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The following work presents the 2023 data update for the study of the State's investment of financial resources in public education conducted by CADSR in 2022. The purpose of the report is to provide, where possible, updates on the data used to conduct a system-wide review of the public education finance system in Delaware in 2022. The data used for the 2023 review were compiled by the Delaware Department of Education, the Census Bureau, the Office of Management and Budget of the State of Delaware, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), and the National Education Association (NEA).

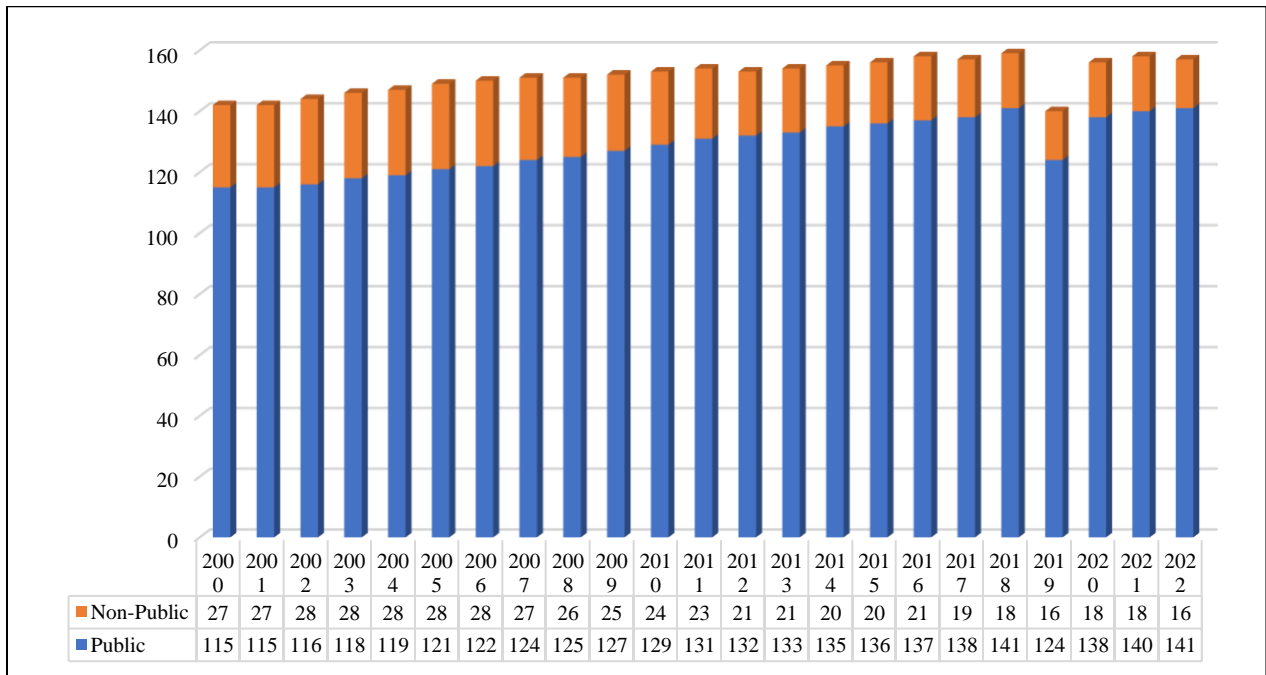
The research involved a large data collection and manipulation effort. Substantial data sets have been constructed during the course of creating this report update. CADSR will continue to maintain and update the data sets when new data become available.

¹ About CADSR. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/cadsr/about-cadsr>

SECTION ONE
STATEWIDE ANALYSIS

Figure 1.1

Delaware Elementary and Secondary School Enrollment by School Type, in thousands

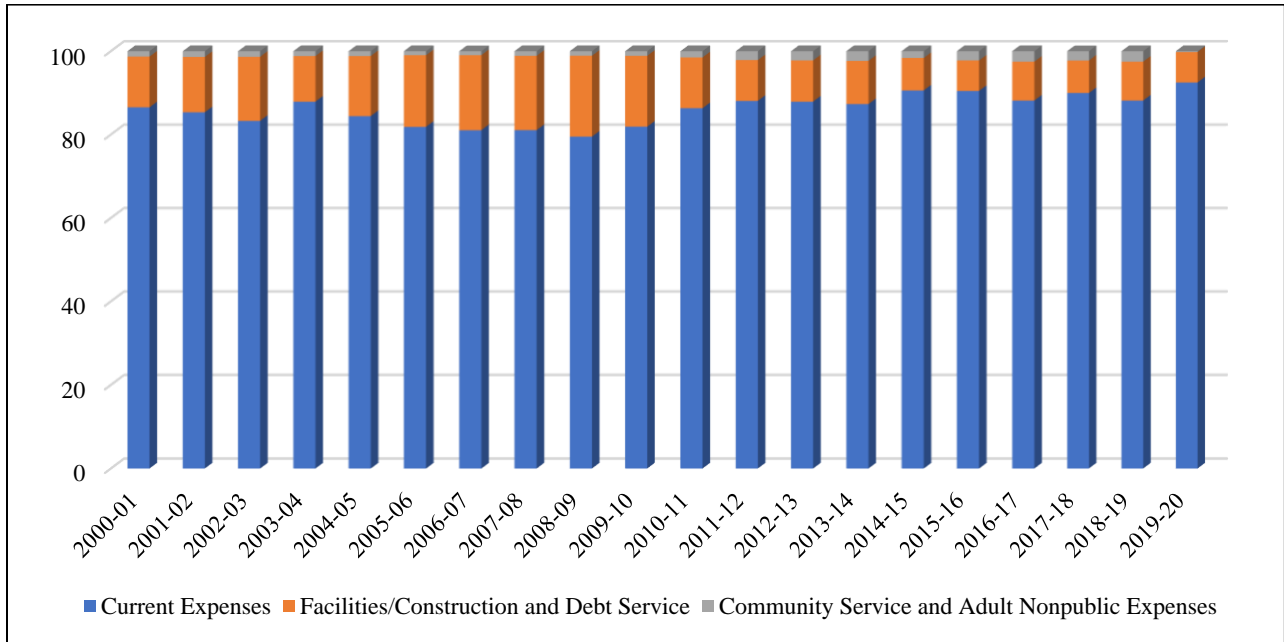


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Annual Student Enrollment, from 2000-2001 to 2022-2023.

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Figure 1.2

Share of Total Expenditures by Allocation: 2000-2001 to 2019-2020

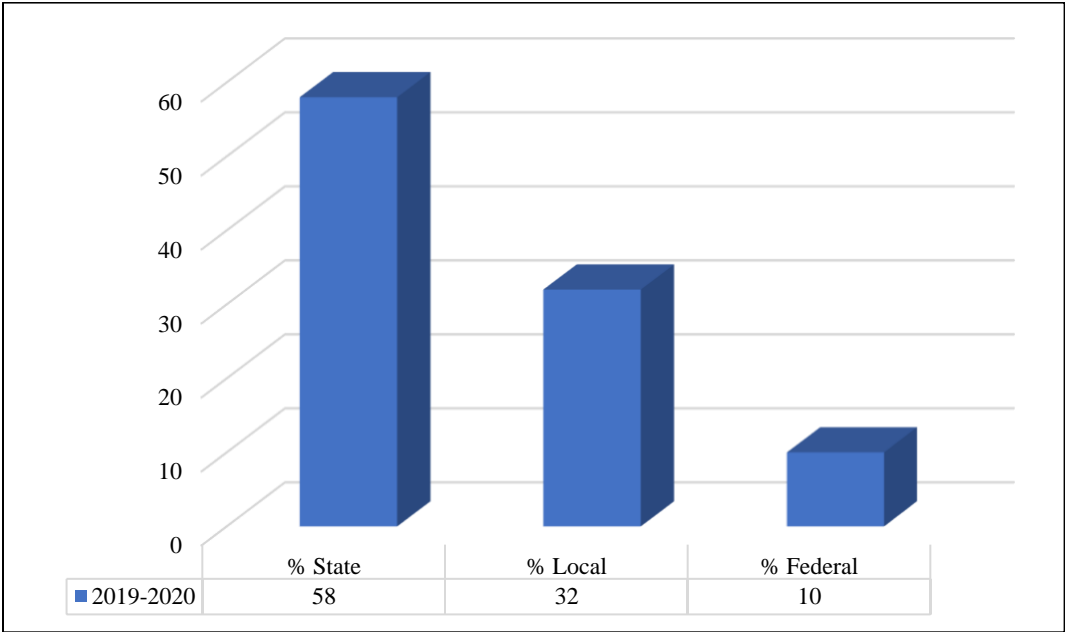


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports, school years from 2000-2001 to 2019-2020.

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Sources of Educational Revenue in Delaware 2019-2020

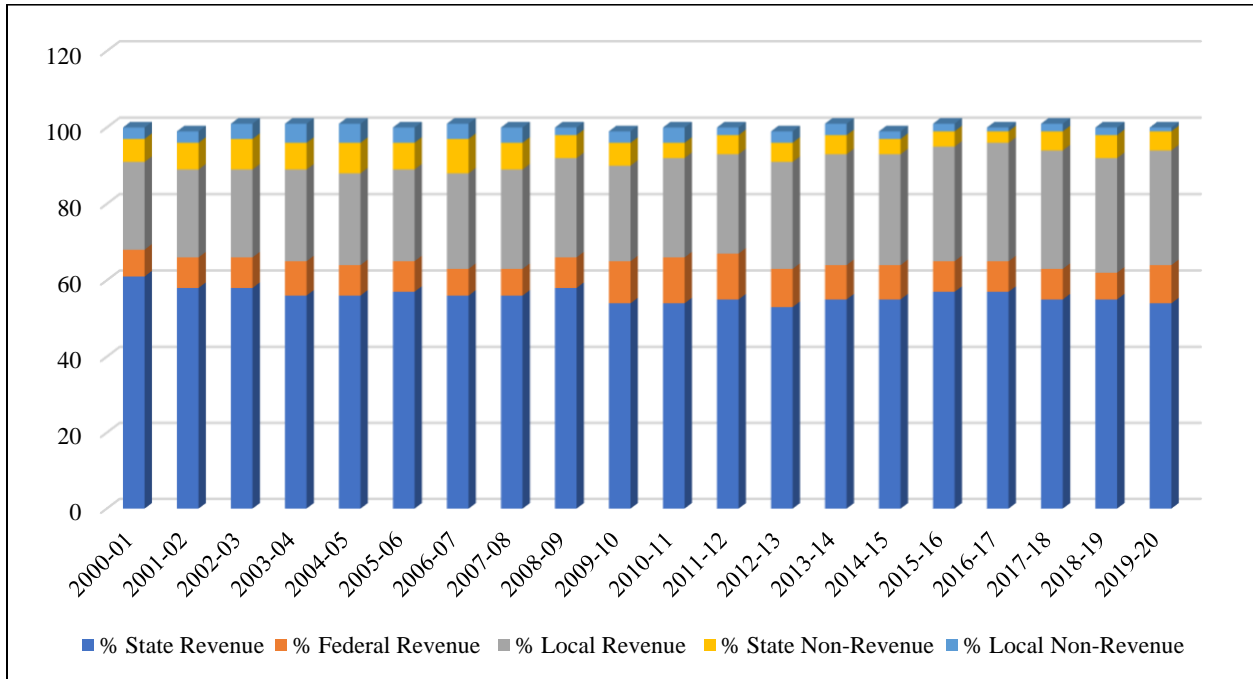


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Report of Educational Statistics, Table 2.

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Sources of Educational Revenue in Delaware as Share of Total 2019-2020

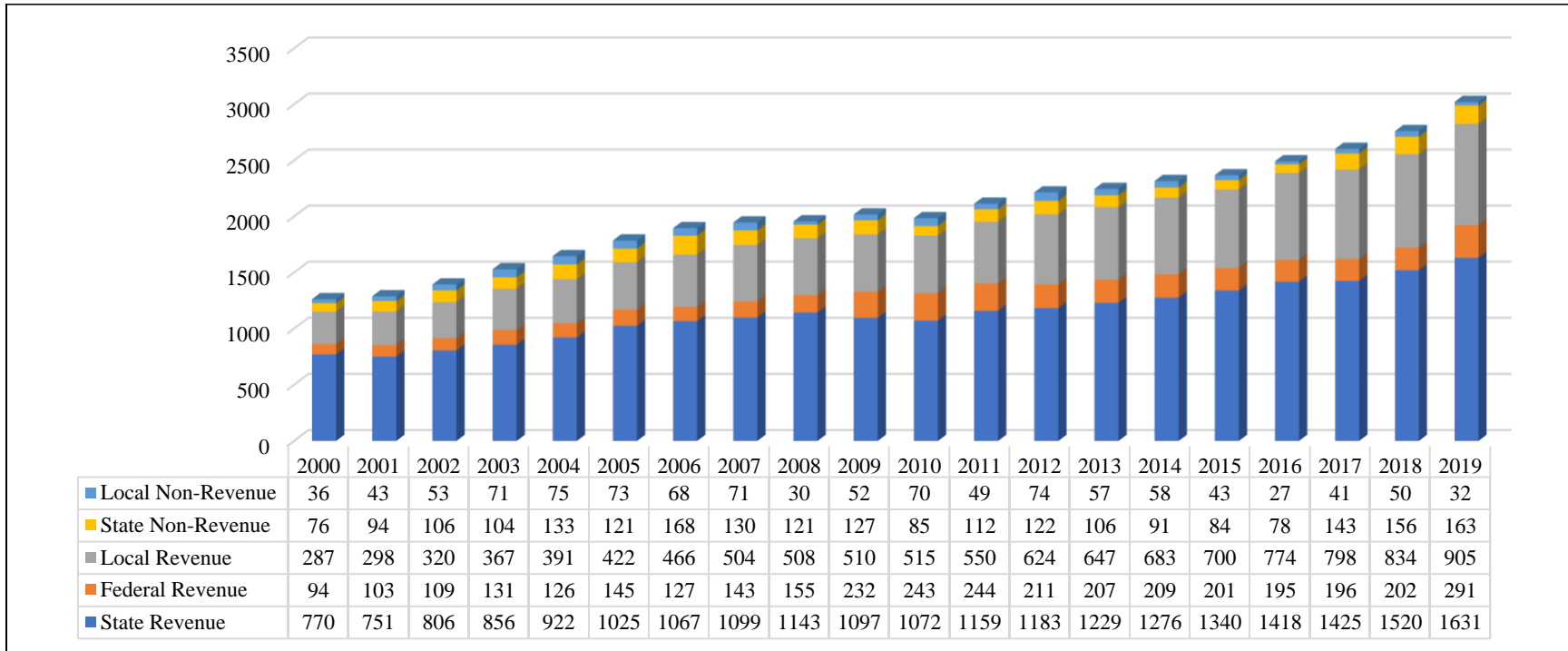


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports, Table 28 for school years from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, Table 30 for school years from 2004-2005 to 2018-2019, and Table 2 for school year 2019-2020.

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Sources of Educational Revenue in Delaware: 2000-2020 (in millions USD)



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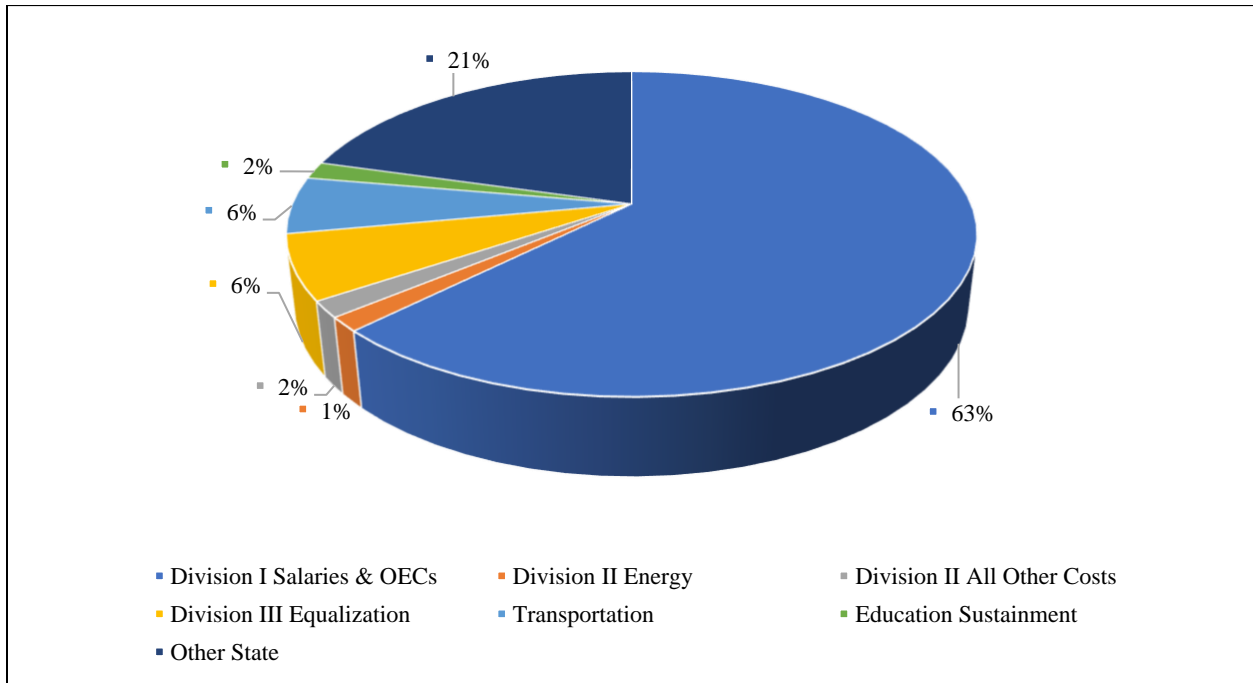
**Summary of Public School System Finances for Elementary-Secondary Education
(thousands of USD)**

Revenue				Expenditure				Per pupil current spending	Fall enrollment
Total	From Federal Sources	From State Sources	From Local Sources	Total	Current Spending	Capital Outlay	Other		
2,591,338	189,228	1,599,059	803,051	2,260,606	2,135,713	124,891	2	17,549	121,190

Source: Census Bureau Statistical Tables of Public Education Elementary-Secondary Education Finances, Fiscal Year 2021: Table 1. Thousands of dollars. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2021/econ/school-finances/secondary-education-finance.html>

Figure 2.5
State Appropriations 2019-2020
Total All Districts/States



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Report of Educational Statistics, Table 3.

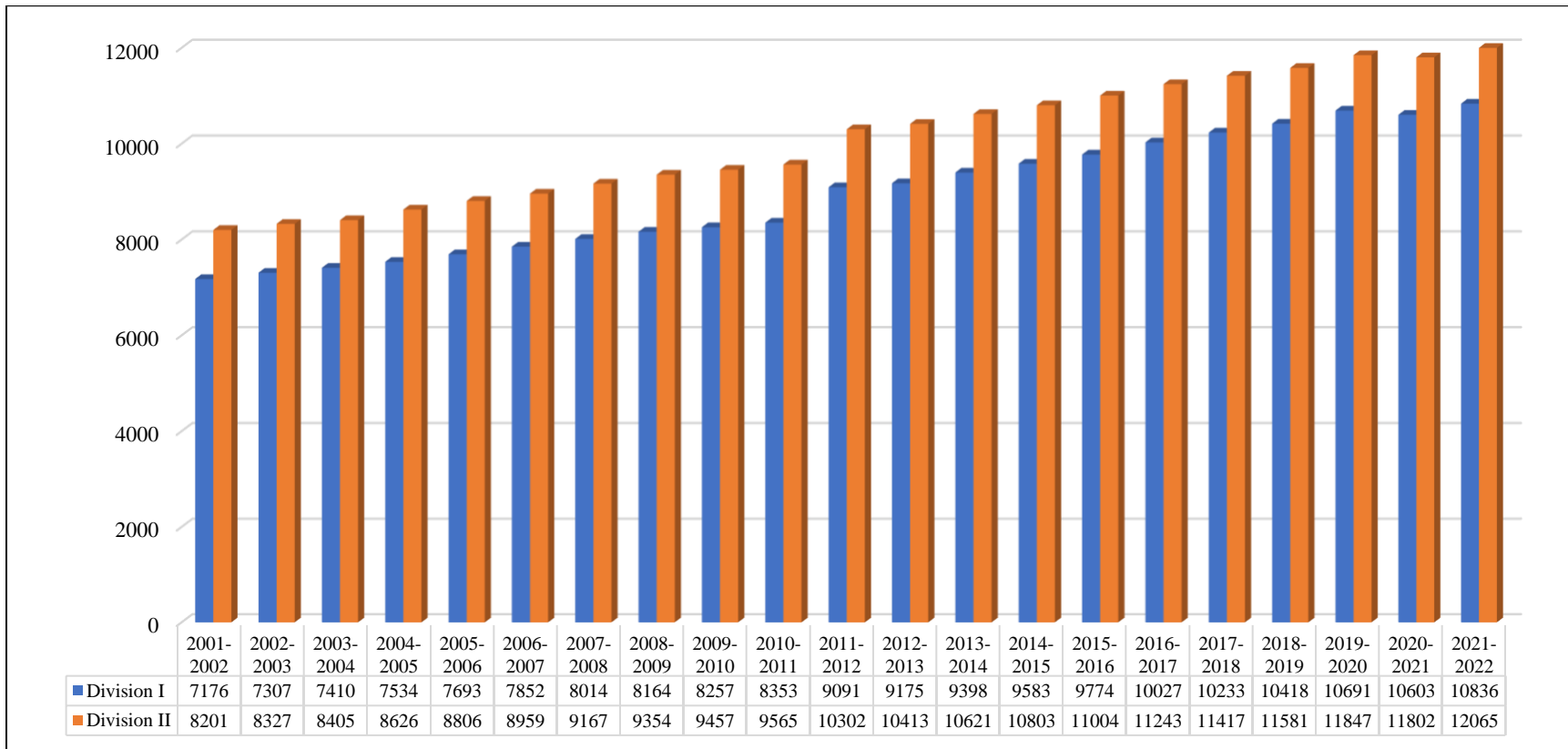
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Figure 2.6

Delaware Funding Units by Division

2001/2002 – 2022/2023



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Students Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports.
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Table 3.3

Division III and Total State Educational Budget (in millions of dollars, unadjusted)

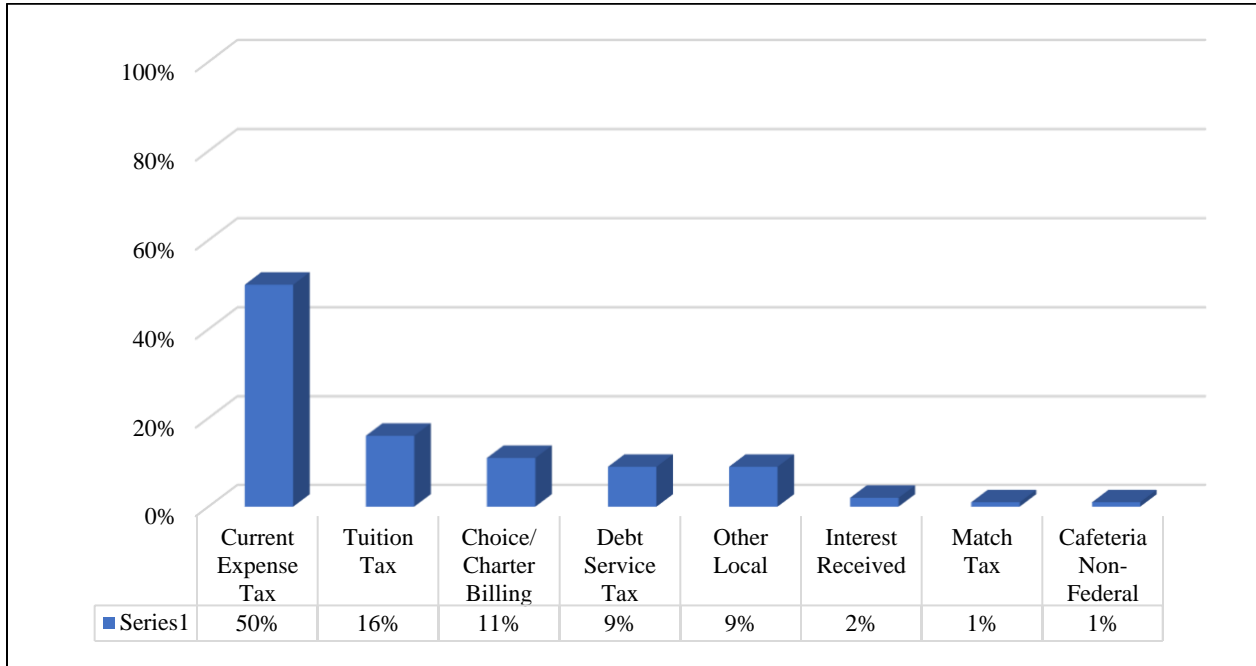
Fiscal Year	Division III Budget	Total State DOE Budget	Percent of Total DOE Budget
1999-2000	54	667	8.1%
2000-2001	56	720	7.8%
2001-2002	59	774	7.6%
2002-2003	61	795	7.7%
2003-2004	63	817	7.7%
2004-2005	65	887	7.3%
2005-2006	68	966	7.0%
2006-2007	72	1051	6.9%
2007-2008	74	1113	6.6%
2008-2009	77	1151	6.7%
2009-2010	78	1121	7.0%
2010-2011	79	1044	7.6%
2011-2012	80	1110	7.2%
2012-2013	81	1169	6.9%
2013-2014	82	1218	6.7%
2014-2015	88	1268	6.9%
2015-2016	90	1305	6.9%
2016-2017	91	1380	6.6%
2017-2018	94	1419	6.6%
2018-2019	96	1482	6.5%
2019-2020	98	1572	6.2%
2020-2021	101	1644	6.1%
2021-2022	102	1710	6.0%
2022-2023	104	1832	5.7%
2022-2023	104	1832	5.7%
2023-2024 (recommended)	108	1976	5.5%

Source: Budget of the State of Delaware.

Retrieved from: State of Delaware; The Official Website of the First State; Office of Management and Budget; Budget Department and Planning; Budget Development: <https://budget.delaware.gov/budget/index.shtml>

Figure 2.7

Revenue Receipts from Local Sources 2019-2020



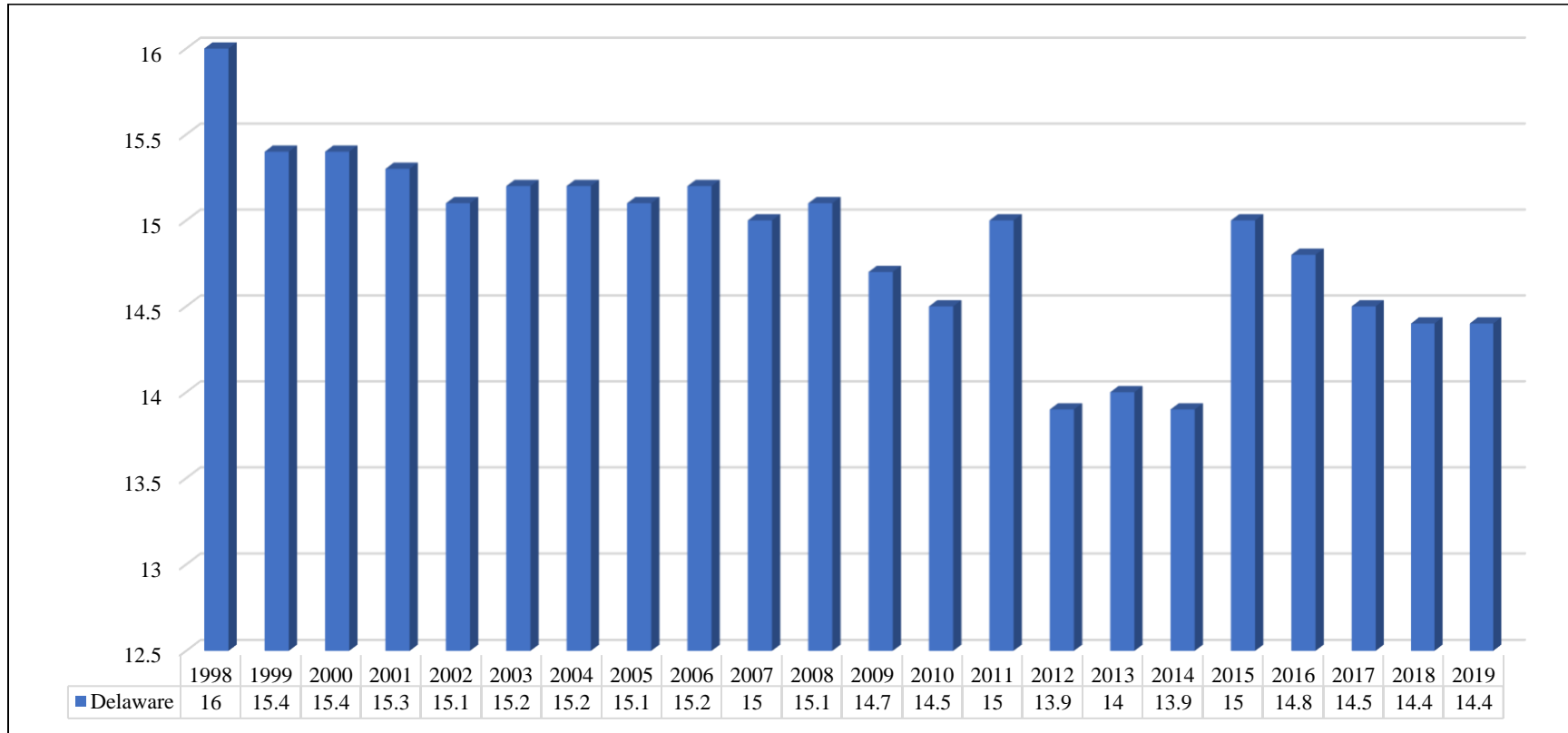
Source: Delaware Department of Education, 2019-2020 Financial Educational Statistics Reports, Table 5.

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Figure 2.8

Pupil/Teacher Ratio for Delaware 1998 to 2019



Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Digest of Education Statistics, Table 208.40.

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Table 3.11

Delaware Public Schools (including charter schools)

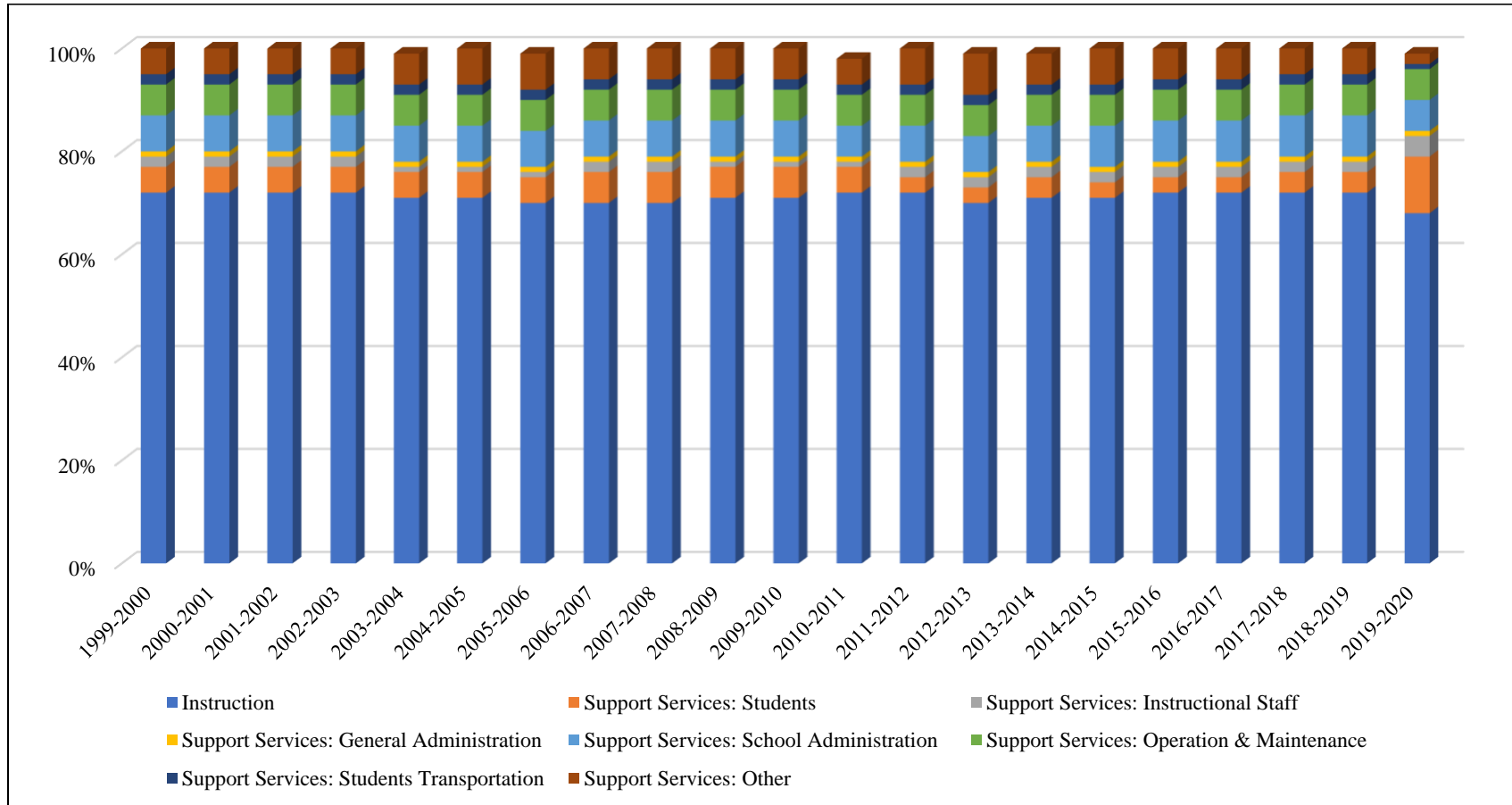
Year	High Schools	Middle Schools	Elementary Schools	Early Childhood Education Schools	Elementary/Middle Schools	Middle/High Schools	Elementary/Middle/High Schools	Special Schools	Intensive Learning Center (ILC) Schools	Total
2023	38	35	102	11	14	4	4	7	4	219

Source: Delaware.gov; Delaware Report Card; All Schools in Delaware.

Retrieved from: <https://reportcard.doe.k12.de.us/detail.html#listofschoolspage>

Figure 2.12

Share of Total Salaries by Staff: 1999-2000 to 2019-2020 (excluding food services & enterprise operations)

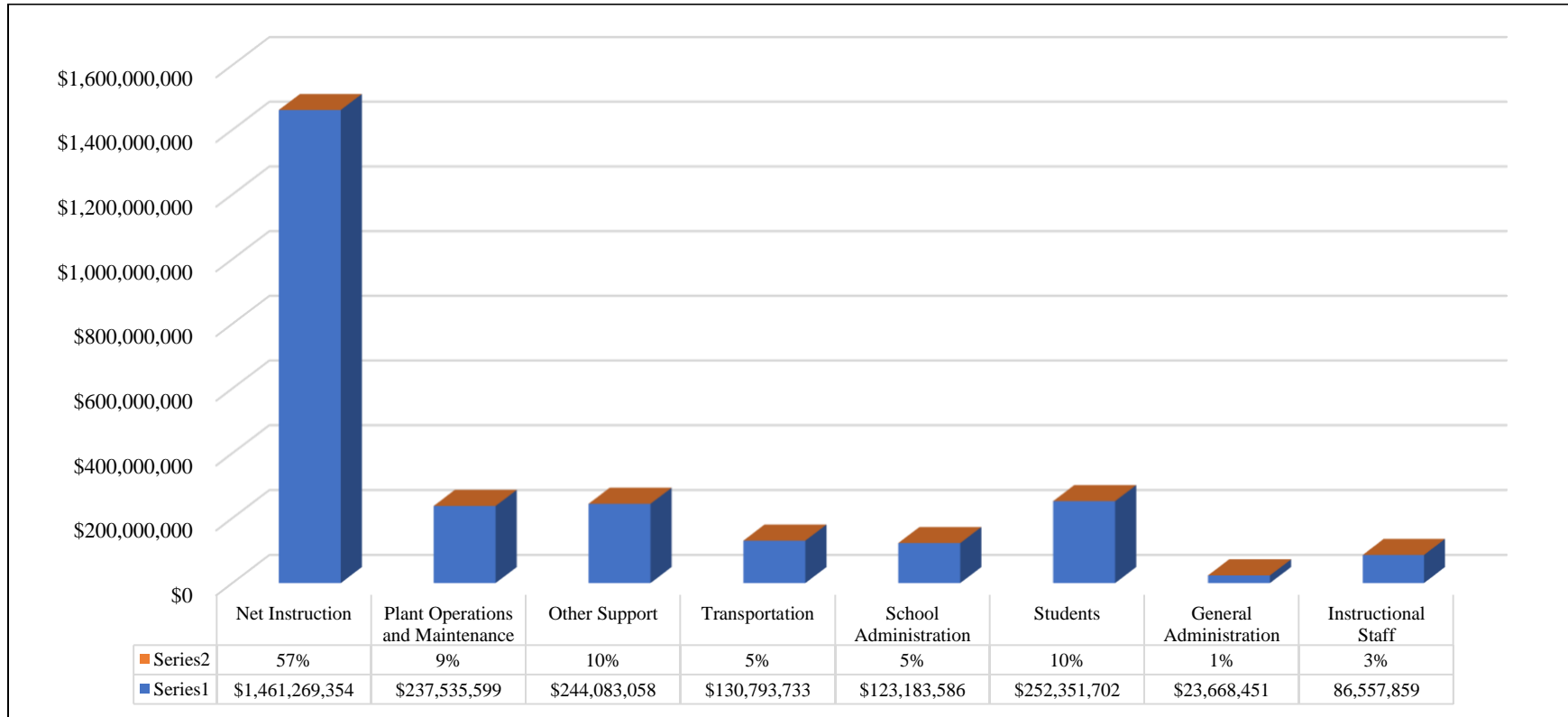


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports.

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Current Expenses, Delaware School, Finance 2018-2019

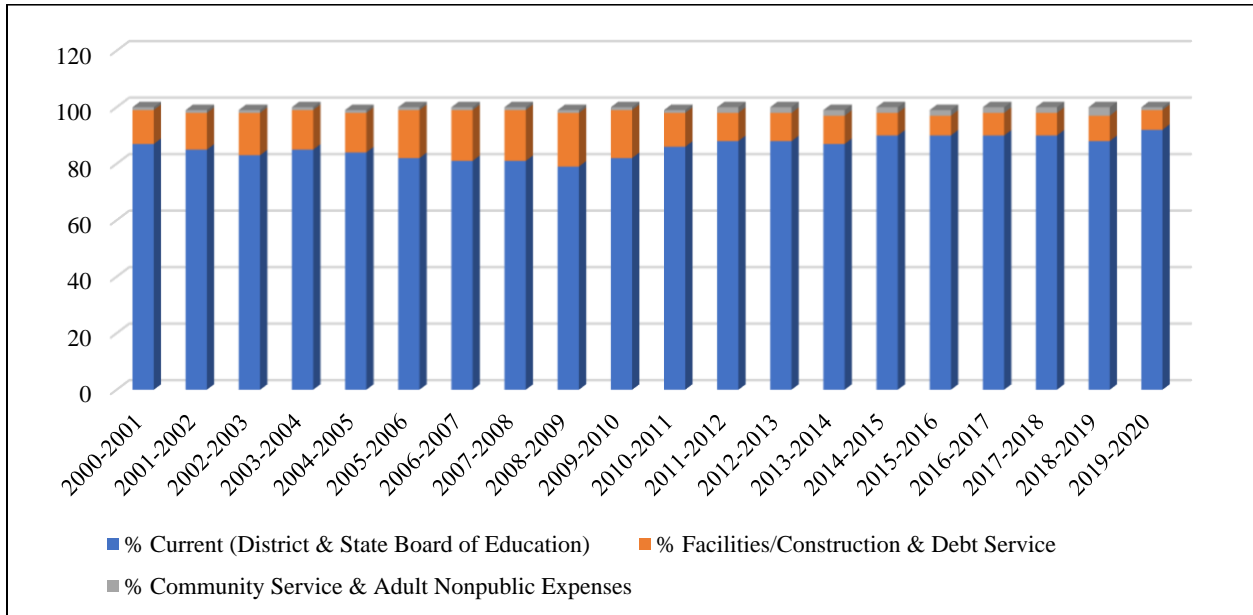


Source: Delaware Department of Education, 2019-2020 Financial Educational Statistics Report, Table 10.

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Share of Total Expenditures by Allocation: 1999-2000 to 2019-2020

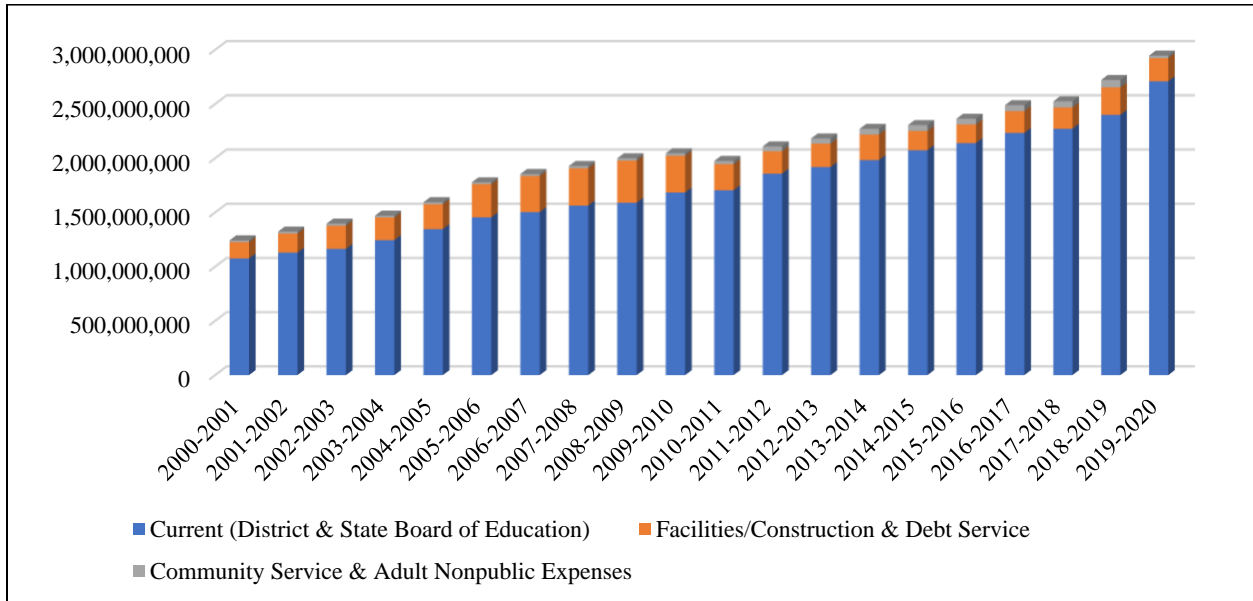


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports.

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Total Expenditures by Allocation: 1999-2000 to 2019-2020



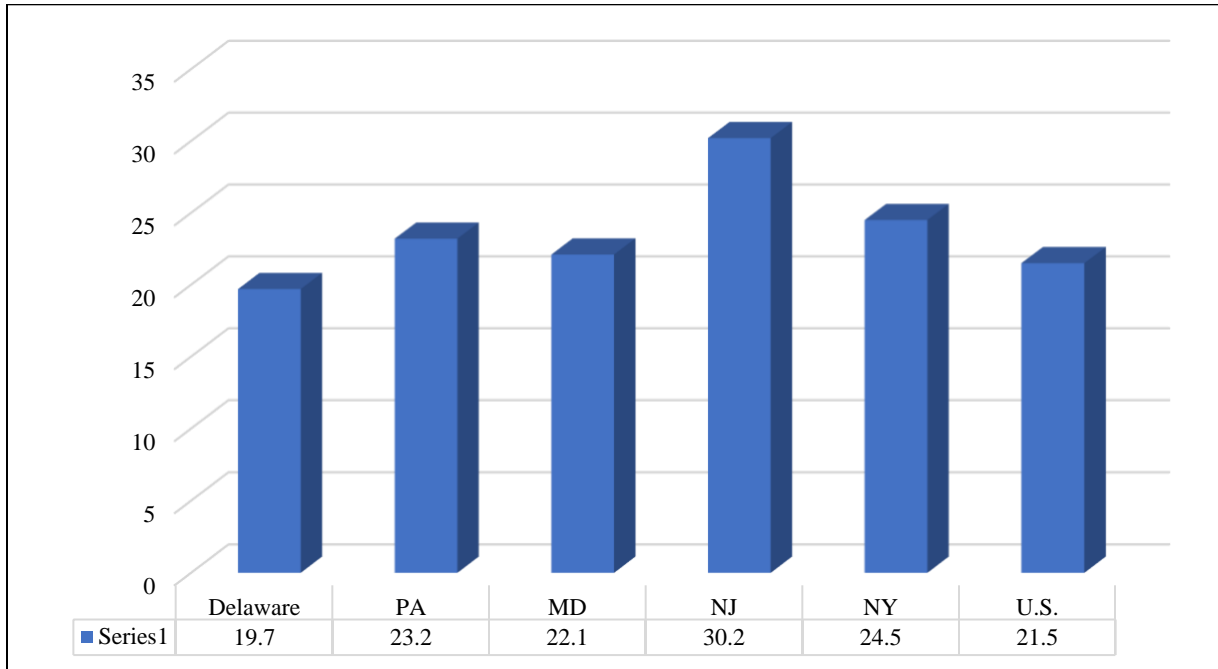
Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports.

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Figure 3.0

State Budget Allocations for Elementary and Secondary Education as a Percent of All Functions (direct general expenditure)

2018-2019



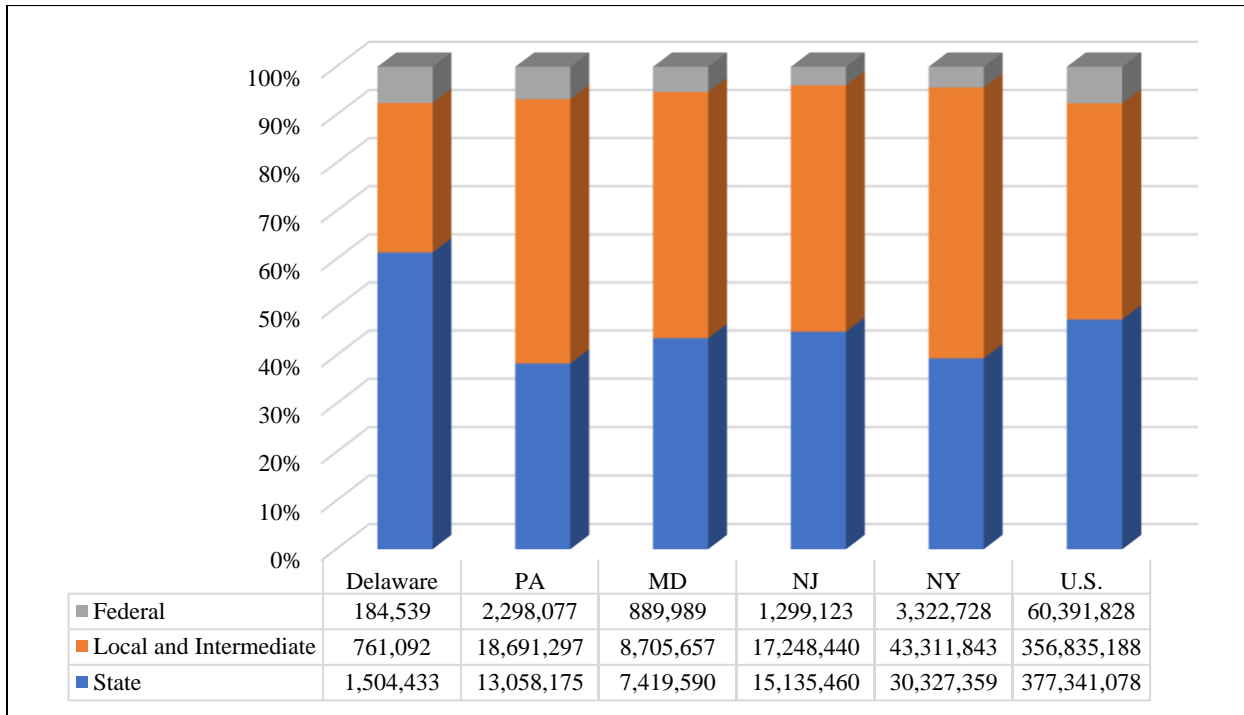
Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Digest of Education Statistics, 2021; Table 106.50.

Retrieved from: [Direct general expenditures of state and local governments per capita for all functions and for education, by level of education and state: 2017-18 and 2018-19](#)

Figure 3.1

Share of Revenues for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools (by source)

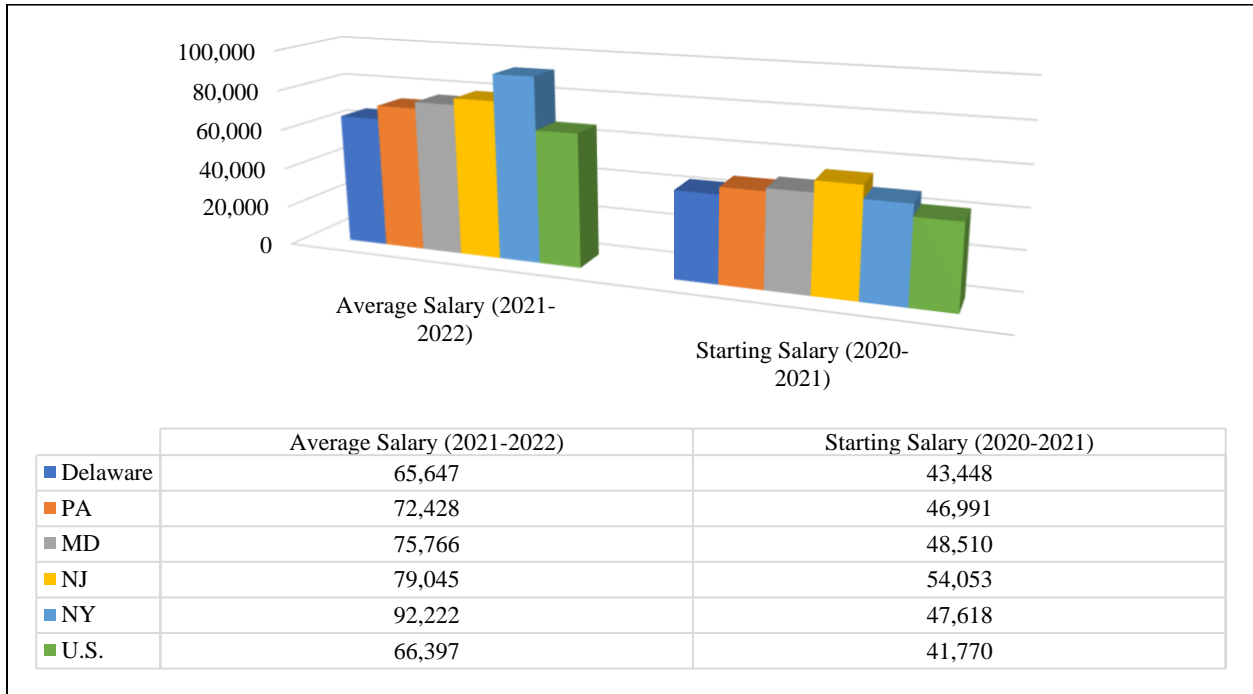
2019-2020



Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Digest of Education Statistics, 2022; Table 235.20.

Retrieved from: [Revenues for public elementary and secondary schools, by source of funds and state or jurisdiction: School year 2019-20 \(ed.gov\)](#)

Figure 3.4
Teacher Salaries, 2020-2022



Source:

Average Salary: National Education Association (NEA). (2022). Rankings of the States 2021 and Estimates of School Statistics 2022; Table E-6.

Retrieved from:

<https://www.nea.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/2022%20Rankings%20and%20Estimates%20Report.pdf>

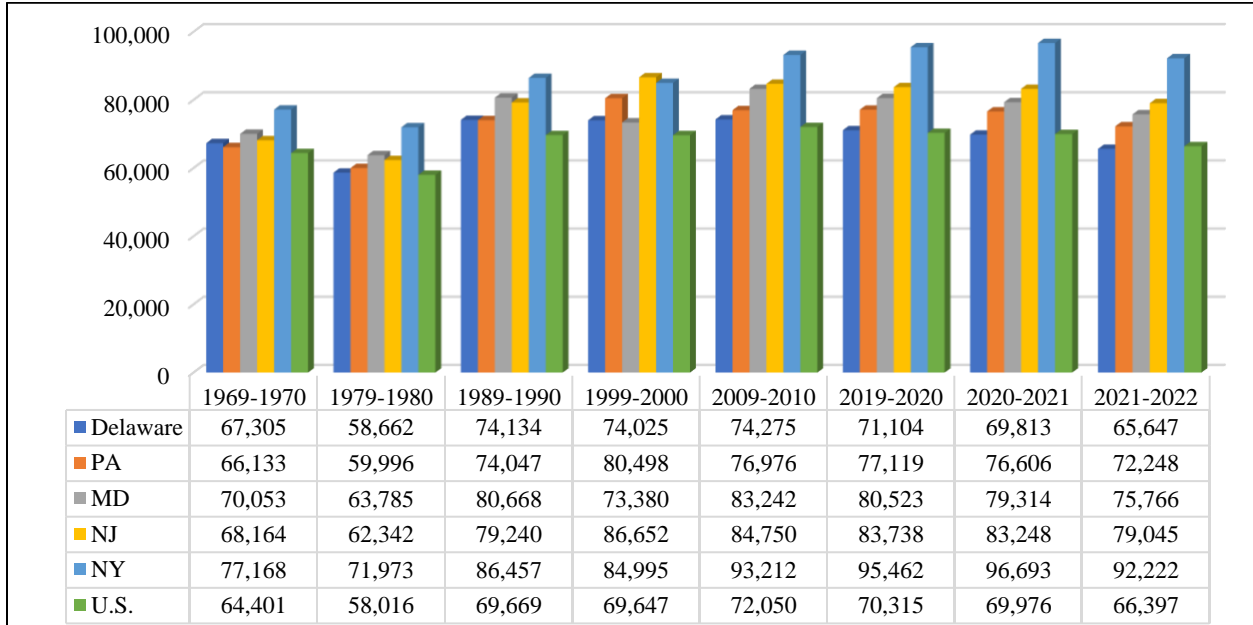
Starting Salary: National Education Association (NEA). (2022). NEA 2020-2021 Teacher Salary Benchmark Report. Collective Bargaining and Member Advocacy Department; Table 2.

Retrieved from:

<https://www.nea.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/2020-2021%20Teacher%20Salary%20Benchmark%20Report%20v2.2.pdf>

Figure 3.5

Estimated Average Annual Salaries of Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers by State: 1969-1970 to 2021-2022



Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Digest of Education Statistics, 2022; Table 211.60.

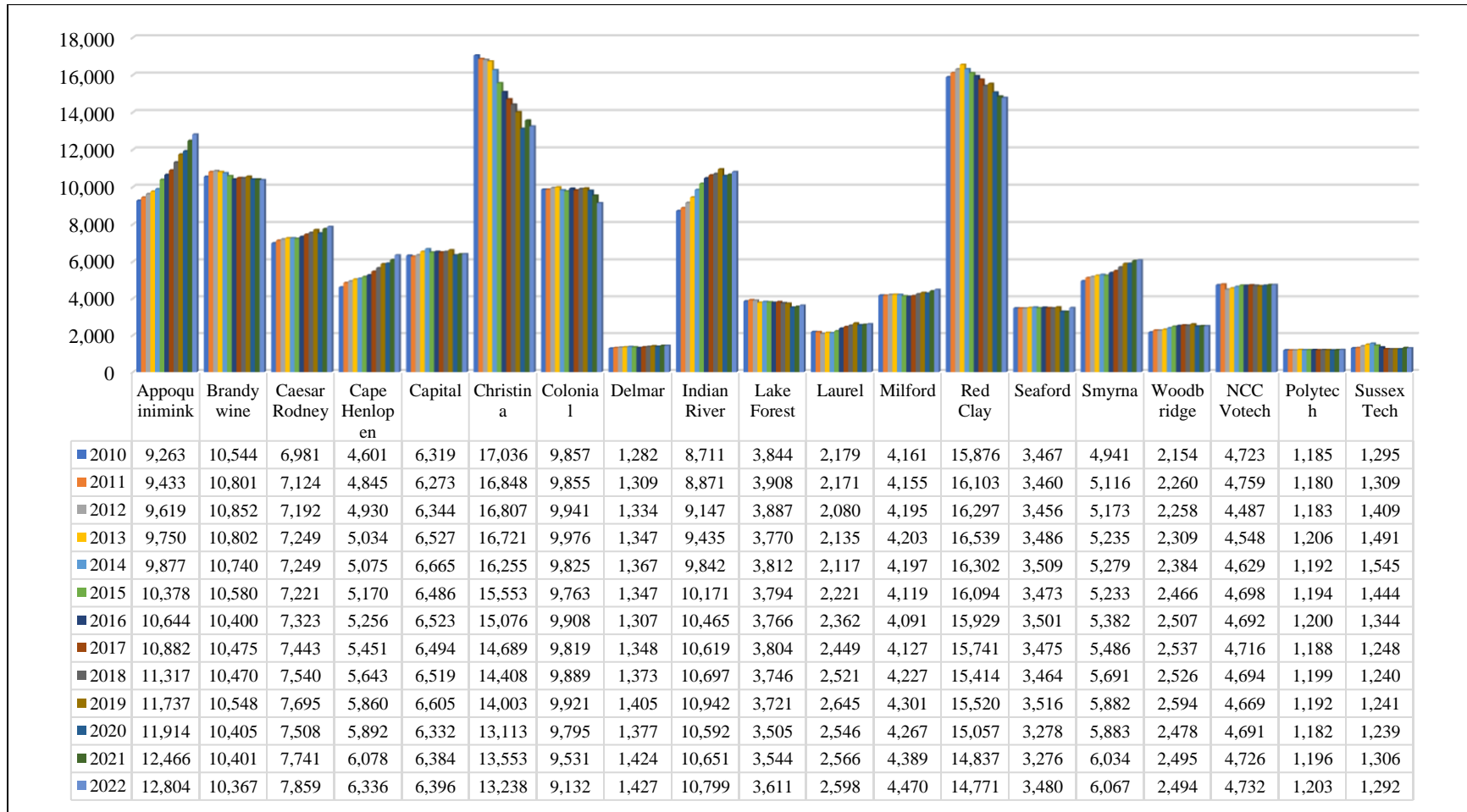
Retrieved from: [Estimated average annual salary of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools, by state: Selected school years, 1969-70 through 2021-22](#)

SECTION TWO

DISTRICT LEVEL ANALYSIS

Figure 4.1

Public Enrollment by School District



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2010-2011 to 2022-2023.

Redrived from [Annual Enrollment – Delaware Department of Education](#)

Table 4.2**Enrollment by School Districts**

School District	2010-2011	2022-2023	% Change 2010-2023
Appoquinimink	9,263	12,804	37.7%
Brandywine	10,544	10,367	-1.7%
Caesar Rodney	6,981	7,859	12.6%
Cape Henlopen	4,601	6,336	37.7%
Capital	6,319	6,396	1.2%
Christina	17,036	13,238	-22.3%
Colonial	9,857	9,132	-7.4%
Delmar	1,282	1,427	11.3%
Indian River	8,711	10,799	24%
Lake Forest	3,844	3,611	-6.1%
Laurel	2,179	2,598	19.2%
Milford	4,161	4,470	7.4%
NCC Votech	4,723	4,732	0.2%
Polytech	1,185	1,203	1.5%
Red Clay	15,876	14,771	-7%
Seaford	3,467	3,480	0.4%
Smyrna	4,941	6,067	22.8%
Sussex Technical	1,295	1,292	-0.2%
Woodbridge	2,154	2,494	15.8%
State Total	118,419	123,076	3.9%
Academia Antonia Alonso		718	
Academy of Dover Charter School	263	411	56.3%
Campus Community Charter School	601	402	-33.1%
Charter School of New Castle		752	
Charter School of Wilmington	970	968	-0.2%
Delaware Military Academy	556	584	5.0%

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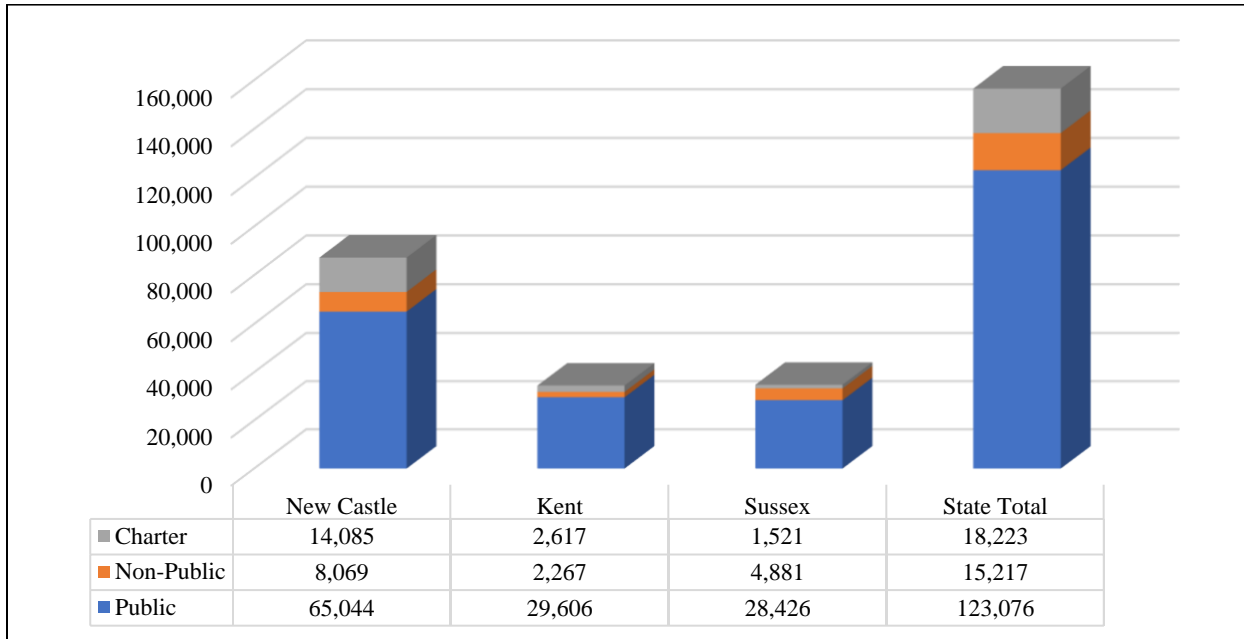
Early College High School at Delaware State University		520	
East Side Charter School	388	472	21.6%
First State Military Academy		439	
First State Montessori Academy		629	
Freire Charter School		450	
Gateway Charter School		186	
Great Oaks Charter School		217	
Kuumba Academy Charter School	253	643	154.2%
Las Americas Aspira Academy		1,341	
MOT Charter School	675	1,383	104.9%
Newark Charter School	1,336	2,987	123.6%
Odyssey Charter School District	438	2,123	384.7%
Positive Outcomes Charter School	117	115	-1.7%
Providence Creek Academy Charter School	696	730	4.9%
Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences	329	1,118	239.8%
Sussex Montessori School		403	
Thomas A. Edison Charter School	755	632	-16.3%
Delaware College Preparatory Academy	244		
Maurice J. Moyer Academy	202		
Family Foundation Academy	622		
Pencader Business and Finance Charter High School	616		
Prestige Academy	243		
Reach Academy for Girls	221		
Charter Total	9,525	18,223	91.3%
Grand Total	127,944	141,299	10.4%

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2010-2011 to 2022-2023.

Retrieved from: <https://education.delaware.gov/data/reports/unitcount/>

Figure 4.4

Enrollment by County 2022-2023



Source:

Charter Schools:

Delaware Charter Schools Network, Charter School Locator.

Retrieved from: [Delaware Charter Schools – Delaware Charter Schools Network \(decharternetwork.org\)](https://decharternetwork.org)

Non-Public Schools:

Delaware Department of Education. (2023). Nonpublic School Report, 2021-2022 Attendance, 2022-2023 Enrollment.

Retrieved from: [4.26.23FINAL-NPS-Report-2022.pdf \(delaware.gov\)](https://delaware.gov)

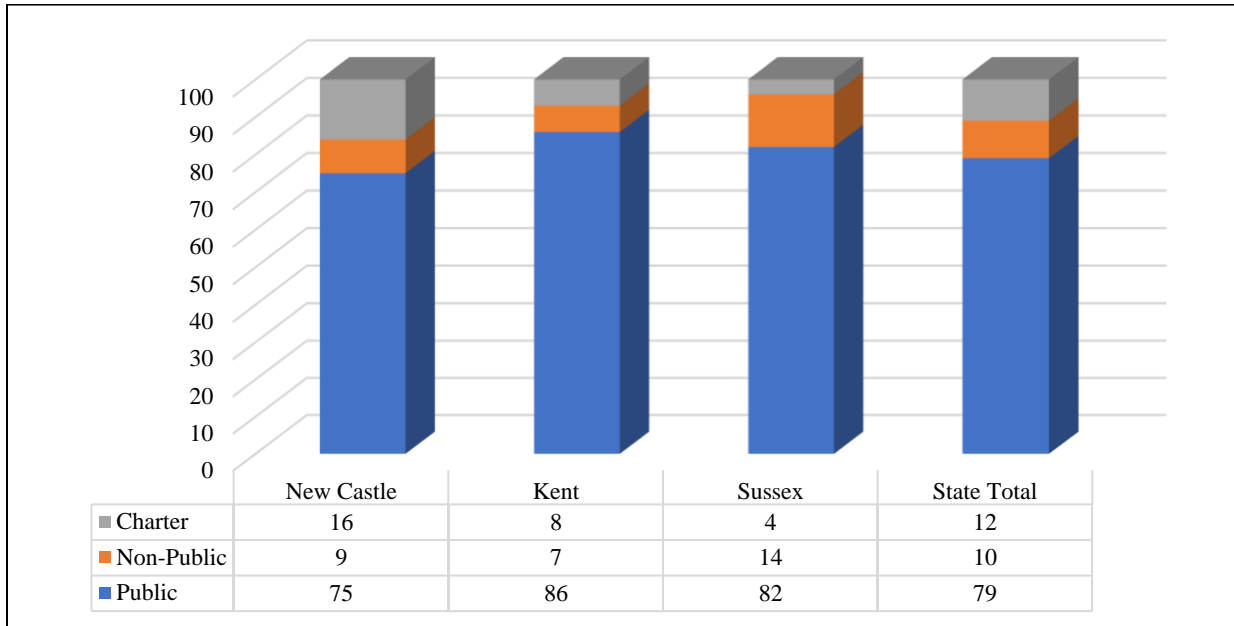
Public Schools:

Delaware Department of Education. (2022). Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2022-2023.

Retrieved from: [Annual Enrollment – Delaware Department of Education](https://delaware.gov)

Figure 4.5

Enrollment by County 2022-2023 (in %)



Source:

Charter Schools:

Delaware Charter Schools Network, Charter School Locator.

Retrieved from: [Delaware Charter Schools – Delaware Charter Schools Network \(decharternetwork.org\)](https://decharternetwork.org)

Non-Public Schools:

Delaware Department of Education. (2023). Nonpublic School Report, 2021-2022 Attendance, 2022-2023 Enrollment.

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Public Schools:

Delaware Department of Education. (2022). Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2022-2023.

Retrieved from: [Annual Enrollment – Delaware Department of Education](https://delaware.gov)

Table 4.3

Active Delaware Charter Schools

Charter School	Location	Grades Served
Academia Antonia Alonso	Newark (NCC)	K-6 (690)
Academy of Dover Charter School	Dover (KC)	K-8 (410)
Campus Community Charter School	Dover (KC)	K-8 (412)
Charter School of New Castle	New Castle (NCC)	K-8 (790)
Charter School of Wilmington	Wilmington (Red Clay) (NCC)	9-12 (970)
Delaware Military Academy	Wilmington (Red Clay) (NCC)	9-12 (715)
Early College High School at Delaware State University	Dover (KC)	7-12 (525)
East Side Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	K-8 (460)
First State Military Academy	Clayton (KC)	9-12 (475)
First State Montessori Academy	Wilmington (NCC)	K-8 (650)
Freire Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	8-12 (500)
Gateway Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	3-8 (198)
Great Oaks Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	8-12 (325)
Kuumba Academy Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	K-8 (700)
Las Americas Aspira Academy	Newark (NCC)	K-12 (1,347)
MOT Charter School	Middletown (NCC)	K-12 (1,392)
Newark Charter School	Newark (NCC)	K-12 (2,996)
Odyssey Charter School District	Wilmington (NCC)	K-12 (2,135)
Positive Outcomes Charter School	Camden (KC)	7-12 (120)
Providence Creek Academy Charter School	Clayton (KC)	K-8 (708)
Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences	Georgetown (SC)	K-12 (1,112)
Sussex Montessori School	Seaford (SC)	K-6 (390)
Thomas A. Edison Charter School	Wilmington (NCC)	K-8 (745)

Source: Delaware Department of Education, List of Active Charter Schools, last modified on December 15, 2022.

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Table 5.0

Allocation of Expenditure Increase, 1999-2000 to 2018-2019

	Share of total actual expenses (1999-2000) (in %)	Share of total actual expenses (2019-2020) (in %)	Change in dollar terms	Share of change (in %)
Net Instruction	60	54	873,845,848	50%
Student Support	4.4	9	209,321,853	12%
Instructional Staff	1.4	3	73,062,179	4%
General Administration	1.1	1	13,147,406	1%
School Administration	5.4	5	70,818,740	4%
Operations/Maintenance	10.2	9	138,021,567	8%
Student Transportation	5.6	5	76,035,493	4%
Other Support	8.8	9	157,562,352	9%
Food Services	3.1	6	119,103,402	7%
Net Current Expense	100	100	1,730,918,840	50%

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports, 1999-2000 and 2018-2019 school years.

Table 35 and Figure 31 for school year 1999-2000; Tables 10 and 19 for school year 2019-2020.

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Table 5.2

Delaware Public Schools Expenditures by Function by Level of Enrollment (%)

Component of Current Expenditures	Level of Enrollment		
	Low	Medium	High
Net Instruction	60	58	60
Students Support	7	10	12
Instructional Staff Support	4	4	3
General Administration	1	1	1
School Administration	5	5	5
Operations and Maintenance	9	9	8
Student Transportation	7	6	5
Other Support	2	3	4
Food Services	4	4	3
Net Current Expenses	100	100	100

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report, 2019-2020; Table 6.

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Table 5.3

Delaware Public Schools

Expenditures by Function by Level of Spending (2019-2020)

Component of Per Pupil Expenditures	1st quartile (\$)	Percent (%)	2nd quartile (\$)	Percent (%)	3rd quartile (\$)	Percent (%)	4th quartile (\$)	Percent (%)
Net Instruction	8,774	62	9,963	61	11,155	58	16,008	64
Student Support	1,063	7	1,251	8	1,697	9	3,440	14
Instructional Staff	457	3	573	4	695	4	997	4
General Administration	136	1	161	1	194	1	309	1
School Administration	746	5	876	5	967	5	1,343	5
Operations and Maintenance	1,166	8	1,399	9	2,045	11	2,893	12
Student Transportation	667	5	878	5	998	5	2,112	8
Other Support	399	3	558	3	636	3	1,160	5
Food Services	538	4	602	4	660	3	775	3

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report, 2019-2020, Table 10 and Table 21.

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Table 5.4

Change in Current Expenditure Shares 2009-2010 to 2019-2020

Instruction and Support Services (%)

New Castle County																		
School district	Net Instruction		Students Support		Instructional Staff Support		General Administration		School administration		Operations and Maint.		Student Transportation		Other Support		Food Services	
	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20
Appoquinimink	66	64	4	9	0	2	1	1	9	5	10	8	7	5	2	4	1	3
Brandywine	63	52	6	16	1	4	1	1	6	5	12	14	4	2	7	3	1	3
Christina	62	64	4	10	0	3	1	1	6	4	12	2	8	8	5	5	1	2
Colonial	64	60	4	10	2	5	1	1	7	5	10	7	6	5	6	2	1	4
NCC Votech	60	60	5	6	0	4	1	1	6	5	13	11	9	8	5	3	1	2
Red Clay	64	57	4	15	1	3	1	1	5	5	13	8	5	3	6	3	1	3
Kent County																		
School district	Net Instruction		Students Support		Instructional Staff Support		General Administration		School administration		Operations and Maint.		Student Transportation		Other Support		Food Services	
	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20
Caesar Rodney	67	57	5	8	1	3	1	1	6	5	8	13	5	5	4	4	1	3
Capital	67	63	4	8	2	2	1	1	4	5	11	9	5	4	6	3	1	4
Polytech	62	60	5	6	0	4	2	2	5	6	9	12	8	4	6	4	2	4
Lake Forest	59	61	8	6	0	4	1	1	4	5	9	8	7	6	9	4	1	4
Milford	65	60	3	8	2	3	1	1	5	5	10	8	8	7	5	2	1	5

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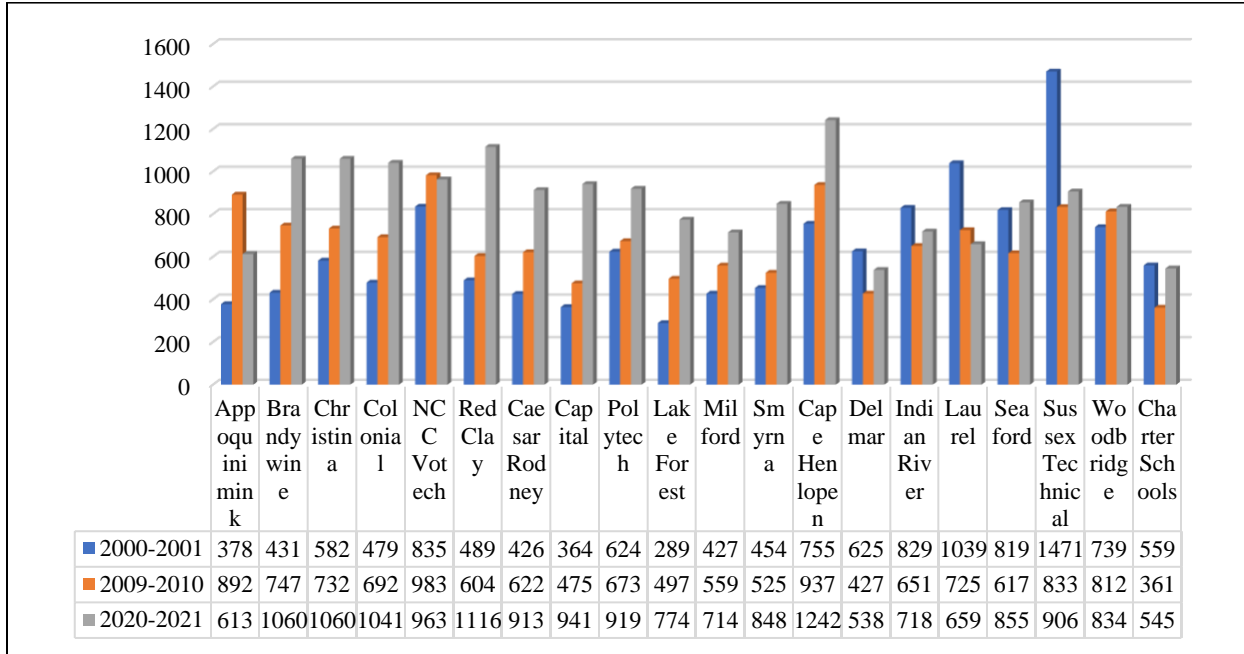
Smyrna	64	64	5	6	2	2	1	1	6	6	10	8	6	5	6	2	1	5
Sussex County																		
School district	Net Instruction		Students Support		Instructional Staff Support		General Administration		School administration		Operations and Maint.		Student Transportation		Other Support		Food Services	
	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20	09/10	19/20
Cape Henlopen	65	50	7	14	3	4	1	1	6	6	8	10	7	8	3	5	1	2
Delmar	64	67	6	4	1	3	4	2	4	4	10	8	5	4	4	3	1	4
Indian River	64	62	5	8	1	4	1	1	6	4	10	9	7	6	4	3	1	3
Laurel	62	57	5	9	1	4	3	2	7	5	12	8	6	7	2	3	1	5
Seaford	65	60	6	7	2	5	1	1	5	6	9	9	5	5	5	3	1	5
Sussex Technical	61	56	4	5	1	3	3	1	5	5	11	12	9	9	4	6	1	2
Woodbridge	61	58	7	8	2	4	2	1	7	5	10	9	7	6	4	3	1	5

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports, 2008-2009, Table 38 and 2019-2020, Table 10.

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Figure 5.0

School Administrative Expenses per Pupil per District (in thousands USD)



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Reports: 2000-2001 (Table 41), 2009-2010 (Table 43), and 2020-2021 (Table 15).

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Table 6.1

Total School Enrollment by District and Grade 2022-2023

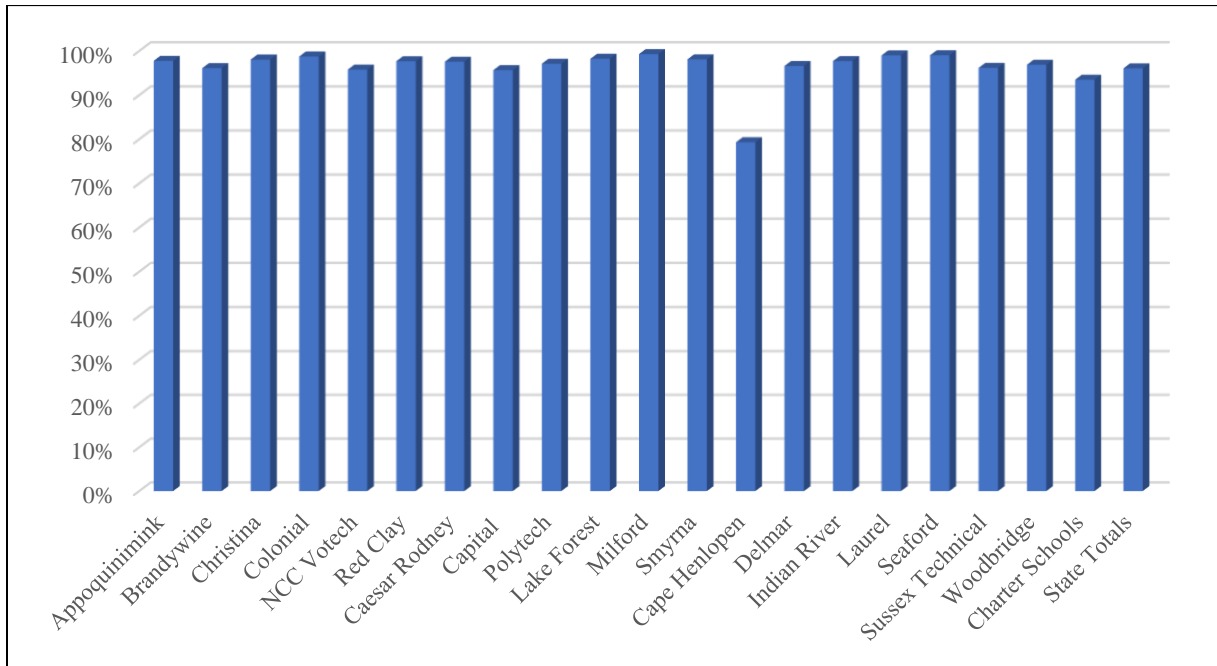
School District	K	Grade 1-6	Grade 7-8	Grade 9-12
Appoquinimink	761	4,981	1,795	3,226
Brandywine	665	3,856	1,375	2,516
Christina	923	5,048	1,598	2,358
Colonial	541	3,597	1,302	1,685
NCC Votech	0	0	0	4,107
Red Clay	941	5,966	2,198	2,851
Caesar Rodney	485	3,115	1,048	1,916
Capital	460	2,445	675	1,446
Polytech	0	0	0	1,054
Lake Forest	260	1,432	525	708
Milford	297	1,775	601	1,076
Smyrna	328	2,362	843	1,496
Cape Henlopen	416	2,444	766	1,571
Delmar	0	338	360	612
Indian River	663	4,180	1,433	2,689
Laurel	180	972	395	597
Seaford	248	,1481	465	715
Sussex Technical	0	0	0	1,131
Woodbridge	153	995	317	591

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2022-2023. Charter schools and special education students excluded.

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Figure 5.1

**School Administrative Expenses by District
(Salaries and benefits, %)**

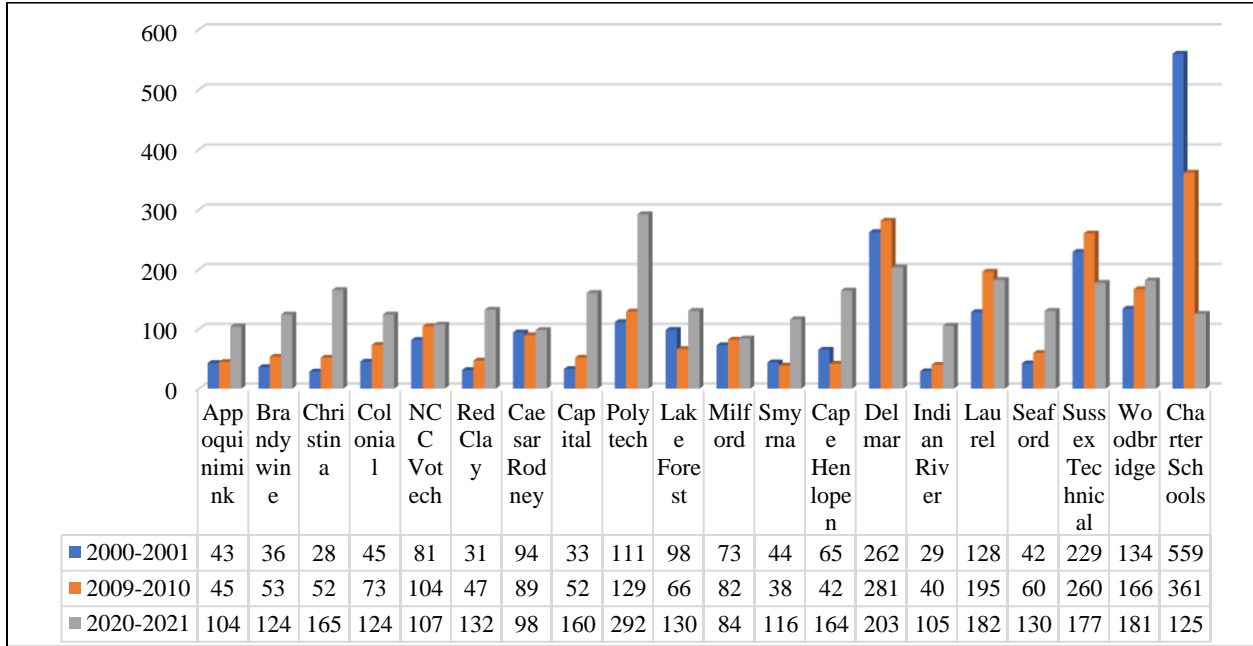


Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report 2020-2021; Table 15.

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Figure 5.2

General Administrative Expenses per Pupil by District

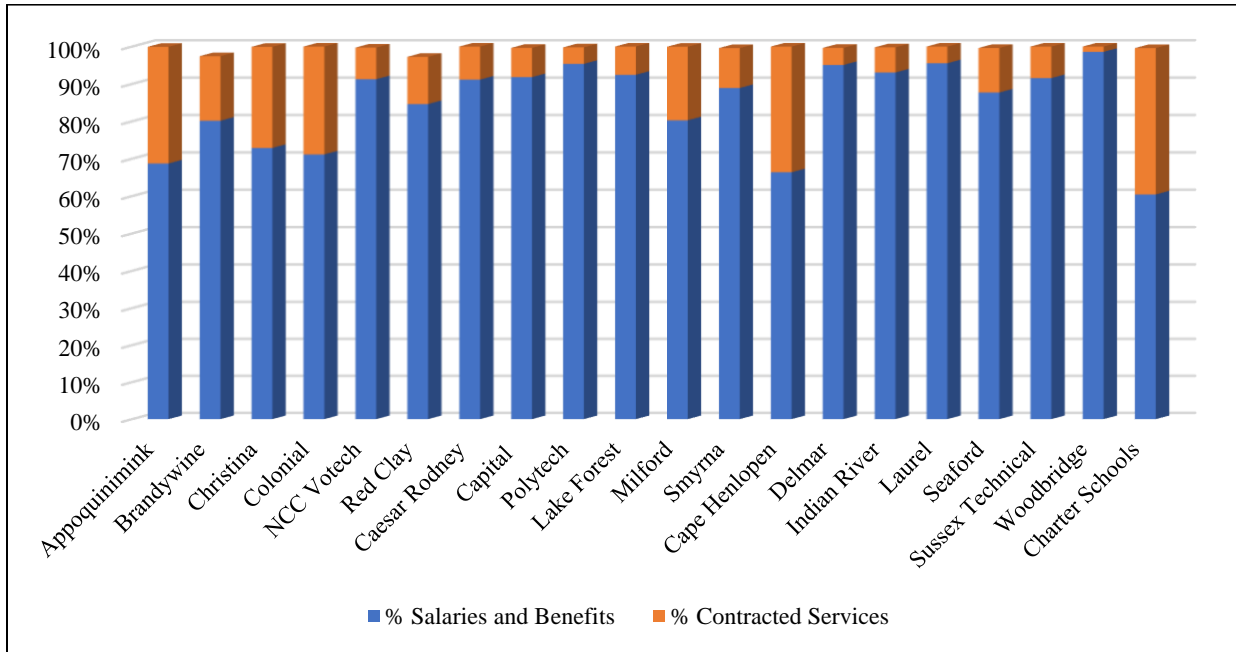


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Figure 5.3

General Administrative Expenses by District



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report 2020-2021 (Table 14).

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*Capital Outlay and Other Expenses excluded due to their insignificant numbers.

Table 6.2

General Administration Costs, 2019-2020

Share of Total General Administration Costs

District	Salaries and Benefits (%)	Contracted Services (%)	*Capital Outlay (%)	*Other Expenses (%)	Total (\$)
Appoquinimink	69	31	0	0	1,942,670
Brandywine	80	17	3	0	1,602,479
Christina	73	27	0	0	2,991,487
Colonial	71	29	0	0	1,596,353
NCC Votech	91	8	0	0	554,152
Red Clay	85	13	3	0	2,305,138
Caesar Rodney	91	9	0	0	847,049
Capital	92	8	0	0	1,112,889
Polytech	95	4	0	0	368,373
Lake Forest	92	8	0	0	508,804
Milford	80	20	0	0	467,448
Smyrna	89	11	0	0	792,518
Cape Henlopen	66	34	0	0	1,564,572
Delmar	95	5	0	0	304,687
Indian River	93	7	0	0	1,215,204
Laurel	96	4	0	0	495,852
Seaford	88	12	0	0	514,629
Sussex Technical	92	8	0	0	249,522
Woodbridge	99	1	0	0	457,961
Charter Schools	69	31	0	0	1,942,670
State Totals	80	17	3	0	1,602,479

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report 2019-2020; Table 14.

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*In some school districts either no share of total General Administration costs was allocated for Capital Outlay and Other Expenses, or the share was less than 1%.

Table 6.3

School Administration Costs, 2019-2020

Share of Total School Administration Costs

District	Salaries and Benefits (%)	*Contracted Services (%)	Supplies (%)	*Capital Outlay (%)	Total (\$)
Appoquinimink	98	0	2	0	7,850,144
Brandywine	96	0	3	0	10,989,501
Christina	98	1	1	0	14,026,971
Colonial	99	0	1	0	9,505,841
NCC Votech	96	2	2	0	4,556,643
Red Clay	98	0	2	0	16,483,006
Caesar Rodney	98	0	2	0	7,171,708
Capital	96	0	4	0	6,021,382
Polytech	97	1	2	0	1,105,722
Lake Forest	98	1	1	0	2,794,439
Milford	99	0	1	0	3,190,905
Smyrna	98	0	1	0	5,142,846
Cape Henlopen	79	0	20	0	7,868,662
Delmar	97	0	3	0	767,450
Indian River	98	0	2	0	7,754,137
Laurel	99	0	1	0	1,713,091
Seaford	99	0	1	0	2,976,863
Sussex Technical	96	1	3	0	1,170,294
Woodbridge	97	1	2	0	2,080,096
Charter Schools	98	0	2	0	7,850,144
State Totals	96	0	3	0	10,989,501

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Financial Educational Statistics Report 2019-2020; Table 15.

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*In some school districts either no share of total School Administration costs was allocated for Contracted Services and Capital Outlay, or the share was less than 1%.

Table 7.0

10-Year Change in Total Regular and Special Unit Allotment

District	2012-2013	2022-2023	10 Year % Change
Appoquinimink	588	921	57
Brandywine	700	810	16
Christina	1,276	1,243	-3
Colonial	654	740	13
NCC Votech	270	289	7
Red Clay	1,066	1,119	5
Caesar Rodney	518	600	16
Capital	477	522	9
Polytech	68	68	0
Lake Forest	252	253	0
Milford	266	278	5
Smyrna	337	387	15
Cape Henlopen	384	421	10
Delmar	77	80	4
Indian River	626	799	28
Laurel	137	165	20
Seaford	239	251	5
Sussex Technical	81	71	-12
Woodbridge	150	176	17
State Totals	8,166	9,193	13
Charter Schools	638	1,170	83

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2012-2013 and 2022-2023.

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Table 7.1

Special Education Enrollment as a Percentage of Total Enrollment

(excluding charter schools)

School District	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appoquinimink	10	11	11	12	13	14	15	16	16	15	16
Brandywine	13	13	14	14	15	16	17	17	17	18	19
Caesar Rodney	16	15	15	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	16
Cape Henlopen	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	18	18	18	18
Capital	18	18	18	19	19	20	20	22	22	21	21
Christina	17	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25
Colonial	14	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21	22
Delmar	9	9	9	10	10	9	10	10	9	8	8
Indian River	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	16	17
Lake Forest	16	15	15	16	16	17	18	19	19	18	19
Laurel	15	15	16	15	15	16	16	16	16	17	17
Milford	14	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	16	16
Red Clay	13	13	13	13	14	15	16	18	18	19	19
Seaford	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	1	17	16	16
Smyrna	14	15	15	15	16	16	17	17	17	17	17
Woodbridge	13	12	13	12	14	16	17	16	17	17	18
NCC Votech	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13
Polytech	9	9	9	8	9	8	9	10	10	11	12
Sussex Tech	8	8	7	7	8	8	8	9	10	10	12
State District Average	14	14	15	12	16	16	17	18	18	18	18

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2011-2012 to 2022-2023.

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Table 7.2

Special Education Units as a Percentage of Total Units

School District	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Appoquinimink	21	23	24	26	29	30	33	35	35	36	37
Brandywine	27	28	29	31	32	35	36	37	37	39	44
Caesar Rodney	37	36	37	38	40	40	40	40	40	41	41
Cape Henlopen	42	41	41	42	43	42	43	44	45	45	46
Capital	41	41	41	43	44	46	49	51	51	48	50
Christina	40	42	44	46	48	49	51	52	54	55	57
Colonial	29	31	34	38	40	41	43	45	45	46	48
Delmar	22	22	22	24	23	24	23	25	22	21	20
Indian River	37	36	37	38	39	40	41	41	41	41	42
Lake Forest	30	29	30	31	31	32	34	36	38	37	39
Laurel	30	30	32	30	29	32	33	33	34	35	36
Milford	27	27	27	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	35
Red Clay	28	28	29	30	33	36	38	40	41	43	45
Seaford	33	35	38	38	38	38	39	40	40	39	39
Smyrna	30	30	31	33	35	36	38	40	41	41	43
Woodbridge	29	29	30	31	32	35	35	37	38	39	41
NCC Votech	27	27	27	27	27	28	30	30	31	31	32
Polytech	21	21	21	19	19	19	22	23	23	25	28
Sussex Tech	20	19	16	16	17	18	21	22	23	23	29
State District Average	30	30	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	38	44

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2011-2012 to 2022-2023.

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Table 7.3

Ten-Year Change in Special Education Units

School District	2012-2013	2022-2023	Ten Year Change
Appoquinimink	125	345	175%
Brandywine	191	360	88%
Caesar Rodney	193	248	28%
Cape Henlopen	163	239	47%
Capital	195	277	42%
Christina	510	723	42%
Colonial	188	352	87%
Delmar	17	17	0%
Indian River	230	345	50%
Lake Forest	75	99	32%
Laurel	41	64	56%
Milford	72	110	53%
Red Clay	299	519	74%
Seaford	80	103	29%
Smyrna	100	199	99%
Woodbridge	43	77	79%
NCC Votech	73	96	32%
Polytech	14	20	43%
Sussex Tech	16	23	44%
All Counties and Districts	2,625	4,216	61%

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2012-2013 to 2022-2023.

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Table 7.4

Ten-Year Change in Regular Units Allotment

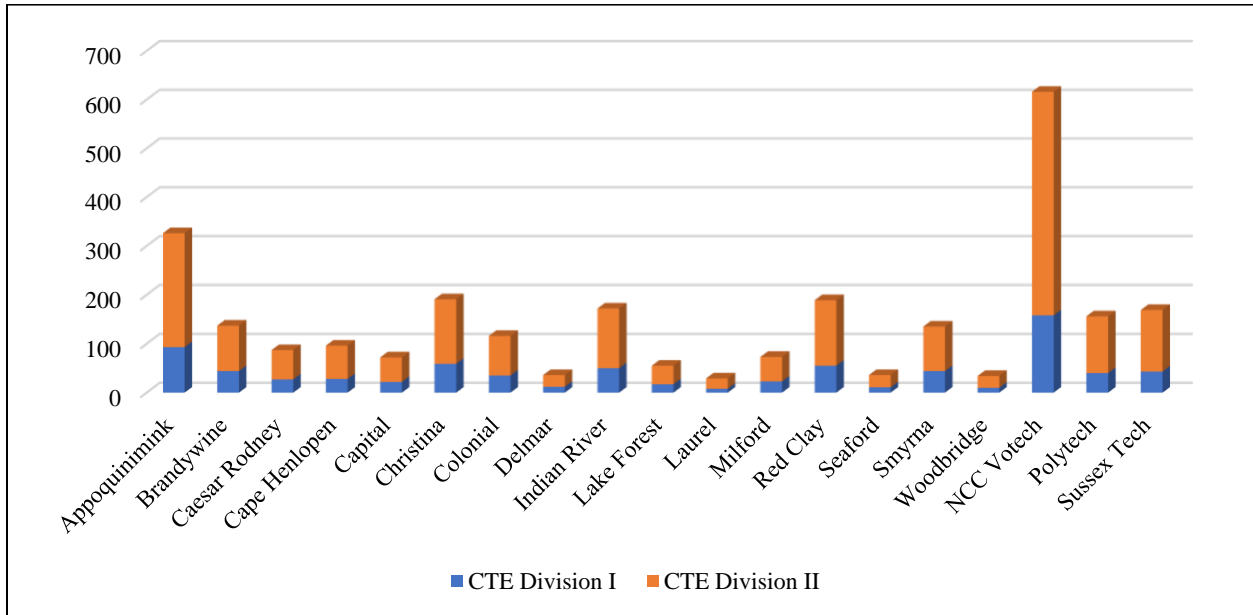
School District	2012-2013	2022-2023	Ten Year Change
Appoquinimink	462	576	25%
Brandywine	509	450	-12%
Caesar Rodney	325	352	8%
Cape Henlopen	221	279	26%
Capital	282	272	-3.5%
Christina	766	538	-30%
Colonial	466	384	-18%
Delmar	60	66	10%
Indian River	397	480	21%
Lake Forest	177	158	-11%
Laurel	96	115	20%
Milford	194	202	4%
Red Clay	768	644	-16%
Seaford	159	157	-1%
Smyrna	238	268	13%
Woodbridge	107	111	4%
NCC Votech	197	205	4%
Polytech	54	53	-2%
Sussex Tech	65	57	-12%
All Counties and Districts	5,543	5,367	-3%

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Reports for School Years 2012-2013 to 2022-2023.

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Figure 5.4

Vocational Units by District



Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2022-2023.

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*CTE – Career Technical Education

Table 7.5

Vocational Units by District, 2022-2023

School District	CTE Division I	CTE Division II
Appoquinimink	93	233
Brandywine	44	93
Caesar Rodney	27	60
Cape Henlopen	28	68
Capital	22	50
Christina	59	132
Colonial	35	81
Delmar	12	24
Indian River	50	122
Lake Forest	17	38
Laurel	8	21
Milford	23	50
Red Clay	55	134
Seaford	11	25
Smyrna	44	91
Woodbridge	10	24
NCC Votech	158	458
Polytech	40	116
Sussex Tech	43	126
State District Total	779	1,946

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2022-2023.

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*CTE – Career Technical Education

Table 8.0

Delaware School Districts: Public Education Expenditures per Pupil (in US dollars)

2020-2021

District	Total	Instruction	Student & Staff Support	School Administration	Operations, Food Service, Other
Appoquinimink	13,663	8,471	1,614	1,342	2,237
Brandywine	18,660	9,157	3,990	1,693	3,819
Caesar Rodney	15,615	8,757	1,775	1,637	3,447
Cape Henlopen	23,431	11,431	4,433	2,678	4,889
Capital	17,253	10,683	1,911	1,632	3,027
Christina	23,161	13,733	3,503	1,888	4,038
Colonial	17,653	9,992	3,077	1,554	3,029
Delmar	10,837	6,880	938	1,109	1,910
Indian River	15,620	9,493	1,861	1,369	2,896
Lake Forest	13,197	7,809	1,430	1,365	2,593
Laurel	11,870	6,673	1,606	1,137	2,454
Milford	12,988	7,584	1,572	1,131	2,701
Red Clay	18,124	9,786	3,533	1,867	2,937
Seaford	14,300	8,396	1,769	1,367	2,769
Smyrna	13,331	8,334	1,216	1,311	2,471
Woodbridge	14,869	8,483	1,926	1,455	3,005

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 8.1

Delaware Districts: Percentage Expenditures by Category

2020-2021

District	Instruction	Student Support	School Administration	Operations and Maintenance
Appoquinimink	62	12	10	16
Brandywine	49	21	9	20
Caesar Rodney	56	11	10	22
Cape Henlopen	49	19	11	21
Capital	62	11	9	18
Christina	59	15	8	17
Colonial	57	17	9	17
Delmar	63	9	10	18
Indian River	61	12	9	19
Lake Forest	59	11	10	20
Laurel	56	14	10	21
Milford	58	12	9	21
Red Clay	54	19	10	16
Seaford	59	12	10	19
Smyrna	63	9	10	19
Woodbridge	57	13	10	20

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 8.2

Peer Comparison: Expenditures per Pupil (in US dollars)

2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Appoquinimink	DE	13,663	8,471	1,614	1,342	2,237
Brandywine	DE	18,660	9,157	3,990	1,693	3,819
Christina	DE	22,578	13,027	1,768	3,027	4,756
Colonial	DE	17,653	9,992	3,077	1,554	3,029
Delmar	DE	10,837	6,880	938	1,109	1,910
Red Clay Consolidated	DE	18,124	9,786	3,533	1,867	2,937
Anne Arundel County	MD	14,555	9,244	1,314	1,605	2,393
Baltimore County	MD	14,996	9,409	1,487	1,676	2,423
Cecil County	MD	14,740	9,492	1,451	1,563	2,233
Pennsville	NJ	19,659	11,239	3,665	2,116	2,638
Manasquan	NJ	20,416	12,042	3,540	2,364	2,470
Salem City	NJ	20,965	12,538	3,613	2,134	2,679
Kennett Consolidated	PA	15,059	9,050	1,471	1,784	2,753
Oxford Area	PA	13,917	8,832	971	1,647	2,467
Unionville-Chadds Ford	PA	18,950	12,233	2,219	1,599	2,898
Peer Averages		14,555	9,244	1,314	1,605	2,393

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 8.3

Peer Comparison: Percentage Expenditures by Category

2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Appoquinimink	DE	100	62	12	10	16
Brandywine	DE	100	49	21	9	20
Christina	DE	100	58	8	13	21
Colonial	DE	100	57	17	9	17
Delmar	DE	100	63	9	10	18
Red Clay Consolidated	DE	100	54	19	10	16
Anne Arundel County	MD	100	64	9	11	16
Baltimore County	MD	100	63	10	11	16
Cecil County	MD	100	64	10	11	15
Pennsville	NJ	100	57	19	11	13
Manasquan	NJ	100	59	17	12	12
Salem City	NJ	100	60	17	10	13
Kennett Consolidated	PA	100	60	10	12	18
Oxford Area	PA	100	63	7	12	18
Unionville-Chadds Ford	PA	100	65	12	8	15
Peer Averages		100	60	13	11	16

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.0

Sample Peer District Comparisons for Appoquinimink School District Expenditures per Pupil (in US dollars), 2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Appoquinimink	DE	13,663	8,471	1,614	1,342	2,237
Arlington	TN	8,986	5,621	1,125	1,262	976
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	MN	11,209	7,306	1,043	680	2,180
Forest Lake	MN	12,541	6,940	1,646	1,236	2,718
Hudson	WI	12,101	7,202	1,242	1,570	2,087
Kearney R-I	MO	10,112	5,992	832	1,375	1,913
Mukwonago	WI	12,554	7,628	1,147	1,380	2,399
Platte County R-III	MO	10,235	5,847	1,174	1,306	1,909
Waconia	MN	11,231	7,389	800	950	2,091
Woodstock Community Unit 200	IL	17,931	10,306	2,420	2,060	3,144

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.1

Sample Peer District Comparisons for Appoquinimink School District

Share of Current Expenditures per Pupil (in %), 2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Appoquinimink	DE	100	62	12	10	16
Arlington	TN	100	63	13	14	11
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	MN	100	65	9	6	19
Forest Lake	MN	100	55	13	10	22
Hudson	WI	100	60	10	13	17
Kearney R-I	MO	100	59	8	14	19
Mukwonago	WI	100	61	9	11	19
Platte County R-III	MO	100	57	11	13	19
Waconia	MN	100	66	7	8	19
Woodstock Community Unit 200	IL	100	57	13	11	18
Peer Averages		100	60	11	11	18

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.2

**Sample Peer District Comparisons for Brandywine School District Expenditures per Pupil
(in US dollars), 2020-2021**

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Brandywine	DE	18,660	9,157	3,990	1,693	3,819
Bristol	CT	17,640	10,653	1,638	2,228	3,121
Derby	KS	10,104	6,403	1,026	974	1,701
Haverstraw-Stony Point Central	NY	25,056	17,042	2,123	1,926	3,964
Madison County	MS	9,982	6,141	1,000	1,143	1,698
Methuen	MA	14,765	9,131	2,156	950	2,527
New Rochelle City	NY	24,542	15,834	2,469	2,372	3,867
Orange County Schools	NC	11,668	7,084	1,367	1,357	1,859
West Clermont Local	OH	9,957	5,995	992	1,104	1,866
William Floyd Union Free	NY	23,995	16,017	1,653	2,181	4,145

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.3

Sample Peer District Comparisons for Brandywine School District

Share of Current Expenditures per Pupil (in %), 2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Brandywine	DE	100	49	21	9	20
Bristol	CT	100	60	9	13	18
Derby	KS	100	63	10	10	17
Haverstraw-Stony Point Central	NY	100	68	8	8	16
Madison County	MS	100	62	10	11	17
Methuen	MA	100	62	15	6	17
New Rochelle City	NY	100	65	10	10	16
Orange County Schools	NC	100	61	12	12	16
West Clermont Local	OH	100	60	10	11	19
William Floyd Union Free	NY	100	67	7	9	17
Peer Averages		100	62	11	10	17

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.4

Sample Peer District Comparisons for Seaford School District Expenditures per Pupil

(in US dollars), 2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Seaford	DE	14,300	8,396	1,769	1,367	2,769
Connellsville Area	PA	14,509	9,012	917	1,231	3,350
Herrin Community Unit 4	IL	11,846	7,461	778	1,628	1,980
Hudson Falls Central	NY	16,613	10,651	1,629	1,543	2,790
Laurel Highlands	PA	14,941	9,432	1,089	1,475	2,944
Madison Local	OH	11,534	7,277	834	1,531	1,893
RSU 22	ME	12,826	7,374	1,717	1,187	2,549
Salt Fork Community Unit 512	IL	16,137	10,556	536	2,481	2,564
Texarkana	AR	11,236	5,993	1,668	1,403	2,172
Uniontown Area	PA	14,996	8,959	955	1,351	3,730

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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Table 9.5

Sample Peer District Comparisons for Seaford School District

Share of Current Expenditures per Pupil (in %), 2020-2021

School District	State	Total	Instruction	Support	Administration	Operations
Seaford	DE	100	59	12	10	19
Connellsville Area	PA	100	62	6	8	23
Herrin Community Unit 4	IL	100	63	7	14	17
Hudson Falls Central	NY	100	64	10	9	17
Laurel Highlands	PA	100	63	7	10	20
Madison Local	OH	100	63	7	13	16
RSU 22	ME	100	57	13	9	20
Salt Fork Community Unit 512	IL	100	65	3	15	16
Texarkana	AR	100	53	15	12	19
Uniontown Area	PA	100	60	6	9	25
Peer Averages		100	61	9	11	19

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Public School District Finance Peer Search Tool, 2020-2021.

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SECTION THREE
OBSERVATIONS ON DELAWARE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION
SPENDING 2019

Table 10.0
Current Expenditures per Pupil for Public Elementary and Secondary Education, by
Function, Subfunction, and State of Jurisdiction: FY 20

State	Instruction	Instructional Staff Support	Student Support Services	Total (Instruction, Staff Support, and Student Support)	Total (Instructional Staff Support and Student Support Services)	Total (Student Support and Instruction)	School Administration
Delaware	7,758	536	1,511	9,805	2,047	9,269	700
Maryland	10,159	865	762	11,786	1,627	10,921	983
Connecticut	12,896	742	1,552	15,190	2,294	14,448	1,197
New Jersey	12,815	801	2,276	15,892	3,077	15,091	1,066
Pennsylvania	10,642	632	1,034	12,308	1,666	11,676	792
Rhode Island	10,851	654	1,949	13,454	2,603	12,800	840

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education: FY 20; Table 4.

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Table 10.1

Percent Distribution of Current Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education

State	Instruction	Instructional Staff Support	Student Support Services	Total (Instruction, Staff Support, and Student Support)	Total (Instructional Staff Support and Student Support Services)	Total (Student Support and Instruction)	School Administration
Delaware	55	4	11	69	15	66	5
Maryland	64	5	5	74	10	69	6
Connecticut	62	4	7	73	11	69	6
New Jersey	60	4	11	74	14	71	5
Pennsylvania	62	4	6	72	10	68	5
Rhode Island	61	4	11	76	15	72	5

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary and Secondary Education: FY 20; Table 4.

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Table 10.2

**Percentages of Delaware Students Proficient in Reading and Mathematics According to
NAEP Reading and Mathematics Levels
Grades 4 and 8 (2022)**

	Below NAEP Basic	NAEP Basic	NAEP Proficient	NAEP Advanced
4 th Grade Reading	47	28	19	6
4 th Grade Math	36	38	21	4
8 th Grade Reading	38	38	21	3
8 th Grade Math	49	33	15	3

Source:

4th grade reading: National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Science, The Nation’s Report Card, 2022 Reading State Snapshot Report, Delaware, Grade 4, Public Schools.

Retrieved from: <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/subject/publications/stt2022/pdf/2023010DE4.pdf>

4th grade math: National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Science, The Nation’s Report Card, 2022 Mathematics State Snapshot Report, Delaware, Grade 4, Public Schools.

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Table 10.9

2022-2023 Special Needs Students in Delaware

Total number of students	English language learners	Low income	Special education
141,729	15,562	35,730	24,760

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Report Card, Enrollment.

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Table 10.10

2022-2023 Percent Special Needs Students in Delaware

Total number of students	English language learners	Low income	Special education
100	10.98	25.21	17.47

Source: Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Report Card, Enrollment.

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