

# Public School Finances and Personal Tax Burden

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Geographic area	Percentage of income spent on state and local education funding	State and Local Taxes per Person	Population (thousands)	State Income (millions)	Mean Income	Elementary-secondary revenue 1 (thousands)			Elementary-secondary expenditure 1 (thousands)			Debt outstanding (thousands)			
						Total	From Federal sources	From state sources	From local sources	Total	Current spending	Capital outlay	Other 2	at end of fiscal year	Cash and securities
United States	4.46%	\$1,234.07	281,418	7,782,150	\$27,653.35	373,961,479	26,672,296	186,191,263	161,097,919	380,415,997	325,661,292	44,654,247	10,100,458	178,366,236	100,798,053
1 Alaska	6.29%	\$1,776.58	627	17,704	\$28,236.04	1,313,433	199,520	774,194	339,719	1,386,904	1,182,144	184,546	20,214	495,341	-
2 Vermont	5.74%	\$1,447.66	609	15,371	\$25,239.74	946,678	65,052	711,259	170,367	922,450	869,156	39,112	14,182	235,519	68,775
3 Wyoming	5.68%	\$1,456.89	494	12,660	\$25,627.53	785,788	66,085	408,356	311,347	765,180	685,155	70,579	9,446	174,775	205,992
4 West Virginia	5.36%	\$1,123.83	1,808	37,884	\$20,953.54	2,241,967	210,082	1,365,346	666,539	2,240,547	2,100,766	129,872	9,909	187,464	321,396
5 Maine	5.25%	\$1,269.85	1,275	30,828	\$24,178.82	1,723,562	104,497	761,317	857,748	1,781,022	1,605,582	143,112	32,328	550,770	110,798
6 Wisconsin	5.21%	\$1,387.58	5,364	142,811	\$26,623.97	7,797,785	354,829	4,292,527	3,150,429	8,141,059	6,806,843	958,597	375,619	4,933,591	2,446,182
7 Michigan	5.17%	\$1,442.43	9,938	277,296	\$27,902.60	15,365,145	1,030,238	9,942,275	4,392,632	15,964,197	13,561,716	1,866,666	535,815	12,009,245	4,257,910
8 Indiana	5.14%	\$1,314.52	6,080	155,365	\$25,553.45	8,418,564	426,270	4,300,605	3,691,688	8,301,018	6,891,491	841,171	568,356	1,190,802	2,025,747
9 New Jersey	5.03%	\$1,730.34	8,414	289,503	\$34,407.30	15,138,037	578,978	6,093,162	8,465,897	15,457,782	13,855,416	1,320,024	282,342	4,780,521	2,112,924
10 New Mexico	4.98%	\$1,041.75	1,819	38,020	\$20,901.59	2,191,163	296,222	1,571,088	323,853	2,165,025	1,877,656	255,735	31,634	737,037	495,382
11 Montana	4.98%	\$1,072.26	902	19,438	\$21,549.89	1,098,110	130,928	487,115	480,067	1,050,534	982,492	57,419	10,623	221,308	414,596
12 Georgia	4.92%	\$1,280.63	8,186	212,929	\$26,011.36	11,193,940	710,741	5,406,709	5,076,490	10,870,521	9,179,227	1,520,834	170,460	3,616,491	3,207,641
13 Texas	4.91%	\$1,267.14	20,852	538,345	\$25,817.43	28,829,307	2,406,972	12,471,856	13,950,479	30,980,680	24,697,690	4,719,976	1,563,014	21,584,399	12,263,873
14 New York	4.83%	\$1,570.65	18,976	616,678	\$32,497.79	31,743,155	1,938,590	13,766,358	16,038,207	33,410,191	29,292,023	3,266,115	852,053	16,093,789	5,321,443
15 Utah	4.75%	\$1,055.07	2,233	49,600	\$22,212.27	2,545,466	189,502	1,507,711	848,253	2,478,420	2,144,710	270,172	63,538	1,242,521	706,925
16 Iowa	4.73%	\$1,188.24	2,926	73,499	\$25,119.28	3,693,858	217,360	1,079,158	1,597,640	3,676,483	3,271,730	353,405	51,348	1,117,168	1,048,960
17 Rhode Island	4.73%	\$1,313.01	1,048	29,107	\$27,773.85	1,457,692	81,655	610,999	765,038	1,373,600	1,324,635	30,587	17,838	245,337	2,510
18 South Carolina	4.72%	\$1,075.48	4,012	91,490	\$22,804.09	4,681,398	366,587	2,420,494	1,894,317	4,953,698	4,123,825	716,110	113,763	2,020,173	1,009,452
19 Ohio	4.70%	\$1,264.01	11,353	305,643	\$26,921.78	15,193,686	843,432	6,425,872	7,924,382	14,800,224	13,112,226	1,378,528	309,470	4,984,712	5,332,620
20 Idaho	4.69%	\$1,036.56	1,294	28,582	\$22,088.10	1,451,204	109,898	888,348	452,922	1,467,977	1,283,575	153,472	30,930	603,731	319,924
21 Minnesota	4.62%	\$1,380.97	4,919	147,050	\$29,894.29	7,123,895	330,914	4,265,438	2,527,543	7,509,985	6,299,355	901,829	308,801	6,106,833	3,206,246
22 Kansas	4.60%	\$1,217.88	2,688	71,194	\$26,485.86	3,495,201	221,530	2,201,788	1,071,883	3,274,838	2,963,326	206,141	105,371	2,056,161	390,070
23 North Dakota	4.58%	\$1,053.14	642	14,773	\$23,010.90	773,056	96,940	303,132	372,984	753,899	662,527	81,274	10,098	146,693	228,560
24 Oklahoma	4.57%	\$1,021.02	3,451	77,077	\$22,334.69	3,901,309	377,776	2,162,799	1,360,734	3,871,236	3,542,361	286,261	42,614	859,192	913,662
25 Nebraska	4.56%	\$1,201.70	1,711	45,065	\$26,338.40	2,208,247	152,143	812,998	1,243,106	2,135,556	1,854,375	243,866	37,315	778,741	953,185
26 Arkansas	4.55%	\$965.23	2,673	56,752	\$21,231.58	2,834,791	254,735	2,126,099	453,957	2,673,231	2,473,705	146,666	52,860	1,167,642	615,711
27 Oregon	4.54%	\$1,188.28	3,421	89,614	\$26,195.26	4,333,682	268,568	2,457,202	1,607,912	4,386,036	3,871,479	391,189	123,368	2,403,552	1,347,950
28 Pennsylvania	4.44%	\$1,241.29	12,281	343,088	\$27,936.49	16,266,825	1,022,578	6,163,912	9,080,335	16,952,878	14,386,952	1,851,099	714,827	14,929,245	6,867,429
29 Alabama	4.44%	\$1,002.42	4,447	100,452	\$22,588.71	4,883,736	425,978	3,003,814	1,453,944	5,001,037	4,266,675	663,903	70,459	1,662,555	1,094,460
30 Delaware	4.33%	\$1,280.57	784	23,192	\$29,581.63	1,073,506	69,540	716,375	287,591	1,015,602	928,022	79,176	8,404	162,561	25,612
31 Connecticut	4.30%	\$1,630.21	3,406	128,983	\$37,869.35	5,786,810	234,321	2,298,931	3,253,558	5,478,999	5,004,650	369,278	105,071	1,472,166	66,905
32 Missouri	4.29%	\$1,105.65	5,595	144,235	\$25,779.27	6,623,991	437,898	3,097,822	3,088,271	6,647,003	5,746,904	756,817	143,282	2,961,024	2,485,399
33 North Carolina	4.24%	\$1,048.69	8,049	198,943	\$24,716.49	9,063,057	622,184	5,897,936	2,542,937	9,275,837	7,690,395	1,385,226	200,216	3,337,032	-
34 Kentucky	4.24%	\$965.19	4,042	92,036	\$22,769.92	4,328,251	426,956	2,612,740	1,288,555	4,510,972	3,890,034	515,109	105,829	1,911,028	844,858
35 Louisiana	4.23%	\$945.93	4,469	99,887	\$22,351.09	4,783,581	556,240	2,361,704	1,865,637	4,805,493	4,293,656	414,669	97,168	2,085,271	1,507,236
36 Illinois	4.20%	\$1,277.63	12,419	377,744	\$30,416.62	17,149,952	1,283,052	6,344,130	9,522,770	17,657,114	14,700,330	2,467,748	489,036	9,420,671	9,701,989
37 Maryland	4.17%	\$1,322.62	5,296	167,895	\$31,702.23	7,413,604	409,021	2,804,218	4,200,365	7,206,598	6,364,133	760,810	81,655	1,528,283	-
38 California	4.17%	\$1,219.97	33,872	991,382	\$29,268.48	45,347,726	4,024,940	26,877,920	14,444,866	45,185,232	38,918,421	5,849,441	417,370	11,454,533	15,864,194
39 Mississippi	4.14%	\$833.42	2,845	57,278	\$20,132.86	2,739,910	368,830	1,504,225	866,855	2,996,474	2,518,217	421,075	57,182	1,215,914	776,168
40 South Dakota	4.13%	\$1,003.29	755	18,361	\$24,319.21	863,443	105,960	302,405	455,078	888,357	726,219	144,296	17,842	375,426	369,553
41 Arizona	4.09%	\$958.69	5,131	120,360	\$23,457.42	5,453,671	534,619	2,481,089	2,437,963	5,397,194	4,333,171	768,425	295,598	4,297,070	1,802,086
42 Massachusetts	4.06%	\$1,403.58	6,349	219,533	\$34,577.57	9,392,224	480,898	3,926,522	4,984,804	9,188,363	8,451,566	533,702	203,095	3,376,142	213,270
43 Virginia	4.05%	\$1,170.30	7,079	204,736	\$28,921.60	8,776,399	491,873	3,761,983	4,522,543	9,023,106	7,810,638	1,011,384	201,084	4,059,563	-
44 Washington	4.01%	\$1,191.69	5,894	174,948	\$29,682.39	7,567,793	543,966	4,812,796	2,211,031	7,789,786	6,455,036	1,048,059	286,691	5,683,303	2,509,750
45 New Hampshire	3.94%	\$1,191.79	1,236	37,372	\$30,236.25	1,527,714	54,657	865,318	607,739	1,553,605	1,397,541	130,011	26,053	564,122	141,360
46 Hawaii	3.91%	\$1,054.33	1,212	32,653	\$26,941.42	1,404,895	127,042	1,247,256	30,597	1,363,511	1,247,539	115,972	-	-	-
47 Florida	3.85%	\$1,011.13	15,982	419,792	\$26,266.55	17,558,669	1,398,757	8,804,217	7,355,695	17,180,954	14,015,580	2,792,662	372,712	7,166,233	4,120,216
48 Nevada	3.81%	\$1,070.33	1,998	56,127	\$28,091.59	2,248,725	110,210	1,378,678	759,837	2,436,808	1,880,148	428,541	128,119	2,428,038	1,063,079
49 Colorado	3.72%	\$1,107.58	4,301	127,955	\$29,750.06	5,029,902	266,207	2,083,318	2,680,377	5,405,784	4,404,617	782,711	218,456	4,406,108	1,968,326
50 Tennessee	3.46%	\$853.15	5,689	140,234	\$24,650.03	5,315,553	462,000	2,429,713	2,423,840	5,804,730	4,944,404	743,326	117,000	2,726,440	47,729
51 District of Columbia	3.37%	\$1,217.83	572	20,686	\$36,164.34	881,423	184,825	-	696,598	858,807	771,258	87,549	-	-	-