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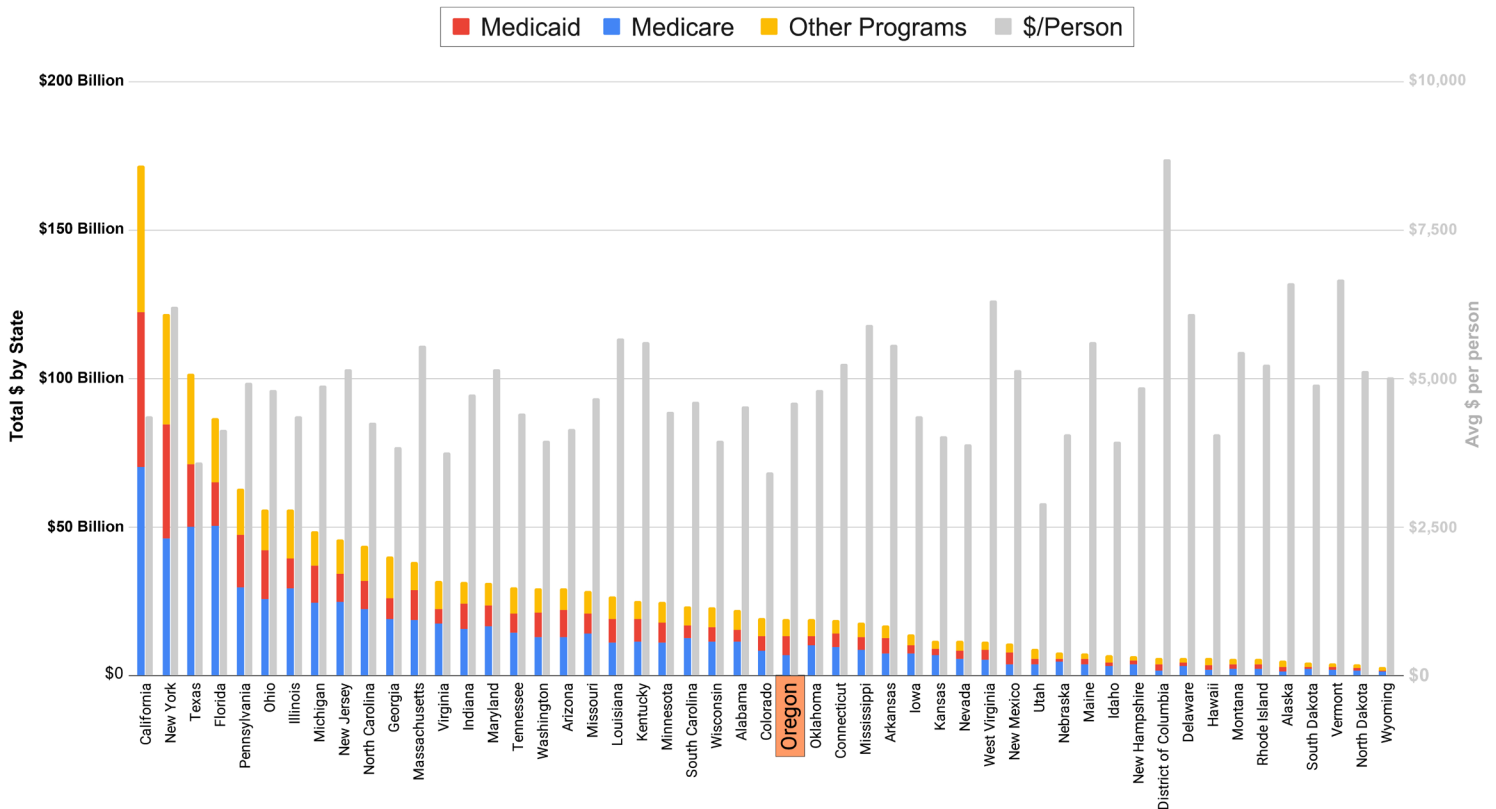
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Show Us the Money...

Census-based Allocation for Medicare, Medicaid and Other Programs (2017)



Each year local, regional, and state governments use the results of census decennial counts, as well as the annual estimates based on the census, to distribute significant federal funds.

According to researchers at George Washington University, over nineteen billion dollars in federal money was allocated throughout Oregon in fiscal year 2017 alone;¹ this amount equates to an average of approximately \$4,600 for each Oregon resident, close

to the national average of \$4,626. In addition to the largest disbursements in Medicare and Medicaid, census data also determines funding decisions for smaller, but still vital, programs such as the USDA's very low to moderate income housing loans (~\$20m), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (~\$67m).

1. "Counting for Dollars 2020: The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds | GW Institute of Public Policy | The George Washington University," Gwu.edu, 2020, <https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-2020-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds>.