

School Finance

GRADE	EQUITY						SPENDING			
	Wealth-Neutrality Score (2007) ¹	McLoone Index (2007) ¹	Coefficient of Variation (2007) ¹	Restricted Range (2007) ¹	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2007)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2007) ¹	Spending Index (2007) ¹	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2007)		
	Relationship between district funding and local property wealth (negative value indicates higher funding for poorer districts)	Actual spending as percent of amount needed to bring all students to median level	Amount of disparity in spending across districts (lower value indicates greater equity)	Difference in per-pupil spending levels at the 95th and 5th percentiles		Per-pupil spending levels weighted by the degree to which districts meet or approach the national average for expenditures (cost and student-need adjusted)				
WYOMING	A-	89.6	-0.040	91.1%	0.188	\$5,667	\$16,386	100.0%	100.0	4.3%
NEW JERSEY	B+	87.2	0.000	90.6	0.189	8,251	14,308	99.9	100.0	5.0
RHODE ISLAND	B+	87.2	0.108	87.8	0.125	4,229	13,314	95.3	100.0	4.2
NEW YORK	B+	86.7	0.107	95.8	0.152	6,167	13,896	100.0	100.0	4.2
CONNECTICUT	B+	86.5	0.035	89.9	0.139	5,331	12,419	100.0	100.0	4.1
VERMONT	B	86.4	0.124	84.1	0.219	7,073	16,113	87.8	99.0	5.5
MARYLAND	B	86.2	0.166	90.1	0.120	3,322	11,074	100.0	100.0	4.1
MAINE	B	85.3	0.130	88.3	0.146	4,166	13,946	72.5	98.6	4.8
WISCONSIN	B	83.9	0.059	92.0	0.101	2,731	10,923	68.9	98.1	4.1
MASSACHUSETTS	B-	82.3	0.048	87.2	0.198	7,014	11,814	98.4	100.0	3.8
ALASKA	B-	79.8	-0.253	92.5	0.336	10,806	12,983	96.1	99.0	3.6
WEST VIRGINIA	C+	79.0	0.113	93.0	0.083	2,105	11,488	16.4	94.4	4.6
NEW HAMPSHIRE	C+	78.9	0.145	87.1	0.197	5,758	11,859	69.8	96.4	4.1
VIRGINIA	C+	78.7	0.201	89.2	0.139	3,542	9,435	74.0	97.7	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	C+	78.4	0.166	88.8	0.163	4,376	11,443	55.0	95.1	4.2
DELAWARE	C+	78.0	0.336	89.8	0.141	5,357	11,563	93.0	99.6	2.5
MICHIGAN	C+	77.7	0.163	91.4	0.138	3,679	10,162	38.1	92.9	4.7
OHIO	C+	77.4	0.039	91.6	0.168	3,729	10,378	35.8	92.1	4.5
GEORGIA	C+	77.0	0.130	91.5	0.127	3,472	9,270	41.7	93.9	4.1
KANSAS	C+	76.7	-0.019	88.6	0.157	3,550	10,923	27.9	91.0	4.1
NEBRASKA	C	76.0	-0.178	95.0	0.186	3,784	11,903	21.9	86.6	3.5
MINNESOTA	C	75.6	0.045	91.9	0.154	3,395	9,921	35.4	92.1	3.6
CALIFORNIA	C	74.3	0.022	91.9	0.161	2,901	8,164	34.6	92.4	3.5
ARKANSAS	C	74.2	0.060	92.3	0.119	2,878	10,194	11.4	84.6	4.2
SOUTH CAROLINA	C	73.8	0.166	88.0	0.153	3,243	9,503	26.1	90.0	4.2
INDIANA	C	73.5	-0.003	90.5	0.159	3,778	10,223	20.6	86.9	3.7
IOWA	C	72.7	0.050	90.7	0.123	2,673	10,498	8.7	84.7	3.5
ALABAMA	C-	72.5	0.185	91.3	0.105	2,510	9,585	9.7	88.1	3.9
OREGON	C-	71.9	0.068	89.9	0.144	3,010	9,803	16.5	88.6	3.2
NEW MEXICO	C-	71.9	0.013	96.6	0.218	3,911	10,090	16.8	86.9	3.8
FLORIDA	C-	71.4	0.196	94.2	0.095	2,218	9,253	8.7	87.5	3.3
MISSOURI	C-	71.2	0.090	89.0	0.157	3,640	9,781	13.5	84.9	3.7
KENTUCKY	C-	71.1	0.035	86.0	0.131	2,967	8,989	8.1	85.6	3.6
WASHINGTON	C-	70.8	0.083	91.7	0.146	2,332	8,208	16.0	89.4	3.1
MONTANA	C-	70.6	0.092	93.5	0.289	5,066	12,424	24.2	85.3	3.7
ILLINOIS	C-	70.4	0.165	87.7	0.151	5,079	9,296	23.0	89.2	3.6
COLORADO	C-	69.8	0.121	94.3	0.140	2,679	8,638	11.1	87.2	3.0
NORTH DAKOTA	D+	69.3	0.121	88.6	0.215	2,869	10,815	15.6	85.9	3.0
SOUTH DAKOTA	D+	69.0	-0.003	90.0	0.183	3,749	10,602	11.9	79.8	2.7
LOUISIANA	D+	68.5	0.272	93.7	0.190	2,507	10,307	14.6	88.5	2.8
OKLAHOMA	D+	67.6	0.037	91.9	0.184	2,914	8,836	4.3	73.4	3.4
TEXAS	D+	67.2	0.118	90.9	0.197	3,819	7,934	12.8	82.4	3.4
ARIZONA	D+	66.8	0.069	92.6	0.193	2,902	8,010	4.4	74.0	3.5
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	66.6	0.242	92.3	0.132	2,849	8,345	7.0	82.8	2.8
MISSISSIPPI	D	66.4	0.235	88.3	0.160	4,121	8,980	2.3	75.4	3.9
TENNESSEE	D	65.9	0.154	90.9	0.123	2,760	7,756	1.3	76.7	2.8
UTAH	D	65.6	-0.043	94.1	0.164	1,979	6,228	1.4	60.5	3.3
NEVADA	D	65.3	-0.014	NA ²	0.138	2,627	7,845	8.7	83.0	2.9
IDAHO	D	63.0	0.314	88.2	0.218	2,816	8,256	3.6	69.8	3.5
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12,626	100.0	100.0	NA ⁴
HAWAII ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11,676	100.0	100.0	4.3
U.S.⁵	C	75.5	0.091	90.8%	0.162	\$3,924	\$10,557	40.5%	89.6	3.8%

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.

¹Figures in this column are adjusted to reflect regional cost differences and weighted for student needs.

²The Clark County school district enrolls the majority of students in Nevada, making its per-pupil spending the statewide median. In addition, Clark County is Nevada's lowest-spending district. Because of these two factors, a value for the McLoone Index comparable to other states cannot be calculated. Nevada's grade is based on all other available indicators.

³The District of Columbia and Hawaii are single-district jurisdictions. As a result, it is not possible to calculate measures of financial equity, which capture the distribution of funding across districts within a state. The District of Columbia and Hawaii do not receive grades for school finance.

⁴The District of Columbia does not have a state-level revenue source.

⁵The U.S. row reports the indicator value for the average state.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2010