

2001 K-12 EDUCATION COMPARATIVE DATA REPORT

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ABOUT THE REPORT

This report is compilation of education related data that was provided by each of the states in the Southern Legislative Conference in response to a survey. The original survey mailing was sent out in February of this year. The majority of the states returned their responses to the survey as a result of this mailing. During the Summer, an internet site was established to enter and display the responses to the survey. The data received up to that point was entered to be displayed on the internet site. At the end of September, a memo was sent to the survey recipients giving them access to the data. The memo also gave them a user i.d. and a password. The user i.d. and password enabled the states to edit any incomplete data or to complete the entire survey if they had not previously done so. As of October 17, 2001, thirteen of the sixteen member states have at least partially responded to the survey.

Respondents to the survey were directed to use the most up to date information available, and to provide the school year from which the data was derived. Many of the answers given required an explanation, and therefore, a comments box was set up for each state to fully explain there answers when needed. The survey can be viewed online at <http://129.71.161.247/surveys/educsurv/edsurv-menu.cfm>.

The West Virginia Legislature staff who contributed to the survey included the following persons: (1) Aaron Allred, Legislative Manager; (2) Hank Hager, Senate Education Committee; (3) David Martin, Public Information; and (4) Marlene Elliot, Legislative Services.

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE QUESTIONS

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

1.1 Average starting salary for teachers - The average starting teacher salaries ranged from \$22,674 to \$31,679. Respondents had little difficulty with this question.

1.2 Average salary for teachers - The average teacher salary ranged from \$31,516 to \$45,963. Respondents had little difficulty with this question.

1.3 Average salary for principals - The average salary for principals ranged from \$50,683 to \$81,363. Respondents had little difficulty with this question.

1.4 Average salary for service personnel - The average salary for service personnel ranged from \$13,624 to \$44,698. Few of the respondents answered this question. The low response rate and the high variation in average salary may be due to the differences in the definitions of "service personnel" among the states. At least one state refers to those who serve in a nonprofessional capacity as classified staff. A definition of "service personnel" may help increase the response rate for this question and make the responses more comparable. In West Virginia, "service personnel" is defined as "those who serve the school or schools as a whole, in a nonprofessional capacity, including such areas as secretarial, custodial, maintenance, transportation, school lunch and as aides". However, another reason for the apparent difficulty in answering this question could be that states do not collect this data. States that responded "not available" to this question tended to respond in the same way for the specific service personnel position salaries in questions 1.5 through 1.8.

1.5 Average salary for bus drivers - The average salary for bus drivers ranged from \$8,309 to \$21,616. About half of the respondents provided an answer for this question.

1.6 Average salary for cooks - The average salary for cooks ranged from \$8,132 to \$17,470. Few of the respondents answered this question.

1.7 Average salary for custodians - The average salary for custodians ranged from \$12,269 to \$26,992. Few of the respondents answered this question.

1.8 Average salary for secretaries - The average salary for secretaries ranged from \$16,324 to \$29,617. Few of the respondents answered this question.

1.9 Sick leave benefits - All respondents require sick leave benefits except for one. The minimum required ranged from five days per year to 15 days per year. All respondents answered this question.

1.10 Sabbatical leave benefits - Only one respondent requires sabbatical leave benefits. Texas allows "Developmental Leave" after five years of service. All respondents answered this question.

1.11 Retirement - All respondents answered the question about the minimum retirement age an employ can receive full benefits. In most states, either the minimum retirement age depends on years of service or what retirement plan the teacher is under or retirement is allowed at any age after a certain number of years of service. Therefore, for most states, a retirement age for each retirement system is given or a number of years of service is given. Because the answer to this question can be more than one answer for a lot of states, it is helpful to look at the comments for each state to fully understand when teachers can retire with full benefits. It might be easier to compare the required retirement ages if the survey specified one retirement system since some states have two. For example, one question could ask for the required retirement age in the system in effect for new employees. A second question could ask for the required retirement age if the state has a second retirement system for employees that started before a particular date. The average teacher retirement age ranged from 52 years to 65 years. Only four of the respondents could give an average teacher retirement age.

1.12 Social security benefits used to calculate retirement? - Only two respondents indicated that social security benefits were used to

calculate retirement. All respondents answered this question.

1.13 Annual turnover rate for teachers - The turnover rates ranged from 2.65% to 13.59%. Fewer than half of the respondents answered this question.

1.14 Expenditures for medical benefits - Expenditures for medical benefits ranged from \$170 million to \$266 million. Fewer than half of the respondents answered this question.

1.15 Recertification - All respondents indicated that recertification is required. All respondents except for one indicated that certification is required in the teacher subject area. The percentage of teachers teaching out of field ranged from zero to 17.94%. More than half of the respondents indicated the percentage of teachers teaching out-of-field.

1.16 Instructional time - All respondents indicated that a minimum number of instructional days is required by the state. This ranged from 174 days to 180 days. All respondents indicated that minimum number of instructional hours per day is required by the state. One exception is Maryland where a minimum number of hours per year is required by the state. The minimum hours per day required ranged from 4.5 hours per day up to 7 hours per day. In several states, the hourly requirement differs by grade level.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

2.1 Total expenditures for K-12 education - All respondents provided an answer to this question. The total expenditures ranged from \$2.1 billion to \$31.3 billion.

2.2 Percentage of general revenue appropriated for K-12 education - Most respondents answered this question. The percentage ranged from a low of 31% to a high of 72%.

2.3 Total expenditures for special education, LEPS, vocational education and gifted programs - Most respondents provided answers to

these categories. Some respondents indicated only a combined total instead of breaking out the amounts. These combined totals are set forth in the comments section.

2.4 Total expenditures for instruction/administration and construction/maintenance - The expenditure for instruction/administration ranged from \$1.3 billion to \$21 billion. Most respondents provided answers to this question. The expenditure for construction/maintenance ranged from \$256 million to \$9 billion. Most respondents provided answers to this question.

2.5 Expenditures for textbooks - All but one respondent provided an answer ranging from a low of \$22 million to a high of \$185 million.

2.6 Expenditures for computer hardware - About half of the respondents provided an answer which ranged from a low of \$45 million to a high of \$108 million.

2.7 Expenditures for computer software - More than half of the respondents provided an answer which ranged from a low of \$2.3 million to a high of \$23.6 million.

2.8 Expenditures for computer related staff development - Fewer than half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. The answers ranged from \$550,000 to \$7.4 million.

2.9 Expenditures for any other computer related purpose - Fewer than half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. The answers ranged from \$7 million to \$239 million.

2.10 School lunch programs - Most respondents provided the total appropriations for school lunch programs. The amount ranged between \$82 million and \$724 million. Most respondents also provided the total number of participants in school lunch programs. The number ranged from 191,986 to 3.2 million.

2.11 Average expenditure per student - Except for one, all the respondents provided a response. The average expenditure per student

ranged from \$5,303 to \$8,421.

2.12 Schooling for children under the age of five - More than half of the respondents indicated the amount of their expenditure for schooling for children under the age of five. The amount ranged from \$19 million to \$367 million. More than half of the respondents indicated the number of students served. The number ranged from 6,150 to 140,639.

2.13 Funding instruments and the percent dedicated to K-12 education - About half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. One state replied "This term has no meaning in our vernacular for discussing school finance." It may be helpful to respondents to amend the question by giving examples or clarifying.

EDUCATION STATISTICS

3.1 Total enrollment for K-12/Total state population of persons five to 18 years of age - Almost every respondent provided the total enrollment for K-12, but few provided the total state population of persons five to 18 years of age. The total K-12 enrollment ranged from 285,785 students to 3,991,783 students.

3.2 Average number of students enrolled in elementary schools - Few states provided the average number of students enrolled in elementary schools, probably because of confusion caused by how the question is worded. Answering the survey via computer should clear this up. Most states do provide the number of elementary schools with the given number of students enrolled.

3.3 Average number of students enrolled in middle and junior high schools - Few states provided the average number of students enrolled in middle or junior high schools, probably because of confusion caused by how the question is worded. Answering the survey via computer should clear this up. Most states do provide the number of middle or junior high schools with the given number of students enrolled.

3.4 Average number of students enrolled in high schools - Few states provided the average number of students enrolled in high schools,

probably because of confusion caused by how the question is worded. Answering the survey via computer should clear this up. Most states do provide the number of middle or junior high schools with the given number of students enrolled.

3.5 Average number of students enrolled in each school district - Most states provided an answer to this question. The number ranged from an average of 1,145 students per district to 34,116 students per district.

3.6 Ratio of students to each computer - More than half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. The range of the ratio of students to computers is from 4.2:1 to 11:1.

3.7 Ratio of students to each cook - Fewer than half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. The range of the ratio of students to cooks is from 111:1 to 153:1.

3.8 Ratio of students to each bus driver - About half of the respondents provided an answer to this question. The range of the ratio of students to bus drivers 38:1 to 256.8:1.

3.9 State mandated employment terms of teachers - Most states provided an answer. The range is from not mandating any employment term for teachers to mandating 200 days of employment.

3.10 State mandated employment terms of principals - Most states provided an answer. The range is from not mandating any employment term for principals to mandating 200 days of employment.

3.11 State mandated employment terms of service personnel - Most states provided an answer. The range is from not mandating any employment term for service personnel to mandating 200 days of employment. As in question 1.4, a definition of service personnel may be helpful for this question.

3.12 State mandated employment terms of central office employees - Most states provided an answer. The range is from not mandating

any employment term for service personnel to mandating 200 days of employment.

3.13 Average students per teacher ratio and average classroom size - Respondents seemed to have trouble indicating student per teacher ratios and average classroom size for the specific grade levels the information was requested for. Little of the information in the form requested was provided.

3.14 Ratio of instructional staff to administrative staff - About half the respondents provided an answer. The range of ratios of instructional staff to administrative staff was 12.3:1 to 15.6:1.

3.15 Student population - States were generally able to provide total enrollment for special education, LEP, gifted programs and vocational education. Special education enrollment ranged from 54,700 to 466,976. LEP enrollment ranged from 110 to 210,662. Gifted enrollment ranged from 5,652 to 336,562. Vocational education enrollment ranged from 44,193 to 741,949.

3.16 Number of charter schools and enrollment for each. Almost all respondents answered this question. The number of charter schools ranged from zero to 143.

3.17 State graduation rate - About half of the respondents provided an answer. The graduation rates ranged from 70.7% to 79.86%.

3.18 Student retention rates - Fewer than half of the respondents provided an answer. Some of the answers are so different that they do not seem to be comparable with the other answers.

Survey Indexed to Tables

Southern Legislative Conference Survey SALARIES AND BENEFITS

- 1.1 Average starting salary for teachers. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.2 Average salary for teachers. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.3 Average salary for principals. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.4 Average salary for service personnel. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.5 Average salary for bus drivers. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.6 Average salary for custodians. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.7 Average salary for cooks. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.8 Average salary for secretaries. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.9 Does the state set minimum sick leave benefits for teachers? If yes, please describe the minimum sick leave benefits for teachers set forth by the State.
- 1.10 Does the state set minimum sabbatical leave benefits for teachers? If yes, please describe the minimum sabbatical leave benefits for teachers set forth by the State.
- 1.11 Retirement.
 - (a) Age at which teachers may retire with full benefits.
 - (b) Average teacher retirement age.
- 1.12 Are social security benefits used in calculating retirement benefits for school employees?
- 1.13 Annual turnover rate for teachers.
- 1.14 Expenditures for medical benefits. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- 1.15 Teacher requirements for certification and pay increases.
 - (a) Recertification.
 - (b) Is certification required in the teacher subject area?
 - (c) Percentage of teachers that are teaching out-of-field.

1.16 Instructional time.

- (a) Number of annual instructional days required by the state.
- (b) Number of instructional hours per day required by the state.

Southern Legislative Conference Survey
 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

2.1 Total expenditures for K-12 education. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.2 Percentage of general revenue appropriated for K-12 education.

2.3 Total expenditures for special education, LEPS (limited English proficiency students), vocational education and gifted programs. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.4 Total expenditures for instruction/administration and construction/maintenance. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.5 Annual expenditures for textbooks. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.6 Annual expenditures for computer hardware. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.7 Annual expenditures for computer software. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.8 Annual expenditures for computer related staff development. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.9 Annual expenditures for any other computer related purposes. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.10 School lunch programs.

- (a) Total appropriations for school lunch programs including state and federal funds.
- (b) Number of participants.

2.11 Average expenditure per student. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.

2.12 Schooling for children under the age of five.

- (a) Expenditures for schooling of children under the age of 5. Please include the amounts from all sources including federal, state and local funds.
- (b) Number of students served.

2.13 List all funding instruments for K-12 education and the percent of these funds dedicated to K-12 education.

Southern Legislative Conference Survey
EDUCATION STATISTICS

3.1 Total enrollment for K-12/Total state population of persons five to 18 years of age.

3.2 Average number of students enrolled in elementary schools.

- (a) Number of schools with 0-99 students enrolled.
- (b) Number of schools with 100-249 students enrolled.
- (c) Number of schools with 250-499 students enrolled.
- (d) Number of schools with 500-999 students enrolled.
- (e) Number of schools with 1000-1499 students enrolled.
- (f) Number of schools with 1500 or more students enrolled.

3.3 Average number of students enrolled in middle schools and junior high schools.

- (a) Number of schools with 0-99 students enrolled.
- (b) Number of schools with 100-249 students enrolled.
- (c) Number of schools with 250-499 students enrolled.
- (d) Number of schools with 500-999 students enrolled.
- (e) Number of schools with 1000-1499 students enrolled.
- (f) Number of schools with 1500 or more students enrolled.

3.4 Average number of students enrolled in high schools.

- (a) Number of schools with 0-99 students enrolled.
- (b) Number of schools with 100-249 students enrolled.
- (c) Number of schools with 250-499 students enrolled.
- (d) Number of schools with 500-999 students enrolled.
- (e) Number of schools with 1000-1499 students enrolled.
- (f) Number of schools with 1500 or more students enrolled.

3.5 Average number of students enrolled in each school district.

3.6 Ratio of students to each computer.

3.7 Ratio of students to each cook.

3.8 Ratio of students to each bus driver.

3.9 Length of state mandated yearly employment terms of teachers, if any.

3.10 Length of state mandated yearly employment terms of principals, if any.

3.11 Length of state mandated yearly employment terms of service personnel, if any.

3.12 Length of state mandated yearly employment terms of central office employees, if any.

3.13 State average students per teacher ratio and average classroom size for each of the following:

- (a) Grades K-3;
- (b) Grades 4-6;
- (c) Grades 7-8;
- (d) Grades 9-12.

3.14 State ratio of instructional staff to administrative staff.

3.15 Total state K-12 student population:

- (a) Enrolled in special education;
- (b) Determined to have LEP (Limited English Proficiency);
- (c) Enrolled in a gifted program;
- (d) Enrolled in vocational education.

3.16 Number of charter schools and the enrollment for each.

3.17 State graduation rate as calculated, after immigration and migration, according to the number of ninth graders who remain in school and graduate.

3.18 State student retention rates for each of the following:

- (a) Grades K-3;
- (b) Grades 4-6;
- (c) Grades 7-8;
- (d) Grades 9-12.

Salaries

See Comments

State	Starting Salary 1.1	Teachers 1.2	Principals 1.3	Service Personnel 1.4
Alabama	\$28,678	\$37,056	\$62,791	Not available
Arkansas	22,674	33,888	Not Available	Not Available
Florida				
Georgia	\$31,679	\$42,169	\$75,418	See comments
Kentucky	\$24,753	\$36,255	\$61,117 - \$66,194	\$13,624
Louisiana				
Maryland	\$30,334	\$45,963	\$81,363	\$21,650
Mississippi	\$23,040	\$31,897	\$54,596	\$20,827
Missouri	\$25,977	\$35,709	\$60,030	Not available
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	\$25,586	\$31,516	\$50,683	Not available
South Carolina				
Tennessee	\$27,228	\$36,327	\$59,064	Not available
Texas	\$28,588	\$37,567	\$56,226	\$44,698 - See comments
Virginia				
West Virginia	\$24,889	\$35,888	\$53,800	\$21,095

Support Staff Salaries

See Comments

State	Bus Drivers 1.5	Custodians 1.6	Cooks 1.7	Secretaries 1.8
Alabama	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Arkansas	Not Available	Not Avaailable	Not Available	Not Available
Florida				
Georgia	\$11,283	\$17,949	\$10,875	\$21,798
Kentucky	\$10,560	\$26,992	\$9,328	\$16,458
Louisiana				
Maryland	\$21,616	Not available	Not available	\$29,617
Mississippi	\$8,309	\$12,269	\$8,132	\$16,324
Missouri	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
South Carolina				
Tennessee	\$7,900 - See comments	Not available	See comments	Not available
Texas	\$12,000 - \$15,000	Not available	Not available	Not available
Virginia				
West Virginia	\$19,071	\$21,085	\$17,470	\$24,350

Employment Benefits

See Comments

See Comments								
State	Sick Benefits? 1.9	Minimum Sick Benefits 1.9a	Sabbatical Benefits? 1.10	Minimum Sabbatical Benefits 1.10a	Retirement Age Full Benefits 1.11a	Average Teacher Retirement Age 1.11b	Social Security Considered 1.12	
Alabama	yes	1 day/month	no		No minimum	Not known	no	
Arkansas			no		60	Not Available	no	
Florida								
Georgia	yes	1.25 days/month	no		30 years of service	58	no	
Kentucky	yes	10 days/year	no		55 with 27 yrs. of service	52 years	no	
Louisiana								
Maryland	yes	1 day/month	no		See comments	Not available	no	
Mississippi	yes	7 days/year	no		After 25 years of service	Not available	yes	
Missouri	no		no		60/55 - See Comments	Not available	no	
North Carolina	yes	1 day/month	no		See comments	Not available	yes	
Oklahoma	yes	1 day/month	no		62 - See comments	61 to 65	no	
South Carolina								
Tennessee	yes	1 day/month	no		After 30 years of service	60.5	no	
Texas	yes	5 days/year	yes		See comments	65 - See comments	Not available	no
Virginia								
West Virginia	Yes	15 days/year	no		See comments	58 years of age	no	

Employment Statistics

See Comments

State	Teacher Turnover 1.13	Medical Expenses 1.14	Teacher Recertification 1.15a	Subject Certification 1.15b	% Out of Field 1.15c	Instructional Days 1.16a	Instructional Hours 1.16b
Alabama	Not available	Not available	yes	no	9%	175 days	6 hours
Arkansas	Not Available	Not Available	yes	yes		178	6
Florida							
Georgia	Not available	Not available	yes	yes	3.68%	180 days	4.5 - 5.5 hours - See comments
Kentucky	Not available	\$213,702,007	yes	yes	.01%	175 days	6 hours/day
Louisiana							
Maryland	9.9%	Not available	yes	yes	Not available	180 days	See comments
Mississippi	Not available	\$98,129,154	yes	yes	See comments	180 days	5.5 hours
Missouri	Not available	\$266,522,867		yes	5.6%	174 days	6 per day
North Carolina	13.59%	Not available	yes	yes	Not available	180 days	1000 hours/year
Oklahoma	2.65%	Not available	yes	yes	0	175 days	6 hours
South Carolina							
Tennessee	7%	\$246,427,206	yes	yes	Not available	180 days	6.5 hours
Texas	15%	Not available	yes	yes	17.94%	180 days	7 hours - See comments
Virginia							
West Virginia	Not available	\$170,628,019	yes	yes	4.1%	180 days	5.25 to 5.75 hours - See comments

Salaries

State	Comments
Alabama	None
Arkansas	
Florida	
Georgia	1.4 The average salary of a non-teacher in a certified position is \$58,385. The average salary of a non-teacher in a classified position is \$16,979. 1.16 In grades K-3, a daily average of 4.5 hours is required. In grades 4-5, a daily average of 5 hours is required. In grades 6-12, a daily average of 5.5 hours is required.
Kentucky	1.3 \$61,117 for Elementary, and \$66,194 for Secondary.
Louisiana	
Maryland	1.11 (a) Under Teachers Retirement, the minimum is age 60 or 30 years of service. Under Teachers Pension, the minimum is age 62 or 30 years of service. 1.16 1,170 hours per year for high school, and 1,080 hours per year for middle/elementary.
Mississippi	1.12 There is a Social Security Leveling provision in the Retirement Options for retirees under the age of 62. This leveling provision increases the amount of monthly payment from the (PERS) Retirement System until age 62 by an amount equal to a percentage of Social Security benefits the member will expect to receive at age 62. At age 62, the benefits from PERS will decrease but the combined income from PERS and Social Security should remain essentially the same as that being paid from PERS prior to age 62. 1.15 The teaching staff in each school must be comprised of no more than three periods per day and who have been approved by the Office of Educator Licensure.
Missouri	1.11(a) 60 with 5 years of service and 55 with 25 years of service. 1.15(a) Varies.
North Carolina	1.11 Teachers may retire at any age with 30 years of state service, and after age 60 with 25 or more years of service. 1.12 Social security benefits are used under one option that a retiree may choose.
Oklahoma	1.11 (a) Age 62 with 10 years of vested service or for those joining on or before July 1, 1992, when age plus years of service equals 80, or for those joining after July 1, 1992, when age plus years of service equals 90.

	1.14 Cannot break out health insurance from the code for "group insurance" which includes dental, health, life and disability insurance.
South Carolina	
Tennessee	<p>1.5 Tennessee has a total of 138 school systems. 18 systems did not submit salary information and 19 are private or combination owned and the salary information is not applicable.</p> <p>1.7 This data is not collected each year. The most recent data available is from 1997-98. Cafeteria workers earn \$6.69 per hour, and cafeteria managers earn \$9.36 per hour.</p> <p>1.9 Teachers sick leave also includes any personal or professional leave transferred to sick leave.</p> <p>1.15(b) Certification is required in the teacher subject area unless a waiver or permit is obtained.</p>
Texas	<p>1.4 For professional support.</p> <p>1.10 After 5 years of service, a teacher is eligible for "Developmental Leave" of one year with 1/2 year at full pay for study, research and/or travel.</p> <p>1.11 The teacher must be at least 65 years old and have 5 years of service, or "Rule of 80"-years/months of service plus the teacher's age in years and months must add up to 80.</p> <p>1.16 (b) Includes intermissions and recesses.</p>
Virginia	
West Virginia	<p>1.11 (a) Under the teachers defined benefit retirement plan, a teacher can retire with full benefits at age 60 with five years of service, at age 55 with 30 years of service or at any age with 35 years of service. Under the teachers defined contribution retirement plan, a teacher can retire with full benefits at age 55 with 12 years of service.</p> <p>1.16 (b) The minimum instructional day required is 315 minutes for k-4, 330 minutes for 5-8 and 345 minutes for 9-12.</p>

K-12 Expenditures

See Comments

State	K-12 Total Expenditure 2.1	K-12 % General Revenue Appropriated 2.2	Special Education 2.3	LEPS 2.3a	VOC ED 2.3b	Gifted 2.3c	Instruction / Administration 2.4a	Construction / Maintenance 2.4b
Alabama	\$5,118,023,926	Not applicable	\$383,214,075	Not identifiable	\$202,704,884	\$19,596,212	\$3,405,465,298	\$853,116,950
Arkansas	2,628,202,266	50	176,307,616	105,599,937	24,353,203	3,861,216	1,973,823,614	335,746,569
Florida								
Georgia	\$11,217,224,290	41.42%	\$747,392,107	\$25,101,234	\$214,241,331	\$115,777,829	\$6,736,215,287	\$2,000,159,504
Kentucky	\$4,323,500,00	43.18%	\$295,200	Not available	Not available	\$6,855,500	\$2,728,520,534	\$540,052,323
Louisiana								
Maryland	\$5,980,125,357	31.45%	\$720,598,613	\$19,802,076	\$125,677,924	\$3,8770,698	\$3,131,654,687	\$651,899,109
Mississippi	\$2,619,364,418	37.8%	\$173,675,625	Not available	\$100,784,276	\$29,923,290	\$2,045,463,499	\$710,134,978
Missouri	\$6,931,571,884	34%	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	\$4,748,226,355	\$1,142,030,635
North Carolina	\$7,861,459,822	Not available	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	\$3,714,578,839	72.8%	\$252,785,435	\$16,209,219	\$69,576,576	\$60,828,420	\$2,107,879,741	\$570,702,633
South Carolina								
Tennessee	\$5,609,999,356	36%	See comments	Not available	\$167,323,906	See comments	See comments	\$628,945,601
Texas	\$31,369,000,000	41%	\$1,624,099,643	\$517,973,651	\$537,799,816	\$244,699,103	\$21,100,000,000	\$9,000,000,000
Virginia	\$9,469,838,671	32.6%	\$923,794,621	Not available	\$327,206,002	\$124,361,507	\$6,564,608,586	\$2,039,617,900
West Virginia	\$2,156,064,159	52.68%	\$246,311,298	Not available	\$81,319,025	See comments	\$1,374,630,937	\$256,115,446

Educational Materials

See Comments

State	Textbooks 2.5	Computer Hardware 2.6	Software 2.7	Computer Staff Development 2.8	Other Computer Related Expenses 2.9
Alabama	\$44,140,847	\$45,404,379	\$8,573,618	\$1,600,000	\$13,086,023
Arkansas	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Florida					
Georgia	\$107,747,228	\$88,912,823	\$23,684,118	\$7,432,732	\$74,996,616
Kentucky	\$23,643,000	\$45,500,000	\$7,000,000	\$550,000	\$7,000,000
Louisiana					
Maryland	\$43,410,143	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Mississippi	\$22,213,538	Not available	\$5,169,407	Not available	Not available
Missouri	\$86,328,646	\$52,608,300	\$7,864,958	\$4,289,194	Not available
North Carolina	\$45,215,060	\$57,623,103	\$18,643,160	\$2,601,171	Not available
Oklahoma	\$35,201,583	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments
South Carolina					
Tennessee	\$50,008,674	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Texas	\$168,739,473	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments
Virginia	\$185,440,768	\$108,943,557	\$19,474,473	Cannot determine	\$239,278,592
West Virginia	\$27,612,849	\$12,021,343	\$2,383,353	Not specifically identified	Not specifically identified

Lunch Program

See Comments

State	Total Appropriations 2.10a	Number of Participants 2.10b
Alabama	\$132,410,067	714,353
Arkansas		205,062
Florida		
Georgia	\$490,055,234	1,021,510
Kentucky	\$126,559,256	641,845
Louisiana		
Maryland	\$105,378,766	Not available
Mississippi	\$162,000,000	114,330,126
Missouri	\$246,019,487	See comments
North Carolina	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	\$166,960,000	Not available
South Carolina		
Tennessee	\$147,554,100	581,081
Texas	\$724,296,285	ADP = 3,193,716
Virginia	\$130,801,750	344,853
West Virginia	\$82,223,504	190,986

Student Expenditures

See Comments				
State	Average Expenditure per Student 2.10	Expenditure for Children Under Five 2.11	Number of Children Under Five 2.12	Funding Instruments 2.13
Alabama	\$5,303	\$25,232,623	Not available	State 62%, federal 12%, local 20%, other 7%
Arkansas	5,896	Not Available		
Florida				
Georgia	\$8,150	\$232,000,000	63,500	General state tax revenues (41.42%); state lottery funds (7.3%); local property taxes (data unavailable to compute % dedicated); and federal education funds (data unavailable to compute % dedicated).
Kentucky	\$7,643	\$64,400,000	20,512	General fund
Louisiana				
Maryland	\$7,125	\$19,262,500	11,000	General revenue funds
Mississippi	\$5,588	Not available	40,731	See comments
Missouri	\$6,182	\$73,962,361	24,503	Local sources (43.7%), 1 cent state sales tax (9%), state sources (34.9%), federal source (6.2%) and sale of general obligation bonds and property (6.2%).
North Carolina	Not available	\$21,370,641	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	\$5,962	\$31,224,697	23,438	Not available.
South Carolina				
Tennessee	\$5,794	See comments	See comments	See comments
Texas	\$6,354	\$367,000,000	140,639	This term has no meaning in our vernacular for discussing school finance.
Virginia	8,421	See comments	See comments	General fund (89%), special revenue, commonwealth transportation, trust and agency, dedicated special revenue (1%) and federal trust (9.8%).
West Virginia	\$6,953	Not specifically identified	6,150	General Revenue Fund, federal money and certain lotter money.

Middle School Enrollment

See Comments

State	K-12 Total enrollment /Total state population	Average Middle School Enrollment 3.3	Schools with 0-99 Students 3.3a	Schools with 100-249 Students 3.3b	Schools with 250-499 Students 3.3c	Schools with 500-999 Students 3.3d	Schools with 1000-1499 Students 3.3e	Schools with 1500 or more Students 3.3f
Alabama	728,460/Not available	Not available	2	8	89	Not available	10	0
Arkansas	448,414		1	16	83		2	0
Florida								
Georgia	1,407,634	1107	3	5	50	234	80	16
Kentucky	649,987/765,255	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Louisiana								
Maryland	852,920/Not available	Not available	See comments	See comments	See comments	Not available	See comments	See comments
Mississippi	499,410/Not available	Not available	0	11	75	Not available	41	5
Missouri	893,821/Not available	Not available	7	66	109	Not available	20	1
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	8	21	93	314	362	363
Oklahoma	623,073/Not available	Not available	33	93	86	Not available	5	1
South Carolina								
Tennessee	992,031/Not available	Not available	413	399	194	144	14	0
Texas	3,991,783/3,703,625	Not available	118	202	282	605	193	23
Virginia								
West Virginia	285,785/Not available	449	2	21	58	449	1	0

High School Enrollment

See Comments

State	K-12 Total enrollment /Total state population	Average High School Enrollment 3.4	Schools with 0-99 Students 3.4a	Schools with 100-249 Students 3.4b	Schools with 250-499 Students 3.4c	Schools with 500-999 Students 3.4d	Schools with 1000-1499 Students 3.4e	Schools with 1500 or more Students 3.4f
Alabama	728,460/Not available	Not available	2	20	120	161	62	12
Arkansas	448,414		21	102	134	50	18	5
Florida								
Georgia	1,407,634	1113	13	9	34	105	105	85
Kentucky	649,987/765,255	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Louisiana								
Maryland	852,920/Not available	Not available	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments
Mississippi	499,410/Not available	Not available	2	10	66	125	41	5
Missouri	893,821/Not available	Not available	41	164	138	82	56	38
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	15	21	41	170	263	322
Oklahoma	623,073/Not available	Not available	122	164	88	52	27	18
South Carolina								
Tennessee	992,031/Not available	Not available	41	41	73	96	57	35
Texas	3,991,783/3,703,625	Not available	483	316	240	197	113	286
Virginia								
West Virginia	285,785/Not available	645	7	9	39	53	16	5

Student Statistics

See Comments

State	Average District Enrollment 3.5	Ratio of Students to Computers 3.6	Ratio of Students to Cooks 3.7	Ratio of Students to Bus Drivers 3.8
Alabama	5,691	11:1	Not available	Not available
Arkansas	1,447			
Florida				
Georgia	7,820	5.2:1	118:1	113:1
Kentucky	3,693	5.8:1	Not available	38:1
Louisiana				
Maryland	34,116	Not available	Not available	132.67:1
Mississippi	3,268	Not available	111:1	65:1
Missouri	1,706	4.2:1	Not available	Not available
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	1,145	6.15:1	132.4:1	256.8:1
South Carolina				
Tennessee	Not applicable	Not available	Not available	74:1
Texas	Not available	4.3:1 - See comments	Not available	Not available
Virginia				
West Virginia	5,196	5:1	153:1	102:1

State Mandated Employment Terms

See Comments

State	Teacher Employment Terms 3.9	Principal Employment Terms 3.10	Service Personnel Employment Terms 3.11	Central Office Employment Terms 3.12
Alabama	182 days	None	None	None
Arkansas	185		None	None
Florida				
Georgia	190 days	190 days	190 days	190 days
Kentucky	185 days	Not available	Not available	See comments
Louisiana				
Maryland	Yearly contract	See comments	Not known	Not known
Mississippi	187 days	Not mandated	Not mandated	Not mandated
Missouri	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
North Carolina	10 months	12 months	10 months	Not available
Oklahoma	None	None	None	None
South Carolina				
Tennessee	200 days	200 days	Year to year basis	Year to year basis
Texas	No state mandate	No state mandate	No state mandate	No state mandate
Virginia				
West Virginia	10 months	10 months	10 months	10 months

Student/Teacher Ratios

See Comments

State	Student/Teacher K-3 3.13a	Average Classroom Size K-3 3.13a	Student/Teacher 7-8 3.13b	Average Classroom Size 4-6 3.13b	Student/Teacher 7-8 3.13c	Average Classroom Size 7-8 3.13c	Student/Teacher 9-12 3.13d	Average Classroom Size 9-12 3.13d	Instructors/Administrators 3.14
Alabama	12.78:1	Not available	12.92:1	Not available	12.2:1	Not available	13.88:1	Not available	Not available
Arkansas									
Florida									
Georgia	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	13:1
Kentucky	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	Not available
Louisiana									
Maryland	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Mississippi	27:1	Not available	30:1 - 33:1	Not available	33:1	Not available	33:1	Not available	13.5:1
Missouri	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	15.6:1
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	15.18:1
South Carolina									
Tennessee	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	Not available
Texas	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	Not available
Virginia									
West Virginia	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments	12.3:1

Enrollment Details

See Comments

State	Average District Enrollment	Total Enrollment K-12/total population 3.15	Special Education Enrollment 3.15a	LEP Enrollment 3.15b	Gifted Enrollment 3.15c	Vocational Education Enrollment 3.15d
Alabama	5,691	728,460/Not available	99,829	Not available	21,618	162,655
Arkansas	1,447	448,414	56,161	11,040	41,025	
Florida						
Georgia	7,820	1,407,634	157,900	51,554	104,817	62,728
Kentucky	3,693	649,987/765,255	94,571	4,529	69,902	269,203
Louisiana						
Maryland	34,116	852,920/Not available	111,712	17,500	Not available	Not available
Mississippi	3,268	499,410/Not available	72,281	110	28,703	170,642
Missouri	1,706	893,821/Not available	127,225	10,238	27,738	145,869
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	1,145	623,073/Not available	85,577	38,079	98,461	135,575
South Carolina						
Tennessee	Not applicable	992,031/Not available	170,701	See comments	Not available	44,193
Texas	Not available	3,991,783/3,703,625	466,976	210,662	336,562	741,949
Virginia						
West Virginia	5,196	285,785/Not available	54,700	1,039	5,652	108,911

Retention Rates

See Comments

State	Charter Schools 3.16	Graduation Rate 3.17	Retention Rates K-3 3.18a	Retention Rates 4-6 3.18b	Retention Rates 7-8 3.18c	Retention Rates 9-12 3.18d
Alabama	None	Not available	10,413	5,351	8,301	15,310
Arkansas	Gateway 24 Grace Hill 509 West Woods 80 Little Rock 120					Not Available
Florida						
Georgia	43/23,785	70.7%	3.6%	1.8%	3.1%	9.2%
Kentucky	None	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Louisiana						
Maryland	None	74%	Not available	Not available	Not available	See comments
Mississippi	1/347	75.4%	7.69%	6.11%	11.81%	10.14%
Missouri	15/4,315	79.86%	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
North Carolina	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Oklahoma	Six Charter Schools: ASTEC Charter Middle School (108); Deborah Brown Community School (132); Dove Science Academy (250); Independence Charter Middle School (225); SeeWorth Academy (175); and Western Village Academy (320).	74.4%	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
South Carolina						
Tennessee	None	See comments	96.6%	98.2%	94.8%	90.8%
Texas	143/25,708	79.5%	See comments	See comments	See comments	See comments
Virginia						
West Virginia	No charter schools.	Not computed	Not computed	Not computed	Not computed	Not computed

Enrollment

State	Comments
Alabama	3.2 (a) 1 includes middle school grades. (b) 26 include middle school grades. (c) 40 include middle school grades. (d) 20 include middle school grades. 3.4 (a) 1 includes k-12. (b) 5 include k-12 - 8 include middle school. (c) 21 include k-12 - 41 include middle school. (d) 54 include k-12 - 39 include middle school. (e) 13 include k-12 - 5 include middle school. (f) 1 includes k-12 and 5 include middle school.
Arkansas	
Florida	
Georgia	3.13 The only available statistic is the ratio of all k-12 students to all k-12 teachers. The ratio is 16 to 1.
Kentucky	3.12 School district superintendents state mandated employment term is 240 days. 3.13 The cap size for grades K-3 is 24, for grade 4 is 28, for grades 5-6 is 29, for grades 7-8 is 31, for grades 9-12 is 31.
Louisiana	
Maryland	3.2 There 26 elementary schools with less than 200 students, 70 with 200-299, 144 with 399-399, 194 with 400-499, 194 with 500-599, 109 with 600-699, 59 with 700-799 and 33 with 800 or more. 3.3 and 3.4 There are 103 public middle, high, combined and other schools with less than 400 students, 54 with 400-599 students, 92 with 600-799, 89 with 800-999 students, 53 with 1000-1199 students, 39 with 1200-1399, 32 with 1400-1599, 22 with 1600-1799 students, 13 with 1800-1999, and 17 with 2000 or more. 3.10 For elementary and middle schools, the mandated yearly employment term is 1,080 hours in a 10 month period. For high schools, the mandated yearly employment term is 1,170 hours in a 10 month period. 3.18 (d) Drop out rate for 1998-99 is 4.16%
Mississippi	3.2 - 3.4 Because of a variety of grades within schools, it is impossible to categorize all schools as elementary or secondary. Therefore, our schools are categorized as: Elementary (K-8); Secondary (7-12); Combined Elementary & Secondary (K-12). For the purposes of this survey K-6 is considered elementary; if the school includes 5-6 or 7-8 or any combination of that, then the school was considered middle or junior high; high school may encompass K-12 or 9-12.

	3.13(a) K-4. (b) 30 to 1 (5-3) in self contained classes. 33 to 1 (5-8) in departmentalized academics core classes 5-12.
Missouri	
North Carolina	None
Oklahoma	None
South Carolina	
Tennessee	<p>3.13 Effective 2001-02, the following class size ratios are required by law: For grades k-3, the average is 20 and the maximum is 25; for grades 4-6, the average is 25, and the maximum is 30; for grades 7-8, the average is 30, and the maximum is 35; and for grades 9-12, the average is 30, and the maximum is 35.</p> <p>3.15(b) For school year 1999-00, 99 of the 138 school systems in Tennessee reported 10,616 English Language Learner Students.</p> <p>3.17 Tennessee does not currently have a method for determining high school graduation rates; however, based on a study by the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. Department of Education, the number of 18-24 year olds earning a diploma or its equivalent in Tennessee rose from 76.5% in 1989 to 89.5% in 1999. Tennessee's high school completion rate went from last to 19th in the nation.</p>
Texas	<p>3.6 7.3:1 ratio of students to computers connected to the internet.</p> <p>3.13 Average students per teacher: 14.9. The average classroom size for k is 18.8, for 1st is 18.4, for 2nd is 18.8, for 3rd is 19, for 4th is 20, for 5th is 23.1 and for 6th is 23.6. In grades 7-12 the average classroom size is 20.6 for English/Language Arts, 21.5 for Foreign Language, 20.9 for Mathematics, 21.9 for Science and 23.6 for Social Studies.</p> <p>3.18 Non-special education retention rates for K are 2, 5.9 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 2.3 for 3rd, 1.2 for 4th, .7 for 5th, 1.5 for 6th, 2.9 for 7th and 2 for 8th. Special education student retention rates are 8.6 for k, 11.1 for 1st, 4.3 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 1.9 for 4th, 1.9 for 5th, 2.2 for 6th, 3.5 for 7th and 3.8 for 8th. Retention rates are only available for k-8.</p>
Virginia	
West Virginia	3.13 The pupil-teacher ratio for the state for the 1999-2000 year was 13.9 and the average class size was 19.5. These ratios are not computed by grade.