

# Ten cases: Just pennies on the dollar recovered

More than \$210 million was misspent in just these 10 cases, revealed in state audit and inspection reports over the past three years:

Entity	County	Audit date	Total misspent	Description	Recovered	Explanation
Ohio Department of Education	Franklin	1/27/03	\$76.2 million	The department didn't know if federal welfare dollars were properly spent in the state's Head Start program. Documents from Head Start classes and details about services were missing.	\$0	Agency leaders hope to avoid repaying federal officials, saying they're better now at monitoring the money.
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	Franklin	11/3/00	\$60 million	Unbid contracts were awarded to Andersen Consulting to manage welfare reform programs and a new job-matching service. Director Arnold Tompkins retired from state work and was then employed by Andersen.	\$3.1 million	The Ohio attorney general said more money could not be recovered because contracts were too vague.
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	Franklin	1/27/03	\$57.9 million	Federal government overpaid for Medicaid services due to state errors.	\$0	Department officials are arguing against repaying the federal government.
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority	Cuyahoga	11/8/01	\$6.6 million	The agency spent hundreds of thousands in excessive fringe benefits to top executives and on outside consulting contracts.	\$160,194	Agency leaders recovered less than 3 cents on the dollar in a lawsuit. The agency says it cannot recover any more.
Ministerial Day Care Association	Cuyahoga	6/13/02	\$4.5 million	One of Cleveland's largest Head Start programs, it was given millions in state tax dollars for more than 600 children who did not exist.	\$0	Attorney general filed a lawsuit in December to recover \$3.8 million, plus interest.
K&L Transport Services	Cuyahoga	10/24/00	\$1.9 million	The company had no documents to prove 37,814 trips billed to Medicaid actually happened or were medically necessary.	\$0	Department of Job and Family Services says it recently began to negotiate a settlement.
V. Beacon Inc.	Lucas	7/23/02	\$1.2 million	The company improperly purchased a Mercedes-Benz, spent \$8,000 on plastic surgery and other luxury items and \$670,000 on loser stocks.	\$0	Job and Family Services officials have recovered no funds to date.
Symbiont	Licking	2/26/01	\$708,266	The company leased two BMWs for the owner's wife and bought OSU season football tickets, fuel for a private plane and other questionable items.	\$47,000	Children's services recovered this after it threatened to stop sending foster children to Symbiont.
Alexis Investments Inc.	Hamilton	10/24/00	\$748,456	The company could not provide documents to show trips were medically necessary.	\$0	Job and Family Services officials have recovered no funds to date.
We Care Medical	Hamilton	8/20/02	\$681,244	The company overcharged for oxygen services for the elderly and billed for services for dead clients. Documents were missing.	\$0	Job and Family Services officials have recovered no funds to date.