

SCHOOL FINANCE

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This table has been revised to reflect corrections to errors in *Quality Counts 2016*, published as the Jan. 7 issue of *Education Week* and online.

GRADE	EQUITY				SPENDING					
	Wealth-Neutrality Score (2013) ¹	McLoone Index (2013) ¹	Coefficient of Variation (2013) ¹	Restricted Range (2013) ¹	Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2013)	Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average (2013) ¹	Spending Index (2013) ¹	Percent of total taxable resources spent on education (2013)		
	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)			
NEW YORK	B+	88.1	0.137	93.0%	0.144	\$7,420	\$17,548	100.0	4.2%	
WYOMING	B+	87.7	0.084	89.0	0.163	5,897	17,513	100.0	3.8	
CONNECTICUT	B+	86.7	0.072	90.4	0.146	7,154	15,569	100.0	3.9	
MARYLAND	B+	86.6	0.148	92.4	0.105	4,050	12,679	100.0	3.8	
NEW JERSEY	B	86.2	0.037	89.9	0.215	9,862	15,742	99.9	4.8	
RHODE ISLAND	B	85.8	0.142	87.5	0.131	5,053	14,281	95.2	3.9	
VERMONT	B	85.7	0.110	81.0	0.214	10,346	19,134	84.1	5.2	
PENNSYLVANIA	B	84.9	0.162	90.5	0.149	5,125	14,197	91.8	3.9	
MAINE	B	83.5	0.157	88.9	0.175	5,011	14,523	76.5	4.4	
ALASKA	B	83.2	-0.325	89.6	0.352	14,247	18,841	96.2	3.9	
DELAWARE	B	83.1	0.244	90.4	0.123	4,950	13,775	100.0	2.8	
MASSACHUSETTS	B	83.0	0.130	91.9	0.179	7,086	13,546	99.4	3.4	
WEST VIRGINIA	B-	81.9	0.099	94.5	0.087	2,045	12,855	38.0	4.4	
WISCONSIN	B-	80.3	0.098	91.9	0.119	3,020	12,031	57.4	3.5	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	C+	78.4	0.174	84.3	0.242	9,680	14,718	78.7	3.9	
ILLINOIS	C+	78.2	0.213	86.4	0.163	7,228	12,007	73.1	3.7	
NORTH DAKOTA	C+	77.9	0.174	95.1	0.168	3,391	13,448	65.5	2.4	
VIRGINIA	C+	76.8	0.255	90.0	0.133	4,081	10,044	67.2	3.0	
MINNESOTA	C	75.5	0.106	91.1	0.152	4,126	11,858	39.2	3.3	
KANSAS	C	74.7	0.041	89.2	0.146	3,805	11,452	24.2	3.7	
OHIO	C	74.6	0.092	89.4	0.191	5,677	12,018	40.5	3.6	
NEBRASKA	C	73.8	0.193	92.6	0.215	5,471	13,833	40.6	3.1	
IOWA	C	73.7	0.153	93.0	0.118	3,121	12,254	16.8	3.3	
MICHIGAN	C	73.4	0.195	90.2	0.149	3,840	12,188	22.6	3.6	
LOUISIANA	C	72.9	0.251	92.4	0.158	4,568	11,434	41.6	2.8	
ARKANSAS	C-	72.5	0.110	91.6	0.140	3,750	11,263	13.0	3.8	
KENTUCKY	C-	72.1	0.071	87.2	0.132	3,203	10,562	13.7	3.5	
INDIANA	C-	72.0	0.019	89.6	0.156	3,829	11,093	14.1	3.5	
WASHINGTON	C-	71.1	0.083	93.2	0.147	2,826	9,383	21.9	2.7	
SOUTH CAROLINA	C-	70.9	0.247	89.9	0.154	4,405	10,617	13.2	4.1	
MONTANA	C-	70.7	0.151	91.6	0.297	5,639	13,322	33.0	3.4	
MISSOURI	C-	70.5	0.202	92.2	0.144	3,468	10,928	12.7	3.3	
GEORGIA	C-	70.0	0.183	92.1	0.144	4,073	9,288	16.3	3.4	
ALABAMA	D+	69.4	0.198	91.2	0.109	2,805	9,743	5.1	3.3	
OREGON	D+	69.1	0.140	92.1	0.142	3,017	10,532	9.2	2.7	
NEW MEXICO	D+	68.7	0.089	93.7	0.219	3,329	9,913	12.3	3.3	
COLORADO	D+	68.6	0.176	90.6	0.151	3,032	9,120	12.5	2.8	
FLORIDA	D+	68.3	0.125	93.7	0.084	2,097	9,231	0.7	2.7	
TENNESSEE	D+	67.3	0.035	91.0	0.133	2,952	8,958	1.5	2.7	
MISSISSIPPI	D+	67.1	0.157	89.0	0.146	3,897	9,492	1.2	3.6	
CALIFORNIA	D	66.4	0.080	90.8	0.186	3,518	8,339	8.2	2.6	
NORTH CAROLINA	D	66.2	0.145	92.6	0.128	2,672	8,867	4.0	2.4	
SOUTH DAKOTA	D	66.1	0.150	90.2	0.198	3,673	10,798	10.7	2.5	
OKLAHOMA	D	66.0	0.076	90.2	0.170	2,648	8,767	2.8	2.9	
TEXAS	D	64.8	0.136	91.7	0.211	4,468	8,075	10.1	2.8	
NEVADA	D	62.8	0.093	NA ²	0.154	2,690	8,294	8.3	2.9	
UTAH	D-	61.9	0.277	91.4	0.163	2,454	7,084	1.0	2.9	
ARIZONA	D-	61.8	0.104	93.7	0.214	4,107	7,733	3.8	2.5	
IDAHO	F	59.0	0.387	88.6	0.267	3,790	8,284	3.5	2.9	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14,297	100.0	100.0	NA ⁴	
HAWAII ³	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12,425	100.0	100.0	2.7	
U.S. ⁵	C	74.4	0.134	90.7%	0.166	\$4,665	\$11,841	39.8%	89.3	3.4%

Note: States are ordered based on unrounded scores.

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

² 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.

³ 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.

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

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

SOURCE: Education Week Research Center, 2016