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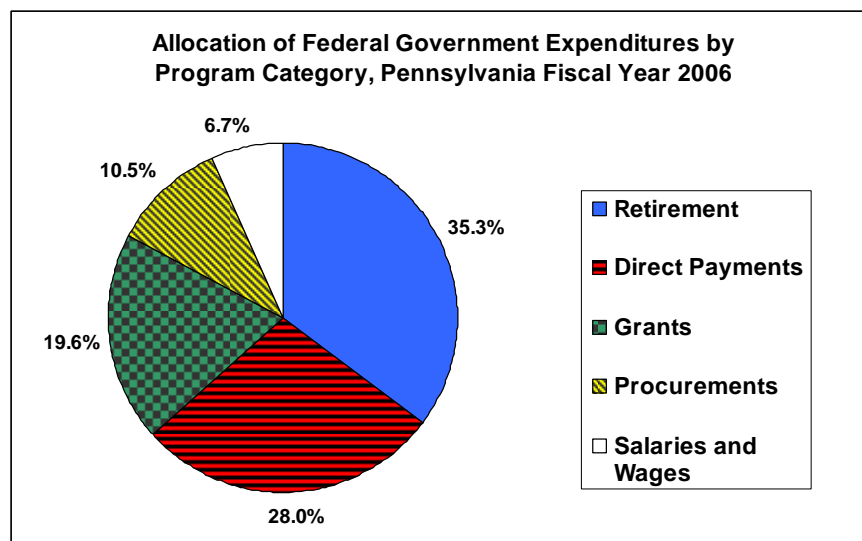
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Pennsylvania Receives \$103.3 Billion in Federal Funds, 5th Highest in Nation

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –Pennsylvania received \$103.3 billion dollars in federal funding in 2006 according to the recently released *Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2006*. The commonwealth's share of funding represents 4.2 percent of the \$2.5 trillion spent by the federal government and ranks 5th among the states.

Published annually by the U.S. Census Bureau, the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report* details expenditures on benefits, subsidies, grants, goods and services, salaries and wages, and contains federal agency and program-level data on grants to state and local governments. This report provides data at the state, county, and local levels for federal domestic spending. The report does not cover interest on national debt because there is no meaningful way to assign payments on the national debt to a particular geography. The report also does not cover intelligence spending because the CIA and other intelligence agencies do not report the geographic disbursement of expenditures.

Of the \$103.3 billion distributed to Pennsylvania in 2006, \$36.4 billion, or 35.3 percent of the total, went to retirement and disability programs, \$28.9 billion (28.0 percent) was allotted to other direct payments, \$20.2 billion went toward grants (19.6 percent), \$10.8 billion was spent on procurement (10.5 percent), and \$6.9 billion was paid out in salaries and wages (6.7 percent).



Other data shows:

- Social Security programs topped the list of Retirement and Disability expenditures, with Social Security Retirement insurance totaling \$18.4 billion, Social Security survivor's insurance totaling 5.8 billion, and Social Security disability insurance totaling \$4.6 billion.
- Of the \$28.9 billion expended on other direct payments, \$21.4 billion was spent on Medicare benefits, an increase of approximately \$800 million over 2005, while unemployment compensation decreased by \$86 million dollars to \$1.9 billion in 2006.
- Medical assistance programs (\$9.3 billion) and highway planning and construction (\$1.8 billion) were among the top federal grant recipients in Pennsylvania in 2006.
- Defense expenditures accounted for about \$10.4 billion dollars in federal funding in 2006.

On a per capita basis, Pennsylvania received \$8,300.61 per person from the federal government in 2006, 21st among the states. Table 1 shows the per capita breakdown of expenditures by program category. Please note that the July 1, 2006 estimated population of 12,440,621 was used for these calculations.

Table 1: Per Capita Amounts of Federal Government Expenditures by Major Category, Pennsylvania: Fiscal Year 2006		
Program	Amount*	Per Capita
Pennsylvania	\$ 103,265	\$ 8,300.61
Retirement and Disability	\$ 36,416	\$ 2,927.21
Other Direct Payments	\$ 28,899	\$ 2,322.99
Grants	\$ 20,197	\$ 1,623.44
Procurements	\$ 10,849	\$ 872.03
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,904	\$ 554.95

* In million dollars: detail may not add due to rounding

The \$103.3 billion in federal funds that Pennsylvania received in 2006 represents a 3.8 percent increase over 2005. Since 2000, the amount of federal funding directed to the commonwealth has increased by 40.0 percent. Nationally, federal spending increased by 7.5 percent from 2005, and has grown by 48.7 percent since 2000.

Allocation of funding to Pennsylvania counties can also be found in the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2006*. Philadelphia led all counties in 2006, receiving \$17.7 billion in federal funds, followed by Allegheny (\$14.9 billion) and Montgomery (\$5.5 billion) counties. Together, Allegheny and Philadelphia counties accounted for 31.6 percent of the federal funds spent in Pennsylvania. Dauphin County received the most funding on a per capita basis (\$18,083.50 per resident), followed by Luzerne (\$13,241.38) and Philadelphia (\$12,221.09) counties. Lancaster (\$5,520.02), Pike (\$5,533.32), and Berks (\$5,738.19) counties received the fewest federal funds per resident. (Table 2)

Table 2: Federal Funds Disbursed, Pennsylvania Counties 2006

COUNTY	Federal Funds Received in 2006	July 1, 2006 Population Estimate	Per Capita Federal Funds Received in 2006
Pennsylvania Total	\$103,264,744,846	12,440,621	\$8,300.61
Adams County	\$741,072,461	101,105	\$7,329.73
Allegheny County	\$14,889,644,823	1,223,411	\$12,170.60
Armstrong County	\$623,724,847	70,096	\$8,898.15
Beaver County	\$1,443,056,543	175,736	\$8,211.50
Bedford County	\$402,213,234	49,927	\$8,056.03
Berks County	\$2,301,869,131	401,149	\$5,738.19
Blair County	\$1,090,271,909	126,494	\$8,619.16
Bradford County	\$466,923,061	62,471	\$7,474.24
Bucks County	\$4,134,005,609	623,205	\$6,633.46
Butler County	\$1,348,316,382	182,901	\$7,371.84
Cambria County	\$1,712,145,801	146,967	\$11,649.87
Cameron County	\$49,587,153	5,489	\$9,033.91
Carbon County	\$466,185,179	62,567	\$7,450.98
Centre County	\$1,048,676,989	140,953	\$7,439.91
Chester County	\$2,882,146,877	482,112	\$5,978.17
Clarion County	\$334,024,331	40,385	\$8,271.00
Clearfield County	\$597,559,751	82,442	\$7,248.24
Clinton County	\$327,126,661	37,232	\$8,786.17
Columbia County	\$450,441,186	65,014	\$6,928.37
Crawford County	\$638,398,544	89,389	\$7,141.80
Cumberland County	\$1,919,851,867	226,117	\$8,490.52
Dauphin County	\$4,596,392,706	254,176	\$18,083.50
Delaware County	\$4,993,570,198	555,996	\$8,981.31
Elk County	\$233,899,086	33,179	\$7,049.61
Erie County	\$1,905,162,112	279,811	\$6,808.75
Fayette County	\$1,442,400,632	145,760	\$9,895.72
Forest County	\$61,943,134	6,506	\$9,520.92
Franklin County	\$1,130,106,501	139,991	\$8,072.71
Fulton County	\$148,387,078	14,783	\$10,037.68
Greene County	\$390,709,358	40,432	\$9,663.37
Huntingdon County	\$338,652,756	45,771	\$7,398.85
Indiana County	\$664,081,312	88,234	\$7,526.37
Jefferson County	\$383,681,109	45,725	\$8,391.06
Juniata County	\$142,899,417	23,512	\$6,077.72
Lackawanna County	\$2,162,758,941	209,728	\$10,312.21
Lancaster County	\$2,729,570,672	494,486	\$5,520.02
Lawrence County	\$791,365,737	91,795	\$8,621.01
Lebanon County	\$1,104,581,895	126,883	\$8,705.52
Lehigh County	\$1,985,999,119	335,544	\$5,918.74
Luzerne County	\$4,144,815,624	313,020	\$13,241.38

Table 2: Federal Funds Disbursed, Pennsylvania Counties 2006 (continued)

COUNTY	Federal Funds Received in 2006	July 1, 2006 Population Estimate	Per Capita Federal Funds Received in 2006
Lycoming County	\$1,002,778,193	117,668	\$8,522.10
McKean County	\$371,838,951	44,065	\$8,438.42
Mercer County	\$902,966,963	118,551	\$7,616.70
Mifflin County	\$395,949,639	46,057	\$8,596.95
Monroe County	\$1,275,550,168	165,685	\$7,698.65
Montgomery County	\$5,527,717,968	775,688	\$7,126.21
Montour County	\$140,269,489	17,934	\$7,821.43
Northampton County	\$2,130,485,302	291,306	\$7,313.56
Northumberland County	\$814,953,018	91,654	\$8,891.63
Perry County	\$294,465,649	45,087	\$6,531.05
Philadelphia County	\$17,700,956,237	1,448,394	\$12,221.09
Pike County	\$322,011,597	58,195	\$5,533.32
Potter County	\$141,923,954	17,568	\$8,078.55
Schuylkill County	\$1,191,785,460	147,405	\$8,085.11
Snyder County	\$242,771,035	38,226	\$6,350.94
Somerset County	\$662,909,533	78,508	\$8,443.85
Sullivan County	\$54,063,816	6,277	\$8,613.00
Susquehanna County	\$353,907,142	41,889	\$8,448.69
Tioga County	\$350,365,974	41,137	\$8,517.05
Union County	\$395,701,408	43,387	\$9,120.28
Venango County	\$436,221,765	55,488	\$7,861.55
Warren County	\$314,335,946	41,742	\$7,530.45
Washington County	\$1,719,268,132	206,432	\$8,328.50
Wayne County	\$430,842,332	50,929	\$8,459.67
Westmoreland County	\$2,836,113,332	366,440	\$7,739.64
Wyoming County	\$202,911,151	28,093	\$7,222.84
York County	\$3,408,149,384	416,322	\$8,186.33
State undistributed	\$9,568,378,632	---	---

For additional information on the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2006*, including data at the county and place levels, contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.772.2710. A copy of the report may be downloaded at:

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2008pubs/cffr-06.pdf>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2006*, U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for population and economic statistics. 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.

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