

Introduction

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) has prepared an annual *State Spending by County* report to show how state funds are distributed across Ohio's 88 counties. This spring 2008 report shows the state funds disbursed over the FY 2005-FY 2006 biennium.¹ To compile this report, LSC collected data from 41 state agencies on their spending² for programs and projects in each county. For the purposes of this report, each state agency's spending is divided into two categories: subsidies and capital disbursements. 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 land, buildings, and infrastructure.

The report classifies state spending into six categories largely based on each agency's functions. These six functional categories, and examples of major agencies within each category, are shown below. Note that the fifth category, Revenue Distribution, does not include any state agencies. Spending reported under this category consists of state funds distributed to local governmental entities from various tax revenues shared by state and local governments.

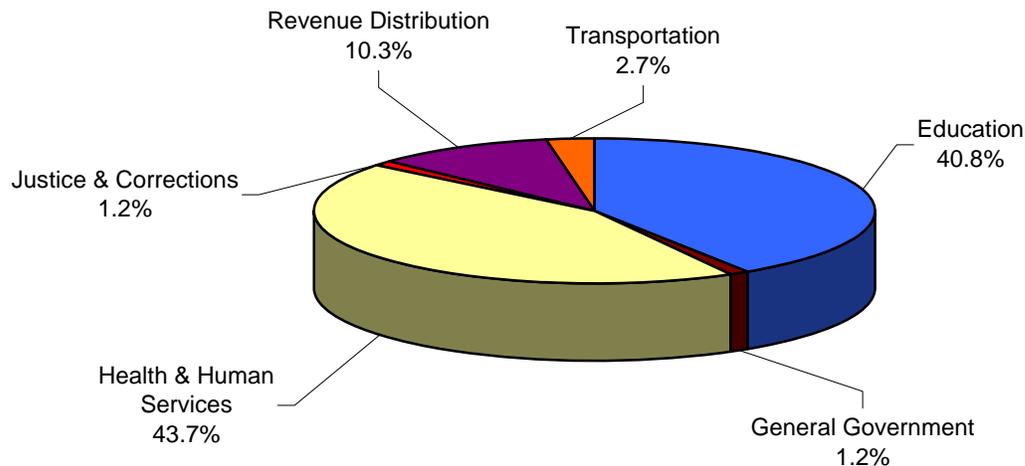
- (1) Education
 - Department of Education
 - Board of Regents
- (2) General Government
 - Department of Development
 - Environmental Protection Agency
- (3) Health and Human Services
 - Department of Job and Family Services
 - Department of Mental Health
- (4) Justice and Corrections
 - Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 - Judiciary/Supreme Court
- (5) Revenue Distribution
- (6) Transportation
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Public Works Commission

¹ LSC will issue another report in the summer of 2008 to show state spending for FY 2007. After 2008, LSC will resume its regular reporting schedule and issue an annual report in the spring to show the prior fiscal year's data.

² State spending includes federal funds that are first deposited into the state treasury for purposes of the Medicaid program.

Over the FY 2005-FY 2006 biennium, the state disbursed \$54.4 billion in subsidies and capital funds to Ohio's 88 counties. Of this amount, 93.2% (\$50.7 billion) was in the form of subsidies and 6.8% (\$3.7 billion) was in the form of capital expenditures. The chart below displays each functional category's share of state spending over the FY 2005-FY 2006 biennium. Health and Human Services and Education account for the lion's share of spending at 43.7% (\$23.8 billion) and 40.8% (\$22.2 billion), respectively. Revenue Distribution ranks third at 10.3% (\$5.6 billion), followed by Transportation at 2.7% (\$1.5 billion), Justice and Corrections at 1.2% (\$0.8 billion), and General Government at 1.2% (\$0.7 billion). Each category's share of the total state spending has remained largely the same over the past several fiscal years.

Biennial State Spending by Functional Category, FY 2005-FY 2006
(Total Spending: \$54.4 billion)



This report is organized into two sections. Section one summarizes the FY 2005-FY 2006 biennial spending by county. It includes a table showing total spending and rankings by county. It also includes a table and a map showing per capita spending and rankings by county. Population data from the 2000 census are used to determine per capita spending for each county. Also included in the first section is a table showing statewide spending by functional category. Section two consists of 88 tables detailing the FY 2005-FY 2006 biennial spending for each county. Each table breaks the spending data into subsidy and capital disbursement components and presents the data by functional category. Counties are listed alphabetically.

The *State Spending by County* report can be accessed on LSC's web site: www.lsc.state.oh.us – Publications – Annual and Biennial Reports. Hard copies of this report are available for \$6.50 per copy: \$3.00 for copying and materials and \$3.50 for shipping. To order hard copies, please call LSC at (614) 644-0089.