Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2010 (CFFR)

2010 Federal Expenditures or Obligations Highlights

- Federal domestic spending increased 2.4 percent in fiscal year 2010 to $3.3 trillion. The 2010 spending total is equivalent to $10,612 per person living in the United States. Federal spending includes expenditures or obligations for grants, salaries and wages, procurement contracts, direct payments for individuals for retirement and disability, and other direct payments.
- Entitlement programs Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security comprised 47.4 percent of all funding, or $1.6 trillion. Social Security alone accounted for $743.2 billion of that total.
- States with the highest per capita federal spending were Alaska ($17,762), Virginia ($17,008), and Maryland ($16,673). States with the lowest were Nevada ($7,321), Minnesota ($8,367), and Utah ($8,519).

2010 Federal Expenditures or Obligations by Category

Grants

- Federal spending for grants in fiscal year 2010 totaled $683.4 billion, or 20.9 percent of all federal spending. Three federal departments accounted for 77.6 percent of all federal grants money in 2010—Health and Human Services ($407.4 billion), Transportation ($64.3 billion), and Education ($58.4 billion).

Salaries and Wages

- Salaries and wages for federal employees accounted for $342.9 billion (10.5 percent) of all federal spending. The largest share of this category went to Department of Defense payrolls (53.1 percent), federal civilian payrolls (29.3 percent), and U.S. Postal Service payrolls (17.6 percent).

Procurement Contracts

- Procurement contracts totaled $516.7 billion, or 15.8 percent of federal spending. The largest share of contracts were awarded by the Department of Defense ($331.2 billion), followed by all other federal government except the U.S. Postal Service and Department of Defense ($170.4 billion), and the U.S. Postal Service ($15.3 billion).

Direct Payments for Individuals for Retirement and Disability, and Other Direct Payments

- Retirement and disability accounted for 27.9 percent of all federal spending at $914.8 billion, while other direct payments (e.g., housing assistance, unemployment compensation, Medicare) made up 25.0 percent at $818.6 billion.

Other Highlights

- The federal government committed $1.8 trillion in direct loans, guaranteed or insured loans, and insurance. Direct loans were $88.5 billion, led by federal direct student loans ($73.0 billion). Guaranteed or insured loans totaled $426.6 billion, led by home mortgage insurance loans ($275.2 billion). Insurance totaled $1.3 trillion, with the largest share going to flood insurance ($1.2 trillion).

Population figures used to calculate per capita figures for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all counties come from the 2010 Census. These can be found at <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.

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