Using US Census Data 1991-92 thru 2009-10:
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- In 2009-10, Colorado per pupil spending remained flat and **below 2007-08** levels for the 2nd year in a row as the US **average per pupil spending continued to increase**.
- Current gap between Colorado and average US spending is **$1,762**, the 2nd largest gap since 1991-92.
- Since 2000 (10 years), the gap between Colorado and average US spending has averaged $-1,200 each year, with ranges from $-912 to $-2,000. For a student who entered Kindergarten in 2000 and is now a sophomore, Colorado spent $-12,100 less than the national average.
- As Colorado has increased per pupil spending over the years, the average per pupil spending in the US has increased more.
- Since **2002-03 (7 years)** Colorado’s ranking has **fallen** from the 30th to 41st in per pupil spending.

Source: US Census Bureau (1994 thru 2012)

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As Colorado has increased per pupil revenue over the years, the US average per pupil revenue has increased more. The current gap between Colorado and the national average is $1,720. In the early 90’s Colorado ranked 25th, in 2002-03 29th, and by 2009-10 Colorado ranked 39th.

Colorado’s national ranking for Revenue and Spending per $1,000 Personal Income has continued to rank in the lowest tier since the late 1990’s. Colorado’s ranking for Revenue and Spending per pupil has fallen since 2004-05.

Source: US Census Bureau (1994 thru 2012)