

## Rankings of the States: Colorado

1. **Students per teacher:** Colorado ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, with 16.6 students per teacher. The US average number of students enrolled per teacher is 15.7; 34 states and the District of Columbia had ratios lower than this average.
  
2. **Classroom Teacher Salaries:** The US average salary for 2002-03 was \$45,891. Colorado ranks 24<sup>th</sup>, with an average teacher salary that is 93% of the national average.
  
3. **Expenditures per student:** Across the country, the average per student expenditure, based on the 2002-03 fall enrollment, was \$7,875. Colorado ranked 26<sup>th</sup>, spending \$7,428 per student. In 2000-01, Colorado ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in current expenditures for public K-12 schools per \$1,000 personal income.
  
4. **General Financial Resources:** In 2001, Colorado ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in per capita income, \$33,455, or 110% of the national average. This reflects a 64.2% increase in per capita personal income between 1991 and 2001.
  
5. **Government Revenues:** In 2000-2001, Colorado ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in state tax revenue per \$1,000 of personal income. In the same time period, the state ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in income tax revenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> in sales tax revenue, both measured per \$1,000 of personal income.
  
6. **School Revenues:** In 2000-01, Colorado ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in public school revenue per \$1000 of personal income.