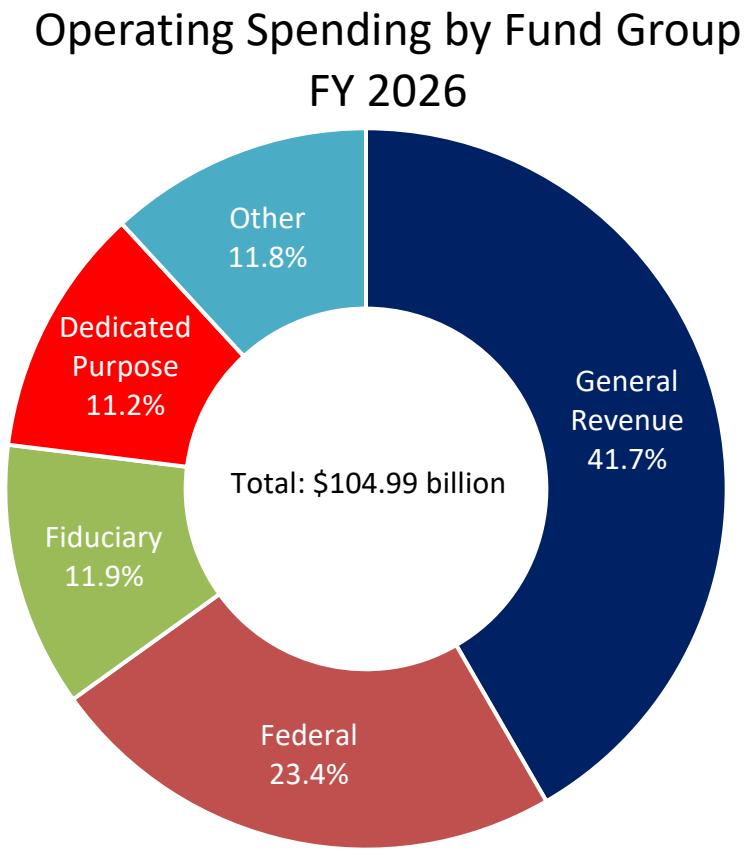
Operating Expenditures

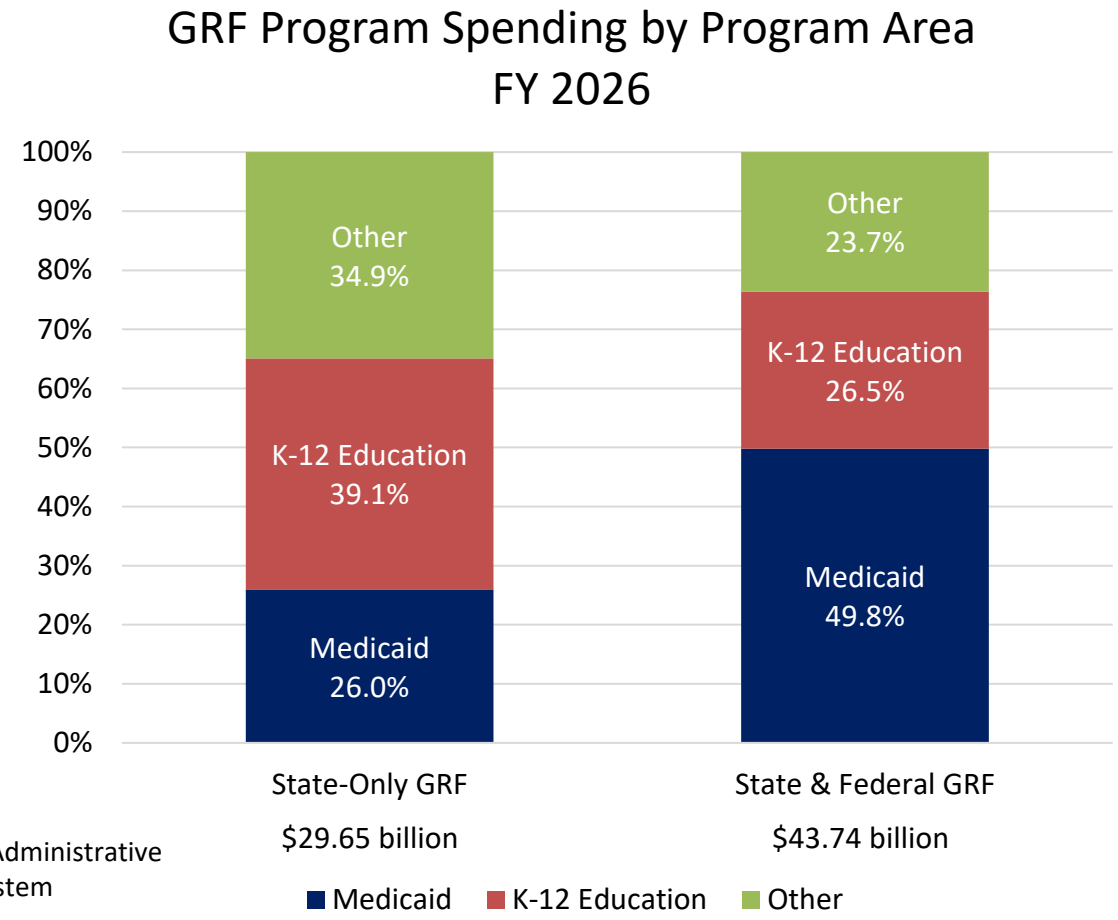
GRF made up 41.7% of operating spending in FY 2026



Source: Ohio Administrative Knowledge System

- In FY 2026, state operating spending totaled $104.99 billion, of which $43.74 billion (41.7%) came from the GRF, including $14.09 billion in federal Medicaid reimbursements.
- The next largest source of operating spending was various federal funds at $24.60 billion (23.4%).
- Spending from fiduciary funds totaled $12.46 billion (11.9%).
- Spending from dedicated purpose funds totaled $11.76 billion (11.2%) and included $756.1 million from the federal government for state and local government COVID relief.
- The remaining $12.43 billion (11.8%) of spending was from funds in ten other fund groups.

Medicaid and primary and secondary education are the two largest GRF spending areas



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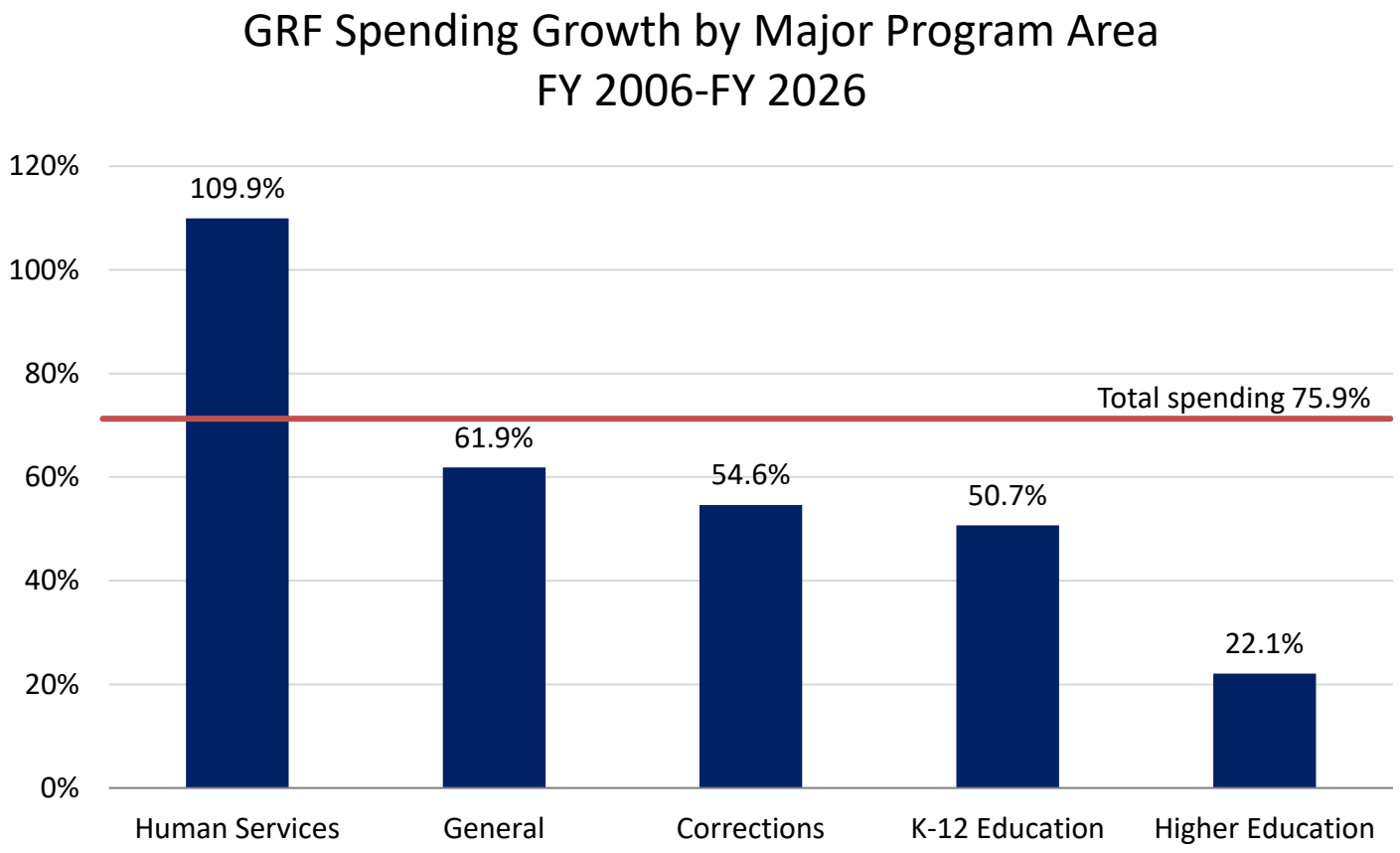
- GRF spending from only state sources totaled $29.65 billion.
  - $11.61 billion (39.1%) on primary and secondary education.
  - $7.69 billion (26.0%) on Medicaid.
  - Other areas are higher education ($3.01 billion, 10.1%), corrections ($2.65 billion, 8.9%), general government ($2.62 billion, 8.9%), and other health and human services ($2.07 billion, 7.0%).
- GRF spending from both state and federal sources totaled $43.74 billion.
  - Addition of $14.09 billion in federal Medicaid reimbursements decreases primary and secondary education's share to 26.5% and increases Medicaid's share to 49.8% ($21.79 billion).

Total state and federal GRF spending grew 75.9% over past two decades



Sources: Ohio Administrative Knowledge System; Legislative Service Commission

- In nominal terms, total state and federal GRF spending increased 75.9% from FY 2006 to FY 2026.
- Human services, including Medicaid, increased 109.9%. A large portion of this spending is reimbursed by the federal government.
- All other categories increased by less than overall spending.
- General government had the second highest rate of increase (61.9%).
- Higher education saw the smallest increase of 22.1%.