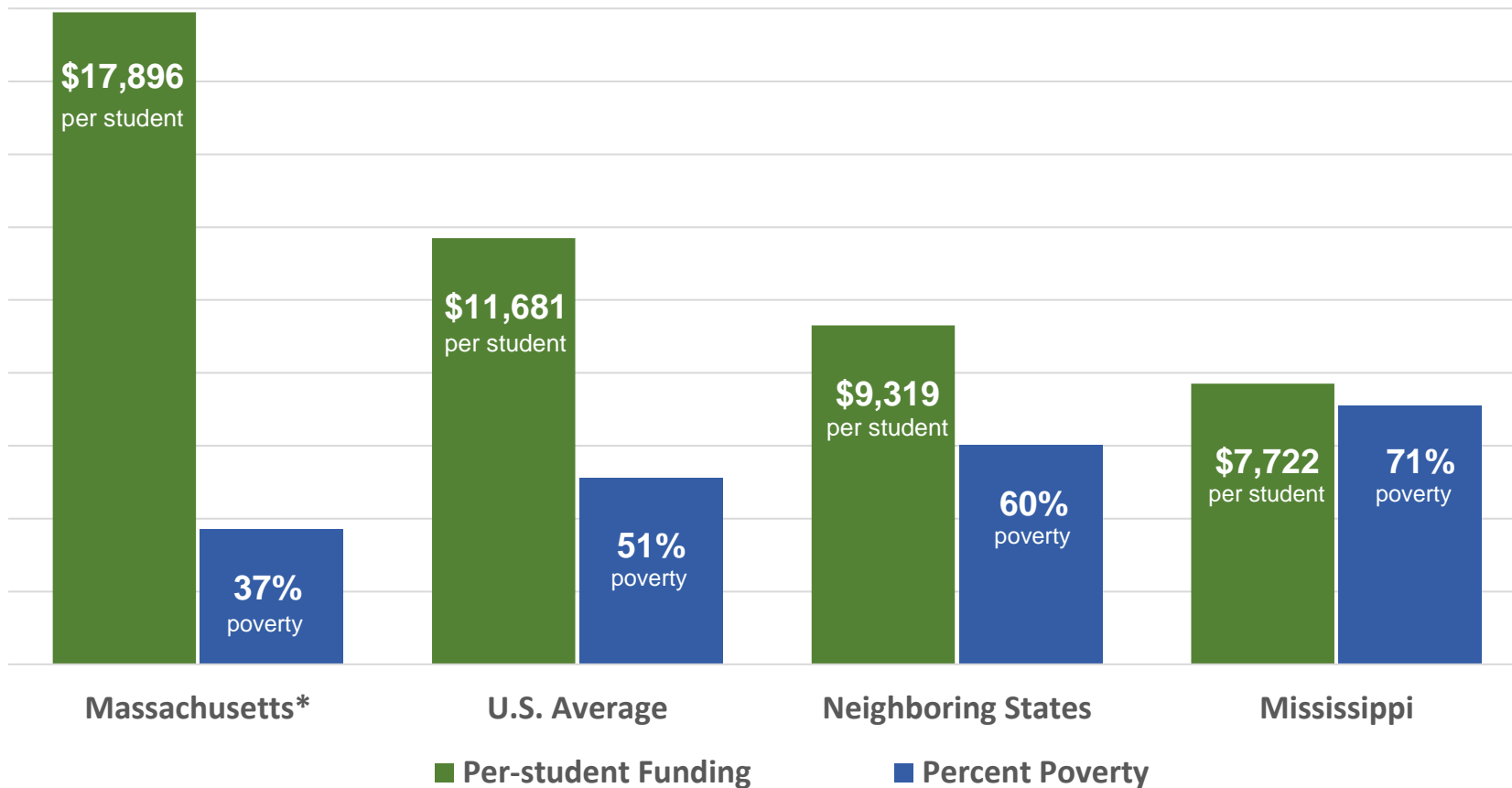


## Per-student Funding & Poverty in Public Schools



Sources: National Center for Education Statistics, 2014 State Profiles and Southern Education Foundation: *A New Majority*

Research tells us that students in low-income households need more school resources than their more affluent peers in order to level the playing field and have the same opportunities for success. Mississippi has a higher percent of low-income students than any other state with per-student funding that is among the lowest.

\*Massachusetts, the state that consistently ranks at the highest level in student achievement, spends more than twice the per-student amount that Mississippi spends with about half the poverty level.