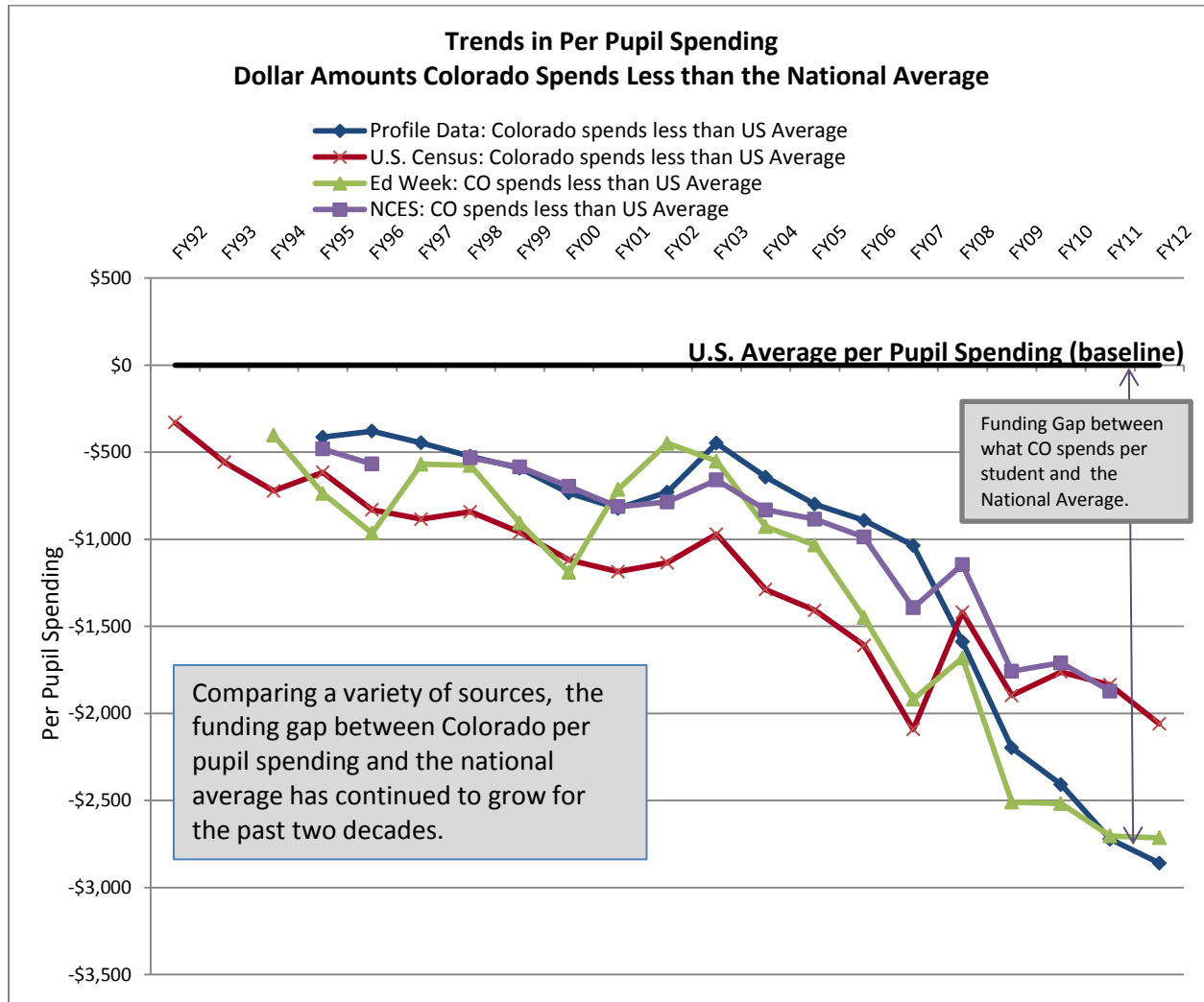


Twenty Years of Per Pupil Spending
Comparing Colorado and U.S. Trends in Per Pupil Spending



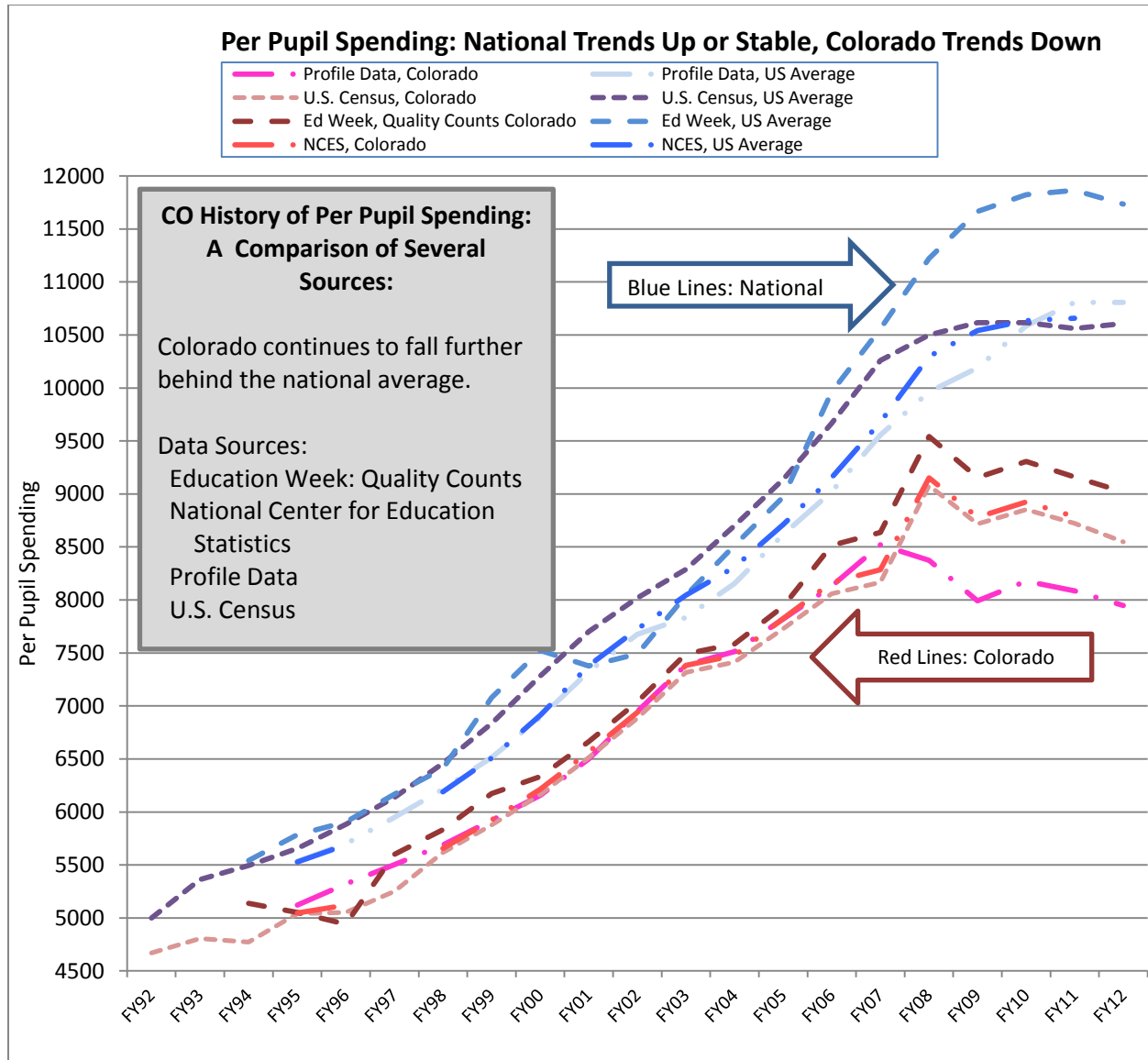
For the past twenty years, **Colorado’s per pupil spending gap** compared to the national average **has grown from less than \$500 per student** in the early to mid-90s **to between \$1,800 and \$2,800 less** per pupil by FY 2011-12.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, NCES, Profile Data (Augenblick, Palaich & Associates), Education Week Quality Counts. Figures are audited numbers, so lag behind current spending numbers.



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In the 20 years between 1992 and 2012, Colorado's student population increased by over 232,362 students to 817,645 students (CSFP State Profile data). As the number of public school students has increased, Colorado's per pupil spending has fallen further and further behind the national average.

Find out more:

- Colorado's PK-12 student population trends: Go to [CSFP Student Trends](#).
 - Includes English Language Learners, Free Lunch and Reduced Lunch, Gifted & Talented, Homeless populations
- Education reforms have increased: CAP4K, Educator Effectiveness, Common Core standards, CMAS/PARCC Testing, graduation requirements. Go to the [CSFP Timeline for School Finance & Education Reform](#).
- Beginning in 2010-11, the CSFP began collecting information from districts on the cuts made to district budgets as a result of mid-year rescissions and the Negative Factor. Go to [District Budget Cuts](#).

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