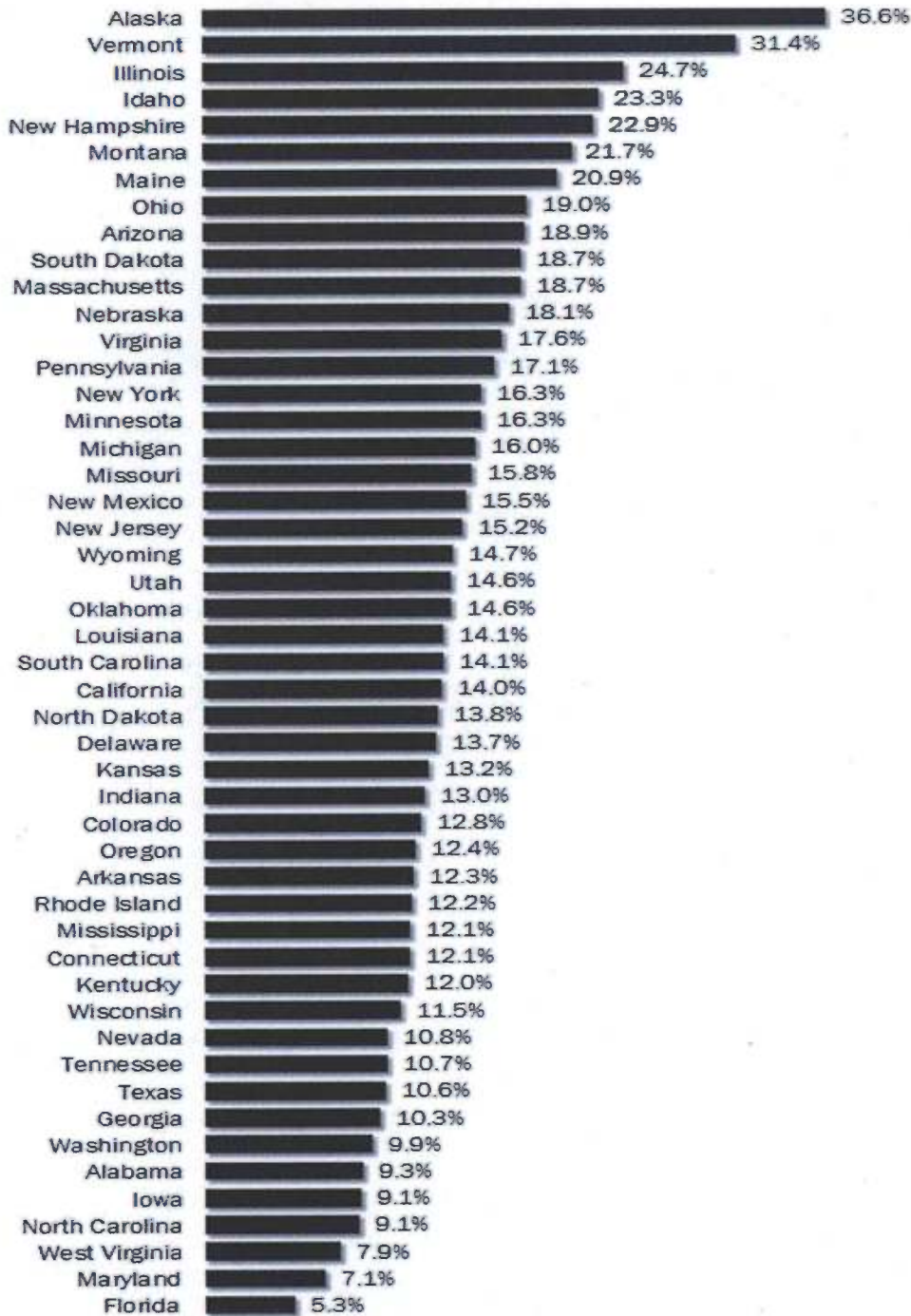


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### School Spending Disparities

One measure commonly used to examine school spending discrepancies is the coefficient of variation. States shown with higher coefficient values have larger differences in spending per student across their districts.



Districts' current spending per pupil was calculated from data reported in the Census Bureau's 2016 Annual Survey of School System Finances. Coefficients of variation were calculated for states, with district's spending weighted for enrollment. Vocational or special education districts and those with fewer than 100 students were excluded. Hawaii and D.C. were also excluded as they consist of a single school district.