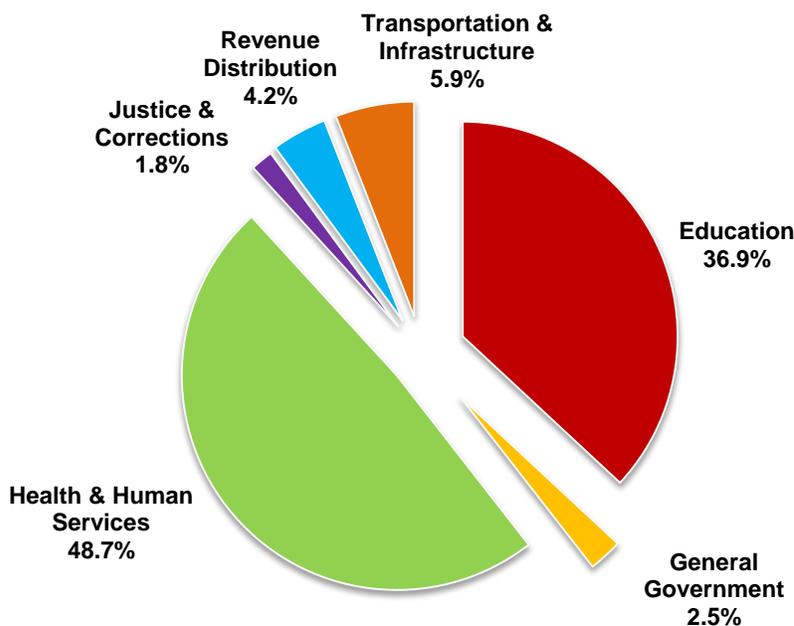


Summary of FY 2014 Spending

In FY 2014, the state disbursed \$32.05 billion in subsidies and capital funds² for programs and projects in Ohio's 88 counties. Of this amount, 94.7% (\$30.33 billion) fell into the subsidy category and 5.3% (\$1.71 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 2014. Health & Human Services at 48.7% (\$15.62 billion) and Education at 36.9% (\$11.84 billion) together account for the vast majority of total state spending. Transportation and Infrastructure (including distributions for local roads and bridges) ranks third at 5.9% (\$1.90 billion), followed by Revenue Distribution at 4.2% (\$1.34 billion), General Government at 2.5% (\$813.7 million), and Justice and Corrections at 1.8% (\$541.5 million).

State Spending by Functional Category, FY 2014
(Total Spending: \$32.05 billion)



² Subsidy and capital expenditures in this report are based on the classifications used by the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS), which the state uses to process and capture information about its financial transactions. Subsidy expenditures are those classified under OAKS Account Category 550, while capital expenditures are those classified under OAKS Account Category 570. The report includes all Account Category 570 expenditures, which are completely funded with state moneys, and Account Category 550 expenditures from all budget fund groups except those from the Federal Special Revenue Fund Group. However, the subsidy figures used in this report include federal reimbursements for Medicaid and certain other public assistance programs that are deposited into the General Revenue Fund as well as some other federal dollars that are deposited into various state special revenue funds for certain activities.

In general, urban counties with large populations receive more state funds than rural counties with fewer residents. As Table 1 below shows, the five counties in which the largest shares of state spending occurred in FY 2014 were the ones that are home to Ohio's largest cities. Cuyahoga County, home of Cleveland, ranked first at \$4.0 billion, followed by Franklin County, home to the state capital in Columbus, at \$3.97 billion. Hamilton (\$2.42 billion), Lucas (\$1.59 billion), and Montgomery (\$1.57 billion) rounded out the top five. The five counties in which the least state spending occurred in FY 2014 were all rural counties with smaller populations. Noble County (\$30.1 million) had the fewest total state expenditures, followed by Harrison (\$44.4 million), Monroe (\$44.8 million), Paulding (\$45.2 million), and Wyandot (\$51.9 million).

Table 1. Counties with the Most and Least Total State Spending, FY 2014					
Most Total State Spending			Least Total State Spending		
Rank	County	State Spending	Rank	County	State Spending
1	Cuyahoga	\$4,005,512,319	84	Wyandot	\$51,938,158
2	Franklin	\$3,974,587,489	85	Paulding	\$45,161,165
3	Hamilton	\$2,419,803,978	86	Monroe	\$44,837,576
4	Lucas	\$1,589,614,985	87	Harrison	\$44,405,951
5	Montgomery	\$1,570,145,470	88	Noble	\$30,120,336

While populous counties in major metropolitan areas receive more state funds in absolute dollar terms than smaller rural counties, this is not always the case when measuring state spending on a per capita basis. For instance, none of the top five counties in terms of per capita state spending, shown in Table 2 below, are also among the top five in overall spending. These counties are smaller, more rural, and have lower per capita incomes, so state dollars spent there may reflect greater per capita spending on social programs from the Departments of Medicaid and Job and Family Services and on schools from the Department of Education, and in the case of Athens County, the presence of Ohio University, a major state institution of higher education. Conversely, four of the five counties receiving the least state spending per capita (Warren, Medina, Geauga, and Delaware) are suburban counties with higher per capita incomes; they tend to receive less state assistance for social programs and schools.

Table 2. Counties with the Most and Least State Spending Per Capita, FY 2014					
Most State Spending Per Capita			Least State Spending Per Capita		
Rank	County	State Spending	Rank	County	State Spending
1	Athens	\$5,093	84	Warren	\$1,659
2	Vinton	\$4,323	85	Medina	\$1,621
3	Pike	\$4,242	86	Gauga	\$1,466
4	Scioto	\$4,167	87	Holmes	\$1,460
5	Gallia	\$4,045	88	Delaware	\$1,104