Illinois Fast Facts

Illinois residents think K-12 education in Illinois is headed in the right direction.

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Illinois Parents’ Schooling Preferences If Cost and Transportation Weren’t Factors

Public District School: 40.0%
Charter School: 4.0%
Private School: 47.0%
Home School: 8.0%
Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 1.0%

Where K-12 Illinois Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 85.1%
Charter School: 2.9%
Private School Out of Pocket: 9.2%
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.3%
Home School: 2.5%
Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 1.0%

Illinois K-12 Education Spending

$37.0 Billion
Total Illinois Public Education Revenue

U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
Data last updated 3/2020.

Illinois Public Education Funding Sources

State: 42.0%
Local: 52.0%
Federal: 6.0%

School Spending/Costs By Sector

Avg. Illinois Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $17,629
Avg. National Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil: $11,004
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Tax Credits for Educational Expenses): $244
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Invest in Kids Program): $7,132

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Illinois Education Spending Out of Total

Public District Schools: 99.8%
Private School Choice (all programs combined): 0.2%

EdChoice Private School Choice Fiscal Calculations

Percentage Change

Per Student Spending
Avg. Teacher Salaries

Illinois Public School Hiring and Salary Trends since 1992

National Center on Education Statistics

INTER-DISTRICT
Illinois requires sending districts to provide transportation for students with special needs transferring between districts.

CHARTER SCHOOL
Illinois allows charter school students to be transported along existing bus routes.

PRIVATE SCHOOL
Illinois allows private school students to be transported along existing bus routes.