Ohio's 2024 per-capita police protection expenditures lower than national average

Per-Capita Police Protection Expenditures for Ohio and Neighboring States in 2024 *National Average = $494*		
State	**National Rank**	**Per-Capita Expenditures**
Ohio	**25**	**$427**
Pennsylvania	32	$395
Michigan	44	$342
West Virginia	46	$337
Indiana	47	$334
Kentucky	51	$234

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Ohio Attorney General

- In 2024, Ohio's state and local government per-capita police protection expenditures of $427 ranked 25th nationally. The District of Columbia ranked highest with a per-capita rate of $1,092; Kentucky spent the least at $234 per capita. The national average was $494.
- Of Ohio's $5.0 billion in police protection expenditures reported for 2024, 88%, or $4.4 billion, was expended by local governments, and 12%, or $598.5 million, by the state. For the U.S., on average, the local/state split was 85%/15%.
- As of January 2026, the Ohio Attorney General reported 935 law enforcement agencies in operation, employing 26,837 full-time officers:
  - 624 municipal police departments – 15,286 full-time officers.
  - 113 special police agencies (e.g., parks, hospitals, universities, railroads, airports) – 2,257 full-time officers.
  - 95 township police departments – 1,354 full-time officers.
  - 88 county sheriff's offices – 5,905 full-time deputies.
  - 15 state agencies – 2,035 full-time troopers/officers/agents.