

California is losing ground in per-pupil spending, now ranking 46th in the nation, and trailing the national average by nearly \$2000.

State	Grade	Percent	Per-pupil Spending	Rank
District of Columbia	NA	NA	\$12,429	See Note
New Jersey	A-	91.0	\$12,252	1
New York	B+	88.7	\$12,218	2
Vermont	B+	86.9	\$12,105	3
Wyoming	B	85.9	\$11,126	4
Delaware	B	83.5	\$10,661	5
Connecticut	B+	87.9	\$10,652	6
Rhode Island	B	85.0	\$10,581	7
Maine	B+	86.6	\$10,539	8
Wisconsin	B+	89.5	\$10,199	9
West Virginia	A	92.5	\$10,073	10
Pennsylvania	B-	81.5	\$9,985	11
Massachusetts	B-	81.9	\$9,930	12
Nebraska	B-	80.2	\$9,930	13
Maryland	B	84.9	\$9,829	14
Indiana	B	84.3	\$9,542	15
Ohio	B-	82.0	\$9,441	16
New Hampshire	C+	78.2	\$9,323	17
Michigan	B-	80.9	\$9,197	18
North Dakota	C	75.1	\$9,181	19
Virginia	C+	77.6	\$9,169	20
Iowa	B-	80.1	\$9,026	21
Hawaii*	NA	NA	\$9,022	See Note
U.S. National Average	C+	77.6	\$8,973	
Montana	C-	72.3	\$8,951	22
Minnesota	C+	78.7	\$8,891	23
Kansas	C+	78.9	\$8,862	24
Arkansas	B-	81.1	\$8,790	25
South Dakota	C	74.4	\$8,736	26
Georgia	C+	78.7	\$8,658	27
Illinois	C	73.2	\$8,621	28
Louisiana	C+	77.2	\$8,582	29
Alaska	D+	68.2	\$8,562	30
New Mexico	C	74.0	\$8,431	31
Oregon	C-	72.1	\$8,353	32
South Carolina	C	76.1	\$8,339	33
Missouri	C	72.9	\$8,276	34
Kentucky	C	74.0	\$7,978	35
Colorado	C-	72.0	\$7,939	36
Alabama	C	73.8	\$7,924	37
Texas	C-	69.9	\$7,687	38
Florida	C-	70.6	\$7,539	39
North Carolina	C-	70.3	\$7,525	40
Mississippi	C-	72.3	\$7,513	41
Tennessee	C-	69.7	\$7,506	42
Washington	D+	68.5	\$7,432	43
Oklahoma	D+	69.5	\$7,331	44
Nevada	D+	67.6	\$7,141	45
California	D+	69.2	\$7,081	46
Idaho	D	65.3	\$6,867	47
Arizona	D	64.8	\$6,232	48
Utah	D	64.9	\$5,463	49

Education Week gave California a grade of **D+** for school funding.



California ranks 46th, down from 43rd in just two years, and nearly \$1900 below the national AVERAGE.

Note: Education Week excluded Washington DC and Hawaii from their rankings because they are single-jurisdiction states.

Source: [Education Week Quality Counts 2008](#)