

## ■ Federal Funding for Rural Area Development

In 1994, Federal funds reaching nonmetro counties averaged \$4,469 per person, while funding to metro counties averaged \$5,261 per person.

Federal funding includes grants, loans, and other payments to support agriculture, forest management, housing, transportation, education, health, public assistance, Social Security, veterans' benefits, defense, energy, and so on. Figures on the metro-nonmetro distribution of funds are based on the share of Federal funds that can be reliably traced to county levels. Interest on the national debt has been excluded for analytic purposes.

Nonmetro counties received a much larger share of their funds from income security programs, especially retirement and disability programs. About 40 percent of nonmetro funds were for such programs, compared with 30 percent of the metro funds. However, significant regional differences exist. The nonmetro Midwest received the least amount of Federal funds, \$4,304 per person, while the nonmetro Northeast and South received only slightly higher amounts per person. The nonmetro West received the highest amount of Federal funds, \$4,833 per person. The nonmetro West received the highest amounts of per capita loans, salary and wages, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government. However, the nonmetro West received only about 35 percent of its Federal funds per person for income security programs, compared to about 40 percent for the nonmetro Northeast, 41 percent for nonmetro Midwest, and 42 percent for the nonmetro South.

Table 4-8.

## Federal funds per capita, FY 1994

<i>Object class of funds</i>	<i>All counties</i>	<i>Metro counties</i>	<i>Nonmetro counties</i>
		<i>Dollars</i>	
All Federal funds, including loans	5,100	5,261	4,469
Salaries and wages	643	712	371
Procurement contracts	669	771	273
Direct Payments to individuals	2,530	2,494	2,669
For retirement and disability	1,643	1,601	1,807
Other than retirement	887	893	862
Other direct payments	44	16	154
Grants	645	641	663
Loans	568	627	338
Direct loans	59	43	123
Guaranteed loans	509	584	215
All expenditures, excluding loans	4,532	4,634	4,131

Note: Details may not add due to rounding.

Source: Prepared by the ERS/RED staff using data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 4-9.

## Distribution of Federal funds per capita in the nonmetro regions, FY 1994

<i>Object class of funds</i>	<i>Northeast Region</i>	<i>Midwest Region</i>	<i>South Region</i>	<i>West Region</i>
			<i>Dollars</i>	
All Federal funds, including loans	4,453	4,304	4,463	4,833
Salaries and wages	457	309	324	576
Procurement contracts	308	164	235	535
Direct Payments to individuals	2,712	2,669	2,760	2,382
For retirement disability	1,801	1,769	1,878	1,688
Other than retirement	911	900	882	694
Other direct payments	13	269	111	138
Grants	663	541	736	701
Loans	229	353	297	501
Direct loans	62	157	122	99
Guaranteed loans	167	196	175	402
All expenditures, excluding loans	4,224	3,954	4,166	4,332

Note: Details may not add due to rounding.

Source: Prepared by the RED/ERS staff using data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.