



SR#9640 Education Costs Per Pupil – 50 State Review
To: Brendan Bunnell for Senator Murphy
From: Patrick Murphy, Senate Research
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Question Asked

You have asked for the average cost per pupil for each state (most recent numbers available), administrative expenses per pupil, and teacher salaries.

Answer

The following information is in real dollars, not adjusted for cost of living or inflation.

- To find the average cost per pupil for each state I ran a search through the U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Survey of School System Finances (ASFS) for FY 2023 table 20 (Per Pupil Current Spending).
- To find the administrative expenses per pupil I ran a search through the U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Survey of School System Finances (ASFS) for FY 2023 table 8 (Per Pupil Amounts by Function).
- To find the average teacher salaries I used the National Education Association (NEA), Rankings of the States 2025 & Estimates of School Statistics 2025, Table B-6 (Average Salaries of Public School Teachers, 2023-2024).

State/District	Per-Pupil Current Spending (FY2023, Census ASFS)	General Administration per Pupil (FY2023, Census ASFS)	School Administration per Pupil (FY2023, Census ASFS)	Average Teacher Salary (2023-24, NEA)
Alabama	\$ 12,764.99	\$ 343.32	\$ 728.77	\$ 61,912.00
Alaska	\$ 20,339.73	\$ 301.81	\$ 1,177.26	\$ 78,256.00
Arizona	\$ 11,297.09	\$ 187.06	\$ 526.18	\$ 62,714.00
Arkansas	\$ 12,737.87	\$ 320.11	\$ 625.42	\$ 58,337.00
California	\$ 18,797.73	\$ 297.51	\$ 1,154.45	\$ 101,084.00
Colorado	\$ 14,857.55	\$ 245.91	\$ 1,112.04	\$ 68,647.00
Connecticut	\$ 25,081.23	\$ 563.82	\$ 1,405.67	\$ 86,511.00
Delaware	\$ 21,340.18	\$ 185.02	\$ 1,020.57	\$ 71,186.00
District of Columbia	\$ 31,629.28	\$ 1,707.55	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 86,663.00
Florida	\$ 11,861.59	\$ 144.77	\$ 605.61	\$ 54,875.00
Georgia	\$ 14,413.64	\$ 233.74	\$ 860.36	\$ 67,641.00

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Hawaii	\$ 20,055.66	\$ 53.50	\$ 1,291.55	\$ 74,222.00
Idaho	\$ 10,246.52	\$ 198.49	\$ 573.24	\$ 61,516.00
Illinois	\$ 20,252.95	\$ 594.79	\$ 1,040.49	\$ 75,978.00
Indiana	\$ 13,120.99	\$ 259.18	\$ 789.87	\$ 58,620.00
Iowa	\$ 13,791.50	\$ 359.78	\$ 795.56	\$ 62,399.00
Kansas	\$ 14,847.11	\$ 389.08	\$ 787.84	\$ 58,146.00
Kentucky	\$ 14,632.67	\$ 319.70	\$ 834.02	\$ 58,325.00
Louisiana	\$ 14,644.62	\$ 372.25	\$ 853.88	\$ 55,911.00
Maine	\$ 18,797.19	\$ 763.64	\$ 1,020.64	\$ 62,570.00
Maryland	\$ 18,887.20	\$ 138.60	\$ 1,045.69	\$ 84,338.00
Massachusetts	\$ 22,947.27	\$ 338.89	\$ 1,023.13	\$ 92,076.00
Michigan	\$ 17,535.12	\$ 280.73	\$ 908.39	\$ 69,067.00
Minnesota	\$ 16,116.71	\$ 625.90	\$ 625.33	\$ 72,430.00
Mississippi	\$ 12,093.10	\$ 395.66	\$ 656.08	\$ 53,704.00
Missouri	\$ 13,471.72	\$ 789.69	\$ 751.56	\$ 55,132.00
Montana	\$ 13,771.12	\$ 449.17	\$ 757.31	\$ 57,556.00
Nebraska	\$ 15,200.29	\$ 383.38	\$ 753.98	\$ 60,239.00
Nevada	\$ 11,673.48	\$ 147.41	\$ 772.81	\$ 66,930.00
New Hampshire	\$ 21,731.25	\$ 794.49	\$ 1,234.77	\$ 67,170.00
New Jersey	\$ 26,279.65	\$ 452.62	\$ 1,178.24	\$ 82,877.00
New Mexico	\$ 15,693.21	\$ 356.55	\$ 829.32	\$ 68,440.00
New York	\$ 30,011.70	\$ 451.84	\$ 1,344.11	\$ 95,615.00
North Carolina	\$ 12,492.14	\$ 135.97	\$ 735.91	\$ 58,292.00
North Dakota	\$ 16,114.14	\$ 672.04	\$ 799.99	\$ 58,581.00
Ohio	\$ 16,475.96	\$ 476.62	\$ 814.28	\$ 68,236.00
Oklahoma	\$ 11,155.19	\$ 355.07	\$ 607.45	\$ 61,330.00
Oregon	\$ 17,161.20	\$ 251.71	\$ 1,074.49	\$ 77,130.00
Pennsylvania	\$ 20,055.72	\$ 506.38	\$ 861.32	\$ 76,961.00
Rhode Island	\$ 21,182.00	\$ 329.14	\$ 1,027.73	\$ 82,189.00

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South Carolina	\$ 13,957.37	\$ 118.70	\$ 875.20	\$ 60,763.00
South Dakota	\$ 12,005.45	\$ 414.39	\$ 594.45	\$ 56,328.00
Tennessee	\$ 12,196.73	\$ 243.79	\$ 715.31	\$ 58,630.00
Texas	\$ 12,303.91	\$ 181.95	\$ 667.84	\$ 62,463.00
Utah	\$ 10,333.39	\$ 109.76	\$ 656.73	\$ 69,161.00
Vermont	\$ 26,344.60	\$ 518.02	\$ 1,856.73	\$ 69,562.00
Virginia	\$ 16,098.04	\$ 262.84	\$ 921.39	\$ 55,516.00
Washington	\$ 18,181.16	\$ 173.26	\$ 1,058.18	\$ 91,720.00
West Virginia	\$ 14,575.16	\$ 208.20	\$ 755.17	\$ 55,516.00
Wisconsin	\$ 14,881.82	\$ 304.85	\$ 757.55	\$ 65,762.00
Wyoming	\$ 19,324.02	\$ 369.29	\$ 992.33	\$ 63,669.00

*Census ASFS FY2023 Table 8 & Table 20; NEA 2025 B-6.

If any of the information provided generates additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

