

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 autumn 2008 edition of the report shows the state funds¹ disbursed by 40 state agencies during FY 2007 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 spending into six categories based on agency functions. These categories are (1) Education, (2) Health and Human Services, (3) Transportation, (4) General Government, (5) Justice and Corrections, and (6) Revenue Distribution. Spending reported under the last category consists of state tax revenues and other receipts distributed to local governments. The report features county-by-county tables displaying the agencies in each category and the total amounts spent by each in FY 2007.

This report is organized into two sections. The first section summarizes agencies' FY 2007 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. Population data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 American Community Survey 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. The second section consists of 88 tables detailing the FY 2007 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.

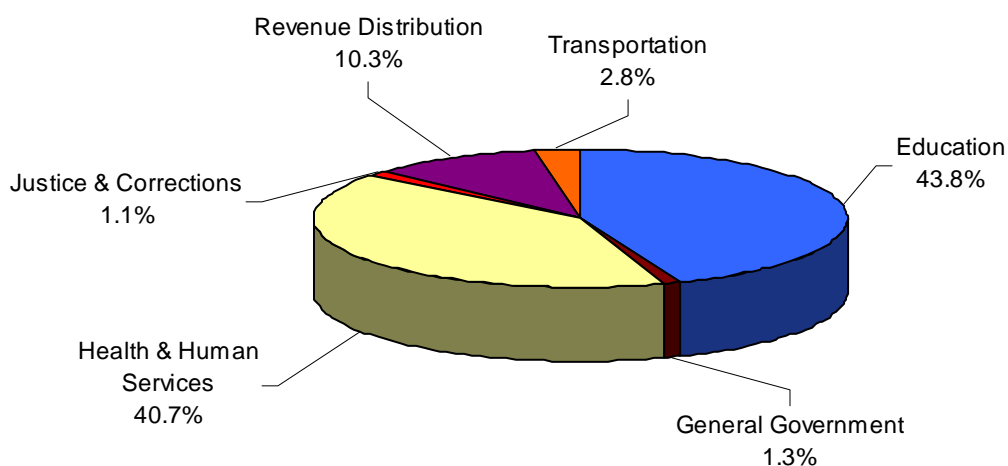
The *State Spending by County* report may also be viewed on LSC's web site: www.lsc.state.oh.us – Publications – Annual and Biennial Reports. In addition, hard copies of this report are available for \$6.50 per copy: \$3.00 for copying and materials and \$3.50 for shipping. To order copies, please call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

¹ State funds include federal dollars that are first deposited into the state treasury for purposes of the Medicaid program.

Summary of FY 2007 Spending

In FY 2007, the state disbursed \$27.6 billion in subsidies and capital funds to Ohio's 88 counties. Of this amount, 92.2% (\$25.5 billion) was in the form of subsidies and 7.8% (\$2.1 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 2007. Education at 43.8% (\$11.9 billion) and Health and Human Services at 40.7% (\$11.5 billion) account for the lion's share of total state spending. Revenue Distribution ranks third at 10.3% (\$2.8 billion), followed by Transportation at 2.8% (\$0.8 billion), General Government at 1.3% (\$0.4 billion), and Justice and Corrections at 1.1% (\$0.3 billion). Each category's share of total state spending has remained largely the same over the past several fiscal years.

State Spending by Functional Category, FY 2007
(Total Spending: \$27.6 billion)



Among the state's counties, Cuyahoga County received the largest share of total state spending in FY 2007 (\$3.4 billion), followed by Franklin (\$3.2 billion), Hamilton (\$2.0 billion), Lucas (\$1.4 billion), and Montgomery (\$1.3 billion). Noble County had the smallest total expenditure by the state (\$30.9 million). On a per capita basis, Athens County had the highest amount of state spending (\$5,001), followed by Vinton (\$4,814), Gallia (\$4,010), Scioto (\$3,980), and Pike (\$3,931). Delaware County received the least amount of state spending on a per capita basis (\$985).