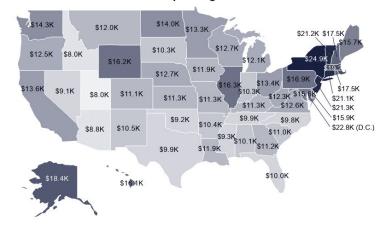
Public Policy No.3

School Spending





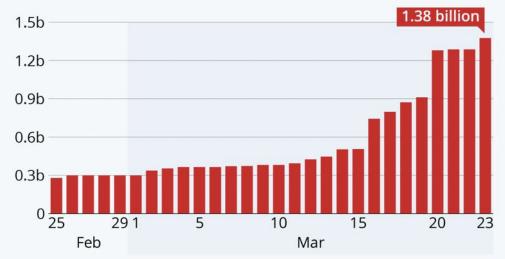
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Effects of the pandemic on school spending

Schools all over the world are reaching an all time high in their schools spendings on funds, but with the pandemic affecting the outcomes of students and their families where does this leave the schools abilities for their fundings?

COVID-19's Staggering Impact On Global Education

Number of learners impacted by national school closures worldwide



Figures refer to learners enrolled at pre-primary, primary, lower-secondary, and upper-secondary levels of education, as well as at tertiary education levels. Source: UNESCO

This graph shows the effects of different schools enrollments, based on their financial effects that Covid-19 has had on families globally. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on education globally, aswell.

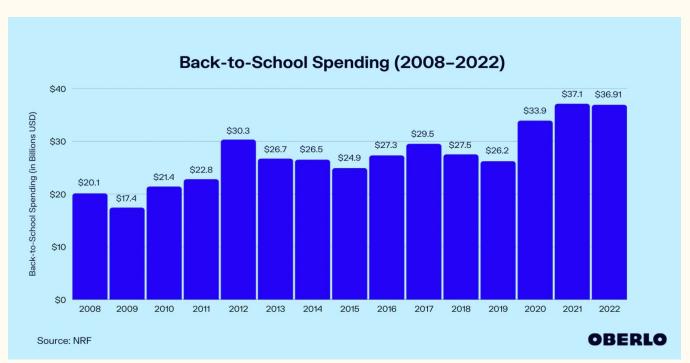
Local Sources

• Public Education in the United States relies heavily on funding from state and local sources. There is a clear difference in funding between high-poverty school districts, and low-poverty school districts. It highlights the inequity of the school systems. Therefore making it clear that the families who have more money get more opportunities for affording extra academic amenities such as after school programs, tutoring which would give their children a higher success rate.

• While on the other hand the schools in high-poverty areas do not receive the same amenities or opportunities in their education, chances and or ability to afford the extracurriculars, making it harder for them to succeed in the long run.

Present day school funding

Today families are spending more time than ever for school supplies when it comes time for the return of students to high school or college. Statistics show that in 2022 the U.S is expected to spend \$36.9 billion in back-to-school expenses, while college students are expected to spend 73.9 billion, in back-to-school expenses. All of this data is estimated by the National Retail Federation.



-This chart shows the inflation rate for back to school spending through the years.

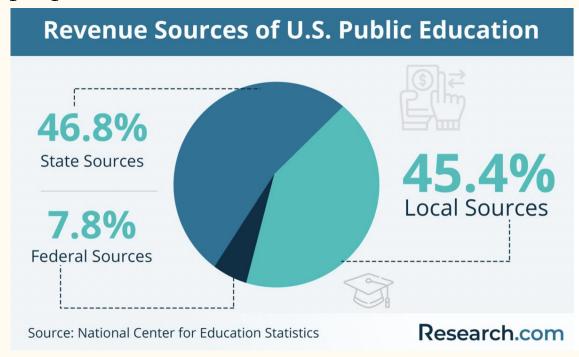
School spending as a college student

College tuition is reaching an all time high, not only this but it is becoming more expensive to purchase the need school supplies, and other amenities required to attend an institution. Statistics show 81% of back to school shoppers are waiting to shop during major sale events in order to save money.

Not only is it expensive to attend a university, but there are many additional expenses that come along with attending at a university. Personally I have experienced the many dues that comes along with attending the University of Delaware. As a freshman living in a dorm many, including myself were charged with various amounts of money due to building damages, and excessive housekeeping. While many of the students charged did not cause the damages or requirement of excessive housekeeping as a resident were still charged.

U.S public spending statistics

This chart makes it visible that the federal sources are contributing the smallest amount to the U.S public education system, while the local and state sources both cover approximately equal amounts. Which is where the location of schools makes a large difference, because of the local incomes the revenue received for public education varies. This is important because when schools in low income areas do not receive enough public funding, it is harder for students to receive the proper sources to succeed.



University Of Delaware funding

- -Funded by the state
- -UDs students and visitors each year inject roughly \$167 million in annual spending in Delaware. Spending by the University to maintain, enhance and expand classrooms, labs and other facilities. The university of Delaware revenue is around \$190.0M annueling. Along with making money the school also needs to compensate the employees. Besides having to compensate employees the school has many other places where money needs to be spent. For example; housing, school programs, scholarships, student aid, athletics, etc.



Questions

- → Do you think your high school gave you the proper sources for a strong education?
- → Approximately how much money did you spend purchasing school supplies and living expenses here at school?
- → Do you think the University of Delaware spends their funds responsibly?



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