

How does California Education Spending compare?



How Does California's Support for K-12 Education Compare?

	Rank	California	US	Source
Spending Per Student				
K-12 Spending Per Student Adjusted for Cost of Living (2015-16)*	41	\$10,291	\$12,252	National Education Association (NEA) and Texas A&M University
Spending as a Share of the Economy				
K-12 Spending as a Percentage of Personal Income (2015-16)*	37	3.29%	3.78%	NEA and US Bureau of Economic Analysis
Staffing Ratios				
Number of K-12 Students Per Teacher (2015-16)*	51	22.1	15.4	NEA
Number of K-12 Students Per Guidance Counselor (2012-13)	51	790	451	National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
Number of K-12 Students Per Librarian (2012-13)	51	7,834	997	NCES
Number of K-12 Students Per Administrator (2012-13)	48	315	198	NCES

* Data are estimated.

Note: All figures reflect Budget Center calculations. K-12 spending reflects "current expenditures," and cost-of-living adjustment calculations use a "comparable wage index" developed by the NCES and updated by Texas A&M University. Spending per student and staffing ratios are based on average daily attendance.



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