

**How Rhode Island's  
State and Local Expenditures Compare**

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- Provides objective information and conducts educational programs for the benefit of Council members, public officials, and the general public;
- Builds coalitions with other community groups to promote sound public policies; and
- Promotes a public policy agenda to foster a climate for economic opportunity.

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## **I. Introduction**

Uniform and dependable expenditure information is needed to accurately compare state and local expenditures. In RIPEC's opinion, a credible and commonly used source of comparative state and local expenditure data is *Government Finances* compiled by the United States Census Bureau. Thus, the analysis presented here is based on the United States Census Bureau, Government Finance, FY 2007 and FY 1997 data.

RIPEC's report, *How Rhode Island Compares – State and Local Expenditures, 2009 Edition* provides details on state and local government expenditures for fiscal year 2007, the latest year for which national data are available. The publication compares Rhode Island's expenditures with those of the other 49 states and the United States average.

A comparison of Rhode Island's actual expenditures to other states would provide little, if any, useful information given the vast differences in land area, population and personal wealth. To provide a common basis for comparison, expenditures are shown on both a "Per Capita" and "Per \$1,000 of Personal Income" basis. This provides two types of common denominators that account for differences due to the population of a state (per capita measurement) and the personal income level of the state (per \$1,000 of personal income).

Per capita refers to the amount of state and local expenditures divided by the number of residents in the state. Measuring expenditures on a per capita basis shows the level of government spending for a particular service for each resident in a state. However, this measure does not reflect the ability to pay for these services or the demographic characteristics of a state. Per \$1,000 of personal income refers to the amount of state and local expenditures expended per every \$1,000 of personal income generated by the state's residents. Measuring spending against personal income provides some measure of a state's residents' ability to pay.

One should note that there are other measures to benchmark expenditures as well. For example, education expenditures can be measured on a per pupil basis or social welfare expenditures can be measured by the caseloads served. All of these measurements have their strengths and weaknesses. Therefore, several gauges should be considered in analyzing a state's expenditure trends. Nevertheless, RIPEC believes that reporting and analyzing relative expenditure trends per capita, per \$1,000 of personal income, and as a percent of total expenditures provides a benchmark to assess a state's expenditure choices.

RIPEC relied primarily on data made available through the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census website ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)). Per capita calculations were completed by RIPEC using Census Bureau population figures and per \$1,000 of personal income calculations by using the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis income data as of October, 2009.

*How Rhode Island Compares – State and Local Expenditures, 2009 Edition* contains four sections in addition to this Introduction:

- Section II: Overview and Summary provides highlights of the major expenditures;
- Section III: Expenditure Analysis examines expenditures on a per \$1,000 of personal income and per capita basis and includes analysis of select expenditures;
- Section IV: State and Local Government Expenditures contains 32 tables of expenditure data for fiscal years 1997 and 2007 on a per \$1,000 of personal income basis and a per capita basis; and
- Section V: Glossary of Terms.

## II. Overview and Summary

This report provides an overview of how Rhode Island's per \$1,000 of personal income and per capita direct general expenditures compare to Connecticut, Massachusetts and the United States as a whole for selected expenditure categories (elementary and secondary education; higher education; Medicaid/vendor payments; cash assistance; highways; police; fire; parks and recreation; and housing and community development). In addition, this report provides an analysis of expenditure trends for these expenditure categories for FY 1997 and FY 2007 in section IV.

	Per \$1,000 of PI			Per Capita		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$198.31	-	-	\$7,507	-	-
CT	154.34	50	77.8%	8,222	11	109.5%
MA	174.61	43	88.0%	8,339	9	111.1%
<b>RI</b>	<b>206.96</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>104.4%</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>106.8%</b>

\* Direct General Expenditures include all expenditures except expenditures for utilities, liquor store, insurance trust, and intergovernmental expenditures.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

As shown on Table 1, Rhode Island's direct general expenditures of \$206.96 per \$1,000 of personal income were 4.4 percent above the national average and ranked 21<sup>st</sup> highest in FY 2007. By comparison, Connecticut's spending of \$154.34 per \$1,000 of personal income was 22.2 percent below the national average and Massachusetts' expenditures of \$174.61 per \$1,000 of personal income were 12.0 percent below the national average. The two states ranked 50<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> highest in the country, respectively. One should note that Rhode Island's FY 2007 budget deferred uncompensated care payments to FY 2008, which is reflected in these data.

The Ocean State's neighbors had higher FY 2007 expenditures when measured on a per capita basis. Rhode Island's expenditures of \$8,021 per capita (13<sup>th</sup> highest) were 6.8 percent above the national average of \$7,507 per capita. Connecticut's per capita spending was 9.5 percent above the national average, ranking 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the Nation. Massachusetts's per capita state and local government spending was 9<sup>th</sup> highest in the country and was 11.1 percent above the average for the 50 states.

*Expenditures per \$1,000 of Personal Income*

Table 2 shows how Rhode Island’s expenditures per \$1,000 of personal income compared to the national average and its neighboring states in FY 2007. The data show that, in FY 2007, Rhode Island:

- Ranked in the top ten states for expenditures on Medicaid/vendor payments (4<sup>th</sup>), fire protection (1<sup>st</sup>), housing and community development (10<sup>th</sup>), and government administration (8<sup>th</sup>);
- Was among the bottom ten states with regard to expenditures on higher education (45<sup>th</sup>), highways (47<sup>th</sup>), and natural resources, parks and recreation (48<sup>th</sup>);
- Spent significantly more than Connecticut or Massachusetts on Medicaid/vendor payments, police and fire, and government administration; and
- Had expenditure patterns significantly lower than the national average, but similar to its neighboring states with regard to higher education, highways, and natural resources, parks and recreation.

	<b>U.S. Amount</b>	<b>Rhode Island Amount    Rank</b>	<b>Connecticut Amount    Rank</b>	<b>Massachusetts Amount    Rank</b>
El. & Sec. Education	\$47.30	\$50.38    14	\$42.72    37	\$39.29    49
Higher Education	18.07	13.72    45	11.33    50	12.04    47
Medicaid/Vendor Paym.*	25.27	43.31    4	18.51    45	33.47    13
Cash Assistance	1.74	1.46    21	1.06    31	1.15    27
Highways	12.81	8.83    47	6.55    50	7.39    49
Police	7.44	7.95    11	4.89    49	5.94    37
Fire	3.21	6.24    1	2.54    38	3.18    22
Parks & Recreation	5.67	2.66    48	1.76    50	2.19    49
Housing & Comm. Dev.	3.95	5.42    27	4.09    47	4.83    37
Governm. Administration	10.58	14.37    8	9.01    38	8.29    47

\* Includes Medicaid and other public welfare vendor payments.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Government Finances, and RIPEC calculations.

*Expenditures per Capita*

Another way of examining expenditures is on a per capita basis. The table below outlines FY 2007 expenditures per capita for the United States, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, and shows that:

- Rhode Island ranked in the top ten states for expenditures on elementary and secondary education (8<sup>th</sup>), Medicaid/vendor payments (2<sup>nd</sup>), fire protection (1<sup>st</sup>), and government administration (5<sup>th</sup>);
- The State’s expenditures were in the bottom ten states for higher education (47<sup>th</sup>), highways (49<sup>th</sup>), and natural resources, parks and recreation (49<sup>th</sup>);
- Rhode Island’s expenditures on Medicaid/vendor payments, police, fire and government administration were the highest among the three states; and

- Expenditures on elementary and secondary education, higher education, highways, and natural resources, parks and recreation were similar across the southern New England states.

**Table 3**  
**Selected Expenditures Per Capita**  
**FY 2007**

	U.S.	Rhode Island		Connecticut		Massachusetts	
	Amount	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
El. & Sec. Education	\$1,790	\$1,953	8	\$2,276	5	\$1,876	11
Higher Education	684	532	47	604	36	575	40
Medicaid/Vendor Paym.*	957	1,679	2	986	18	1,599	3
Cash Assistance	66	57	18	57	17	55	21
Highways	485	342	49	349	48	353	47
Police	281	308	12	261	20	284	15
Fire	123	233	1	136	15	152	8
Parks & Recreation	201	104	49	94	50	105	48
Housing & Comm. Dev.	154	169	12	195	6	265	3
Governm. Administration	401	557	5	480	12	396	22

\* Includes Medicaid and other public welfare vendor payments.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Government Finances, and RIPEC calculations.

#### *Expenditure Trends – FY 1997 to FY 2007*

The table below shows the share of state and local spending accounted for select categories in FY 1997 and FY 2007. The data show that:

- The largest share of expenditures in both years, nationally and across all three states, was for elementary and secondary education. In Rhode Island, expenditures in this category accounted for 25.1 percent of all state and local spending in FY 2007.
- Expenditures for elementary and secondary education in Rhode Island accounted for a slightly smaller share of total expenditures when compared to the national average in FY 2007, while Connecticut spent more and Massachusetts spent less.
- While expenditures on elementary and secondary education increased as a share of state and local budgets across the three states, the rate of growth was less than the national average.
- Two expenditure categories, elementary and secondary education and Medicaid/vendor payments, accounted for 46.0 percent of all FY 2007 expenditures in Rhode Island. Nationally, these two categories accounted for 37.9 percent of all state and local spending.
- Between FY 1997 and FY 2007, expenditures on Medicaid/vendor payments have approximately doubled their share of state and local budgets in both the United States and Rhode Island; however, these expenditures in the Ocean State accounted for a significantly greater share of total spending than the national average.

- Rhode Island's higher education expenditures as a percentage of direct general expenditures declined between FY 1997 and FY 2007 in contrast to trends in Connecticut, Massachusetts and across the country.
- Declines in cash assistance payments as a percentage of direct general expenditures across the country and in all three states reflect changes in welfare laws. It should be noted, however, that this category of expenditures includes disproportionate share payments (uncompensated care payments) and that the FY 2007 data reflects the deferral of these payments in Rhode Island.
- Contrary to national trends, the share of the budget accounted for spending on highways, police, and natural resources, parks and recreation declined between FY 1997 and FY 2007 in all three southern New England states.

**Table 4**  
**Selected Expenditures as Percent of Direct General Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**  
**(In Percent)**

	FY 1997				FY 2007			
	US	RI	CT	MA	US	RI	CT	MA
El. & Sec. Education	13.9%	<b>23.6%</b>	24.4%	21.7%	25.2%	<b>25.1%</b>	29.0%	23.0%
Higher Education	5.0	<b>7.1</b>	5.2	5.5	9.1	<b>6.6</b>	7.3	6.9
Medicaid/Vendor Pymts.*	6.2	<b>10.9</b>	11.4	12.3	12.7	<b>20.9</b>	12.0	19.2
Cash Assistance	1.2	<b>2.8</b>	26.0	2.0	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.7	0.7
Highways	4.5	<b>6.0</b>	6.6	9.2	6.5	<b>4.3</b>	4.2	4.2
Police	2.2	<b>3.7</b>	3.4	3.6	3.7	<b>3.5</b>	3.2	3.4
Fire	0.9	<b>2.8</b>	1.9	2.1	1.6	<b>3.0</b>	1.6	1.8
Parks & Recreation	1.9	<b>2.5</b>	2.8	2.8	2.9	<b>1.3</b>	1.1	1.3
Housing & Comm. Dev.	1.8	<b>1.9</b>	1.4	1.5	2.9	<b>2.8</b>	2.6	2.8

\* Includes Medicaid and other public welfare vendor payments.

Source: U.S. Census, Government Finances 1997 and 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

### III. Expenditure Analysis

#### *FY 2007 Comparison per \$1,000 of Personal Income*

Table 5 provides an overview of select state and local expenditures per \$1,000 of personal income. It compares Rhode Island's expenditures with the U.S. average, as well as Massachusetts and Connecticut. Direct general expenditures include all expenditures except expenditures for utilities, liquor stores, insurance trust, and intergovernmental expenditures. As noted earlier, direct general expenditures, generally, and cash assistance expenditures, specifically, in FY 2007 reflect the State's deferral of uncompensated care payments to hospitals.

**Table 5**  
**Select State and Local Expenditures Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**How Rhode Island Compares to the United States Average, Connecticut and Massachusetts**  
**Fiscal Year 2007**

Selected State and Local Expenditures	U.S.	Rhode Island			Connecticut			Massachusetts		
	Amount	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
<b>Education Expenditures</b>	<b>\$68.67</b>	<b>\$67.98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>\$57.31</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>\$54.65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>79.6%</b>
Elementary & Secondary Education	47.30	50.38	14	106.5%	42.72	37	90.3%	39.29	49	83.1%
Higher Education	18.07	13.72	45	75.9%	11.33	50	62.7%	12.04	47	66.6%
<b>Social Services Expenditures*</b>	<b>\$50.50</b>	<b>\$55.59</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>110.1%</b>	<b>\$35.81</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>70.9%</b>	<b>\$45.89</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>90.9%</b>
Cash Assistance Payments	1.74	1.46	21	83.9%	1.06	31	60.9%	1.15	27	66.1%
Medicaid/Vendor Payments	25.27	43.31	4	171.4%	18.51	45	73.2%	33.47	13	132.4%
<b>Transportation Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15.13</b>	<b>\$12.35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>\$6.96</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>\$9.32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61.6%</b>
Highways	12.81	8.83	47	68.9%	6.55	50	51.1%	7.39	49	57.7%
<b>Public Safety Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17.97</b>	<b>\$20.21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>112.5%</b>	<b>\$11.15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	<b>\$14.11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>78.5%</b>
Police Protection	7.44	7.95	11	106.9%	4.89	49	65.8%	5.94	37	79.9%
Fire Protection	3.21	6.24	1	194.1%	2.54	38	79.1%	3.18	22	99.0%
<b>Environment &amp; Housing Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15.29</b>	<b>\$12.40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>\$9.51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62.2%</b>	<b>\$12.58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>82.3%</b>
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation	5.67	2.66	48	46.9%	1.76	50	31.1%	2.19	49	38.7%
Housing & Community Development	3.95	5.42	10	137.2%	3.67	19	93.0%	5.56	5	140.8%
Sewerage & Solid Waste	5.82	5.73	27	98.4%	4.09	47	70.3%	4.83	37	83.0%
<b>Governmental Administration</b>	<b>\$10.58</b>	<b>\$14.37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>135.8%</b>	<b>\$9.01</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>85.2%</b>	<b>\$8.29</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>78.4%</b>
<b>Direct General Expenditures**</b>	<b>\$198.31</b>	<b>\$206.96</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>104.4%</b>	<b>\$154.34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>\$174.61</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>88.0%</b>

\* Includes employment security administration and veterans' services.

\*\* Direct General Expenditures include all expenditures except expenditures for utilities, liquor store, insurance trust, and intergovernmental expenditures.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

In FY 2007, **direct general expenditures** in Rhode Island were \$206.96 per \$1,000 of personal income, ranking the State 21<sup>st</sup> highest in the country. The State's expenditures were 4.4 percent above the national average of \$198.31, while Connecticut's direct general expenditures of \$154.34 were 22.2 percent lower than the national average and spending in Massachusetts was 12.0 percent below the national average. Direct general expenditures in Connecticut and Massachusetts ranked 50<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> highest in the country, respectively.

As is the case nationally, the largest portion of Rhode Island's expenditures per \$1,000 of personal income supports **education**. In Rhode Island, education expenditures of \$67.98 per \$1,000 of personal income placed the Ocean State 31<sup>st</sup> highest in the country. By comparison, Connecticut spent \$57.31 per \$1,000 of personal income in FY 2007 (48<sup>th</sup> highest) and Massachusetts spent \$54.65 per \$1,000 of personal income (50<sup>th</sup> in the country). **Elementary and secondary education** expenditures alone accounted for almost three quarters of total education expenditures in Rhode Island. In FY 2007, the State spent \$50.38 per \$1,000 of personal income in this category, or 6.5 percent higher than the national average, ranking Rhode Island 14<sup>th</sup> highest in the country. Both Connecticut and Massachusetts spent less per \$1,000 of personal income on elementary and secondary education than Rhode Island. In FY 2007, Connecticut's expenditures of \$42.72 per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the state 37<sup>th</sup> highest, while Massachusetts ranked 49<sup>th</sup> with expenditures of \$39.29 per \$1,000 of personal income.

The three southern New England states devote a significantly smaller amount to support **higher education** when compared to most other states. Rhode Island ranked 45<sup>th</sup> highest in spending on higher education when measured on a per \$1,000 of personal income basis. The Ocean State's expenditures of \$13.72 per \$1,000 of personal income were 24.1 percent below the national average of \$18.07 per \$1,000 of personal income. Connecticut's and Massachusetts's higher education expenditures per \$1,000 of personal income were lower than Rhode Island's, ranking the states 50<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

The second largest spending category per \$1,000 of personal income was **social services** expenditures. This category includes expenditures for public welfare (payments made under public welfare programs - including Medicaid - made directly to individuals and nongovernmental organizations as well as cash assistance payments, including SSI and TANF), hospitals, health, employment security administration, and veterans' services. In FY 2007, Rhode Island spent \$55.59 per \$1,000 of personal income in this category, 10.1 percent above the national average of \$50.50. This ranked the Ocean State 20<sup>th</sup> highest in the United States. Social services spending per \$1,000 of personal income in the two neighboring states were below the national average. Massachusetts spent \$45.89 per \$1,000 of income or 9.1 percent below above the US average, ranking the Bay State 34<sup>th</sup> highest. Connecticut's social services spending of \$35.81 per \$1,000 of personal income (46<sup>th</sup> highest) was 29.1 percent below the average for the 50 states.

It should be noted that the federal government includes employment security programs under the category of "Social Service Expenditure". Employment security expenditures include the administration of unemployment compensation systems, public employment services and the Federal Social Security, Medicare, and railroad retirement trusts.

The majority of social services expenditures were for **Medicaid/vendor payments**. In FY 2007, Medicaid/vendor expenditures of \$43.31 per \$1,000 of personal income were 77.9 percent of all social services expenditures in Rhode Island. The Ocean State ranked 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the country, with expenditures that were over 70 percent higher than the national average of \$25.27. Massachusetts' expenditures of \$33.47 per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the Bay State 13<sup>th</sup> highest in the country, 32.4 percent above the national average. Conversely, Connecticut's expenditures of \$18.51 per \$1,000 of personal income were 26.8 percent below the national average, ranking the state 45<sup>th</sup> highest in the country in FY 2007.

Another category relating to social services expenditures is **cash assistance payments**. This includes cash payments made directly to individuals, including, but not limited to, SSI, and cash payments by states to families under TANF. Rhode Island's FY 2007 expenditures of \$1.46 per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the State 21<sup>st</sup> highest in the country. One should note, however, that this category of expenditures includes disproportionate share payments, which the State deferred in FY 2007. If the general revenue share of the uncompensated care payments that were deferred to FY 2008 were added to the total shown by the Census bureau, total FY 2007 cash assistance expenditures would be approximately \$3.00 per \$1,000 of personal income. Both Connecticut and Massachusetts spent below the national average, ranking the states 31<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> highest respectively. Connecticut's FY 2007 spending amounted to \$1.06 per \$1,000 of personal income while Massachusetts spent \$1.15 per \$1,000 of personal income.

**Transportation** expenditures per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the Ocean State 45<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation, and were 18.4 percent below the national average. Rhode Island's FY 2007 spending was \$12.35 per \$1,000 of personal income, compared to a national average of \$15.13 per \$1,000 of personal income. Connecticut's expenditures of \$6.96 per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the State last in the nation while Massachusetts ranked 48<sup>th</sup> highest with expenditures of \$9.32 per \$1,000 of personal income. Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts ranked 47<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> in the country with regard to expenditures on **highways**.

Expenditures for police and fire protection varied considerably among the three surveyed states. Rhode Island's expenditures for **fire protection** of \$6.24 per \$1,000 of personal income ranked the State 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation and were slightly less than double the national average of \$3.21 per \$1,000 of personal income. Connecticut and Massachusetts both spent significantly below the Ocean State in this category, ranking 38<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, respectively. Expenditures for **police protection** also varied among the three New England states, ranging from 11<sup>th</sup> highest in Rhode Island to 49<sup>th</sup> highest in Connecticut. Rhode Island's police protection expenditures were 6.9 percent above the national average of \$7.44 per \$1,000 of personal income.

Expenditures for **governmental administration** among the three surveyed states ranged from \$14.37 per \$1,000 of personal income in Rhode Island expenditures (8<sup>th</sup> highest) to \$8.29 per \$1,000 of personal income (47<sup>th</sup> highest) in Massachusetts. This category includes expenditures related to financial administration, judicial and legal, general public buildings, and other governmental administration (see glossary of terms for additional details).

#### *FY 2007 Comparison per Capita*

Selected per capita expenditures are shown on Table 6. Among the three surveyed states, Massachusetts had the highest direct general expenditures per capita (\$8,339 per capita), ranking the Bay State 9<sup>th</sup> highest in the country while Connecticut ranked 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the country with direct general expenditures of \$8,222 per capita. Rhode Island's **direct general expenditures** amounted to \$8,021 per capita, with was 13<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation.

As noted earlier, almost three-quarters of the education expenditures are dedicated to **elementary and secondary education** in the Ocean State. When measured on a per capita basis, Rhode Island's spending in this category totaled \$1,953 (9.1 percent higher than the national average), ranking the State 8<sup>th</sup> highest in the country. Connecticut's elementary and secondary education expenditures of \$2,276 per capita ranked the state 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation. Massachusetts's expenditures of \$1,876 per capita ranked the Bay State 11<sup>th</sup> highest.

Per capita **higher education** expenditures in the three surveyed states were between 22.2 percent (Rhode Island) and 11.7 percent (Connecticut) below the national average of \$684 per capita. Rhode Island's per capita spending of \$532 per capita for higher education ranked 47<sup>th</sup> highest, while Connecticut and Massachusetts ranked 36<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> highest, respectively.

**Table 6**  
**State and Local Expenditures Per Capita**  
**How Rhode Island Compares to the United States Average, Connecticut and Massachusetts**  
**Fiscal Year 2007**

Selected State and Local Expenditures	U.S.	Rhode Island			Connecticut			Massachusetts		
	Amount	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
<b>Education Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$2,635</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>101.4%</b>	<b>\$3,053</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>117.5%</b>	<b>\$2,610</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100.4%</b>
Elementary & Secondary Education	1,790	1,953	8	109.1%	2,276	5	127.1%	1,876	11	104.8%
Higher Education	684	532	47	77.8%	604	36	88.3%	575	40	84.1%
<b>Social Services Expenditures*</b>	<b>\$1,911</b>	<b>\$2,155</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>112.8%</b>	<b>\$1,908</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>99.8%</b>	<b>\$2,191</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>114.7%</b>
Cash Assistance Payments	66	57	18	86.7%	57	17	86.7%	55	21	83.7%
Vendor Payments (incl. Medicaid)	957	1,679	2	175.5%	986	18	103.1%	1,599	3	167.1%
<b>Transportation Expenditures</b>	<b>\$573</b>	<b>\$479</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>\$371</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>77.7%</b>
Highways	485	342	49	70.6%	349	48	72.0%	353	47	72.8%
<b>Public Safety Expenditures</b>	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$783</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>115.1%</b>	<b>\$615</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>\$674</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
Police Protection	281	308	12	109.4%	261	20	92.7%	284	15	100.9%
Fire Protection	123	233	1	189.0%	136	15	110.3%	152	8	123.3%
<b>Environment &amp; Housing Expenditures</b>	<b>\$579</b>	<b>\$481</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>83.1%</b>	<b>\$507</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>87.6%</b>	<b>\$601</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>103.8%</b>
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation	201	104	49	51.8%	94	50	46.8%	105	48	52.3%
Housing & Community Development	154	169	12	109.9%	195	6	126.8%	265	3	172.4%
Sewerage & Solid Waste	224	208	23	92.8%	218	20	97.3%	231	17	103.1%
<b>Governmental Administration</b>	<b>\$401</b>	<b>\$557</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>139.0%</b>	<b>\$480</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>119.9%</b>	<b>\$396</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>Direct General Expenditures**</b>	<b>\$7,507</b>	<b>\$8,021</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>106.9%</b>	<b>\$8,222</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>109.5%</b>	<b>\$8,339</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>111.1%</b>

\* Includes employment security administration and veterans' services.

\*\* Direct General Expenditures include all expenditures except expenditures for utilities, liquor store, insurance trust, and intergovernmental expenditures.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

In FY 2007, Rhode Island's spending for **social services** of \$2,155 per capita ranked the Ocean State 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the country and were 55.7 percent higher than the national average of \$1,384 per capita. Connecticut ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> highest in the country while social services expenditures per capita in Massachusetts ranked the State 10<sup>th</sup> highest. Within this category, the major component is **vendor** payments, which includes most Medicaid spending. In FY 2007, Rhode Island spent \$1,679 per capita on vendor payments, ranking the Ocean State 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the country, followed by Massachusetts which had expenditures of \$1,599 per capita (3<sup>rd</sup> highest). Connecticut's spending of \$986 per capita was slightly higher than the national average of \$957 per capita, ranking the State 18<sup>th</sup> highest in the country.

Per capita **transportation** expenditures of \$479 per capita in Rhode Island were 40<sup>th</sup> highest, and were 16.4 percent lower than the national average of \$573 per capita. All three surveyed states spent less than the national average on transportation; Connecticut's expenditures of \$371 per capita ranked the State 50<sup>th</sup> in the country while Massachusetts ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the country with expenditures of \$445 per capita. Similarly, all three states ranked among the bottom five for expenditures on **highways**.

In Rhode Island, **public safety** expenditures per capita were 15.1 percent above the national average of \$680 per capita. Rhode Island's expenditures of \$783 per capita ranked the Ocean State 9<sup>th</sup> highest in the country. In both Connecticut and Massachusetts, per capita public safety expenditures were below the national average. Connecticut spent \$615 per capita on public safety (21<sup>st</sup> highest), while Massachusetts spent \$674 per capita (17<sup>th</sup> highest).

Per capita **governmental administration** expenditures ranged from a high of \$557 per capita in Rhode Island (5<sup>th</sup> highest) to a low of \$396 per capita in Massachusetts (22<sup>nd</sup> highest). The Ocean State's expenditures in this category were 39.0 percent higher than the national average of \$401 per capita. Connecticut's per capita expenditures for governmental administration ranked the State 12<sup>th</sup> highest at \$480 per capita.

*FY 1997 – FY 2007 Selected Expenditure Trends*

The following analysis compares expenditure trends per \$1,000 of personal income for Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the categories of elementary and secondary education, selected public welfare programs, public safety, and transportation for the period FY 1997 through FY 2007. This analysis reveals that over this period:

- Rhode Island continued to spend more than its neighboring states on elementary and secondary education, and that the rate of growth in the Ocean State in this category was faster than in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the nation as a whole;
- Expenditures on Medicaid/vendor payments per \$1,000 of personal income more than doubled over the ten-year period in Rhode Island and the State continues to out-spend its neighbors;
- Cash assistance payments continue to decline both in the Ocean State and across the country. Even if the uncompensated care payments that were deferred in the FY 2007 budget were included the total would still represent a decline from FY 1997;
- In contrast to trends in both Connecticut and Massachusetts, public safety expenditures in Rhode Island increased over the ten-year period; and
- Transportation expenditures in the Ocean State and across the country increased between FY 1997 and FY 2007, while expenditures in this category decreased in both Connecticut and Massachusetts.

As shown on Table 7, expenditures for elementary and secondary education as measured on a per \$1,000 of personal income basis increased in all three surveyed states and in the nation between FY 1997 and FY 2007. During this time, expenditures in the Ocean State increased 13.3 percent, from \$44.45 per \$1,000 of personal income to \$50.38 per \$1,000 of personal income and the State climbed in the national rankings from 28<sup>th</sup> highest to 14<sup>th</sup> highest. While expenditures in Connecticut and Massachusetts increased over this time period as well, both states experienced a slower rate of growth than Rhode Island; Connecticut's expenditures increased by 11.4 percent, while spending in the Bay State increased by 8.8 percent.

**Table 7**  
**Elementary & Secondary Education Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**

	2007			1997		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$47.30	-	-	\$43.96	-	-
CT	42.72	37	90.3%	38.34	46	87.2%
MA	39.29	49	83.1%	36.11	49	82.1%
<b>RI</b>	<b>50.38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>106.5%</b>	<b>44.45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>101.1%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances 1997, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

All three southern New England states spend significantly less on higher education as measured on a per \$1,000 of personal income basis. This, in part, reflects the region's tradition of private colleges. In both years surveyed, Rhode Island spent more than Connecticut or Massachusetts. At the same time, expenditures in the Ocean State increased by just 2.2 percent, from \$13.42 to \$13.72 per \$1,000 of personal income. By comparison, higher education expenditures in Connecticut increased by 38.8 percent, from \$8.16 to \$11.33 per \$1,000 of personal income and spending for higher education increased by 32.2 percent in Massachusetts, from \$9.11 to \$12.04 per \$1,000 of personal income. Nationally, expenditures in this category increased by 14.2 percent between FY 1997 and FY 2007.

**Table 8**  
**Higher Education Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**

	2007			1997		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$18.07	-	-	\$15.82	-	-
CT	11.33	50	62.7%	8.16	50	51.6%
MA	12.04	47	66.6%	9.11	49	57.6%
<b>RI</b>	<b>13.72</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>75.9%</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances 1997, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

Table 9 outlines expenditures for Medicaid/vendor payments for FY 1997 and FY 2007. In both years examined, Rhode Island spent more than either of its neighbors and the national average. Additionally, the gap between the Ocean State and either Connecticut or Massachusetts and the national average has increased significantly over the past ten years. Expenditures on

Medicaid/vendor payments per \$1,000 of personal income more than doubled over the ten-year period in Rhode Island. This rate of growth was almost four times faster than the national average and was approximately 30 times faster than the rate of growth in Connecticut.

**Table 9**  
**Public Welfare Vendor Payments (incl. Medicaid)**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**

	2007			1997		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$25.27	-	-	\$19.61	-	-
CT	18.51	45	73.2%	17.86	31	91.1%
MA	33.47	13	132.4%	20.52	21	104.6%
<b>RI</b>	<b>43.31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>171.4%</b>	<b>20.68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>105.5%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances 1997, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

As Table 10 shows, expenditures for public safety, as measured on a per \$1,000 of personal income basis, increased by 13.0 percent in Rhode Island, compared to a 5.0 percent increase nationally and declines in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. Rhode Island's expenditures of \$17.89 per \$1,000 of personal income in FY 2007 were 12.5 percent higher than the national average of \$17.11 per \$1,000 of personal income in FY 1997. By contrast, FY 2007 public safety spending of \$20.12 in the Ocean State was 12.5 percent higher than the national average of \$17.97 per \$1,000 of personal income. In both years, public safety expenditures in Connecticut and Massachusetts were below the national average.

**Table 10**  
**Public Safety**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**

	2007			1997		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$17.97	-	-	\$17.11	-	-
CT	11.55	50	64.3%	13.57	37	79.3%
MA	14.11	39	78.5%	14.80	29	86.5%
<b>RI</b>	<b>20.21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112.5%</b>	<b>17.89</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>104.6%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances 1997, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

Both Connecticut and Rhode Island spent less than the national average of transportation in both years while Massachusetts spent less than the national average in FY 2007. Expenditures in this category declined in both Connecticut and Massachusetts, while they increased in Rhode Island and across the nation. During the ten-year period, spending in Rhode Island increased 9.5 percent, from \$11.28 to \$12.35 per \$1,000 of personal income while spending across the United States increased 5.8 percent, from \$14.30 to \$15.13 per \$1,000 of personal income. Spending in Connecticut declined 32.6 percent, from \$10.32 to \$6.96 per \$1,000 of personal income between FY 1997 and FY 2007. In Massachusetts, spending in FY 2007 of \$9.32 per \$1,000 of personal income was 39.2 percent lower than FY 1997 expenditures of \$15.34 per \$1,000 of personal income.

**Table 11**  
**Transportation Expenditures\***  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 1997 and 2007**

	2007			1997		
	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.	Amount	Rank	% of U.S.
U.S.	\$15.13	-	-	\$14.30	-	-
CT	6.96	50	46.0%	10.32	49	72.2%
MA	9.32	48	61.6%	15.34	30	107.3%
<b>RI</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>11.28</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>78.9%</b>

\* Figures do not include transit subsidies, which were included in previous years  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State and Local Finances 1997, 2007, and RIPEC calculations.

#### **IV. State and Local Government Expenditures**

Per \$1,000 of Personal Income

Per Capita

**Table 12**  
**Direct General Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$198.31	-	\$186.12	-
Alaska	\$384.52	1	\$411.32	1
New Mexico	273.64	2	245.67	3
Mississippi	273.00	3	222.29	7
Wyoming	254.32	4	252.73	2
Louisiana	233.79	5	211.13	12
New York	231.70	6	231.62	4
South Carolina	231.67	7	202.81	15
Vermont	231.34	8	207.18	14
Maine	227.71	9	212.33	11
West Virginia	227.18	10	225.65	6
Delaware	226.39	11	202.60	16
Hawaii	221.75	12	219.54	9
Ohio	217.42	13	178.17	35
North Dakota	214.35	14	221.94	8
Montana	214.14	15	226.37	5
Utah	214.11	16	214.06	10
Iowa	213.10	17	193.15	22
California	211.29	18	190.57	25
Kentucky	210.33	19	194.39	21
Alabama	208.25	20	193.03	23
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>206.96</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>192.20</b>	<b>24</b>
Michigan	204.89	22	188.56	27
Arkansas	204.46	23	189.29	26
Oregon	204.35	24	210.50	13
Georgia	203.57	25	183.86	29
Wisconsin	202.88	26	200.76	18
Indiana	202.41	27	172.41	40
Nebraska	199.35	28	186.01	28
North Carolina	198.54	29	179.71	31
Pennsylvania	198.40	30	174.13	38
Minnesota	196.66	31	201.58	17
Washington	193.93	32	198.97	19
Idaho	191.97	33	196.60	20
Arizona	191.31	34	178.84	34
Florida	188.86	35	175.51	36
Kansas	187.73	36	179.64	32
Missouri	187.11	37	162.03	45
Oklahoma	185.58	38	179.54	33
South Dakota	182.76	39	181.09	30
New Jersey	178.37	40	159.85	47
Tennessee	177.87	41	174.67	37
Illinois	177.26	42	161.72	46
Massachusetts	174.61	43	171.35	41
Nevada	173.00	44	173.85	39
Colorado	172.83	45	168.20	43
Texas	171.68	46	171.29	42
Virginia	168.57	47	163.78	44
Maryland	166.25	48	158.93	49
New Hampshire	156.23	49	155.78	50
Connecticut	154.34	50	159.54	48

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 21st in FY 2006

**Table 13**  
**Direct General Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$7,507	-	\$4,575	-
Alaska	\$15,143	1	\$10,764	1
Wyoming	11,664	2	5,716	3
New York	10,516	3	6,718	2
Delaware	9,001	4	5,246	7
California	8,641	5	4,889	12
New Jersey	8,576	6	4,973	11
Hawaii	8,457	7	5,534	4
Vermont	8,391	8	4,639	17
Massachusetts	8,339	9	5,076	9
New Mexico	8,247	10	4,720	15
Connecticut	8,222	11	5,309	5
Louisiana	8,053	12	4,256	30
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>14</b>
Minnesota	7,874	14	5,273	6
Washington	7,765	15	5,084	8
Mississippi	7,594	16	4,000	39
Maryland	7,555	17	4,426	22
Maine	7,549	18	4,601	19
Pennsylvania	7,499	19	4,330	27
Ohio	7,350	20	4,266	28
North Dakota	7,275	21	4,620	18
Wisconsin	7,199	22	4,777	13
Iowa	7,191	23	4,435	21
Florida	7,169	24	4,176	35
South Carolina	7,136	25	4,130	37
Oregon	7,058	26	5,005	10
Illinois	7,043	27	4,359	25
Colorado	7,014	28	4,346	26
Nebraska	6,990	29	4,403	23
Montana	6,919	30	4,394	24
Virginia	6,916	31	4,177	34
Michigan	6,883	32	4,672	16
Nevada	6,870	33	4,485	20
Georgia	6,771	34	4,250	31
Kansas	6,710	35	4,189	33
Alabama	6,623	36	3,945	41
North Carolina	6,623	37	4,078	38
Indiana	6,617	38	3,921	43
West Virginia	6,504	39	4,257	29
Utah	6,458	40	4,245	32
Kentucky	6,379	41	3,943	42
New Hampshire	6,375	42	4,147	36
Arizona	6,351	43	3,751	47
Oklahoma	6,290	44	3,611	50
Texas	6,260	45	3,872	45
Missouri	6,229	46	3,731	48
South Dakota	6,221	47	3,913	44
Idaho	6,040	48	3,966	40
Arkansas	5,995	49	3,619	49
Tennessee	5,867	50	3,861	46

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 10th in FY 2006

**Table 14**  
**Elem. & Secondary Education Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$47.30	-	\$43.96	-
Alaska	\$71.17	1	\$76.18	1
Wyoming	58.66	2	61.14	2
Vermont	58.36	3	54.44	5
New Jersey	56.78	4	46.51	19
South Carolina	56.23	5	48.22	15
Michigan	55.81	6	51.40	9
New Mexico	55.18	7	52.42	8
New York	54.80	8	50.09	12
Georgia	54.62	9	45.94	21
Ohio	53.22	10	43.86	32
Arkansas	53.22	11	45.59	24
West Virginia	52.71	12	55.89	3
Mississippi	50.69	13	45.70	23
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>50.38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44.55</b>	<b>28</b>
Maine	50.20	15	52.53	7
Delaware	49.24	16	44.31	30
Nebraska	49.00	17	47.08	17
Iowa	48.92	18	44.64	26
Pennsylvania	48.88	19	43.11	34
Alabama	48.81	20	43.96	31
Indiana	48.56	21	46.10	20
Wisconsin	48.28	22	53.79	6
Texas	48.12	23	49.08	14
Montana	46.73	24	55.24	4
Kentucky	46.44	25	42.53	35
California	46.16	26	38.77	45
Missouri	45.95	27	42.28	36
Kansas	45.48	28	44.52	29
Utah	45.42	29	50.56	11
Virginia	45.39	30	41.18	39
North Dakota	44.91	31	44.83	25
Minnesota	44.87	32	49.97	13
Louisiana	44.86	33	44.59	27
New Hampshire	44.75	34	42.05	38
Oklahoma	44.74	35	47.68	16
Hawaii	44.29	36	31.01	50
Connecticut	42.72	37	38.34	46
Florida	42.60	38	39.43	44
North Carolina	42.56	39	39.96	40
Oregon	42.37	40	46.57	18
Illinois	42.35	41	37.93	48
Maryland	41.87	42	39.60	43
Nevada	41.77	43	39.79	42
Arizona	41.57	44	42.13	37
Idaho	41.45	45	50.99	10
Washington	40.23	46	45.80	22
South Dakota	39.64	47	43.13	33
Colorado	39.56	48	39.92	41
Massachusetts	39.29	49	36.11	49
Tennessee	38.21	50	38.06	47

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 16th in FY 2006

**Table 15**  
**Elem. & Secondary Education Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$1,790	-	\$1,081	-
Alaska	\$2,803	1	\$1,993	1
New Jersey	2,730	2	1,447	3
Wyoming	2,690	3	1,383	4
New York	2,487	4	1,453	2
Connecticut	2,276	5	1,276	7
Vermont	2,117	6	1,219	9
Delaware	1,958	7	1,147	11
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>18</b>
Maryland	1,903	9	1,103	17
California	1,888	10	995	35
Massachusetts	1,876	11	1,070	21
Michigan	1,875	12	1,274	8
Virginia	1,862	13	1,050	24
Pennsylvania	1,848	14	1,072	20
New Hampshire	1,826	15	1,119	13
Georgia	1,817	16	1,062	22
Ohio	1,799	17	1,050	25
Minnesota	1,797	18	1,307	5
Texas	1,755	19	1,110	15
South Carolina	1,732	20	982	36
Nebraska	1,718	21	1,115	14
Wisconsin	1,713	22	1,280	6
Hawaii	1,689	23	782	50
Illinois	1,683	24	1,022	32
Maine	1,664	25	1,138	12
New Mexico	1,663	26	1,007	33
Nevada	1,659	27	1,027	30
Iowa	1,651	28	1,025	31
Kansas	1,626	29	1,038	27
Florida	1,617	30	938	39
Washington	1,611	31	1,170	10
Colorado	1,605	32	1,031	28
Indiana	1,587	33	1,048	26
Arkansas	1,560	34	872	46
Alabama	1,552	35	898	44
Louisiana	1,545	36	899	43
Missouri	1,530	37	974	37
North Dakota	1,524	38	933	40
Oklahoma	1,516	39	959	38
Montana	1,510	40	1,072	19
West Virginia	1,509	41	1,054	23
Oregon	1,463	42	1,107	16
North Carolina	1,420	43	907	42
Mississippi	1,410	44	822	49
Kentucky	1,409	45	863	47
Arizona	1,380	46	884	45
Utah	1,370	47	1,003	34
South Dakota	1,349	48	932	41
Idaho	1,304	49	1,029	29
Tennessee	1,260	50	841	48

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 8th in FY 2006

**Table 16**  
**Higher Education Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$18.07	-	\$15.82	-
New Mexico	\$33.48	1	\$31.37	1
Utah	33.25	2	31.26	2
North Dakota	33.00	3	29.10	3
Vermont	31.59	4	23.91	8
Mississippi	28.58	5	24.50	7
North Carolina	28.23	6	20.93	16
Iowa	28.20	7	25.42	5
Alabama	27.43	8	22.18	11
West Virginia	26.51	9	20.12	21
Delaware	25.42	10	25.62	4
Arkansas	25.06	11	18.39	28
Michigan	24.86	12	21.46	13
Montana	24.65	13	23.88	9
Wisconsin	24.40	14	21.08	15
Kansas	24.32	15	20.59	18
Nebraska	24.15	16	22.23	10
Kentucky	23.51	17	19.46	23
Alaska	23.44	18	18.99	25
Oregon	23.36	19	21.21	14
Oklahoma	23.35	20	20.16	20
Wyoming	22.87	21	24.84	6
Indiana	22.32	22	21.82	12
South Carolina	22.32	23	19.83	22
Hawaii	21.14	24	19.30	24
Idaho	20.11	25	20.77	17
Washington	20.07	26	18.78	26
Ohio	19.31	27	16.86	31
Arizona	19.18	28	17.08	30
Texas	19.15	29	17.40	29
Virginia	19.03	30	16.32	33
Louisiana	18.41	31	18.43	27
Colorado	18.38	32	20.53	19
California	18.08	33	14.82	38
Minnesota	17.77	34	16.23	34
South Dakota	17.35	35	15.07	36
Maine	17.25	36	14.89	37
Missouri	17.10	37	14.76	39
Maryland	17.00	38	15.59	35
Georgia	15.42	39	14.30	40
Illinois	15.10	40	12.16	43
Tennessee	15.05	41	16.37	32
Pennsylvania	14.58	42	13.56	41
New Hampshire	14.29	43	12.12	44
Nevada	14.01	44	11.75	45
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>13.72</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>42</b>
New York	12.48	46	10.33	48
Massachusetts	12.04	47	9.11	49
Florida	11.88	48	10.51	47
New Jersey	11.43	49	10.52	46
Connecticut	11.33	50	8.16	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 41st in FY 2006

**Table 17**  
**Higher Education Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$684	-	\$389	-
Vermont	\$1,146	1	\$535	7
North Dakota	1,120	2	606	3
Wyoming	1,049	3	562	6
Delaware	1,011	4	663	1
New Mexico	1,009	5	603	4
Utah	1,003	6	620	2
Iowa	952	7	584	5
North Carolina	942	8	475	18
Alaska	923	9	497	13
Alabama	872	10	453	20
Kansas	869	11	480	16
Wisconsin	866	12	502	12
Nebraska	847	13	526	10
Michigan	835	14	532	8
Oregon	807	15	504	11
Hawaii	806	16	487	15
Washington	804	17	480	17
Montana	796	18	464	19
Mississippi	795	19	441	21
Oklahoma	791	20	405	26
Virginia	781	21	416	25
Maryland	772	22	434	22
West Virginia	759	23	379	32
Colorado	746	24	530	9
California	739	25	380	31
Arkansas	735	26	352	36
Indiana	730	27	496	14
Kentucky	713	28	395	29
Minnesota	711	29	425	23
Texas	698	30	393	30
South Carolina	688	31	404	27
Ohio	653	32	404	28
Arizona	637	33	358	35
Louisiana	634	34	372	33
Idaho	633	35	419	24
Connecticut	604	36	272	48
Illinois	600	37	328	41
South Dakota	591	38	326	43
New Hampshire	583	39	323	45
Massachusetts	575	40	270	49
Maine	572	41	323	44
Missouri	569	42	340	37
New York	566	43	300	47
Nevada	556	44	303	46
Pennsylvania	551	45	337	38
New Jersey	549	46	327	42
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>39</b>
Georgia	513	48	330	40
Tennessee	497	49	362	34
Florida	451	50	250	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 40th in FY 2006

**Table 18**  
**Cash Assistance Payments**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$1.74	-	\$3.69	-
Alaska	\$6.36	1	\$10.67	1
Maine	4.34	2	6.08	5
California	3.90	3	7.82	2
Tennessee	3.63	4	2.74	21
Utah	3.28	5	2.88	19
Maryland	2.72	6	2.56	25
Virginia	2.71	7	3.23	16
Vermont	2.67	8	4.00	12
Iowa	2.48	9	1.85	36
New York	2.26	10	6.37	4
Minnesota	2.22	11	4.98	7
Oregon	2.20	12	4.42	9
South Carolina	1.82	13	2.43	27
Wisconsin	1.79	14	2.64	24
Pennsylvania	1.72	15	3.09	17
New Jersey	1.65	16	2.37	30
Ohio	1.63	17	3.85	13
Louisiana	1.62	18	1.61	42
Washington	1.55	19	4.19	10
South Dakota	1.53	20	1.56	44
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>6</b>
Michigan	1.45	22	2.92	18
Hawaii	1.42	23	6.43	3
North Carolina	1.30	24	3.55	14
Idaho	1.26	25	2.38	29
North Dakota	1.20	26	2.42	28
Massachusetts	1.15	27	3.41	15
West Virginia	1.08	28	1.69	38
New Mexico	1.07	29	4.58	8
Kentucky	1.07	30	2.70	22
Connecticut	1.06	31	4.11	11
Wyoming	1.02	32	1.29	47
Texas	0.99	33	2.70	23
Montana	0.95	34	2.28	32
Kansas	0.90	35	1.60	43
Delaware	0.85	36	1.69	37
Arizona	0.84	37	2.45	26
Nebraska	0.81	38	1.31	46
Alabama	0.78	39	1.96	35
Oklahoma	0.71	40	1.67	39
Missouri	0.66	41	2.31	31
Colorado	0.61	42	1.65	40
Indiana	0.54	43	0.53	50
Nevada	0.52	44	0.92	49
Florida	0.48	45	1.63	41
Mississippi	0.46	46	0.95	48
Illinois	0.44	47	2.81	20
Arkansas	0.26	48	1.45	45
Georgia	0.24	49	2.16	33
New Hampshire	0.15	50	1.97	34

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 9th in FY 2006

**Table 19**  
**Cash Assistance Payments**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$66	-	\$91	-
Alaska	\$251	1	\$279	1
California	159	2	201	2
Maine	144	3	132	6
Maryland	124	4	71	21
Tennessee	120	5	61	24
Virginia	111	6	82	15
New York	103	7	185	3
Utah	99	8	57	25
Vermont	97	9	90	13
Minnesota	89	10	130	7
Iowa	84	11	43	36
New Jersey	79	12	74	19
Oregon	76	13	105	10
Pennsylvania	65	14	77	17
Wisconsin	64	15	63	22
Washington	62	16	107	9
Connecticut	57	17	137	5
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>8</b>
South Carolina	56	19	50	32
Louisiana	56	20	32	43
Massachusetts	55	21	101	11
Ohio	55	22	92	12
Hawaii	54	23	162	4
South Dakota	52	24	34	41
Michigan	49	25	72	20
Wyoming	47	26	29	46
North Carolina	43	27	81	16
North Dakota	41	28	50	30
Idaho	40	29	48	33
Texas	36	30	61	23
Delaware	34	31	44	35
Kentucky	32	32	55	26
New Mexico	32	33	88	14
Kansas	32	34	37	40
West Virginia	31	35	32	44
Montana	31	36	44	34
Nebraska	28	37	31	45
Arizona	28	38	51	29
Alabama	25	39	40	38
Colorado	25	40	43	37
Oklahoma	24	41	34	42
Missouri	22	42	53	27
Nevada	21	43	24	48
Florida	18	44	39	39
Indiana	18	45	12	50
Illinois	17	46	76	18
Mississippi	13	47	17	49
Georgia	8	48	50	31
Arkansas	8	49	28	47
New Hampshire	6	50	52	28

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 7th in FY 2006

**Table 20**  
**Vendor Payments**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$25.27	-	\$19.61	-
New Mexico	48.42	1	26.91	6
Maine	43.89	2	35.97	2
Mississippi	43.37	3	29.24	5
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>43.31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20.68</b>	<b>20</b>
Vermont	41.57	5	25.25	9
West Virginia	41.07	6	38.89	1
Alaska	38.55	7	21.90	17
New York	37.70	8	32.02	3
Arkansas	37.22	9	26.07	7
Kentucky	35.84	10	31.66	4
Minnesota	35.08	11	23.83	11
South Carolina	34.63	12	25.99	8
Massachusetts	33.47	13	20.52	21
Ohio	32.63	14	20.87	18
Pennsylvania	31.40	15	18.20	29
Tennessee	29.15	16	22.63	14
Oklahoma	28.89	17	17.44	34
Iowa	28.42	18	17.43	35
Alabama	28.23	19	23.35	13
Louisiana	27.74	20	25.06	10
Delaware	27.71	21	14.85	44
Idaho	26.95	22	16.74	39
North Carolina	26.71	23	19.92	22
Indiana	25.71	24	18.31	28
Georgia	25.48	25	23.47	12
Kansas	25.35	26	12.72	49
Wisconsin	25.03	27	19.27	23
Michigan	24.85	28	16.96	37
Arizona	24.03	29	17.67	32
Missouri	23.05	30	18.37	27
New Jersey	22.57	31	13.00	48
Nebraska	22.51	32	17.54	33
Hawaii	22.36	33	21.98	16
Florida	22.15	34	16.16	40
North Dakota	21.77	35	22.42	15
Utah	21.24	36	16.12	41
Illinois	20.60	37	15.61	43
Maryland	20.39	38	14.43	45
New Hampshire	20.05	39	20.80	19
Montana	20.02	40	18.40	26
Texas	19.93	41	19.11	24
Wyoming	19.92	42	17.95	30
Oregon	19.22	43	18.96	25
Washington	18.95	44	17.30	36
Connecticut	18.51	45	17.86	31
South Dakota	18.38	46	16.84	38
California	18.28	47	15.66	42
Virginia	16.37	48	13.43	46
Colorado	13.52	49	13.24	47
Nevada	13.07	50	10.02	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 2nd in FY 2006

**Table 21**  
**Vendor Payments**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$957	-	\$482	-
New York	\$1,711	1	\$929	1
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>16</b>
Massachusetts	1,599	3	608	6
Alaska	1,518	4	573	8
Vermont	1,508	5	565	9
New Mexico	1,459	6	517	15
Maine	1,455	7	779	2
Minnesota	1,405	8	623	5
Mississippi	1,207	9	526	14
Pennsylvania	1,187	10	453	24
West Virginia	1,176	11	734	3
Ohio	1,103	12	500	19
Delaware	1,102	13	385	40
Arkansas	1,091	14	498	20
Kentucky	1,087	15	642	4
New Jersey	1,085	16	404	35
South Carolina	1,066	17	529	13
Connecticut	986	18	594	7
Oklahoma	979	19	351	44
Tennessee	961	20	500	18
Iowa	959	21	400	38
Louisiana	955	22	505	17
Maryland	927	23	402	36
Wyoming	913	24	406	34
Kansas	906	25	297	49
Alabama	898	26	477	21
North Carolina	891	27	452	25
Wisconsin	888	28	459	23
Hawaii	853	29	554	10
Idaho	848	30	338	47
Georgia	847	31	542	12
Florida	841	32	385	39
Indiana	840	33	416	32
Michigan	835	34	420	31
Illinois	818	35	421	30
New Hampshire	818	36	554	11
Arizona	798	37	371	41
Nebraska	789	38	415	33
Missouri	767	39	423	29
Washington	759	40	442	27
California	748	41	402	37
North Dakota	739	42	467	22
Texas	727	43	432	28
Virginia	672	44	343	45
Oregon	664	45	451	26
Montana	647	46	357	43
Utah	641	47	320	48
South Dakota	626	48	364	42
Colorado	549	49	342	46
Nevada	519	50	258	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 2nd in FY 2006

**Table 22**  
**Transportation Expenditures\*\***  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$15.13	-	\$14.30	-
Alaska	\$59.97	1	\$51.69	1
North Dakota	30.54	2	23.72	7
South Dakota	28.87	3	26.60	4
Wyoming	27.56	4	31.44	2
Montana	26.19	5	25.06	6
Mississippi	24.91	6	20.92	13
New Mexico	24.10	7	26.96	3
Georgia	23.51	8	12.54	40
West Virginia	21.34	9	26.42	5
Nevada	21.16	10	23.49	8
Vermont	20.80	11	20.39	15
Kentucky	20.15	12	18.30	22
Iowa	19.77	13	22.59	10
Idaho	18.65	14	21.14	12
Washington	18.46	15	18.53	21
Maine	18.11	16	19.47	17
Louisiana	17.96	17	16.45	26
Nebraska	17.95	18	20.48	14
Oregon	17.72	19	18.01	23
Florida	17.57	20	16.36	27
Minnesota	17.51	21	18.57	20
Kansas	17.50	22	22.78	9
Wisconsin	17.43	23	17.50	24
Utah	17.26	24	21.17	11
Hawaii	16.83	25	20.05	16
Missouri	16.77	26	15.59	29
Pennsylvania	16.39	27	11.44	44
Oklahoma	16.36	28	14.89	31
Arizona	16.06	29	14.52	33
Illinois	16.06	30	13.30	37
Texas	15.89	31	12.36	42
Delaware	15.78	32	16.97	25
Alabama	15.77	33	14.73	32
Arkansas	15.17	34	19.04	19
Colorado	14.62	35	16.01	28
Virginia	14.49	36	19.27	18
Indiana	13.85	37	12.87	39
New Hampshire	13.76	38	13.54	36
Ohio	13.40	39	12.41	41
New York	13.39	40	13.58	35
North Carolina	13.30	41	13.19	38
Tennessee	12.93	42	14.33	34
Michigan	12.92	43	11.14	47
Maryland	12.79	44	11.30	45
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11.28</b>	<b>46</b>
South Carolina	12.33	46	11.87	43
California	12.25	47	10.59	48
Massachusetts	9.32	48	15.34	30
New Jersey	8.79	49	9.85	50
Connecticut	6.96	50	10.32	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

\*\* Figures do not include transit subsidies, which were previously included.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 46th in FY 2006

**Table 23**  
**Transportation Expenditures\*\***  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$573	-	\$351	-
Alaska	\$2,362	1	\$1,353	1
Wyoming	1,264	2	711	2
North Dakota	1,037	3	494	10
South Dakota	983	4	575	4
Montana	846	5	487	12
Nevada	840	6	606	3
Georgia	782	7	290	44
Vermont	754	8	457	16
Washington	739	9	473	15
New Mexico	726	10	518	7
Minnesota	701	11	486	13
Mississippi	693	12	376	27
Iowa	667	13	519	6
Florida	667	14	389	26
Hawaii	642	15	505	8
Illinois	638	16	359	32
Nebraska	629	17	485	14
Delaware	628	18	440	18
Kansas	625	19	531	5
Pennsylvania	620	20	284	45
Louisiana	619	21	332	34
Wisconsin	618	22	416	23
Oregon	612	23	428	19
Kentucky	611	24	371	28
West Virginia	611	25	498	9
New York	608	26	394	25
Maine	601	27	422	21
Virginia	594	28	491	11
Colorado	593	29	414	24
Idaho	587	30	426	20
Maryland	581	31	315	36
Texas	580	32	279	46
New Hampshire	562	33	360	30
Missouri	558	34	359	31
Oklahoma	555	35	299	40
Arizona	533	36	304	38
Utah	521	37	420	22
Alabama	502	38	301	39
California	501	39	272	49
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>47</b>
Ohio	453	41	297	42
Indiana	453	42	293	43
Massachusetts	445	43	454	17
Arkansas	445	44	364	29
North Carolina	444	45	299	41
Michigan	434	46	276	48
Tennessee	426	47	317	35
New Jersey	423	48	306	37
South Carolina	380	49	242	50
Connecticut	371	50	343	33

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

\*\* Figures do not include transit subsidies, which were previously included.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 40th in FY 2006

**Table 24**  
**Highway Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$12.81	-	\$12.24	-
Alaska	\$52.50	1	\$42.57	1
North Dakota	27.87	2	21.34	9
South Dakota	27.48	3	25.17	3
Wyoming	25.29	4	29.63	2
Montana	23.85	5	23.88	6
Mississippi	23.29	6	19.64	12
New Mexico	22.60	7	24.85	4
Georgia	20.72	8	10.71	42
West Virginia	20.36	9	24.12	5
Vermont	19.43	10	19.89	10
Iowa	18.58	11	21.39	8
Kentucky	18.47	12	15.68	20
Nevada	18.08	13	15.03	21
Idaho	17.44	14	19.87	11
Kansas	16.90	15	22.11	7
Maine	16.67	16	18.34	15
Nebraska	16.36	17	18.92	13
Wisconsin	16.22	18	16.51	18
Minnesota	15.53	19	16.40	19
Missouri	15.28	20	13.50	28
Oregon	15.26	21	14.89	22
Louisiana	15.14	22	13.65	27
Utah	15.03	23	18.86	14
Pennsylvania	14.87	24	10.10	44
Oklahoma	14.44	25	13.87	25
Florida	14.31	26	12.70	34
Delaware	14.18	27	16.83	17
Arkansas	14.04	28	17.81	16
Washington	13.69	29	14.40	23
Texas	13.67	30	11.01	41
Alabama	13.42	31	12.92	33
Arizona	13.22	32	12.62	35
Illinois	13.12	33	11.54	39
Ohio	12.13	34	11.55	38
Indiana	11.77	35	11.86	37
New Hampshire	11.67	36	13.05	31
Tennessee	11.39	37	13.08	30
North Carolina	11.26	38	12.07	36
Michigan	11.16	39	10.16	43
Colorado	10.95	40	13.18	29
Maryland	10.84	41	9.78	48
New York	10.78	42	11.21	40
Hawaii	10.38	43	12.95	32
South Carolina	10.22	44	9.83	47
California	9.60	45	7.68	50
Virginia	9.58	46	14.25	24
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>8.83</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9.90</b>	<b>45</b>
New Jersey	8.43	48	9.63	49
Massachusetts	7.39	49	13.76	26
Connecticut	6.55	50	9.84	46

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 44th in FY 2006

**Table 25**  
**Highway Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$485	-	\$301	-
Alaska	\$2,067	1	\$1,114	1
Wyoming	1,160	2	670	2
North Dakota	946	3	444	11
South Dakota	935	4	544	3
Montana	771	5	464	7
Nevada	718	6	388	18
Vermont	705	7	445	10
Georgia	689	8	248	47
New Mexico	681	9	477	6
Mississippi	648	10	353	23
Iowa	627	11	491	5
Minnesota	622	12	429	13
Kansas	604	13	516	4
West Virginia	583	14	455	8
Wisconsin	575	15	393	17
Nebraska	574	16	448	9
Delaware	564	17	436	12
Pennsylvania	562	18	251	45
Kentucky	560	19	318	30
Maine	553	20	397	16
Idaho	549	21	401	15
Washington	548	22	368	20
Florida	543	23	302	33
Oregon	527	24	354	22
Louisiana	522	25	275	38
Illinois	521	26	311	31
Missouri	509	27	311	32
Texas	499	28	249	46
Maryland	493	29	272	40
Oklahoma	489	30	279	36
New York	489	31	325	29
New Hampshire	476	32	347	24
Utah	453	33	374	19
Colorado	444	34	341	25
Arizona	439	35	265	42
Alabama	427	36	264	43
Arkansas	412	37	340	26
Ohio	410	38	277	37
New Jersey	405	39	300	34
Hawaii	396	40	326	28
Virginia	393	41	363	21
California	393	42	197	50
Indiana	385	43	270	41
Tennessee	376	44	289	35
North Carolina	375	45	274	39
Michigan	375	46	252	44
Massachusetts	353	47	408	14
Connecticut	349	48	327	27
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>48</b>
South Carolina	315	50	200	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 44th in FY 2006

**Table 26**  
**Police Protection Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$7.44	-	\$7.10	-
New Mexico	\$10.21	1	\$8.73	6
Arizona	10.00	2	8.75	5
Nevada	9.95	3	8.18	8
California	9.36	4	9.25	3
Florida	9.17	5	8.94	4
Delaware	9.12	6	6.77	16
Alaska	8.86	7	9.43	2
New York	8.73	8	9.48	1
Louisiana	8.29	9	8.52	7
Illinois	8.00	10	7.32	10
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6.91</b>	<b>14</b>
Ohio	7.63	12	6.70	18
Oregon	7.59	13	7.41	9
Wisconsin	7.56	14	7.31	11
Utah	7.50	15	7.26	12
Wyoming	7.46	16	7.12	13
New Jersey	7.34	17	6.90	15
Missouri	7.21	18	6.04	32
Mississippi	7.10	19	6.40	21
Maryland	7.00	20	6.16	26
Colorado	6.96	21	6.25	24
Michigan	6.89	22	6.43	20
Kansas	6.88	23	6.14	27
Georgia	6.88	24	5.91	36
North Carolina	6.87	25	5.92	34
Minnesota	6.84	26	5.64	39
Tennessee	6.79	27	6.13	28
South Carolina	6.76	28	6.29	23
Montana	6.74	29	6.47	19
Alabama	6.69	30	6.07	29
Idaho	6.51	31	6.74	17
Vermont	6.27	32	4.87	45
Hawaii	6.26	33	6.30	22
Texas	6.15	34	6.19	25
Virginia	6.09	35	5.64	38
Oklahoma	5.94	36	5.92	35
Massachusetts	5.94	37	6.04	31
Iowa	5.85	38	5.28	41
Arkansas	5.82	39	5.88	37
Nebraska	5.78	40	4.87	44
Pennsylvania	5.69	41	6.05	30
Washington	5.54	42	5.97	33
New Hampshire	5.52	43	4.77	46
Indiana	5.39	44	4.76	47
Maine	5.31	45	5.07	42
West Virginia	5.17	46	4.07	50
South Dakota	5.10	47	4.70	48
Kentucky	4.93	48	4.88	43
Connecticut	4.89	49	5.32	40
North Dakota	4.89	50	4.18	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 17th in FY 2006

**Table 27**  
**Police Protection Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$281	-	\$175	-
New York	\$396	1	\$275	1
Nevada	395	2	211	6
California	383	3	237	3
Delaware	363	4	175	12
New Jersey	353	5	215	4
Alaska	349	6	247	2
Florida	348	7	213	5
Wyoming	342	8	161	19
Arizona	332	9	184	8
Maryland	318	10	172	15
Illinois	318	11	197	7
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>16</b>
New Mexico	308	13	168	17
Louisiana	286	14	172	14
Massachusetts	284	15	179	9
Colorado	282	16	162	18
Minnesota	274	17	147	25
Wisconsin	268	18	174	13
Oregon	262	19	176	11
Connecticut	261	20	177	10
Ohio	258	21	160	20
Virginia	250	22	144	27
Kansas	246	23	143	28
Missouri	240	24	139	30
Hawaii	239	25	159	22
Michigan	232	26	159	21
North Carolina	229	27	134	34
Georgia	229	28	137	31
Vermont	228	29	109	45
Utah	226	30	144	26
New Hampshire	225	31	127	36
Texas	224	32	140	29
Tennessee	224	33	136	33
Washington	222	34	153	23
Montana	218	35	126	37
Pennsylvania	215	36	150	24
Alabama	213	37	124	38
South Carolina	208	38	128	35
Idaho	205	39	136	32
Nebraska	203	40	115	41
Oklahoma	201	41	119	40
Mississippi	198	42	115	42
Iowa	197	43	121	39
Maine	176	44	110	44
Indiana	176	45	108	46
South Dakota	174	46	102	47
Arkansas	171	47	112	43
North Dakota	166	48	87	49
Kentucky	150	49	99	48
West Virginia	148	50	77	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 13th in FY 2006

**Table 28**  
**Fire Protection Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$3.26	-	\$2.90	-
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>\$6.02</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$5.33</b>	<b>1</b>
Nevada	4.73	2	3.96	2
Alaska	4.57	3	3.40	11
Florida	4.41	4	3.46	9
California	4.39	5	3.82	3
Arizona	4.20	6	3.41	10
New Mexico	4.07	7	3.27	14
Ohio	3.96	8	3.28	13
Oregon	3.95	9	3.77	5
Washington	3.82	10	3.56	7
Illinois	3.81	11	2.84	19
Colorado	3.39	12	2.71	23
Wyoming	3.38	13	2.63	28
Alabama	3.36	14	2.44	30
New York	3.32	15	3.79	4
Louisiana	3.26	16	2.65	27
Oklahoma	3.23	17	3.37	12
Virginia	3.22	18	2.60	29
Missouri	3.19	19	2.67	25
Indiana	3.19	20	2.42	31
New Hampshire	3.18	21	2.79	21
Massachusetts	3.18	22	3.57	6
Maryland	3.14	23	2.81	20
Utah	3.07	24	2.29	35
Kentucky	3.06	25	1.99	44
Montana	3.03	26	2.29	36
Georgia	2.97	27	2.42	32
Idaho	2.97	28	2.66	26
Hawaii	2.94	29	2.89	17
Wisconsin	2.94	30	3.15	15
Tennessee	2.91	31	2.72	22
Maine	2.87	32	2.69	24
Nebraska	2.87	33	2.86	18
Michigan	2.73	34	2.21	39
North Carolina	2.70	35	2.06	41
Mississippi	2.66	36	2.28	37
South Carolina	2.58	37	2.05	42
Connecticut	2.54	38	2.98	16
Arkansas	2.49	39	2.14	40
Kansas	2.49	40	2.32	34
Texas	2.46	41	2.42	33
New Jersey	2.08	42	2.28	38
South Dakota	2.04	43	1.66	47
Iowa	1.96	44	1.74	46
Vermont	1.84	45	2.01	43
Minnesota	1.71	46	1.79	45
West Virginia	1.68	47	1.33	49
North Dakota	1.65	48	3.49	8
Pennsylvania	1.32	49	1.35	48
Delaware	1.06	50	0.74	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 1st in FY 2006

**Table 29**  
**Fire Protection Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$123	-	\$71	-
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>\$233</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$131</b>	<b>1</b>
Nevada	188	2	102	4
Alaska	180	3	89	9
California	180	4	98	6
Florida	168	5	82	10
Wyoming	155	6	59	27
Washington	153	7	91	7
Massachusetts	152	8	106	3
Illinois	151	9	77	13
New York	151	10	110	2
Maryland	143	11	78	12
Arizona	139	12	72	18
Colorado	137	13	70	20
Oregon	137	14	90	8
Connecticut	136	15	99	5
Ohio	134	16	78	11
Virginia	132	17	66	23
New Hampshire	130	18	74	15
New Mexico	123	19	63	24
Louisiana	112	20	53	35
Hawaii	112	21	73	16
Oklahoma	110	22	68	21
Alabama	107	23	50	36
Missouri	106	24	62	25
Wisconsin	104	25	75	14
Indiana	104	26	55	30
Nebraska	101	27	68	22
New Jersey	100	28	71	19
Georgia	99	29	56	29
Montana	98	30	44	41
Tennessee	96	31	60	26
Maine	95	32	58	28
Idaho	93	33	54	34
Kentucky	93	34	40	45
Utah	93	35	45	39
Michigan	92	36	55	32
North Carolina	90	37	47	38
Texas	90	38	55	31
Kansas	89	39	54	33
South Carolina	80	40	42	42
Mississippi	74	41	41	43
Arkansas	73	42	41	44
South Dakota	69	43	36	47
Minnesota	69	44	47	37
Vermont	67	45	45	40
Iowa	66	46	40	46
North Dakota	56	47	73	17
Pennsylvania	50	48	34	48
West Virginia	48	49	25	49
Delaware	42	50	19	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 1st in FY 2006

**Table 30**  
**Corrections Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$6.02	-	\$5.96	-
Alaska	\$9.02	1	\$9.34	1
California	8.52	2	7.45	4
New Mexico	8.00	3	7.56	3
Delaware	7.84	4	6.33	13
Oregon	7.77	5	7.38	6
Arizona	7.55	6	7.06	8
Wyoming	7.29	7	4.82	31
Louisiana	7.28	8	5.31	25
Georgia	7.11	9	6.75	10
Michigan	6.99	10	6.44	12
Wisconsin	6.91	11	5.61	20
Nevada	6.69	12	7.42	5
Maryland	6.53	13	6.08	15
Pennsylvania	6.50	14	5.72	19
New York	6.47	15	7.22	7
Virginia	6.20	16	5.44	23
Washington	6.19	17	5.85	16
Florida	6.17	18	7.62	2
Utah	6.12	19	5.79	17
Colorado	6.08	20	5.78	18
Montana	5.93	21	4.97	26
North Carolina	5.89	22	6.26	14
Idaho	5.85	23	5.35	24
Texas	5.52	24	6.98	9
Oklahoma	5.50	25	5.53	22
Arkansas	5.44	26	4.84	29
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>33</b>
Mississippi	5.35	28	4.90	28
Nebraska	5.27	29	3.80	43
Alabama	5.27	30	3.62	44
West Virginia	5.27	31	3.55	45
South Dakota	5.21	32	4.82	32
Kentucky	5.15	33	4.40	36
Vermont	5.04	34	3.28	47
South Carolina	4.96	35	6.71	11
New Jersey	4.87	36	4.91	27
Tennessee	4.74	37	4.83	30
Indiana	4.73	38	4.35	37
Maine	4.55	39	3.44	46
Iowa	4.35	40	3.16	48
Ohio	4.20	41	5.60	21
Massachusetts	4.18	42	4.60	34
North Dakota	4.12	43	2.24	50
Missouri	4.12	44	3.99	41
Minnesota	4.07	45	3.86	42
Hawaii	4.05	46	4.18	38
Kansas	3.89	47	4.02	39
Illinois	3.68	48	3.99	40
Connecticut	3.54	49	4.43	35
New Hampshire	3.06	50	2.72	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 31st in FY 2006

**Table 31**  
**Corrections Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$228	-	\$147	-
Alaska	\$355	1	\$244	1
California	348	2	191	4
Wyoming	334	3	109	28
Delaware	312	4	164	8
Maryland	297	5	169	7
New York	294	6	209	2
Oregon	268	7	175	6
Nevada	265	8	191	3
Virginia	254	9	139	20
Louisiana	251	10	107	31
Arizona	251	11	148	15
Washington	248	12	149	13
Colorado	247	13	149	14
Pennsylvania	246	14	142	18
Wisconsin	245	15	133	24
New Mexico	241	16	145	17
Georgia	237	17	156	11
Michigan	235	18	160	9
Florida	234	19	181	5
New Jersey	234	20	153	12
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>25</b>
Texas	201	22	158	10
Massachusetts	200	23	136	22
North Carolina	197	24	142	19
Montana	191	25	96	37
Connecticut	189	26	147	16
Oklahoma	186	27	111	27
Nebraska	185	28	90	41
Utah	185	29	115	26
Idaho	184	30	108	29
Vermont	183	31	73	46
South Dakota	177	32	104	34
Alabama	168	33	74	45
Minnesota	163	34	101	35
Arkansas	160	35	93	39
Tennessee	156	36	107	32
Kentucky	156	37	89	42
Indiana	155	38	99	36
Hawaii	154	39	105	33
South Carolina	153	40	137	21
Maine	151	41	75	44
West Virginia	151	42	67	49
Mississippi	149	43	88	43
Iowa	147	44	73	47
Illinois	146	45	108	30
Ohio	142	46	134	23
North Dakota	140	47	47	50
Kansas	139	48	94	38
Missouri	137	49	92	40
New Hampshire	125	50	72	48

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 29th in FY 2005

**Table 32**  
**National Resources,**  
**Parks and Recreation Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$5.30	-	\$5.57	-
Wyoming	\$14.23	1	\$15.47	3
Alaska	14.13	2	21.34	1
Florida	10.67	3	9.12	10
North Dakota	9.43	4	16.62	2
Montana	9.41	5	12.10	4
New Mexico	8.81	6	9.57	8
Nevada	8.75	7	7.66	15
Utah	7.98	8	10.33	7
South Dakota	7.68	9	11.03	5
Arizona	7.49	10	9.25	9
Louisiana	7.42	11	7.73	13
Oregon	7.30	12	7.37	17
California	7.20	13	7.37	16
Colorado	7.10	14	6.96	20
Hawaii	7.04	15	10.94	6
Idaho	6.94	16	8.39	11
Washington	6.64	17	7.87	12
Wisconsin	6.55	18	6.58	21
Illinois	6.37	19	5.59	30
Minnesota	6.29	20	7.70	14
Delaware	5.82	21	6.50	22
Maryland	5.68	22	6.11	24
West Virginia	5.29	23	7.00	19
Nebraska	5.06	24	7.31	18
Mississippi	5.04	25	5.66	29
North Carolina	4.96	26	5.82	27
Iowa	4.80	27	6.05	25
Maine	4.46	28	5.77	28
Missouri	4.28	29	4.68	38
Indiana	4.28	30	4.09	40
South Carolina	4.17	31	4.85	35
Georgia	3.93	32	4.81	36
Alabama	3.79	33	4.79	37
Virginia	3.77	34	3.43	46
Arkansas	3.64	35	4.93	34
Ohio	3.61	36	3.60	44
Texas	3.55	37	3.77	42
Kansas	3.54	38	5.83	26
Oklahoma	3.52	39	5.38	31
Tennessee	3.49	40	5.03	33
Kentucky	3.46	41	5.24	32
New York	3.45	42	3.78	41
Vermont	3.41	43	6.12	23
New Jersey	3.40	44	3.62	43
Michigan	3.35	45	4.14	39
Pennsylvania	3.25	46	3.20	47
New Hampshire	2.88	47	2.66	48
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>45</b>
Massachusetts	2.19	49	2.51	49
Connecticut	1.76	50	2.27	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 48th in FY 2006

**Table 33**  
**National Resources,**  
**Parks and Recreation Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$201	-	\$137	-
Wyoming	\$653	1	\$350	2
Alaska	556	2	558	1
Florida	405	3	217	7
Nevada	348	4	198	11
North Dakota	320	5	346	3
Montana	304	6	235	6
California	295	7	189	13
Colorado	288	8	180	15
Hawaii	268	9	276	4
Washington	266	10	201	10
New Mexico	265	11	184	14
South Dakota	261	12	238	5
Maryland	258	13	170	18
Louisiana	256	14	156	22
Illinois	253	15	151	23
Oregon	252	16	175	16
Minnesota	252	17	201	9
Arizona	249	18	194	12
Utah	241	19	205	8
Wisconsin	232	20	157	21
Delaware	231	21	168	20
Idaho	218	22	169	19
Nebraska	177	23	173	17
North Carolina	166	24	132	27
New Jersey	164	25	113	30
Iowa	162	26	139	24
New York	157	27	110	33
Virginia	155	28	88	43
West Virginia	151	29	132	28
Maine	148	30	125	29
Missouri	143	31	108	35
Mississippi	140	32	102	38
Indiana	140	33	93	42
Georgia	131	34	111	31
Texas	129	35	85	46
South Carolina	128	36	99	39
Kansas	127	37	136	26
Vermont	124	38	137	25
Pennsylvania	123	39	80	47
Ohio	122	40	86	45
Alabama	120	41	98	40
Oklahoma	119	42	108	34
New Hampshire	118	43	71	50
Tennessee	115	44	111	32
Michigan	112	45	103	37
Arkansas	107	46	94	41
Kentucky	105	47	106	36
Massachusetts	105	48	74	49
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>44</b>
Connecticut	94	50	75	48

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 50th in FY 2006

**Table 34**  
**Housing and Community Development Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$4.06	-	\$3.47	-
Louisiana	\$22.55	1	\$2.58	27
Alaska	10.15	2	9.03	1
California	5.86	3	5.50	4
Maine	5.76	4	3.44	17
Massachusetts	5.56	5	4.72	6
New York	5.53	6	6.26	3
Vermont	5.28	7	4.49	8
Ohio	5.06	8	2.96	23
Hawaii	4.43	9	7.99	2
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>5</b>
Washington	4.19	11	3.87	13
Minnesota	4.09	12	3.27	19
Maryland	4.08	13	4.21	9
Oregon	4.03	14	4.65	7
Utah	3.87	15	2.57	28
South Dakota	3.80	16	1.48	47
Pennsylvania	3.78	17	3.72	14
Illinois	3.75	18	4.06	10
Connecticut	3.67	19	3.28	18
Colorado	3.61	20	2.78	24
Delaware	3.48	21	4.04	11
Georgia	3.42	22	2.99	22
Montana	3.37	23	4.02	12
Tennessee	3.34	24	3.52	15
New Hampshire	3.27	25	2.43	34
Nebraska	3.20	26	2.50	30
Missouri	3.17	27	2.44	32
Virginia	3.14	28	3.03	21
Indiana	3.13	29	2.23	38
Florida	3.12	30	2.43	33
Alabama	3.09	31	3.47	16
North Carolina	2.98	32	2.27	36
Michigan	2.86	33	0.91	49
North Dakota	2.79	34	3.19	20
South Carolina	2.73	35	1.89	42
West Virginia	2.59	36	2.62	26
New Jersey	2.58	37	2.31	35
New Mexico	2.54	38	2.01	41
Mississippi	2.52	39	2.69	25
Arizona	2.31	40	2.24	37
Nevada	2.29	41	2.48	31
Kentucky	2.23	42	1.53	46
Oklahoma	2.18	43	1.62	45
Texas	2.15	44	1.85	43
Kansas	2.05	45	1.77	44
Arkansas	2.02	46	2.03	40
Wisconsin	1.74	47	2.53	29
Iowa	1.66	48	2.08	39
Wyoming	1.07	49	0.83	50
Idaho	1.01	50	0.94	48

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 4th in FY 2006

**Table 35**  
**Housing and Community Development Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$154	-	\$85	-
Louisiana	\$777	1	\$52	32
Alaska	400	2	236	1
Massachusetts	265	3	140	5
New York	251	4	182	3
California	240	5	141	4
Connecticut	195	6	109	10
Vermont	191	7	100	12
Maine	191	8	75	19
Maryland	185	9	117	7
Ohio	171	10	71	23
Hawaii	169	11	201	2
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6</b>
Washington	168	13	99	13
Minnesota	164	14	85	15
Illinois	149	15	109	9
Colorado	146	16	72	20
Pennsylvania	143	17	93	14
Oregon	139	18	111	8
Delaware	138	19	104	11
New Hampshire	133	20	65	26
South Dakota	129	21	32	46
Virginia	129	22	77	18
New Jersey	124	23	72	21
Florida	118	24	58	30
Utah	117	25	51	34
Georgia	114	26	69	24
Nebraska	112	27	59	29
Tennessee	110	28	78	17
Montana	109	29	78	16
Missouri	105	30	56	31
Indiana	102	31	51	35
North Carolina	99	32	52	33
Alabama	98	33	71	22
Michigan	96	34	23	48
North Dakota	95	35	66	25
Nevada	91	36	64	27
South Carolina	84	37	38	44
Texas	78	38	42	40
New Mexico	77	39	39	43
Arizona	77	40	47	39
West Virginia	74	41	49	36
Oklahoma	74	42	33	45
Kansas	73	43	41	41
Mississippi	70	44	48	37
Kentucky	68	45	31	47
Wisconsin	62	46	60	28
Arkansas	59	47	39	42
Iowa	56	48	48	38
Wyoming	49	49	19	50
Idaho	32	50	19	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 5th in FY 2006

**Table 36**  
**Sewerage and Solid Waste Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$5.92	-	\$6.20	-
Hawaii	\$9.83	1	\$8.36	2
Delaware	9.34	2	7.77	5
Washington	7.95	3	7.27	9
Ohio	7.93	4	6.51	16
Arizona	7.64	5	7.13	12
Idaho	7.50	6	7.74	6
Oregon	7.32	7	7.92	4
Michigan	7.14	8	7.02	14
Florida	7.14	9	7.23	11
North Carolina	7.13	10	5.45	30
Georgia	7.11	11	5.73	25
New York	6.97	12	7.60	7
California	6.53	13	7.25	10
West Virginia	6.49	14	4.72	39
Maine	6.34	15	6.69	15
Alaska	6.25	16	8.31	3
Utah	6.24	17	5.89	22
Wisconsin	6.02	18	8.44	1
Pennsylvania	5.85	19	5.59	27
Arkansas	5.76	20	5.48	29
New Mexico	5.70	21	5.76	24
South Carolina	5.69	22	4.62	41
New Jersey	5.64	23	7.04	13
South Dakota	5.56	24	4.92	33
Wyoming	5.54	25	5.55	28
Louisiana	5.41	26	6.04	20
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5.93</b>	<b>21</b>
Kentucky	5.36	28	4.84	37
Indiana	5.22	29	4.81	38
Montana	5.16	30	4.89	35
Vermont	5.11	31	4.87	36
Mississippi	5.08	32	3.87	48
Maryland	5.06	33	7.32	8
Iowa	5.01	34	6.07	19
Oklahoma	4.85	35	4.95	32
Colorado	4.85	36	4.04	47
Massachusetts	4.83	37	6.24	18
Nebraska	4.83	38	4.08	46
Tennessee	4.80	39	5.79	23
Virginia	4.80	40	6.28	17
Minnesota	4.72	41	5.72	26
Missouri	4.70	42	4.36	44
North Dakota	4.46	43	3.20	50
Kansas	4.38	44	4.29	45
Texas	4.26	45	4.89	34
New Hampshire	4.24	46	4.63	40
Connecticut	4.09	47	5.13	31
Illinois	3.91	48	4.60	42
Alabama	3.83	49	4.58	43
Nevada	2.91	50	3.58	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 22nd in FY 2006

**Table 37**  
**Sewerage and Solid Waste Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$224	-	\$152	-
Hawaii	\$375	1	\$211	4
Delaware	371	2	201	6
Washington	318	3	186	10
New York	316	4	220	1
New Jersey	271	5	219	2
Florida	271	6	172	13
Ohio	268	7	156	17
California	267	8	186	9
Wyoming	254	9	125	26
Arizona	254	10	150	19
Oregon	253	11	188	8
Alaska	246	12	217	3
Michigan	240	13	174	12
North Carolina	238	14	124	28
Georgia	237	15	133	24
Idaho	236	16	156	16
Massachusetts	231	17	185	11
Maryland	230	18	204	5
Pennsylvania	221	19	139	23
Connecticut	218	20	171	14
Wisconsin	214	21	201	7
Maine	210	22	145	21
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>20</b>
Colorado	197	24	104	38
Virginia	197	25	160	15
South Dakota	189	26	106	36
Minnesota	189	27	150	18
Utah	188	28	117	31
Louisiana	186	29	122	30
West Virginia	186	30	89	48
Vermont	185	31	109	35
South Carolina	175	32	94	45
New Hampshire	173	33	123	29
New Mexico	172	34	111	32
Indiana	171	35	109	34
Nebraska	169	36	97	43
Iowa	169	37	139	22
Arkansas	169	38	105	37
Montana	167	39	95	44
Oklahoma	164	40	100	41
Kentucky	163	41	98	42
Tennessee	158	42	128	25
Kansas	156	43	100	40
Missouri	156	44	100	39
Illinois	156	45	124	27
Texas	155	46	111	33
North Dakota	151	47	67	50
Mississippi	141	48	70	49
Alabama	122	49	93	46
Nevada	116	50	92	47

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 16th in FY 2006

**Table 38**  
**Government Administration Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$10.58	-	\$9.94	-
Alaska	\$27.16	1	\$30.73	1
Delaware	19.57	2	16.02	3
Utah	16.77	3	13.96	5
Wyoming	16.60	4	17.67	2
West Virginia	15.95	5	12.97	10
New Mexico	15.92	6	13.78	6
Montana	15.77	7	13.54	8
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>14.37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11.53</b>	<b>14</b>
California	14.16	9	11.53	13
Nevada	13.57	10	13.60	7
Hawaii	13.55	11	13.42	9
Oregon	13.50	12	15.91	4
South Carolina	13.44	13	9.57	28
Ohio	12.77	14	11.11	17
Louisiana	12.24	15	10.93	18
Idaho	12.19	16	10.85	19
Colorado	11.85	17	9.37	32
Arizona	11.75	18	11.20	16
Maine	11.69	19	10.62	20
Florida	11.61	20	10.32	23
North Dakota	10.88	21	10.40	21
New York	10.84	22	11.22	15
Arkansas	10.72	23	8.95	37
Vermont	10.71	24	12.11	11
Pennsylvania	10.70	25	8.45	43
South Dakota	10.57	26	10.18	24
Georgia	10.08	27	9.14	34
Mississippi	10.00	28	11.67	12
Oklahoma	9.89	29	9.23	33
Kentucky	9.74	30	8.57	40
Minnesota	9.64	31	10.34	22
Kansas	9.31	32	9.84	26
Michigan	9.30	33	9.01	35
Indiana	9.26	34	8.31	44
Alabama	9.17	35	8.18	47
Virginia	9.15	36	9.41	31
Maryland	9.13	37	8.56	41
Connecticut	9.01	38	8.51	42
Iowa	8.98	39	8.78	38
Illinois	8.83	40	8.98	36
Wisconsin	8.79	41	9.50	29
Missouri	8.70	42	9.64	27
New Hampshire	8.65	43	8.64	39
Tennessee	8.59	44	7.68	48
Washington	8.48	45	10.05	25
Nebraska	8.44	46	8.29	45
Massachusetts	8.29	47	8.24	46
New Jersey	8.17	48	9.42	30
North Carolina	7.84	49	7.25	50
Texas	6.60	50	7.57	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 15th in FY 2006

**Table 39**  
**Government Administration Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$401	-	\$244	-
Alaska	\$1,070	1	\$804	1
Delaware	778	2	415	2
Wyoming	761	3	400	3
California	579	4	296	8
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>10</b>
Nevada	539	6	351	5
Hawaii	517	7	338	6
Montana	510	8	263	17
Utah	506	9	277	12
New York	492	10	325	7
Colorado	481	11	242	22
Connecticut	480	12	283	11
New Mexico	480	13	265	16
Oregon	466	14	378	4
West Virginia	457	15	245	20
Florida	441	16	246	19
Ohio	432	17	266	15
Louisiana	421	18	220	33
Maryland	415	19	238	25
South Carolina	414	20	195	42
Pennsylvania	404	21	210	38
Massachusetts	396	22	244	21
New Jersey	393	23	293	9
Arizona	390	24	235	26
Vermont	389	25	271	13
Maine	387	26	230	27
Minnesota	386	27	271	14
Idaho	384	28	219	35
Virginia	375	29	240	24
North Dakota	369	30	217	36
South Dakota	360	31	220	34
New Hampshire	353	32	230	28
Illinois	351	33	242	23
Washington	340	34	257	18
Georgia	335	35	211	37
Oklahoma	335	36	186	44
Kansas	333	37	229	29
Arkansas	314	38	171	46
Michigan	312	39	223	31
Wisconsin	312	40	226	30
Iowa	303	41	202	40
Indiana	303	42	189	43
Nebraska	296	43	196	41
Kentucky	295	44	174	45
Alabama	292	45	167	49
Missouri	290	46	222	32
Tennessee	283	47	170	48
Mississippi	278	48	210	39
North Carolina	262	49	165	50
Texas	241	50	171	47

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 7th in FY 2006

**Table 40**  
**Insurance Trust Expenditures**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$18.90	-	\$16.47	-
Alaska	\$31.87	1	\$34.31	1
Ohio	30.93	2	23.85	6
Oregon	29.69	3	24.83	5
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>28.57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25.85</b>	<b>3</b>
New York	26.29	5	25.55	4
California	24.79	6	21.17	9
Illinois	22.79	7	15.64	25
Kentucky	22.42	8	16.29	22
Wisconsin	22.35	9	17.41	16
Michigan	22.10	10	16.41	21
New Jersey	21.85	11	18.87	12
New Mexico	21.36	12	16.78	18
Pennsylvania	20.74	13	18.39	13
Louisiana	20.66	14	17.94	14
Montana	19.68	15	20.21	10
Minnesota	19.09	16	14.16	31
Mississippi	19.08	17	17.59	15
Washington	18.87	18	22.58	7
Massachusetts	18.61	19	16.89	17
Colorado	18.50	20	14.83	29
Hawaii	18.01	21	22.01	8
Wyoming	17.67	22	19.98	11
South Carolina	17.35	23	13.78	32
Missouri	17.14	24	10.29	40
Connecticut	17.03	25	16.59	20
Alabama	16.68	26	13.40	33
North Dakota	16.16	27	15.48	27
Oklahoma	15.49	28	15.86	24
Maine	15.43	29	15.94	23
Iowa	14.93	30	10.02	41
Arkansas	14.79	31	11.96	35
Arizona	14.58	32	12.02	34
Idaho	14.58	33	15.58	26
Georgia	14.13	34	9.62	43
North Carolina	14.01	35	11.06	37
Maryland	13.94	36	15.05	28
Delaware	13.91	37	14.71	30
Utah	13.14	38	10.96	38
Texas	12.82	39	11.50	36
Kansas	12.63	40	10.63	39
Nevada	12.33	41	16.59	19
South Dakota	11.96	42	8.03	47
Florida	11.45	43	8.59	46
Indiana	11.42	44	7.85	48
Vermont	10.97	45	9.52	44
Tennessee	10.54	46	9.99	42
Virginia	10.43	47	8.63	45
Nebraska	9.14	48	7.63	49
New Hampshire	8.68	49	7.08	50
West Virginia	8.43	50	29.80	2

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 5th in FY 2006

**Table 41**  
**Insurance Trust Expenditures**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$715	-	\$405	-
Alaska	\$1,255	1	\$898	1
New York	1,193	2	741	2
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>3</b>
New Jersey	1,051	4	587	5
Ohio	1,046	5	571	7
Oregon	1,025	6	590	4
California	1,014	7	543	11
Connecticut	907	8	552	10
Illinois	906	9	422	16
Massachusetts	889	10	500	12
Wyoming	810	11	452	14
Wisconsin	793	12	414	18
Pennsylvania	784	13	457	13
Minnesota	764	14	370	23
Washington	755	15	577	6
Colorado	751	16	383	21
Michigan	742	17	407	19
Louisiana	712	18	362	24
Hawaii	687	19	555	9
Kentucky	680	20	330	26
New Mexico	644	21	322	27
Montana	636	22	392	20
Maryland	633	23	419	17
Missouri	571	24	237	38
Delaware	553	25	381	22
North Dakota	548	26	322	28
South Carolina	534	27	281	32
Mississippi	531	28	317	30
Alabama	531	29	274	33
Oklahoma	525	30	319	29
Maine	511	31	345	25
Iowa	504	32	230	39
Nevada	489	33	428	15
Arizona	484	34	252	35
Georgia	470	35	222	41
Texas	467	36	260	34
North Carolina	467	37	251	36
Idaho	459	38	314	31
Kansas	452	39	248	37
Florida	435	40	204	46
Arkansas	434	41	229	40
Virginia	428	42	220	43
South Dakota	407	43	173	50
Vermont	398	44	213	45
Utah	396	45	217	44
Indiana	373	46	178	49
New Hampshire	354	47	188	47
Tennessee	348	48	221	42
Nebraska	320	49	181	48
West Virginia	241	50	562	8

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 4th in FY 2006

**Table 42**  
**Outstanding Debt**  
**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$213.44		\$182.25	
Alaska	\$374.73	1	\$439.64	1
New York	296.55	2	280.03	3
Massachusetts	294.03	3	225.14	10
Kentucky	289.31	4	262.22	4
South Carolina	268.96	5	179.44	25
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>255.14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>253.50</b>	<b>5</b>
Washington	243.33	7	231.48	8
Pennsylvania	239.72	8	196.90	14
Colorado	238.78	9	187.22	22
Montana	233.20	10	189.32	19
Illinois	229.42	11	158.80	32
Oregon	227.06	12	166.65	30
Nevada	223.10	13	225.23	9
California	222.71	14	187.35	21
Texas	221.87	15	175.59	27
Delaware	217.44	16	243.87	6
Michigan	214.54	17	146.31	36
Hawaii	211.95	18	241.60	7
Wisconsin	211.48	19	174.21	28
New Mexico	208.04	20	185.76	23
New Jersey	205.68	21	169.47	29
Nebraska	205.36	22	156.00	35
Utah	204.66	23	285.25	2
Indiana	201.56	24	123.88	45
Kansas	201.00	25	143.64	38
Missouri	199.96	26	119.85	47
Florida	195.43	27	194.95	16
Arizona	192.15	28	213.90	12
New Hampshire	191.54	29	223.37	11
Louisiana	190.50	30	181.85	24
Minnesota	187.57	31	188.42	20
Maine	186.76	32	176.64	26
South Dakota	180.57	33	166.34	31
West Virginia	180.19	34	195.37	15
Vermont	178.46	35	198.78	13
Ohio	175.89	36	115.19	48
Connecticut	175.73	37	194.16	17
Tennessee	169.54	38	127.51	44
North Carolina	169.52	39	137.60	43
Alabama	168.44	40	139.99	41
North Dakota	167.90	41	142.46	39
Virginia	162.62	42	157.68	33
Mississippi	159.24	43	139.95	42
Georgia	155.98	44	145.71	37
Arkansas	148.18	45	120.75	46
Iowa	148.06	46	94.26	50
Oklahoma	136.71	47	141.37	40
Maryland	135.35	48	156.76	34
Wyoming	114.36	49	189.77	18
Idaho	113.52	50	106.48	49

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 9th in FY 2006

**Table 43**  
**Outstanding Debt**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007, and 1997**

State	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$8,080		\$4,480	
Alaska	\$14,757	1	\$11,505	1
Massachusetts	14,042	2	6,669	3
New York	13,459	3	8,123	2
New Jersey	9,889	4	5,273	13
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>9,889</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>6</b>
Washington	9,743	6	5,915	9
Colorado	9,690	7	4,838	16
Connecticut	9,362	8	6,460	4
Illinois	9,116	9	4,280	23
California	9,108	10	4,806	17
Pennsylvania	9,061	11	4,897	15
Nevada	8,860	12	5,811	10
Kentucky	8,775	13	5,320	12
Delaware	8,645	14	6,315	5
South Carolina	8,284	15	3,654	33
Texas	8,090	16	3,969	26
Hawaii	8,083	17	6,090	7
Oregon	7,842	18	3,962	27
New Hampshire	7,816	19	5,946	8
Montana	7,535	20	3,675	31
Minnesota	7,510	21	4,929	14
Wisconsin	7,504	22	4,145	24
Florida	7,418	23	4,639	18
Michigan	7,207	24	3,625	34
Nebraska	7,201	25	3,693	29
Kansas	7,184	26	3,349	38
Virginia	6,672	27	4,021	25
Missouri	6,657	28	2,760	45
Indiana	6,589	29	2,817	44
Louisiana	6,562	30	3,666	32
Vermont	6,473	31	4,451	20
Arizona	6,379	32	4,486	19
New Mexico	6,270	33	3,569	36
Maine	6,191	34	3,828	28
Utah	6,173	35	5,656	11
Maryland	6,150	36	4,366	21
South Dakota	6,146	37	3,594	35
Ohio	5,946	38	2,758	46
North Dakota	5,699	39	2,965	40
North Carolina	5,655	40	3,122	39
Tennessee	5,592	41	2,819	43
Alabama	5,357	42	2,861	41
Wyoming	5,245	43	4,292	22
Georgia	5,188	44	3,368	37
West Virginia	5,158	45	3,686	30
Iowa	4,996	46	2,164	49
Oklahoma	4,634	47	2,843	42
Mississippi	4,430	48	2,519	47
Arkansas	4,345	49	2,308	48
Idaho	3,572	50	2,148	50

\* U.S. average includes the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Government Finances, various years, Bureau of Economic Analysis for personal income data, and RIPEC calculations. RI ranked 10th in FY 2006

**Table 44**  
**Personal Income**  
**Per Capita**  
**Fiscal Years 2007 and 1997**

	FY 2007		FY 1997	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
United States*	\$37,854	-	\$24,582	
Connecticut	\$53,276	1	\$33,273	1
New Jersey	48,079	2	31,111	2
Massachusetts	47,758	3	29,623	3
Wyoming	45,865	4	22,616	31
Maryland	45,441	5	27,849	5
New York	45,386	6	29,006	4
Virginia	41,029	7	25,501	15
California	40,895	8	25,653	13
New Hampshire	40,806	9	26,620	7
Colorado	40,583	10	25,841	11
Minnesota	40,039	11	26,157	9
Washington	40,039	12	25,551	14
Delaware	39,759	13	25,893	10
Illinois	39,733	14	26,955	6
Nevada	39,713	15	25,800	12
Alaska	39,382	16	26,169	8
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>38,758</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24,677</b>	<b>19</b>
Hawaii	38,136	18	25,208	16
Florida	37,958	19	23,796	21
Pennsylvania	37,797	20	24,868	17
Texas	36,464	21	22,604	32
Vermont	36,274	22	22,389	33
Kansas	35,743	23	23,317	25
Wisconsin	35,484	24	23,795	22
Nebraska	35,064	25	23,673	24
Oregon	34,538	26	23,776	23
Louisiana	34,444	27	20,159	43
South Dakota	34,037	28	21,607	36
North Dakota	33,943	29	20,816	38
Oklahoma	33,893	30	20,110	44
Ohio	33,805	31	23,941	20
Iowa	33,743	32	22,962	28
Michigan	33,593	33	24,778	18
North Carolina	33,357	34	22,690	30
Missouri	33,290	35	23,029	27
Georgia	33,259	36	23,114	26
Arizona	33,198	37	20,975	37
Maine	33,150	38	21,670	35
Tennessee	32,983	39	22,106	34
Indiana	32,689	40	22,743	29
Montana	32,310	41	19,411	46
Alabama	31,802	42	20,434	39
Idaho	31,464	43	20,175	42
South Carolina	30,800	44	20,362	40
Kentucky	30,330	45	20,287	41
Utah	30,164	46	19,830	45
New Mexico	30,139	47	19,213	47
Arkansas	29,320	48	19,118	48
West Virginia	28,628	49	18,865	49
Mississippi	27,819	50	17,997	50

\* US average includes District of Columbia

Source: US Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, RIPEC calculations

## V. Glossary of Terms

**Education Expenditures** include expenditures for elementary and secondary education, higher education, and other education expenditures.

**Elementary and Secondary Education** comprises expenditures for the operation, maintenance and construction of elementary and secondary schools, which include kindergarten through high school, vocational-technical education, and other educational institutions except those for higher education, whether operated by independent governments (school districts) or as integral agencies of state, county, municipal, or township governments; and financial support of public elementary and secondary schools.

**Higher Education** comprises expenditures for degree-granting institutions (associate, bachelor, master, or doctorate) operated by state or local governments which provide academic training beyond the high school (grade 12) level. It also comprises expenditures relating to the activities and facilities connected with state institutions of higher education providing supplementary services to students, faculty or staff, and which are self-supported (wholly or largely through charges for services) and operated on a commercial basis.

**Environment and Housing Expenditures** comprise expenditures for natural resources, parks and recreation, housing and community development, sewerage, and solid waste management.

**Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation** comprise expenditures (and revenues) related to agriculture, forestry and other natural resources, including the regulation of industries which develop or utilize or affect natural resources; recreational, cultural and scientific facilities; including golf courses, playing fields, playgrounds, public beaches, swimming pools, tennis courts, parks, auditoriums, stadiums, auto camps, marinas, botanical gardens, galleries, museums and zoos.

**Housing and Community Development** comprises expenditures for the construction, operation and support of housing and redevelopment projects and other activities to promote or aid public and private housing and community development. Covered are the planning, construction, furnishing and operations of public housing projects; rent subsidies; housing and mortgage finance agencies operations; assistance for the repair and renovation of existing homes and programs to encourage private sector housing production. The category also includes expenditures for urban renewal and slum clearance, redevelopment and rehabilitation of substandard or deteriorated facilities; rural development and revitalization of commercial areas.

“Housing and Community Development” does not include: direct loans to individuals, buildings, landlords or others or distribution of proceeds from mortgage revenue bonds. Also not included are building inspection and enforcement of housing codes or standards and temporary shelters for housing the homeless.

**Sewerage and Solid Waste Management Expenditures** comprise the provision, maintenance and operation of sanitary and storm sewer systems and sewage disposal and treatment. This category also comprises expenditures for the collection, removal and disposal of garbage, refuse, and hazardous and other solid wastes, cleaning of streets, alleys and sidewalks. It covers the operation of sanitary landfills, hazardous waste disposal sites, incinerators, the cleanup of toxic chemical spills and dumps, and collection and disposal of abandoned vehicles.

### **Governmental Administration**

Includes expenditures related to:

**Financial Administration** which comprises expenditures for the operation of central staff agencies concerned with tax assessment, collection, accounting, auditing and budgeting, purchasing, custody of funds and other finance activities. It includes expenditures related to licensing and tax collection activities of motor vehicle departments, lottery administrative costs, costs of insurance for issuing debt; the administration of public employee retirement, workers' compensation and other insurance trust funds and the management of debt and investments. It also covers expenditures for the distinctive tax collection activities of regulatory agencies. It does not cover internal financial management activities of functional agencies;

**Judicial and Legal** which comprises expenditures relating to courts (criminal and civil) and activities associated with courts, legal services and counseling of indigent or other needy persons. It covers the court activities of sheriff offices (bailiff functions), registers or wills and other probate activities; legal departments and general counsels; prosecuting and district attorneys, indigent defense and contributions to legal aid societies;

**General public buildings** which comprises the construction, equipping, maintenance and operation of general public buildings related to specific functions or agencies; and

**Other governmental administration.**

**Per Capita** refers to the amount of state and local expenditures expended per the total number of residents in the state. This figure is calculated by dividing the expenditure amount by the total number of residents.

**Per \$1,000 of Personal Income** refers to the amount of state and local expenditures expended per every \$1,000 of personal income generated by the state's residents. This figure is calculated by first dividing the state's total personal income by 1,000. This number is then used as the denominator when dividing the expenditure amount.

**Public Safety Expenditures** includes expenditures for police protection, fire protection, correction, and protective inspection and regulation.

**Police Protection** includes expenditures for the preservation of law and order and traffic safety. It covers regular police departments, law enforcement activities of sheriff and

constable officers, state highway patrol, police training academies, coroners, medical examiners, forensic services and crime labs, temporary lockups, criminal justice planning, payments for transporting criminals. It includes the following activities if handled by a police agency: motor vehicle inspection and regulation, liquor law enforcement and traffic control. It does not include special police forces of non-police agencies such as park rangers and fish and game wardens and law enforcement units of legal officers.

**Fire Protection** comprises expenditures for the prevention, avoidance and suppression of fires and for the provision of ambulance, medical, rescue or auxiliary services when provided by fire protection agencies.

**Corrections** include residential institutions for the confinement, correction, and rehabilitation of convicted adults or adjudicated juveniles and for the detention of adults and juveniles charged with a crime and awaiting trial. Expenditures for probation offices (whether operated by courts or correctional agencies), parole boards and non-institutional activities such as administration of a correctional agency, the training of correctional employees and the operation of nonresidential halfway houses and community correction facilities are also included.

**Public Welfare Expenditures** includes expenditures for cash assistance, vendor payments, and other public welfare expenditures.

**Cash Assistance** comprises cash payments made directly to individuals contingent upon their need, including, but not limited to, SSI, and cash payments by states to families under TANF.

**Vendor Payments** comprise payments under public welfare programs made directly to private vendors (i.e., individuals or non-governmental organizations furnishing goods and services) for commodities and services, including Medicaid, on behalf of low-income or other medically needy persons unable to purchase such care.

**Social Services Expenditures** includes expenditures for public welfare, hospitals, health, employment security administration, and veterans' services.

### **Transportation**

Includes expenditures for highways, air transportation, parking facilities, and sea and inland port facilities.

**Highways** comprise expenditures for the maintenance, operation, repair and construction of highways, streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, tunnels, ferryboats, viaducts and related structures. It does not cover the patrol or policing of streets and highway or traffic control activities of police or public safety agencies or street cleaning activities.

**Air Transportation (airports)** includes the provision, operation, construction, and support of airport facilities serving the public-at-large on a scheduled or unscheduled basis, and the regulation of the airline industry.

**Parking Facilities** includes the provision, construction, maintenance, and operation of local government public parking facilities operated on a commercial basis.

### **Sea and inland port facilities**

Please note, earlier editions of How Rhode Island Expenditures Compare included Transit Subsidies in this category. Because of a change in how the US Census Bureau calculates transportation expenditures, this category is no longer included in our analysis.

NOTE: The report relies on multiple sources for comparative data including state and local government finances compiled by the United States Bureau of the Census for fiscal year 2007; personal income data calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

In contrast to prior years, this report uses personal income data calculated on a fiscal year basis, averaging quarterly, annualized, and seasonally adjusted income estimates provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. For this reason RIPEC does not recommend comparing the calculations in this report to prior RIPEC reports.