

Making the Grade 2021

Tennessee



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STATE DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment: **750,562**
District Poverty (Census): **19%**
Percent Asian: **2%**
Percent Black: **34%**
Percent Hispanic/Latino: **10%**
Percent Native American: **0%**
Percent white: **50%**

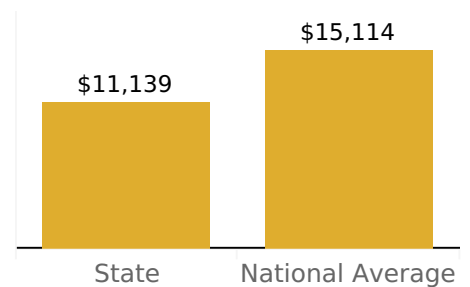
Funding Level

State and local revenue per pupil, adjusted for regional cost differences.

Tennessee ranked 44 out of 51 on funding level with \$11,139 in cost-adjusted per pupil revenue. That is \$3,975 below the national average of \$15,114.



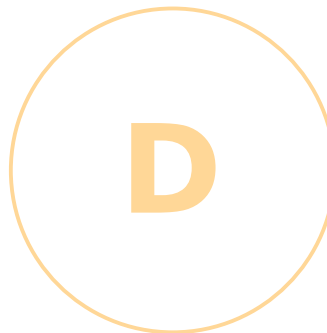
PER PUPIL FUNDING



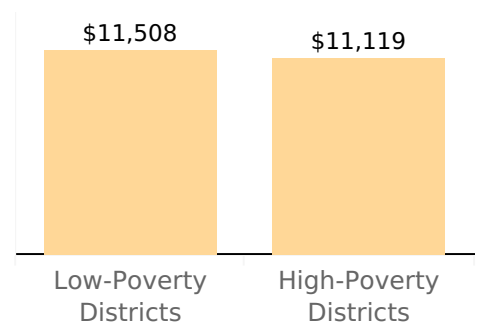
Funding Distribution

The allocation of funds to school districts relative to the concentration of student poverty. States are classified as progressive, regressive, or flat.

Tennessee's funding distribution was flat: on average, high poverty districts receive 3% or \$389 less per pupil than low poverty districts.



PER PUPIL FUNDING BY DISTRICT POVERTY



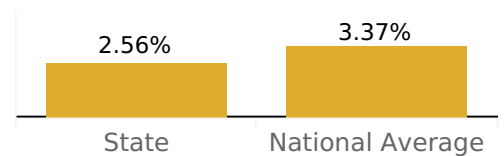
Funding Effort

Funding allocated to support PK-12 education as a percentage of the state's economic activity (GDP).

Tennessee makes a lower than average effort to fund schools. The state's fiscal capacity (GDP per capita) is lower than average.



EFFORT INDEX



PER CAPITA GDP

