

Title I Funding Gap

According to the Congressional Research Service, the Basic Grant formula is the basis for a common interpretation of the concept of “full funding” for Title I, Part A. In general, this amount is based on (1) the number of Title I-eligible children in the LEA or state, (2) the per-pupil cost of education in the state, and (3) the percentage of the state’s per-pupil cost that Congress will fund. Congress wrote Title I legislation so that the federal government pays approximately 40 cents on the dollar for educational services provided to disadvantaged children. The total of these maximum payments are understood by many analysts to represent the “full funding” level for Title I, Part A.



Source: actual appropriations by state are from the U.S. Department of Education Budget Service. NEA calculated each state’s maximum basic grant by multiplying the number of children, age 5-17, living in families below the poverty level (which comprises almost all of the children that are Title I-eligible) in each state by the state’s adjusted per-pupil expenditure. The percent of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch is from the Digest of Education Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics. For more information, contact Tom Zemar at 202.822.7109 or TZemar@nea.org. | February 4, 2021

FY 2019 (School Year 2019-20)

State	in millions			Additional Funding Per Participant If Fully Funded
	Actual Appropriation	Full Funding Estimate	Funding Gap	
Alabama	\$257.3	\$756.7	\$499.4	\$1,003
Alaska	45.6	105.9	60.3	1,177
Arizona	339.1	965.3	626.2	2,419
Arkansas	157.1	467.5	310.4	992
California	1,963.5	5,720.0	3,756.5	915
Colorado	145.9	453.1	307.2	1,196
Connecticut	131.1	425.8	294.7	1,902
Delaware	52.1	147.4	95.3	1,045
District of Columbia	49.1	128.9	79.8	1,180
Florida	898.1	2,468.2	1,570.1	1,078
Georgia	538.2	1,587.5	1,049.3	950
Hawaii	51.2	137.7	86.5	883
Idaho	58.2	180.0	121.8	788
Illinois	671.4	2,098.1	1,426.7	1,428
Indiana	257.2	764.5	507.3	1,462
Iowa	88.0	277.0	189.1	1,769
Kansas	101.0	303.0	202.0	1,219
Kentucky	231.7	657.4	425.8	915
Louisiana	341.7	981.5	639.8	1,245
Maine	53.3	150.0	96.7	2,453
Maryland	242.1	704.2	462.1	2,240
Massachusetts	253.0	792.1	539.1	1,411
Michigan	469.9	1,371.4	901.5	1,424
Minnesota	167.0	537.8	370.8	707
Mississippi	205.5	584.4	378.9	1,104
Missouri	248.8	775.1	526.3	1,242
Montana	48.9	112.3	63.3	876
Nebraska	77.3	237.6	160.2	1,286
Nevada	136.4	365.8	229.4	812
New Hampshire	44.6	108.8	64.1	1,781
New Jersey	366.1	1,188.2	822.1	1,736
New Mexico	129.7	363.6	233.8	899
New York	1,219.5	3,485.5	2,266.0	1,555
North Carolina	466.2	1,367.6	901.4	1,253
North Dakota	39.5	71.6	32.1	901
Ohio	581.1	1,770.0	1,188.9	1,394
Oklahoma	190.7	573.8	383.1	834
Oregon	145.2	454.5	309.4	1,455
Pennsylvania	630.2	1,886.0	1,255.8	1,749
Rhode Island	54.8	161.1	106.4	1,650
South Carolina	255.4	767.1	511.7	1,571
South Dakota	48.9	98.2	49.2	1,152
Tennessee	308.8	896.3	587.5	943
Texas	1,512.3	4,389.7	2,877.4	793
Utah	81.6	262.4	180.8	1,007
Vermont	36.9	61.6	24.7	557
Virginia	279.2	891.2	612.0	1,776
Washington	256.8	815.1	558.4	1,284
West Virginia	101.3	295.7	194.4	1,489
Wisconsin	207.6	633.7	426.1	1,172
Wyoming	38.6	70.8	32.2	1,250
Puerto Rico	405.8	1,154.6	748.7	2,181
Outlying Areas	63.4	186.1	122.7	-
Bureau of Indian Education	111.0	325.7	214.8	-
Census Bureau	5.0	5.0	0.0	-
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
National	\$15,859.8	\$46,539.9	\$30,680.1	\$1,179