

## Counting for Dollars: 200 Largest Counties

Federal Assistance Distributed on the Basis of Census-Related Statistics, 200  
Largest Counties, Fiscal Year 2008

County	Total Program Expenditures	Rank	Per Capita Expenditures	Rank
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$ 446,662,221,261</b>		<b>\$ 1,469.00</b>	
Ada County, ID	\$ 426,823,240	131	\$ 1,120.51	93
Adams County, CO	\$ 212,664,763	176	\$ 493.61	166
Alameda County, CA	\$ 3,497,503,509	10	\$ 2,372.21	24
Allegheny County, PA	\$ 1,885,978,583	32	\$ 1,552.11	55
Allen County, IN	\$ 283,564,823	159	\$ 808.98	126
Anne Arundel County, MD	\$ 360,399,116	146	\$ 702.82	139
Anoka County, MN	\$ 113,338,099	193	\$ 346.50	185
Arapahoe County, CO	\$ 428,989,921	130	\$ 773.96	132
Baltimore city, MD	\$ 2,790,190,857	16	\$ 4,380.76	6
Baltimore County, MD	\$ 577,587,236	113	\$ 735.20	136
Bergen County, NJ	\$ 672,016,812	101	\$ 750.99	134
Berks County, PA	\$ 256,543,321	166	\$ 635.65	148
Bernalillo County, NM	\$ 858,462,572	80	\$ 1,351.61	70
Bexar County, TX	\$ 2,168,213,511	22	\$ 1,336.01	72
Brevard County, FL	\$ 246,447,752	167	\$ 459.34	173
Bristol County, MA	\$ 1,361,663,791	45	\$ 2,494.70	20
Broward County, FL	\$ 919,134,920	74	\$ 524.85	162
Bucks County, PA	\$ 222,835,573	174	\$ 358.46	183
Burlington County, NJ	\$ 397,954,163	135	\$ 893.33	116
Butler County, OH	\$ 306,266,265	153	\$ 848.94	121
Camden County, NJ	\$ 828,510,691	84	\$ 1,601.81	54
Cameron County, TX	\$ 890,891,158	77	\$ 2,268.42	27
Charleston County, SC	\$ 440,525,559	128	\$ 1,265.71	80
Chester County, PA	\$ 203,689,189	178	\$ 414.43	175
Clackamas County, OR	\$ 187,248,559	181	\$ 492.01	169
Clark County, NV	\$ 1,042,084,957	66	\$ 681.47	143
Clark County, WA	\$ 289,440,946	157	\$ 558.54	159
Cobb County, GA	\$ 264,943,496	164	\$ 379.49	179
Collier County, FL	\$ 100,287,792	198	\$ 318.11	188
Collin County, TX	\$ 138,832,534	190	\$ 182.19	200

Contra Costa County, CA	\$ 1,225,022,704	52	\$ 1,189.69	86
Cook County, IL	\$ 10,107,671,625	3	\$ 1,909.03	36
Cumberland County, NC	\$ 345,696,869	150	\$ 1,105.54	95
Cuyahoga County, OH	\$ 2,113,443,267	24	\$ 1,646.08	49
Dakota County, MN	\$ 108,020,550	196	\$ 275.03	195
Dallas County, TX	\$ 2,025,741,219	28	\$ 839.57	123
Dane County, WI	\$ 1,057,749,806	64	\$ 2,191.30	28
Davidson County, TN	\$ 1,572,585,804	39	\$ 2,511.54	19
DeKalb County, GA	\$ 626,884,576	106	\$ 847.19	122
Delaware County, PA	\$ 432,907,685	129	\$ 781.96	131
Denton County, TX	\$ 144,252,686	188	\$ 226.61	198
Denver County, CO	\$ 1,538,236,524	40	\$ 2,569.26	18
District of Columbia	\$ 2,755,612,462	17	\$ 4,656.06	5
Douglas County, NE	\$ 927,937,158	73	\$ 1,848.36	38
DuPage County, IL	\$ 700,589,019	97	\$ 752.89	133
Duval County, FL	\$ 838,332,646	82	\$ 985.16	109
East Baton Rouge Parish, LA	\$ 2,069,219,687	26	\$ 4,830.56	4
El Paso County, CO	\$ 1,102,831,960	61	\$ 1,486.17	59
El Paso County, TX	\$ 293,418,206	156	\$ 492.27	168
Erie County, NY	\$ 1,643,691,573	37	\$ 1,806.56	41
Essex County, MA	\$ 2,930,243,651	14	\$ 3,802.18	8
Essex County, NJ	\$ 1,201,824,406	55	\$ 1,631.90	51
Fairfax County, VA	\$ 379,099,334	143	\$ 373.39	182
Fairfield County, CT	\$ 1,172,284,564	56	\$ 1,309.77	74
Forsyth County, NC	\$ 330,163,210	152	\$ 962.50	111
Fort Bend County, TX	\$ 169,059,548	183	\$ 317.70	189
Franklin County, OH	\$ 2,809,455,480	15	\$ 2,488.30	21
Fresno County, CA	\$ 1,671,122,625	36	\$ 1,838.11	39
Fulton County, GA	\$ 2,524,843,830	19	\$ 2,487.70	22
Genesee County, MI	\$ 738,233,957	92	\$ 1,721.67	43
Greenville County, SC	\$ 350,776,200	149	\$ 800.64	128
Guilford County, NC	\$ 535,093,065	118	\$ 1,133.15	91
Gwinnett County, GA	\$ 153,414,674	185	\$ 194.32	199
Hamilton County, OH	\$ 1,231,172,537	51	\$ 1,445.90	61
Hamilton County, TN	\$ 562,718,549	115	\$ 1,690.62	47
Hampden County, MA	\$ 986,268,278	70	\$ 2,140.15	31
Harris County, TX	\$ 2,951,157,770	13	\$ 740.69	135
Hartford County, CT	\$ 2,040,903,397	27	\$ 2,326.31	26
Hennepin County, MN	\$ 1,993,157,379	29	\$ 1,746.87	42
Hidalgo County, TX	\$ 1,169,252,214	57	\$ 1,609.20	53
Hillsborough County, FL	\$ 1,046,236,208	65	\$ 962.44	112
Hillsborough County, NH	\$ 386,941,062	137	\$ 886.05	117
Honolulu County, HI	\$ 1,083,081,069	63	\$ 1,196.73	84
Hudson County, NJ	\$ 1,838,254,449	34	\$ 3,087.33	13
Jackson County, MO	\$ 797,261,772	87	\$ 1,192.76	85
Jefferson County, AL	\$ 768,388,998	91	\$ 1,076.36	99
Jefferson County, CO	\$ 705,384,968	96	\$ 1,069.57	100

Jefferson County, KY	\$ 188,809,630	180	\$ 354.01	184
Jefferson Parish, LA	\$ 371,338,483	145	\$ 851.34	120
Johnson County, KS	\$ 156,571,057	184	\$ 293.15	193
Kane County, IL	\$ 221,969,796	175	\$ 437.31	174
Kent County, MI	\$ 679,191,856	100	\$ 1,122.24	92
Kern County, CA	\$ 1,223,445,990	53	\$ 1,528.43	57
King County, WA	\$ 2,225,936,143	20	\$ 1,186.84	87
Knox County, TN	\$ 718,006,656	95	\$ 1,669.71	48
Lake County, FL	\$ 694,590,895	98	\$ 1,406.62	66
Lake County, IL	\$ 294,897,318	155	\$ 464.71	172
Lake County, IN	\$ 142,779,365	189	\$ 413.92	176
Lancaster County, PA	\$ 281,638,704	161	\$ 560.62	157
Lane County, OR	\$ 351,610,451	148	\$ 1,014.57	106
Lee County, FL	\$ 245,293,387	168	\$ 413.55	177
Lehigh County, PA	\$ 231,696,323	171	\$ 681.48	142
Lorain County, OH	\$ 269,074,071	162	\$ 884.03	118
Los Angeles County, CA	\$ 19,601,366,888	2	\$ 1,987.56	35
Lucas County, OH	\$ 649,530,965	102	\$ 1,474.68	60
Luzerne County, PA	\$ 382,884,121	140	\$ 1,227.26	82
Macomb County, MI	\$ 519,078,635	122	\$ 624.90	150
Madison County, AL	\$ 225,507,226	173	\$ 705.79	138
Manatee County, FL	\$ 119,129,338	192	\$ 377.27	181
Maricopa County, AZ	\$ 4,198,161,833	7	\$ 1,061.59	105
Marion County, FL	\$ 1,895,044,265	31	\$ 2,652.66	16
Marion County, IN	\$ 834,541,286	83	\$ 2,152.53	30
Marion County, OR	\$ 204,829,041	177	\$ 621.39	152
McHenry County, IL	\$ 79,692,534	200	\$ 250.10	196
Mecklenburg County, NC	\$ 504,368,117	124	\$ 566.38	156
Mercer County, NJ	\$ 1,863,374,944	33	\$ 5,106.77	3
Miami-Dade County, FL	\$ 909,537,695	76	\$ 379.25	180
Middlesex County, MA	\$ 2,094,358,453	25	\$ 1,412.74	64
Middlesex County, NJ	\$ 623,487,901	107	\$ 790.12	129
Milwaukee County, WI	\$ 1,357,043,867	46	\$ 1,423.48	63
Mobile County, AL	\$ 404,580,104	133	\$ 995.74	108
Monmouth County, NJ	\$ 685,830,436	99	\$ 1,067.53	102
Monroe County, NY	\$ 1,013,019,704	68	\$ 1,382.47	67
Monterey County, CA	\$ 526,015,258	121	\$ 1,288.50	77
Montgomery County, MD	\$ 725,656,137	93	\$ 1,357.32	68
Montgomery County, OH	\$ 586,377,611	112	\$ 622.81	151
Montgomery County, PA	\$ 376,484,872	144	\$ 616.80	153
Montgomery County, TX	\$ 267,777,825	163	\$ 483.88	170
Morris County, NJ	\$ 242,099,460	169	\$ 496.57	165
Multnomah County, OR	\$ 1,028,102,150	67	\$ 1,438.78	62
Nassau County, NY	\$ 1,233,017,988	50	\$ 912.25	114
New Castle County, DE	\$ 590,508,241	111	\$ 1,114.92	94
New Haven County, CT	\$ 1,443,583,972	43	\$ 1,706.16	45
New York City, NY	\$ 26,389,025,012	1	\$ 3,155.18	12

Norfolk County, MA	\$ 719,067,824	94	\$ 1,089.65	97
Nueces County, TX	\$ 553,189,738	116	\$ 1,717.57	44
Oakland County, MI	\$ 862,237,240	79	\$ 717.23	137
Ocean County, NJ	\$ 388,924,304	136	\$ 683.39	141
Oklahoma County, OK	\$ 1,092,930,660	62	\$ 1,546.71	56
Onondaga County, NY	\$ 637,207,896	104	\$ 1,407.78	65
Orange County, CA	\$ 2,597,816,805	18	\$ 1,078.05	98
Orange County, FL	\$ 571,012,209	114	\$ 862.84	119
Orange County, NY	\$ 409,278,236	132	\$ 532.26	161
Orleans Parish, LA	\$ 1,116,283,030	60	\$ 3,579.52	9
Palm Beach County, FL	\$ 593,647,965	110	\$ 469.18	171
Pasco County, FL	\$ 150,382,538	187	\$ 319.26	187
Passaic County, NJ	\$ 930,026,081	72	\$ 1,894.35	37
Philadelphia County, PA	\$ 4,114,206,764	8	\$ 2,842.49	15
Pierce County, WA	\$ 787,328,496	88	\$ 1,002.15	107
Pima County, AZ	\$ 1,327,514,099	47	\$ 1,311.75	73
Pinal County, AZ	\$ 384,012,392	139	\$ 1,173.27	89
Pinellas County, FL	\$ 508,788,917	123	\$ 558.95	158
Placer County, CA	\$ 402,552,861	134	\$ 1,177.24	88
Plymouth County, MA	\$ 637,975,374	103	\$ 1,296.52	75
Polk County, FL	\$ 848,798,335	81	\$ 1,998.22	34
Polk County, IA	\$ 382,231,569	141	\$ 658.35	146
Prince George's County, MD	\$ 532,561,938	119	\$ 648.79	147
Prince William County, VA	\$ 108,765,020	195	\$ 298.20	192
Providence County, RI	\$ 1,470,695,617	42	\$ 2,348.79	25
Pulaski County, AR	\$ 815,136,728	86	\$ 2,163.33	29
Ramsey County, MN	\$ 1,506,804,757	41	\$ 3,005.03	14
Richland County, SC	\$ 948,437,279	71	\$ 2,605.59	17
Riverside County, CA	\$ 1,697,134,685	35	\$ 807.96	127
Sacramento County, CA	\$ 7,585,371,007	4	\$ 5,440.84	2
Salt Lake County, UT	\$ 1,161,935,416	58	\$ 1,136.20	90
San Bernardino County, CA	\$ 2,143,394,608	23	\$ 1,063.53	104
San Diego County, CA	\$ 3,628,885,815	9	\$ 1,209.20	83
San Francisco County, CA	\$ 3,222,970,455	11	\$ 3,984.01	7
San Joaquin County, CA	\$ 1,145,340,570	59	\$ 1,703.39	46
San Mateo County, CA	\$ 911,859,467	75	\$ 1,279.46	78
Santa Barbara County, CA	\$ 548,354,610	117	\$ 1,352.64	69
Santa Clara County, CA	\$ 2,171,892,133	21	\$ 1,230.88	81
Sarasota County, FL	\$ 112,016,387	194	\$ 301.07	191
Sedgwick County, KS	\$ 381,224,575	142	\$ 789.51	130
Seminole County, FL	\$ 130,146,831	191	\$ 316.77	190
Shelby County, TN	\$ 1,923,399,174	30	\$ 2,121.03	32
Snohomish County, WA	\$ 450,672,070	127	\$ 659.21	145
Solano County, CA	\$ 527,811,729	120	\$ 1,295.20	76
Somerset County, NJ	\$ 170,023,382	182	\$ 523.85	164
Sonoma County, CA	\$ 595,839,760	109	\$ 1,276.60	79
Spokane County, WA	\$ 494,266,424	125	\$ 1,068.28	101

St. Charles County, MO	\$ 97,671,549	199	\$ 279.54	194
St. Louis city, MO	\$ 1,206,014,085	54	\$ 3,403.35	10
St. Louis County, MO	\$ 628,337,512	105	\$ 633.51	149
Stanislaus County, CA	\$ 825,457,954	85	\$ 1,616.35	52
Stark County, OH	\$ 344,569,942	151	\$ 908.64	115
Suffolk County, MA	\$ 4,419,835,849	6	\$ 6,032.39	1
Suffolk County, NY	\$ 1,438,885,100	44	\$ 951.50	113
Summit County, OH	\$ 596,609,486	108	\$ 1,099.62	96
Tarrant County, TX	\$ 995,334,695	69	\$ 568.73	154
Travis County, TX	\$ 3,191,813,281	12	\$ 3,196.47	11
Tulare County, CA	\$ 883,773,613	78	\$ 2,073.24	33
Tulsa County, OK	\$ 492,683,945	126	\$ 832.26	124
Union County, NJ	\$ 783,139,246	89	\$ 1,496.69	58
Utah County, UT	\$ 295,946,426	154	\$ 557.51	160
Ventura County, CA	\$ 776,642,554	90	\$ 973.55	110
Virginia Beach city, VA	\$ 104,035,055	197	\$ 239.85	197
Volusia County, FL	\$ 261,031,683	165	\$ 524.12	163
Wake County, NC	\$ 1,588,816,421	38	\$ 1,833.79	40
Washington County, OR	\$ 357,245,178	147	\$ 675.05	144
Washoe County, NV	\$ 282,601,459	160	\$ 688.53	140
Washtenaw County, MI	\$ 286,957,072	158	\$ 826.07	125
Waukesha County, WI	\$ 152,570,283	186	\$ 400.84	178
Wayne County, MI	\$ 4,665,027,258	5	\$ 2,392.41	23
Westchester County, NY	\$ 1,284,825,773	49	\$ 1,346.86	71
Westmoreland County, PA	\$ 384,943,468	138	\$ 1,064.59	103
Will County, IL	\$ 229,070,623	172	\$ 336.33	186
Williamson County, TX	\$ 194,400,605	179	\$ 493.16	167
Worcester County, MA	\$ 1,289,947,764	48	\$ 1,645.75	50
York County, PA	\$ 240,551,394	170	\$ 566.56	155

Notes:

This table was prepared for the Counting for Dollars Project at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program ([www.brookings.edu/metro/CountingforDollars](http://www.brookings.edu/metro/CountingforDollars)). It was generated by a database of federal domestic assistance programs that used census-related datasets in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 to:

- determine the eligibility of applicants, recipients, or beneficiaries
- geographically allocate **all or some** program funds by formula and/or
- score applications for project funding

Census-related datasets include:

- the Census Bureau's Census 2000, annual Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Current Population Survey, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, and list of Urbanized Areas
- Per Capita Income (Bureau of Economic Analysis), Area Median Income and Fair Market Rents (Department of Housing and Urban Development), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Bureau of Labor Statistics), and statistical area delineations (Office of Management and Budget)

Programs that rely on census-related data were identified through a review of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance ([www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)), federal law and regulation, administrative materials, and, as necessary, communication with program personnel. The distribution of funds by geography was drawn from the Census Bureau's Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR) ([www.census.gov/govs/cffr/](http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/)). Programs were assigned to OMB budget function codes on the basis of information found in Appendix III of the CFDA print edition. FY2008 is the latest year for which CFFR data are available.

At times, program funds were deobligated for a given geography if, for example, program costs were less than were anticipated. If a program had a net deobligation in FY2008, expenditures for that program appear as negative. Negative numbers appear in parentheses.

Cautions:

- For each program listed in the table, the dollar amount is the **total** expenditure as provided by the (CFFR). Spending figures on only that portion distributed on the basis of census-related data are not available. Hence, figures from the table should be cited with care and clarity. (Note: Nationally, at least 90 percent of funds spent by census-guided programs were in fact distributed on the basis of census-related data.)
- Data for a county with a state capital are likely to include distributions intended for pass-through from the state government to recipients across the state. While the Census Bureau estimates the geographic distribution of pass-throughs for larger grant programs (e.g., Medicaid, Highway Planning and Construction), it does not do so for smaller ones. Instead, funds for such programs are attributed to the county of the state capital.
- A per capita expenditure estimate is provided only to allow comparisons among geographic areas. It is not intended to suggest that the funding total will increase by the per capita estimate for each additional person counted in the census.

The table includes independent cities.