

SOCIAL SERVICES DRIVES 21ST CENTURY SPENDING

"A short-term budgetary link should be established between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and total operational expenditures by agencies." Policy Foundation Efficiency Project recommendation, 2016

(December 2019) Social services operating expenditures totaled \$8.1 billion (FY2017), consuming nearly one-third (32%) of total state spending in this area. Only one other department--Education--topped \$1 billion, records show.

	<u>FY 2002¹</u>	<u>FY 2017²</u>
Human Services	\$2,905,807,795	\$8,119,742,316
Education	\$2,038,265,167	\$3,538,856,863
Finance and Administration	\$637,856,957	\$936,111,805
Correction	\$206,773,998	\$394,693,793
Health	\$251,325,626	\$297,240,574
Workforce Services ³	\$108,157,225	\$242,408,730
Career Education ⁴		\$143,431,425
Parks and Tourism	\$69,723,457	\$104,611,478
Community Correction	\$38,124,486	\$103,470,371
Economic Development	\$27,163,587	\$85,892,004
Information Systems	\$66,745,377	\$67,400,063
Military	\$33,102,031	\$62,251,106
Insurance	\$24,355,089	\$55,334,248
Environmental Quality	\$36,896,952	\$47,234,953
Agriculture ⁵		\$44,993,424
Emergency Management	\$39,725,506	\$27,905,617
Higher Education	\$6,794,942	\$20,722,787
Veterans Affairs	\$6,385,736	\$20,444,445
Heritage	\$15,654,575	\$17,982,488
Assessment Coordination	\$15,710,047	\$17,547,052
Aeronautics	\$5,416,768	\$14,458,696
Bank Department	\$5,079,217	\$8,129,524
Labor	\$5,112,545	\$6,062,645

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¹ https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/budgetOffice/fy02_actual_expenditures.pdf

² FY 2017, <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/budgetOffice/fy2017ActualExpenditures.pdf> (Total Op. Expenditures)

³ The agency was called the Department of Workforce Education in FY 2001-02.

⁴ The Career Education Department did not exist in FY 2001-02.

⁵ The Agriculture Department did not exist in FY 2001-02. The agency was founded in 2005.

<https://portal.arkansas.gov/agency/department-of-agriculture/arkansas-agriculture-department/>

