

**Benefits Paid as a Percent of State Government Direct Expenditure -
State Government Employee Retirement Systems, FY 05-06**

State	Benefits Paid by State Governments (\$Thousands)	State Government Direct Expenditure (\$Thousands)	Benefits as a Percent of Direct Expenditures	Rank
United States	\$124,067,223	\$1,122,630,567	11.1%	-
Alabama	\$1,781,751	\$17,260,708	10.3%	22
Alaska	\$880,209	\$7,381,980	11.9%	13
Arizona	\$1,904,763	\$17,124,821	11.1%	19
Arkansas	\$828,641	\$10,504,111	7.9%	39
California	\$16,892,995	\$137,000,354	12.3%	11
Colorado	\$2,278,027	\$14,529,667	15.7%	3
Connecticut	\$2,073,383	\$17,246,126	12.0%	12
Delaware	\$331,377	\$5,390,196	6.1%	46
Florida	\$4,537,273	\$56,797,200	8.0%	38
Georgia	\$2,909,626	\$25,191,532	11.6%	16
Hawaii	\$720,543	\$8,755,834	8.2%	36
Idaho	\$401,830	\$4,746,644	8.5%	33
Illinois	\$5,934,314	\$41,821,414	14.2%	5
Indiana	\$1,280,198	\$18,876,985	6.8%	43
Iowa	\$1,031,888	\$11,059,994	9.3%	28
Kansas	\$869,748	\$8,957,106	9.7%	27
Kentucky	\$2,204,697	\$17,607,913	12.5%	8
Louisiana	\$2,305,019	\$18,566,258	12.4%	10
Maine	\$503,028	\$6,637,310	7.6%	40
Maryland	\$1,847,075	\$22,049,841	8.4%	35
Massachusetts	\$2,267,229	\$33,065,511	6.9%	42
Michigan	\$3,941,829	\$33,679,849	11.7%	15
Minnesota	\$2,720,174	\$20,120,795	13.5%	7
Mississippi	\$1,253,386	\$11,466,374	10.9%	20
Missouri	\$2,116,254	\$18,948,821	11.2%	18
Montana	\$366,585	\$4,106,552	8.9%	30
Nebraska	\$225,019	\$5,981,060	3.8%	49
Nevada	\$832,960	\$6,674,384	12.5%	9
New Hampshire	\$317,190	\$4,602,938	6.9%	41
New Jersey	\$5,966,798	\$43,012,878	13.9%	6
New Mexico	\$968,455	\$9,653,932	10.0%	24
New York	\$10,420,979	\$97,237,744	10.7%	21
North Carolina	\$3,043,369	\$29,847,358	10.2%	23
North Dakota	\$149,638	\$2,897,644	5.2%	47
Ohio	\$8,438,209	\$47,797,696	17.7%	1
Oklahoma	\$1,301,925	\$13,025,220	10.0%	25
Oregon	\$2,371,629	\$15,123,051	15.7%	2
Pennsylvania	\$5,860,084	\$51,266,623	11.4%	17
Rhode Island	\$579,468	\$5,957,355	9.7%	26
South Carolina	\$1,719,367	\$18,731,444	9.2%	29
South Dakota	\$237,333	\$2,831,381	8.4%	34
Tennessee	\$1,124,191	\$18,057,460	6.2%	45
Texas	\$7,816,628	\$66,249,411	11.8%	14
Utah	\$633,615	\$9,660,228	6.6%	44

Vermont	\$128,817	\$3,290,059	3.9%	48
Virginia	\$2,101,785	\$24,757,062	8.5%	32
Washington	\$2,146,849	\$26,093,968	8.2%	37
West Virginia	\$199,255	\$7,713,467	2.6%	50
Wisconsin	\$3,067,600	\$20,564,035	14.9%	4
Wyoming	\$234,218	\$2,710,273	8.6%	31
District of Columbia	-	-	-	-

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