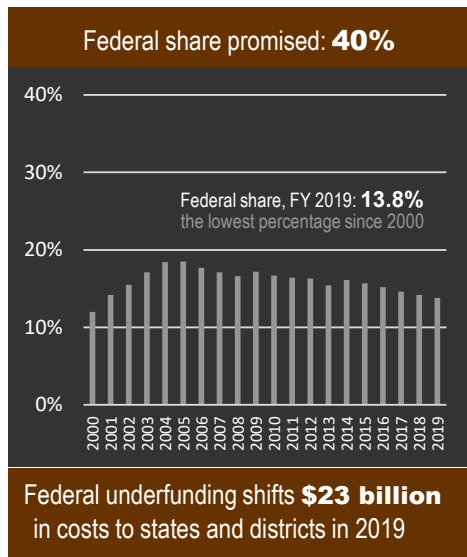


IDEA Funding Gap

The assumption underlying the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its predecessor legislation is that, on average, the cost of educating children with disabilities is twice the average cost (measured as the national average per pupil expenditure or APPE) of educating other children. Congress determined that the federal government would pay up to 40 percent of this "excess" cost, which is referred to as full funding. Since 1981, the first year for which full funding was 40 percent of APPE, the federal share has remained less than half of the federal commitment based on regular appropriations. Each year the federal government fails to fully fund IDEA, it shifts the costs for educating students with special needs to states and school districts.



Source: actual appropriations by state are from the U.S. Department of Education Budget Service. NEA calculated each state's maximum grant based on 40 percent of the national APPE multiplied by the number of children with disabilities served and adjusted for each state's annual change in child population and poverty rate. To adjust each state's annual change in child population and poverty rate, NEA used data by state from the U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement. The national APPE is from the Department's Budget Service. For more information, contact Tom Zemar at 202.822.7109 or TZemar@nea.org. | March 22, 2019

in millions

FY 2019 (School Year 2019-20)

State	Actual Appropriation	Full Funding Estimate	Funding Gap and Cost Shift
Alabama	\$191.7	\$466.0	\$274.3
Alaska	39.1	105.5	66.5
Arizona	215.7	636.7	421.0
Arkansas	118.1	358.4	240.4
California	1,289.9	3,239.8	1,949.9
Colorado	168.6	450.7	282.1
Connecticut	140.4	363.1	222.6
Delaware	38.1	94.9	56.8
District of Columbia	20.1	74.1	54.0
Florida	678.8	2,312.0	1,633.2
Georgia	363.7	1,043.9	680.2
Hawaii	42.0	134.1	92.1
Idaho	59.6	181.1	121.5
Illinois	534.1	1,448.5	914.4
Indiana	273.1	877.5	604.5
Iowa	129.0	407.5	278.6
Kansas	112.6	355.7	243.1
Kentucky	166.8	547.3	380.5
Louisiana	199.0	545.6	346.7
Maine	57.8	180.0	122.2
Maryland	211.2	539.7	328.5
Massachusetts	299.9	810.0	510.1
Michigan	421.5	1,075.8	654.3
Minnesota	200.2	665.7	465.5
Mississippi	126.4	335.4	209.0
Missouri	239.9	712.9	473.0
Montana	39.8	104.4	64.5
Nebraska	78.9	278.1	199.2
Nevada	82.1	278.5	196.4
New Hampshire	50.1	133.0	82.9
New Jersey	381.9	1,237.8	856.0
New Mexico	96.2	266.2	169.9
New York	801.3	2,072.7	1,271.3
North Carolina	355.6	1,097.2	741.7
North Dakota	32.5	100.7	68.2
Ohio	460.7	1,254.4	793.7
Oklahoma	156.7	577.6	420.9
Oregon	135.9	402.9	267.0
Pennsylvania	449.7	1,387.2	937.5
Rhode Island	46.2	133.6	87.4
South Carolina	186.8	633.3	446.5
South Dakota	37.7	107.6	69.9
Tennessee	250.9	651.9	401.0
Texas	1,075.1	3,007.1	1,932.0
Utah	121.5	368.9	247.4
Vermont	31.3	66.0	34.7
Virginia	300.0	938.9	638.9
Washington	232.9	693.8	460.9
West Virginia	80.2	255.3	175.0
Wisconsin	219.6	639.6	420.0
Wyoming	32.8	85.8	53.0
Puerto Rico	128.6	296.8	168.2
Outlying Areas	44.6	127.9	83.3
Bureau of Indian Education	97.5	279.7	182.2
Technical Assistance	20.0	33.1	13.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
National	\$12,364.4	\$35,472.1	\$23,107.7