## ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## Where are your federal tax dollars going?

Wisconsin is a very average state: It has about 2 percent of the nation's population. However, when it comes to receiving money from the federal government, Wisconsin is far from average. Measured by allocation of federal expenditures, Wisconsin ranks 47th. The state receives about 79 percent of the national per capita average. Dane County, on the other hand, receives 113 percent of the national average. Federal expenditures include direct payments to individuals including retirement and disability, grants, procurement contracts, salaries and wages\*. Who's at the top of the list? Alaska (\$12,885), Virginia (\$12,885), Maryland (\$11,645), and New Mexico (\$10,437).

## Federal spending per capita, 2004



For more information on this topic, see: www.uwex.edu/ces/cced/Indicators\_Links.htm#fedexp Look up detailed county information on U.S. Census online query system: http://harvester.census.gov/cffr/index.html

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<sup>\*</sup>Loans and insurance programs are not included.