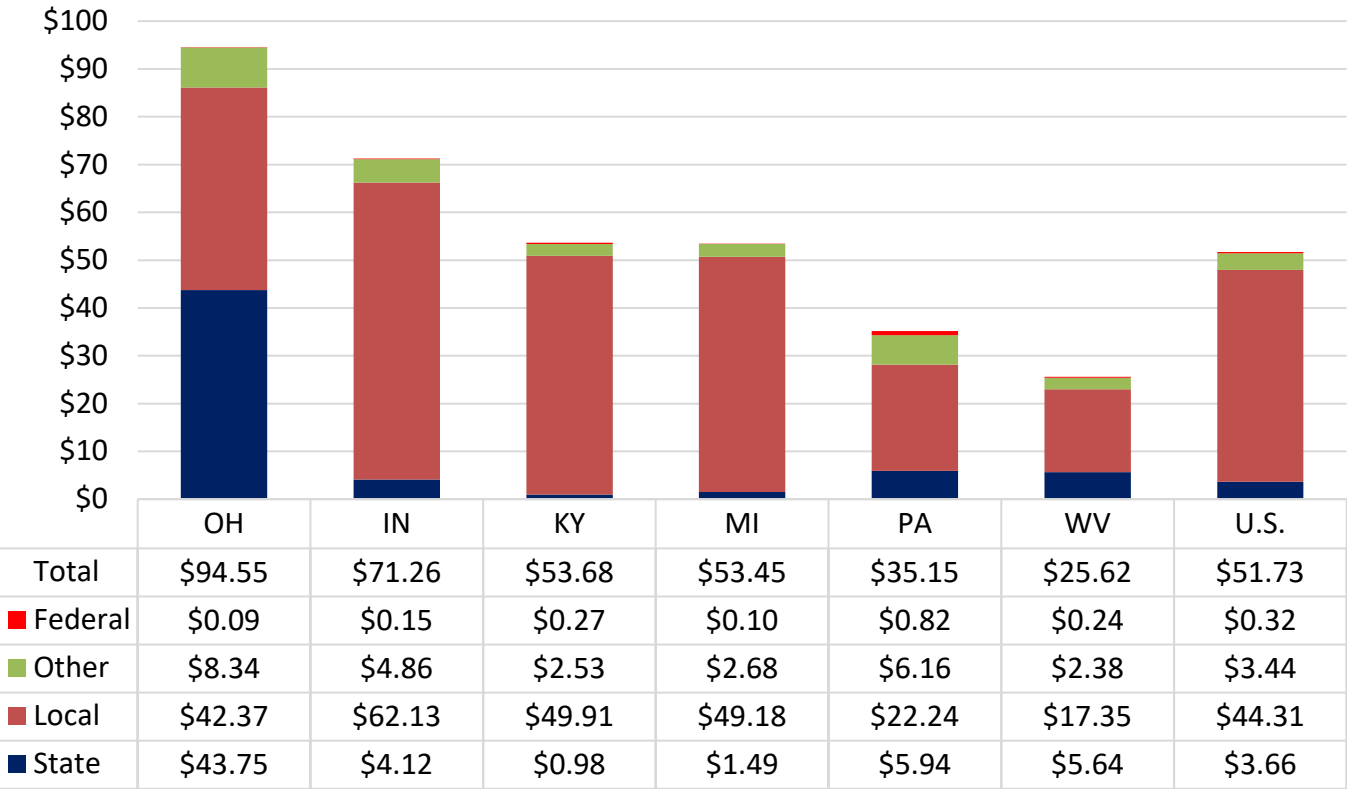


# Ohio leads country in state funding for public libraries

Per-Capita Operating Revenue of Public Libraries, FY 2023



Source: Institute of Museum and Library Services

- In FY 2023, Ohio led the nation in per-capita state funding of public libraries (\$43.75) and ranked second in total library funding per capita (\$94.55) behind only the District of Columbia (\$114.13).
- Ohio libraries' state funding of \$43.75 per capita far exceeds that of neighboring states and is nearly 12 times the national average of \$3.66.
- Ohio's local library funding of \$42.37 per capita is 4.4% below the national average of \$44.31.
- Shares of FY 2023 Ohio per-capita total:
  - 46.3% State
  - 44.8% Local
  - 8.9% Other and Federal
- Ohio's public libraries consist of:
  - 251 public library systems
  - 786 individual library locations (including 721 central and branch locations and 65 bookmobiles)