

SENATE BILL 25

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Table ES-1: Top 10 and Bottom 10 States in Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data

Top 10 States

State	Grade	Score	Rank
Ohio	A+	98	1 (tie)
West Virginia	A+	98	1 (tie)
Minnesota	A	94	3 (tie)
Wisconsin	A	94	3 (tie)
Arizona	A-	93	5 (tie)
Connecticut	A-	93	5 (tie)
Iowa	A-	91	7
Louisiana	A-	90	8
South Carolina	B+	87	9
Kentucky	B	85	10 (tie)
Nevada	B	85	10 (tie)

Bottom 10 States

State	Grade	Score	Rank
Wyoming	F	35	50
Alaska	F	46	49
California	F	47	48
Hawaii	F	48	47
Tennessee	D-	54	46
Rhode Island	D	55	45
Alabama	D	56	44
Georgia	D	57	43
Idaho	D	58	42
Oklahoma	D+	60	41

- In 2018 Alaska received a failing grade from the U.S PIRG Education Fund for providing online access to government spending data.
- Alaska has no statutory requirements to maintain an online checkbook.

Source: Following The Money 2019, U.S. PIRG Education Fund

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- Require The State To Provide Monthly And Annual Financial Information To The Public.
- Consolidate State Financial Information.
- Provide Detailed Information On State Expenditures And Revenue. (Date, Vendor, Department, Expense Type)
- Increase State Spending Transparency.

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Checkbook Online

- No Mandatory Reporting Requirements.
 - Data Must Be Downloaded (PDF Or EXCEL).
 - No Online Search Option.
 - Does Not Include Revenue Reports.
 - Does Not Allow Year To Year Spending Comparison.
 - Does Not Include Spending For The University Of Alaska Or Public Corporations.
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Online Checkbook Act

- Monthly & Annual Reporting Requirements.
- All Data Is Online; You Choose What To Download.
- Searchable Data By Agency, Vendor, Year, Etc.
- Includes Revenue & Expenditures
- You Can Compare State Spending By Fiscal Year.
- Includes Revenue & Expenses Of University Of Alaska & Public Corporations (Including APFC).

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Reporting Requirements

Revenues

- Receipts Or Deposits.
- Proceeds From Taxes.
- Agency Earnings (Sales, Services, Licenses Or Permits).
- Other Revenues From State Money Or Property (Interest, Lease, Gifts, Donations).

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Reporting Requirements

Expenditures

- The names and locations of any persons to whom payment was made.
- The amounts of the expenditures disbursed.
- The type of transaction, by account code, including the purpose of the expenditure.

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Reporting Requirements

Account Balances

- Statutory Budget Reserve (SBR).
- Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR).
- Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account (ERA).

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Current Checkbook Online

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Checkbook Online

Summary and Detail Reports of Expenditures

NOTE: The State of Alaska implemented a new financial and procurement system, IRIS, on July 1, 2015. Starting with Fiscal Year 2016, Checkbook Online reports will look different from previous fiscal years due to this change.

Click on a heading from the list below to view reports for that year.

- [Fiscal Year 2020 \(07/01/2019 - 02/29/2020\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2019 \(07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2018 \(07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2017 \(07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2016 \(07/01/2015 - 08/31/2016\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2015 \(07/01/2014 - 08/31/2015\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2014 \(07/01/2013 - 08/31/2014\)](#)
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- [Fiscal Year 2010 \(07/01/2009 - 08/31/2010\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2009 \(07/01/2008 - 08/31/2009\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2008 \(07/01/2007 - 08/31/2008\)](#)

DOF REPORTS & LINKS

- [AVAILABLE BALANCE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND](#)
- [CHECKBOOK ONLINE](#)
- [COMPENSATION & TRAVEL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS](#)
- [COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT \(CAFR\)](#)
- [PAYMENT DETAIL REPORTS](#)
- [STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN](#)
- [STATE TRANSPARENCY REPORTS OVERVIEW](#)

HELPFUL LINKS

- [COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS](#)
- [AGENCY CONTACTS](#)

- Download Information By Fiscal Year Only.
- Must Download **ALL** Information.

Fiscal Year 2020 (07/01/2019 - 02/29/2020)

- [Full Report - PDF / MS Excel](#)

Detail Reports

- [Detail by Accounting Object - PDF / MS Excel / CSV](#)
- [Detail by Organization - PDF / MS Excel / CSV](#)
- [Detail by Vendor - PDF / MS Excel / CSV](#)

Summary Reports

- [Summary by Accounting Object - PDF / MS Excel / CSV](#)
- [Summary by Organization - PDF / MS Excel / CSV](#)
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Fiscal Year 2019 (07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019)

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Office of the Governor										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	DEPT	DEPT NAME	ACCT CATEGORY	ACCT CODE	ACCT CODE DESCRIPTION	VENDOR NAME	VENDOR STATE	ISSUE DATE	AMOUNT	
280	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ABBY LAFORCE	AK	05/27/16	2,867.99	
281	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ABBY LAFORCE	AK	06/03/16	1,368.45	
282	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS	AK	09/29/15	1,460.00	
283	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS	AK	12/31/15	1,073.92	
284	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS	AK	01/22/16	695.00	
285	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS	AK	04/27/16	1,378.38	
286	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS	AK	06/07/16	353.64	
287	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	ARCTIC PROMOTIONS INC	AK	05/04/16	3,700.00	
288	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS MINER	AK	10/28/15	1,111.50	
289	01	Office of the Governor	3000 Services	3046	Advertising	JUNEAU HOSPITALITY	AK	05/27/16	3,600.00	
470	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	AAA MOVING & STORAGE INC	AK	05/24/16	196.82	
471	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	AAA MOVING & STORAGE INC	AK	06/20/16	182.50	
472	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	ARCTIC OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	AK	08/18/15	154.53	
473	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	ARCTIC OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	AK	08/27/15	38.58	
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488	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	ARCTIC OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	AK	03/25/16	1,074.72	
489	01	Office of the Governor	4000 Commodities	4002	Business Supplies	ARCTIC OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	AK	04/13/16	99.98	

- In FY 2016 There Were 78,156 Individual Reports In The “Online Checkbook”.
- You Must Use Search Functions Within Excel To Find Vendors.
- Cannot Easily Track Spending By Year.

Snapshot of Checkbook Online- <http://doa.alaska.gov/>

Example: Ohio

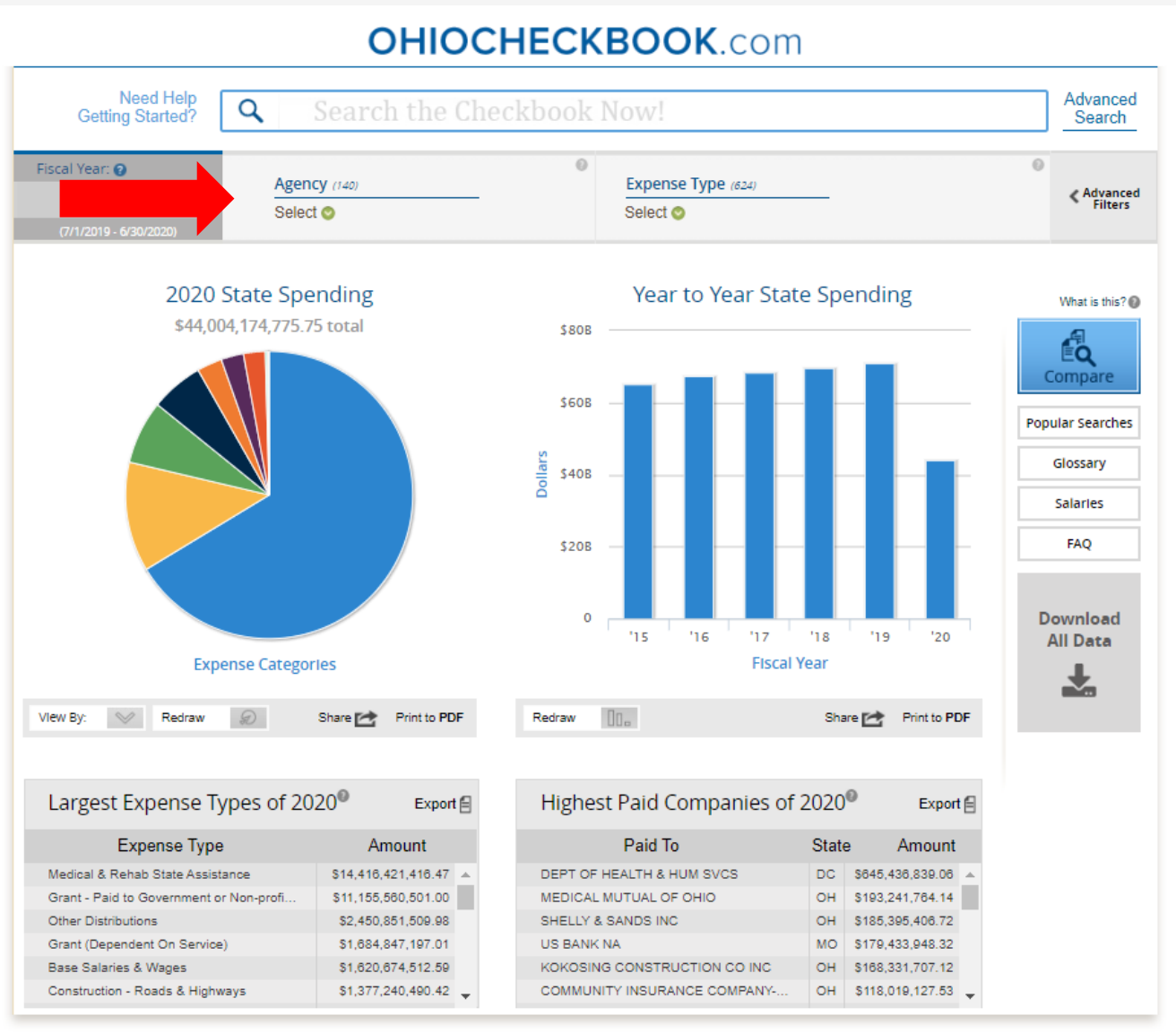
Search By Year



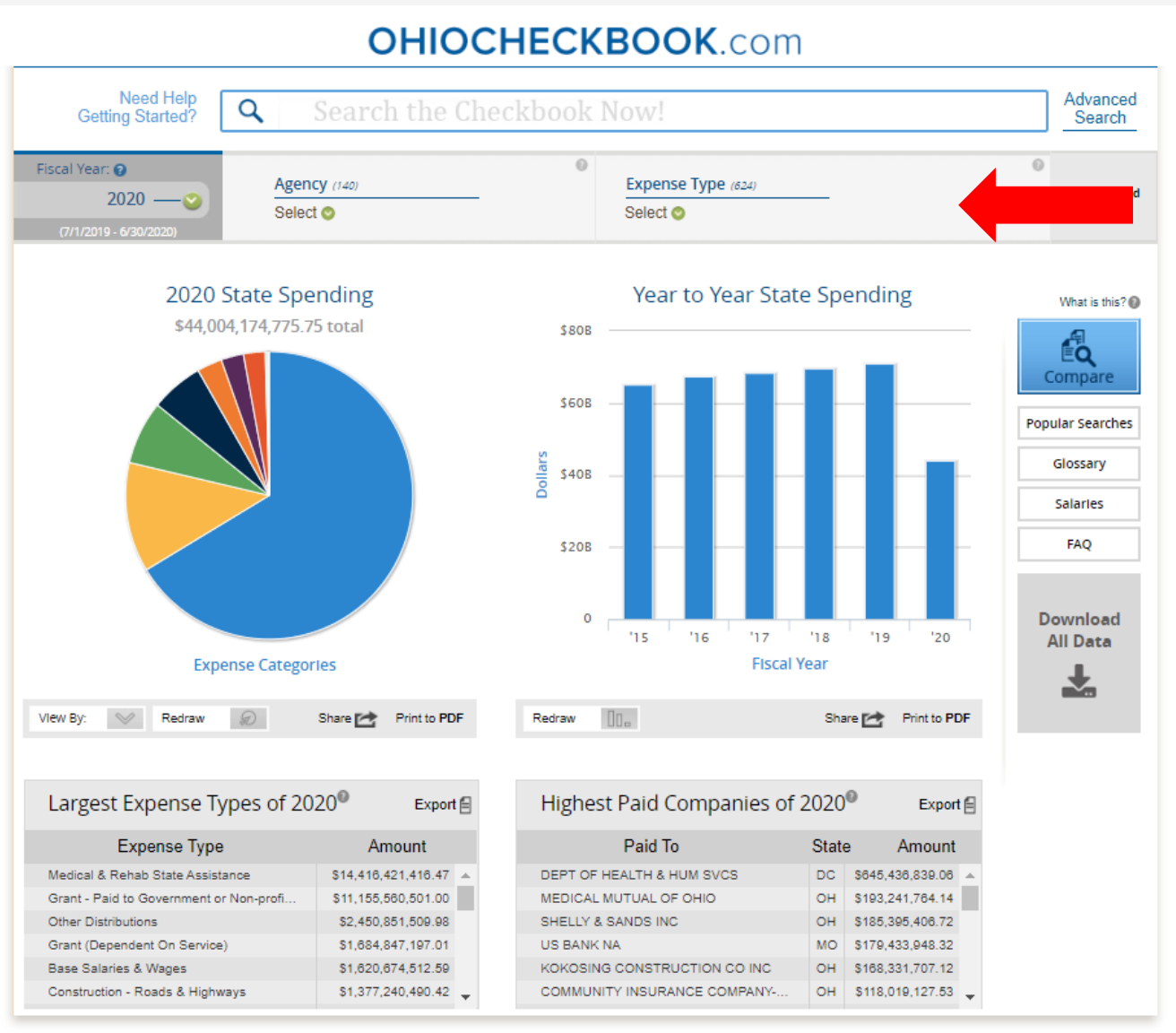
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Example: Ohio

Search By Agency



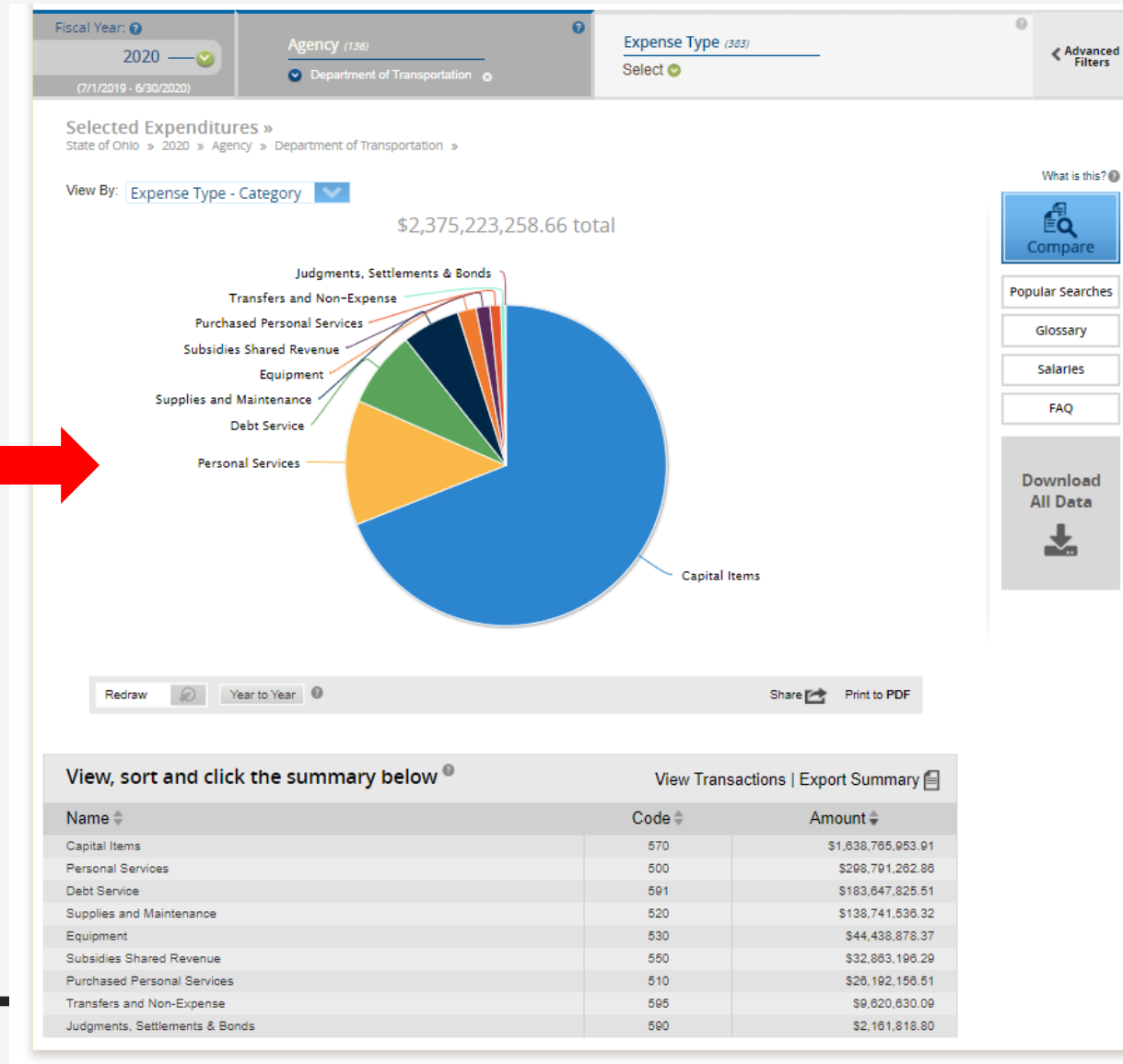
Example: Ohio



Search By Expense Type

Example: Ohio by Department

1. Total
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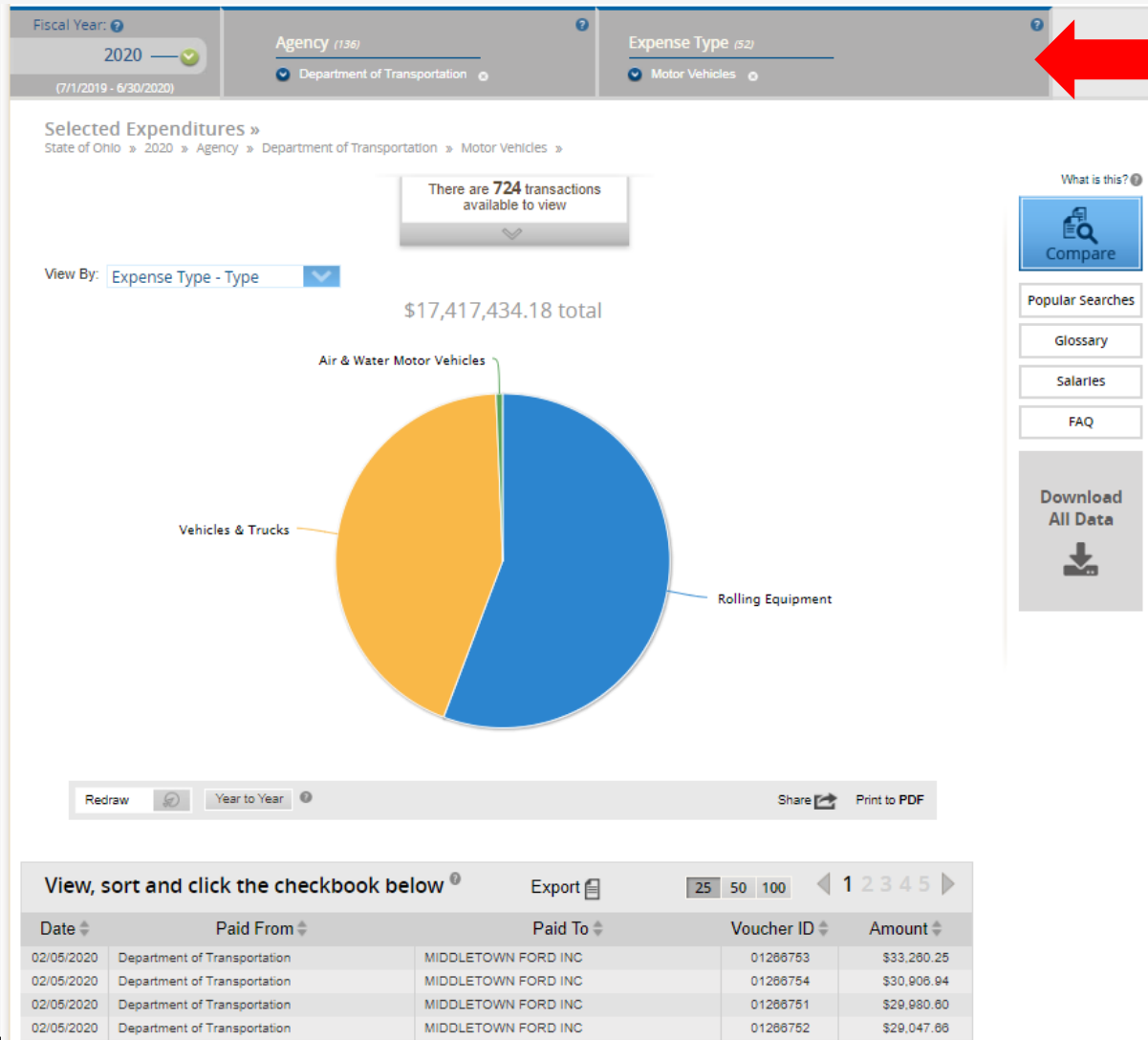
2. Download Data



Example: Ohio by Expense Type

1. Expense Type

2. Listed Transactions



Example: Ohio by Expense Type

Department of Transportation	2/5/2020	Check# 0041368339
Pay to the order of <u>MIDDLETOWN FORD INC</u>		
<u>Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and Twenty Five Cents</u>		\$33,260.25
Memo <u>Passenger Vehicles & Trucks</u>		
<u>Department of Transportation > 2020 > Equipment > Motor Vehicles > Vehicles & Trucks > Passenger Vehicles & Trucks > Highway Maintenance - State > Highway Operating > Highway Operating</u>		

Who's getting paid?

Where's the money coming from?

This \$33,260.25 payment for Passenger Vehicles & Trucks is part of a larger check total of \$34,003.25 from the Department of Transportation. If you would like to see a list of the other payments included in Voucher ID 01266753, [click here](#).

Paid By: Department of Transportation
Payment Amount: \$33,260.25
Voucher ID: (DOT01) 01266753
Check Number: 0041368339
Payment Date: 2/5/2020
Expense Type: Passenger Vehicles & Trucks

Paid To: MIDDLETOWN FORD INC
Vendor City: MIDDLETOWN
Vendor State: OH
Vendor Zip: 45042-0505

For questions regarding this payment, contact:

Depa
Email
Phone
Mail:

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BUDGET INFORMATION:

Fund: Highway Operating (7002)
(Revenue source for payment)
Appropriation Line Item (ALI): Highway Maintenance - State (773431)
(Spending authority from General Assembly for payment)
Program: Highway Operating (4920B)
(Agency-specific spending purpose for payment)

For questions regarding this payment, contact:

Department of Transportation
Email: richard.winning@dot.state.oh.us
Phone: (614) 466-7170
Mail: 1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

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Additional Benefits

- Mississippi reported that every information request fulfilled by its transparency website rather than by a state employee saves the state between \$750 and \$1,000 in staff time.
- South Carolina open records requests initially dropped by two-thirds after the creation of its transparency website, reducing staff time and saving an estimated tens of thousands of dollars.
- The Texas Comptroller used its transparency website to evaluate spending. By monitoring contracts more closely and sourcing services from new vendors when the potential for cost-cutting was identified, the state saved more than \$163 million.

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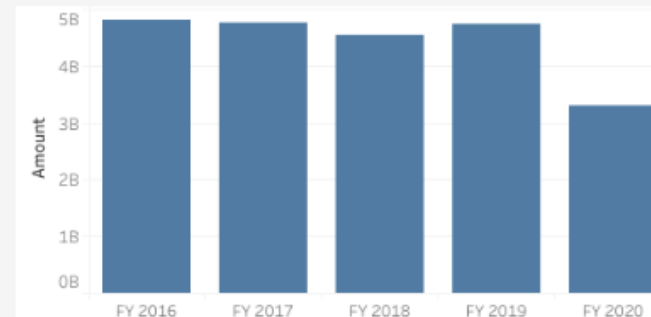
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Fiscal Year: (All) Department: (All) Account Category Description: (All) Account Code Description: (All)

Search by Vendor Name (First,Last)

Vendor Name	Department	Account Code Description	Day of Issue Date	
1SOURCE INTERNATIONAL LLC	Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Long Distance	07/22/2019	\$1,385
			10/11/2019	\$1,395
			11/25/2019	\$1,277
			12/18/2019	\$1,026
			12/20/2019	\$1,256
3GLP INC	Department of Natural Resources	Information Technology Equipment	07/11/2019	\$16,429
			10/01/2019	\$16,429
		Training/Conferences	09/16/2019	\$3,070
3M COMPANY	Department of Transportation and Public Safety	Signs and Markers	07/18/2019	\$3,070

Fiscal Year Total Spending



Spending by Department

Department	Amount
Department of Administration	634,094,107
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development	214,687,621
Department of Corrections	46,717,429
Department of Education and Early Development	1,117,380,226
Department of Environmental Conservation	24,318,745
Department of Fish and Game	24,717,037
Department of Health and Social Services	240,523,247
Department of Labor and Workforce Development	16,749,722
Department of Law	4,729,881
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs	25,430,639
Department of Natural Resources	77,871,704

Source: doa.alaska.gov/dof/reports/ckbkonline_reports.html

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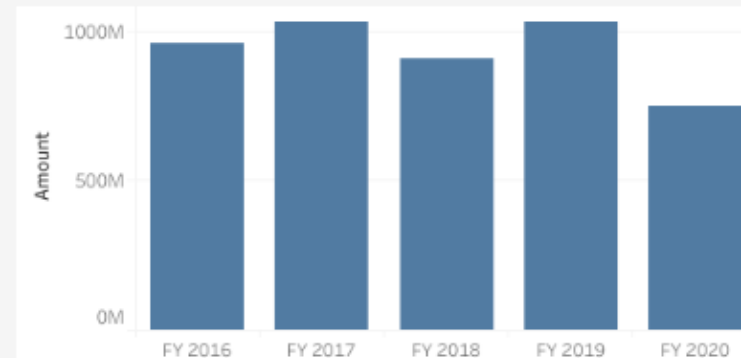
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Fiscal Year: (All) Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Account Category Description: (All) Account Code Description: (All)

Search by Vendor Name (First,Last)

Vendor Name	Department	Account Code Description	Day of Issue Date	
3GLP INC	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Training/Conferences	06/30/2017	\$1,450
3M COMPANY	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Construction	09/22/2015	\$31,324
		Signs and Markers	01/12/2016	\$4,783
			04/05/2016	\$1,643
			04/18/2016	\$3,128
			11/23/2016	\$3,222
			09/06/2017	\$3,235
			07/16/2018	\$3,525
			08/23/2018	\$1,100

Fiscal Year Total Spending



Spending by Department

Department	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	750,540,594

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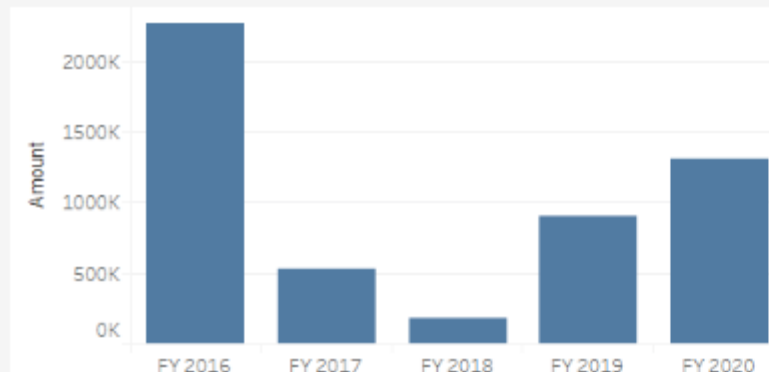
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Fiscal Year: (All) Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Account Category Description: (All) Account Code Description: (All)

Search by Vendor Name (First, Last): Ford

Vendor Name	Department	Account Code Description	Day of Issue Date	Amount
AFFORDABLE CATERING	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Right of Way Condemnation..	08/25/2016	\$27,618
CAL WORTHINGTON FORD	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Automobiles/Trucks	09/03/2015	\$67,416
			09/16/2015	\$32,180
			09/23/2015	\$34,528
			03/21/2016	\$94,422
			05/09/2016	\$62,483
			10/21/2016	\$29,146
		Equipment and Machinery - Repairs/Maintenance	10/23/2015	\$228
			01/05/2016	\$95

Fiscal Year Total Spending



Spending by Department

Department	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	1,304,613

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