

Public School Funding in Rural Regions

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Enrollment and Spending by State

	Population ¹	Schools ²	Districts ³	Public School Students ⁴	Per Pupil Spending ⁵	Student: Teacher Ratio ⁶
New Hampshire	1,402,054	496	310	168,909	\$19,443	12:1
Maine	1,395,722	595	277	173,853	\$17,671	11:1
Montana	1,132,812	826	483	150,733	\$13,299	14:1
Rhode Island	1,095,962	314	64	137,499	\$18,366	13:1
Delaware	1,031,890	225	45	141,465	\$17,448	14:1
South Dakota	919,318	706	166	141,888	\$10,952	14:1
North Dakota	783,926	488	221	118,513	\$15,140	12:1
Alaska	733,406	503	54	130,723	\$19,540	18:1
Vermont	647,464	290 ⁷	52* ⁸	80,166 ⁹	\$20,505 ¹⁰	10:1
Wyoming	584,057	364	60	92,467	\$18,144	13:1

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/ID#>

² https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/tables/202021_summary_2.asp#f1

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⁴ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_203.20.asp

⁵ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_236.75.asp

⁶ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d22/tables/dt22_208.40.asp

⁷ <https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-annual-report-agency-of-education-SY2023.pdf>

⁸ 52 Supervisory Union/ Supervisory Districts. Data provided directly from inquiry to AOE.

⁹ https://geodata.vermont.gov/datasets/03147644b3db427e8117d9f7bf895a0b_56/explore

¹⁰ <https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-FY24-Cohort-Spending-by-School-Type-v02-web.xlsx>

Graduation and College Enrollment in Small New England States

	Graduation rate (High School)¹¹	Post-secondary Enrollment Rate¹²
Maine	87%	55.2%
New Hampshire	88%	57.8%
Rhode Island	84%	61.3%
Vermont	83%	48.9%

¹¹ <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/coi/high-school-graduation-rates>

¹²

https://www.greatschoolspartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Common-Data-Project_2021-Report_Final.pdf

Policies and Programs

	Voucher Program¹³	School Budget Approved Locally
Alaska	No	No
Delaware	No	No
Maine	Yes (Town Tuitioning)	Yes* ¹⁴
Montana	No	No
New Hampshire	No	No
North Dakota	No	No
Rhode Island	No	No
South Dakota	No	No
Vermont	Yes (Town Tuitioning)	Yes
Wyoming	No	No

¹³ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/statereform/tab2_1-2020.asp

¹⁴ <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/structure>