

Primary and Secondary Education

Foundation Program: The foundation program is the largest single local aid program and is fully funded in FY 2018. Under the program, aid is distributed on the basis of public school enrollment and equalized for taxable wealth so that jurisdictions with smaller per pupil tax bases receive proportionately more aid.

Compensatory Education: The compensatory education program is directed toward the education of children who are economically and environmentally disadvantaged. The Bridge to Excellence Act directs the aid according to the number of students receiving free or reduced price meals.

Special Education: Aid for special education is provided to school systems to help cover the additional cost of educating students with needs for special services. These funds are allocated on a formula basis for students in local schools and to support children placed in nonpublic special education schools. The FY 2018 budget reflects the State's share at 70 percent of the cost of nonpublic placements over a certain amount.

Student Transportation: This program provides aid for the transportation of students to and from school, including a specific grant aid for transporting special needs students.

Other Education Aid: Other education aid includes \$248.7 million to support students with limited English proficiency and \$50.2 million for the Guaranteed Tax Base program, which provides grants to those subdivisions that have less than 80 percent of the statewide average wealth per pupil and that provide local education funding above the local share required by the foundation program.

State Retirement System: In addition to direct aid for education, the State pays a portion of pension and retirement benefits for teachers, principals, administrators, and other eligible employees on behalf of each board of education.

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(\$ in thousands)

	Foundation Program		Compen-satory Ed.		Special Ed.		Student Trans.		Total Direct		\$ Change from 2017		% Change from 2017		State Retirement System		TOTAL		\$ Change from 2017		% Change from 2017			
Allegany	41,584	21,567	7,646	4,654	4,878	80,330	555	0.7%	6,997	87,327	-26	0.0%												
Anne Arundel	222,752	67,087	28,745	23,828	15,425	357,837	3,897	1.1%	61,967	419,803	721	0.2%												
Baltimore City	404,430	297,955	63,009	19,517	68,352	853,263	-41,819	-4.7%	64,923	918,186	-45,352	-4.7%												
Baltimore County	400,157	146,926	55,636	31,453	25,099	659,271	21,884	3.4%	85,680	744,951	20,896	2.9%												
Calvert	59,965	9,898	4,896	5,815	1,216	81,790	-1,355	-1.6%	13,077	94,867	-2,885	-3.0%												
Caroline	29,001	15,175	2,803	2,701	5,134	54,814	2,777	5.3%	4,347	59,161	2,613	4.6%												
Carroll	94,252	14,378	10,641	9,864	2,224	131,360	-4,335	-3.2%	19,012	150,371	-5,784	-3.7%												
Cecil	66,781	24,227	8,314	5,226	3,250	107,798	995	0.9%	12,705	120,502	356	0.3%												
Charles	114,620	32,046	10,654	10,822	3,817	171,960	3,827	2.3%	21,226	193,187	3,191	1.7%												
Dorchester	22,742	12,524	1,757	2,514	3,197	42,734	1,797	4.4%	3,753	46,488	1,748	3.9%												
Frederick	167,095	34,682	17,165	12,617	10,614	242,174	8,129	3.5%	31,344	273,518	6,252	2.3%												
Garrett	11,217	4,604	1,032	2,992	1,867	21,711	-450	-2.0%	3,030	24,741	-648	-2.6%												
Harford	138,982	34,331	19,906	12,634	2,939	208,791	1,023	0.5%	26,519	235,310	-353	-0.1%												
Howard	172,749	30,380	16,140	17,494	10,319	247,082	5,432	2.2%	54,996	302,078	2,023	0.7%												
Kent	3,673	2,593	861	1,578	1,226	9,931	5	0.1%	1,645	11,575	-154	-1.3%												
Montgomery	375,664	140,037	59,601	42,090	70,597	687,988	21,777	3.3%	153,335	841,324	14,194	1.7%												
Prince George's	615,430	282,057	68,866	40,694	106,407	1,113,454	19,181	1.8%	110,054	1,223,508	16,250	1.3%												
Queen Anne's	22,879	5,140	1,994	3,377	1,344	34,734	-21	-0.1%	5,965	40,698	-302	-0.7%												
St. Mary's	72,761	18,042	6,140	7,029	1,649	105,622	4,397	4.3%	12,946	118,568	4,230	3.7%												
Somerset	14,436	10,275	1,785	1,910	3,421	31,827	2,204	7.4%	2,586	34,413	2,059	6.4%												
Talbot	4,543	5,063	1,034	1,671	1,293	13,605	-208	-1.5%	3,337	16,942	-381	-2.2%												
Washington	103,367	44,794	9,098	7,378	10,896	175,533	6,633	3.9%	16,439	191,972	5,698	3.1%												
Wicomico	74,186	45,235	8,099	5,317	12,931	145,768	4,653	3.3%	11,882	157,650	4,074	2.7%												
Worcester	6,618	7,281	1,835	3,075	847	19,656	-186	-0.9%	6,691	26,347	-433	-1.6%												
Statewide/Unallocated	0	0	16,215	0	4,291	20,506	-388	-1.9%	0	20,506	-388	-1.9%												
Total	3,239,885	1,306,297	423,872	276,251	373,233	5,619,537	60,403	1.1%	734,454	6,353,992	27,603	0.4%												

Totals and percentages may not add due to rounding.

Education Aid Per Pupil

The chart below shows State aid for public schools on a per pupil basis. Aid includes direct aid and contributions for teachers' retirement. Pupils are measured as full-time equivalent counts as of September 30, 2016, the same basis as used for allocating aid under the statutory formulas.

Total K-12 Education Aid - Fiscal Year 2018 Per Eligible Full-Time Equivalent Pupil

	FTE Pupils as of September 30, 2016	Aid per Pupil
Allegany	8,183	10,672
Anne Arundel	78,814	5,326
Baltimore City	76,629	11,982
Baltimore County	108,131	6,889
Calvert	15,512	6,116
Caroline	5,388	10,980
Carroll	24,861	6,049
Cecil	14,975	8,047
Charles	25,521	7,570
Dorchester	4,545	10,229
Frederick	39,991	6,840
Garrett	3,638	6,801
Harford	36,590	6,431
Howard	54,281	5,565
Kent	1,893	6,115
Montgomery	154,586	5,442
Prince George's	124,786	9,805
Queen Anne's	7,462	5,454
St. Mary's	17,128	6,923
Somerset	2,763	12,455
Talbot	4,320	3,922
Washington	21,892	8,769
Wicomico	14,258	11,057
Worcester	6,292	4,187
Total FTE's/Average*	852,436	7,430

* Excludes unallocated aid.

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