

# Motor vehicle license tax generated \$585.5 million in CY 2023 for local transportation infrastructure

**Distributions to Local Governments for Roads and Bridges in Calendar Year 2023**  
(\$ in millions)

Local Government	State Tax	Permissive Local Tax	Total
<b>Counties</b> <i>Levy authority: up to \$20</i>	\$261.7	\$153.0	<b>\$414.7</b>
<b>Municipalities</b> <i>Levy authority: \$5-\$25*</i>	\$62.9	\$67.3	<b>\$130.2</b>
<b>Townships</b> <i>Levy authority: up to \$10</i>	\$17.1	\$23.5	<b>\$40.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$341.7</b>	<b>\$243.8</b>	<b>\$585.5</b>

\*The amount that a municipality can levy depends on the amount that is levied by the county.

Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

- In CY 2023, \$585.5 million in state and local permissive motor vehicle license tax revenue was distributed to counties, municipalities, and townships to fund the planning, construction, and maintenance of roads and bridges.
- Of the 13.1 million vehicle registrations processed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) in 2023, 8.8 million were for passenger cars.
- The annual cost to register a passenger car in Ohio ranges from \$36 to \$66 (state plus local permissive motor vehicle license taxes and fees). It is distributed as follows:
  - \$20 to local governments;
  - \$11 to the Department of Public Safety for expenses incurred in administering and enforcing motor vehicle and traffic laws;
  - \$5 service fee to deputy registrars or the BMV (for mail-in and online transactions); and
  - \$0 to \$30 to local governments from permissive motor vehicle license taxes, which are levied in \$5 increments and cannot exceed \$30 per vehicle.