

State by State Information on School Transportation Expenditures as Compared with Safe Routes to School Funding

Data highlighted in blue represents state expenditures on school transportation only and does not include estimated local expenses

<i>State</i>	<i>Year Data is From</i>	<i>Number of Students, K-12 Public Schools</i>	<i>Percentage of Students Bused</i>	<i>Amount Spent Annually on School Bus Costs (State and Local Costs)</i>	<i>School Transportation's Share of State's K-12 Expenditures</i>	<i>Average Transportation Cost Per Pupil Bused</i>	<i>Notes on State Policies and Funding for Busing</i>	<i>Federal Funding Available for SRTS, FY09</i>	<i>SRTS Funding as Percentage of State School Transportation Costs</i>	<i>Average SRTS Funding Per Pupil Not Bused</i>
ALABAMA	2004-05	734,604	49.0%	\$276,980,141	7.4%	\$763.07	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers. Busing radius is outside of two miles; schools can apply to state ED for safety waiver to bus students inside the radius	\$2,751,297	1.0%	\$7.34
ALASKA	2007-08	129,300	33.0%	\$53,000,000	3.8%	\$124.12	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$1,000,000	1.9%	\$11.54
ARIZONA	2005-06	956,169	36.6%	\$194,714,856	4.8%	\$832.83	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$3,623,208	1.9%	\$5.98
ARKANSAS	2004-05	446,572	74.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$1,622,475	N/A	\$14.08
CALIFORNIA	2004-05	6,322,189	14.6%	\$469,538,000	1.3%	\$843.00	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$22,596,218	4.8%	\$4.19
COLORADO	2005-06	780,708	40.0%	\$42,745,475	1.2%	\$136.74	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$2,651,342	6.2%	\$5.66
CONNECTICUT	2005-06	572,602	84.0%	\$60,611,538	1.9%	\$77.55	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$2,022,862	3.3%	\$22.08

DELAWARE	2005-06	120,783	89.0%	\$66,600,000	4.0%	\$621.20	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$1,000,000	1.5%	\$75.27
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	2005-06	78,842	4.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$1,000,000	N/A	\$13.34
FLORIDA	2004-05	2,628,429	39.0%	\$440,240,964	3.8%	\$426.77	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities. Busing radius is outside of two miles; schools can apply to state ED for "hazard busing" of children inside the radius, but must provide a date by which the district will rectify the safety hazard.	\$9,709,622	2.2%	\$6.06
GEORGIA	2004-05	1,553,437	64.0%	\$151,848,807	2.0%	\$153.00	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$5,612,178	3.7%	\$10.04
HAWAII	2005-06	175,810	23.8%	\$324,859,000	16.8%	\$7,735.00	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$1,000,000	0.3%	\$7.46
IDAHO	2005-06	261,907	40.0%	\$63,351,691	5.2%	\$637.94	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures. Busing radius is outside of 1.5 miles	\$1,000,000	1.6%	\$6.36
ILLINOIS	2005-06	2,093,330	54.5%	\$582,400,000	6.5%	\$510.43	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$7,565,980	1.3%	\$7.94
INDIANA	2005-06	1,034,727	71.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$3,745,048	N/A	\$12.61
IOWA	2004-05	482,847	52.0%	\$99,104,931	3.5%	\$390.40	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$1,675,945	1.7%	\$7.23

KANSAS	2005-06	465,374	42.7%	\$82,481,929	3.0%	\$414.85	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$1,642,587	2.0%	\$6.16
KENTUCKY	2004-05	656,303	68.0%	\$224,472,386	6.1%	\$636.72	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$2,358,026	1.1%	\$11.23
LOUISIANA	2004-05	724,002	76.8%	\$306,341,288	8.0%	\$423.12	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$2,634,228	0.9%	\$15.68
MAINE	2004-05	201,912	80.0%	\$41,623,228	3.5%	\$258.56	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$1,000,000	2.4%	\$24.76
MARYLAND	2004-05	865,561	71.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$3,144,771	N/A	\$12.53
MASSACHUSETTS	2004-05	931,995	98.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	State does not provide funding for pupil transportation; local school districts are responsible for costs	\$3,466,445	N/A	\$185.97
MICHIGAN	2005-06	1,710,893	48.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$6,263,777	N/A	\$7.07
MINNESOTA	2004-05	828,304	99.0%	\$405,191,441	5.8%	\$493.61	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$2,906,874	0.7%	\$350.94
MISSISSIPPI	2004-05	495,623	89.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$1,847,720	N/A	\$33.89
MISSOURI	2005-06	891,865	62.3%	\$162,667,713	3.5%	\$608.00	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$3,310,009	2.0%	\$9.84
MONTANA	2004-05	145,259	46.0%	\$13,000,000	1.9%	\$182.53	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$1,000,000	7.7%	\$12.75

NEBRASKA	2005-06	280,185	23.0%	\$37,777,254	3.6%	\$584.39	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$1,017,718	2.7%	\$4.72
NEVADA	2004-05	396,148	43.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	State does not provide funding for pupil transportation; local school districts are responsible for costs	\$1,441,489	N/A	\$6.38
NEW HAMPSHIRE	2005-06	205,787	73.0%	\$65,446,576	6.7%	\$436.31	State does not provide funding for pupil transportation; local school districts are responsible for costs	\$1,000,000	1.5%	\$18.00
NEW JERSEY	2004-05	1,396,975	32.0%	\$300,000,000	3.0%	\$528.78	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$5,112,798	1.7%	\$5.38
NEW MEXICO	2005-06	316,243	58.0%	\$105,454,000	3.6%	\$573.91	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$1,134,000	1.1%	\$8.54
NEW YORK	2004-05	3,350,000	67.0%	\$1,225,449,794	6.2%	\$544.16	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$10,322,012	0.8%	\$9.34
NORTH CAROLINA	2005-06	1,336,493	55.0%	\$306,455,982	4.0%	\$404.89	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$5,034,374	1.6%	\$8.37
NORTH DAKOTA	2003-04	97,120	38.0%	\$16,500,000	3.5%	\$930.54	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$1,000,000	6.1%	\$16.61
OHIO	2004-05	1,781,143	70.0%	\$404,245,812	4.6%	\$514.94	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$6,628,841	1.6%	\$12.41
OKLAHOMA	2004-05	622,857	56.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state utilizes a formula based on a combination of factors, including pupils transported, miles driven, and geographic disparities, to provide allocations to local school districts.	\$2,081,617	N/A	\$7.60

OREGON	2004-05	551,351	52.0%	\$136,557,117	4.7%	\$479.84	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures. School districts are required to bus children outside of a 1.5 mile radius of the school.	\$1,930,684	1.4%	\$7.30
PENNSYLVANIA	2005-06	1,828,089	84.0%	\$484,612,782	5.0%	\$644.00	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$6,799,263	1.4%	\$23.25
RHODE ISLAND	2001-02	180,000	57.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	State does not provide funding for pupil transportation; local school districts are responsible for costs	\$1,000,000	N/A	\$12.92
SOUTH CAROLINA	2004-05	672,234	55.0%	\$100,859,539	5.5%	\$282.00	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$2,436,616	2.4%	\$8.05
SOUTH DAKOTA	2004-05	121,327	33.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state provides a lump sum to a school district for pupil transportation, based on the share of pupils the jurisdiction transports.	\$1,000,000	N/A	\$12.30
TENNESSEE	2004-05	581,145	82.0%	\$203,775,762	5.3%	\$437.55	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$3,378,056	1.7%	\$32.29
TEXAS	2004-05	4,016,155	35.0%	\$291,800,000	1.6%	\$208.49	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$15,152,828	5.2%	\$5.80
UTAH	2005-06	498,484	32.0%	\$65,253,194	3.0%	\$407.83	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers.	\$1,708,519	2.6%	\$5.04
VERMONT	2004-05	104,500	98.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	State does not provide funding for pupil transportation; local school districts are responsible for costs	\$1,000,000	N/A	\$478.47
VIRGINIA	2004-05	1,203,697	75.0%	\$236,139,812	4.4%	\$196.18	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$4,216,038	1.8%	\$14.01
WASHINGTON	2004-05	1,012,000	48.0%	\$200,000,000	3.2%	\$414.08	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$3,514,328	1.8%	\$6.68

WEST VIRGINIA	2004-05	279,457	81.0%	\$158,955,981	7.6%	\$699.59	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$1,000,000	0.6%	\$18.83
WISCONSIN	2005-06	868,900	63.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	The state sets a "unit cost" for each pupil transported or mile driven and allocates funds to a local school district based on their numbers, plus an adjustment for geographic disparities.	\$3,126,427	N/A	\$9.72
WYOMING	2004-05	83,772	41.0%	\$38,023,876	5.3%	\$1,109.44	The state establishes a list of the types of expenditures and percentage of expenditures it will reimburse and then provides an allocation to each local school district based on its expenditures.	\$1,000,000	2.6%	\$20.23

Source for School Transportation Expenditures: School Transportation News, www.stnonline.com/stn/statesprovinces/unitedstates/

Source for State Policies: "State Funding Approaches for Pupil Transportation: An Overview." State of Washington Office of Financial Management, February 2008. http://www.ofm.wa.gov/k12transpo/20080213/20080213_pupil.pdf