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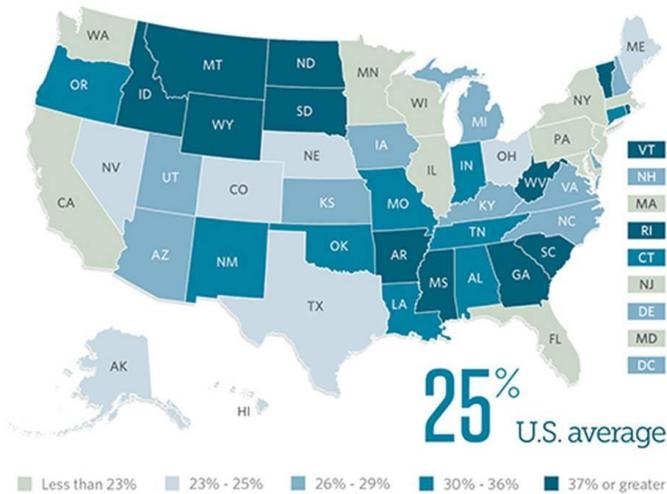
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Great Lakes Forests Region – Federal Funding Fair Share?

Relative Significance of Federal Grants for Surface Transportation Varies by State and Region

Federal share of total funding for highways and transit, all levels of government, 2008-12



Note: Excludes federal spending directly on projects
 Source: Pew's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances, 2008-12
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Federal expenditures for highways and transit, per capita, 2008-12



State and local expenditures for highways and transit, per capita, 2008-12



Historically, WI and MN are less than 23%, and Upper MI almost certainly below average and, if separated from Lower Peninsula, likely lower than either WI or MN.¹

USDOT's [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success](#) (ROUTES), beginning late 2019, is intended to remedy the problem with fair share for rural areas which the [Great Lakes Forests Region](#) certainly is. The current [Routes Events page](#) suggests that the program may be lagging.²

We can give ROUTES a boost. WCGroup/LSSA's [A Comprehensive Update, Rail Projects Progress - Spring 2020](#) demonstrates a path forward to beginning to assure the rural Great Lakes Forests Region achieves its fair share of federal funding.

¹ Zoom in for better view of the chart. Original source: PEW [Funding Challenges in Highway and Transit](#).
² Our Source for ROUTES and PEW links and commentary: Libby Ogard, Prime Focus, our grant writing expert.