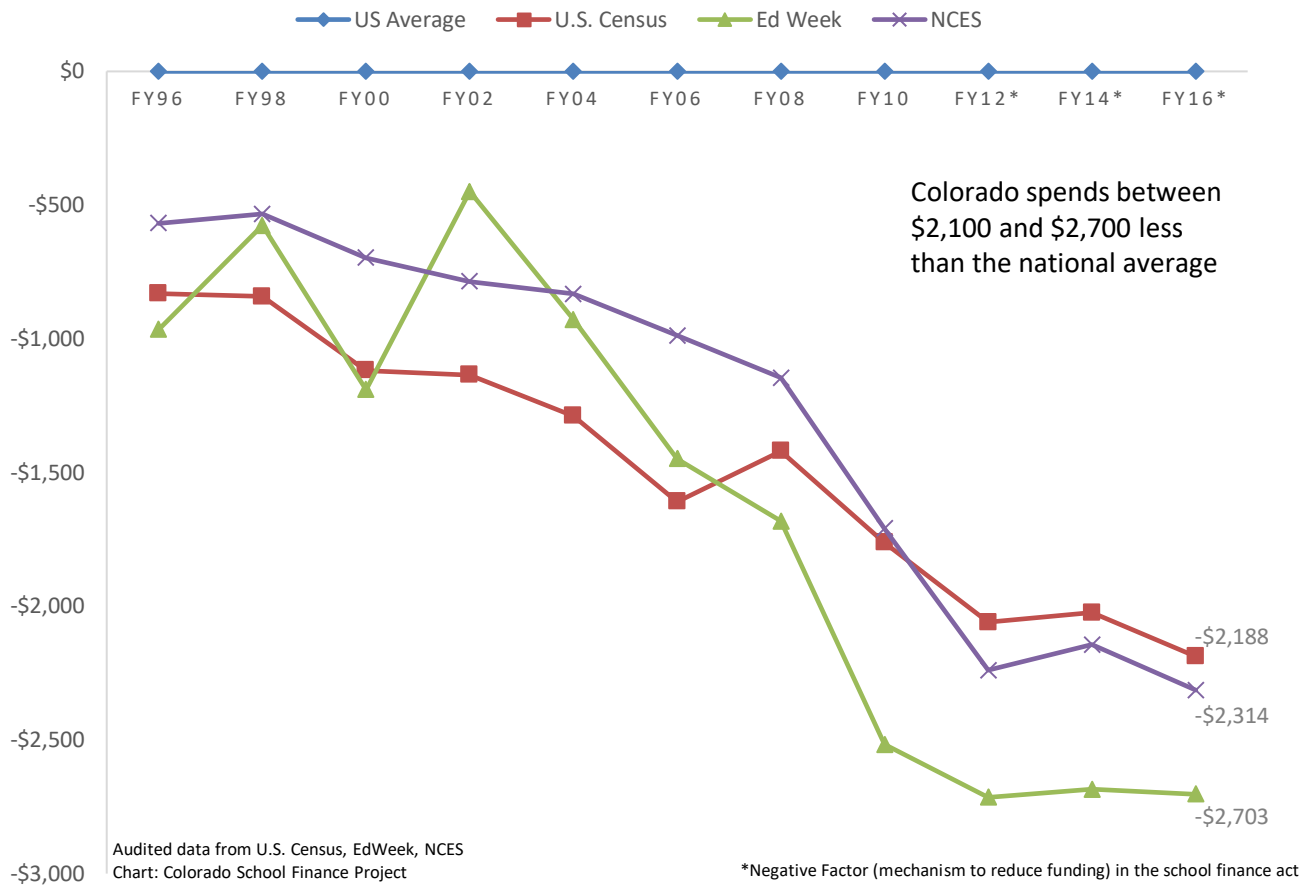
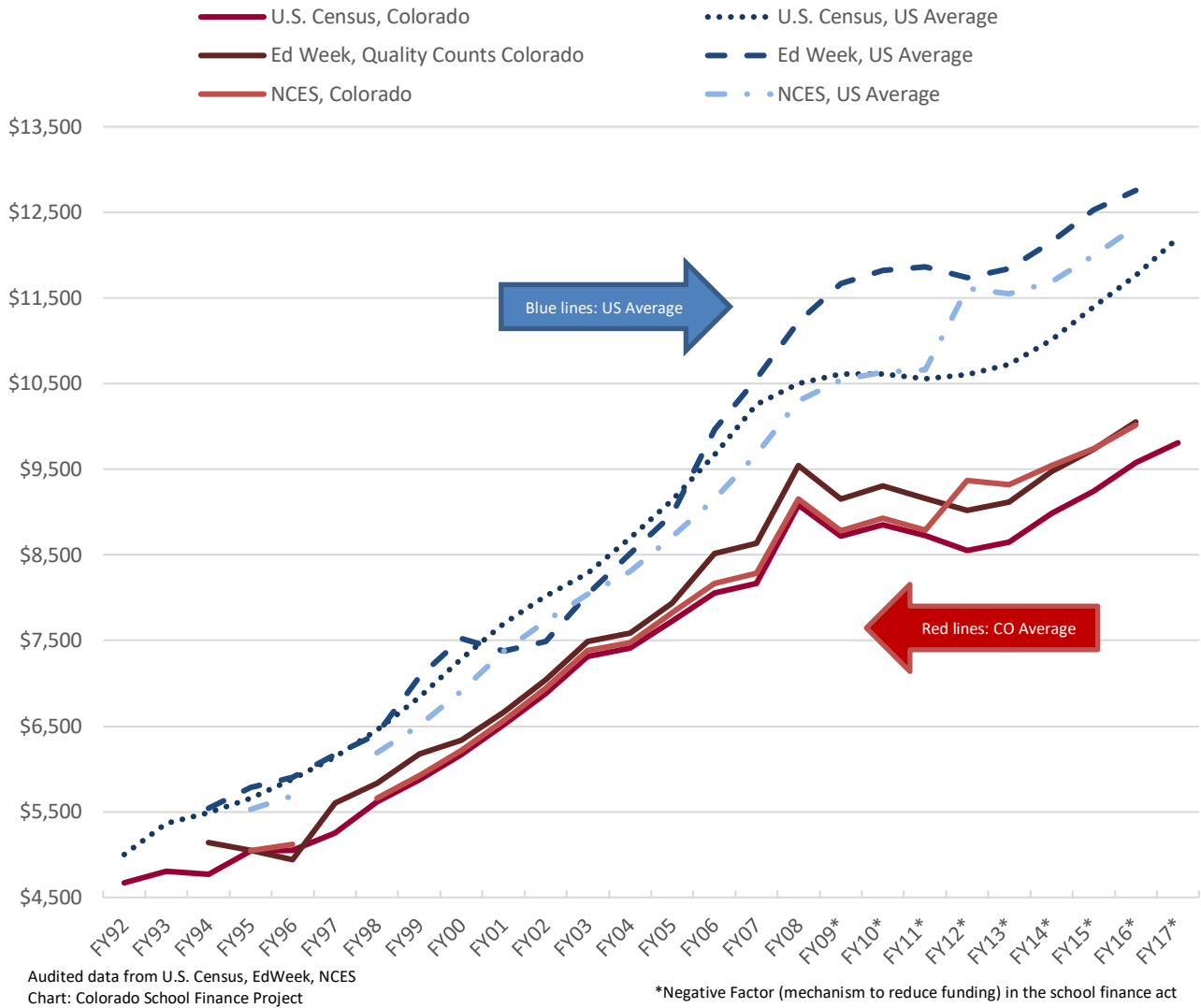


**TRENDS IN PER PUPIL SPENDING:  
COLORADO VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE FY 1996-2016**



For over twenty years, the per pupil spending gap between Colorado and the U.S. average has continued to grow. By the late 1990's the gap was between \$550 and \$1,000 per pupil. Now the gap is more than \$2,100 to \$2,700 per pupil.

### Per-Pupil Spending: National Trends versus Colorado Trends



In a span of 25 years the education landscape in Colorado has changed:

- Education reforms include- standards-based education, No Child Left Behind (2002), Race to the Top (2009), and Every Student Succeeds (2015);
- Colorado’s student population increased by more than 279,000 students; and
- The number of teachers in Colorado has increased by almost 20,000.

Despite these changes, the average difference between what Colorado spends per pupil compared to the national average per-pupil spending has continued to widen.