

Tax Dollars at Work

Public Spending in FY2004 for Selected Health and Social Programs

Profile

Oscoda County

Introduction:

The current debate over spending reductions or revenue increases for public programs heightens the importance of understanding both the human impact of public social and health programs and the dollar value of these programs as an economic stimulus in Michigan communities. These programs provide vital services to the poor, ranging from the young through the elderly, and from families to individuals. Program reductions, discussed in the aggregate at the state level, may not seem drastic, but are often devastating to deal with at the individual or the community level. Therefore, it is critical to understand potential local impacts on both the citizenry and the local economy when program reductions are discussed at the state level. It is also important to note that nearly every program included in this analysis brings federal dollars to the local community, providing a return of the tax dollars paid to the federal government.

The following county profile includes public spending totals for specific categories of social and health programs, defined below, and recipients for selected programs within the categories.

Definitions and Spending Categories included in the Profile:

Recipients are those persons who actually received a service or benefit from a program; **eligibles** are those persons who were eligible, but may or may not have received a benefit. For example, a person can be eligible for Medicaid, but may or may not have a claim paid on their behalf during the fiscal year. Recipients have not been totaled for the Income Assistance Total, Work Support Total or the Grand Total due to the likelihood of duplication between and among programs.

Nutrition Services include Food Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamp Program), School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Summer Food Program, and the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program.

Emergency Services include State Emergency Relief, including Burials, and Energy Assistance Programs, including Heat, Electric and Energy-Related Home Repairs, and Home Heating Tax Credit for tax year 2003.

Medical Assistance includes regular Medicaid payments, Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments, Title XIX funded mental health payments, the Title XIX component of Children's Special Health Care Services, Home Help and Personal Care Services payments, Adult Benefits Waiver (which replaced the State Medical Program), and MIChild Program payments.

Children's Services include Child Care Fund total expenditures (state and local) and Foster Care, Title IV-E funded and State Ward Board and Care.

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	<u>Expenditures*</u>	<u>Recipients/ Eligibles</u>
Income Assistance – Total	\$1,657,400	N/A
▶ Family Independence Program	256,700	138
▶ State Disability Assistance	59,100	18
▶ Supplemental Security Income	1,341,600	256 ¹
Nutrition Services	1,370,600	1,241²
Emergency Services	193,200	1,646³
Work Support – Total	333,800	N/A
▶ Child Day Care	248,200	91
▶ Work First and Welfare to Work	85,600	100 ⁴
Health Care	8,662,300	2,308¹
Children's Services	281,500	6⁵
TOTAL SPENDING FOR SELECTED PROGRAMS	<u>\$12,498,800</u>	N/A

*Expenditures are rounded to nearest hundred; may not total due to rounding.

¹ Reflects persons eligible.

² Due to the likely duplication among nutrition programs, only the Food Assistance Program recipients are included in this table.

³ Due to the possible duplication among emergency services programs, only the recipients of energy assistance are included in this table.

⁴ Work First participants.

⁵ Includes Foster Care (Title IV-E and State Ward Board and Care) recipients only.