

Colorado: Did you know?



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Per Pupil Funding

*Where have we
been?*

Where are we now?

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Last time Colorado
in top 25% of
Per Pupil Funding:
1970'S

(source: U.S. Census Bureau)

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Last time Colorado
close to
National Average?
1980'S

(source: U.S. Census Bureau)

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Per Pupil Funding
dropped
dramatically?

1990'S

(source: U.S. Census Bureau)

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2012-13
Colorado Per Pupil
Funding rank in US:

40th

(source: 2015 U.S. Census Bureau)

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**Our 2015-16
Per Pupil Funding
is the same as:
2007-08 (8 yrs ago) &
1988-89 (27 yrs ago)**

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Did you know?
*The 1992 election
changed Colorado
government...*

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*Article 10,
section 20,
was added to our
constitution . . .*

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*our legislature
could no longer
make tax policy.
(unlike all other states)*

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1992-93

**Our legislature
cut K-12 funding.**

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**During the 90's,
as education
reform efforts
were implemented**

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**K-12 funding
was cut.**
(unfunded mandates)

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Did you know?
*In 2000, voters
changed K-12
funding. . .*

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Colorado voters said:

**NO MORE CUTS
to K-12,
and passed
Amendment 23.**

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Voters said:

**Increase
K-12 funding.
*Every year.***

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**2008 – 2009:
Our legislature
passed a
mid-year cut.
(rescission)**

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**2009 – 2010:
Our legislature
created the
Negative Factor . . .**

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cut **\$130 Million.**

*Reduce state
funding for every
student.*

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2010-11

Negative Factor:

\$381 Million

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2011-12
Negative Factor:
\$774 Million

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2012-13
Negative Factor:
\$1.001 Billion

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2013-14
Negative Factor:
\$1.004 Billion

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2014-15
Negative Factor:
\$880 Million

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2015-16
Negative Factor:
\$855 Million

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Negative Factor
status after
7 consecutive years:
Ongoing

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Negative Factor

Districts impacted differently:



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larger class sizes or fewer programs,

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**challenges
retaining and
attracting staff,**

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fewer school days,

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**reduction to
school building
maintenance,**

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**buses with over
300K-400K miles,
(optimal replacement
175K – 200K)**

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**out of date
classroom
materials,**

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**out of date
technology.**

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Did you know?

*Statewide enrollment
continues to grow,
10K plus annually.*

Over 850,000 students

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The Blueberry Story:
*“We can’t send the
blueberries back.”*

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That's why it's
not a business . . .

It's a school."

-Jamie Vollmer, author

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Did you know?
Money Matters

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How districts
would use
additional funds...

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**smaller class sizes,
and / or
more program
offerings,**

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**bring back
language, music,
art, advanced
classes,**

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**address years of
deferred
maintenance,**

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**add back staff or
programs that
have been cut,**

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**upgrade
curriculum
(10+ years old),**

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**address safety and
security needs,**

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**attract and retain
high quality staff,**

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**replace buses with
over 200K miles,**

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**update:
history, math,
language arts &
science materials,**

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**add special
education
teachers,**

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**purchase supplies
for reading
intervention,**

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**add elective
opportunities in
high school,**

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**update / upgrade
technology,**

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**early childhood
education.**

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Now you know.

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Colorado can
have the best
K-12 education,
if adults support
our students.

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*Support children.
Support the future.
Support Colorado.*

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