



What Ohioans Think About What the State Should Spend More Money on



Results From The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati 

What area of state government would you most like to see the state of Ohio spend more money on? For almost 1 in 3 Ohio adults, it's healthcare, according to the 2008 *Ohio Health Issues Poll*.

Ohioans would most like to see the government spend more on:

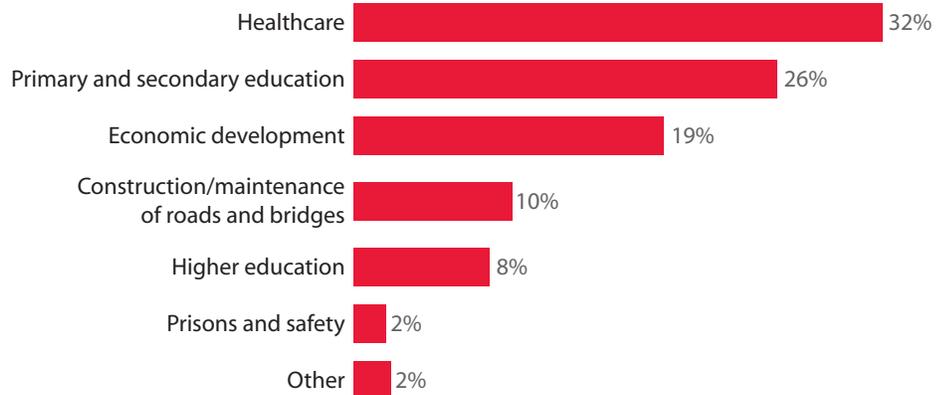
1. Healthcare (32%)
2. Primary and secondary education (26%)
3. Economic development (19%)
4. Construction and maintenance of roads and bridges (10%)
5. Higher education (8%)
6. Prisons and safety (2%)

Ohioans more likely within demographic groups to choose healthcare as the area they would most like to see the Ohio government spend more money on included Ohioans:

- living in rural counties (44%)
- living in Southeastern Ohio (44%)
- who were female (42%)
- with less than a high school education (41%)
- living between 100–200% of the federal poverty guidelines¹ (FPG; 40%)

¹ 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) in 2007 was an annual income of \$20,650 for a family of 4.

Thinking about the Ohio budget, what area of state government would you MOST like to see the state of Ohio spend more money on?



For some demographic groups, healthcare fell to second place:

- African Americans
 1. Primary and secondary education (39%)
 2. Healthcare (27%)
- The uninsured
 1. Primary and secondary education (34%)
 2. Healthcare (31%)
- Ohioans ages 30–45
 1. Primary and secondary education (34%)
 2. Healthcare (25%)
- Ohioans living in a household with children
 1. Primary and secondary education (33%)
 2. Healthcare (26%)

• Ohioans living above 200% FPG

1. Primary and secondary education (29%)
2. Healthcare (26%)

• Males

1. Primary and secondary education (26%)
2. (tie) Economic development; Healthcare (22%)

For college graduates, healthcare (18%) was third behind primary and secondary education (40%) and economic development (22%).