

More blessed to give than to receive?

Though income taxes are not earmarked specifically for schools, for every dollar in income tax collected by the state, about 78 cents goes to K-12 education. Statewide, residents in 30 percent of districts get back less than 78 cents to their districts, essentially donating to just about everybody else. Here are figures for central Ohio:

District Name	Income taxes paid to state in 2004	State revenue received by schools in fiscal year 2005	Amount returned to district per dollar paid
DELAWARE COUNTY			
Olentangy	\$ 119,764,022	\$ 13,427,430	\$0.11
Big Walnut	\$ 20,207,215	\$ 6,104,157	\$0.30
Buckeye Valley	\$ 15,308,557	\$ 5,764,105	\$0.38
Delaware	\$ 20,887,226	\$ 13,108,334	\$0.63
FAIRFIELD COUNTY			
Bloom Carroll	\$ 8,486,022	\$ 3,875,697	\$0.46
Walnut Township	\$ 2,737,065	\$ 1,849,427	\$0.68
Lancaster	\$ 24,420,962	\$ 19,998,805	\$0.82
Pickerington	\$ 42,205,840	\$ 39,145,396	\$0.93
Liberty Union-Thurston	\$ 4,669,189	\$ 5,664,314	\$1.21
Berne Union	\$ 2,649,300	\$ 3,788,160	\$1.43
Fairfield Union	\$ 5,561,982	\$ 8,046,059	\$1.45
Amanda-Clearcreek	\$ 4,025,520	\$ 8,580,863	\$2.13
FRANKLIN COUNTY			
New Albany-Plain	\$ 61,077,222	\$ 4,774,295	\$0.08
Upper Arlington	\$ 90,569,242	\$ 11,291,534	\$0.13
Bexley	\$ 45,442,717	\$ 6,631,300	\$0.15
Dublin	\$ 131,281,875	\$ 25,046,041	\$0.19
Gahanna-Jefferson	\$ 60,023,620	\$ 16,206,290	\$0.27
Worthington	\$ 75,241,882	\$ 23,987,658	\$0.32
Grandview Heights	\$ 8,887,496	\$ 3,064,231	\$0.34
Westerville	\$ 102,032,234	\$ 39,556,224	\$0.39
Hilliard	\$ 83,045,603	\$ 44,276,586	\$0.53
Canal Winchester	\$ 11,868,140	\$ 10,296,355	\$0.87
Columbus	\$ 226,858,435	\$ 224,413,724	\$0.99
Groveport Madison	\$ 21,034,786	\$ 23,181,050	\$1.10
Reynoldsburg	\$ 26,175,496	\$ 29,770,826	\$1.14
South-Western	\$ 71,910,988	\$ 87,671,862	\$1.22
Whitehall	\$ 7,198,048	\$ 12,473,554	\$1.73
Hamilton	\$ 6,296,493	\$ 12,705,596	\$2.02
LICKING COUNTY			
Granville Ex Vill	\$ 19,099,708	\$ 6,796,933	\$0.36
Licking Heights	\$ 13,026,585	\$ 5,799,496	\$0.45
Lakewood	\$ 8,321,668	\$ 5,666,320	\$0.68
Southwest Licking	\$ 17,001,536	\$ 12,310,155	\$0.72
Johnstown-Monroe	\$ 6,814,513	\$ 5,318,692	\$0.78
Northridge	\$ 6,226,689	\$ 4,860,175	\$0.78
Heath	\$ 5,272,919	\$ 4,403,807	\$0.84
Newark	\$ 24,100,086	\$ 25,183,498	\$1.04
North Fork	\$ 6,189,816	\$ 8,916,991	\$1.44
Licking Valley	\$ 5,320,012	\$ 9,816,653	\$1.85

MADISON COUNTY					
London	\$	9,417,930	\$	7,285,435	\$0.77
Jonathan Alder	\$	8,717,672	\$	7,398,000	\$0.85
Madison-Plains	\$	6,533,600	\$	5,705,588	\$0.87
Jefferson	\$	4,558,143	\$	4,131,119	\$0.91
PICKAWAY COUNTY					
Logan Elm	\$	7,351,873	\$	8,572,319	\$1.17
Circleville	\$	7,088,255	\$	8,330,253	\$1.18
Teays Valley	\$	10,926,725	\$	15,521,749	\$1.42
Westfall	\$	4,852,497	\$	6,992,840	\$1.44
UNION COUNTY					
Fairbanks	\$	5,558,829	\$	2,208,478	\$0.40
Marysville Ex Vill	\$	19,515,631	\$	15,857,693	\$0.81
North Union	\$	5,035,308	\$	6,952,712	\$1.38

Source: Ohio Legislative Service Commission