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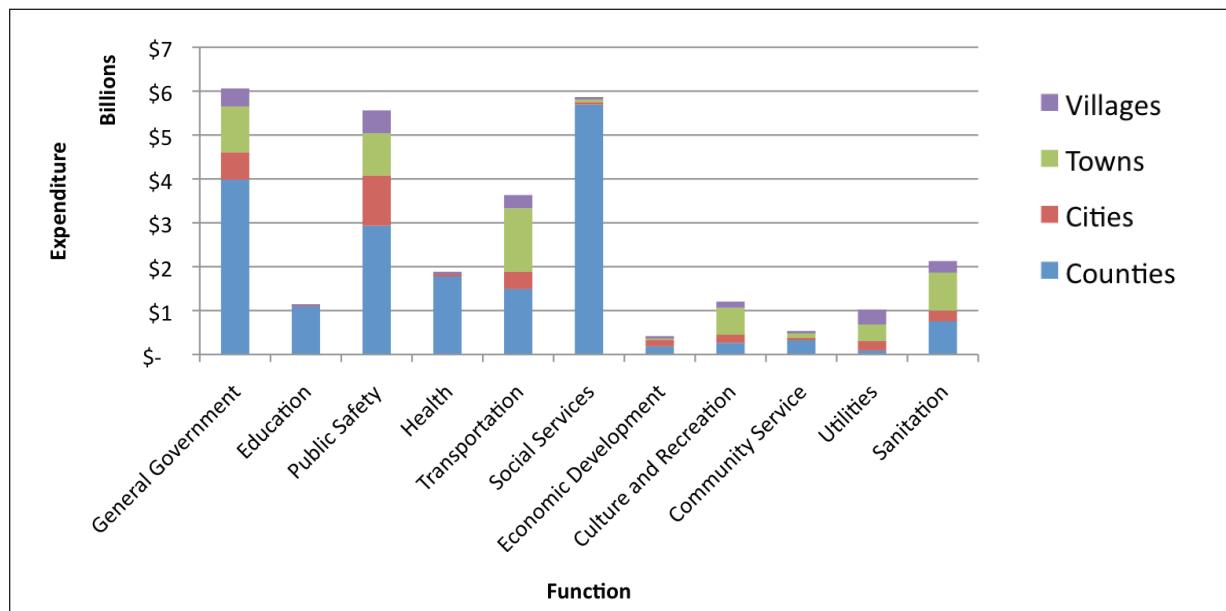
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NYS local government: Where does the money go?

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Local governments, including cities, towns, villages and counties, raise revenue in order to fund services. The figure below shows the spending of each government by type of service.¹ The overall scale of County expenditures is immediately apparent, especially but not only in the areas of general government, public safety, and social service delivery. Cities, towns and villages also spend a great deal on general government and public safety. Towns in particular play a major role providing transportation (road) services. Spending by cities, towns and villages is especially important in the provision of sanitation, utility and recreation services, though these spending totals are more modest overall. To access all NYS local government expenditure data, including those for school and fire districts in NYS (not shown here), visit: (<http://pad.human.cornell.edu/NYMinutes/NYMinute57stats.cfm>).

NYS local government expenditures, by function and type of general purpose government (excluding NYC)



Source: 2010/2011 Fiscal year, Office of the NYS Comptroller: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/>

Additional Resources:

Local Government Data Search (NYS Comptroller):

<http://www1.osc.state.ny.us/transparency/LocalGov/localgovintro.cfm>

2012 Annual Report on Local Governments.

Office of the NYS Comptroller, Division of Local Government & School Accountability. December 2012.

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/annreport/12annreport.pdf>

Local Government & School Accountability (NYS Comptroller):

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/orptbook/taxrates.htm>

Fiscal Stress Drivers and Coping Strategies,

Research Brief, June 2013, NYS Office of the Comptroller, Division of Local Government & School Accountability:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/fiscalstressdrivers.pdf>

Local Government Handbook.

NYS, Department of State. 2011:

http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/publications/Local_Government_Handbook.pdf

¹ See the 2011 NYS Local Government Handbook, (http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/publications/Local_Government_Handbook.pdf).



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