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Pennsylvania Ranks 5th in Federal Domestic Spending in 2002

The federal government spent \$1.9 trillion in the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and other outlying areas during 2002, according to reports released on June 4, 2003, by the U.S. Census Bureau. *Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2002* (State and County Areas) covers benefits, subsidies, grants, goods and services, and salaries and wages. The largest item excluded from this report is interest paid on the federal debt. The companion report, *Federal Aid to States for Fiscal Year 2002* contains federal agency and program-level data on grants to state and local governments.

California received the largest share of federal funds (\$206.4 billion), followed by New York (\$129 billion), Texas (\$123.4 billion), Florida (\$104.8 billion) and Pennsylvania (\$85.6 billion). Approximately one third of all federal expenditures went to persons living in these five states, which accounted for 36.5 percent of the estimated total population in 2002. Pennsylvania's share of federal funds in 2002 increased 7.8 percent from the \$79.4 billion it received in federal expenditures in 2001.

The largest portion of federal funds distributed in the commonwealth was in the form of individual retirement and disability payments, which accounted for 36 percent of federal funding to Pennsylvania in 2002 (Figure 1). Other direct payments to individuals, such as Medicare, unemployment compensation and food stamps, made up an additional 24.7 percent. Salaries and wages accounted for 7.1 percent of federal funds distributed to Pennsylvania in 2002.

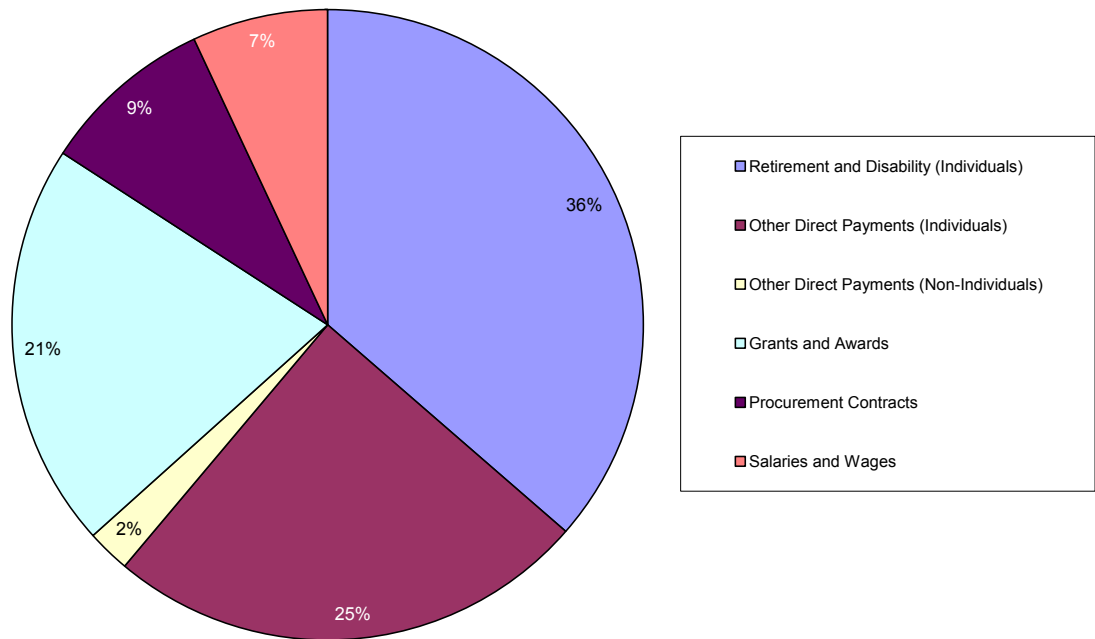
At the county level, Philadelphia (17.7 percent), Allegheny (12.4 percent) and Dauphin (5.2 percent) counties combined received 35.3 percent of all the federal funds distributed in Pennsylvania in 2002 (Table 1). These three counties accounted for 24.4 percent of the estimated population of Pennsylvania in 2002. The next two counties receiving the most federal funds in 2002 were Montgomery (4.5 percent) and Delaware (3.5 percent). Cameron, Sullivan and Forest counties accounted for a combined total of just over 0.1 percent of the federal funds distributed in the commonwealth in 2002.

Per capita federal spending in Pennsylvania counties was highest in Dauphin County (\$17,492) in 2002. Philadelphia County (\$10,145) and Forest County (\$8,518) had the next highest levels of per capita federal spending. Pike County (\$3,133) and Snyder County (\$3,775) had the lowest per capita federal spending in 2002.

The federal government distributed over \$18 billion in grants to the commonwealth in 2002. This represents an 11.4 percent increase from the \$16.2 billion in federal grant money received in 2001. Philadelphia (25.8 percent) and Allegheny (12.7 percent) counties together received over 38.5 percent of all the grants distributed by the federal government in Pennsylvania in 2002.

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Figure 1. Percent of Federal Funding Dollars to Pennsylvania by Funding Type: 2002



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Table 1. Federal Funds Distribution by Population: Pennsylvania Counties, 2002

Area Name	Federal Expenditures in 2002 (Dollars)	Per Capita* Federal Spending in 2002 (Dollars)	Area Name	Federal Expenditures in 2002 (Dollars)	Per Capita* Federal Spending in 2002 (Dollars)
Adams County	404,224,033	4,280	Lackawanna County	1,528,871,049	7,256
Allegheny County	10,616,711,899	8,360	Lancaster County	1,892,083,054	3,954
Armstrong County	470,854,498	6,569	Lawrence County	601,666,531	6,394
Beaver County	997,639,572	5,562	Lebanon County	680,903,012	5,618
Bedford County	298,308,709	5,973	Lehigh County	1,635,623,600	5,151
Berks County	1,616,988,943	4,232	Luzerne County	2,271,095,132	7,218
Blair County	783,197,795	6,126	Lycoming County	628,431,083	5,281
Bradford County	320,418,860	5,101	McKean County	261,134,134	5,818
Bucks County	2,380,360,575	3,899	Mercer County	687,649,025	5,754
Butler County	1,059,393,121	5,949	Mifflin County	241,025,694	5,191
Cambria County	1,140,103,635	7,578	Monroe County	651,500,753	4,377
Cameron County	37,554,138	6,427	Montgomery County	3,880,617,122	5,063
Carbon County	315,610,783	5,288	Montour County	91,591,773	5,029
Centre County	867,778,397	6,264	Northampton County	1,390,974,855	5,089
Chester County	1,944,394,340	4,319	Northumberland County	559,931,874	5,997
Clarion County	230,000,930	5,567	Perry County	199,411,148	4,545
Clearfield County	438,805,311	5,274	Philadelphia County	15,137,997,722	10,145
Clinton County	188,443,148	5,001	Pike County	156,955,610	3,133
Columbia County	297,923,023	4,645	Potter County	94,536,056	5,189
Crawford County	441,573,766	4,914	Schuylkill County	868,695,836	5,850
Cumberland County	1,327,880,171	6,098	Snyder County	142,788,451	3,775
Dauphin County	4,424,253,110	17,492	Somerset County	453,266,741	5,705
Delaware County	2,954,572,532	5,339	Sullivan County	39,134,261	6,037
Elk County	162,727,628	4,723	Susquehanna County	197,251,177	4,687
Erie County	1,401,126,071	4,997	Tioga County	216,948,611	5,233
Fayette County	1,068,920,406	7,289	Union County	271,498,304	6,463
Forest County	41,635,585	8,518	Venango County	318,807,315	5,612
Franklin County	702,778,691	5,340	Warren County	232,762,552	5,377
Fulton County	76,376,935	5,317	Washington County	1,240,895,413	6,080
Greene County	299,615,133	7,394	Wayne County	273,497,882	5,594
Huntingdon County	220,481,767	4,824	Westmoreland County	2,135,000,822	5,795
Indiana County	505,609,238	5,695	Wyoming County	125,719,349	4,522
Jefferson County	258,833,917	5,649	York County	2,019,485,984	5,189
Juniata County	94,016,054	4,131	State Undistributed**	6,083,779,365	N/A

*Resident population as of July 1, 2002, was used to calculate per capita amounts for Pennsylvania Counties.

**Federal Funds denoted as 'State Undistributed' were federal expenditures attributed to Pennsylvania but to no particular county.

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