

Per-pupil operating spending varies across different types of Ohio school districts

| Spending Per Pupil by District Comparison Group, FY 2023 | | | | |
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| Comparison Group – Description | | Number of Districts | Enrollment % | Spending Per Pupil |
| Rural | High poverty, small population | 123 | 9.3% | \$15,201 |
| Rural | Average poverty, very small population | 106 | 6.3% | \$14,692 |
| Small Town | Low poverty, small population | 110 | 11.1% | \$13,113 |
| Small Town | High poverty, average population | 89 | 11.4% | \$14,201 |
| Suburban | Low poverty, average population | 77 | 20.2% | \$14,406 |
| Suburban | Very low poverty, large population | 46 | 16.9% | \$15,141 |
| Urban | High poverty, average population | 47 | 12.8% | \$16,189 |
| Urban | Very high poverty, very large population | 8 | 12.1% | \$21,842 |
| State Total* | | 606 | 100% | \$15,583 |

*Three small outlier districts are not included.

Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

- In FY 2023, average per-pupil operating spending within socioeconomic and geographic comparison groups ranged from \$13,113 in low poverty, small town districts to \$21,842 in the very large, high poverty urban districts.
- The very large, high poverty urban districts spent 40.2% (\$6,258) above the state average of \$15,583.
- Small town districts had the lowest spending per pupil, averaging 12.3% (\$1,920) below the state average.
- On average, classroom instruction comprises most district operating spending. FY 2023 average operating spending by function:
 - 67.8% classroom instruction.
 - 32.2% nonclassroom activities (administration, operations, maintenance, transportation, and food service).