

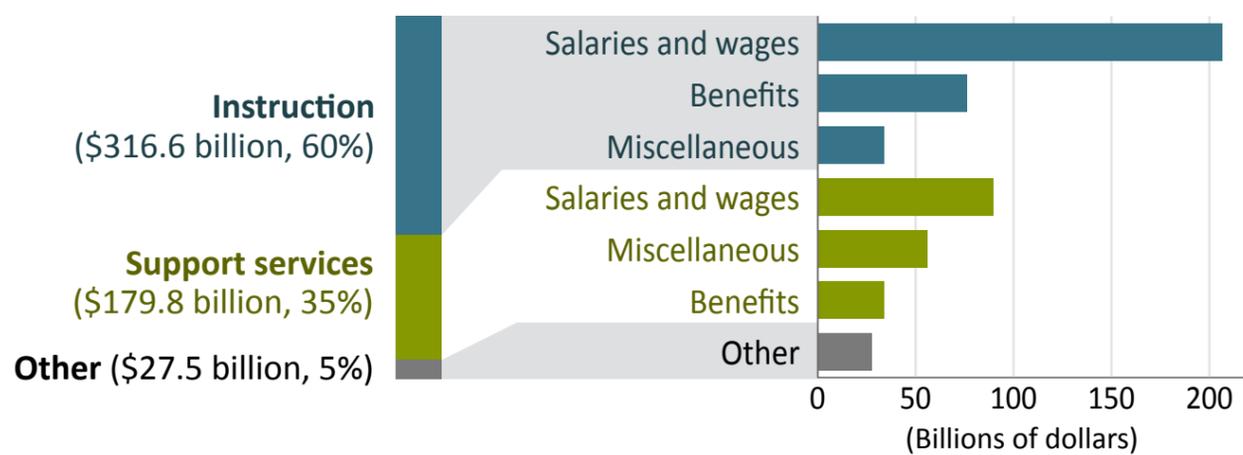
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Spending on Education

Education spending is the single largest financial activity of state and local governments. Education finance statistics provided by the Census Bureau allow analysts to study how public elementary-secondary school systems receive funding and how these school systems spend their funds. The statistics come from the Survey of School System Finances that's part of the Census of Governments.



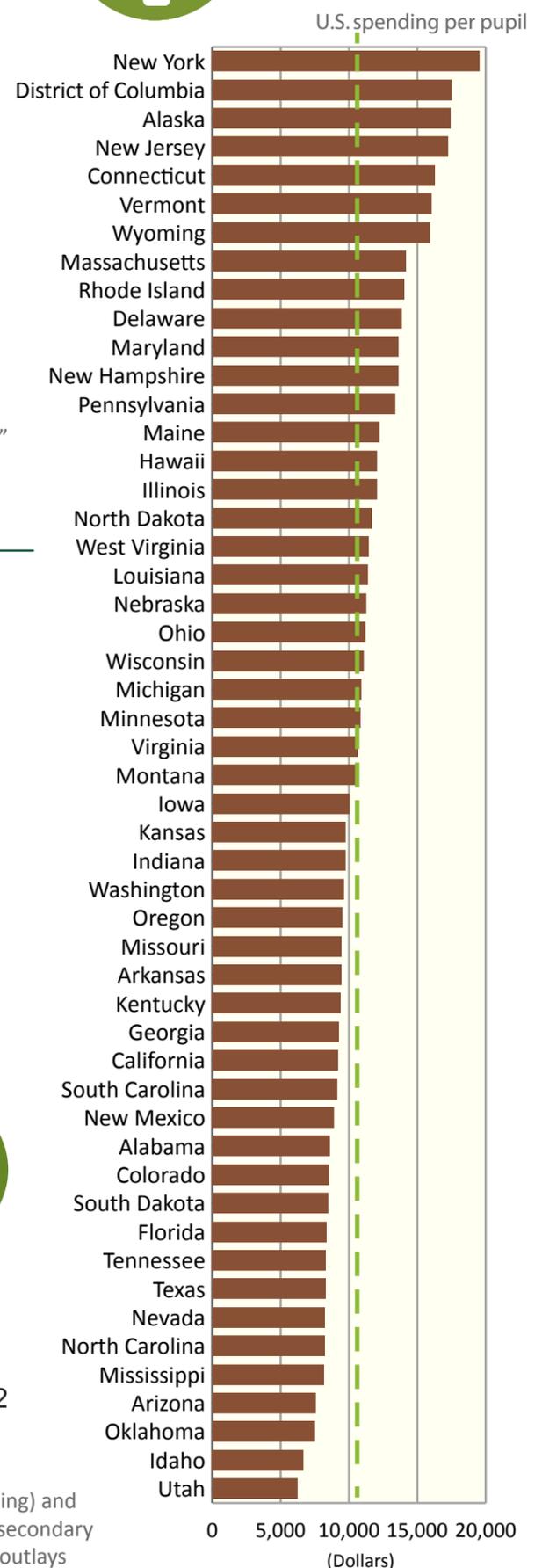
Public PreK–12 School System Spending in 2012 Totaled \$524 Billion



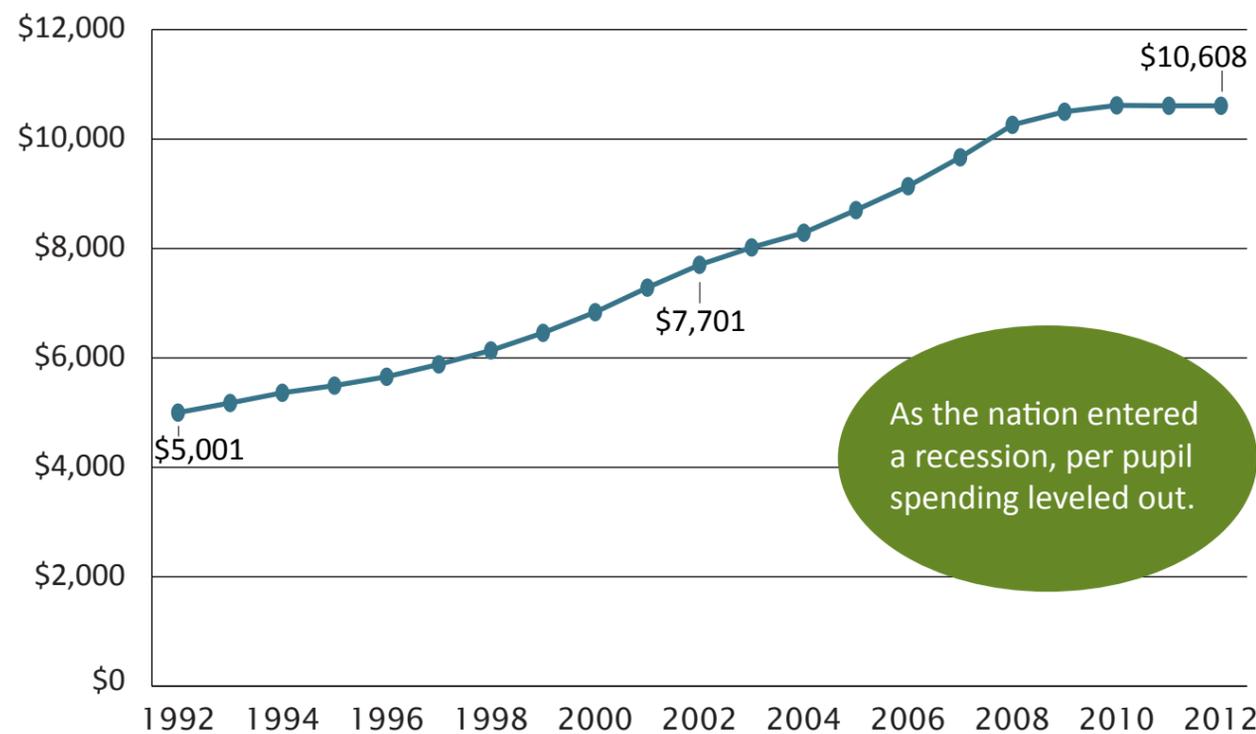
“Instruction” includes any activities that deal with the direct interaction of teachers and students. “Support services” are activities that provide administrative, technical, or logistical support to facilitate instructional activities. “Other” includes food services, enterprise operations, community services, and adult education.



Spending per Pupil by State



Public PreK–12 School System Spending per Pupil: Fiscal Years 1992–2012



Note: These data have not been adjusted for inflation. Spending shown is for current spending only (not total spending) and is comprised of expenditures for the day-to-day operation of schools and school systems for public elementary and secondary education (PreK–12). To improve comparability across states, expenditures associated with debt service and capital outlays (for example, purchase of land, school construction and repair, and equipment) are not included in current spending amounts. Expenditures for community services and adult education are also not included in current spending amounts.