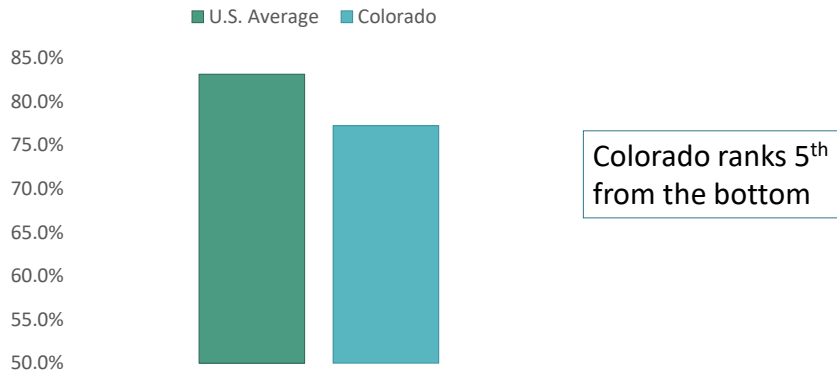


## Colorado 2014-15 Graduation Rate: Lower than National Average

4 Year Graduation Rates: 2014-15



Data: NCES

## Instructional Days in the School Year

- **Colorado: 160 days (one of the lowest)**
- **Majority of states: 175 to 180 days**

Data: Education Commission of the States

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## 4-Day School Weeks in Colorado

- **49% of Colorado school districts (88 of 178) are on or have some schools on a 4-day week**
- Number of schools on 4-day weeks more than doubled since 2000.
- **“Initial reasons for going from five to four days of school per week have generally been financial.”**

Data: Four-Day School Week Manual: Colorado Department of Education (August 2016)

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## Average Teacher Pay 2014-15

- **Colorado Average Teacher Pay was**
  - **\$9,143 less than National Average**  
Colorado: \$48,277      National: \$57,420
- **CO adjust for inflation \$7,500 less than 2009-10**
  - 2009-10: \$55,970
  - 2014-15: \$48,277

Data: State Profile Reports 2016

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## Declining Number of Teachers in Colorado

- **Short about 300 teachers annually**
- **Downward trend in educator prep programs at colleges & universities since 2011.**
  - 6.1% decline in 2014-15
- Increase in experienced educators leaving classroom
- Shortage more prevalent in rural districts
- Colorado following the national trend

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education - 2015

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## Colorado's Funding in: FY 2013-14 per U.S. Census

- **Colorado ranks 40<sup>th</sup>**
- **-\$-2,024 below the US Average**

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## Percent Total Taxable Revenue Spent on Education

**CO Rank: 37<sup>th</sup>**

**Colorado: 2.8%**

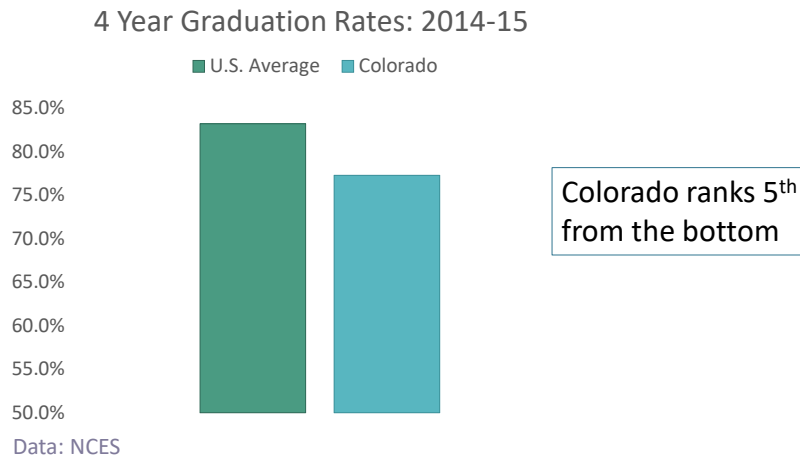
**U.S. Average: 3.4%**

Data: Education Week: Quality Counts 2016, 2013 data

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