

Introduction

The State Subsidies and Capital Spending by County Report is a compilation of data collected by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) from 45 state agencies, boards and commissions. The disbursement data contained in this report represents state subsidies and capital moneys distributed to local entities within each of Ohio's 88 counties. Subsidies are moneys distributed to political subdivisions to offset or supplement a portion of the cost of certain governmental services. Capital disbursements are moneys used for the acquisition, addition, or improvement of fixed assets such as buildings, infrastructure, and land. The majority of the report does not contain moneys passed through from the federal government to counties; however if federal moneys are transferred into state funds they are counted as state disbursements in this report.

The report contains disbursement figures for state fiscal year (FY) 2003 (July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003) as well as total disbursement figures for FY 2002. The minor variance in "total" figures is attributed to rounding. In cases where agencies could not provide separate spending for each county within a multi-county district, individual county spending figures are estimated. The report is broken into six major sections. The six major sections include:

- An introductory Summary of disbursements facts and figures by category.
- A summary of Counties Ranked by FY 2003 Disbursements. This table ranks each of the 88 counties according to total state disbursements.
- Maps and Tables of the Per Capita FY 2003 Disbursements by functional category. Each county's disbursements were divided by its total 2000 population to achieve a standardized figure. There are eight functional categories that are based upon the agency's function. Whenever possible, functional categories correspond to program areas delineated in the Governor's Budget "Blue Book."
- Maps and Tables of the Total FY 2003 Disbursements by functional category.
- An Agency Totals Listed by County section, which provides detailed information on an individual county basis. Each county's total subsidy and capital disbursements are listed for each agency for FY 2003. Also, total spending is listed for FY 2002.
- An Appendix. It lists agencies' disbursements by functional categories. The appendix also lists the LSC Fiscal Analyst responsible for each agency.

In the FY 2002 version of this report, a disbursement of \$167,233 by the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) to the National Regulatory Research Institute in Franklin County was not reported. This year's report makes this correction by adding the amount to the PUCO's FY 2002 figures.

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