

# How does Alaska's Spending Compare?

Alaskans have been arguing for years about how much the state government should be spending, ever since low oil prices gouged a big hole in the budget—and the state has been using up its savings to pay the bills. We don't know how much the state should spend: that answer depends on what things Alaskans want to keep, and what they'll pay for them. But we can throw some light on the debate.

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