

Mississippi Public Education Underfunding

The columns below show the amount that students in each school district have their education underfunded for a single year based on each of three standards: 1) the adequacy standard for Mississippi; 2) in comparison to the level at which our neighboring southern states fund their schools; and 3) how schools across the nation, on average, provide funding for their children's public education. Mississippi falls woefully short by any of these measures. Our children deserve better.

School District	Current-Year Underfunding by Mississippi Standard of Adequacy ¹ (FY2017)	Underfunding by Neighboring States Standard ² (FY2014, most recent available)	Underfunding by National Average Standard ³ (FY2014, most recent available)
ABERDEEN	(\$454,421)	(\$2,000,501)	(\$4,756,490)
ALCORN CO.	(\$1,214,529)	(\$5,346,734)	(\$12,712,658)
AMITE CO.	(\$431,943)	(\$1,901,547)	(\$4,521,213)
AMORY	(\$639,499)	(\$2,815,274)	(\$6,693,735)
ATTALA CO.	(\$391,537)	(\$1,723,666)	(\$4,098,273)
BALDWIN	(\$290,180)	(\$1,277,463)	(\$3,037,359)
BAY ST. LOUIS	(\$665,912)	(\$2,931,554)	(\$6,970,206)
BENTON CO.	(\$483,554)	(\$2,128,755)	(\$5,061,434)
BILOXI	(\$1,950,232)	(\$8,585,533)	(\$20,413,387)
BOONEVILLE	(\$511,844)	(\$2,253,296)	(\$5,357,548)
BROOKHAVEN	(\$1,023,126)	(\$4,504,122)	(\$10,709,221)
CALHOUN CO.	(\$964,485)	(\$4,245,963)	(\$10,095,411)
CANTON	(\$1,153,484)	(\$5,077,997)	(\$12,073,696)
CARROLL CO.	(\$363,694)	(\$1,601,096)	(\$3,806,844)
CHICKASAW CO.	(\$212,558)	(\$935,746)	(\$2,224,877)
CHOCTAW CO.	(\$512,344)	(\$2,255,496)	(\$5,362,779)
CLAIBORNE CO.	(\$535,507)	(\$2,357,471)	(\$5,605,240)
CLARKSDALE	(\$1,072,571)	(\$4,721,792)	(\$11,226,766)
CLEVELAND	(\$1,236,756)	(\$5,444,586)	(\$12,945,316)
CLINTON	(\$1,767,855)	(\$7,782,650)	(\$18,504,413)
COAHOMA AHS	(\$93,429)	(\$411,302)	(\$977,933)
COAHOMA CO.	(\$600,705)	(\$2,644,491)	(\$6,287,672)
COFFEEVILLE	(\$207,051)	(\$911,503)	(\$2,167,234)
COLUMBIA	(\$657,372)	(\$2,893,958)	(\$6,880,818)
COLUMBUS	(\$1,441,404)	(\$6,345,513)	(\$15,087,405)
COPIAH CO.	(\$996,469)	(\$4,386,770)	(\$10,430,200)
CORINTH	(\$949,983)	(\$4,182,123)	(\$9,943,623)
COVINGTON CO.	(\$1,064,039)	(\$4,684,230)	(\$11,137,456)
DESOTO CO.	(\$11,030,605)	(\$48,560,170)	(\$115,459,056)
DURANT	(\$205,819)	(\$906,079)	(\$2,154,337)
EAST JASPER	(\$344,544)	(\$1,516,788)	(\$3,606,391)
EAST TALLAHATCHIE	(\$448,079)	(\$1,972,583)	(\$4,690,112)
ENTERPRISE	(\$347,484)	(\$1,529,734)	(\$3,637,172)
FOREST SEP	(\$544,015)	(\$2,394,923)	(\$5,694,288)
FORREST AHS	(\$203,544)	(\$896,064)	(\$2,130,527)
FORREST CO.	(\$834,426)	(\$3,673,405)	(\$8,734,068)
FRANKLIN CO.	(\$530,056)	(\$2,333,474)	(\$5,548,184)
GEORGE CO.	(\$1,522,806)	(\$6,703,869)	(\$15,939,450)
GREENE CO.	(\$727,128)	(\$3,201,046)	(\$7,610,964)
GREENVILLE	(\$1,897,810)	(\$8,354,751)	(\$19,864,668)
GREENWOOD	(\$993,158)	(\$4,372,190)	(\$10,395,535)
GRENADA	(\$1,470,819)	(\$6,475,003)	(\$15,395,286)
GULFPORT	(\$2,109,624)	(\$9,287,226)	(\$22,081,766)
HANCOCK CO.	(\$1,501,998)	(\$6,612,263)	(\$15,721,642)
HARRISON CO.	(\$4,871,768)	(\$21,447,047)	(\$50,993,556)
HATTIESBURG	(\$1,454,103)	(\$6,401,414)	(\$15,220,318)
HAZLEHURST	(\$497,342)	(\$2,189,454)	(\$5,205,755)

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HINDS CO.	(\$2,036,060)	(\$8,963,370)	(\$21,311,751)
HOLLANDALE	(\$265,823)	(\$1,170,235)	(\$2,782,408)
HOLLY SPRINGS	(\$537,626)	(\$2,366,797)	(\$5,627,414)
HOLMES CO.	(\$1,109,073)	(\$4,882,485)	(\$11,608,838)
HOUSTON	(\$693,306)	(\$3,052,151)	(\$7,256,945)
HUMPHREYS CO.	(\$659,728)	(\$2,904,329)	(\$6,905,475)
ITAWAMBA CO.	(\$1,381,588)	(\$6,082,182)	(\$14,461,295)
JACKSON CO.	(\$2,935,913)	(\$12,924,806)	(\$30,730,657)
JACKSON PUBLIC	(\$9,617,389)	(\$42,338,751)	(\$100,666,702)
JEFF DAVIS CO.	(\$541,574)	(\$2,384,176)	(\$5,668,734)
JEFFERSON CO.	(\$522,604)	(\$2,300,664)	(\$5,470,172)
JONES CO.	(\$3,127,141)	(\$13,766,650)	(\$32,732,265)
KEMPER CO.	(\$409,779)	(\$1,803,975)	(\$4,289,220)
KOSCIUSKO	(\$859,672)	(\$3,784,547)	(\$8,998,325)
LAFAYETTE CO.	(\$926,087)	(\$4,076,927)	(\$9,693,502)
LAMAR CO.	(\$3,558,036)	(\$15,663,584)	(\$37,242,510)
LAUDERDALE CO.	(\$2,486,973)	(\$10,948,430)	(\$26,031,528)
LAUREL	(\$1,053,875)	(\$4,639,487)	(\$11,031,074)
LAWRENCE CO.	(\$779,697)	(\$3,432,470)	(\$8,161,211)
LEAKE COUNTY	(\$1,109,659)	(\$4,885,066)	(\$11,614,974)
LEE COUNTY	(\$2,553,212)	(\$11,240,038)	(\$26,724,870)
LEFLORE CO.	(\$839,241)	(\$3,694,600)	(\$8,784,463)
LELAND	(\$314,018)	(\$1,382,404)	(\$3,286,871)
LINCOLN CO.	(\$1,174,998)	(\$5,172,707)	(\$12,298,882)
LONG BEACH	(\$1,249,505)	(\$5,500,713)	(\$13,078,767)
LOUISVILLE	(\$1,044,301)	(\$4,597,341)	(\$10,930,864)
LOWNDES CO.	(\$1,729,109)	(\$7,612,076)	(\$18,098,847)
LUMBERTON	(\$232,346)	(\$1,022,859)	(\$2,431,999)
MADISON CO.	(\$4,229,855)	(\$18,621,143)	(\$44,274,549)
MARION CO.	(\$840,818)	(\$3,701,543)	(\$8,800,972)
MARSHALL CO.	(\$1,110,619)	(\$4,889,290)	(\$11,625,017)
MCCOMB	(\$935,994)	(\$4,120,539)	(\$9,797,197)
MERIDIAN	(\$1,854,668)	(\$8,164,826)	(\$19,413,094)
MIDTOWN PUBLIC CHARTER	(\$61,271)	(\$269,734)	(\$641,332)
MONROE CO.	(\$871,063)	(\$3,834,690)	(\$9,117,548)
MONTGOMERY CO.	(\$158,576)	(\$698,103)	(\$1,659,845)
MOSS POINT	(\$851,615)	(\$3,749,077)	(\$8,913,990)
NATCHEZ-ADAMS	(\$1,241,750)	(\$5,466,569)	(\$12,997,585)
NESHOBA CO.	(\$1,276,546)	(\$5,619,753)	(\$13,361,802)
NETTLETON	(\$539,917)	(\$2,376,884)	(\$5,651,396)
NEW ALBANY	(\$814,191)	(\$3,584,323)	(\$8,522,263)
NEWTON CO.	(\$683,595)	(\$3,009,400)	(\$7,155,297)
NEWTON MUNICIPAL	(\$374,195)	(\$1,647,323)	(\$3,916,757)
NORTH BOLIVAR CONS.	(\$481,109)	(\$2,117,994)	(\$5,035,847)
NORTH PANOLA	(\$578,530)	(\$2,546,870)	(\$6,055,565)
NORTH PIKE	(\$934,060)	(\$4,112,025)	(\$9,776,952)
NORTH TIPP AH	(\$526,723)	(\$2,318,797)	(\$5,513,287)
NOXUBEE CO.	(\$662,031)	(\$2,914,469)	(\$6,929,585)
OCEAN SPRINGS	(\$2,013,157)	(\$8,862,544)	(\$21,072,022)
OKOLONA	(\$277,512)	(\$1,221,696)	(\$2,904,764)
OXFORD	(\$1,346,403)	(\$5,927,285)	(\$14,093,006)
PASCAGOULA	(\$2,432,031)	(\$10,706,560)	(\$25,456,444)
PASS CHRISTIAN	(\$658,891)	(\$2,900,643)	(\$6,896,713)
PEARL	(\$1,366,300)	(\$6,014,878)	(\$14,301,270)
PEARL RIVER CO.	(\$1,142,447)	(\$5,029,407)	(\$11,958,166)
PERRY CO.	(\$433,001)	(\$1,906,207)	(\$4,532,291)
PETAL	(\$1,468,247)	(\$6,463,682)	(\$15,368,368)

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PHILADELPHIA	(\$375,922)	(\$1,654,925)	(\$3,934,832)
PICAYUNE	(\$1,278,450)	(\$5,628,134)	(\$13,381,729)
PONTOTOC CITY	(\$865,048)	(\$3,808,210)	(\$9,054,587)
PONTOTOC CO.	(\$1,414,373)	(\$6,226,512)	(\$14,804,462)
POPLARVILLE	(\$719,296)	(\$3,166,565)	(\$7,528,982)
PRENTISS CO.	(\$949,506)	(\$4,180,024)	(\$9,938,632)
QUITMAN CO.	(\$420,145)	(\$1,849,608)	(\$4,397,720)
QUITMAN SEP	(\$641,762)	(\$2,825,237)	(\$6,717,422)
RANKIN CO.	(\$6,061,677)	(\$26,685,396)	(\$63,448,515)
REIMAGINE PREP CHARTER	(\$82,240)	(\$362,046)	(\$860,817)
RIGHTON	(\$275,814)	(\$1,214,220)	(\$2,886,989)
SCOTT CO.	(\$1,598,591)	(\$7,037,495)	(\$16,732,696)
SENATOBIA	(\$657,650)	(\$2,895,181)	(\$6,883,725)
SIMPSON CO.	(\$1,328,245)	(\$5,847,347)	(\$13,902,941)
SMILOW PREP CHARTER	(\$52,895)	(\$232,861)	(\$553,661)
SMITH CO.	(\$1,007,087)	(\$4,433,513)	(\$10,541,339)
SOUTH DELTA	(\$307,291)	(\$1,352,789)	(\$3,216,457)
SOUTH PANOLA	(\$1,539,397)	(\$6,776,909)	(\$16,113,112)
SOUTH PIKE	(\$606,191)	(\$2,668,645)	(\$6,345,101)
SOUTH TIPPAH	(\$1,126,740)	(\$4,960,260)	(\$11,793,759)
STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA	(\$1,744,095)	(\$7,678,051)	(\$18,255,712)
STONE CO.	(\$964,921)	(\$4,247,886)	(\$10,099,983)
SUNFLOWER CONS.	(\$1,460,758)	(\$6,430,713)	(\$15,289,980)
TATE CO.	(\$1,037,398)	(\$4,566,952)	(\$10,858,611)
TISHOMINGO CO.	(\$1,157,038)	(\$5,093,643)	(\$12,110,898)
TUNICA CO.	(\$683,123)	(\$3,007,319)	(\$7,150,349)
TUPELO	(\$2,350,599)	(\$10,348,069)	(\$24,604,080)
UNION CITY	(\$407,497)	(\$1,793,927)	(\$4,265,330)
UNION CO.	(\$1,079,140)	(\$4,750,713)	(\$11,295,529)
VICKSBURG-WARREN	(\$2,721,288)	(\$11,979,958)	(\$28,484,139)
WALTHALL CO.	(\$750,264)	(\$3,302,898)	(\$7,853,133)
WATER VALLEY	(\$446,898)	(\$1,967,385)	(\$4,677,751)
WAYNE CO.	(\$1,237,564)	(\$5,448,143)	(\$12,953,774)
WEBSTER CO.	(\$713,753)	(\$3,142,166)	(\$7,470,968)
WEST BOLIVAR CONS.	(\$529,436)	(\$2,330,745)	(\$5,541,694)
WEST JASPER	(\$504,636)	(\$2,221,565)	(\$5,282,101)
WEST POINT	(\$1,160,198)	(\$5,107,552)	(\$12,143,967)
WEST TALLAHATCHIE	(\$315,067)	(\$1,387,022)	(\$3,297,851)
WESTERN LINE	(\$634,436)	(\$2,792,985)	(\$6,640,738)
WILKINSON CO.	(\$459,871)	(\$2,024,497)	(\$4,813,545)
WINONA	(\$459,602)	(\$2,023,311)	(\$4,810,723)
YAZOO CITY	(\$969,212)	(\$4,266,775)	(\$10,144,894)
YAZOO CO.	(\$537,638)	(\$2,366,851)	(\$5,627,542)
Other-ESY, Ortho, Aphasic, Etc.	(\$1,086,161)	(\$4,781,655)	(\$11,369,098)
TOTAL	(\$172,053,972)	(\$757,435,347)	(\$1,800,915,642)

¹Underfunding by the Mississippi standard for adequacy is provided by MDE and is based upon the statutory requirement per the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. Only school district (MAEP) funding is included in this column.

²Underfunding by the Neighboring States standard is calculated based upon the difference in Mississippi's total K-12 per student expenditure compared to the average total K-12 per student expenditure for our neighboring southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee), using the most recent data available (FY2014).

³Underfunding by the National Average standard is calculated based upon the difference in Mississippi's total K-12 expenditure per student compared to the average total K-12 expenditure per student for the United States, using the most recent data available (FY2014).

Sources: Mississippi Department of Education MAEP Allocations for FY2017; 2014 Annual Survey of School System Finances, U.S. Census Bureau