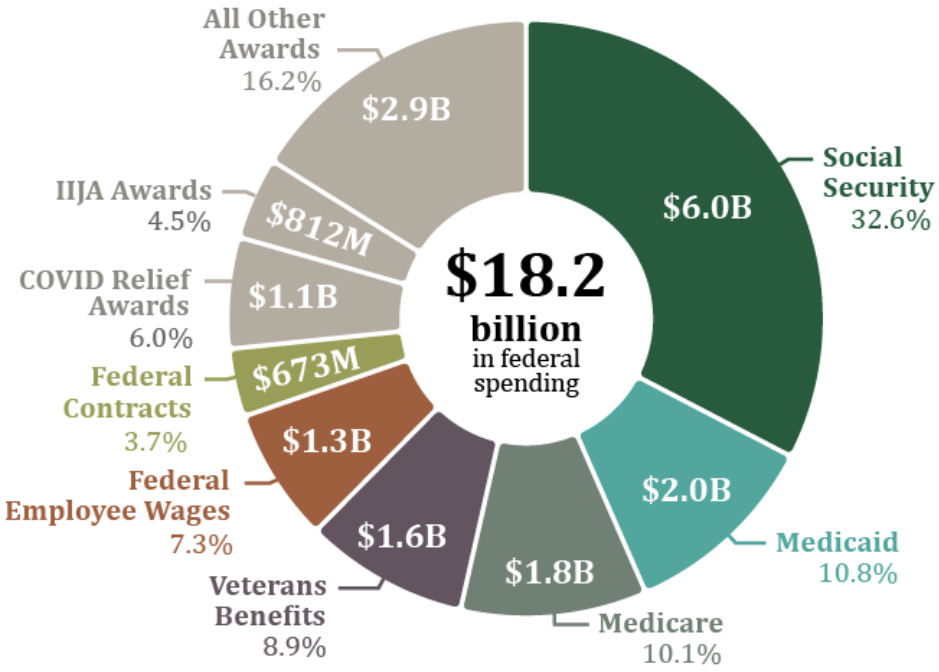
Federal Funds Spent in Montana, FY 2025

A majority of spending came from Social Security, Medicaid, & Medicare



Source: Legislative Fiscal Divison analysis of data from USAspending.gov, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and other federal agencies.

Spending by the federal government in Montana totaled an estimated $18.2 billion in Federal Fiscal Year 2025, according to an LFD analysis of federal data. Over half of that amount, $9.8 billion, was spent on three major social service programs: Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare.

A portion of federal spending in Montana, including the Medicaid health coverage program, is administered through state government. Other portions, such as social security payments and federal employee wages, flow directly to individual Montanans.

The LFD-defined categories on the above chart are as follows:

- **Social Security** – Social Security benefit payments to individual recipients
- **Medicaid** – Federal support for the state-administered Medicaid program, which provides health coverage for populations that primarily consist of lower-income individuals. Medicaid spending represents a major component of the state budget
- **Medicare** – Claims payments for the Medicare program, which provides health coverage for recipients who are typically 65 or older. FY 2025 figures are estimated based on data for prior years
- **Veterans Benefits** – Direct benefits and federal spending on veteran support services. FY 2025 figures are estimated based on data for prior years

- **Federal Employee Wages** – Wages paid to individual federal employees
- **Federal Contracts** – Spending on federal contracts for work perfomed in Montana
- **COVID Relief Awards** – Grants and other support related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **IIJA Awards** -- Grants and other support authorized by the 2021 Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act. This is primarily grants to the Montana Department of Transportation for highway planning and construction
- **All Other Awards** – Other federal grants, direct payments, loans reported by USASpending.gov that don't fit into one of the above categories. Notable federal spending in this category includes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, highway construction, crop insurance, and federal payments to local governments

More information on federal spending in Montana is available via a federal funds data tool LFD presented to the legislature's Modernization and Risk Analysis (MARA) committee on October 13, 2026. The primary source for this data is the USAspending.gov website maintained by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, supplemented as necessary by information reported directly by other federal agencies. Additional methodology information is also available on LFD's website.