

Making the Grade 2025

North Carolina

STATE PROFILE

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Enrollment: **1,541,722**
School-aged Poverty: **17%**
Percent Asian/PI: **4%**
Percent Black: **25%**
Percent Hawaiian/PI: **0%**
Percent Hispanic/Latino: **20%**
Percent Native American: **1%**
Percent White: **44%**

NAVIGATION

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Funding Level

Funding Distribution

Funding Effort

FUNDING LEVEL

State and local revenue per pupil, adjusted for regional cost differences.

North Carolina ranked 50 out of 51 on funding level with 12,193 in cost-adjusted revenue per pupil — **\$5,660 below** the national average (\$17,853).

GRADE: **F**

RANK: 50 OF 51

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Describes the allocation of funds to school districts relative to the concentration of student poverty.

North Carolina's funding distribution is **progressive**: on average, high-poverty districts receive 5% or \$612 more per-pupil than low-poverty districts.

GRADE: **C**

RANK: 17 OF 48

FUNDING EFFORT

PK-12 education revenue as a percentage of the state's economic activity (GDP).

North Carolina makes a **lower than average** effort to fund its schools. Its fiscal capacity (GDP per capita) is average.

GRADE: **F**

RANK: 50 OF 50