

Education State Rankings, 2004-2005

Publisher Morgan Quitno uses data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the U.S. Department of Education and the National Education Association to create education state rankings. Using 21 factors, both positive and negative, they have created the “Smartest State Award.”

- Colorado ranks 48th in public elementary and secondary school revenue per \$1000 in personal income. In 2002, Coloradoans spent \$38.32/\$1000, compared with a national ratio of \$47.17/\$1000.
- Colorado ranked 22nd in per pupil public elementary and secondary school expenditures in 2002. The national average was \$7,701/pupil. Colorado’s average was \$6,884.
- Nationally, teachers earned 123.2% of average annual pay, as measured by all workers covered by federal unemployment during 2002. Colorado ranked 49th nationally, with teachers earning 109.6% of the average annual pay.
- In 2003, the national pupil-teacher ratio in public elementary and secondary schools was 15.9 pupils per teacher. Colorado ranked as a state having the 12th highest ratio, with 16.6 pupils per teacher.
- In 2000, the average class size in public elementary schools was 21.2 students per class. Colorado ranked fifth largest, with an average class size of 23.2 students.
- In 2000, the average class size in public secondary schools was 23.4 students per class. Colorado ranked 12th largest, with an average of 24 students per class.