

IOWA TRANSPARENCY NEWSLETTER



Iowa General Assembly Spending Data for 2009

This month we bring you our compilations of the spending data from the 2009 session of the Iowa General Assembly, that was in session from early January 2009 until April 26, 2009. The second session of the 83rd Iowa General Assembly is scheduled to convene on Monday, January 11, 2010. Last year in our December IOWA TRANSPARENCY NEWSLETTER we brought you the first set of data compiled from the last session of the 82nd Iowa General Assembly, which met in 2008.

We bring you this data in order to bring more transparency to the process of state spending and your elected official's votes in regard to spending Iowa taxpayer funds. Other than our efforts, there are not currently any cumulative records available to provide insight into the spending habits of our individual Legislators.

The list is divided into two portions, one for the 50 Members of the Iowa State Senate and one for the 100 Members of the Iowa House of Representatives. The votes cast by the two distinct legislative bodies do not directly mirror one another, so the spending totals are listed in two distinct lists. The methodology used is described on page four of this newsletter.

The list begins with those Legislators who voted for bills that spent the highest amount of taxpayer funds, and

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Total Spending by Members of Iowa Senate - 2009

Last Name	First Name	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Appel	Staci	D	37	\$5,322,099,600
Beall	Daryl	D	25	\$5,322,099,600
Black	Dennis H.	D	21	\$5,322,099,600
Bolkcom	Joe	D	39	\$5,322,099,600
Danielson	Jeff	D	10	\$5,322,099,600
Dearden	Dick L.	D	34	\$5,322,099,600
Dotzler, Jr.	William A.	D	11	\$5,322,099,600
Dvorsky	Robert E.	D	15	\$5,322,099,600
Fraise	Gene	D	46	\$5,322,099,600
Gronstal	Michael E.	D	50	\$5,322,099,600
Heckroth	Bill	D	9	\$5,322,099,600
Hogg	Rob	D	19	\$5,322,099,600
Horn	Wally E.	D	17	\$5,322,099,600
Jochum	Pam	D	14	\$5,322,099,600
Kibbie	John P. "Jack"	D	4	\$5,322,099,600
Quirnbach	Herman C.	D	23	\$5,322,099,600
Ragan	Amanda	D	7	\$5,322,099,600
Seng	Dr. Joe M.	D	43	\$5,322,099,600
Sodders	Steve	D	22	\$5,322,099,600
Courtney	Thomas G.	D	44	\$5,321,949,600
Rielly	Tom	D	38	\$5,321,949,600
Schoenjahn	Brian	D	12	\$5,321,949,600
Wilhelm	Mary Jo	D	8	\$5,321,949,600
Stewart	Roger	D	13	\$5,321,099,600
Olive	Rich	D	5	\$5,172,799,643
Schmitz	Becky	D	45	\$4,969,739,034
Hatch	Jack	D	33	\$4,857,389,133
McCoy	Matt	D	31	\$4,857,389,133
Dandekar	Swati	D	18	\$4,857,239,133
Warnstadt	Steve	D	1	\$4,312,389,133

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Total Spending by Members of Iowa House - 2009

Last Name	First Name	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Abdul-Samad	Ako	D	66	\$5,323,315,600
Beard	John	D	16	\$5,323,315,600
Bell	Paul	D	41	\$5,323,315,600
Berry	Deborah	D	22	\$5,323,315,600
Bukta	Polly	D	26	\$5,323,315,600
Burt	Kerry	D	21	\$5,323,315,600
Cohoon	Dennis	D	88	\$5,323,315,600
Ficken	Gene	D	23	\$5,323,315,600
Frevert	Marcella	D	7	\$5,323,315,600
Gaskill	Mary	D	93	\$5,323,315,600
Gayman	Elesha	D	84	\$5,323,315,600
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	\$5,323,315,600
Hunter	Bruce	D	62	\$5,323,315,600
Isenhardt	Charles	D	27	\$5,323,315,600
Jacoby	David	D	30	\$5,323,315,600
Kearns	Jerry	D	92	\$5,323,315,600
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	\$5,323,315,600
Lykam	Jim	D	85	\$5,323,315,600
Miller	Helen	D	49	\$5,323,315,600
Oldson	Jo	D	61	\$5,323,315,600
Olson	Donovan	D	48	\$5,323,315,600
Olson	Rick	D	68	\$5,323,315,600
Olson	Tyler	D	38	\$5,323,315,600
Palmer	Eric	D	75	\$5,323,315,600
Petersen	Janet	D	64	\$5,323,315,600
Reasoner	Mike	D	95	\$5,323,315,600
Shomshor	Paul	D	100	\$5,323,315,600
Smith	Mark	D	43	\$5,323,315,600
Steckman	Sharon	D	13	\$5,323,315,600
Taylor	Todd	D	34	\$5,323,315,600
Thede	Phyllis	D	81	\$5,323,315,600
Thomas	Roger	D	24	\$5,323,315,600
Wendt	Roger	D	2	\$5,323,315,600
Wessel-Kroeschell	Beth	D	45	\$5,323,315,600
Whitaker	John	D	90	\$5,323,315,600
Whitead	Wes	D	1	\$5,323,315,600
Willems	Nate	D	29	\$5,323,315,600
Winckler	Cindy	D	86	\$5,323,315,600
Zirkelbach	Ray	D	31	\$5,323,315,600
Bailey	McKinley	D	9	\$5,322,115,600
Kelley	Doris	D	20	\$5,322,115,600
Marek	Larry	D	89	\$5,322,115,600
Mertz	Dolores	D	8	\$5,322,115,600
Quirk	Brian	D	15	\$5,322,115,600
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	\$5,238,610,208
Kressig	Bob	D	19	\$5,218,315,600
Mascher	Mary	D	77	\$5,218,315,600
Ford	Wayne	D	65	\$5,173,130,643
Murphy	Pat	D	28	\$5,173,015,643
Reichert	Nathan	D	80	\$4,807,900,557

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Last Name	First Name	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Swaim	Kurt	D	94	\$4,778,315,600
Taylor	Dick	D	33	\$4,743,605,133
Kuhn	Mark	D	14	\$4,699,069,354
Schueller	Tom	D	25	\$4,558,315,600
Wenthe	Andrew	D	18	\$4,405,630,958
Huser	Geri	D	42	\$4,330,594,048
Alons	Dwayne	R	4	\$8,858,487
Anderson	Rich	R	97	\$8,858,487
Baudler	Ciel	R	58	\$8,858,487
Cownie	Peter	R	60	\$8,858,487
Deyoe	Dave	R	10	\$8,858,487
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	96	\$8,858,487
Drake	Jack	R	57	\$8,858,487
Forristall	Greg	R	98	\$8,858,487
Grassley	Pat	R	17	\$8,858,487
Hagenow	Chris	R	59	\$8,858,487
Helland	Eric	R	69	\$8,858,487
Huseman	Dan	R	53	\$8,858,487
Koester	Kevin	R	70	\$8,858,487
Lukan	Steve	R	32	\$8,858,487
May	Mike	R	6	\$8,858,487
Miller	Linda	R	82	\$8,858,487
Olson	Steven	R	83	\$8,858,487
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	\$8,858,487
Roberts	Rod	R	51	\$8,858,487
Sands	Tom	R	87	\$8,858,487
Schulte	Renee	R	37	\$8,858,487
Schultz	Jason	R	55	\$8,858,487
Soderberg	Chuck	R	3	\$8,858,487
Sorenson	Kent	R	74	\$8,858,487
Struyk	Doug	R	99	\$8,858,487
Sweeney	Annette	R	44	\$8,858,487
Tjepkes	Dave	R	50	\$8,858,487
Tymeson	Jodi	R	73	\$8,858,487
Wagner	Nick	R	36	\$8,858,487
Windschitl	Matt	R	56	\$8,858,487
Worthan	Gary	R	52	\$8,858,487
Horbach	Lance	R	40	\$8,743,487
Pettengill	Dawn	R	39	\$8,743,487
Rayhons	Henry	R	11	\$8,743,487
Van Engelenhoven	Jim	R	71	\$8,743,487
Heaton	Dave	R	91	\$8,017,487
Raecker	J. Scott	R	63	\$8,017,487
Upmeyer	Linda	R	12	\$8,017,487
Watts	Ralph	R	47	\$8,017,487
Rants	Christopher	R	54	\$7,902,487
Arnold	Rich	R	72	\$956,000
De Boef	Betty	R	76	\$956,000
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	\$956,000

State Rep. Royd Chambers does not appear in the report because he was deployed with the Iowa Air National Guard.

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continues down to those who voted to spend the lowest amount of funds. The software that we have used to accomplish this task was adapted from software used by the National Taxpayers Union to evaluate the costs associated with votes taken by Members of Congress in Washington, D.C. Also on-line are charts that give some insight on how many tax dollars would have been spent if all of the legislation sponsored by your State Legislators had been passed into law. Our accumulated information is also available on-line at www.iowatransparency.org.

As you are aware, due to the irresponsible spending patterns of the Iowa Legislature over the past several years, we are now in a position where incoming revenue cannot support the increased levels of state spending. Governor Culver has implemented 10 percent across-the-board spending cuts for state government. The State Auditor and other responsible observers of the state budget have been warning for years that we were spending beyond our means. We are now faced with some of the unpleasant ramifications of the failure of legislative leaders to keep the state budget in line with state revenues.

The State Auditor stated in his May 18 public comment on the budget that “true expenditures” for the FY 2010 budget were roughly \$6,614,000,000, making it the largest budget expenditure in state history, despite the fact that revenue had already declined and showed indications of dropping even further, that has indeed been the case. You can see the Auditor's official report at: http://auditor.iowa.gov/press/Briefing_05-18-09.pdf.

The General Assembly reporting system is not designed to capture the voting expenditures of Iowa Legislators on a cumulative basis. Therefore our methodology captures only a little more than \$5.3 billion dollars that passed through the recorded votes in the appropriation process.

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Kreiman	Keith A.	D	47	\$1,799,983,214
Hancock	Tom	D	16	\$1,198,965,602
Seymour	James A.	R	28	\$9,017,487
Ward	Pat	R	30	\$9,017,487
Feenstra	Randy	R	2	\$8,017,487
Houser	Hubert	R	49	\$8,017,487
Kapucian	Tim L.	R	20	\$8,017,487
Noble	Larry	R	35	\$8,017,487
Johnson	David	R	3	\$7,902,487
Bartz	Merlin	R	6	\$1,115,000
Boettger	Nancy J.	R	29	\$1,115,000
Zaun	Brad	R	32	\$1,115,000
Hahn	James F.	R	40	\$115,000
Hamlinck	Shawn	R	42	\$115,000
McKinley	Paul	R	36	\$115,000
Reynolds	Kim	R	48	\$115,000
Wieck	Ron	R	27	\$115,000
Behn	Jerry	R	24	\$0
Hartsuch	David	R	41	\$0
Kettering	Steve	R	26	\$0

Iowa Vote Tally Methodology

Iowa Vote Tally measures the amount of spending voted for by each Senator and Representative during each session of the Iowa General Assembly, as reflected by his or her floor votes in the House and the Senate. Vote information is taken from the Senate and House journals. Only “yes” votes are counted for the amount of spending at stake. “No” votes and abstentions or absences are counted as zero.

Iowa Vote Tally covers votes taken on the final floor action on authorization or appropriation bills. Amounts are recorded from fiscal information contained in the Notes on Bills and Amendments and Fiscal Notes posted on the Iowa Legislature website.

Pass-through legislation dealing with non-State-generated funds is excluded. Spending bills are included for the General Fund as well as the other funds maintained by the State government.