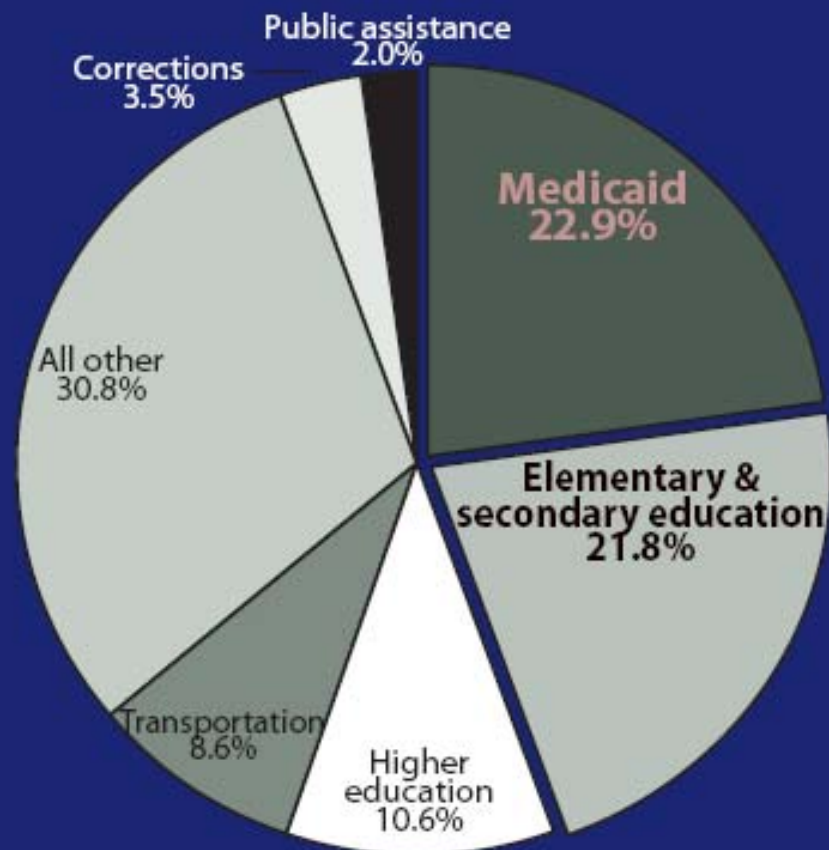


Needs, priorities, choices

For years and years, K-12 spending was the largest single category of state spending for state governments in the U.S.

But 2005 was a year of change as total state spending on Medicaid across all states (\$283.0 billion) for the first time surpassed total state spending on K-12 education (\$269.2 billion) (NASBO, 2006).

What do state governments spend money on?



Source: NASBO, 2006