Rankings of the States: Colorado

1. **Students per teacher:** Colorado ranked 12th, 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 24th, 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 26th, spending $7,428 per student. In 2000-01, Colorado ranked 47th in current expenditures for public K-12 schools per $1,000 personal income.

4. **General Financial Resources:** In 2001, Colorado ranked 8th 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 47th in state tax revenue per $1,000 of personal income. In the same time period, the state ranked 18th in income tax revenue and 42nd in sales tax revenue, both measured per $1,000 of personal income.

6. **School Revenues:** In 2000-01, Colorado ranked 48th in public school revenue per $1000 of personal income.