

Introduction

Overview of the Report

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) produces an annual *State Spending by County* report to show the distribution of state funds among Ohio's 88 counties. This spring 2009 edition of the report shows the state funds¹ disbursed by 39 state agencies during FY 2008 for programs and projects in each county. For this report, state agency 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 subsidy and capital disbursements into six categories based on agency functions. These categories are (1) Education, (2) General Government, (3) Health & Human Services, (4) Justice & Corrections, (5) Revenue Distribution, and (6) Transportation & Infrastructure. Spending reported under Revenue Distribution consists of state tax revenues and other receipts distributed to local governments according to statutory formulas.

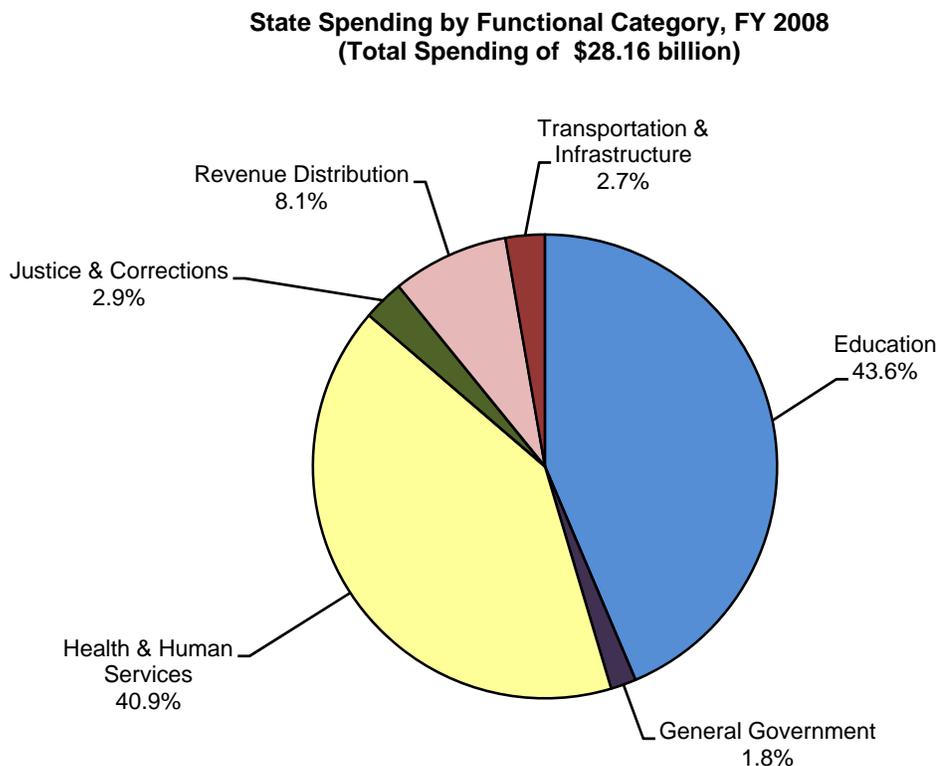
This report is presented in two sections. The first section summarizes agencies' FY 2008 spending by county. It includes a table showing total spending and rankings by county, as well as a table and a map showing per capita spending and rankings by county. The per capita spending amounts are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 population estimates for each county. Also included in the first section is a table showing statewide spending by functional category. The second section consists of 88 tables detailing the FY 2008 spending for each county. Each table breaks the spending data into subsidy and capital disbursement components and presents the data by agency in each functional category. Counties are listed alphabetically.

The *State Spending by County* report may also be viewed on LSC's web site: www.lsc.state.oh.us – Publications – Annual and Biennial Reports. In addition, 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 copies, please call the LSC Library at (614) 466-5312.

¹ State funds include federal dollars that are first deposited into the state treasury for purposes of the Medicaid and public assistance programs.

Summary of FY 2008 Spending

In FY 2008, the state disbursed approximately \$28.16 billion in subsidies and capital funds to Ohio's 88 counties. Of this amount, about 92.5% (\$26.03 billion) was in the form of subsidies and 7.5% (\$2.12 billion) was in the form of expenditures for capital improvement projects. The chart below displays each functional category's share of state spending in FY 2008. Education at 43.6% (\$12.28 billion) and Health & Human Services at 40.9% (\$11.52 billion) account for the lion's share of total state spending. Revenue Distribution ranks third at 8.1% (\$2.29 billion), followed by Justice & Corrections at 2.9% (\$805 million), Transportation & Infrastructure at 2.7% (\$769 million), and General Government at 1.8% (\$499 million).



As Table 1 below shows, the five counties in which the largest share of state spending occurred in FY 2008 were Franklin (\$4.39 billion), followed by Cuyahoga (\$3.19 billion), Hamilton (\$1.93 billion), Lucas (\$1.30 billion), and Montgomery (\$1.24 billion). The five counties in which the least state spending occurred in FY 2008 were Noble (\$33.1 million), then Harrison (\$40.0 million), Monroe (\$41.5 million), Morgan (\$49.1 million), and Vinton (\$52.3 million).

Table 1. Counties with the Most and Least Total State Spending, FY 2008					
Most State Spending			Least State Spending		
Rank	County	FY 2008	Rank	County	FY 2008
1	Franklin	\$4,393,939,019	84	Vinton	\$52,330,172
2	Cuyahoga	\$3,188,751,985	85	Morgan	\$49,111,211
3	Hamilton	\$1,927,528,457	86	Monroe	\$41,508,411
4	Lucas	\$1,302,046,264	87	Harrison	\$40,017,713
5	Montgomery	\$1,244,689,373	88	Noble	\$33,073,394

Table 2 below shows that, on a per capita basis, Athens County (\$5,281) had the highest amount of state spending, followed by Gallia (\$4,343), Franklin (\$4,010), Pike (\$3,961), and Henry (\$3,957). Geauga County (\$1,125) received the least amount of state spending on a per capita basis, followed by Delaware (\$1,136), Warren (\$1,326), Marion (\$1,374), and Holmes (\$1,469).

Table 2. Counties with the Most and Least State Spending Per Capita, FY 2008					
Most State Spending Per Capita			Least State Spending Per Capita		
Rank	County	FY 2008	Rank	County	FY 2008
1	Athens	\$5,281	84	Holmes	\$1,469
2	Gallia	\$4,343	85	Marion	\$1,374
3	Franklin	\$4,010	86	Warren	\$1,326
4	Pike	\$3,961	87	Delaware	\$1,136
5	Henry	\$3,957	88	Gauga	\$1,125