

# Measuring Funding “Fairness”

A study by the Education Law Center examines how well states provide funding to students with the greatest economic needs. The analysis shows the per-pupil state and local funding that went to districts of different levels of poverty.

State	Mean Actual State and Local Revenue per Pupil	At 0% Poverty	At 10% Poverty	At 20% Poverty	At 30% Poverty	High/Low	Grade
<b>U.S.</b>	-	<b>\$ 10,153</b>	<b>\$10,127</b>	<b>\$ 10,144</b>	<b>\$ 10,207</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>C</b>
Utah	\$ 6,586	5,700	6,539	7,503	8,608	151	A
New Jersey	17,115	13,464	15,060	16,845	18,841	140	A
Minnesota	10,893	9,391	10,458	11,646	12,968	138	A
Ohio	10,933	9,054	9,896	10,816	11,821	131	A
South Dakota	8,347	7,467	8,066	8,712	9,410	126	B
Massachusetts	14,355	12,146	12,880	13,658	14,483	119	B
Montana	9,158	7,848	8,279	8,733	9,213	117	B
Indiana	9,271	8,534	8,991	9,471	9,978	117	C
New Mexico	8,890	8,286	8,664	9,060	9,474	114	C
Connecticut	15,132	13,181	13,765	14,375	15,013	114	C
Tennessee	6,966	6,429	6,683	6,946	7,220	112	C
Oregon	8,525	8,175	8,417	8,666	8,922	109	C
Wyoming	16,238	16,254	16,684	17,126	17,580	108 *	C
Oklahoma	7,053	6,665	6,813	6,964	7,118	107	C
Iowa	9,879	9,723	9,867	10,014	10,163	105	C
Arizona	8,091	7,801	7,906	8,012	8,120	104	C
Arkansas	8,158	8,136	8,233	8,332	8,432	104	C
Kentucky	8,585	8,531	8,627	8,724	8,823	103	C
California	9,774	8,879	8,974	9,069	9,166	103	C
Georgia	9,969	9,544	9,623	9,703	9,784	103	C
South Carolina	9,155	9,057	9,122	9,188	9,255	102	C
Rhode Island	13,114	12,159	12,222	12,285	12,349	102	C
West Virginia	9,072	9,349	9,361	9,373	9,385	100	C
Nebraska	9,881	9,633	9,589	9,545	9,501	99 *	C
Vermont	17,552	15,802	15,648	15,495	15,344	97 *	C
Washington	9,366	9,076	8,969	8,863	8,758	96	C
Mississippi	7,102	7,608	7,505	7,403	7,303	96	C
Wisconsin	10,999	10,813	10,662	10,513	10,367	96	C
Texas	8,813	8,738	8,542	8,350	8,163	93	C
Michigan	10,200	10,077	9,825	9,580	9,341	93 *	D
Kansas	10,040	10,300	10,023	9,754	9,492	92 *	D
Colorado	9,012	9,149	8,882	8,623	8,372	92 *	D
Louisiana	8,806	9,558	9,259	8,970	8,689	91 *	D
Florida	9,947	10,216	9,884	9,562	9,251	91 *	D
Maryland	12,948	12,313	11,856	11,417	10,993	89 *	D
Alabama	8,591	9,465	9,107	8,764	8,433	89	D
Delaware	13,572	13,564	13,045	12,546	12,065	89 *	D
Idaho	6,898	7,471	7,166	6,873	6,593	88 *	D
Missouri	8,689	8,994	8,611	8,244	7,893	88 *	D
Maine	11,903	12,532	11,889	11,279	10,701	85 *	D
Pennsylvania	12,282	12,715	12,020	11,362	10,741	84	D
Virginia	10,854	10,758	10,157	9,590	9,054	84 *	D
North Carolina	8,401	9,134	8,615	8,126	7,664	84 *	D
North Dakota	9,063	9,370	8,788	8,241	7,728	82 *	D
New York	17,247	17,012	15,931	14,920	13,972	82	D
Illinois	10,179	10,430	9,589	8,816	8,105	78	F
Nevada	8,829	9,916	8,988	8,146	7,383	74 *	F
New Hampshire	12,351	13,113	11,304	9,745	8,401	64	F

\* Relationship not statistically significant.  
SOURCE: Education Law Center