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Pennsylvania Spends \$47.7 Billion in 2000, Ranks 4th in Nation

MIDDLETOWN, Pa – The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that the U. S. Census Bureau's 2000 Annual Survey of State Government Finances indicates that Pennsylvania state government spent \$47.7 billion in fiscal year 2000. This represents a 7.8 percent increase from 1999 when Pennsylvania spent \$44.2 billion. In both 2000 and 1999, Pennsylvania ranked fourth in the nation in government spending.

Table 1: Top 5 States Ranked by Revenues and Expenditures, 2000
(Amounts are in thousand dollars)

Revenues		Expenditures	
Area	Amount	Area	Amount
United States	1,259,835,410	United States	1,084,548,321
California	172,480,675	California	149,772,310
New York	111,397,057	New York	96,924,806
Texas	72,322,692	Texas	60,425,369
Ohio	55,273,628	Pennsylvania	47,681,749
Pennsylvania	54,517,356	Florida	45,207,903

On a per capita basis, Pennsylvania spent \$3,882.56 per person in fiscal year 2000. In fiscal year 1999, Pennsylvania's per capita spending was \$3,688.24 per person. The commonwealth ranked 25th in the nation in per capita spending in 2000 and 24th in 1999.

Table 2: Total and Per Capita Expenditures,
U.S. and Pennsylvania, 1999 and 2000

Area	Total Expenditures (thousand dollars)				Per Capita Expenditures (dollars)			
	2000	1999	Percent Change	2000 Rank	2000	1999	Percent Change	2000 Rank
United States	1,084,548,321	998,365,117	8.6	-	3,861.66	3,668.14	5.3	-
Pennsylvania	47,681,749	44,236,777	7.8	4	3,882.56	3,688.24	5.3	25

Public welfare was the largest expenditure by Pennsylvania state government in 2000. Public welfare expenditures were \$13.2 billion in 2000 and accounted for 27.7 percent of total expenditures. Education accounted for \$12.7 billion in expenditures, 26.7 percent of total expenditures. Other general expenditures in 2000 included \$3.5 billion for highways (7.4 %), \$1.7 billion for hospitals (3.5%) and \$1.6 billion for health (3.3%).

Revenues

Pennsylvania collected \$54.5 billion dollars in revenue in 2000, ranking it 5th in the nation. This represents a \$5 billion increase, or 10.2 percent, from 1999 when Pennsylvania had \$49.5 billion in revenue.

Pennsylvania's per capita revenue amount was \$4,439.16 in 2000, ranking Pennsylvania 25th in the nation. Pennsylvania's per capita revenues in 1999 was \$4,125.54 ranking Pennsylvania 26th in the nation.

**Table 3: Total and Per Capita Revenues,
U.S. and Pennsylvania, 1999 and 2000**

Area	Total Revenues (thousand dollars)				Per Capita Revenues (dollars)			
	2000	1999	Percent Change	2000 Rank	2000	1999	Percent Change	2000 Rank
United States	1,259,835,410	1,152,869,754	9.3	-	4,485.79	4,235.81	5.9	-
Pennsylvania	54,517,356	49,481,716	10.2	5	4,439.16	4,125.54	7.6	25

Taxes accounted for the largest part of general revenues for Pennsylvania in 2000. Taxes accounted for 41.2 percent, or \$22.5 billion, of Pennsylvania's revenue in 2000. General sales taxes accounted for \$7 billion of Pennsylvania's tax revenue while individual income tax accounted for \$6.8 billion.

On a per capita basis, Pennsylvanians paid \$1,829.40 in taxes in 2000. Individual income taxes cost Pennsylvanians \$551.30 on a per capita basis.

The Pennsylvania Lottery

Pennsylvania's lottery income in 2000 was \$1.6 billion, ranking Pennsylvania 11th in the nation in lottery income. Of the \$1.6 billion in income, Pennsylvania apportioned \$828.7 million in prizes, \$56.5 million was apportioned for administrative costs and \$704.1 million was apportioned as proceeds from ticket sales. Pennsylvania ranked 10th in the nation in prizes, 16th in administrative costs and 7th in proceeds available from ticket sales.

For more information on the U.S. Census Bureau's release: The 2000 Annual Survey of State Government Finances, please contact the Pennsylvania State Data Center's State Capital Office at 717.772.2710

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

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