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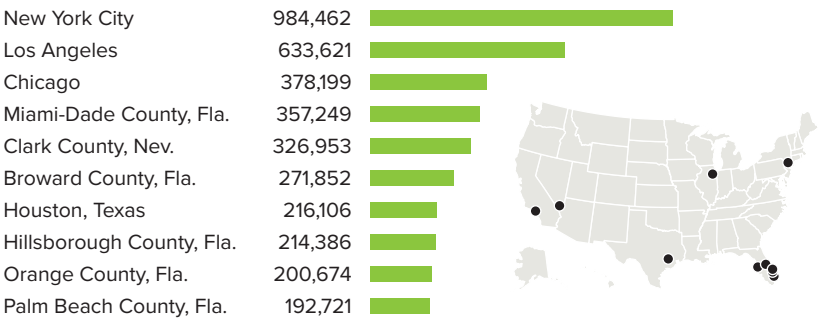
K-12 public school per-pupil spending increased 4 percent in 2017

New data released by the U.S. Census Bureau from the 2017 Annual Survey of School System Finances reports that per pupil spending in fiscal 2017 was \$12,201 — a 3.7 percent increase from 2016. The Census Bureau attributes the change in part to increased revenue for K-12 school systems.

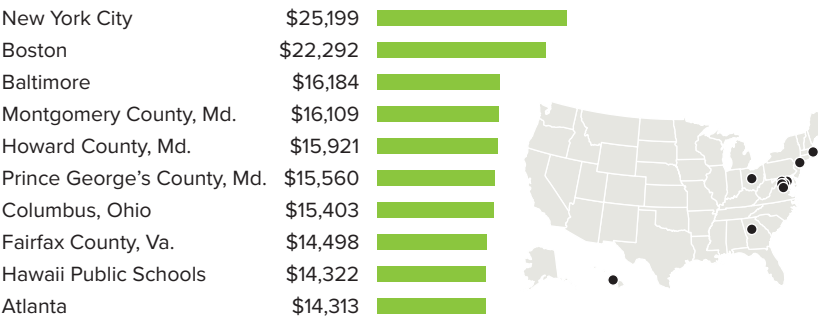
Analysis also revealed that among the 100 highest-enrolled school districts, four of 10 with the highest per pupil current spending amounts were jurisdictions in Maryland. Average per pupil spending increased in every state but Oklahoma. Of the 100 largest public school systems in the United States based on enrollment, five of the top 10 were located in Florida.

Top 10 largest public elementary-secondary school districts in 2017

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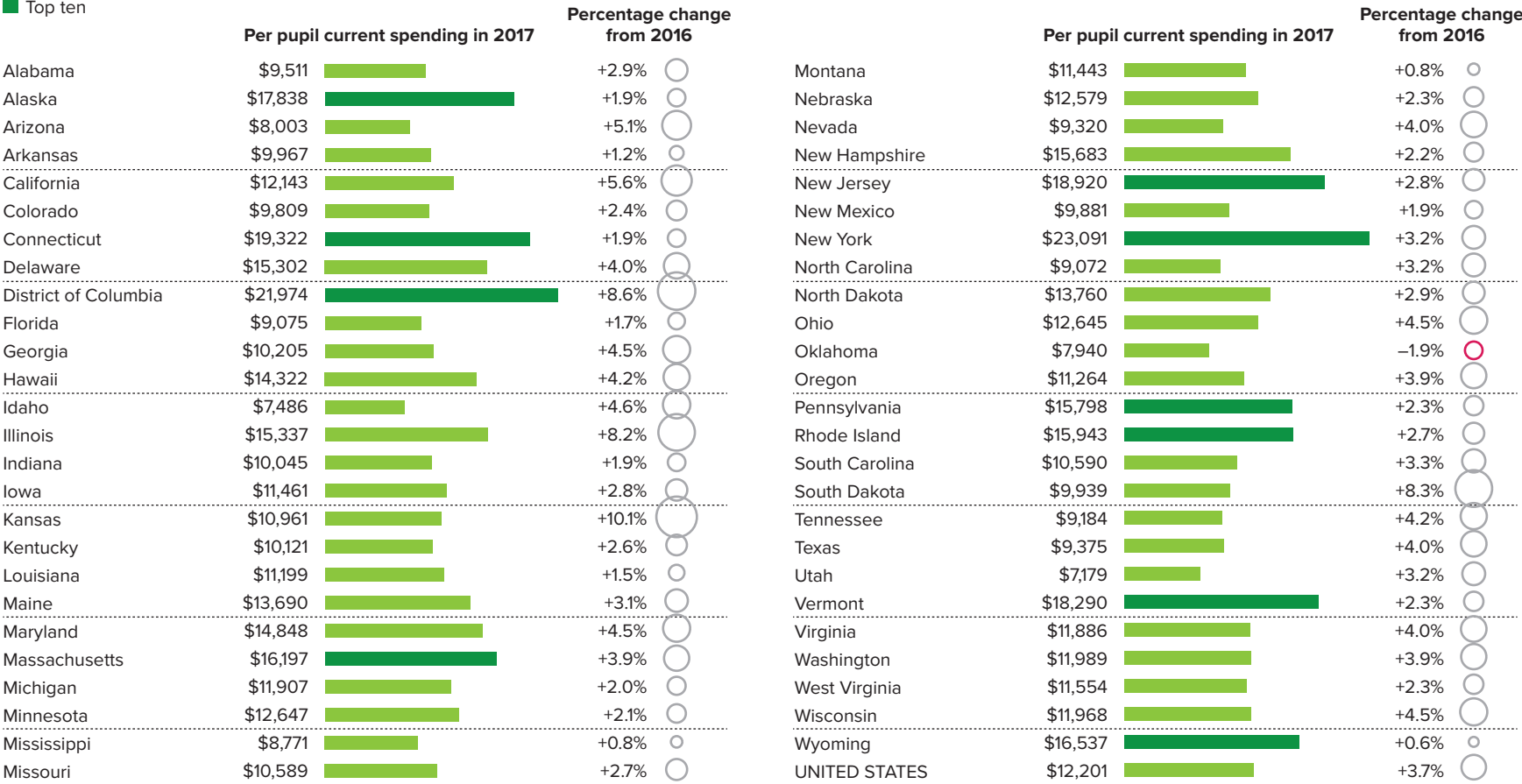


BY PER PUPIL CURRENT SPENDING (of the 100 largest by enrollment)



Public elementary-secondary school system spending on students in 2017, by state

■ Top ten



Note: Current spending comprises current operation expenditure, payments made by the state government on behalf of school systems and transfers made by school systems into their own retirement funds. This classification is used only in Census Bureau education reports. It is not used in other government finance reports to avoid double counting expenditure between levels of government and funds.

METHODOLOGY: Statistics are from the 2017 Annual Survey of School System Finances. Education finance data include revenues, expenditures, debt and assets (cash and security holdings) of elementary to secondary (prekindergarten through 12th grade) public school systems. Statistics cover school systems in all states and the District of Columbia, and are not adjusted for cost of living differences between geographic areas.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Census of Governments: Finance - Survey of School System Finances and 2016 Annual Survey of School System Finances

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