

New Mexico Fiscal Policy Project

New Mexico's Budget Priorities

What percentage of the state General Fund is spent on these five service areas?

Health, Hospitals, Human Services

Includes: Health and Human Services Dept. (Medicaid, etc.); Children, Youth & Families Dept.; Aging and Long-Term Services; Labor Dept.; Environment; Veteran's Affairs; and 14 Other Agencies

Higher Education

Includes: 24 Campuses; Schools for the Blind and Deaf; Higher Education Department

K-12 Public Schools

Includes: 89 School Districts; Public Education Department

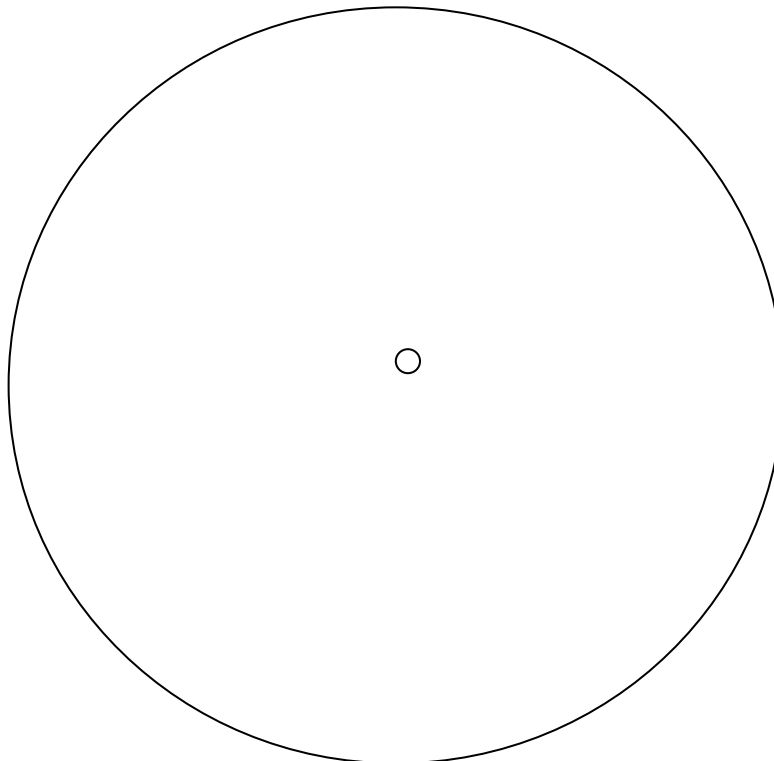
Public Safety

Includes: Public Safety (State Police, etc.); Corrections; Military Affairs; and 3 Other Agencies

All Other

Includes: Governor; Legislature; Courts; Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.; Public Regulation; Taxation and Revenue; and more than 30 Other Agencies

Directions: Divide the state General Fund "pie" (the blank circle below) into five "slices" – one for each of the service areas listed above. Each slice should show the percent of the overall General Fund budget you think that service area gets. The total of all "slices" must = 100%.



ACRONYMS

- DFA** – Department of Finance and Administration
GAA – General Appropriation Act (see HB 2)
HAFC – House Appropriations and Finance Committee
HB 2 – House Bill 2 (see GAA)
LFC – Legislative Finance Committee
SFC – Senate Finance Committee

RESOURCES

Department of Finance and Administration

- √ Budget recommendation
- √ Appropriations Request Instructions
 - Both at <http://budget.nmdfa.state.nm.us>
- √ General Fund reports at: <http://board.nmdfa.state.nm.us>

Legislative Finance Committee

- √ Budget recommendation
- √ Budget guidelines
- √ Post-Session review
- √ Understanding Government Finance series
- √ Newsletter
 - All at <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/lfc/lfcdefault.aspx>

Legislature

- √ Bill finder
 - <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/BillFinder.aspx>
- √ General Appropriation, Junior and Capital Outlay Bills, 1996 to present
 - <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/misc/Historical%20List.pdf>
- √ Committee calendars and “Legisletter”
 - <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/agecalendars.aspx>
- √ Session dates
 - <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/lcsdocs/sessionsdates.pdf>