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**Office of the State Auditor Completes Federal Funds Compliance Audit**

*\$9.667 Billion in Federal Funds Expended During Fiscal Year 2023*

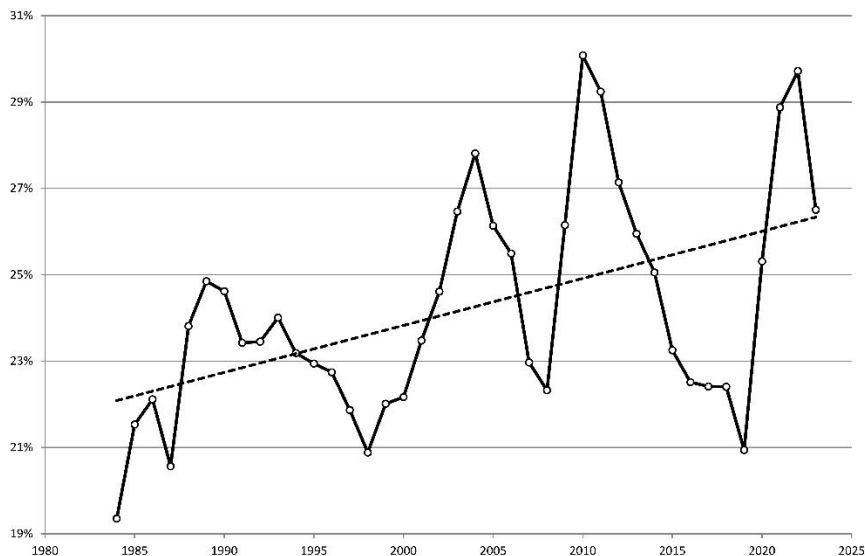
**Salt Lake City, UTAH** – The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released its Single Audit Report of the Fiscal Year 2023 expenditures of federal funds by the State of Utah (State). The report documents the State's compliance with federal regulations governing the use of federal funds. The \$9.0 billion in federal funds spent in fiscal year 2023 represents 26.5% of the State's total fiscal year 2023 expenditures of \$33.9 billion. Federal funds are a major source of funding for the State of Utah and have increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



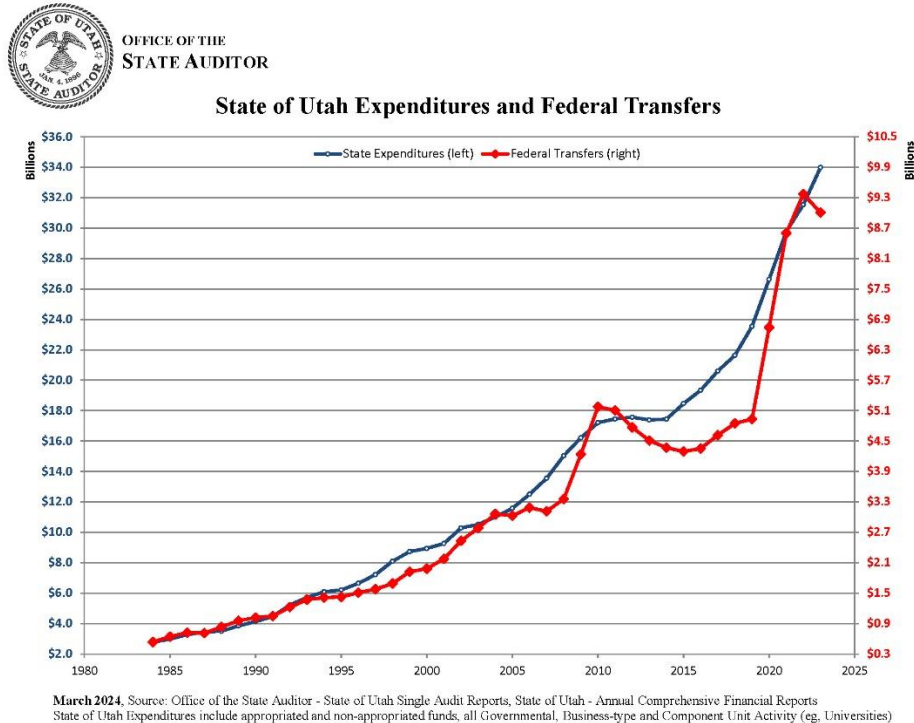
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**Percent of State of Utah Expenditures from Federal Transfers**



March 2024, Source: Office of the State Auditor - State of Utah Single Audit Reports, State of Utah - Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports  
State of Utah Expenditures include appropriated and non-appropriated funds, all Governmental, Business-type and Component Unit Activity (eg. Universities)

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 stated: “Despite the continual budget turmoil in Congress, Utah continues its heavy dependence on federal funding. Policymakers should consider the risks raised by such significant dependence on a single funding source with such dysfunction. Congress must eventually realize that it can’t afford to subsidize the states with money that Congress doesn’t have.”

The 2023 Federal Funds Compliance Audit (Single Audit) report may be found on the Office’s website, [auditor.utah.gov](https://auditor.utah.gov), and specifically at <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015Do0000017YSnIAM>

The graphs may be found on the [Data and Statistics](https://auditor.utah.gov/audit-reports/data-and-statistics/) page at <https://auditor.utah.gov/audit-reports/data-and-statistics/>, or directly at <https://auditor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2024/03/Historical-Expenditures-for-Utah-202324.0318d1.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. These tools include the Transparent Utah Public Finance website ([transparent.utah.gov](http://transparent.utah.gov)) as well as the award-winning Project KIDS public education analysis dashboards ([auditor.utah.gov/kids](http://auditor.utah.gov/kids)).

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

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