

## School Finance

GRADE	EQUITY						SPENDING			
	Wealth-Neutrality Score (2012) <sup>1</sup>	McLoone Index (2012) <sup>1</sup>	Coefficient of Variation (2012) <sup>1</sup>	Restricted Range (2012) <sup>1</sup>	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2012)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2012) <sup>1</sup>	Spending Index (2012) <sup>1</sup>	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2012)		
	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	B+	89.3	0.040	93.3%	0.158	\$5,201	\$17,758	100.0%	100.0	3.6%
WEST VIRGINIA	B+	89.2	0.047	95.3	0.080	2,319	13,227	69.7	98.4	5.1
NEW YORK	B+	88.8	0.141	93.0	0.145	7,283	17,326	100.0	100.0	4.3
CONNECTICUT	B+	87.1	0.073	90.4	0.146	6,708	15,172	100.0	100.0	3.9
NEW JERSEY	B+	86.8	0.034	91.0	0.208	9,937	15,421	99.9	100.0	4.8
MARYLAND	B+	86.8	0.177	92.4	0.110	3,565	12,435	100.0	100.0	3.8
RHODE ISLAND	B+	86.5	0.167	89.3	0.127	4,970	13,814	100.0	100.0	3.9
VERMONT	B	86.1	0.101	81.2	0.222	10,004	18,882	85.9	97.4	5.1
DELAWARE	B	83.2	0.243	91.4	0.129	4,561	13,902	100.0	100.0	2.7
MASSACHUSETTS	B	83.0	0.148	91.0	0.182	6,717	13,157	99.9	100.0	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA	B-	82.2	0.172	90.0	0.156	5,010	13,653	73.7	98.1	3.9
WISCONSIN	B-	82.0	0.105	92.1	0.112	3,077	11,968	63.2	97.3	3.7
ALASKA	B-	81.7	-0.217	86.7	0.347	13,856	18,113	96.3	99.1	3.4
ILLINOIS	C+	78.7	0.207	88.3	0.163	6,701	11,730	71.0	96.7	3.8
MAINE	C+	78.7	0.244	87.0	0.304	6,090	14,613	71.9	96.9	4.4
NEW HAMPSHIRE	C+	78.6	0.183	84.3	0.240	10,170	14,561	78.2	98.0	4.0
VIRGINIA	C+	76.9	0.213	90.5	0.136	4,131	9,784	66.6	96.6	3.0
OHIO	C+	76.7	0.052	89.7	0.181	5,517	12,010	43.9	93.5	3.7
LOUISIANA	C	75.8	0.306	92.6	0.166	4,976	12,375	62.8	97.7	2.8
MINNESOTA	C	75.7	0.095	90.2	0.147	3,693	11,547	35.8	92.6	3.3
KANSAS	C	75.5	0.048	89.8	0.143	3,823	11,399	24.2	90.6	3.7
NEBRASKA	C	75.4	0.105	93.7	0.205	5,010	13,457	39.3	93.6	3.2
MICHIGAN	C	74.6	0.205	90.5	0.147	3,706	12,038	26.4	90.4	3.8
NORTH DAKOTA	C	74.3	0.229	93.2	0.189	4,360	13,443	49.6	97.2	2.3
IOWA	C	73.9	0.145	92.3	0.116	2,995	11,929	12.9	88.7	3.5
KENTUCKY	C	73.5	0.057	86.6	0.136	3,199	10,713	17.6	88.7	3.5
INDIANA	C	73.3	0.022	89.3	0.159	4,198	11,230	17.4	86.3	3.6
ARKANSAS	C	73.1	0.145	89.9	0.146	3,606	11,224	17.5	86.7	3.8
WASHINGTON	C-	71.8	0.089	93.5	0.152	2,704	9,346	23.3	90.4	2.8
MONTANA	C-	71.7	0.138	91.6	0.287	5,119	13,224	33.0	89.1	3.3
GEORGIA	C-	71.2	0.198	90.7	0.142	3,802	9,394	17.6	88.4	3.6
SOUTH CAROLINA	C-	70.8	0.215	90.3	0.147	3,863	10,141	10.2	84.3	3.9
MISSOURI	C-	70.7	0.185	91.1	0.151	3,588	10,798	13.7	85.7	3.3
ALABAMA	C-	69.7	0.194	92.5	0.107	2,733	9,563	3.3	82.6	3.3
NEW MEXICO	D+	69.0	0.089	95.9	0.222	3,985	9,736	13.0	82.4	3.3
OREGON	D+	68.9	0.150	91.1	0.153	3,167	10,415	10.3	86.1	2.6
FLORIDA	D+	68.9	0.129	95.0	0.085	1,998	9,120	1.2	78.3	2.7
COLORADO	D+	68.8	0.187	90.0	0.150	2,908	9,020	12.0	89.1	2.8
TENNESSEE	D+	68.4	0.092	90.5	0.109	2,366	9,113	1.4	79.3	2.7
CALIFORNIA	D+	67.0	0.080	90.8	0.194	3,305	8,308	7.9	85.1	2.7
MISSISSIPPI	D+	66.9	0.164	89.2	0.173	4,412	9,587	1.8	74.6	3.6
SOUTH DAKOTA	D+	66.6	0.140	89.7	0.188	3,889	10,742	10.9	78.1	2.5
OKLAHOMA	D+	66.6	0.072	90.4	0.162	2,698	8,624	2.7	71.8	2.9
NORTH CAROLINA	D+	66.5	0.146	92.5	0.129	2,479	8,670	3.9	78.3	2.4
TEXAS	D	65.5	0.163	90.4	0.206	4,102	8,113	9.9	79.8	3.0
ARIZONA	D	65.1	0.110	94.8	0.144	2,614	8,101	0.7	70.1	2.5
NEVADA	D	62.8	0.112	NA <sup>2</sup>	0.159	2,609	8,141	8.4	77.4	2.8
UTAH	D-	61.7	0.272	93.7	0.165	2,198	6,688	1.8	60.1	2.8
IDAHO	F	59.1	0.380	89.5	0.272	3,481	8,123	3.8	63.7	2.9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA <sup>3</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13,917	100.0	100.0	NA <sup>4</sup>
HAWAII <sup>3</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12,727	100.0	100.0	3.1
<b>U.S.<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>C</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>0.139</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>0.167</b>	<b>\$4,559</b>	<b>\$11,735</b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.

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

<sup>2</sup> The 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.

<sup>3</sup> The 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.

<sup>4</sup> The District of Columbia does not have a state-level revenue source.

<sup>5</sup> The U.S. row reports the indicator value for the average state.

SOURCE: Education Week Research Center, 2015