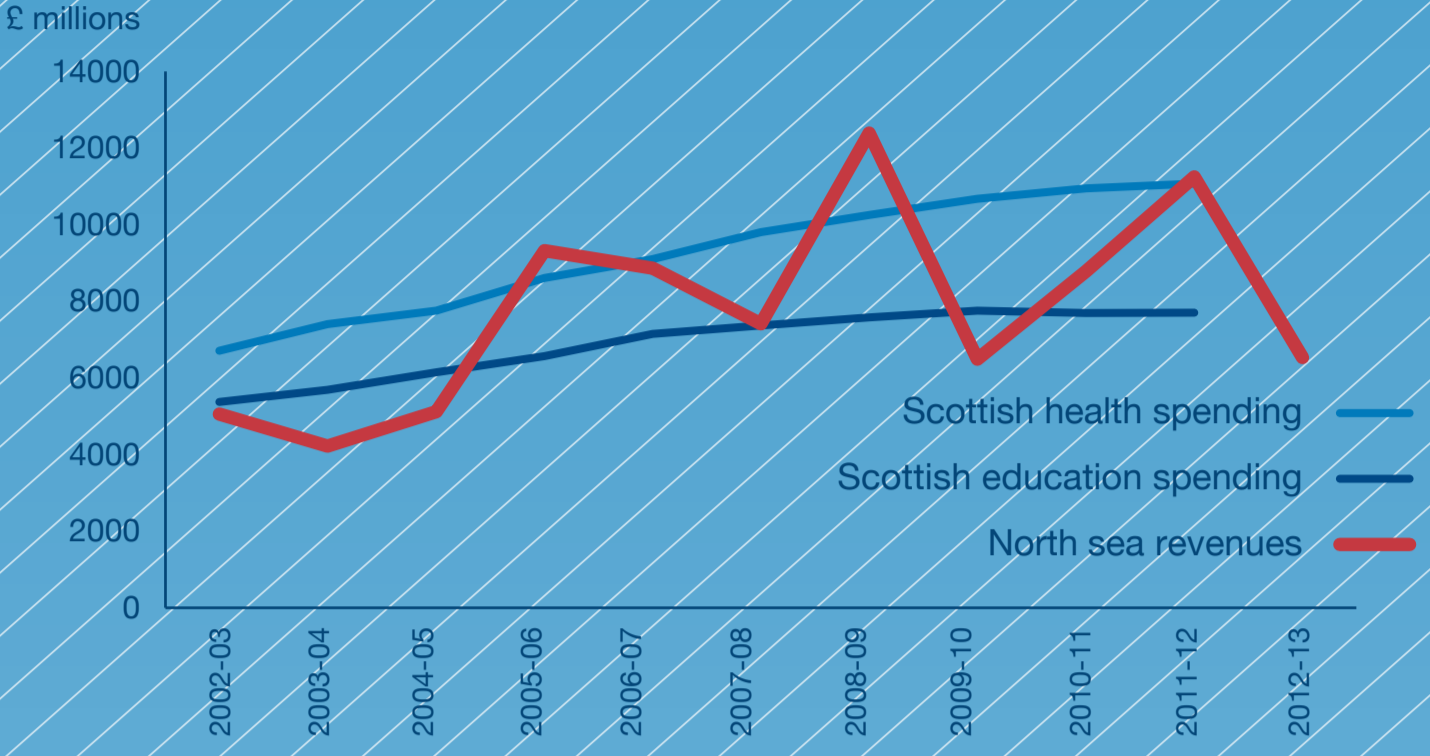


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The money a government can spend on public services such as health and education is drawn mostly from tax receipts.

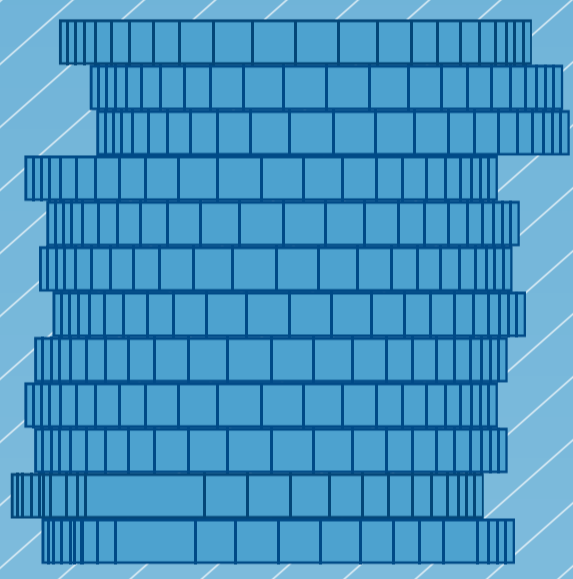


As part of the UK Scotland has stable levels of public spending. This is despite North Sea oil and gas receipts being one of the most volatile sources of revenue.

£2bn

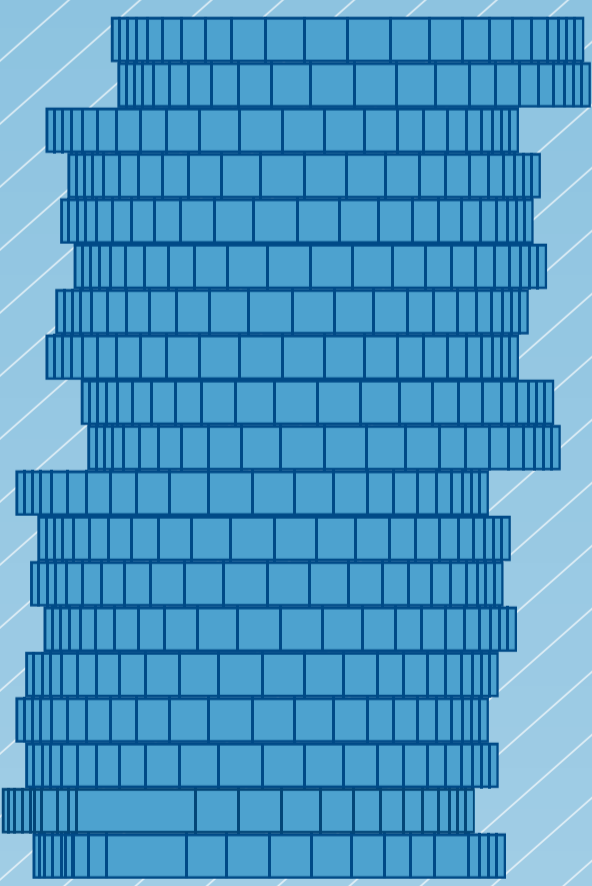


£12bn



Since devolution, Scotland's geographical share of North Sea oil and gas receipts has fluctuated between £2 billion and £12 billion.

£19bn



To put the oil and gas receipts into context, in 2011-12 the Scottish government spent a combined sum of £19 billion on health and education.

£12.2k



Scotland

£11k



UK

Annual public spending per head in Scotland is £1,200 greater than the UK average.