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Education Funding Overview

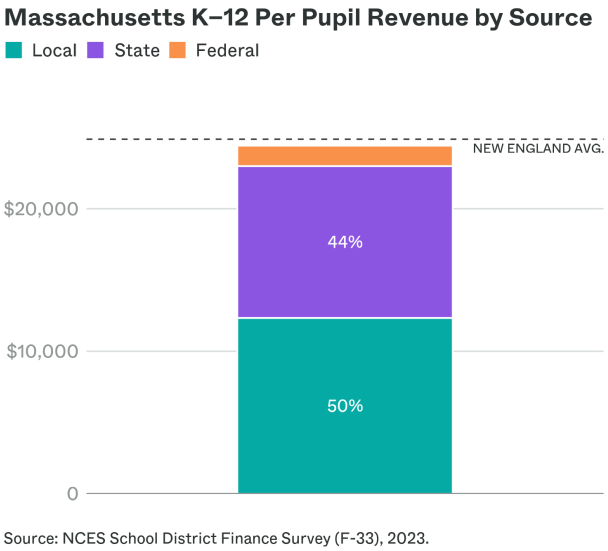
1. What does the state spend on K–12 education?

Massachusetts's 2026 enacted budget totaled $60.98 billion, $8.64 billion of which was designated for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.[1]

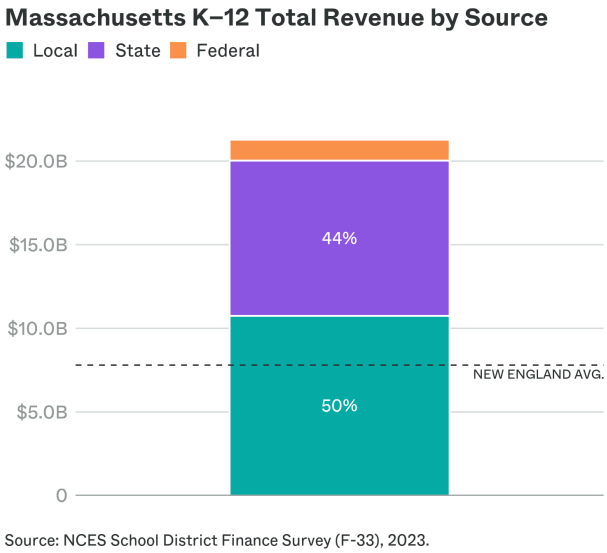
Education funding is primarily distributed through the Chapter 70 Aid formula, which defines an amount per pupil for students in each of several grade spans and need categories.[2] After calculating a target funding amount for each school system, the formula expects districts to contribute a share, which is set based on local property values and income levels. The balance is provided as state aid.

2. What revenues make up school districts' funding?

Including state, local, and federal dollars, school districts in Massachusetts collectively had $21.28 billion to spend in 2023, or $24,430 per pupil.[3] The state contributed 44 percent of this funding, on average, though low-wealth, low-income districts received a higher share of their funding from the state and more affluent districts received a lower share.



Source: NCES School District Finance Survey (F-33), 2023.



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Notes

1. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Education, “Budget Summary: FY2026 Enacted,” 2026, https://budget.digital.mass.gov/summary/fy26/enacted/education/?tab=budget-summary.
2. Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, *FY206 Chapter 70 and Net School Spending Formula Spreadsheet* (2025), distributed by the Office of Administration and Finance, https://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/chapter70/fy2026/chapter-2026.xlsm.
3. United States Census Bureau, *Summary Tables: Public Elementary-Secondary Education Finances: Fiscal Year 2023* (updated April 2025), distributed by the United States Census Bureau, https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/school-finances/tables/2023/secondary-education-finance/elsec23_sumtables.xlsx.