

# Ohio's 2019 per-capita police protection expenditures lower than national average

Per-Capita Police Protection Expenditures for Ohio and Neighboring States in 2019 <i>National Average = \$372</i>		
State	National Rank	Per-Capita Expenditures
Pennsylvania	23	\$341
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$333</b>
Michigan	38	\$277
West Virginia	48	\$238
Indiana	50	\$230
Kentucky	51	\$182

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Ohio Attorney General

- In 2019, Ohio's state and local government per-capita police protection expenditures of \$333 ranked 26<sup>th</sup> nationally. The District of Columbia ranked highest with a per-capita rate of \$953; Kentucky spent the least at \$182 per capita. The national average was \$372.
- Of Ohio's \$3.9 billion in police protection expenditures reported for 2019, 88%, or \$3.5 billion, was expended by local governments, and 12%, or \$0.4 billion, by the state. For the U.S., on average, the local/state split was 87%/13%.
- As of July 2022, the Ohio Attorney General reported 951 law enforcement agencies in operation, employing 24,943 full-time officers:
  - 638 municipal police departments – 15,114 full-time officers
  - 113 special police agencies (e.g., parks, hospitals, universities, railroads, airports) – 2,114 full-time officers
  - 97 township police departments – 1,285 full-time officers
  - 88 county sheriff's offices – 5,639 full-time deputies
  - 15 state agencies – 791 full-time troopers/officers/agents