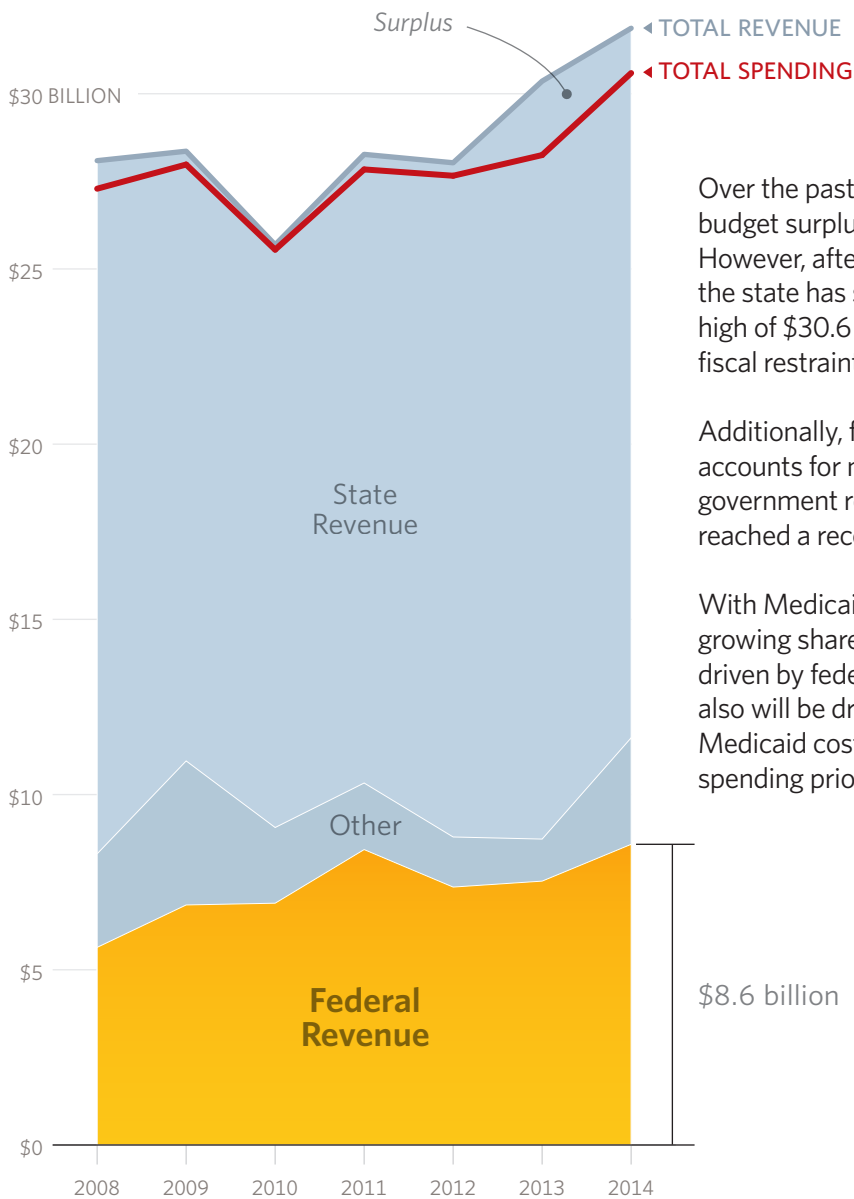


More spending, more federal revenue dominate Ohio's fiscal picture



Over the past two fiscal years, Ohio has had budget surpluses totaling \$3.4 billion. However, after a brief lull, total spending in the state has surged again and hit a record high of \$30.6 billion in 2014, indicating little fiscal restraint.

Additionally, federal revenue, which accounts for more than one-fourth of total government revenue in the state, also reached a record \$8.6 billion in 2014.

With Medicaid expansion, a greater and growing share of Ohio's State Budget will be driven by federal revenues. State spending also will be driven higher each year by Medicaid costs, thereby crowding out other spending priorities or requiring higher taxes.

Note: Figures are for June 30 for the given year.

Source: Ohio Office of Budget and Management, <http://obm.ohio.gov>.