

Ohio's 2021 per-capita police protection expenditures lower than national average

Per-Capita Police Protection Expenditures for Ohio and Neighboring States in 2021 <i>National Average = \$407</i>		
State	National Rank	Per-Capita Expenditures
Pennsylvania	20	\$383
Ohio	35	\$332
Michigan	40	\$290
West Virginia	47	\$261
Indiana	49	\$252
Kentucky	51	\$232

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

- In 2021, Ohio's state and local government per-capita police protection expenditures of \$332 ranked 35th nationally. The District of Columbia ranked highest with a per-capita rate of \$970; Kentucky spent the least at \$232 per capita. The national average was \$407.
- Of Ohio's \$3.9 billion in police protection expenditures reported for 2021, 88%, or \$3.4 billion, was expended by local governments, and 12%, or \$0.5 billion, by the state. For the U.S., on average, the local/state split was 87%/13%.
- As of January 2024, the Ohio Attorney General reported 944 law enforcement agencies in operation, employing 26,004 full-time officers:
 - 633 municipal police departments – 14,903 full-time officers
 - 111 special police agencies (e.g., parks, hospitals, universities, railroads, airports) – 2,101 full-time officers
 - 96 township police departments – 1,313 full-time officers
 - 88 county sheriff's offices – 5,622 full-time deputies
 - 16 state agencies – 2,065 full-time troopers/officers/agents