

School-Based Medicaid Funding: A State by State Comparison

School-based health access is essential to the holistic growth of California’s youth and the classroom environment as a whole. It is imperative that equitable and sufficient resources continue to be provided to ensure basic health services to children in California schools. However, data compiled from the National Center on Educational Statistics and others indicates that per capita spending in California is much lower as compared to other states.

- California ranks #43 in per pupil spending for school-based services, with a total spending level of \$28.75 per pupil.
- The national average is \$83.13 per pupil.
- Rhode Island is ranked #1, spending a total of \$467.24 per pupil.

Top Five States with the Highest Per-Pupil Spending		Bottom Five States with the Lowest Per-Pupil Spending	
1. Rhode Island	\$467	50. Vermont	\$0
2. Montana	\$381	49. Oklahoma	\$4
3. New Hampshire	\$290	48. Washington	\$9
4. Maine	\$230	47. Oregon	\$9
5. New Jersey	\$219	46. Indiana	\$16
6. Wisconsin	\$216	45. Mississippi	\$17
7. Iowa	\$204	44. North Dakota	\$18
8. Michigan	\$165	43. California	\$28
9. Massachusetts	\$158	42. Georgia	\$30
10. Connecticut	\$157	41. Alaska	\$32

Note: States who do not participate in the program are not included in this graph.

Fiscal Year 2015 Medicaid Funding Per State and Total Spending Per Capita

State	Total Funding	State Contribution	Federal Contribution	Number of Student Enrolled K-12	Total Spending Per Capita	Federal Spending Per Capita	State Spending Per Capita
Rhode Island	\$ 64,900,209	\$ 32,435,698	\$ 32,464,511	138,900	467	234	234
Montana	55,034,916.00	19,368,672.00	35,666,244.00	144,300	381	247	134
New Hampshire	52,973,368	26,442,098	26,531,270	182,700	290	145	145
Maine	42,800,723	16,315,945	26,484,778	185,900	230	142	88
New Jersey	286,660,460	143,228,147	143,432,313	1,310,200	219	109	109
Wisconsin	187,671,697	80,255,635	107,416,062	867,200	216	124	93
Iowa	102,106,503	45,397,671	56,708,832	499,400	204	114	91
Michigan	250,237,503	88,093,061	162,144,442	1,512,600	165	107	58
Massachusetts	146,998,191	73,491,325	73,506,866	932,600	158	79	79
Connecticut	83,677,404	41,838,701	41,838,703	532,100	157	79	79
Pennsylvania	253,324,530	122,229,090	131,095,440	1,742,000	145	75	70
Illinois	286,388,260	141,997,260	144,391,000	2,067,400	138	70	69
Kansas	67,095,810	30,136,375	36,959,435	491,700	136	75	61
Minnesota	106,433,753	53,223,132	53,210,621	863,200	123	62	62
Idaho	35,770,614	10,105,309	25,665,305	292,500	122	88	35
Arkansas	58,648,205	21,879,196	36,769,009	484,900	120	76	45
New York	273,563,018	136,781,507	136,781,511	2,654,700	103	52	52
North Carolina	142,001,148	54,784,996	87,216,152	1,537,900	92	57	36
West Virginia	24,694,593	7,073,273	17,621,320	275,400	90	64	26
Maryland	78,895,689	39,392,157	39,503,532	873,000	90	45	45
New Mexico	30,483,045	12,438,829	18,044,216	340,800	89	53	36
Texas	444,382,561	194,038,894	250,343,667	5,226,300	85	48	37
Nebraska	26,207,529	12,903,713	13,303,816	308,700	85	43	42
South Dakota	9,661,644	4,780,105	4,881,539	130,600	74	37	37
Colorado	65,214,047	32,268,851	32,945,196	888,600	73	37	36
Delaware	8,528,600	3,901,694	4,626,906	132,100	65	35	30
Kentucky	34,518,428	13,645,573	20,872,855	679,000	51	31	20
Utah	32,284,475	10,483,019	21,801,456	643,500	50	34	16
Ohio	81,546,862	30,523,719	51,023,143	1,704,200	48	30	18

Alabama	34,562,110	17,281,054	17,281,056	730,000	47	24	24
Virginia	58,719,643	29,359,808	29,359,835	1,279,200	46	23	23
South Carolina	33,630,157	12,200,180	21,429,977	744,300	45	29	16
Florida	124,715,692	61,509,377	63,206,315	2,745,000	45	23	22
Missouri	39,847,998	19,923,998	19,924,000	913,800	44	22	22
Arizona	42,733,682	15,684,179	27,049,503	1,122,600	38	24	14
Nevada	15,784,497	5,625,595	10,158,902	454,900	35	22	12
Alaska	4,384,800	2,192,400	2,192,400	135,000	32	16	16
Georgia	52,097,071	21,164,964	30,932,107	1,712,200	30	18	12
California	180,286,733	90,139,079	90,147,654	6,271,000	28	14	14
North Dakota	1,851,975	926,004	925,971	102,000	18	9	9
Mississippi	8,335,706	3,779,363	4,556,343	482,900	17	9	8
Indiana	15,939,697	6,466,586	9,473,111	1,019,100	16	9	6
Oregon	5,188,389	1,888,093	3,300,296	576,600	9	6	3
Washington	9,321,688	4,657,296	4,664,392	1,061,300	9	4	4
Oklahoma	2,739,518	1,032,798	1,706,720	679,600	4	3	2
Vermont	8,558	3,748	4,810	87,800	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	0	0	709,200	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	1,021,400	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	94,800	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	181,500	0	0	0
National Totals	\$ 3,954,615,210.00	\$ 1,790,817,108.00	\$ 2,163,798,102.00				

Sources: 2017 CMS-64 Data Compilation provided by United States Senator Bob Casey (D-PA); National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics.

Note: These numbers reflect total school-based Medicaid funding. Due to reporting requirements under Medicaid, data is not available on the specific portion of these figures dedicated only to students served under IDEA.

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