



State Checkbook Is Now Online

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Show-Me Checkbook is Missouri State Treasurer Eric Schmitt's financial data transparency portal. Use the buttons below to explore datasets ranging from employee payroll to long-term liabilities.

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Revenue

Payroll

Liabilities

Cash Flow

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Yesterday marked a step forward for transparent government in Missouri. The Missouri Treasurer's Office announced the creation of an online checkbook that tracks how and with whom the state is spending our tax dollars. The Show-Me Checkbook can be found at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/showmecheckbook>.

We are excited to see the state make transparency in spending a priority. Now that this tool is available, I hope that local governments and special taxing districts will join this initiative so that every tax dollar spent at all levels can be tracked by the taxpayers from whom the money comes (a goal SMI [writers](#) have [championed](#) with our [Checkbook Project](#)).

Government, no matter its size, should provide easy access to information about how it's spending our money. Kudos to Missouri for taking a step toward greater transparency.

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