

Making the Grade 2024

North Carolina



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Enrollment: **1,525,223**
School-aged Poverty: **16%**
Percent Asian/PI: **4%**
Percent Black: **25%**
Percent Hawaiian/PI: **0%**
Percent Hispanic/Latino: **20%**
Percent Native American: **1%**
Percent White: **45%**

FUNDING LEVEL

State and local revenue per pupil, adjusted for regional cost differences.

North Carolina ranked 48 out of 51 on funding level with \$11,777 in cost-adjusted revenue per pupil — **\$4,868 below** the national average (\$16,645).

GRADE: **F**

RANK: 48 OF 51

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Describes the allocation of funds to school districts relative to the concentration of student poverty. States are classified as progressive, regressive, or flat.

North Carolina's funding distribution is **progressive**: on average, high-poverty districts receive 17% or \$1,822 more per-pupil than low-poverty districts.

GRADE: **B**

RANK: 12 OF 48

FUNDING EFFORT

PK-12 education revenue as a percentage of the state's economic activity (GDP).

North Carolina makes a **lower than average** effort to fund its schools. Its fiscal capacity (GDP per capita) is average.

GRADE: **F**

RANK: 49 OF 50