



IOWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TODAY

The commitment Iowans make to provide a high-quality public education to Iowa young people is an enormous undertaking.

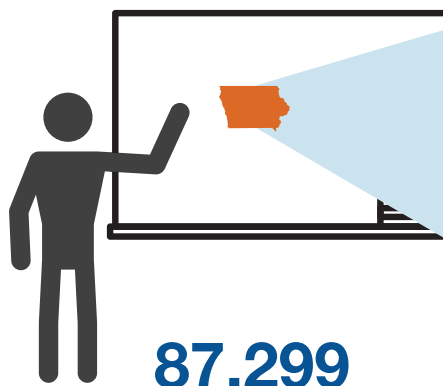
Iowa Public Schools: By the Numbers

About 1 in 6 Iowans is part of our public schools daily as a student or staff member.



480,665
students

(Fall 2024 Enrollment Count)



87,299
school employees*

*Not all school employees are full time; represents 77,465 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

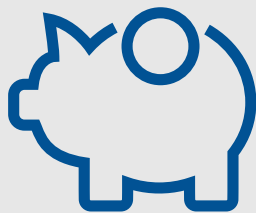
1,313
public school
buildings

325
school
districts

1,845
locally-elected K-12
school board members

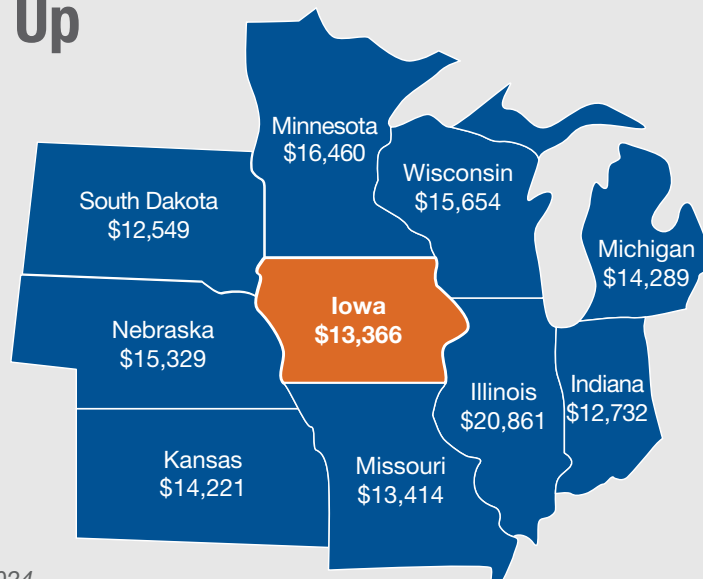
*Iowa Department of Education,
Basic Educational Data Survey
(BEDS), 2024-25 staff file, and
IASB calculations*

How Iowa Stacks Up



37th

Iowa's National
Rank in Spending

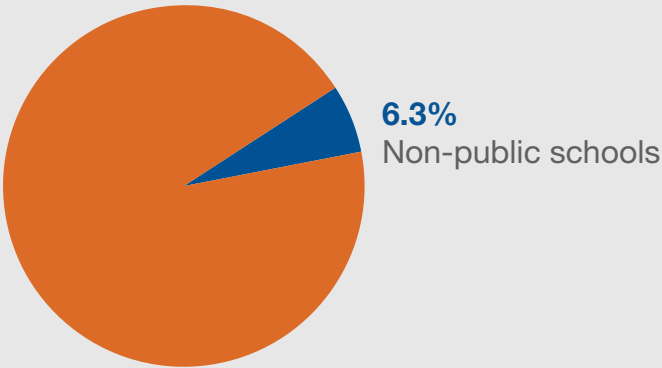


\$13,366
average expenditure
per student in Iowa

\$16,281
National expenditure
per student

Iowa Public Schools Serve

94% of students enrolled in school



Annual Condition of Education Report, 2024

K–12 Snapshot: Public Schools Student Enrollment

	2023–24	2000–01
Student Enrollment	483,699	494,291
Minority	28.5% 136,584 students	9.7% 48,391 students
Economically Disadvantaged (Lunch Assistance)	41.8% 478,692 students	26.7% 131,577 students
Special Education	13.0% 62,709 students	12.8% 63,392 students
English Learners	5.6%	2.3%

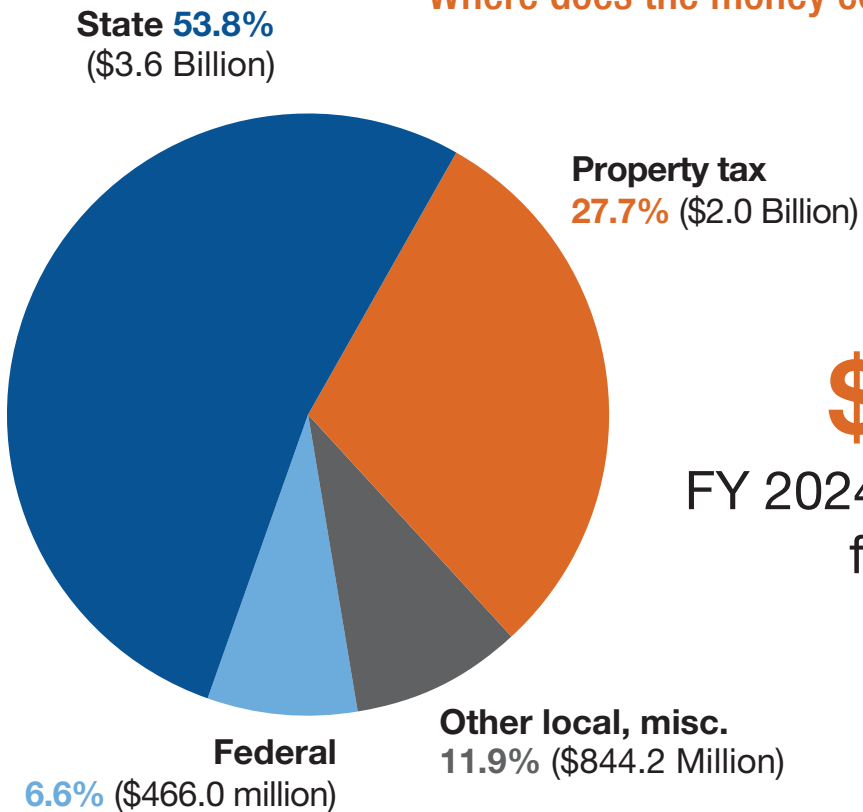
Public School Employees Snapshot: 2023–24

	Teachers	Principals	Superintendents
Number	37,982	1,168	262 for 325 districts
Average Age	40.8 years	46.0 years	51.0 years
Percent Female	76.5%	46.6%	14.9%
Percent Minority	3.3%	4.6%	2.7%
Average Total Experience	13.5 years	19.0 years	22.3 years
Advanced Degree	37.7%	77.1%	42.9%
Average Regular Salary	\$64,339	\$116,786	\$175,825
Enrollment Category Average Salary Range (300–7,500+ Students)	\$53,281– \$69,240	\$93,313– \$132,338	\$145,356– \$254,078

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A Closer Look: Iowa Public School Funding

Where does the money come from?



\$7.1 Billion

FY 2024 General Fund Revenues
for School Districts

How is it spent?

