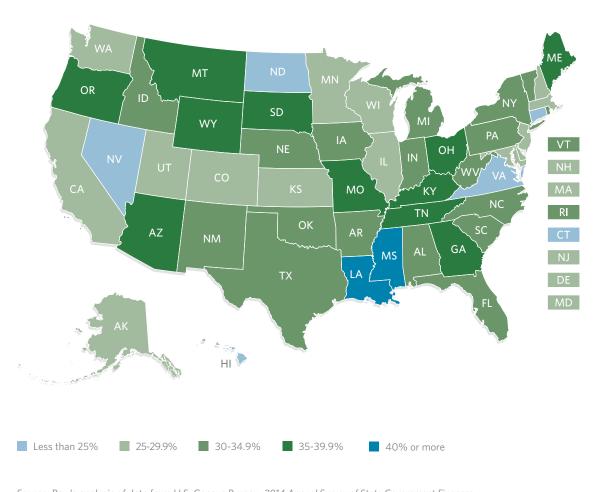
Funding From Federal Grants Varies as a Share of State Budgets

States receive federal grants to help fund programs in areas ranging from education to transportation to health care. Federal grants accounted for an average of 31 percent of total state revenue in 2014, but states' reliance on this revenue source varies widely. At nearly 41 percent, Mississippi had the largest share of revenue from federal grants, while North Dakota had the smallest at 17 percent.

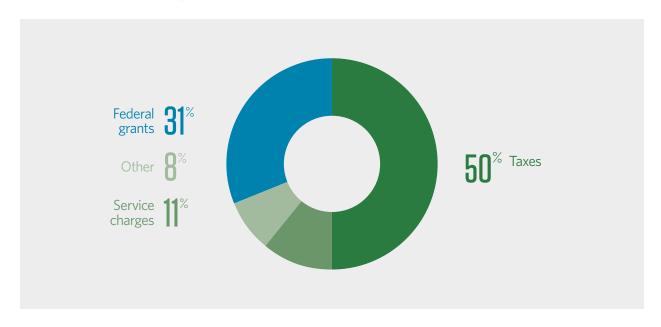
Figure 1
Federal Grants Vary as a Share of State Budgets
Percentage of state revenue from federal funds, state fiscal year 2014



Source: Pew's analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Annual Survey of State Government Finances

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Figure 2
Federal Grants Account for Nearly One-Third of State Revenue
Share of total by category, state fiscal year 2014



Notes: "Taxes" are any taxes imposed or collected by the states, including income, sales, and property taxes. "Federal grants" are revenue received from the federal government, including funding for programs in areas such as health care, education, and transportation, and payments in lieu of taxes on federal property. "Service charges" are funds received for specific services provided, such as public university tuition, tolls, or fees from public hospitals. "Other" includes miscellaneous revenue not included in the other categories, such as property sales and fines, as well as revenue from local governments. These four categories make up the Census Bureau's general revenue figure, which excludes revenue from state-owned liquor stores, utilities, and insurance trust funds.

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