

2022 State Profile Overview

(2020-21 audited data and reflects first year of COVID-19 Pandemic)

STUDENTS (Table 1)

- Funded pupil count increased over the last five years by 36,000 students, but membership decreased by 18,000 students.
- Both funded pupil count and membership decreased between 2019-20 and 2020-21, about 6,700 and 32,000 respectively.
- Students in special education are 11.7% of the population- below the national average of 12%.
- Nearly 40% of students eligible were eligible for free/reduced price lunch in 2020-21, down from both 2015-16 and 2019-20.
 - Free price lunch students decreased over 3 percentage points from 2015-16 to 2020-21.
 - Reduced price lunch eligibility decreased to 6.7% in 2020-21 from 8.2% in 2019-20.
 - During the COVID-19 pandemic, **FRL forms did not need to be filled out for eligibility.**
- Emergent Bilinguals*
 - In 2013-14, the State increased the number of students eligible - with no increase in total funding.
 - Percent of students being served decreased 1% between 2019-20 and 2020-21 now 12.8% of all students.
- Gifted and Talented students remained constant at 7.4% in 2020-21.

TEACHERS (Table 2)

- Colorado teachers has hovered at 60 teachers for 1,000 students since 2015-2016.
 - Colorado has been consistently below the national average of teachers per 1,000 students. The national average is 66 teachers per 1,000 students.
- Colorado’s average salary increased from 2019-20 to 2020-21 by \$473 to \$58.2K. Adjusting for inflation: Colorado’s 2020-21 salary is \$64 above the average salary in 2015-16.
 - Colorado’s average teacher salary in 2020-21 was more than \$6,800 below the national average.
 - When adjusted for inflation: Colorado has had a 13% decrease in average salary since 1992-93.

PER PUPIL SPENDING AND REVENUES – Adjusted for inflation (Table 3)

- Per Pupil Spending increased over 20% between 2015-16 and 2020-21 to \$11,966. This remains more than \$2,200 below the national average.
- State and local per pupil revenue increase approximately \$1,900 between 2015-16 and 2020-21 to \$12,894; over \$2,200 less than the national average

REVENUE and WEALTH (Table 4)

- Between 2015-16 and 2020-21:
 - State revenue grew by 7.7%
 - Local revenue grew by 33.9%, when mill levy overrides are included
 - Personal Income grew by 34.3%
 - Budget Stabilization/Negative Factor increased by 26.7% (\$831 to \$1.05B)
 - Colorado’s share of personal income used for K-12 education decreased by .31 percentage points

*Colorado Department of Education identifies these students as English Language Learners