

## Primary and Secondary Education

**Foundation Program:** The foundation program is the largest single local aid program and is fully funded in FY 2022. 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 2022 budget reflects the state's share at 70% 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 \$334.3 million to support students with limited English proficiency and \$49.9 million for the Guaranteed Tax Base program, which provides grants to those subdivisions that have less than 80% of the statewide average wealth per pupil and that provide local education funding above the local share required by the foundation program. The category also comprises \$712.6 million in grants related to Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education initiatives, including a special, one-time grant program totaling \$213.7 million to ensure that, despite enrollment declines due to the global pandemic, every jurisdiction receives more aid in FY 2022 than in FY 2021. It also includes a \$150.9 million supplemental tutoring grant to help students regain some of the ground lost during the pandemic.

**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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(Thousands of \$)

	Foundation Program	Compen- satory Ed.	Special Ed.	Student Trans.	Other	Total Direct	\$ Change from 2021	% Change from 2021	Retirement System	TOTAL	\$ Change from 2021	% Change from 2021
Allegany	41,935	20,884	6,916	5,090	15,398	90,224	1,213	1.4%	6,819	97,043	1,415	1.5%
Anne Arundel	242,878	74,814	31,243	25,701	50,693	425,329	10,761	2.6%	67,551	492,880	15,241	3.2%
Baltimore City	401,228	297,555	57,127	18,585	194,529	969,024	36,524	3.9%	62,463	1,031,487	38,439	3.9%
Baltimore County	423,121	143,898	62,614	31,642	116,156	777,431	23,454	3.1%	95,798	873,229	26,967	3.2%
Calvert	62,182	9,402	5,370	6,313	10,544	93,811	1,250	1.4%	13,810	107,622	1,628	1.5%
Caroline	30,506	14,617	2,950	2,994	15,027	66,093	983	1.5%	4,899	70,993	1,338	1.9%
Carrroll	95,336	11,726	10,899	10,737	16,597	145,295	2,073	1.4%	20,101	165,396	2,512	1.5%
Cecil	63,566	20,480	8,308	5,732	15,983	114,068	1,828	1.6%	13,690	127,758	2,387	1.9%
Charles	126,325	39,374	10,557	11,440	19,041	206,737	4,376	2.2%	22,429	229,166	5,547	2.5%
Dorchester	24,332	13,935	1,855	2,681	10,004	52,807	2,578	5.1%	3,894	56,701	2,757	5.1%
Frederick	183,655	37,160	18,883	13,887	29,153	282,738	4,123	1.5%	34,533	317,270	5,644	1.8%
Garrett	11,842	4,407	776	3,302	4,773	25,100	50	0.2%	3,029	28,128	273	1.0%
Harford	147,017	35,897	18,765	13,700	23,602	238,981	4,623	2.0%	28,289	267,270	5,268	2.0%
Howard	189,635	35,840	19,597	18,785	32,834	296,692	2,735	0.9%	59,399	356,091	5,099	1.5%
Kent	3,569	2,509	751	1,727	2,553	11,110	764	7.4%	1,718	12,828	800	6.7%
Montgomery	423,584	133,784	63,120	42,164	166,545	829,197	23,232	2.9%	162,163	991,360	27,321	2.8%
Prince George's	639,303	254,510	69,114	41,502	293,275	1,297,705	24,481	1.9%	115,098	1,412,803	28,189	2.0%
Queen Anne's	21,448	4,794	2,038	3,727	7,068	39,076	147	0.4%	6,022	45,097	277	0.6%
St. Mary's	74,059	16,438	6,117	7,295	14,673	118,582	1,774	1.5%	13,614	132,196	2,312	1.8%
Somerset	14,787	10,690	1,886	2,070	8,307	37,740	606	1.6%	2,908	40,649	730	1.8%
Talbot	4,757	5,413	1,223	1,873	4,878	18,146	868	5.0%	3,602	21,748	971	4.7%
Washington	105,135	43,947	9,897	7,951	36,797	203,727	4,609	2.3%	17,152	220,879	5,442	2.5%
Wicomico	76,162	45,925	7,229	5,767	35,986	171,069	3,287	2.0%	12,910	183,979	4,218	2.3%
Worcester	7,019	7,827	1,693	3,392	3,248	23,180	1,475	6.8%	7,060	30,240	1,704	6.0%
Statewide/Unallocated	0	0	21,985	0	135,551	157,536	9,389	6.3%	-0	157,536	9,389	6.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,413,382</b>	<b>1,285,826</b>	<b>440,917</b>	<b>288,056</b>	<b>1,263,216</b>	<b>6,691,398</b>	<b>167,205</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>778,951</b>	<b>7,470,348</b>	<b>195,866</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

# 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, 2020—the same basis used for allocating aid under the statutory formulas.

## Total K-12 Education Aid per Eligible Full-Time Equivalent Pupil Fiscal Year 2022

	FTE Pupils as of September 30, 2020	Aid per Pupil
Allegany	7,716	\$12,577
Anne Arundel	81,017	\$6,084
Baltimore City	73,067	\$14,117
Baltimore County	107,733	\$8,105
Calvert	14,896	\$7,225
Caroline	5,303	\$13,387
Carroll	24,191	\$6,837
Cecil	14,217	\$8,986
Charles	26,029	\$8,804
Dorchester	4,487	\$12,637
Frederick	42,043	\$7,546
Garrett	3,490	\$8,060
Harford	36,521	\$7,318
Howard	55,755	\$6,387
Kent	1,729	\$7,421
Montgomery	156,738	\$6,325
Prince George's	127,505	\$11,080
Queen Anne's	7,171	\$6,289
St. Mary's	16,723	\$7,905
Somerset	2,658	\$15,294
Talbot	4,292	\$5,068
Washington	21,087	\$10,475
Wicomico	13,865	\$13,269
Worcester	6,332	\$4,776
<b>TOTAL FTEs/AVERAGE*</b>	<b>854,564</b>	<b>\$8,557</b>

\* Excludes unallocated aid.