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Office of the State Auditor Completes Federal Funds Compliance Audit

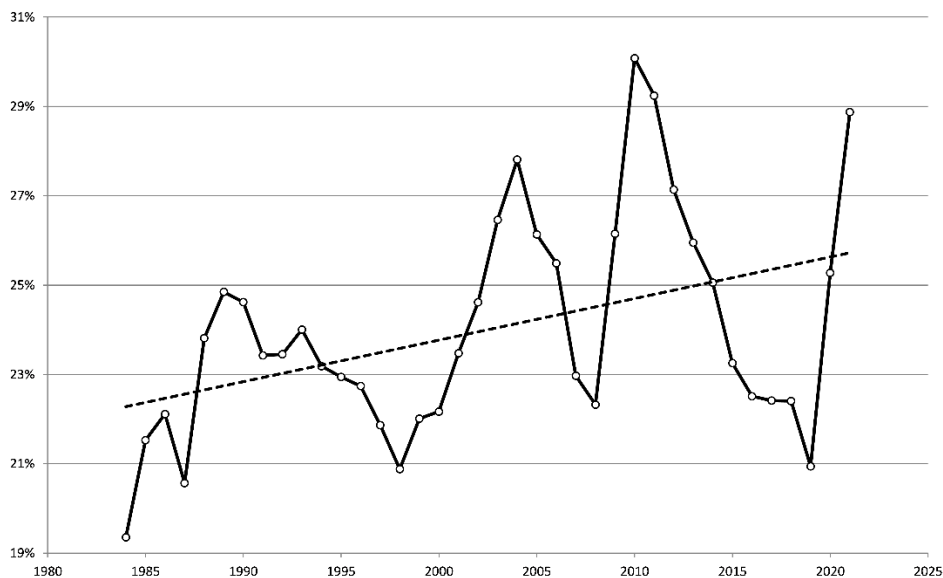
\$8.6 Billion in Federal Funds Expended During Fiscal Year 2021

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released its *Single Audit Report* of the 2021 expenditures of federal funds by the State of Utah (State). The report documents the State's compliance with federal regulations governing the use of federal funds. The \$8.6 billion in federal funds spent in fiscal year 2021 represents 28.9% of the State's total fiscal year 2021 expenditures of \$29.780 billion. Federal funds are a major source of funding for the State of Utah and increased in fiscal year 2021 due to the federal government's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

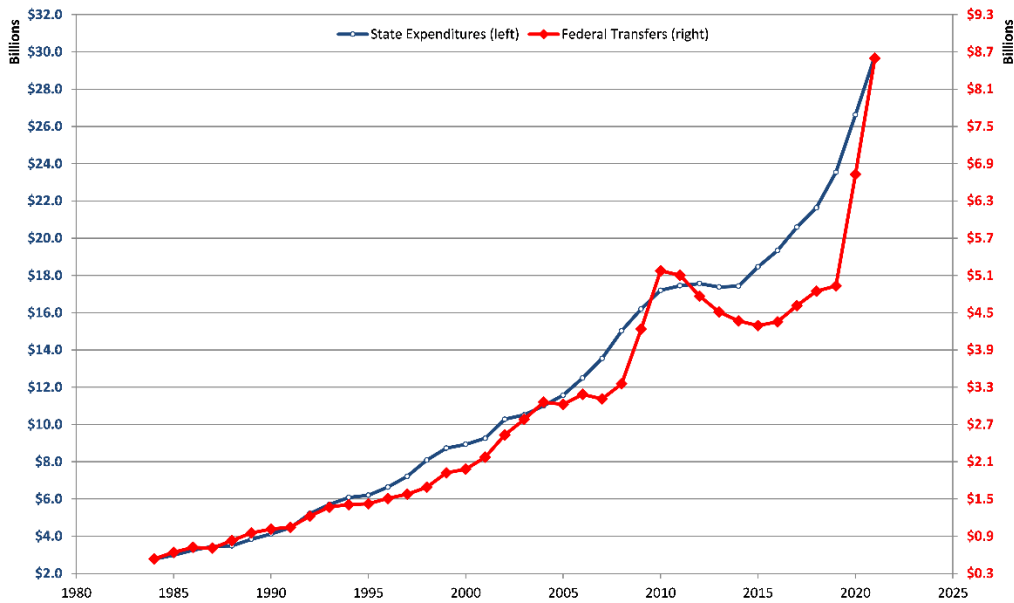
The Office distilled this spending information into two simple charts. The first graph shows the historical percentage of Utah expenditures from federal transfers.

Percent of State of Utah Expenditures from Federal Transfers



July 2022, Source: The Office of the Utah State Auditor - Utah Single Audit Reports, State of Utah - Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports
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State of Utah Expenditures and Federal Transfers



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The second graph illustrates the historical growth of total state expenditures and of federal transfers. State expenditures are shown in blue on the left axis of the graph in billions of dollars, and federal transfers received by the State are shown in red on the right axis.

State Auditor John Dougall noted that, “I’m deeply troubled by the massive amount of money the federal government has spent during this year of the COVID pandemic. I hope Utah continues to work to be fiscally prudent. The federal government’s message that it will bail out states, local governments, businesses, and individuals whenever a crisis is anticipated, with money the federal government must borrow, is irresponsible.”

The 2021 Federal Funds Compliance Audit (Single Audit) report may be found on the Office’s website, auditor.utah.gov, and specifically at <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K000006QkhwQAC>.

The graphs may be found on the [Data and Statistics](#) page at https://auditor.utah.gov/audit_reports/data-and-statistics/, or directly [https://auditor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/07/Historical-Expenditures-PDF-2021.JUL .pdf](https://auditor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/07/Historical-Expenditures-PDF-2021.JUL.pdf).

About the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities

strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Office also provides interactive graphical tools to help taxpayers and policymakers gain greater insight into governmental financial activities.

The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see auditor.utah.gov.

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