

Facts about Washington's K-12 public schools

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HOT FACTS

- FTE* student enrollment: 966,371
- Total annual per-pupil spending: \$10,103
- FTE elementary/secondary teachers: 53,117
- FTE total K-12 staff: 100,875
- Average teacher salary: \$45,728
- Average teacher salary+benefits: \$64,454
- Ratio of students to FTE teachers: 18.1 / 1
- Annual cost for class of 20: \$202,060
- Cost for one student K-12: \$121,236
- Beginning teacher salary: \$30,383

1. GENERAL FACTS

Number of school districts: 296

Number of schools: 2,212

2. TEACHER COMPENSATION

- Total average teacher compensation: \$64,454
 - Salary: \$45,728
 - Benefits: \$12,048
 - Mandatory: \$5,066
 - Local (insurance): \$6,982
 - Additional salary: \$6,679
- Average per capita income (WA): \$36,044
- FTE teacher salary as % of education \$: 24.5%
- FTE teacher compensation as % of ed \$: 31.0%
- Beginning teacher salary: \$30,383

3. STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Average FTE enrollment: 966,317

4. EDUCATION EMPLOYEES

- Total number of K-12 staff: 158,035
- Elementary/Secondary teachers: 68,132
 - Instructional Support: 6,912
 - Administrators: 4,730
 - Classified staff: 69,479
 - Other: 3,760
- Total full-time equivalent K-12 staff: 100,875
- Elementary/Secondary teachers: 53,117
 - Instructional Support: 6,906
 - Administrators: 3,925
 - Classified staff: 36,602
 - Other: 326
- Ratio of students to all teachers: 14.2/1
- Ratio of students to all staff: 6.1/1
- Ratio of students to FTE teachers: 18.1/1
- Ratio of students to all FTE staff: 9.8/1
- ALL FUNDS expenditures: \$9,908,457,906
- PURPOSE
- General: \$7,724,204,969 (78.0%)
 - Basic Instruction: \$4,108,491,880 (53.2%)
 - Special ed: \$793,216,632 (10.3%)
 - Vocational skills: \$274,227,875 (3.5%)

- Pupil transportation: \$317,335,372 (4.1%)
- Food services: \$273,367,984 (3.5%)
- Compensatory ed: \$711,885,920 (9.2%)
- Other: \$112,205,265 (1.5%)
- Community service: \$39,587,147 (0.5%)
- Support services: \$1,093,886,895 (14.3%)
- Capital: \$1,196,397,848 (12.1%)
- School debt service: \$826,757,911 (8.3%)
- Transportation vehicle: \$42,790,973 (0.4%)
- Associated student body: \$118,283,508 (1.2%)
- Other: \$22,697 (0.0%)

All funds per-pupil spending: \$10,103

Basic education as % of ALL expenditures: 41.5%

GENERAL FUND expenditures: \$7,724,204,969

SOURCES

- State: 69.3%
- Local: 16.2%
- Federal: 10.1%
- Fees/other: 4.4%

GF per-pupil spending: \$7,876

Basic education as a % of GF expenditures: 53.2%

Salaries/benefits as % of GF expenditures: 82.6%

- Certificated salaries: 47.5%
 - Classified salaries: 17.8%
 - Benefits (cert and class): 17.3%
- Education as % of General Fund-State: 53.3%
 - K-12: 42.1%
 - Higher ed: 11.2%

5. CLASS SIZE

Legislative class size allocation ratio:

- Grades K-4: 18.8 / 1
- Grades 5-12: 21.7 / 1

6. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

- High school graduation rate: 70% (2004)
 - African American: 54%
 - Hispanic: 54%
 - White: 74%
 - National Average: 71% (2002)
- Washington graduation rate national rank: 31st (2002)
- HS graduates college ready: 34% (2002)
- Recent HS grads in CC remedial basics: 55% (2004)
- WASL scores (2005)
 - Proficient in MATH
 - 4th grade: 60.8%
 - 7th grade: 50.8%
 - 10th grade: 47.5%
 - Proficient in READING
 - 4th grade: 79.5%
 - 7th grade: 69.0%
 - 10th grade: 72.9%
 - Proficient in WRITING
 - 4th grade: 57.7%
 - 7th grade: 61.2%
 - 10th grade: 65.2%
- Number of schools failing NCLB standards: 404
- Number of districts failing NCLB standards: 87



7. TRENDS 1995-2005

- a. GF per-pupil \$ increase (real \$): 34.7%
- b. GF per-pupil \$ increase (infl. adjusted): 14.5%
- c. Teachers with MA+: 47.6% ('94) - 62.6% ('04)
- d. Student/teacher (FTE) ratio: 19.2/1 - 17.9/1
- e. Growth in student enrollment: 6.9%
- f. Growth in number of teachers: 13.5%
- g. Growth in classified staff: 19.2%
- h. Growth in administrative staff: 12.1%

8. AT CURRENT SPENDING LEVELS:

- Cost for one student (K-12): \$121,236
- One-year cost per class of 20 students: \$202,060
- Annual cost per person in WA: \$1,681
- Annual cost per household: \$4,362
- Lifetime cost per person: \$92,455
- Lifetime cost per household: \$239,910

**FTE = Full-time equivalent*

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