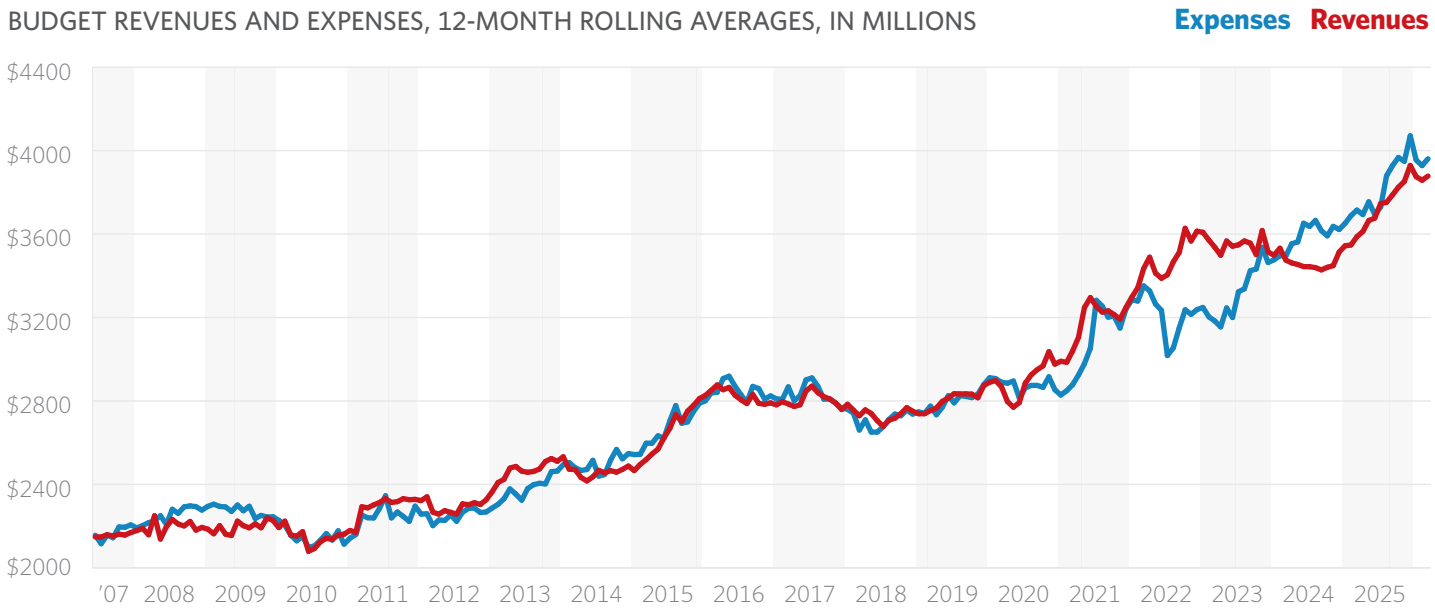
Spending Surge Increases Dependency on Federal Funds

Since reaching a low in mid-2010, state spending surged until declining revenues forced a minor belt-tightening. After the Great Recession and Gov. John Kasich's expansion of Medicaid, federal funds became the highest or second-highest source of revenue each month, making Ohio even more dependent upon the federal government and a big contributor to exploding annual deficits and America's huge national debt.

BUDGET REVENUES AND EXPENSES, 12-MONTH ROLLING AVERAGES, IN MILLIONS



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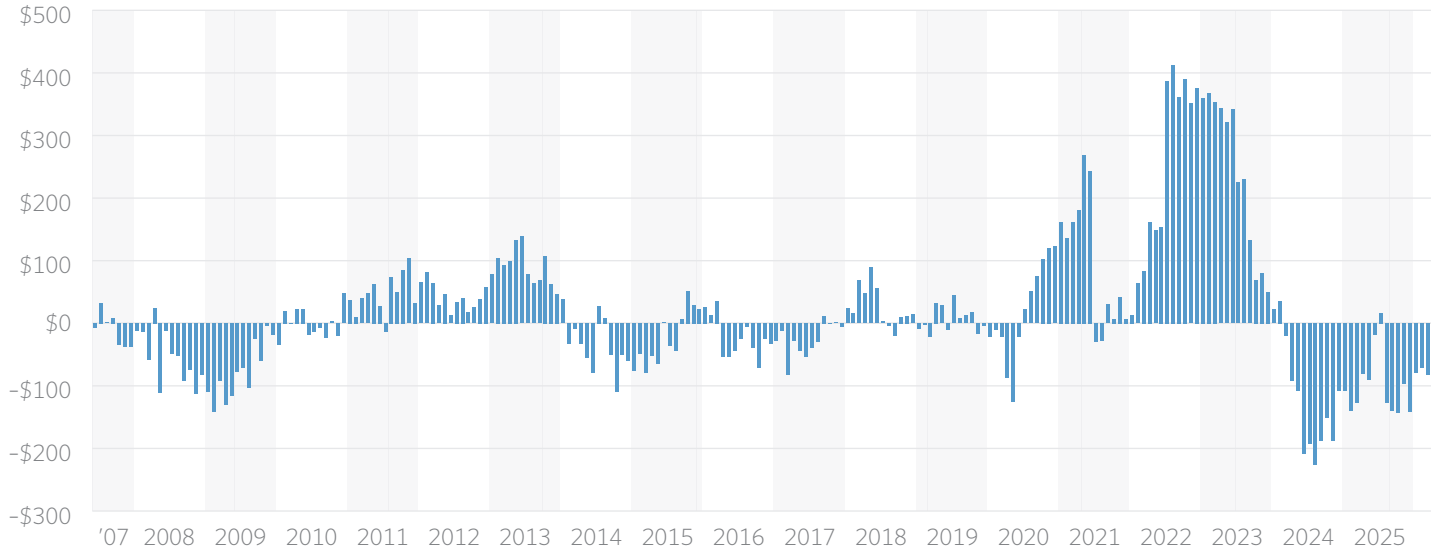

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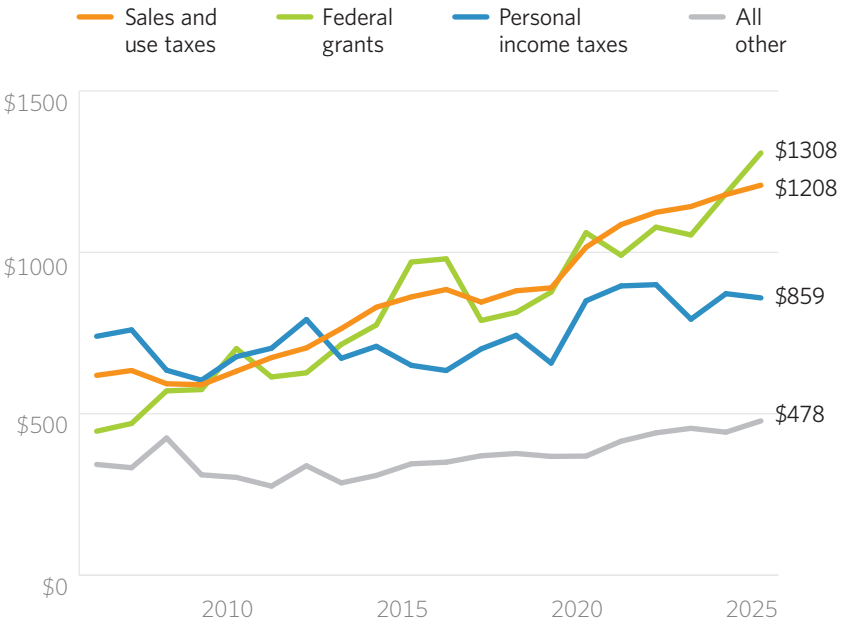
Ohio's Budget Sources, in Dollars

REVENUE SOURCES, MONTHLY AVERAGE, IN MILLIONS, BY TYPE



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Ohio's Budget Relies Primarily on Sales Taxes and Federal Grants

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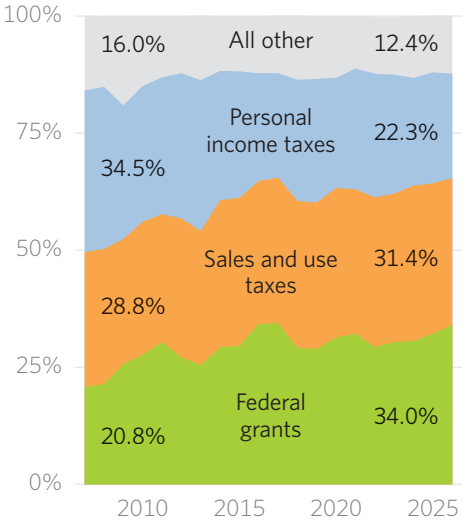

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Ohio's Budget Sources, as Share of Total

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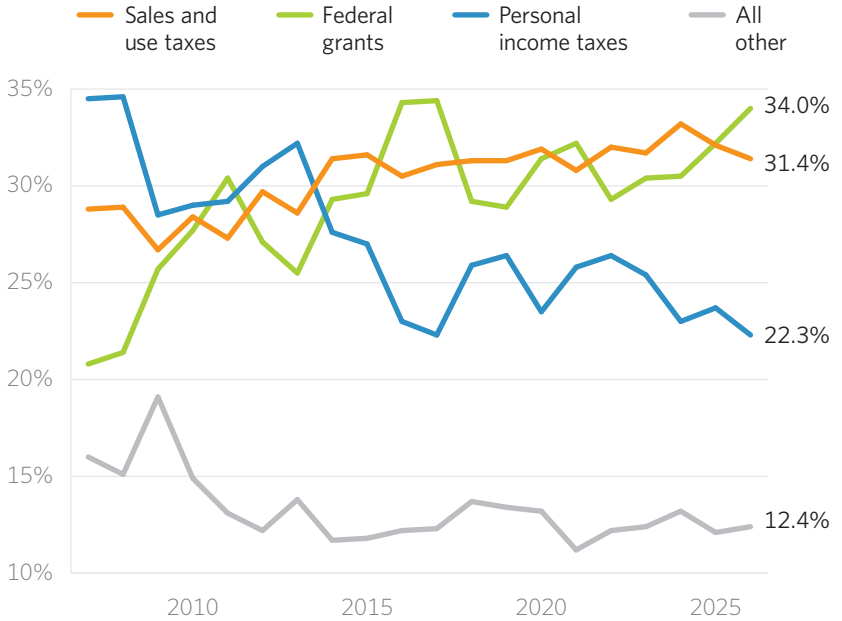

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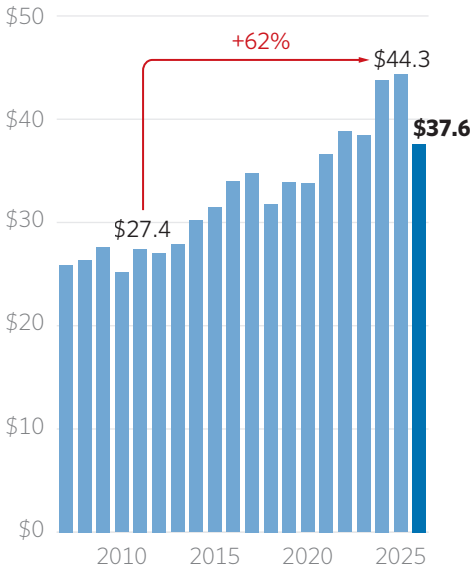
Ohio's Spending Spree

TOTAL SPENDING BY FISCAL YEAR, IN BILLIONS



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