



Research Brief

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Total Federal Funding to Pennsylvania Increased 6.1 Percent for 2000

The PaSDC wishes to clarify the research brief dated August 30, 2001. Pennsylvania ranks 18th in the nation in federal funds received on a per-capita basis and apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that federal funding in Pennsylvania in 2000 was \$73.7 billion representing an increase of 6.1 percent from 1999. Federal funding to Pennsylvania in 1999 was \$69.4 billion. Pennsylvania ranks 5th in the nation in total federal funds received and 18th in the nation in federal funds received on a per-capita basis.

The largest portion, 38 percent, of federal funds to the commonwealth were in the form of retirement and disability payments. The second highest funding category, 26 percent, was other direct payments which include: Medicare benefits; unemployment compensation; food stamps; housing assistance; agricultural assistance; and federal employees life and health insurance.

Percent of Federal Funds to Pennsylvania by Type: 2000

Retirement and Disability	38%
Other Direct Payments	26%
Grants	19%
Procurement	9%
Salaries and Wages	8%

Comparing 1999 to 2000, other direct payments saw the largest percent increase (9.1 percent) in federal funds received. Grants increased 6.1 percent from 1999 to 2000, while procurement contracts increased 5.9 percent (see Table 1).

Table 1

Consolidated Federal Funds to Pennsylvania, 1999-2000						
	Total	Retirement & Disability	Other Direct Payments	Grants	Procurement Contracts	Salaries & Wages
2000 Total (in million dollars)	73,715	28,477	19,400	13,940	6,284	5,615
2000 Percent	100	38	26	19	9	8
1999 Total (in million dollars)	69,448	27,174	17,776	13,141	5,934	5,424
1999 Percent	100	39	26	19	9	8
Percent Change, 1999-2000	6.1	4.8	9.1	6.1	5.9	3.5

At the county level, 31.7 percent of the total federal funding to Pennsylvania went to Philadelphia and Allegheny counties. These two counties make up 22.8 percent of Pennsylvania's population. The top ten counties' federal funding received accounted for 57.1 percent of the commonwealth's total federal funding. These ten counties also represent 53.3 percent of Pennsylvania's population (see Table 2).

Table 2

Top Ten Pennsylvania Counties in Federal Funds Received, 2000				
County	2000 Fed. Funds (in thousand dollars)	Percent of Total Funds	2000 Population	Percent of Total Population
Philadelphia	\$13,431,467	18.2	1,517,550	12.4
Allegheny	9,987,263	13.5	1,281,666	10.4
Montgomery	3,455,809	4.7	750,097	6.1
Dauphin	3,295,644	4.5	251,798	2.1
Delaware	2,670,414	3.6	550,864	4.9
Bucks	2,091,071	2.8	597,635	4.9
Luzerne	1,958,024	2.7	319,250	2.6
Westmoreland	1,872,762	2.5	369,993	3.0
York	1,716,237	2.3	381,751	3.1
Lancaster	1,677,223	2.3	470,658	3.8

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

Editors: For additional data, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710, or for faculty comment on this topic, contact Penn State Harrisburg's Public Information Office, 717.948.6029.

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